

OpenERP v6.0 Technical Improvements

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- Search views
- Improved Tree views, aggregation, dynamic reports
- Diagram views
- Multi-company

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- Testing framework and continuous integration
- Usability guidelines
- New R&D Process
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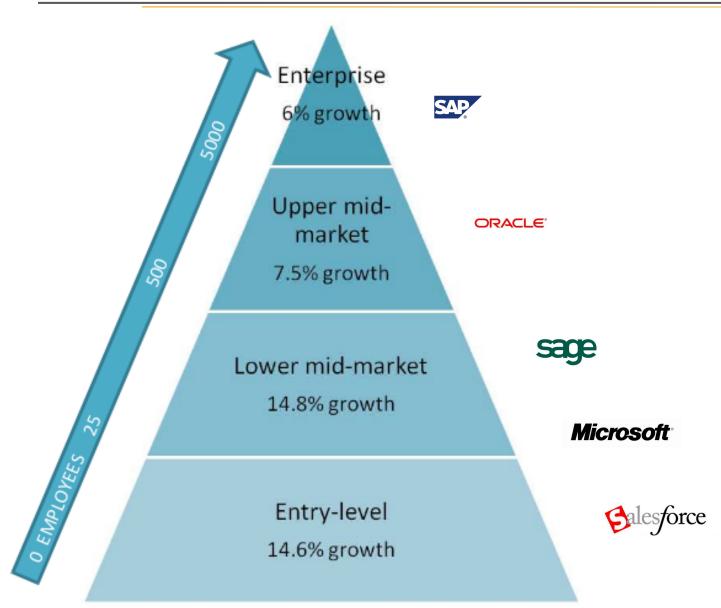
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OpenERP is disruptive





Disruptive product

- Modern
 programming
 language
- Modular approach
- Fully web-based
- Classical or cloud deployment

Disruptive business

- Free download
- Contributions and Community fuel the product
- Value created is fairly split between Customer, Service Provider, and Publisher

2010 = Cornerstone for OpenERP

- During the last 5 years, OpenERP has matured into a smart Enterprise Management software suite, with a world-wide brand, and a strong market demand.
- OpenERP SA now puts focus on being the OpenERP Publisher
- OpenERP v6 focuses on ease-of-use for these smaller companies!



Technical Goals for OpenERP v6.0

- Make OpenERP easier for smaller companies
- Global code review and simplification
- New features
- New development processes

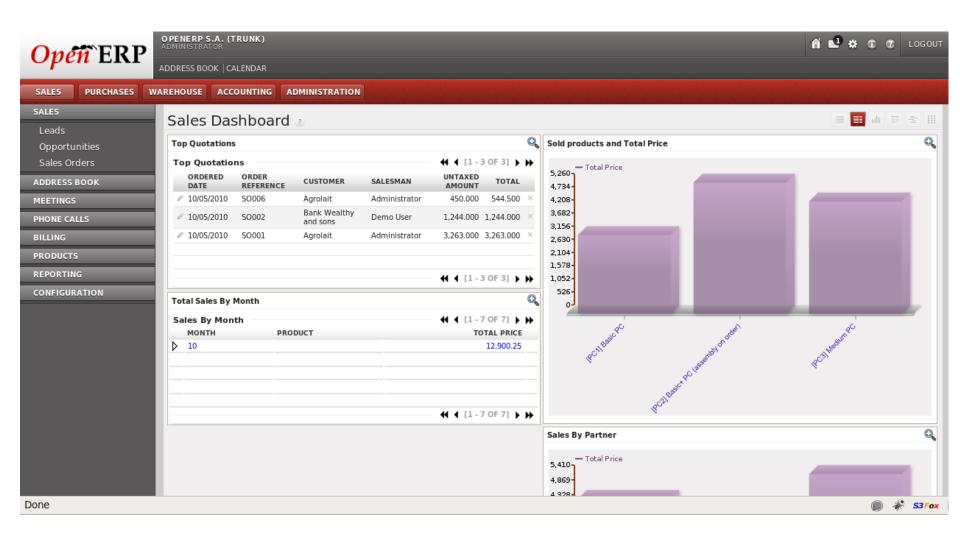


Easier for smaller companies

- OpenERP becomes a true suite of Business applications
 - Menus and modules structure reviewed and split
 - Smaller, specific applications
 - » account = invoicing only
 - » account_accountant = full financial management
- Simplified views (vs. extended)
- Business-oriented screens and filters

