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Part I: libreSource overview

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Artenum. Paris

- Independent small company, settled in Paris, France.
- R&D laboratory and software editor.
- Open Source culture.
- Two activities: Science and Groupware.





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Science & Groupware





from forges to Software factories

The conception process of software project is global today:

- Increasing number of distributed projects,
- Geographical team distribution, off-shore,
- Challenge of heterogeneous communities,
- Contributions tracking,
- Integration/inter-operability with external tools
- Integration of new development methods (agile, XP, ...).
- Weakness of existing platforms:
 - Dedicated tools to targeted purposes,
 - Heterogeneous tools with weak interoperability,
 - Weak modularity, difficulty to customized, maintained or upgrade,
 - Lack of security and access control,
 - Inexistent awareness.
- Respect of software development standards(ISO, ESA/ECSS/E40...).

Respect of software Quality Assurance Project Plan (QA2P).

We have to develop of a new European platform able to answer to the issues of modern software projects.



Objectives of the libresource project

Answer to the requirements collected from:

- Software industry,
- Research,
- Open Source communities.
- Develop a new forge able to manage:
 - Software development
 - Groupware activity.
- Provide a single tool:
 - Easy to use,
 - With a consistent set of collaborative tools.
- Provide a modular, customisable, flexible and expendable solution.
- Enhance team bounds with a better awareness.
- Give benefits from up to date and robust technologies.

Be part of the European Open Source dynamics (ObjectWeb, ESA, INRIA, ONERA, CERN, EU's Framework...)





libreSource philosophy and Key features

• Web server easily available by all users from everywhere in the office and in the world !

Providing:

- Exchange tools (download areas...),
- Communication tools (wiki, mail, forum...),
- Quality control tools (Bugtrackers...),
- Archives and classification tools (Search engine...)
- Strong awareness (proactive notification...),
- Close integration of each components,
- And... the **Synchronizer**, an innovative SCM engine:

easy to use, versatile and efficient to track the history of shared data (source codes)

Based on an innovative approach:

Java/J2EE

- Modular and homogenous design
- Modular Web Portal, easy to adapt
- A strong security and access control







History and Partners

 2001: initiated by Artenum in the frame of the RNTL 2001 (French national network for software technologies)

- 2002: initial development
 - Research partner: Ecoo team (INRIA/Loria)
 - Economic analysis: University Paris 7 Denis Diderot
 - Private/Public co-funding
 - About 3 years of R&D
 - A successful research to industry transfer
- October 2004: Spine Virtual Laboratory start
 - Pilot project, first industrial application
- June 2005: LibreSource 1.0 release
- Several community deployments and uses
- February 2006: LibreSource 1.5 release





Modular design

- Web based interface
- Java Web Start based lightweight clients
- Services provided by modular plugins (resources)
- A versatile kernel managing:
 - Users (JAAS)
 - Inter-resources communication
 - Full text search engine (Lucene)
 - Notification service
 - Security and access control
 - Possible keystone of others applications (CMS)
- A full JAVA/J2EE application
- Industrial and open standards (EJB)
- High portability versus OS
- Based on open-source components (JOnAS, PostgreSQL...)





libreSource : modular Web Portal







Modular Web Portal

- LibreSource is a modular web portal
- Available from intranet and extranet.
- Flexible hierarchical structure
- A modular approach based on resources:
 - Wiki Page

- Template
- Group
- Download area
- Forum

File

Timeline

- ProjectSynchronizer
- Tracker
- Full online management, creation & edition
- Full Wiki based approach (versioned)
- Full XML based import/export capability





SCM : libreSource Synchronizer

- A software forge needs a SCM tool to preserve all the history of shared documents and to allow to collaborate efficiently on the same documents.
- An innovating software configuration management tool called **Synchronizer**.
- Yet another SCM tool ! Why ?
 - Pure JAVA tool, as portable as JAVA
 - Strong integration into LibreSource, reinforced awareness
 - Simplicity of use
 - ▶ 3 flavors for client applications:
 - Java Web Start applications
 - Eclipse plugin
 - Command line
 - Mathematical validation of the algorithm
 Advanced uses for software factory

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Well. what's new from my CVS or my SVN ?

