Puissance de Clojure

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1 Overview

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1.1 Overview: Topics to cover

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2 Background

2.1 About Tom



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2.1.1 Sun: technical presales during the dot.com era

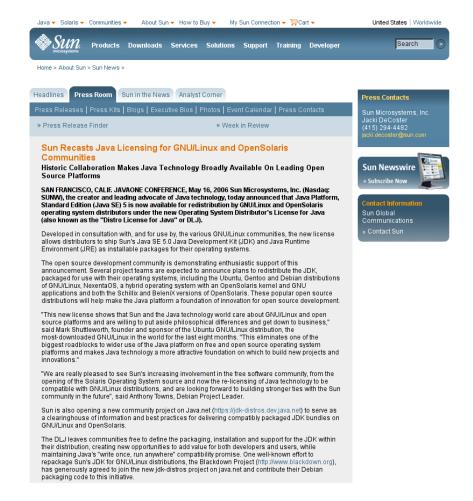


2.1.2 Sun: Java Performance



2.1.3 Sun: DLJ

Early 2006: DLJ with Debian and Canonical (Ubuntu)



2.1.4 Sun: OpenJDK

JavaOne 2006: Rich Green announces that Sun will open source Java Core Strategy Team

- How organize community governance
- Copyright, Patent and Trademark licensing
- Infrastructure tools
- Pick license

First OpenJDK Ambassador (I went to a lot of conferences)

• FOSDEM

- \bullet FISL
- OSCON

ApacheCon 2006: Sun unBOF/Party



Copyright 2006 Ted Leung: https://secure.flickr.com/photos/twleung/268116213/

2.1.5 Consulting

Cybersecurity

Probabilistic Model Verification (Electrical Engineering) Software for Smart Grid + Renewable Energy Clojure

2.1.6 Tom and Debian

Using Linux since 1996

Using Debian since 2003

Helped Debian Java Packaging Team since DLJ in 2006

Working with Debian and Oracle on meshing Jigsaw with ${f apt}$



2.1.7 FOSDEM

Java track

- Oracle
- Distros
- Developers
- Users

Legal Issues Track

- Organized by Karen Sandler, Bradley Kuhn, Richard Fontana and myself
- Check out the Wiki http://info9.net/wiki/fosdem/LegalIssuesDevRoom/
- Check out the oggcast http://faif.us/

2.2 My current work in Clojure

The client

• Developing a multiplayer game server hosting service

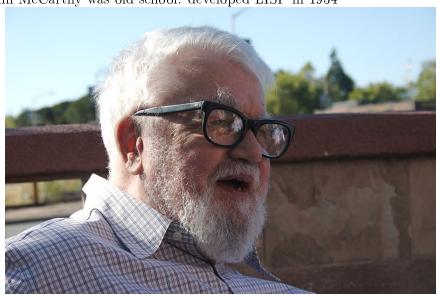
- Comprised of very young developers
- Is in stealth mode (sorry!)

I have been given the authority to

- Make significant choices about architecture
- Green light to open source generic bits (this is why i like consulting:)

3 Pourquoi Common Lisp?

John McCarthy was old school: developed LISP in 1954



3.1 Avantages de Common Lisp

3.1.1 homoiconic

code is data

List

(def mylist (list 1 2 3))

Function

(def myadd (fn [a b] (+ a b)))

A lisp is defined in terms of the evaluation of data structures and not in terms of the syntax of files.

3.1.2 macros: code transformations at compile time

Macros offer hooks for syntactic abstraction and there is very little syntax. (defmacro and ([] true) ([x] x) ([x & rest] '(let [and# \tilde{x}] (if and# (and \tilde{x}))))

Allows code transformation **before** the reader does evaluation. In Clojure **defn** is a macro that makes defining functions a little simpler.

Code walkers are easy to write.

3.1.3 Great for Domain Specific Languages

LISP is the language of choice when writing Domain Specific Languages (DSL's).