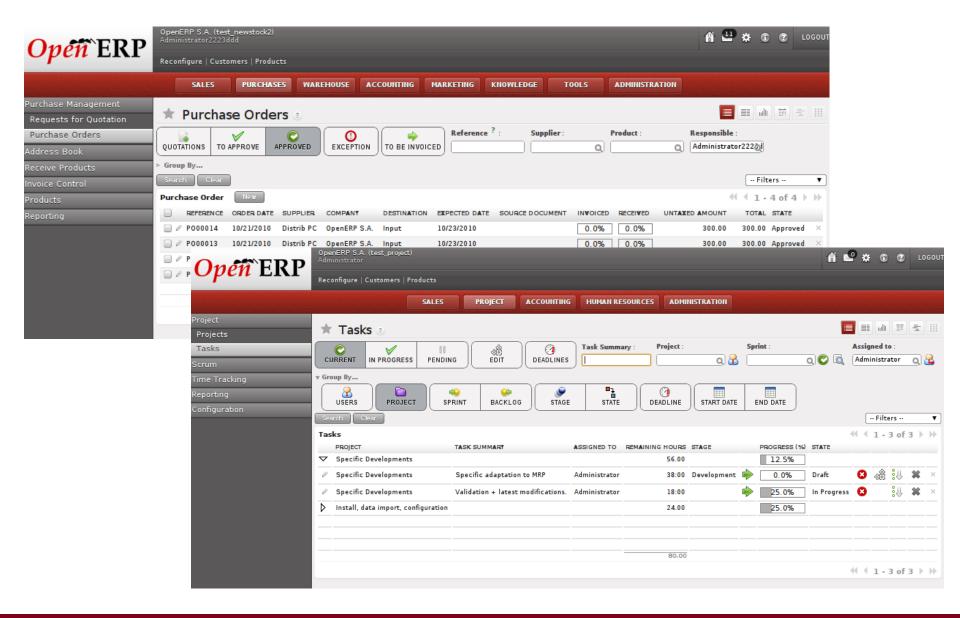


Business Applications





Business-oriented screens





Code Review & Simplifications

- Improved modularity
 - e.g: procurement (follows), analytic, resource
- Global Code Review
 - Modules rewritten: crm, hr, caldav,
 - Performance improvements: lists, reports
 - Lint cleanup
 - Simpler aggregation/reporting objects
- Hundreds of tests
- Lots of source code lines removed



New R&D Processes

- Dedicated R&D Teams
- SCRUM methodology
- Bug qualification team
- Testing tools and test suite
- Continuous integration system: Buildbot

More on this in Part 2...



New features

- New views: search, diagram, improved lists
- Improved API core objects
- Focus on reusable and generic features
 - custom filters
 - mail.gateway, caldav, resources
- Multi-company built-in

» Let's zoom in...



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Search Views

- Improves over built-in search features in v5
- Always associated with other view: list, calendar, ...
- Deprecates select=1, select=2 → select = True
- New view type: <search>
- Two main building blocks:
 - <field name='...'>
 - <filter domain='...' context='...'>
- Structured with:
 - <group>
 - <separator>
 - <newline>



Search Views

```
1<search string="Search Project">
     <group col='15' colspan='4'>
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
          <filter icon="terp-check" string="Current" name="current"</pre>
                  domain="[('state', 'in',('open','pending'))]"
                  help="Open and Pending Projects"/>
          <separator orientation="vertical"/>
          <field name="name" string="Project Name"/>
          <field name="user id" string="Project Manager">
               <filter domain="[('user id', '=', uid)]" icon="terp-personal"
                        help="Projects in which I am a manage" />
         </field>
          <field name="partner id" string="Partner"/>
     </group>
     <newline />
     <group expand="0" string="Group By..." colspan="4" col="20"</pre>
             groups="base.group extended">
17
18
           <filter string="Manager" name="Manager" icon="terp-personal"</pre>
                   domain = "[]" context="{'group by':'user id'}"/>
19
20
21
22
           <separator orientation="vertical"/>
           <filter string="Parent" name="Parent" help="Parent Project"</pre>
                    icon="terp-folder-blue" domain = "[]"
                    context="{'group by':'parent id'}"/>
23
     </group>
24</search>
```



Advanced Search Views

- <fields> with embedded <filters>
- Advanced attributes for <field>:
 - context="{'country_visible': True}"
 - domain="[('country_id', '=', 'Belgium')]"
- Default values for filters and fields, via action context:
 - context="{'search_default_filter1': True}"
 - context="{'search_default_field1': 'test'}"
 - context="{'search_default_field1': lang}"
- Specific search view can be forced in caller action:
 - <field name="search_view_id"

 ref="view_project_project_filter"/>



Search views: toggle group-by

- context attribute of elements can toggle aggregation of associated list views
- Multiple group-by levels are supported
- Order of group-by entries matters!



