

Subversion - Adoption in the Enterprise

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Overview

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Why Subversion?

Business Drivers

- No licence cost
- Consolidation and Control benefit of encouraging users onto a common, managed platform
- Reduced time to set-up development environment
- Increase in productivity from performance across WAN
- Integration with best of breed application development tools (Issue Management, Wiki's ...)

Technology Drivers

- Global development teams
 - The SCM product prior to Subversion was a good mature product but worked less well over a WAN
- Improved version of CVS
- Removal of a basic pain point for the application development teams



Challenges

- No budget for infrastructure
- No budget for resources
- Organisational & cultural impedance
- Technical architecture: security

Approach

- Start with a small set of friendly projects
- Create momentum
- Spread the word
- Produce a business case for a Shared Central service
- Pragmatic: No forced replacement of existing solutions-initially
- Training
- Security challenge: Subversion access solely via the Apache plugin

Results

- Now over 3000 users, 600 within first 2 months
- Infrastructure at a single location but used globally
- More Efficient Support model

Questions?

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