

eXist developers' meeting 2006-02

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Agenda

- Knowing each other: DW, JMV, PB, WM
- Global design, Refactoring
- Business issues, Communication
- Exist everywhere
- New Features
- Tests
- Features currently developed

Refactoring, Global design

Quality of design is important

- Attract new developers & users
- Testability
- Ease of development
- Auto-documented
- Robust, reliable

Refactoring, Global design - 2

Design paths to explore

- More interfaces (and factories): allows to changes implementations; tests easier
- Borrow some code (and/or design): Saxon, Jaxen
- AOP (Aspect Oriented Programming), where the same behavior has to be branched in a lot of places: permissions, transactions, triggers
- Remove **bad smells** (large classes, etc)
- Remove cyclic dependencies (JDepend)
- Local quality of code is also important, but with checkers like PDM it can be done little by little

Refactoring, Global design

```
for(int i = 0; i < ql.length; i++) {
    node = ql[i];
    doc = (DocumentImpl) node.getOwnerDocument();
    doc.getMetadata().setIndexListener(listener);
    modifiedDocs.add(doc);
    if (!doc.getPermissions().validate(broker.getUser(), Permission.UPDATE))
        throw new PermissionDeniedException("permission to update document
            denied");
    node.appendChild(transaction, children, child);
    doc.getMetadata().clearIndexListener();
    doc.getMetadata().setLastModified(System.currentTimeMillis());
    broker.storeXMLResource(transaction, doc);
    notifier.notifyUpdate(doc, UpdateListener.UPDATE);
}
checkFragmentation(transaction, modifiedDocs);
```

Business

- Communication: be more visible
 - Object Web, Apache, conferences, W3C, sf.net, ...?
- Communication: eXist technical facts better explained
- Maybe change of name
- Better know the others on the market (MS SQL, Oracle, Tamino, X-Hive, Xyleme, Berkeley XML Sleepy Cat, ...)
- Raise more money & contracts for the project: how?

Exist everywhere - 1

- Plugins for the big clients: eclipse, OpenOffice, ...
- Follow standards: W3C full text, Java API, ...?
 - Why not a JAXP-like API ?
- Integration in applications that could benefit an XML DB:
 - PMD: store full Java code, rich queries
 - Same for eclipse
 - Project & mail management
 - CMS, ...
- New applications: mail database + IMAP

Exist everywhere - 2

- Spring integration as an XQuery view
 - Exist Already integrated as a data source
- **XQuark** (XQuare) integration: possibility to “merge” XML DB with relational DB by querying them together
- More data parsers: mail, ICalendar, application zip files (OpenOffice, ArgoUML, ...), ...

New features for Exist

- GUI
 - Pluggable editors, query helper, graph view
- Schema
 - Enforce validity
 - Store number and dates as such
 - Generate schema from data
- Global integrity and links
- Pluggable indices (GIS e.g.)

Tests

- Recorder for queries & updates
- Stress tests
- Parametrized tests by program
 - Concurrency
 - Large data sets, complex data sets
 - Possibility to reach the limits, provide plots of memory+time versus size
- Complex queries
- Existing test tool?

Features currently developed

- New numbering: DLN (Dynamic Level Numbering)
- Ajax
- XACL
- What else ???