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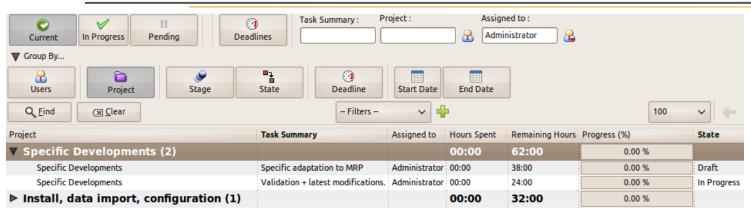
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- List views can now display buttons
 - Regular <button> elements as in form views
 - Action/Method/Workflow called on single record
- Columns can be toggled via context
 - context = {'section_mode': True}
 - <field name="country_id"
 invisible="context.get('invisible_country')">



Improved Lists

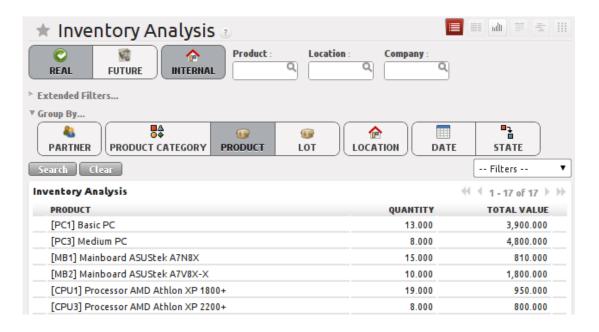


- List views now support aggregation aka group-by
 - Simple or multiple level aggregation
 - Controlled via context: e.g. search view or caller action context = {'group_by':['field_1', 'field_2']}
 - All contexts are combined
 - Aggregated columns shown on group header
 - » Numeric fields summed by default
 - » Set group_operator in _columns to customize (avg, min, ...)
- New server-side API method: read_group()



Group-by = Real-time Reporting!

- Combine group_by values to get quick and intuitive real-time analysis
- When individual records are too low-level or irrelevant, hide them (e.g. stock moves):
 - context = {'group_by_no_leaf': 1}





Building Reporting Objects

```
34class crm_lead_report(osv.osv):
       """ CRM Lead Report
 35
 36
       _name = "crm.lead.report"
 37
       _auto = False
 38
       _description = "CRM Lead Report"
 39
 40
       _columns = {
 41
            'name': fields.char('Year', size=64, required=False, readonly=True),
 42
            'user_id':fields.many2one('res.users', 'User', readonly=True),
 43
            'country_id':fields.many2one('res.country', 'Country', readonly=True),
 44
            'section_id':fields.many2one('crm.case.section', 'Sales Team', readonly=True),
 45
            'channel_id':fields.many2one('res.partner.canal', 'Channel', readonly=True),
       def init(self, cr):
 80
 81
           tools.drop_view_if_exists(cr, 'crm_lead_report')
 82
           cr.execute("""
 83
               CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW crm_lead_report AS (
 84
                   SELECT
 85
                       id.
 86
                        to_char(c.create_date, 'YYYY') as name,
 87
                        to_char(c.create_date, 'MM') as month,
                       to_char(c.create_date, 'YYYY-MM-DD') as day,
 88
                       to_char(c.create_date, 'YYYY-MM-DD') as creation_date,
 89
 90
                       to_char(c.date_open, 'YYYY-MM-DD') as opening_date,
 91
                       to_char(c.date_closed, 'YYYY-mm-dd') as date_closed,
 92
                       c.state.
                   FROM
113
114
                       crm_lead c
115
116
117crm_lead_report()
```



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Diagram Views

- Workflow Editor existed in Web Client 5.0
- Transformed into generic view, available in GTK too
- New <diagram> view type
- Constructed with

 - <field> (included in quick view)
- Objects must form a coherent graph
- <node> model must have a many2one to its container