- Based on operational transformations approaches, issued from INRIA/Loria.
- mathematic proof of convergence of the merge algorithm.
- Based on the change set model, stored in XML files.
- Track the global history of a workspace.
- Atomic commit and update.
- Rename operation on files and directories history.
- Each workspace keep a local copy of the history.
- Can make diff, undo, and track uncommitted changes or revert offline.
- Allow to know the history for each line of text files, each entry of file systems, each node of XML documents.
- Do not allow partial commit or update.
- Most of the computing load is deported on the client side.
- Simple to use and deploy: Java Web Start, pass through firewalls.
- Simple contribution tracking and real awareness.
- In addition to tickets numbers, tags are beautifully supported.

Modelling of the global developement/validation process with distributed Dataflows



Distributed dataflow for software factory





Decentralized model and groupware

LS-Server LibreSource platforms confederations Community http://dev.libresource.org Decentralised model Interconnection between several servers **Global Search** Consistent set of groupware tools: LS-Server LS-Server Artenum INRIA A search engine http://ganesh.artenum.com http://libresource.inria.fr Search : Search on this platform : Transformation A notification URI Pattern : Resource Type : All • Voir UserType1 🔳 Search Forums ls://forge.artenum.com/users/userType1 Full text 7 result(s) found for "Transformation" Mon Profil Mes Favoris Mes Filtres d'Evénements indexation Post new thread 50% - So6 (ls://dev.libresource.org/ls-dev/ls-cm/so6) new set of transformation functions. SUBJECT MESSAGES: LAST POST Nom du Filtre : Surveiller le synchro 21% - So6 CM Tool overview (ls://dev.libresource.org/ls-dev/ls-cm/so6/overview) last post by Sebastien Jourdain at Type d'événements : libresourceSynchronizer.synchronizer.addPatch Libresource 2.0 & 2.5 4 others kind of data by writing a new set of transformation Oct 18, 2006 3:06 PM Uri : /projects/projetTest/src last post by Sebastien Jourdain at 21% - So6 CM Tool overview (ls://dev.libresource.org/ls-dev/ls-cm/so6/overview) Parâmètres : * I cant reply to my own threads? 8 Oct 18, 2006 3:04 PM data by writing a new set of transformation functions Type de notification : 🗹 E-mail Jabber Ajout d'un filtre NCERE Mailing list Jabber es Proiect



libreSource: uzerz, access and security



Great modularity and fine tunings on access control allows to make very versatile projects.





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Smart 1 : spacecraft / plasma interaction study







SPINE Virtual Lab

Spacecraft charging community working on spacecraft / plasma interaction.

International community: France, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, U.K., Germany, Austria, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Japan, China, Russia, U.S.A., Canada...

Hybrid community:

- Research,
- Industry,
- OpenSource.

Core team: ESA, ONERA, IRF, Artenum...

►~8Gb of data.

~150 registered users.

In production since October 2004.

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SPIS Home PicUp 3D Home edit this menu	SPIRE STANDS FOR SPACES APT PLASMA INTERACTIONS NETWORK IN PULSED The objective of this network is to share resources and to co-ordinate efforts in all domains related to the interaction of Spacecraft with the space plasma, including spacecraft charging. The creation of this network and its primary objectives have been decided during a Round Table held on 24-2-2000 at ESTEC. The aim of the SPINE Web platform is to become a advanced platform of echange and work, a kind of <i>Virtual Laboratory</i> decidated to the spacecraft-plasma interactions and spacecraft charging process. The SPINE Community's Virtual Lab should help to shared and exchange knowledge, data, results and tools related to the spacecraft-plasma interactions. The SPINE Community's Virtual Lab hosts: Interaction site to model a large Deviception of S0 States on the space plasma communities Spacecraft Plasma Interaction Systems and exchange areas for the space plasma communities Space and exchange areas for the space plasma communities Space all scheme areas for the space plasma communities Space all scheme areas for the space plasma communities Space all scheme areas for the sp	EMAGE OF THE DAY The set of processes relatif to spacecraft-plasma set of processes relatif to spacecraft charging. r GPL licence. charging tool. s.



