Collaborative Academy

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MediaWiki collaborative software

Practical experience from projects:

 Free Software for Information Infrastructure and software patents
 Presentation of Geoinformatics study at CTU Prague
 New wiki of Czech users of GRASS

Geoinformatics study, CTU Prague

- Opening 2006 as an alternative to traditional program in geodesy and cartography
- Presented in Cairo 2005
- Introducing project oriented education, software development
 Much inspiration from Virtual
 - Academy and comm. 2 meetings

Marketing new study program

Need of an alternative to the traditional static web pages
Dynamically generated web pages
Dominant technology today ... PHP
Our choice was MediaWiki for collaborative writing

MediaWiki

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MediaWiki

MediaWiki is a Wiki software package licensed under the GNU General Public License. It is a feature-rich wiki implementation written primarily for Wikipedia and other Wikimedia Foundation projects, but also used by many other wikis.

Software patents

- dirrective on the patentability of computer implemented inventions
- heavily promoted by European Councel
- Opposed by Foundation for Free Information Infrastructure and many others
- MediaWiki was our major working horse
 Dirrective rejected by the European Parliament on 6th July 2005 by a massive majority

GRASSwikiCZ



Practical issues

- Free Software
- Easy to install
- Trivial usage, learning by examples
- Lack of hierarchical structure
- Several virtual servers on a single machine
- Collaborative environment

300 Anniversary of CTU

Workshop/Conference "From Surveying to Geoinformatics" Curricula as the main topic Papers published on MediaWiki Virtual participants accepted Supported by ICA ■ FIG ?

We hope to meet you in Prague

Thank you for your attention