Example from ILC '09 at MIT

- Alex Fukunaga (Tokyo University) spoke on The Satisfyability Problem
- A DSL for SAT algorithms
- Used a biological evolution inspired algorithm

3.1.4 REPL

The Read Eval Print Loop

Interactive code development

Instead of just dump a stack trace and die on an error... you can edit data and functions (they look the same) and continue your program!

3.1.5 Lisp successes

Artificial Intelligence

Travel Planning

Google's \$700 M acquisition of ITA

Scientific Computing Lisp

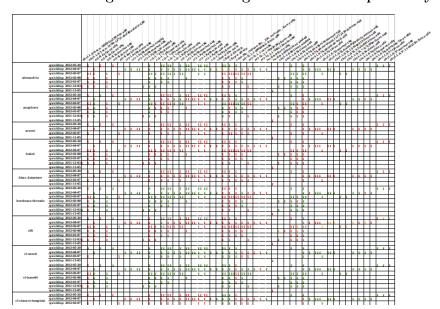
SciCL augments Common Lisp with an extensive library of aggregatewise ("AG-wise") operations on arrays, providing the essential functionality of languages such as APL, Fortran 90, IDL and Matlab.

http://www.siginf.com/

3.2 Inconvenients de Common Lisp

3.2.1 There is a standard, but no compatibility test kit (as for Java)

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3.2.2 Having a standard is no guarentee of compatibility

3.2.3 The "library" problem

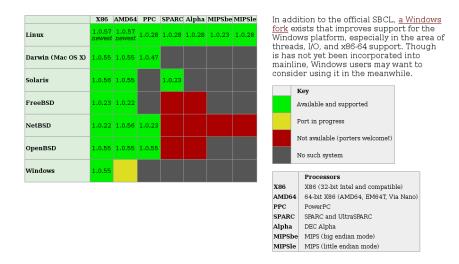
There isn't a consistent disclipline within the LISP community about how best to package and distribute libraries.

There is ASDF which is a low-level approach and QuickLisp (which uses ASDF) to create a CPAN-like high-level approach. But not all the libraries are Quicklisp enabled (nor work on all Lisp implementations).

Writing Lisp code means making a committment to a set of implementations and a packaging approach – and porting missing bits.

3.2.4 The porting problem

The current Lisp implementions often use some assembly language at a low level... which limits their portability. For example here is the picture for SBCL:



3.2.5 The concurrency problem

The tools for managing threads and concurrent operations are not part of the ANSI Specification and thus left as an "exercise for the reader" :(

4 Pourquoi Java?

4.1 Avantages Java

4.1.1 Cross Plaform

WORA RunDebug is still better

The assembly language coding has been done for you Zero assembler JIT

4.1.2 Rich set of libraries

Many many libraries are available for Java

4.1.3 Enterprise adoption

Very popular

4.1.4 Performance: Dynamic code optimization

HotSpot Virtual Machine

- on the fly profiling,
- inlining, loop unrolling
- de-opt/reopt
- escape analysis
- dead code elimination

4.1.5 Performance: Garbage Collection

Several proven GC algorithms

- throughput
- pause time

4.2 Inconvenients Java

4.2.1 Mutation is (almost) required

Graph of mutable, stateful objects are a nightmare to manage with concurrency

Unconcious mutation is a source of bugs

- passing mutable objects to functions
- using mutable objects as keys

Coping mechanisms

- copy constructurs "freeze state" in a snapshot
- deep copy
- collections offer a weak facade

4.2.2 Single inheritence hierarchy

Object Oriented Programming is used for **everything** even when it doesn't make sense

• java.lang.Math has to gather up a bunch of static functions

Interfaces are a soft attempt at multiple inheritance

Aspect oriented programming is an attempt to avoid code duplication in the face of strong typing.

