LogiLogi Manta

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Web 2.0 for the Humanities
Introduction

- Humanities stuck in their web
- Forget Forums and Wiki's
- Then comes the Manta
  - [iWk]{4}, Rating, Tagging
  - One Logi per Idea
  - A Competitive Meritocracy
  - Incremental Discussions
- Some nifty Features
Humanities stuck in their web

- Core approaches in the Humanities
  - Digitalization of libraries (digital libraries)
  - 90's style
  - XML entanglement

- Special issues
  - Conservatism
  - Digital illiteracy
  - Plurality of paradigms
Humanities stuck in their web
Forget forums and wikis

- Forums
  - Fragmentation in threads

- Wiki's
  - Disagreement in one document :-(
  - No Intellectual Responsibility

- Both
  - Openness XOR Quality
  - No social rewards
Forget forums and wikis
Then comes the Manta

- Platform for humanities-related discussions
  - Inspired by Bruno Latours philosophy of science
- Core values
  - Openness and Quality
  - ++'s of Spoken & Written communication
- Code
  - In Ruby on Rails, AJAX-ified, fluffy documentation
  - 15.000+ LOC == 4 Ohloh man-years, in 10 months
  - GPL v3
[iWk]{4}, Rating & Tagging

- Anyone can add Documents and Links
  - but not edit text
- Documents can be rated from peer-groups
  - room for different viewpoints (paradigms)
  - authors are rewarded with voting-power
- Links are to tags
  - documents to names => many-to-many
  - allows for incremental growth
Wiki – One Logi per Idea

• Indeed add links to text you can't modify!
  – Like adding a footnote to an already printed article
• Fork or write new documents, don't re-edit them
  – Keeps both documents clear
• One Logi per idea and one idea per Logi
  – Max. 1-3 normal pages, write to the point
  – Serve different audiences (optionally after the first)
  – Integrate & cooperate on the philosophical Bazaar!
Rating – a Competitive Meritocracy

- If multiple documents contend, ratings decide
- Users pick a peer-group for viewing
  - Quality & Expertise is context-dependent
  - Thus rated from multiple viewpoints
- Peergroups of manta are Meritocracies
  - Good work means (more) voting power
  - Peergroups are self-organizing
Tagging – Incremental Discussions

• Links are to tags, urls aren't static
  – /LogiLogi/manta
  – they can be to languages with @<language-code>
  – and to Logi's with =i<id-nr>

• Links are resolved as requested and found
  – if manta does not exist inside /LogiLogi, it looks for /manta
  – incremental & contextual specialization
Some nifty Features

- All comments are documents themselves

- Requested & Received links:

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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>philosophy / Aristotle</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Aristotle @en =i127 =v1</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
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- Cloven links:

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This site, LogiLogi, intends to make insightful humanities-related conversations. We want to bring back the quality of spoken conversation and satisfaction with the quality of content. The answer is social tagging + rating, with different groups. Anyone can start a peer-group,
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/Manta_Ray reference
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/LogiLogi/manta reference
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Rating Lang  Logi ID  Title
2.0  @en  =i124
~    @en  =i127
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Conclusion

- Web 2.0
  - Can be a good fit for the Humanities

- LogiLogi Manta is
  - One Logi per Idea
  - Competitive Meritocracy
  - Incremental Discussions

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(yes next speaker Bram, the Manta is abducting your audience :-)

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