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www.SciX.net

## **Background**

website (1993)

#### the ITcon journal (1996)

- electronic journal of IT in construction
- publication time 4-5 months
- 500-1000 readers per paper

#### **CUMINCAD (1999)**

- cumulative index of CAAD
- the resource for CAAD community
- 800+ registered users

#### survey on e-publishing (2000)

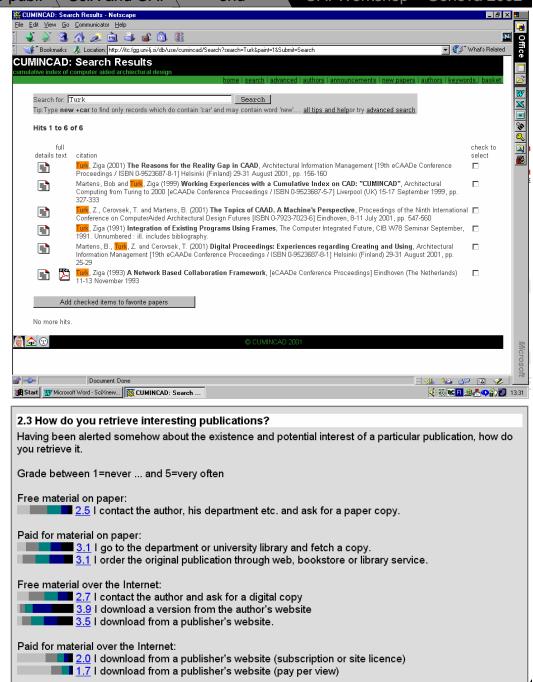
read electronic, publish on paper; don't care who reads

#### W78'96 and W78'2000

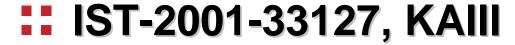
web based conferenceorganisation

## interoperability of CAD software

- 1000s data types
- 100s of programes



# SciX project



**■ EU funding €1.000.000** 

200 person months,

**Project duration** 

1.2.2002 - 31.1.2004

Partners: 7

Deliverables: 20, all public and open source

:: Web: www.SciX.net

## Open, self organising repository for scientific information exchange



- demonstrate that the Internet enables new business models for the scientific publishing process
  - as is model
  - to be model
- enable the scientists
  - create digital archives vs. web pages
  - time- and cost-efficient access to their peers' work,
  - create an on-line community of authors and readers
  - disseminate scientific work to nonscientists, like engineers or architects

### **Current situation**

- **do research**
- write paper for free
- :: review for free
- edit journal for free
- give away the copy-right for free

buy the results of the above (subscribe to journal)





SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION EXCHANGE

## Webtop publishing

- ground up, grassroots approach
- **::** many small publishers
  - universities
  - professional organizations
  - individuals
- result today: website
- :: result tommorow: digital archive



# Support for digital archives

### archive

- publishing and archiving platform
- workflow support: submission, review, revision, publishing, readership monitoring ...
- self management, classification

### cross archive

- metadata harvesting ... and
- searching
- user management
- content clustering
- full content