4.2.3 Complex

Java Fetishizes Complexity

4.2.4 Java EE Containers

file: /src/irill/overview-architecture-cont.gif

4.2.5 Java EE APIs in the Web Container

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4.2.6 Java EE APIs in the EJB Container

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4.2.7 Java EE APIs in the Application Client Container

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5 Pourquoi Clojure?

5.1 Avantages Clojure

5.1.1 Easy interoperation with Java

Embraces the power of the JVM

• Note: also runs on the CLR and on JavaScript (*)

Typing support without the burden of strong typing

 $(defn \#^{P} roperties as-properties "Convertany seq of pairs to a java.utils. Properties instance. Uses as strtoconvert both keys and values into strings." <math>\{: tagProperties\}[m](let[p(Properties.)](doseq[[kv]m](.setrk)(as-strv))p)\}$

5.1.2 Leverages advantages of a Lisp

Clojure models its data structures as immutable objects represented by interfaces

Many functions defined on few primary data structures (seq, map, vector, set).

Clojure multimethods decouple polymorphism from OO and types

• Supports multiple taxonomies

• Dispatches via static, dynamic or external properties, metadata, etc Clojure is a Lisp-1

5.1.3 Multimethods

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Multimethod Examples...
file: įsrc/irill/multi-1.clj
file:/src/irill/multi-2.clj
```

5.1.4 Lazy sequences

All Clojure collection types are sequences (as are Java collections and Arrays) A lazy sequence will only compute contents when they are consumed. file: /src/irill/lazy-seq-1.clj file:/src/irill/lazy-seq-2.clj

5.1.5 Functional Programming

Immutable data + first-class functions, supporting recursion
Dynamic polymorphism
Emphasizes recursive iteration instead of side-effect based looping
user> (let [my-vector [1 2 3 4] my-map {:fred "ethel"} my-list (list 4 3
2 1)] (list (conj my-vector 5) (assoc my-map :ricky "lucy") (conj my-list 5)
my-vector my-map my-list)) -> ([1 2 3 4 5] {:ricky "lucy", :fred "ethel"} (5 4
3 2 1) [1 2 3 4] {:fred "ethel"} (4 3 2 1))

5.1.6 Software Transactional Memory

Core data structures are immutable and can easily be shared between threads Mutation is possible using locks to avoid conflicts

- dosync, ref, set, alter, et al, supports sharing changing state between threads in a synchronous and coordinated manner.
- The agent system supports sharing changing state between threads in an asynchronous and independent manner.
- The atoms system supports sharing changing state between threads in a synchronous and independent manner.
- The dynamic var system supports isolating changing state within threads.

5.1.7 No spec, one implementation

Disadvantages: All eggs in one basket

Advantages: Clojure works **everywhere** Innovation happens quickly Core data structures are extensible abstractions Vibrant community



5.2 Inconvenients Clojure

5.2.1 The state of Clojure Contrib (is a challenge)

"Modularization of Contrib"

http://dev.clojure.org/display/doc/Clojure+Contrib Wait, why isn't there a project.clj (for lein)?

• officially must use mvn (!) (lein originally could not deploy to remote mvn repos)

The idea is that everything that hasn't been modularized yet is supposedly either low quality or in low demand

Using clojars: change groupID to highlight it's non-canonical

