

Developing the Hydra - Blacklight Way

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Agenda

- What is Hydra?
- What is Blacklight?
- Where are they going?
- What does it all mean?



What Is Hydra?

• A robust repository fronted by feature-rich, tailored applications and workflows ("heads")

 \Rightarrow One body, many heads

- Collaboratively built "solution bundles" that can be adapted and modified to suit local needs.
- A community of developers and adopters extending and enhancing the core
 - If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.



Fundamental Assumption #1

No single system can provide the full range of repository-based solutions for a given institution's needs,

... yet sustainable solutions require a common repository infrastructure.





Point Solution ApproachWelcome to Siloville



Management

Effective?

Access

Preservation(?)

Sustainable?

Repository-Powered Approach



One Body, Many Heads...



Hydra Technical Framework



CRUD in Repositories

Create/Submit/Edit (CUD)

Search/View (R)

Repository/ Persistent Storage







Major Hydra Components





A Note on Ruby on Rails

- *Rapid* application development for web applications: "Convention over configuration"
 10x productivity
- Supportable: MVC (Model-View-Controller) and Rails framework make code well-structured, predictable
- Testable: Rspec and Cucumber give powerful, automatable, testing tools
- Learnable: Stanford went from 1 to 8 Ruby savvy developers in one year (no new hires)
 - 1 week learning curve to basic proficiency



A Note on Fedora

- Flexible, Extensible, *Durable* Object Repository Architecture
 - Flexible: model and store any content types
 - Extensible: easy to augment with apps and services
 - Durable: foundation of preservation repository
- Proven, sustained and successful digital repository
 - 100's of adopters; 12 years of development, 3 releases
 - Vibrant community & funding under DuraSpace
- Fedora 4 in development; co-evolving with Hydra



Hydra Community Framework



Fundamental Assumption #2

No single institution can resource the development of a full range of solutions on its own,

... yet each needs the flexibility to tailor solutions to local demands and workflows.



Hydra Philosophy -- Community

- An open architecture, with many contributors to a common core
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One body, many heads



Community

- Conceived & executed as a distributed, collaborative, open source effort from the start
- Initially a joint development project between Stanford, Univ of Virginia, and Univ of Hull
- Hydra Partners are the backbone of the project
 - Coalition of the willing
 - No fees or dues
 - Apache-style consensus and governance
- Steering Group provides administration, continuity, and serves as backstop when needed
 - But no central planning, no Project Director, no "one" architect



Hydra Partners...

...are individuals, institutions, corporations or other groups that have committed to contributing to the Hydra community; they not only use the Hydra technical framework, but also add to it in at least one of many ways: code, analysis, design, support, funding, or other resources.

Hydra Partners collectively advance the project and the community for the benefit of all participants.

https://wiki.duraspace.org/display/hydra/Hydra+Community+Framework



Code Licensing

- All Hydra code is available under Apache License, Version 2.0
- All code commitments are being managed through Contributor License Agreements
 - Individual so each developer is clear about what they are contributing
 - Corporate so each institution is clear about what it is contributing
- Code contributors maintain ownership of their IP
 - ...and grant a non-exclusive license to the project and its users

Hydra Current State



Hydra Partners



OR = Open Repositories Conference

Hydra Partners and Known Users





University of Virginia, 2008



LibDevConX^3, Stanford, 2012: (Hydranauts and Fellow Travelers)



Hydra Partners @ UCSD, 2012



First Worldwide Hydra Connect @ UCSD, 2013



Trending

In a Nutshell, Project Hydra...

