

Apache Rave Enterprise Social Networking Out Of The Box

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What is Apache Rave?

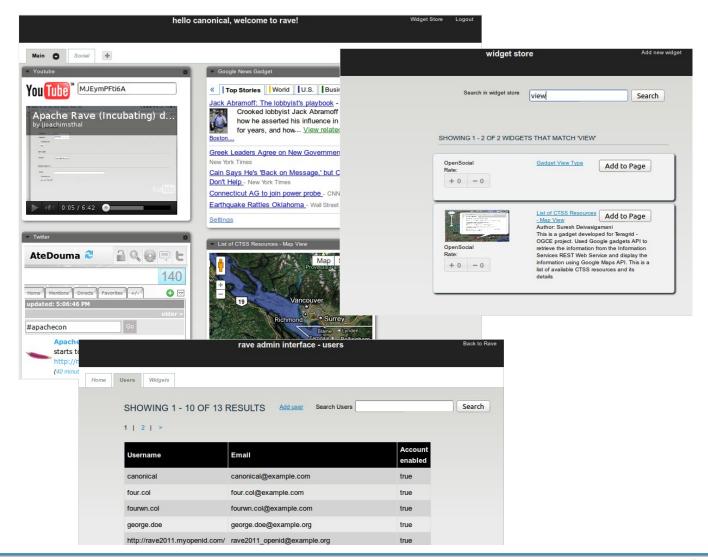
Apache Rave (incubating)
is a lightweight and extensible Web and Social Mashup engine,
to host, serve and aggregate Gadgets, Widgets and
general (social) network and web services
with a highly customizable Web 2.0 friendly front-end.

- Targets Enterprise-level intranet, extranet, portal, web and mobile sites
- Can be used 'out-of-the-box' or as an embeddable engine
- Transparent integration and usage of OpenSocial Gadgets, W3C Widgets, ...,
- Built upon a highly extensible and pluggable component architecture
- Will enhance this with context-aware cross-component communication, collaboration and content integration features
- Leverages latest/open standards and related open source software with production ready usage and integration
- Strong ties with other Apache projects like Shindig (OpenSocial), Wookie (W3C)





Sneak preview of Apache Rave





History

- Initial discussions @meetup ApacheCON 2010 Atlanta
- Dec 2010: European OpenSocial Event 2010, Utrecht
 - First proposal for a new Social Widget portal @Apache
 - "Call to arms" for the project
- Jan 2011: Start draft Apache Incubator proposal
- March 2011: Apache Rave Incubator project proposal accepted
 - 3 existing projects providing initial code base donations
 - 20 initial committers from 5 different organizations & several independent participants
- May 2011: Release apache-rave-0.1-incubating
- Nov 2011: Release apache-rave-0.5-incubating



Projects and people behind Rave

MITRE, Federally funded research and development centers (US)

Project OSEC: OpenSocial Enterprise Container http://code.google.com/p/osec

Pervasive Technology Institute Indiana University (US)

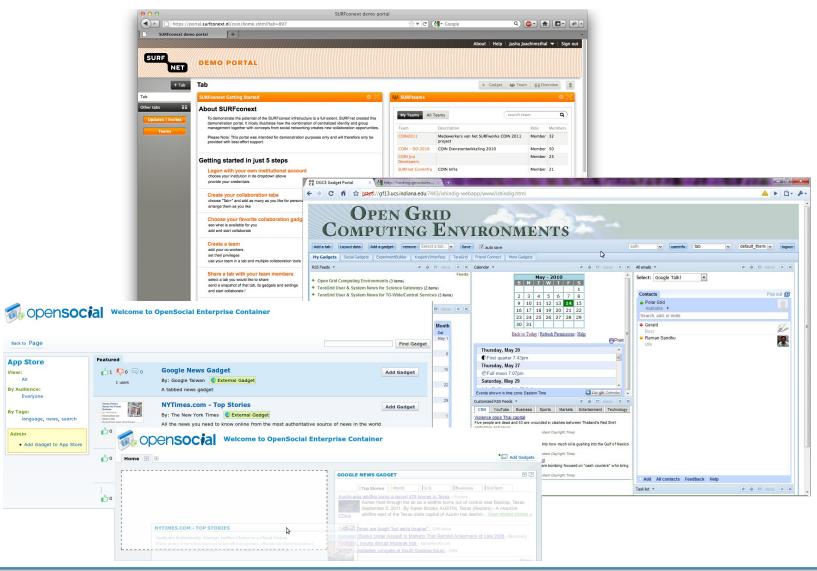
Project OGCE: Gadget Container for Open Grid Computing Environments http://www.collab-ogce.org/ogce/index.php/OGCE_Gadget_Container

