

Multiple Clouds and multiple interest communities: challenges in developing open-source software in Cloud-related collaborative projects

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Measure the openness of Cloud services: degree of freedom to ...

choose [in laaS, PaaS]

- the infrastructure service
- the operating system
- the virtualization technologies
- the language
- the stack components (like web framework, application server, database)
- the third party open components

2. [PaaS specific]

- customize the platform or add additional components
- move data, scripts and applications to other Clouds
- re-use tools and components of the platform when moving to another platform

PaaS and open-source

[Two categories of PaaS]

- Platform services / hosting services/integrated solutions
- Open source level: allow only to customize the interfaces
- Deployment and hosting remains on the provider site
- Platform software / software services/ deployable middleware/ Cloudware
- Open source: increases the service delivery over the traditional form of software consumption
- Through Clouds open-source software can reach a new level of maturity

FP7 Projects for open-source Cloudware

- **2008**
 - RESERVOIR : OpenNebula
- **2010**
 - Contrail: ConPaaS
 - Optimis: Optimis Toolkit
 - Cloud4SOA: portability between PaaSs
 - MOSAIC: open-source and deployable PaaS
- **2012**:
 - MODAClouds: DSS, IDE, Execution platform
 - PaaSage
 - ...







- Finished in Feb 2013
- Open source PaaS ensuring portability of component based appls consuming laaS
- Multiple tools in multiple repositories
- Open-source codes: Bitbucket.org/mosaic
- 9 teams
- www.mosaic-cloud.eu

- On-going from Oct 2012
- Model-drivenengineering for Multiple Clouds applications using PaaS or laaS
- Multiple tools in multiple repositories
- Sample of available codes: CloudML related
- ▶ 10 teams
- www.modaclouds.eu

Challenges in multi-team projects

- choice of open source license
- establish the constraints imposed by the licenses dependencies
- use of widely-accepted standards and other open-source codes
- management of the copyright
- contributor license agreements
- source code opening moment
- issue tracker
- open mailing lists
- open wiki
- building a community beyond the project consortium
- establish the means to maintain the code beyond the project

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Potential of open-source in PaaS world

- Avoid vendor lock-in
- Contribute to portability and interoperability
- Fast adoption by the research community
- Allow to offer new innovative services on top of them
- Cost reductions by providing alternatives
- Redefine the software services delivery
- Help spreading other open-source tools

