Koha : history

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RJ's

1999-09: the origin

- Some kiwis and a y2k bug

  - HLT, in New Zealand has a system with a y2k bug

  - HLT : we love dialup (well, we love low prices)

1999-09: the origin

- Katipo, (a « web company ») start working on a full web ILS

  - Work start on sep, 99

  - Limited functional requirements (no serials, no acq, …)

  - Not full web in fact : circ was a vt100 app

  - Agile development before Agile methods exists !

2000-01: the origin

- 1st version delivered on time
  - HLT goes live with koha 1.0.0 on 2000, january 2nd
  - 1st full-web ILS
- Katipo not a product vendor company
  - Releasing Koha as OpenSource

2000-09: First version released

- 1st public release after :
  - Some sleep for the developers
  - Some bugfixes for the software
  - Some work on the web for the rest of the world www.koha.org Website, Project created on SourceForge
- New developers :
  - Glen Stewart (1st patch not from Katipo) & Steve Tonnesen (web based circulation)

2001-05 : non english newcomers

- 1st non english developer (& maybe library) : Pawel Skuza

- 1st french developer & user: Paul Poulain (in 2002-01) & Dombes Abbey

2002 : the expansion

- Koha 1.2 released

- Wiki launched

- Bugzilla launched

- Move to HTML::Template decided

- Adding MARC support decided

- 17th committer at the end of the year

2002 : the need for a structure

- International

- First elected team

  - Kaitiaki : our Guardian : Pat Eyler

  - Release Manager : for the next version 1.4/2.0 : Paul Poulain

  - Release Maintainer : for the current version 1.2 : Chris Cormack

  - QA manager : Ingrid, then no-one

  - Doc manager : Nicolas Rosasco

2003-2005 : strengthening the software

- New functionnalities like

  - MARC (incl authorities)

  - Serials

  - Stats

  - advanced OPAC

  - bulkimport

New team

- Kaitiaki : Rachel Hamilton
- Release Manager 2.4/3.0 : Joshua Ferraro
- Release Maintainer 2.2 : Paul Poulain
- QA manager : Pierrick then no-one
- Doc manager : Stephen Hedges

2006-2007 : road to 3.0

- The SQL MARC structure is limited, and can't deal efficiently with large size catalogs (+300k items)
    - Deciding to move to zebra
- First KohaCon in France
    - 3 days user conference (more than 120 attendees, in Paris)
    - 5 days hackfest (15 developers from 4 countries, in Marseille)

2006-2007 : road to 3.0

- Changing tools :
  - Moving from sourceforge to git
  - Mailing lists on lists.koha.org
- French website (www.koha-fr.org)

2008-2009 : How to -almost- waste 2 years in 3 lessons

- PTFS does some business in US. LibLime cries for danger

- Something happens at LibLime and they don't share anymore

- 3 famous LibLimers resigns, the core team spend (too much) time in negociating instead of hacking

- (3.0 released)

2010 : back to hacking

- Decision to move to koha-community.org

- Lot of features on the way

- KohaCon10 in NZ

- ptfs/liblime relationship still not normalized

Some numbers

Switch to git

Legend:
- Developers
- Bugs
- Commits
- Income

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