- SURFnet, National Research And Education Network (Netherlands)
 Project OpenConext: Open Source OpenSocial Collaboration platform
 http://www.openconext.org
- Hippo B.V, open source CMS and Portal Software (Netherlands)
 http://www.onehippo.org
- OSS Watch UK, open source software advisory service (UK)
 http://www.oss-watch.ac.uk
- Independent participants





Code donation projects







- Website: http://incubator.apache.org/rave
- Source: http://svn.apache.org/repos/asf/incubator/rave/
- Downloads: http://incubator.apache.org/rave/downloads.html
- Issues: https://issues.apache.org/jira/browse/rave
- Continuous integration: https://builds.apache.org/view/M-R/view/Rave/
- Analysis: https://analysis.apache.org/dashboard/index/58996



- Current features (Out of the Box)
 - Authentication through internal and OpenID Identity Provider
 - Operation-based model security on persistence & retrieval
 - User dashboard like pages with add, remove, reordering, drag & drop
 - Customizable page layout: 1, 2, 3 columns
 - Widget Store to select widgets for your pages, commenting, rating
 - Supports for both OpenSocial Gadgets and W3C Widgets
 - Interface for adding new widgets to the store
 - Administration of users, widget registration and configuration, security
 - Easy build setup to extend or create your own custom Rave portal



Rave demo



Latest 0.6-incubator-SNAPSHOT (trunk)



- Code base
 - Build system: Apache Maven
 - Configuration and Dependency Injection: Spring Framework
 - Persistence layer: Apache OpenJPA
 - Security integration: Spring Security
 - Front-end: Spring MVC / JSP / Tiles / JQuery, etc.
 - OpenSocial: Apache Shindig
 - W3C Widgets: Apache Wookie (Incubator)
 - Default container: Apache Tomcat
 - Development runtime and deployment: maven-cargo-plugin



Modular project structure

```
rave-components (pom)
     rave-commons (jar)
     rave-core (jar)
     rave-web (jar)
rave-providers (pom)
     rave-opensocial-provider (jar)
     rave-w3c-provider (jar)
rave-shindig (war)
(incoming: rave-wookie, war)
rave-portal (war)
     rave-portal-dependencies (pom)
     rave-portal-resources (shallow war)
rave-demo-gadgets (war)
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- Extension / Customization points
 - Configuration
 - Add SSO, SAML2, LDAP & many other authentication modes
 - Change database & JPA provider
 - Modify host, port & SSL settings
 - Add additional language support
 - Code
 - Implementation of nearly every component can be easily replaced
 - Multiple pre-defined extension points
 - Persistence layer (repositories)
 - Security (model evaluators; permission evaluator)
 - Integrating new functionality
 - Additional widget renderers (server & client side registration)
 - Additional API endpoints





Goals & Roadmap

- Fully customizable and extensible front end rendering engine
- Inter-widget communication, coordination, messaging
- Shared spaces similar to OpenSocial Spaces proposal, generalized
- Group based security, secured widgets, 'locked down' layout areas
- Extensible and pluggable identity management
- Pluggable persistence engine(s), SQL, noSQL, JCR
- Context-aware content integration and linking
- Integration and embedding Rave in sites, applications, other platforms
- Runtime services monitoring, configuration/life-cycle management



More demos and examples

- OpenSocial Enterprise Container (local demo)
- SURFnet SURFconext (live production portal, with consent from SURFnet)



Other projects using Rave

Rave in Context

Developing progressively enhanced, usable, accessible, learnable and adaptable W3C widget templates and widgets http://code.google.com/a/apache-extras.org/p/rave-in-context/

OMELETTE

A user friendly platform for telco service composition http://www.ict-omelette.eu/

ROLE

Delivering prototypes of highly responsive Personal Learning Environments http://www.role-project.eu/

Apache Airavata (Incubating)

A software toolkit currently used to build science gateways http://incubator.apache.org/airavata/





Participate

Apache Software Foundation is all about community!

Apache Rave is an open project looking for more participants and contributions from the industry, academia and others interested.

Check it out!

Project site:

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Downloads:

http://incubator.apache.org/rave/downloads.html