Also it's tricky to find out what the **real** disposition of stuff is.. I wanted java-utils (moved to clojure.java.io)

6 La programmation concurrente

6.1 Threads

(def long-calculation (future (apply + (range 1e8)))) (deref long-calculation) @long-calculation (def bg (future (Thread/sleep 5000) (println "done"))) @bg

6.2 Threading harness (for examples)

file: /src/irill/futures.clj

6.3 Types of operations

Coordinated: multiple actors must cooperate to produce correct results Synchronous: caller blocks evaluation

Operations	Coordinated	Uncoordinated						
Synchronous	Refs	Atoms						
Asynchronous		Agents						

NOTE: as the focus of Clojure is in-process concurrency the Coordinated - Asynchronous case is not implemented directly in the language (e.g. more for databases)

6.4 Refs

STM has ACID properties (except D):

- Atomic
- Consistent
- Isolated
- (Durability)

(dosync ;; the body is a transaction (alter myref f arg1 arg2)) ;; mutation of a reference

Show CPU usage

• xterm -fn terminus-24 -geometry 89x1+0+0 -n mpstat -e mpstat -P ALL 5

•

file: /src/irill/refs.clj

6.5 Atoms

Safe mutation within a thread: compare and set

;; The function f will be retried of the value of myatom changed during the call (swap! myatom f)

file:/src/irill/atoms.clj

6.6 Agents

Agent example: clojure-redis benchmarks file: /src/redis-examples/redis-bench/src/redis bench/core.clj

7 L'avenir prometteur

7.1 Java

Moore's law in combination with new architectures makes Java very attractive from mobile to super computers.

Sun originally wanted Java to enable customers to use SPARC Today many Enterprises run on Intel architectures But what about tomorrow?

7.1.1 ARM looks very good for size, cost, heat

Maybe we will see ARM in the data center? NOTE: Dell servers



Dell Teams Up with Texas Advanced Computing Center on ARM Servers

[05/29/2012 10:01 PM] by <u>Anton Shilov</u>

Dell said on Tuesday that it had begun to work on ecosystem for ARM-based servers. Dell believes that ARM-based server market is approaching an inflection point, marked by increasing customer interest in testing and developing applications, and Dell thinks now is the right time to help foster development and testing of operating systems and applications for ARM servers.

Dell began testing ARM server technology internally in 2010 in response to increasing customer demands for density and power efficiency, and worked closely with select Dell data center solutions (DCS) hyperscale customers to understand their interest level and expectations for ARM-based servers. As part of this effort, Dell has delivered Dell "Copper" ARM server to select customers and partners, including key ecosystem partners such as Canonical and Cloudera, to support their



development activities. In addition, Dell started to provide remote access to ARM-based machines to interested developers.

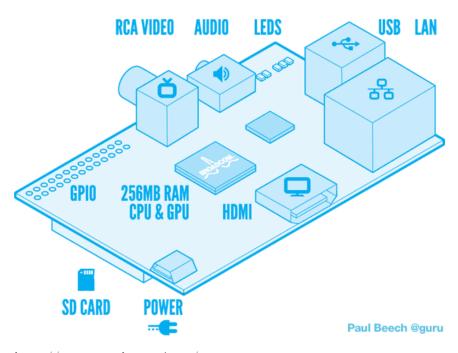
 $http://news.softpedia.com/news/Ubuntu-and-HP-Will-Power-ARM-Data-Centers-23\,1827.shtml$

7.1.2 We are seeing ARM everywhere in embedded devices

Raspberry Pi = \$25

- SoC is a Broadcom BCM2835. This contains an ARM1176JZFS, with floating point, running at 700Mhz
- Videocore 4 GPU. The GPU is capable of BluRay quality playback, using H.264 at 40MBits/s.
- It has a fast 3D core accessed using the supplied OpenGL ES2.0 and OpenVG libraries.
- 256 MB RAM
- One USB port

• (Model B adds a 2nd USB port, Ethernet)



