CS 401

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FOSS Field Trip – Eucalyptus

* How many people are working on the project?
  + I could not find the exact number of people working on the project from their website.
* How active is the project?
  + The project seems to be very active. There were over 20 people in the IRC channel when I first logged in, and there seems to always be a good amount of people in there. The community forums had a good amount of recent posting as well.
* Are there clear starting points for someone interested in helping with the project?
  + Yes, on their website they have a big button labeled “Participate” that brings you to a page that tells you all of the ways that you could help with the project.
* Are there usable technical documents that describe the project (e.g., functional requirements, design documents, installation documentation, etc.)?
  + There were several documents that I found over the period of time that I spent on their website. However, some of them were hard to find. The API’s seemed to be well documented.
* How are bugs and feature requests tracked? Are there a lot of open items? Are they being worked on? Are issues being addressed?
  + There is a link on their how to get involved page for submitting bugs. It brings you to the site (launchpad.net) where their source is hosted.
* Does this look like a credible project?
  + Yes this does look like a very credible project.
* What’s the business model? How is all this happening as “free and open source”?
  + They have a product that they sell which includes features built on top of the FOSS project.
* How do the developers communicate with each other? What channels or tools are available within the project?
  + There is an IRC channel, Forums, and E-mail list. So there are plenty of ways to communicate within this project.