

Data migration to Plone 5.2 and Volto

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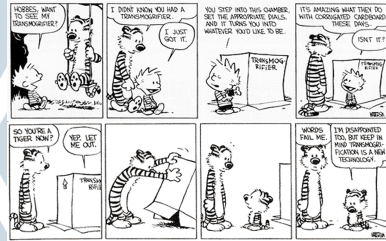


Figure: A transmogrifier is fictional device used for transforming one object into another object.

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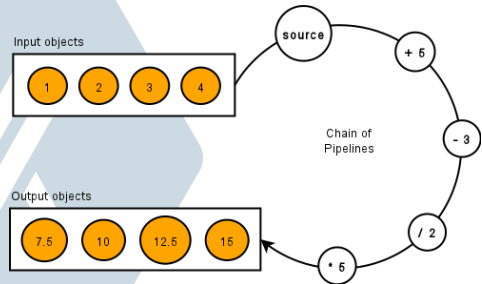


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Figure: Large University client website



- Not so big database;
- many custom packages;
- a frankenstein buildout.

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- Many data;
- Migration takes around 4 hours to run;
- some addons;
- custom report object type;
- was 1 archetypes, becomes 10 dexterity.

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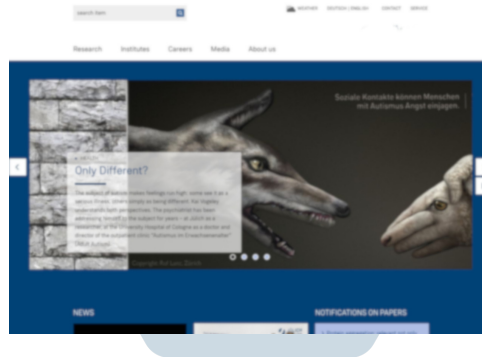


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- Intranet;
- Had a third part system integration that needs to be imported in new website.

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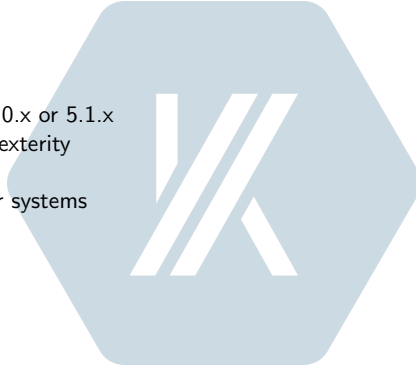
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For the clients they can spare part of the Plone 5 to Plone 6 migration

- A way to sell clients the Python 3 upgrade

Advantages for Plone solutions providers

- A way to sell clients the Python 3 upgrade
- Which is costly but does not gain the client anything in terms of functionality

For the solutions providers we can sell together Python 3 with Volto

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Commander Utility

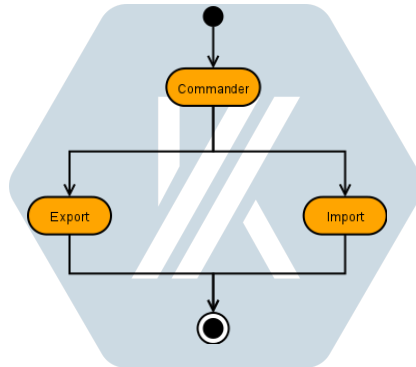


Figure: Commander Utility

We created an utility to help orchestrate the migration process.

Jenkins

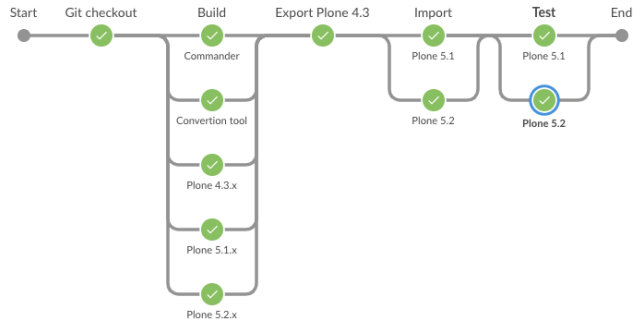


Figure: Jenkins

Each commit runs all those steps to make tests (smoke tests).

Migration Server

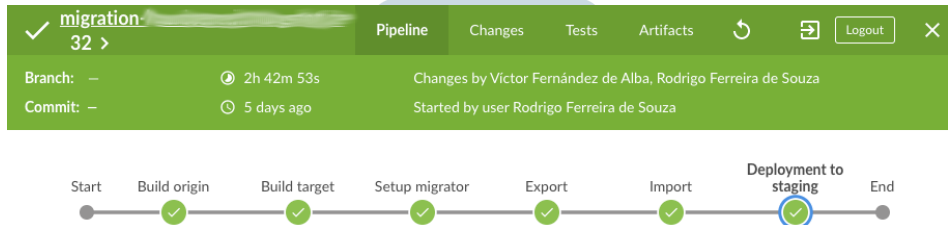


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Also we have migration Jenkins node, that we push the button to start the migration (what takes about 4 hours to finish)

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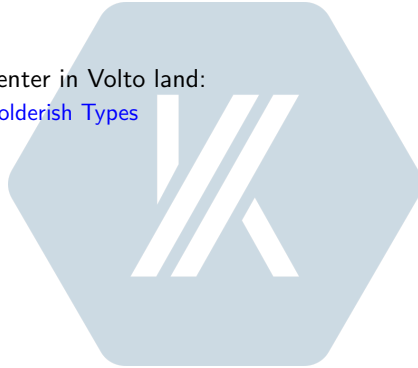
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