Needs and uses of SPINE

Build a Web portal to:

• Give and promote an identity to the community,

Support and promote the results and projects of the community,

Help to the community life (forums, events management, centralization of documents),

Data sharing (CAD, inputs, ...),

Public/private areas.

Host and facilitate the development of software: SPIS, PicUp3D...

Collaborative writing of scientific papers and technical documents.





SPIS: collaborative development under industrial constraints

- 160 000 lines of versioned codes
- More than 1400 files of code and 4Gb of data
- 8 main developers
- Controlled access to the various versions of the codes





Spacecraft Charging community's virtual library

 Centralization of all proceedings of the S/C-charging community (SCTC conference...)

More than 650 papers (PDF)

All SPINE meeting presentations (doc, ppt, LaTeX...)

Search engine and full text indexation





Spine / libreSource : jury special price ObjectWeb

ObjectWeb is an industry/research international consortium for the development of open-source distributed "MiddleWare" components.

Award winner for the Jury's Special Prize have been designated by ObjectWeb community through online vote and announced during the ObjectWebCon'06 Awards Ceremony, February 2006.

Jury's Special Prize: Libresource - usage of JOnAS by LibreSource in the frame of the use of LibreSource/JOnAS for the SPINE/SPIS project.





Other examples: X-UV photo-physics community

- A large scientific community: LIXAM/CNRS (France), University of Windsor (Canada), Elletra Laboratory (Italy)
- Data sharing
- Support to experimental equipment (acceleration rings, high energy lasers)
- Co-writing of scientific and technical documents
- Identification of the community
- Software hosting and development



Appropriated by the community

Several feedbacks and contributions



Other deployments and applications

- The LibreSource community itself!
 - Source codes tracking, release and publication
 - Web portal
 - Forums and Community life
 - Feedbacks collection
- E-learning and software development:
 - University of Växjö, Sweden: courses support, software development process, quality control
 - ESSTIN engineering school, Nancy, France: courses support, groupware
 - EPITA: groupware, student project support

Test servers:

- CNES: cross testing against other close sources solutions
- INRIA: cross testing against GForge based solutions

Production servers:

- French Minister of Equipment: software development, technical documentation
- Laser X community (under deployment): groupware, conferences management, experimental equipment management





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What we learned ?

Needs of communities have changed:

- Simplified and reinforce communications
- Need of image (Web portal, communication)
- Increasing need of groupware capabilities
- Modern projects are larger, more complex
 - Heterogeneous communities and composite projects
 - Stronger need to keep track of contributions
 - Stronger need of awareness
 - New and more reactive development methods
 - Better bug-trackers and quality control tools
- Modern SCM tools must able to
 - Manage the whole development/validation process (quality)
 - Take into account agile methods
- Appropriation by the communities is a key issue !
- Must be the simplest and easiest to use to be adopted !
- Modular and open tool, easy to adapt and extend !
- Final users not become prisoner of a limited set of actors !
- Open to the world and other tools !

Strong groupware capabilities

Stronger forge capabilities

Stronger SCM capabilities

SIMPLE !

INTEROPERABLE !



Results: Economical model viable for forges ?

Why? Because we needs actors to support and maintain the open solutions!

How ? An example, the economical model of LibreSource

Build up an ecosystem based on an Open Standard.

Hybrid economical model: services + products.

Two versions, three licenses :

- LibreSource Community: The Open Standard available under QPL
- LibreSource Enterprise: The tailored version for industrial uses

LibreSource + close source tailored extensions

Respect the Open Standard, not a fork !

Most extensions will reinforce the next Community release

Two licenses: LSE Users License, LSE Developer License

A large set of services:

Installation, hosting, migration,

Customization, extension, tailorisation,

Teaching and expertise

Possible and viable ? We hope so !





libresource 2.0

New release available Monday November 20th, 2006

See <u>http://www.libresource.org</u>



libresource 2.0: new features

Maturity enhancements everywhere

Integration of CAS:

A Single Sign On authentication, to:



- Simplify the integration into IT environments
- Simplify the integration external tools (e.g uPortal, BlueSocket, TikiWiki,
- Mule, Liferay, Moodle and others...)
- Simplify the life of the user in an heterogeneous context
- Provided in LibreSource ThirdPart, straightforward and simple installation

