Context & Spaces
Brief intro to context.module

- Passing information during page load.
- Modeling ideas larger than Drupal parts.
- Keeping php out of the database.
The API – Setting Context

context_set($namespace, $attribute, $value);
The API – Getting Context

$foo = context_get($namespace, $attribute);
Getting real work done.

- hook_nodeapi() & hook_form_alter()
- A “print” context.
- Layering contexts (group/feature/display... )
Brief into to the Context UI

(demo)
Spaces
What is a feature?

• More than display.
• A set of actions, a workflow.
• In Drupal this means a collection of views, blocks, content types, etc
Features and Groups

- OG relates nodes and users to a 'group'.
- A feature's primary relation is to its content type(s).
- Spaces takes over content types according to a group's features.
In action

- 8trees – A private intranet platform.
- The SEEP Community – Collaboration for a dispersed professional network.
- Green Media Toolshed – Public and private tools for environmental change.
What about panel's context?

- Very similar concepts – but works only in panel pages.
- They should play nice.
- We've probably identified a common problem that should have a accepted solution.
Spaces in the future

- Releasing
- Upgrading to 6.x
- More robust prefix support.
- More kinds of spaces
  (taxonomy/users/domain/i18n)
Thanks!

- Context  http://drupal.org/project/context
- Spaces  http://drupal.org/project/spaces
- Blogging  http://developmentseed.org/blog