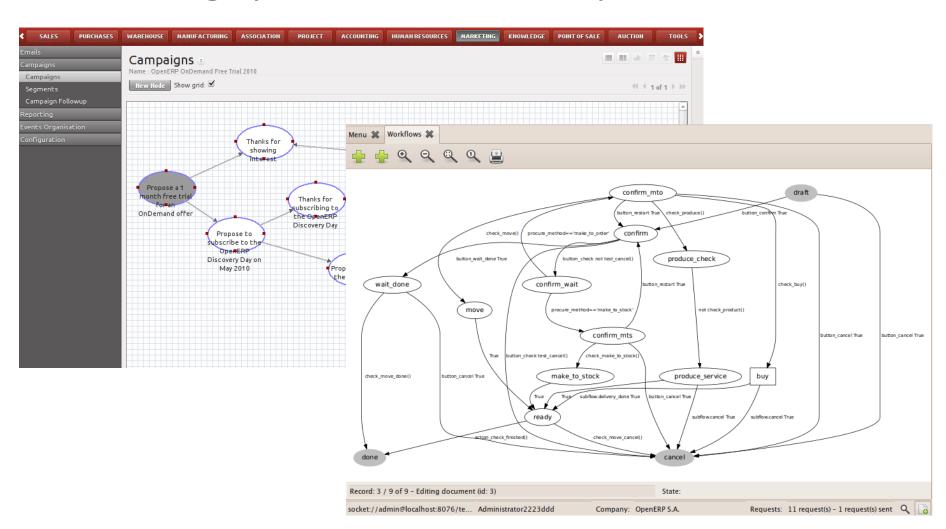
Diagram Views

```
1<diagram string="Workflow Editor">
      <node object="workflow.activity" shape="rectangle:subflow_id!=False"</pre>
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
            bgcolor="gray:flow start==True;grey:flow stop==True">
          <field name="name"/>
          <field name="kind"/>
          <field name="action"/>
          <field name="flow start" invisible="1"/>
          <field name="flow stop" invisible="1"/>
          <field name="subflow id" invisible="1"/>
10
      </node>
11
      <arrow object="workflow.transition" source="act from" destination="act to"</pre>
12
             label="['signal','condition']">
13
          <field name="act from"/>
14
          <field name="act to"/>
15
          <field name="signal"/>
16
      </arrow>
17</diagram>
```



Diagram Views

Allows graphical definition of complex structures





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Multi-Company



- Now built-in in all applications
- multi_company module = demo data only
- in-depth review added specific internal operations:
 - e.g. for warehouse management:
 - » inventory push/pull flows, transit locations
 - » multi-company invoice control based on push/pull flows
 - » More on this in functional training (tomorrow PM)



Multi-company

- Many models now have a direct or indirect link to a company (many2one or related field)
 - e.g: sale.order.line → sale.order → shop → company
- Relevant company is assigned when creating new records
- Special group is needed to view multi-company fields
 - Useability/Multi Companies
- Users can belong to several companies, but select the one the current context they work in, via Preferences
- Visibility of records depends on Company they belong to, current Company of user, and Record Rules.



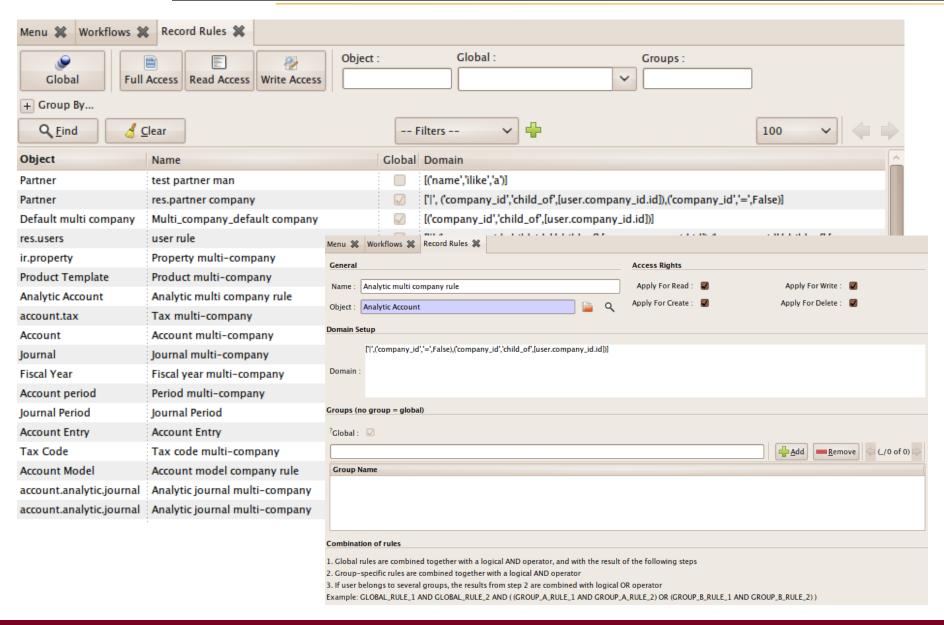
Multi-company

- Record rules have been improved since v5.0
- No more rule groups directly linked to user groups
- Now controlled per mode: create/read/update/delete
- Strong security semantics between "global" and "local" (group-specific) rules
 - Global rules cannot be bypassed under any circumstance, and always restrict the access
 - Local rules are additive and grant more access

global1 AND global2 AND (local1 OR local2)