Extension of Synchroniser to XML

Open the future extensions to synchronisation of complex data structures

Introduction of an hyper tree based Dataflow Viewer

Visualisation of the development / validation process

Introduction of RSS feeds on public resources



Improvments in libreSource Enterprise 2.0

- Integrates the evolutions of LibreSource Community
- Reinforced for Industrial Contexts
- An open bridge toward other platforms:
 - LibreSource Database Management tool
 - CVS to Synchronizer History Importer
 - Dataflow Editor
 - Multi-synchronizers Bridges
 - A new resource: SubVersion Repository





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SubVersion repository

#1 client request for the forge activity.

Included in the LibreSource way:

- A SubVersion repository is integrated as a resource
- It can be included at any place of the flexible hierarchical page structure
- Creation, setting, management^{buildabl} and deletion via the web interface
- Same credential for SubVersion and LibreSource
- SubVersion + Synchronizer= A Combo





longe range perspectives for libreSource

Probably used to host the RNTL SCOS project

- Large platform dedicated to the interoperability
- of complex systems
 - Scientific computing, HPC

Initiated by Oxalya, includes more than 18 partners: ARTENUM, BULL, CEA, CS, École Centrale de Paris, EDF R&D, ENS Cachan, GROOVIZ, IFP, INT, LIRIS-CNRS, MANDRIVA, OXALYA, INRIA / SCILAB, INRIA / EIFFEL, SETI...

- Part of the RNTL ScorWare project
 - Study case of interpretability with other platforms on a SOA/ SCA approach (ExoPlatform, GForge, TRACS...)
 - Integrated development/publication tailored process
- Aperture to other industrial and academic partners
 - CMS tools
 - Specific features
- Aperture toward schools and universities
- European project ?



ScorWare

An OpenSource project !

Reinforce the community life !





Working togather

Perl proverb: "There is many ways to do it."

- There are many solutions for software forge, SCM, ...
- Interoperability should be our common Graal !!
- An increasing community life on forges is good for all !
- Please come on and play with us !
- LibreSource is a up to date technical solution
 - LibreSource is modular and adaptable to your needs
 - LibreSource has proved that is a mature solution.
 - LibreSource is a already a community success.

We want LibreSource to be a good citizen in a fair OpenSource ecosystem.

The LibreSource technical design allows to create other collaborative applications based on the LibreSource kernel. This is an open system.

LibreSource 2.0 already opened bridges toward over tools: CAS, CVS, Subversion...



A few elements of requirements for a future forge

A Next Generation Forge (NGF) must be:

An Open Standard !

Simple to use and open to other cultures ! No used by Geeks only !

- Modular, extendable, customizable
- Open and interoperable: <u>Maybe the future is into Federation of Forges</u> !

Groupware and intercommunication of services is a key issue.

Better tracking capabilities to follow the whole dev/validation process
 Strong integration of services, like in LS (Almost impossible with forges based on the first generation of versioning tools like CVS, Subversion..)
 Awareness, Visibility, fusion, detailed tracking, quality control

Link Dataflow/workflow in hybrid development context

Structure of the chain is dependent on user's needs:

Production chains are tailored applications

A modern forge cannot be only a cluster of heterogeneous services "glued by the facade" ! Need of a good integration of services.

A central management of events / signals / data exchanges needed.



Conclusion: libreSource. a possible corner stone for the Next Generation forges ?

Collaborative/remote development with industrial constraints is still a challenge
 Advanced versioning tools (Synchronizer ?)

Data/workflow capabilities to process the dev/validation process(Synchronizer ?)

Need to merge groupware, management and development tools (like LibreSource ?)

LibreSource fully functional and available for everyone, mature solution

LibreSource allows to drive community based industrial processes

LibreSource is already interoperable with some of the existing forges(e.g PicoForge) and versioning tools (e.g Subversion, Xwiki...)

The most up-to-date technical and homogeneous solution

LibreSource is modular, adaptable, extendable

An OpenSource project with an open community

An European solution

Very quickly appropriated by the user communities (like SPINE)

Becoming de facto an open standard with its open ecosystem ?

LibreSource, base of the European Next Generation Forge?

Please come and play with us !