 $\rm http://www.raspberrypi.org/$

7.1.3 Java as assembly language

For these reasons Clojure is one of many vibrant, alternative languages on the JVM which include:

- JRuby
- Scala
- Jython
- IKVM.NET
- \bullet Gosu
- Smalltalk
- JavaScript

7.2 Bleeding Edge OpenJDK features

NOT yet truly being used by Clojure

7.2.1 Fork/Join

Bring Doug Lea's Fork/Join framework into Clojure Primary example **pmap**

• using the shortest map/reduce tutorial ever user> (def mylist '(1 2 3 4 5 6)) #'user/mylist user> (map even? mylist) (false true false true false true) user> (reduce 'or (map even? mylist)) true

David Liebke: "From Concurrency to Parallelism" http://incanter.org/downloads/fjclj.pdf

7.2.2 Tail Call Optimization

Save space on the stack:

call factorial (3) call fact $(3\ 1)$ call fact $(2\ 3)$ call fact $(1\ 6)$ call fact $(0\ 6)$ return 6 return 6 return 6 return 6

call factorial (3) call fact (3 1) replace arguments with (2 3), jump to "fact" replace arguments with (1 6), jump to "fact" replace arguments with (0 6), jump to "fact" return 6 return 6

NOTE: Clojure does have **recur** and **trampoline** but the JVM itself lacks a generic optimization for TCO (but there is an older patch in the MVLM repo).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tail call

7.2.3 Invoke Dynamic

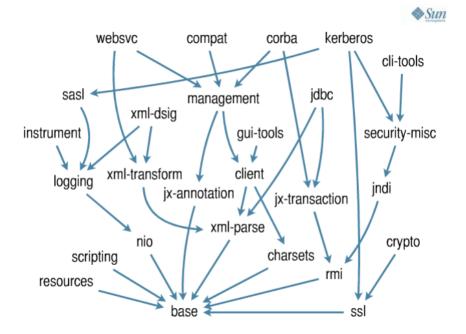
JSR 292

Enables the HotSpot VM to **see** into your "JVM Language" code and optimize it!

Why Clojure Doesn't Need Invokedynamic (Unless You Want It to be More Awesome) http://blog.headius.com/2011/10/why-clojure-doesnt-need-invokedynamic.html

7.2.4 Modularization (Jigsaw)

Better startup time Finer grained dependencies Smaller footprint (embedded)



• Note's on what I put in my .emacs.d/custom.el (require 'org-tree-slide)

(global-set-key (kbd "<f1>") 'show-all) (global-set-key (kbd "<f5>") 'text-scale-decrease) (global-set-key (kbd "<f6>") 'text-scale-increase) (global-set-key (kbd "<f8>") 'org-tree-slide-mode) (global-set-key (kbd "<f9>") 'org-tree-slide-content) (global-set-key (kbd "<f10>") 'hide-sublevels)

Printing to PDF: C-c C-e p (org-export-as-pdf)

8 Conclusion

LISP is incredibly powerful (don't be afraid of the parens)

Clojure is the best LISP now (because of the JVM)

Java means future proof for platforms in the cloud and the "Internet of Things".

There are still many optimizations waiting to be made

The #1 reason to use Clojure: productivity.

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9 Q/A

Questions?

- 1. Mutability of Java
- 2. Skeptical of JVM
 - HotSpot
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HotSpot
 - JSR 166
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Java_concurrency
 - http://www.javacodegeeks.com/2012/04/fork-and-join-in-java-7-jsr-166.html
 - Libraries
- 3. Strong Typing?
 - http://clojure.org/rationale
- 4. Invoke Dynamic
 - http://openjdk.java.net/projects/mlvm/jvmlangsummit/
 - http://blog.headius.com/2008/09/first-taste-of-invokedynamic.html
 - http://java.dzone.com/articles/java-7-complete-invokedynamic

10 Live Hacking

 ${\rm file: \tilde{/}src/irill}$

10.1 Command line processing and configuration files

10.2 Pretty Print HTML and XML

I created a future-contrib package: file:/src/maas/clojure/future-contrib/project.clj See file:/src/maas/clojure/future-contrib/src/future_contrib/core.clj Demonstrate example with file:/src/clojuremn/example.xml

10.3 redis2xml