Multi-company: Security





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Testing framework: YAML

- New YAML data serialization supported in v6
- Data-oriented syntax "YAML Ain't a Markup Language"
- Whitespace delimiters, Python-like
- Human-readable
 - no quotes, brackets, braces, ... by default
- Works very well for data, quite suited for tests

```
receipt: Oz-Ware Purchase Invoice
date: 2007-08-06
customer: Dorothy Gale
items:
    - part_no: A4786
    descrip: Water Bucket (Filled)
    price: 1.47
    quantity: 4
```



Testing framework: YAML

- Supports everything supported by XML and more
 - Calling internal service such as workflows
 - Arbitrary python code
- When added to the test section of the module descriptor, tests are rolled back by default
- New logging level test for showing test results



OpenERP YAML Syntax

- OpenERP supports specific custom types:
 - !record {model: res_model, id: xml_id, context: {...} }
 - !python {model: res_model}
 - !workflow {model:res_model, action:signal, ref: xml_id}
- And equivalents for all XML supported elements
 - !act_window
 - !report
 - !function
 - !menuitem
 - !assert
 - etc.



Simple YAML Example

```
3
     Create project 'OpenERP Training Programme'
 5
 6
     !record {model: project.project, id: project_project_openerptrainingprogramme0}:
 7
       company_id: base.main_company
 8
       name: OpenERP Training Programme
 9
10
     Create task 'Technical Training' for this project
11 -
12
     !record {model: project.task, id: project_task_technicaltraining0}:
13
       date_start: '2010-05-31 11:48:38'
       name: Technical Training
14
15
       planned_hours: 30.0
       project_id: project_project_openerptrainingprogramme0
16
17
       remaining_hours: 30.0
18
       state: draft
```



Advanced YAML Example

```
179 -
      Make a work task entry 'Training on workflows' of 10 hours
180
181 -
182
      !record {model: project.task, id: project_task_technicaltraining0, context:{'no_analytic_entry':True}}:
183
        work ids:
          - date: '2010-06-02 15:05:24'
184
185
            hours: 10.0
186
            name: Training on workflows
187
            user_id: base.user_root
188 -
      Reevaluate the task
189
190 -
191
      !python {model: project.task.reevaluate}: |
        self.compute_hours(cr, uid, [ref("config_compute_remaining_0")], {"lang": "en_US",
192
          "project_id": False, "tz": False, "active_model": "project.task", "search_default_project_id":
193
194
          False, "search_default_user_id": 1, "search_default_current": 1, "active_ids":
195
          [ref("project_task_technicaltraining0")], "active_id": ref("project_task_technicaltraining0"), })
196
197 -
       Check for effective hours and remaining hours, remaining_hours must be 10 while planned_hours remains 30
198
199 -
       !assert {model: project.task, id: project_task_technicaltraining0, severity: error, string: After... }
200
           - planned_hours == 30
201
           - remaining_hours == 10.0
202
           - effective_hours == 30.0
203
```



YAML: Scenario Export

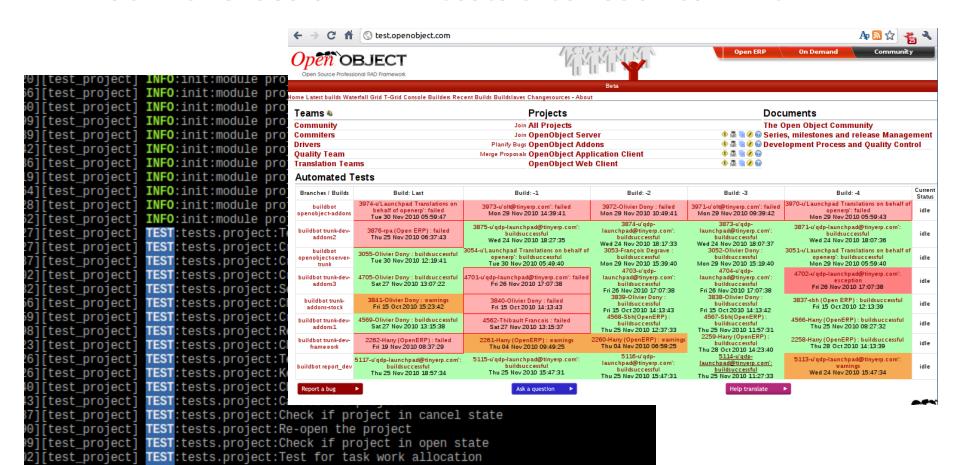
base_module_record can now output YAML as well





YAML: Continuous Integration

 http://test.openobject.com (buildbot) builds each of our hundreds of YAML tests after each commit





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Usability Guidelines

- Several Guidelines sections have been added to the online documentation (doc.openerp.com)
 - Coding Guidelines
 - YAML Guidelines
 - Usability Book (including guidelines)
- Usability guidelines are very important for 6.0!
- Needed to maintain coherent look and feel
- Help users directly locate what they need, when they need it, to be efficient "Don't make me think"
- Hide the complexity!



