

Developing an architecture of participation



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about communities of practice



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Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly

(Etienne Wenger)



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domain

A community of practice ... has an identity defined by a shared domain of interest. Membership therefore implies a commitment to the domain, and therefore a shared competence that distinguishes members from other people.

(Etienne Wenger)



community

In pursuing their interest in their domain, members engage in joint activities and discussions, help each other, and share information.

They build relationships that enable them to learn from each other. A website in itself is not a community of practice.

(Etienne Wenger)



practice

Members of a community of practice are practitioners. They develop a shared repertoire of resources: experiences, stories, tools, ways of addressing recurring problems in short a shared practice. This takes time and sustained interaction

(Etienne Wenger)



knowledge

Communities share
insights, negotiate and
create knowledge
together

(Maarten de Laat)



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open space

communities take charge of their own learning agenda driven by a shared interest for advancing the knowledge domain and their practice



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social software

Social software lets people rendezvous, connect or collaborate by use of a computer network



networks

smaller, simpler distributed
networks of people, content and
services that are
more adaptable and
responsive to changing needs and
goals



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building shared identities

sharing profiles, interests,
needs, wishes and
desires



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collective learning

sharing news, commenting on
news, writing opinions, reviewing
applications, adding ratings,
participating in seminars



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collective research

co-writing, developing
scenarios, annotating
and critiquing



the bazaar

a community portal to support
social networking, information
exchange and sharing of practice
on issues and solutions around
Open Source for learning in
Europe



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