

Apache Lenya 1.0 RC 1 Released

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The Apache Lenya development community is very proud to announce the long-awaited first stable release candidate 1 (1.0rc1) of Apache Lenya.

<http://www.apache.org/dist/cocoon/lenya/>

Apache Lenya is the new CMS project under the Apache umbrella. The codebase (formerly known as Wyona CMS) was donated to the Apache Software Foundation by Wyona Ltd in May 2003.

Apache Lenya is a Java Open-Source Content Management System based on open standards such as XML and XSLT and the Apache Software Stack. Its XML-centric architecture allows for content delivery targeted to the capabilities of the devices of today and tomorrow, and avoids data lock-in as with proprietary solutions. Apache Lenya is built around Off the Shelf components from the Apache Software Foundation, which are familiar to thousands of technologists, and are documented extensively in dozens of books.

The Apache Software Stack is quickly becoming the preeminent platform for building Internet applications. By leveraging the Apache Software Stack, Apache Lenya offers a robust, future-proof solution that reserves technology investments.

Apache Lenya comes with the features you would expect of a modern Content Management System, such as Revision Control, Scheduling, a built-in Search Engine, separate Staging Areas, and Workflow. Because Apache Lenya uses XML throughout, it can offer much more than other CMS that marginally use XML.

Some notable features include:

- * Browser-based WYSIWYG Editors that validate input against a W3C XML Schema. This prevents invalid markup as produced by other editors, and allows to enforce web site style guidelines.

- * A publication concept that allows reuse of the information architecture of a site and brings modularity to the content level.

"As an IT Trade Magazine, we care about independence" says Wolfgang Boehler from Computerworld Switzerland, "it increases our credibility. That is why we chose Apache Lenya for our site, and why we intend to build on that first step."

"Having been personally obsessed for years for the quest for the perfect Content Management Framework, I am very happy to see Lenya seeding this on top of Cocoon technology." says Stefano Mazzocchi, founder of the Apache Cocoon project, and adds: "The Apache Lenya effort has to be seen as a powerful software seed for the creation of a solid, healthy and diverse development community around the problems of Content Management, but following the Cocoon philosophy that we provide frameworks and toolkits and you build the stuff you need."

This release of Apache Lenya is a refactored version of the codebase that has been in production at major sites such as Neue Zuercher Zeitung

(www.nzz.ch) and the University of Zurich (www.unipublic.unizh.ch) for nearly three years. Wyona Ltd donated the Apache Lenya codebase (formerly known as Wyona CMS) to the Apache Software Foundation in May 2003.

For more information about Apache Lenya, please go to:

<http://cocoon.apache.org/lenya/>

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Thank for your interest and thanks to all who made this possible.

The Apache Lenya Worldwide Community