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 it's content type(s).

- Spaces takes over content types according to a groups 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