Usability Guidelines

- Integrate within Business Applications
 - Note: Groups and Access Rights are per Business Application (not per module)
- Keep menu structure "lean", and in logical sequence
- Design Search Views
- Integrate/use the new configuration wizards
 - See new res.config and res.config.installer core classes
- Add Dashboard views and real-time Reports (group_by)



Usability: menu structure

- Most important items / First ones at top
- Reporting is at bottom
- Configuration is hidden (admin only)
- Use short, business-oriented names
- Example:
 - Main application
 - » (Address book)
 - » ... other items ...
 - » (Billing)
 - » (Products)
 - » Reporting
 - » Configuration



Usability: Search Views



- Filters are on top-left, grouped by context, most important ones first
- Then search fields, same order as list columns
- Optional collapsed group for "Extended filters"
 - Organized by logical context
 - Add nested filter to toggle column visibility when useful
- Optional collapsed group for "Group-By"
 - Buttons organized by logical context
 - Usually: Persons, Document States, Places, Dates



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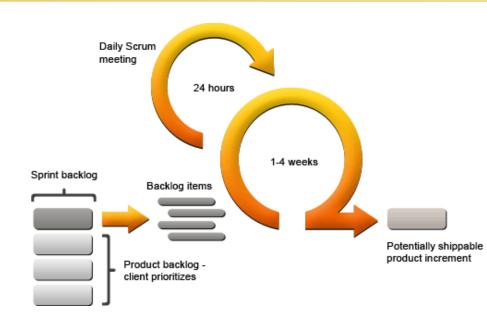
New R&D Processes

- Agile methodology for Product development: SCRUM
- Formal Bug management and Bug handling process
 - R&D teams distinct from Support/Maintenance teams
- Strong focus on
 - Quality
 - Peer Reviews
 - Continuous testing
 - Continuous improvement



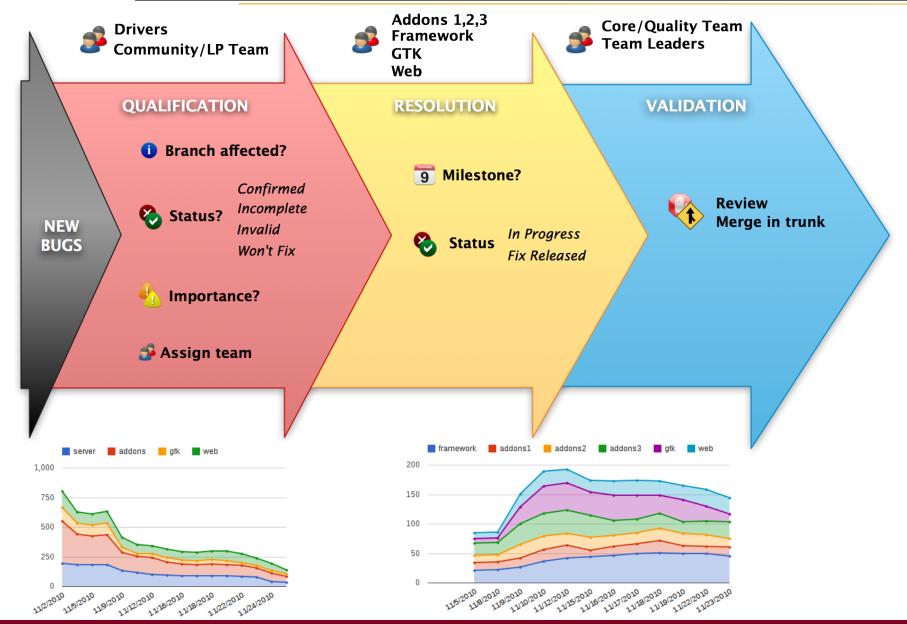
Product Development Process

- Agile SCRUM sprints
- Sprint contents: Product backlog + Launchpad
- R&D Teams:
 - Web, GTK, Framework
 - Addons1, Addons2, Addons3
- All code reviewed by team leaders before end-ofsprint and merge into trunk