```
Demonstrates command line processing and configuration files see file:/src/maas/clojure/redis2xml/project.clj see: file:/.redis2xml also try command line:

redis-cli -a NoOneWillEverGuess -n 3
./bin/redis2xml -v -n 3 -f -i ~/src/clojuremn/example.xml
```

10.4 Example Noir site

See file: src/noir-examples/my-website

11 Extra

11.1 What is that presentation tool?

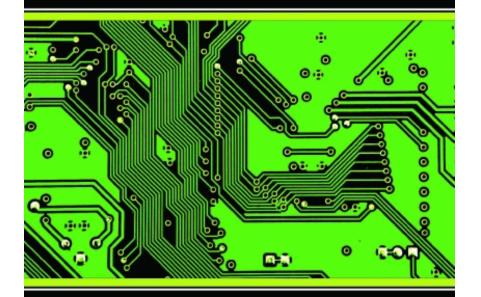
Emacs!

This is **org-tree-slide** from https://github.com/takaxp/org-tree-slide For more on org mode see http://orgmode.org/org.html Yes I will share my "slides" on my website http://tmarble.info9.net

A GNU MANUAL

The Org Mode 7 Reference Manual

Organize your life with GNU Emacs



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11.2 The Tools I am using

11.2.1 Maven

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Finding dependencies: mvn dependency:tree -DoutputFile=dependency.txt
my-website:my-website:jar:0.1.0-SNAPSHOT +- org.clojure:clojure:jar:1.3.0:compile
noir:noir:jar:1.2.2-SNAPSHOT:compile +- compojure:compojure:jar:1.0.0-
RC2:compile
+- org.clojure:core.incubator:jar:0.1.0:compile
+- org.clojure:tools.macro:jar:0.1.0:compile
+- clout:clout:jar:1.0.0:compile
ring:ring-core:jar:1.0.1:compile
+- commons-io:commons-io:jar:1.4:compile
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+- org.clojure:tools.namespace:jar:0.1.0:compile

javax.servlet:servlet-api:jar:2.5:compile

org.clojure:java.classpath:jar:0.1.0:compile

+- commons-fileupload:commons-fileupload:jar:1.2.1:compile

- $+-\ clj-json:clj-json:jar:0.4.3:compile$
 - org.codehaus.jackson:jackson-core-asl:jar:1.5.0:compile
- +- ring:ring:jar:1.0.1:compile
- +- ring:ring-devel:jar:1.0.1:compile

ns-tracker:ns-tracker:jar:0.1.1:compile

+- ring:ring-jetty-adapter:jar:1.0.1:compile

+- org.mortbay.jetty:jetty:jar:6.1.25:compile

org.mortbay.jetty:jetty-util:jar:6.1.25:compile

org.mo:

ring:ring-servlet:jar:1.0.1:compile

- +- hiccup:hiccup:jar:0.3.7:compile +- clj-stacktrace:clj-stacktrace:jar:0.2.3:compile +- ring-reload-modified:ring-reload-modified:jar:0.1.1:compile +- net.java.dev.jets3t:jets3t:jar:0.8.1:com
 - +- commons-codec:commons-codec:jar:1.3:compile
 - +- commons-logging:commons-logging:jar:1.1.1:compile
 - +- commons-httpclient:commons-httpclient:jar:3.1:compile com.jamesmurty.utils:java-xmlbuilder:jar:0.4:compile

org.mindrot:jbcrypt:jar:0.3m:compile

11.2.2 Leiningen

Leiningen is awesome https://github.com/technomancy/leiningen

Use the REPL $\mathbf{swank\text{-}clojure}$ https://github.com/technomancy/swank-clojure

Get... \$ lein plugin install swank-clojure 1.4.0 \$ lein plugin install lein-localrepo 0.3 \$ lein plugin install lein-noir 1.2.1

lein localrepo help

Public Repos: http://clojars.org/

Private Repos: https://github.com/technomancy/s3-wagon-private Lein directly from git: https://github.com/tobyhede/lein-git-deps

11.2.3 Redis

Amazing NoSQL Database: http://redis.io

With a Clojure binding! https://github.com/mmcgrana/clj-redis Redis utterly killed it in 2010 – check out the growth in share of developer conversation http://www.redmonk.com/jgovernor/2012/03/15/redisutterly-killed-it-in-2010-check-out-the-growth-in-share-of-developer-conversation/

11.2.4 Jenkins

Continuous Integration Server: http://jenkins-ci.org/

Amazing Plugins: https://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/Plugins The ones that I use:

- Trac Publisher
- Dependency Graph Viewer
- IM
