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DEPARTMENT OF DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS

#### **DSD**

Established in 1994, MTA SZTAKI DSD (Department of Distributed Systems) was one of the very first to introduce and apply WWW technologies in Hungary. Since the mid-90s DSD has specialized in the research and development of distributed applications and middleware, including Web-based software systems, groupware applications and services, digital library and archive systems, digital art projects and mobile computing. The Department has participated in numerous European and national (post-academic) joint research projects (DONAU, BREIN, MIK, ABILITIES, DELOS, INFRAWEBS, ORG, GeneSyS, EUTIST-AMI, StreamOnTheFly, PublicVoiceXML, Promocio, Web4Groups, SELECT, CORES, KNIXMAS, E-Municipality).

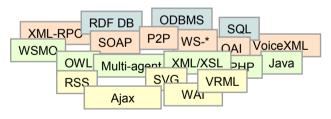
#### Collaboration

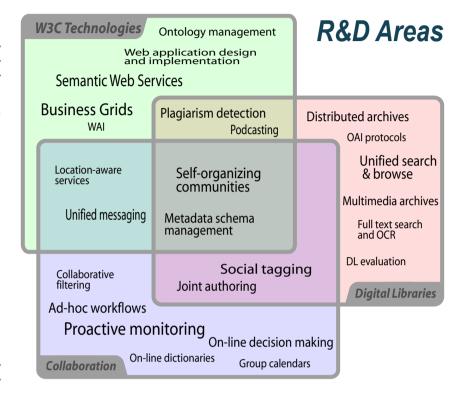
To enrich collaboration, the smart integration of different communication channels (e-mail, chat, phone, etc.) and paradigms (joint editing, voting, etc.) is a key for us (Web4Groups). Generalization of rating, filtering (http://select.sztaki.hu) and voting (http://voting.sztaki.hu) allowed us to offer solutions so as to find the best links or best beer for one's taste. Supporting management work and creating awareness of project actions are in our current focus, via lightweight, flexible and ad-hoc workflows (E-Municipality, DONAU) and proactive monitoring (Promocio, DONAU).

#### **Semantics**

The first level of applying semantics is to achieve interoperability between existing databases or metadata schemas (http://cores.dsd.sztaki.hu). We also experiment with this task in case of on-line dictionaries (http://dict.sztaki.hu). Based on common semantic platforms, we aim at real service level interoperability (INFRAWEBS, BREIN) and business semantics (Promocio, DONAU).

## **Technologies Used**





#### **Digital Libraries**

Large, heterogeneous document sets can be produced abundantly today thanks to the OAI protocols. Unified collections, such as the National Digital Data Archive, ranging from paintings of the 19th century to Hungarian folk songs require special services to satisfy the users (http://nda.sztaki.hu). Also, community radios, additionally to content merging, need self-organizing social structures, backed up by peer-to-peer organization (StreamOnTheFly).

The creation of useful and usable services for digital library users is in our focus, for example to enhance the generation of one's own podcast (http://radio.sztaki.hu), or efficient browsing/querying (AQUA), or plagiarism detection (http://kopi.sztaki.hu).

#### **Art & Visualization**

Going beyond interesting webpage designs, live internet art, such as interactively created or destorted art pieces or virtual 3D galleries, can help us to relax and find new ways of using our glooming desktop screens. Such excursions of our team resulted in the 3D visualizations of metro stations or digital library collections, among others.

### **Outreach Activities**

DSD organized ECDL2007, the 11th European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries (Budapest, 16-21 Sep 2007); WWW2003, the 12th International World Wide Web Conference (Budapest, 20-24 May 2003), and other workshops, courses in its domains. DSD runs the W3C Hungarian Office.

#### References

RICOH (Japan), EADS Astrium Transportation (France), INRIA (France), Telefonica (TID) (Spain), PricewaterhouseCoopers (Luxembourg), Elsag Datamat (Italy), ATOS Origin (Spain), Fraunhofer Gesellschaft (Germany), Profium SA (Finland) Kapsch Aktiengesellschaft (Austria), Magyar Telekom (Hungary), T-Online (Hungary), T-Mobile (Hungary), arvato Systems Hungary (Hungary), FreeSoft Nyrt. (Hungary)

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DSD has participated in several EU Framework R&D projects (FP4-7) and in many others supported by Hungarian national funds. Our fields of expertise include research in digital libraries and archives (methods, technologies, applications), collaborative groupware systems, project management and workflow systems, and Semantic Web technologies.

Our research and innovation activities aim at providing advanced and sophisticated solutions, tools and services. Excellence is ensured by the wide range of technologies, know-how and applications we incorporate in our work, which is done by highly-qualified and experienced researchers and developers.

## **Projects**

DONAU RICOH-SZTAKI Collaboration

BREIN Business Objective Driven Reliable and Intelligent Grids for Real Business

ABILITIES Application Bus for InteroperabiLITy In enlarged Europe SMEs

MIK 3.1.2. Service and Application Development for Mobile Systems

Promocio Proactive Multimodal Collaboration and Monitoring Platform for Independent Organizations

ORG National Cancer Registry

INFRAWEBS Intelligent Framework for Generating Open (Adaptable) Development Platforms for Web-Service

Enabled Applications Using Semantic Web Technologies, Distributed Decision Support Units and

Multi-Agent-Systems

GeneSyS Generic Systems Supervision

StreamOnTheFly Personalized Community Radio Program with Collaborative Filtering Agents and Bandwidth

Sensitive Streaming

PublicVoiceXML VoiceXML Trial for and Open Source Reference Implementation

E-Municipality Demand Driven Information Tools for E-Administration

HEKTÁR Applying Open Digital Library Recommendations to Hungarian ElectronicLibraries

Web4Groups Transfer of Knowledge between Research, Education, Business and Public Administration through

the World Wide Web

DELOS NoE 1-2 Network of Excellence on Digital Libraries

SELECT Rating and Filtering of Scientific, Technical and other Network Documents

CORES A Forum on Shared Metadata Vocabularies

AQUA Advanced Query User Interface Architecture

KNIXMAS Knowledge Shared XPS-based Research Network Using Multi-Agent Systems

NDA@SZTAKI: searching and browsing facility for the digital archives of cultural heritage

KOPI Online Plagiarism Search and Information Portal

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# DSD's Projects and Expertise

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