... has had 7,716 commits made by 62 contributors representing 60,904 lines of code

... has a codebase with a long source history maintained by a very large development team with stable Y-O-Y commits

... took an estimated 15 years of effort (COCOMO model) starting with its first commit in October, 2009 ending with its most recent commit 6 days ago





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Hydra Heads: Institutional Repositories

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Hydra Heads: Institutional Repositories



ScholarSphere / Sufia @ Penn State



Hydra Heads: Institutional Repositories



Hydramata

- 6-institution collaboration
- Build a shared Hydra head to serve as an IR
- Distributed, agile team

University of Notre Dame Northwestern University Indiana University University of Cincinnati University of Virginia



Hydra Heads of Note



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Current State of Hydra

- Doubled in size, thrice, since its founding
- Achieved all its original goals
- Entering a new phase



Three critical priorities

- 1. Technical framework continue to advance to enable easy code sharing and reuse
- 2. Community framework evolves to accommodate growth in partners.
- 3. Create a full suite of solution bundles



Eight strategic priorities

- 1. Develop solution bundles
- 2. Develop turnkey applications
- 3. Grow the Hydra vendor ecosystem
- 4. Codify a scalable training framework to fuel community growth
- 5. Develop a documentation framework
- 6. Ensure the technical framework allows code sharing
- 7. Refresh and intensify the community ties
- 8. Grow the community of users and adopters



Blacklight



Blacklight for Repositories

- Repository-agnostic, feature-rich, content-aware, turnkey access interface
- Aggregate content from multiple repositories, with links back to source systems
- Vibrant, multi-institutional, open source community on its own
- Can be used independently, or as the first component of, Hydra



Blacklight

- Who's Using It?
 - Scores (probably hundreds) of institutions
 - Notables: UVa, Stanford, Columbia, Cornell, Princeton, Yale, Johns Hopkins, WGBH, BPL, NYPL, Danish Technical University, Tufts, Indiana University, Univ. of Wisconsin, et al.
 - Every Hydra institution
- Remarkably strong community
 - Regular workshops and tutorials at Code4Lib, DLF, et al.
 - 328 members on <u>blacklight-development@googlegroups.com</u>



Blacklight Development

In a Nutshell, Blacklight...

- --- has had 2,135 commits made by 49 contributors representing 10,855 lines of code
- … has a codebase with a long source history maintained by a large development team with increasing Y-O-Y commits
- ... took an estimated 3 years of effort (COCOMO model) starting with its first commit in October, 2009 ending with its most recent commit 1 day ago

30 Day Summary

Mar 2 2014 — Apr 1 2014

79 Commits 6 Contributors

including 2 new contributors

12 Month Summary

Apr 1 2013 - Apr 1 2014

- 508 Commits Up +152 (42%) from previous 12 months
- 19 Contributors Down -2 (9%) from previous 12 months

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NTW

Summary This episode of "Rockefeller Artists in Television" features "9/23," an early experimental work by Nam June Paik, while a Rockefeller Artist-in-Residence at WGBH, using the Paik-Abe video synthesizer.

"9/23." was never broadcast in its entirety, although segments of it were used in later Paik works, most notably "Video Commune." Additionally, footage may have been used in Paik"s "Suite 212" and his work at the Museum of Modern Art (New York) Machine Age show... more

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Summary A female dancer repeats a short dance theme nine times to a soundtrack of piano and flute. As she performs the theme, the dancer is shot from different angles to yield nine variations. The first variations are composed of longer shots that capture the body and movements of the dancer in full. These variations are accompanied by a soundtrack of slow-tempo piano. The later variations are composed of many shorter shots that capture the components of the dancer's body and movements... more

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Spotlight: Blacklight for exhibits

The Hydra-Blacklight Way



Why Hydra?

- Need a flexible, rich, robust repository solution
- Be part of a community
 - Shared resources, shared risk, shared advances
- "We" is smarter than "me"
 - Especially in this crowd
- Control your own destiny
- Build institutional capacity
- Practice best practices
- The way work is getting done now



Breadth & Depth: Access, Mgmt & Pres



If You Want To Go Fast <u>... go alone.</u> ...*use Hydra*

1) Notre Dame deployed a video cataloging head in 6 weeks, from scratch



Becoming a Hub

- Working Groups forming
 - Repository Managers
 - Archivsists
 - Hydra RDF
 - Fedora...
- Jobs



Sustainability...



- For institutions Partners help shoulder the load
- For other projects *Post-project maintenance & governance*
- For leveraging funders' investments *Adoption by growing user community*

