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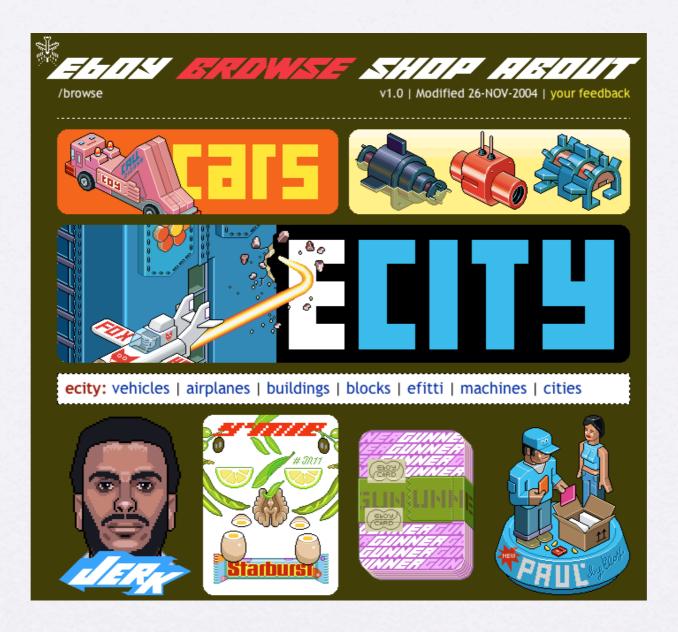
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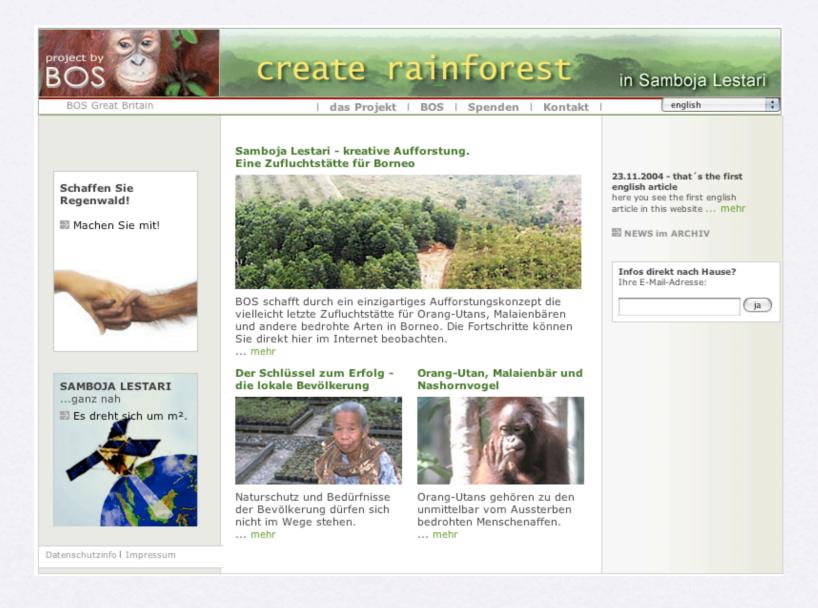
• Baikonour is a russian satellite launch platform

BKNR?

- BKNR is a LISP satellite launch platform
 - LISP applications are satellites
 - BKNR has facilities to help you build applications:
 - indices, datastore, XML import/export, web framework, templates



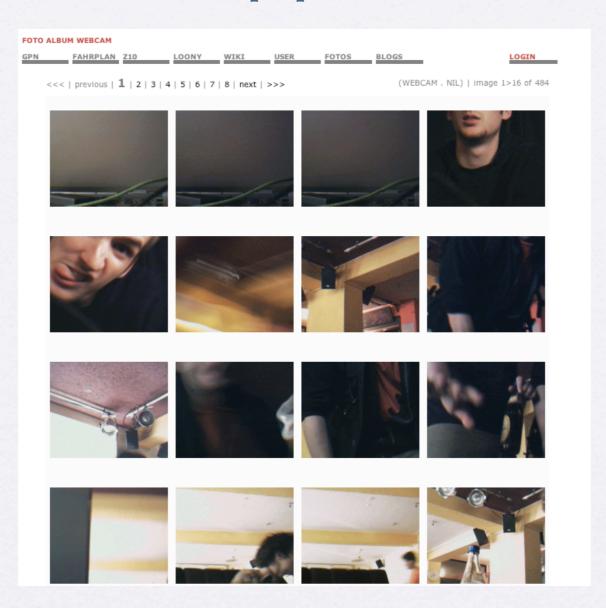
• eboy.com website



BOS creates rainforest



European Lisp Workshop temporary website
 (1 day of hacking in a park in Oslo)



• GPN (hacker convention) website (Interactive tamagotchi DJ)