- Pathignore (essential for big git repo)
- SSH Slaves
- Thin Backup
- Build Result Trigger

Fun ones

- Gravatar
- Emotional Jenkins

 $KK\ slides\ from\ February\ at\ MonkiGras\ in\ London\ http://www.slideshare.net/kohsuke/building-developer-community$

11.2.5 Using Jenkins

Git push triggers Jenkins Updates the one (master) workspace Projects started based on updated paths

Java Client

- Builds on Linux
- Triggers native Mac OS X build on Mac slave
- Triggers native Windows build on Windows slave

Deploying Noir application

- shuts down dev website
- updates code
- restarts website

11.2.6 Trac

http://trac.edgewall.org/

- Tickets (bugs, tasks), Reports, Browse code, Timeline, Wiki
- Can now use git (yeah!)
- Integration with Jenkins http://trac-hacks.org/wiki/XmlRpcPlugin

11.2.7 Noir

Let's talk about Noir http://webnoir.org

11.3 Why Open Source Matters

Free as in Free Beer

Free as in Free Speech

Knowing the shape of the solutions: Ease of integration

No marketing: just code (extra credit: build in tests and Jenkins)

Fewer bugs (recent Coverity study)

Education, credentials and employment

- Employers will google you
- Many directly ask for pointers to FLOSS contributions

11.3.1 Where are you going to deploy that code?

The "cloud".

Are you really going to deploy to Windows?

- you have to name your machines #FAIL
- you have to Remote Desktop in and click-to-admin #FAIL
- no anticipated downtime until 2016:)

You can't deploy to Mac OS X

• X Serve died a long time ago

You want to deploy to Linux

- Cost effective
- Legal
- More reliable
- More automatable

11.3.2 permissive vs. restrictive licensing

BSD (MIT AL2) vs. GPL (MPL)

Permissive is necessary, but sometimes not enough to hold a community together.

Jeremy Allison: Why Samba Switched to GPLv3 2011 Linux Collaboration Summit http://faif.us/cast/2011/may/10/0x0F/

NOTE: proprietary (dual) licensing with contributor license agreements is now considered harmful

11.3.3 Open Source and Web Services

What if you want to build a strong community around a web service? In the "cloud" the GPL is just like BSD.

The answer? The AGPL (Affero General Public License)

From the FSF The GNU Affero General Public License is a modified version of the ordinary GNU GPL version 3. It has one added requirement: if you run the program on a server and let other users communicate with it there, your server must also allow them to download the source code corresponding to the program that it's running.

What? I'm going to build a business on AGPL? Is that CRAZY?

It is being done now: http://status.net "Enterprise Social Software is OPEN for business."

11.3.4 Where is the value?

Productivity!

Right Now

- Hardware is effectively free
- The best software in life is Free
- Savoir Faire (brainpower) is expensive
- Data are like diamonds: they vary in clarity, quality and value

New business models need to maximize productivity around managing and improving quality of data.

(NOTE: China doesn't care about intellectual property anyway)

11.3.5 Why Debian

Commitment to quality and building everything from source Package inter-dependencies are core to the system

- Windows needs Maven, Gems, cygwin, etc.
- Mac needs MacPorts, etc.

Very predictable, easy to administer & automate, secure, stable One of the two major Linux families (.deb and .rpm) and the foundation of many derivatives (e.g. Ubuntu)



http://wiki.debconf.org/wiki/DebConf11/Pictures/GroupPhoto