PROJECT FOR PACKAGING AND CHANGE TO FREE SOFTWARE OF INSTITUTIONAL APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY INCORPORATED IN UFRGS INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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HISTORY

- •1997- conceptual business modelling;
- •2007 I IT WorkShop of IFES (Superior Education National Institutes): Electronic Elections SAELE;
- •2008 II IT WorkShop of IFES: Photo Collection;
- •2008 Requests for applications from other universities;
- •23/10/2009 Start of the Software Packaging Project;
- 2010 IV IT WorkShop of IFES: Questionnaire Builder;
- •2011 V IT WorkShop of IFES: SABRE;
- •2011 Registry of SAELE's intellectual property and release in the Public Software Portal.

PROJECT GOALS

- •PROJECT: packaging and change to free software of institutional applications currently incorporated in UFRGS information systems
- •GENERAL GOAL: Within the line in the University's Information Master Plan, in which "UFRGS shall increase the spectrum of activities of diffusion and transference of technologies", the project intends to migrate and release its already institutionally established applications to different bodies of Public Service of different spheres, training its professionals in the free software area and consolidating a network of partnership, qualifying the technological heritage of UFRGS and other public institutes.



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JUSTIFICATION

Education Institutes showed interest in solutions displayed by the technical team of CPD in IFES Workshops. The requests for those solutions became formal requests sent by other Universities during the whole year of 2008. Because of the high degree of coupling of the applications to the institutional database, it turned out to be unfeasible to release, by that time, any solution shown. They could only be attended if was feasible to package some specific modules of UFRGS information systems and turn them into free software.

Such choice demands an effort in removing the ties of the applications to the institutional database and make hem self-sufficient in their execution context. It's also fundamental that the applications are converted to operate with all the resources (OS's, DBMS's) of a free software environment.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Creation of a methodology for packaging applications constructed in CPD and release them as free software for other Superior Education Institutes. Using such methodology, release the following applications as free software:

- •Electronic Elections SAELE
- Photographic Collection
- Questionnaire Builder
- Workstation Registry System SABRE







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METHODOLOGY AND STANDARDS – GOALS MET IN 2011

Regarding the "Definition of methodology and standards for changing UFRGS institutional applications into free software" goal, all objectives were achieved. This goal considered the activities of definition of packaging standards, database migration and process documentation. The DBMS chosen as default was PostgreSQL, and development is made in the PHP language, optionally with the Yii Framework, with the applications being runnable either in Linux or Windows systems.

SAELE- GOALS ACHIEVED IN 2011

The "Electronic Elections application packaging" goal was totally finished. The application was turned into a free software release according to the methodology defined to standardize the packaging, migration and documentation processes. The documentation for registry of the software's intellectual property in INPI has been sent and is waiting for the definitive registration. The product is available in the Public Software Portal repository.

SABRE- GOALS ACHIEVED IN 2011

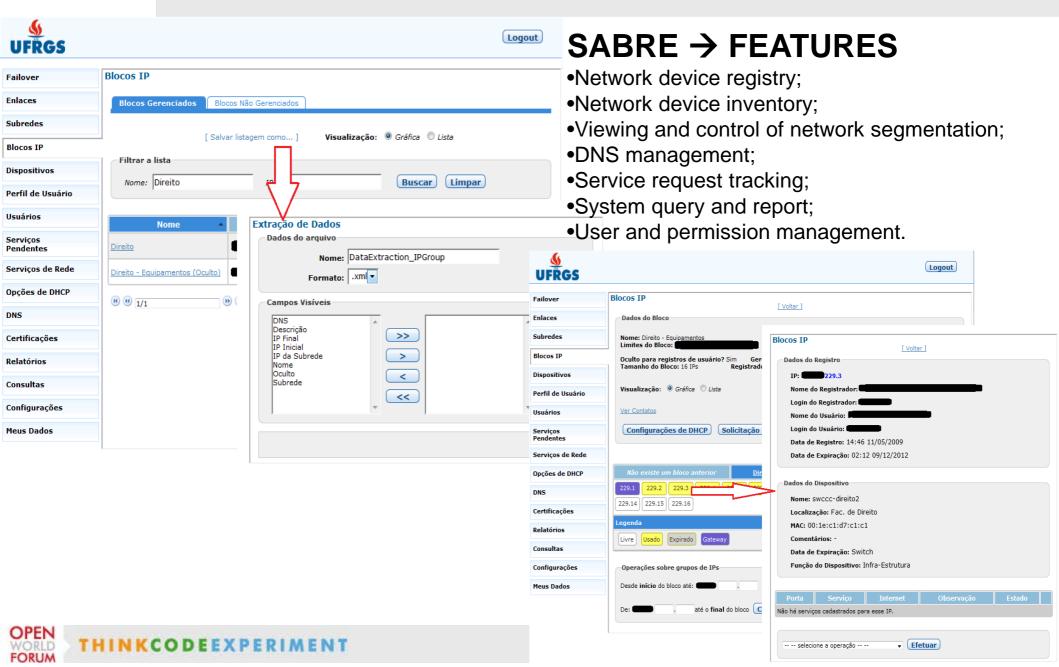
SABRE is the continuation of the "UFRGS Workstation Registry System" project, intending to create an Open Workstation Registry System usable by any institution that needs an automatic solution for managing its IP address block. The SABRE packaging project has its database and source code migration activities in final stages. Tests and documentation are being started, so the package may be released to the public software community soon.







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PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION – GOALS ACHIEVED IN 2011

- •The Photographic Collection application was developed in 2002 by CPD/UFRGS. In 2009, it was integrated to the library informatization group SABi;
- •It allows the management of a photo collection. Currently, it manages the collections of the UFRGS Museum, the Physical Education College, the Physics Institute and the UFRGS Historical Heritage;
- •As for the Photographic Collection packaging project, the software is still undergoing changes that should be incorporated to the package.





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QUESTIONNAIRE BUILDER – GOALS ACHIEVED IN 2011

- •The Questionnaire Building application is a tool integrated to a portal of answerers' authentication which can identify the target audience and attach the answers to specific institutional applications (e.g. performance evaluation, teacher and lecture evaluation, stratified polls, etc.);
- •The Questionnaire Builder packaging project embeds the tool on the Institutional Event application developed in the University;
- •The Institutional Event System was presented in the V IT Workshop of IFES, made in Florianópolis Brazil from April 26-28, 2011, where several education institutes showed interest for the software. A version of the Generic Event Portal was ported to the Yii Framework, and a version for the CBEU will be released in December 2011





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INSTITUTIONAL EVENTS SYSTEM

This system was developed to help all stages of na event, allwoing management of sessions, the executive team, the papers submitted, among other aspects. The system is completely organized, whether by the managers, or by the users, within the Event Portal. The Event Portal is an environment that displays *services* to the user. A service is an independent module that lets the user execute one or more tasks in the system. These services are placed in groups, which aim to organize the services in an intuitive and logical way, and the gropus, by their turn, are inserted in folders. A folder usually collects specific operations of a kind of user – e.g. system administrator, participant, evaluator, organizer, etc. – which are called *profiles*.



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