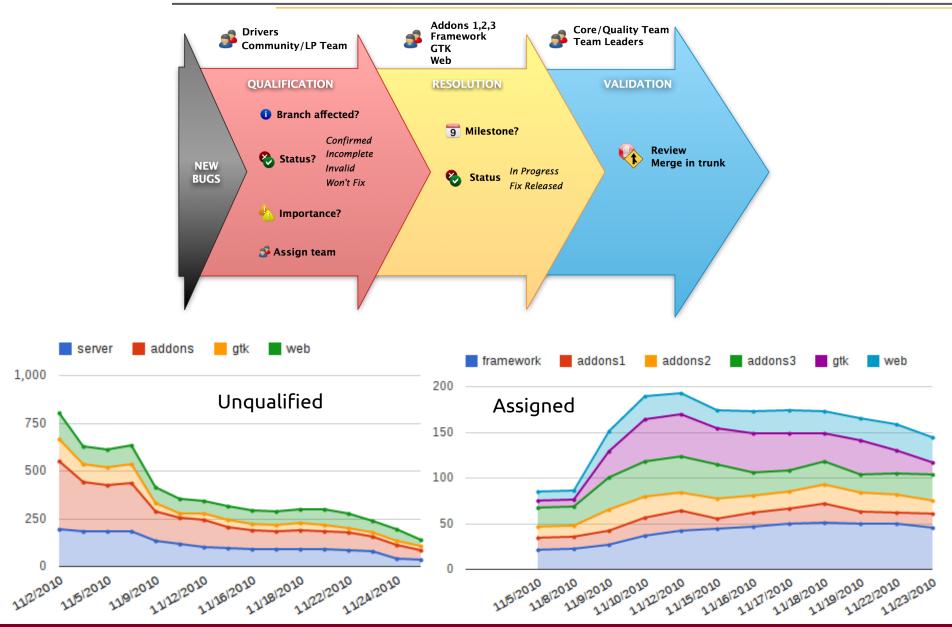


Bug Management Process





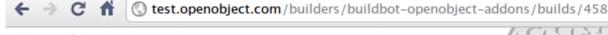
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Continuous Integration





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Reason:

- purchase/test/purchase_from_manual.yml[warning]: Assertio
- purchase/test/purchase_from_picking.yml[warning]: Assertio
- /usr/lib/python2.6/dist-packages/reportlab/graphics/barcode/



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Results:

buildbot.status.builder.BuildStatus

- 1. account.install: Success
- account.test: Success
- account_accountant.install: Succes
- account_analytic_analysis.install: Succes
- account_analytic_default.install: Succes
- account_analytic_plans.install: Succes
- account_analytic_plans.test: Success
- 8. account_anglo_saxon.install: Succes
- account_budget.install: Success
- 10. account budget.test: Success
- account_cancel.install: Success
- account_chart.install: Success
- account coda.install: Success
- 14. account followup.install: Success
- 15. account followup.test: Success
- account invoice layout.install: Success
- 17. account payment.install: Success
- 18. account_payment.test: Success
- 19. account reporting install: Succes
- account_reporting.test: Success
- account_voucher.install: Success
- 22. account voucher.test: Success
- analytic.install: Success
- 24. analytic journal billing rate.install: Success

Builder buildbot-openobject-addons build #458 test purchase.test

Result

purchase/test/purchase from manual.yml[warning]: AssertionError in Python code : Pending Invoice is not created! purchase/test/purchase_from_picking.yml[warning]: AssertionError in Python code : Pending Invoice is not created!

```
Log: stdout
[2010-11-02 08:13:02,673][openobject-addons] TEST:tests.purchase:In order to test the purchase flow,I start by creating a new pu
[2010-11-02 08:13:02,853][openobject-addons]
                                             TEST:tests.purchase:In order to test the purchase flow,I create a new record where
[2010-11-02 08:13:02,853][openobject-addons]
                                            TEST:tests.purchase:I create purchase order for iPod.
[2010-11-02 08:13:02,880][openobject-addons] TEST:tests.purchase:Initially purchase order is in the draft state.
[2010-11-02 08:13:02,882][openobject-addons] TEST:tests.purchase:I confirm the purchase order for iPod.
[2010-11-02 08:13:03,774][openobject-addons]
                                            TEST:tests.purchase:I check that the order which was initially in the draft state !
```

[2010-11-02 08:13:03,776][openobject-addons] TEST:tests.purchase:I check that an entry gets created in the "Lines to Invoice" of [2010-11-02 08:13:03,779][openobject-addons] TEST:tests.purchase:To check that wizard "Create Invoices" gets called. [2010-11-02 08:13:03,779][openobject-addons] TEST:tests.purchase:I create purchase order line invoice entry. [2010-11-02 08:13:03,779][openobject-addons] TEST:tests.purchase:I create invoice for products in the purchase order.

[2010-11-02 08:13:03,801][openobject-addons] TEST:tests.purchase:I check that invoice gets created.

