



a web infrastructure to  
encourage collaboration,  
content sharing &  
free culture

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# About kune

- kune means *together* in esperanto
- A new web tool (under development)
- For the creation of
  - environments of permanent intercommunication
  - collective intelligence
  - knowledge and shared work

# Goals (I)

- To offer services via web allowing any group of people
  - to work together
  - sharing their works
  - regarding of the physical distance
- Encourage of free (as in freedom) culture and social movements

## Goals (II)

- To offer a variety of tools like blogs, wikis, galleries, chat, forums... and a custom look to the different groups/people
- Usable! Web services for human beings: Create your web space without the need of technical knowledge
- Free software web services infrastructure

# Starting

- All starts with a person initiative
  - let's say, Simone
- Simone registers a group
  - a project, organization or open community
- After that, she selects
  - the group logo
  - the group license
  - the tools that it will use
    - docs manager, blogs, gallery, chat rooms, wiki...

# Membership

- Later Simone, as the group first admin, can manage
  - group members
  - new members joining policy (open/closed/moderated)
  - the choice of other admins
- The group member list can be public, private or visible only for members

# Content Management

- Simone can creates different kind of contents...
  - docs, blogs, wikis, media galleries...
- ...all managed in a similar way...
- ...with easy edition, publication and permissions management...
- ...upload, preview and download other kind of files...
- ...that everybody can comment/tag/rate

# User Personal Space

- Simone can have her own corner:
  - a personal and customizable web space with similar tools and functionality
- ...and use kune as a personal web page
  - while collaborating in other initiatives
  - visualizing her involvement and interests



# Intercommunication

- kune integrates *emite*, a complete web chat client, so...
- ...Simone can chat with anyone who has a compatible Jabber chat account
  - like Gmail chat
- She can create chat rooms and invite users to chat room meetings
  - external buddies too!
- Even she can comment chatting any content

# Powerful user interface

- Simone chats in several conversations...
- ...while editing and even going back and forward in her browser history...
- ... and using drag&drop to invite someone into a conversation...
- ...without annoying pop-ups...
- ...and all in the same single web page\*

\*powered by GWT

# Social Network

- Groups can make their member list public
- Simone can show the groups she is participating in
- She can show her buddies list, allowing close people to find each other
- Keeping the desired privacy level

# Two Complementary Views

- The workspace (shown here):
  - where people collaborate and communicate with each other\*
- The public space:
  - the contents generated in the workspace are shown in their public web space
  - with a per group selectable and customizable style

\*GWT was used to develop this dynamic interface

# Encouraging Free Culture

- We recommend, by default, the use of copyleft licenses for groups and users contents
- Any content shows its license
- Kune is all free software\*

\*AGPLv3

# Internationalization

- kune can be easily translated to any language
- Not only Western-focused

# As a developer/group, kune is for you if...

- ...you want to promote open and self-managed web social communities
- ...you want to create free/libre/open cultural works in collaboration
- ...you want to build
  - a web space for non-techies
  - usable & public
  - with a philosophy of openness & sharing

## ...and specially if...

- ...you are tired of install/maintain/integrate different web tools
- ...your non-tech users have usability problems using those web tools
  - Drupal, Wordpress, MediaWiki, Mailman...



# ...or you are a FLOSS developer...

- ...user of forges such as Savannah or SourceForge, and you ask yourself:
  - Why not to have a similar site for any kind of free contents and focused in non-techies?
    - social, cultural, artistic works
  - Why not to build other commons with the same philosophy and organization?
  - Why to use only one tool per initiative?
    - Wikipedia (only wiki), Blogger (only blogs)...
  - Isn't it better to use several tools as in software development?
    - mailing lists, SCM, Tasks, Wikis...

# As a user, kune is for you if...

- ...you need a web space to collaborate, intercommunicate and share freely
- ...you do not have resources/knowledge to develop your own custom web sites
- ...you are tired of using non-free, centralized, profit-driven and not trustworthy web services
  - Facebook, MySpace, Flickr, Google's...
- ...and want to use free web services offered by organizations closer to you

# kune is not for you if ...

- ...you are looking for a software to manage your private contents in your hierarchically managed organization
- ...as a user, you do not participate in projects with the need to share your experiences & knowledge in Internet...
- ...or you do not want to share your work in a personal web space

# But why kune?

## (technical reasons)

- If as a developer you still ask yourself:
  - Why a new development from scratch?
  - Why not to just implement with X or adapt Y?
- We answer:
  - kune is totally different than anything out there
    - new technologies, new potentials: GWT, Rails, XMPP
  - «*GWT's mission is to radically improve the web experience for users*» *The GWT Team*
    - and we think they achieved it!
  - But seriously: Can you integrate web applications of such a complexity with X or Y?

# But why kune?

(more novelty reasons)

- Current popular social networks have, as only purpose, *communication for fun*
  - Why not to see beyond that horizon?
- Let's boost *communication for cooperation*
  - social-networking into open collaborative work
    - Simone can talk with her buddies... and work together in common interests, trying to solve a problem, or sharing knowledge about some topic
  - encouraging free/libre shared content
    - Simone shares photos, videos or documents... freely, and linked to her personal or group initiatives

# kune is a work in progress

- kune is in *alpha* state of development.
  - The development of the Client Workspace and the Server side are very advanced
  - The static and significantly less complex public space has been started now
  - Other tools like Calendar, TODO lists and forums to come

# Community supported

- kune is a community-supported initiative
- Any help, comment and of course patches are very appreciated

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