BKNR datastore

- Prevalence datastore
 - All data is held in RAM
 - RAM is cheap, data is small
 - Transactions are made explicit in the sourcecode
 - Executed transactions are logged to disk

BKNR datastore

- Transactions are declared with DEFTRANSACTION
 - Defines a function TX- that will be executed in transaction context
 - The main form gets the store locks, executes the transaction, and writes the calling form to disk if no error occured

BKNR datastore

(deftransaction incf-counter ()
(incf (tutorial-store-counter *store*)))



BKNR Datastore

- On store creation, the existing transaction log is loaded, and all the transactions are executed
- Previously: SEXP-based syntax
- Now: binary format (much faster)

BKNR Datastore

- Persistent state can also be snapshotted
- The store can have subsystems that are able to snapshot persistent state
- Most important subsystem:
 - the object subsystem

Object Datastore

- Declare persistent classes
 - Persistent slots or transient slots
 - Transactions to create an object, to delete an object, to modify slot values
 - Initialization protocol: initialize the persistent instance (once for all times), initialize the transient instance (on restore)

Object Datastore

- At snapshot time, the persistent slots are written to a snapshot file, the transaction-log is removed
 - References are saved too
 - References to deleted objects can be handled with relaxed references

Object Datastore

- DEFINE-PERSISTENT-CLASS macro
- Transactions: MAKE-OBJECT, DELETE-OBJECT, CHANGE-SLOT-VALUES
- Query functions: STORE-OBJECT-WITH-ID, CLASS-INSTANCES

- Now we have persistence, but traditional databases have indices, and a query language
- We want to use LISP as our query language
- However, we don't want to write indexing code for each class

- Use MOP to add indices to CLOS classes
- Add slot indices with additional slot options
 - INDEX-TYPE, INDEX-INITARGS
 - INDEX-READER, INDEX-VALUES,

- Standard indices:
 - SLOT-INDEX, SLOT-STRING-INDEX
 - ARRAY-INDEX
 - CLASS-INDEX

- Indices can be added by defining an object that obeys the Index Protocol
 - INDEX-ADD, INDEX-REMOVE, INDEX-CREATE, ...

- The Object Datastore is implemented using BKNR Indices (class index, ID index)
- Indices can be added to DEFINE-PERSISTENT-CLASS

Blobs in the datastore

- Binary Large Objects can be stored using the Blob subsystem
- Binary data is stored as files in the BLOB-ROOT directory
- Special transactions to create a BLOB from a File, from a Stream, from an array

XML Import/Export

- Exchanging data with the rest of the world is important
 - XML is the most used data format
- Data layout can (somewhat) be defined using a DTD
- It would be nice to map from XML to CLOS objects

XML Import/Export

- Use CXML to parse DTDs and parse and validate XML files
- Using the parsed DTD, create your CLOS classes
 - Classes are mapped to XML Elements
 - Slots can be mapped to Elements or Attributes

XML Import/Export

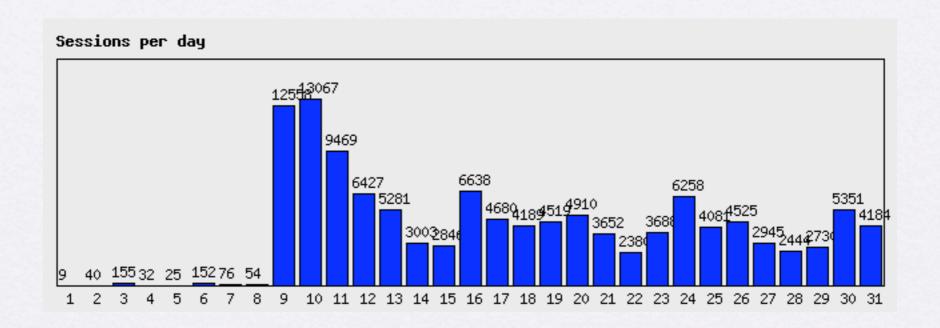
- Import and Export CLOS Objects
- Add indices to CLOS Objects to query XML data
- XML Import/Export will soon be added to the Object Datastore (just a few MOP modifications)

- Web Framework based on AllegroServe
 - Object-oriented handler architecture
 - Sessions, users, images, blogs, rss feeds, statistics, formular handling, HTML generating macros
 - XHTML Templates, allows to call LISP code in Templates

- eboy.com
 - Lots of graphics, intelligent layouter, graphic games



- Quite fast, actually
- eboy.com uses a reverse proxy setup



- GPN (hacker convention) website
- Written in 2 days
- Wiki, blogs, conference timeline, webcams, Tamagotchi MP3 DJ

BKNR: Future

- Release the Web Framework with documentation
- Filesystem handlers (implement dynamic LISP files and LISP directories)
- Mail server + IMAP server (add LISP spam filters, ...)
- LISP OS: LISP compiler + datastore + network