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Web Add-ons

- Web client was overhauled for v6.0: design and technology
- Web client may now have add-ons
- Web Add-ons are embedded in regular modules
- Web Add-ons may alter the default web client in the following areas:
 - Controllers
 - Templates
 - Widgets





Web Add-ons: structure

- Embedded within web directory inside module
- Easy deployment
- Inspired by server-side modules, but simplified
- __openerp__.py
 - name and dependencies, you may add your own metadata
- __init__.py
 - Python package, ensure that everything that needs to be loaded within web client is imported
- pad
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 controllers.py
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 paditors.py
 company_pad.py
 company_pad.xml
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Web-Addons: Controllers

- Inherit from either:
 - openobject.controllers.BaseController
 - openerp.controllers.SecuredController (for logged-in controllers)
- CherryPy exposition of methods, @expose shortcut
- _cp_path to define the controller's root
- Can Python-inherit from existing controller object to extend
- Set same _cp_path to override existing controller



Web Add-on: Controller Example

```
1class Etherpad(openerp.controllers.SecuredController):
      cp path = "/etherpad"
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      @expose('json', methods=('POST',))
      def link(self, pad_name):
          params, data = TinyDict.split(cherrypy.session['params'])
          ctx = dict(rpc.session.context,
               default res model=params.model,
               default res id=params.id)
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          pad link = make link(pad name)
          attachment_id = rpc.RPCProxy('ir.attachment').create({
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               'name': pad_name,
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               'url': pad link,
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               }, ctx)
16
          return {
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               'id': attachment id,
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               'name': pad name,
               'url': pad link}
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```



Web Add-on: Templates Extension

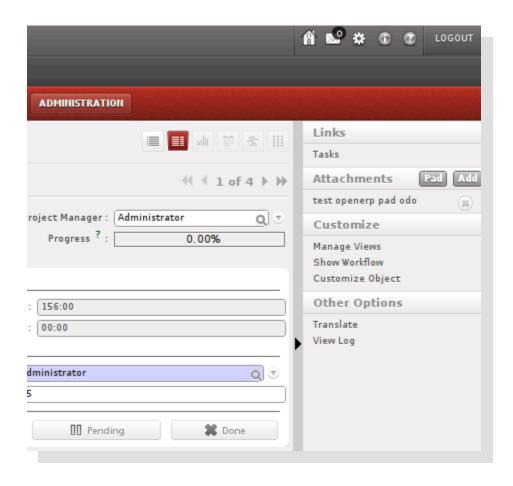
- Web client uses Mako-based templates
- Add-ons can register editor objects to do text manipulation of the "raw" make code
- Example:

```
1class SidebarTemplateEditor(openobject.templating.TemplateEditor):
      templates = ['/openerp/widgets/templates/sidebar.mako']
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      ADD ATTACHMENT BUTTON = u'id="add-attachment"'
      def edit(self, template, template text):
          output = super(SidebarTemplateEditor, self).edit(template, template text)
          form opener insertion = output.index(
              '\n'.
              output.index(self.ADD ATTACHMENT BUTTON)) + 1
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          output = output[:form opener insertion] + \
               '''<a href="#" id="add-pad" class="button-a"
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12
                 style="right: 36px;"
13
                 >${ ("Pad")}</a>\n''' + \
              output[form opener insertion:]
14
15
          return output
```



Web Add-on: Example

See the pad module for an example



HTML in views

- Apart from web add-ons, <html> may now be embedded in XML views
- Supported by web client only
- See html_view module for an example

Example:

```
1<field name="arch" type="xml">
    <form string="Html Example">
        <html>
           <h2>This is Test Html Page </h2>
           >
              Name:
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              11
                  <field name="name"/>
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              13
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                  Company:
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                  <field name="comp id"/>
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           <field name="bank ids"/>
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        </html>
    </form>
24</field>
```



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Other Improvements

- Simpler __openerp__ structure: data, demo, test
- API:
 - _defaults may be literal
 - _constraints, _sql_constraints may be callables
- Security:
 - safe_eval replaced built-in eval
 - Private _methods() not callable via RPC
- Translations: improved and synchronized with LP
- Reporting engine more modular (e.g report_webkit)
- Performance improvements in RML reports
 - <blockTable rowHeights="2cm" colWidths="11.0,7.0">
 - Smarter translations, cached



Other Improvements

- Actions have new properties:
 - help="Business description for this action"
 - multi=True
- Simpler XML declaration for wizards actions
- res.roles => res.groups
- No more roles by default in workflows
- base_report_designer includes OOo plugin
- For more info, see:
 - Updated Technical Memento (Partner Preview available)
 - Technical Presentation Webinar
 - Online Documentation



Development Tips

- Improved views in Admin menus, with XML IDs
- 'View logs' shows XML ID now
- Debugging tooltips in GTK and Web
- new logging levels: test, debug_rpc, debug_rpc_answer, debug_sql
- command-line instance creation: -d dbname -i base
- Test reports





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