### non technical

prestige, image, quality certification



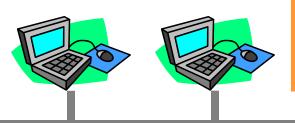








## **Draft architecture**



readers authors librarians publishers





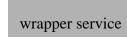
server:user communication: http, HTML

server:server communication: http, XML, SOAP, WSDL



service providers











user management



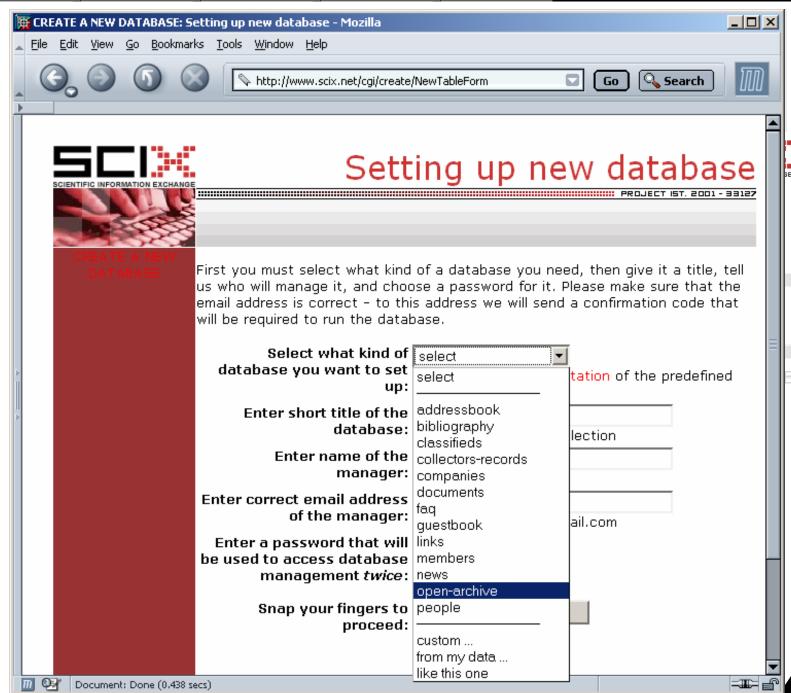


## How hard can it be?

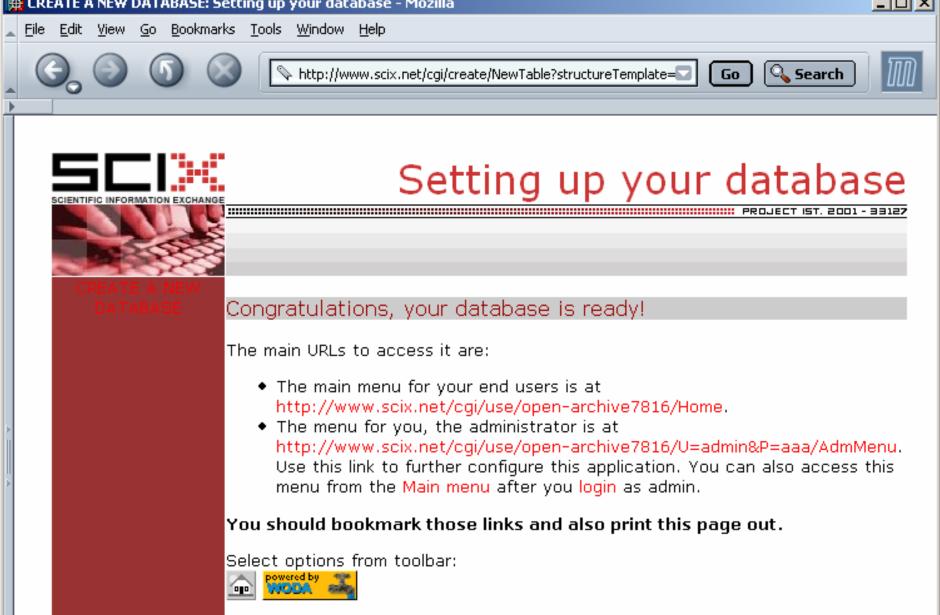
- **write your own software**
- buy commercial software
- get openSource software, compile, install ... maintain

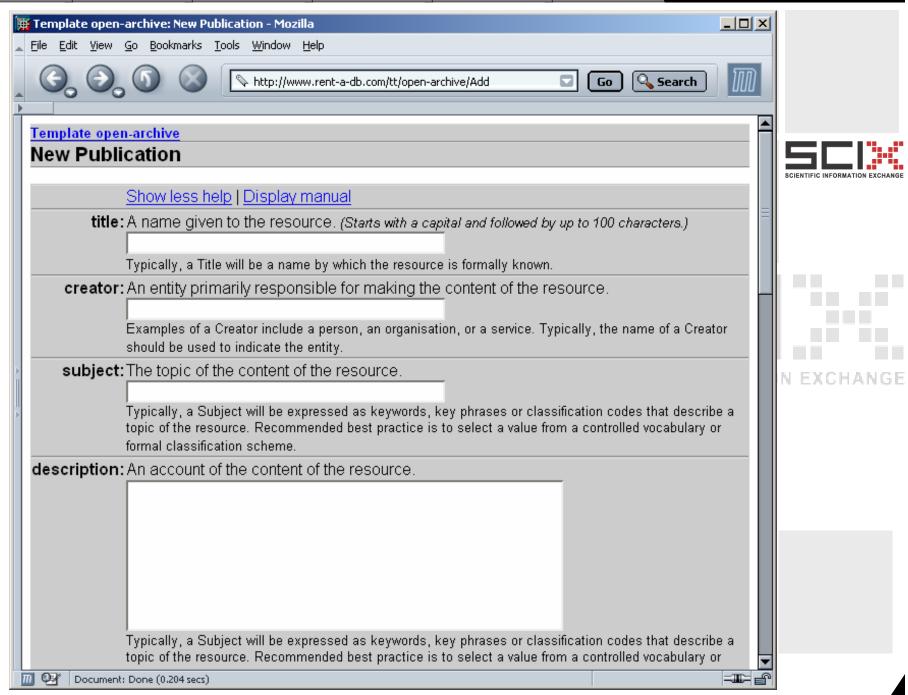
- SciX
  - rent infrastructure
  - customize using forms on the Web
  - demo ...











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### Conclusions

- SciX will use WSDL, XML and OAI standards for inter-archive data exchange
- SciX will trivialize the creation and management of open archives
- SciX is identifying needs for other kinds of cross archive collaboration
- psychological, social and economic problems remain
  - a network of small, independent publishers and content providers would make individual effort like ours stronger



