

Integration of SVN into PVSS

Choices and Challenges

Outline



- PVSS Architecture and Basic Concepts
 - Projects
 - Gedi
- Versioning Control in PVSS
 - Strategy
 - Ctrl Interface
 - Integration into GEDI
- Current challenges

PVSS architecture



PVSS is a SCADA system suitable for Large Distributed Control Systems





PVSS concepts

Basic Concepts



PVSS concepts



PVSS Projects

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PVSS concepts

GEDI

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- A PVSS Integrated Development Environment
 - Creation of Panels and Scripts
 - Access to different functionalities (para, system, ...)

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Versioning Control in PVSS



- Benefits of using Version Control are well known
 - Change control, accountability, rollback, team collaboration, backup
- PVSS Projects change over time
 - We want those benefits into PVSS.
 - Panels, scripts, datapoints are candidates
 - not the project database, however
 - Keeps the current project running status
 - Most development is on static components
- GEDI should embed versioning control capabilities

Versioning Control in PVSS

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- Strategy
 - Gedi is an UI Manager
 - Understands Scripting Language (CTRL)
 - Before loading, project view runs a ctrl script
 - We can add





Ctrl SVN interface

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Ctrl SVN interface

CTRL allows for system calls

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Ctrl SVN interface



Ctrl SVN library summary

- Portable library, supporting linux and win32
- Abstracts SVN command line

Interface

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string	doSvnCommit	(string f	filePath, string commentText = "")
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dyn_string	doSvnCheckout	(string p	projectPath, string projectSvnUrl)
dyn_string	doSvnExport	(string p	projectPath, string projectSvnUrl)
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Auxiliar functions

dyn_string parseStatusLine(string line) void SVN_command(string cmd, string fileName) void DebugSvn(string message) ...



Objective

- Enhance the Project View with SVN capabilities
 - Using the Ctrl SVN interface
- Limitations
 - GEDI Project View has limited hooks
 - Context Menus, toolbar menus
 - Not oriented to work with subprojects
- Solution
 - Prototype project view with panels
 - Panels are read by the UI Manager
 - We can implement additional functionalities
 - UI understands Ctrl, so re-use Ctrl SVN interface!







There are limitations to the available solution:

- Dependencies
 - external installation of svn comand line client is required
- Authentication should be in place
 - Pageant(Putty) + .pkp
 - https certificates
 - Password based authentication not possible
- Resolving conflicts not trivial
 - Svn command line client requires user input
 - Ex: SVN update with conflicts
 - SvnCTRL library based on system() calls, no interaction
- Some solutions have been explored:



- Write a client based on the SVN C API
 - [+] could be closely binded to PVSS
 - [-] significant amount of coding involved
- Change svn command line client
 - sending callbacks into dialog boxes
 - [+] easier development, Apache License
 - [-] distribution of a specific re-compiled svn command line client required
- Change the system() call on the Ctrl code to allow callbacks
 - [+] not requiring recompilation of svn command line client and distribution
 - [-] first trials not successful due to decoupling between Ctrl and C



- How to use SVN more effectively in GEDI?
 - PVSS projects are developed while running!
 - internal db always changing
 - GEDI is an IDE, but at the same time, UI Manager
 - Depends on a running instance of PVSS, unlike typical IDE's
 - Notion of reusable components is limited
 - Sub projects must contain "static" files/objects
 - Associated datapoints/configs must go in running project
 - CERN developed its own approach for reusable code
 - JCOP framework / Unicos
 - Installation tool
 - Suitable for creation and deployment of components
 - able to pack/unpack code
 - run pre and post processing of datapoints/configs
 - Manages dependencies

Integration of SVN and Installation Tool

- Read xml descriptions from SVN repository
- SVN checkout processes Installation Tool rules
- SVN commit creates Installation Tool rules



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Conclusion



SVN can improve PVSS

- Projects are file based as other software
- Some specificities apply (running database)
- SVN features were integrated into GEDI
 - Using a CTRL SVN client interface
 - Based on svn command line client
 - Using PVSS's ctrl scripting language
 - Graphical tools were created
- There are some challenges to tackle
 - Enhance the Ctrl SVN library
 - Different approaches were analysed
 - Integration with the Installation Tool
 - An adequate solution for deployment
 - Would benefit CERN users directly





- Thank You for your attention!
- Questions?



Support slides



Implementation of graphical panels

- Tree View Panel
 - Svn Project Information
 - Project Tree
- Svn Repository View
 - Checkout / Export / Import SubProjects
- Standard Dialogs
 - for svn operations and comments
- Diffing Viewers
- SVN checking tools
 - Help users detect setup errors
- Easy Install
 - Add sub project
 - Add config information (default svn url)
 - That's it!
 - panels, scripts, toolbar menus automatically loaded



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