

State of the Project

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Stefano asks:

“*Is Cocoon obsolete?*”

Yes!

The *original vision* is obsolete!

- Cocoon was born in 1998 as a framework to enable multi-channel publishing
- The concept of publication has changed a lot



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1998

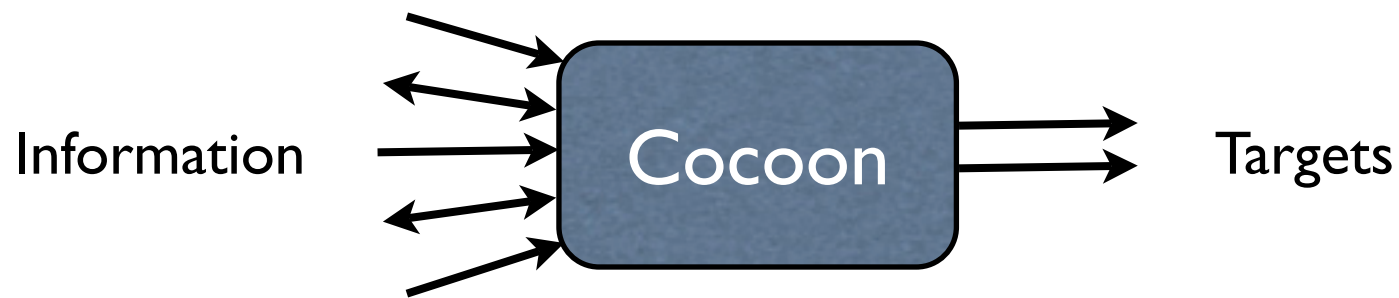
- I manage *my* content
- I manage *my* presentation
- I publish *my* website



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- I manage information
- All kinds of information



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What's Cocoon then?

- ▶ An Information Integration Platform
- ▶ NOT ONLY A PUBLISHING FRAMEWORK
- You can publish your site
- You can build a CMS. Everybody does ;-)
- You can process business transactions
- You can assemble portals
- You can build an EAI system
- You can drive a  machine

What has changed

- The web publication layer has become thinner and thinner
 - ▶ 1998: it was all about “fighting with browsers”
- Information management and integration features are growing bigger and are more predominant



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Today's Cocoon is not obsolete!

- It is no more “*a research project that happened to be useful*”
- It's a mainstream platform to build your projects on
- And innovation continues



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- 2 releases
- 6 new committers
- Cocoon used for big and long-lasting projects
- Users-list traffic drops...



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- Stabilization of Cocoon Forms
- Cocoon runs in many environments: portals (both ways), JSF, etc.
- Java Flow
- Stack Traces and Validation ease debugging
- JCR integration
- More Example Apps



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What 2006 will bring

- Blocks! Finally!
- Virtual pipeline components
- Includes in xconf files, Spring integration, per-sitemap classpath
- Smaller download, binary distribution again
- Sample applications showing best practices
- Ajax, Ajax!



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What 2006 will bring

- Release early - Release often: fixed intervals
- Cocoon 2.2
- Documentation! Yes, real one!
- Care more about users
- Deprecate old stuff more heavily
- Make the buzz!



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