

Ingotec: IT for charities & NGOs

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What is Ingotec?

Not for profit Community Interest Company, offering IT services to charities, NGOs and small businesses

Provides innovative and scalable solutions using a mix of open source and proprietary software

Sharing of expertise, services and infrastructure is environmentally friendly, green, and cost effective



In the beginning...

Intentions

Improve IT service for charities

Offer services through an appropriate company

Implement proof of concept systems

Show both commercial and free offerings for handling email, local file storage, web services, etc

Allow customers to make a choice (usually based on budget)



Guiding principles

Convey IT expertise to charities and similar orgs

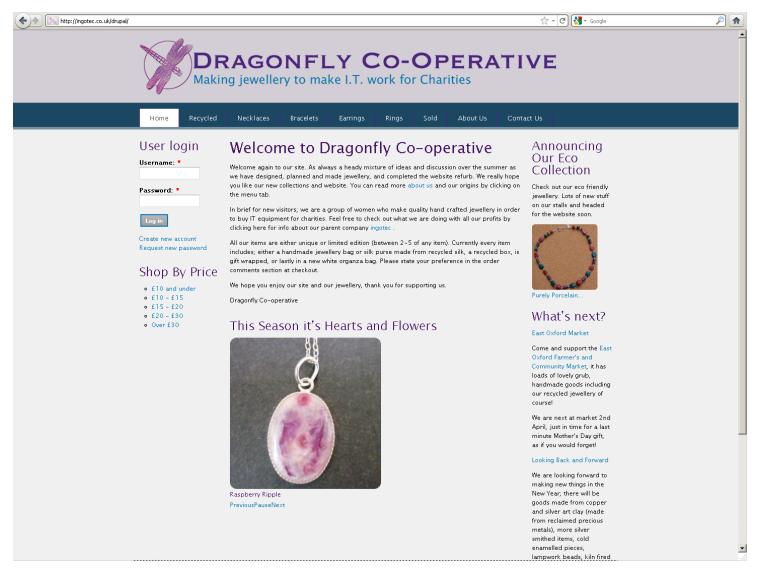
Build and partly manage facilities on their behalf

Operate as a formal company so that the work has a solid basis, long term continuity and governance

Commercial support is required to fund operations

Recycle financial gains back into the business, to fund new developments

Dragonfly an associated project





General dispatch web page

Ingotec Web Facilities



eGroupWare suite

Change password

Simple webmail client

Administration

User provisioning

RT adminstation

Admin's password changer

eGroupWare Setup

MySQL admin

Web statistics

CMS configuration



Who are we?

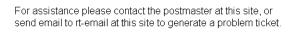
We are a not for profit organisation offering IT services to Charities, NGOs and small businesses.

We aim to provide innovative and scalable solutions to meet the needs of our customers using a mix of open source and proprietary software.

We provide services to a group of charities who whilst retaining thier individual identities share a common infrastructure.

Sharing expertise, services and infrastructure is both environmentally friendly and cost effective.

For more information please visit our web site





LDAP directory goals

Modern flexible directory for user credentials and similar information

Support a variety of third party applications

POSIX compatibility, Samba support

Tools to configure and maintain the directory (which turned out to be a large problem)

Automatic synchronisation between machines

Major Services Offerings

Samba SMB file server

Dovecot IMAP4 mail server

eGroupWare application suite

Drupal Content Mgmt System Postfix SMTP mail server

Password/email web self service

♦User services

Simple webmail

WebDAV

↓ Management services

User p/w & email settings

RT help desk service tickets

SSH, Telnet, FTP for managers Web based user provisioning

OpenLDAP user identity directory

Apache Studio LDAP editor

OpenSUSE Linux

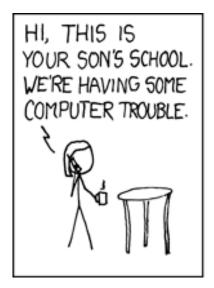
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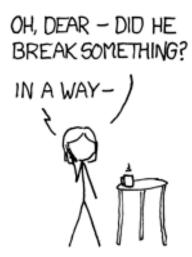
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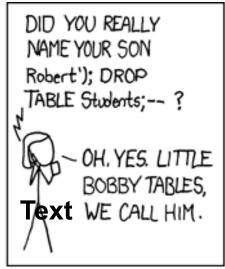
SWAT SMB web control

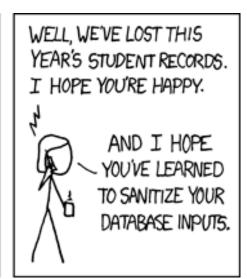
Hot spare server

Ring any bells?









Would the IT Officer who...



LDAP directory for user identity

Apache
Directory Studio
LDAP editor

Webmin scripts for web based user provisioning

Passwd change, web, POSIX and Samba p/w sync

- **♦** Web based administration
- ↓ Linux system internals

Samba suite file server

smbpasswd

Idapsmb: config app, touches POSIX passwd OpenLDAP v3.4 directory server

OpenLDAP client

Idapsearch et al LDAP utilities

3rd party applications

Schema files POSIX, Samba

sldappasswd POSIX only

Webmin, heavily modified

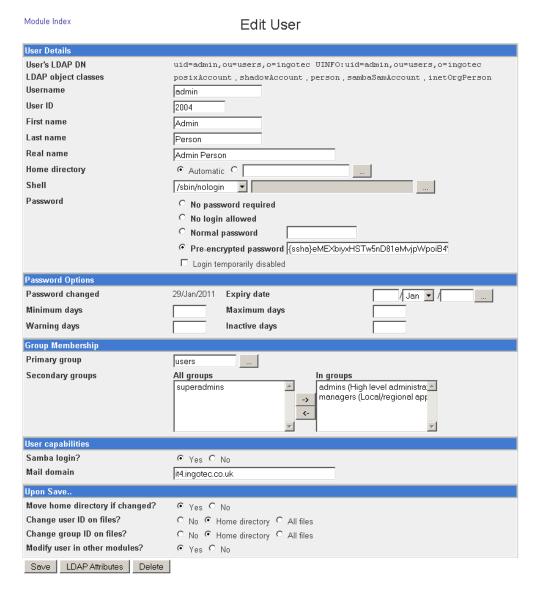


Web based, menu organised, role restricted Create, delete, modify user accounts

Batch facility

Full LDAP attributes, populate home directory, email, sync all passwords

Webmin, user details menu



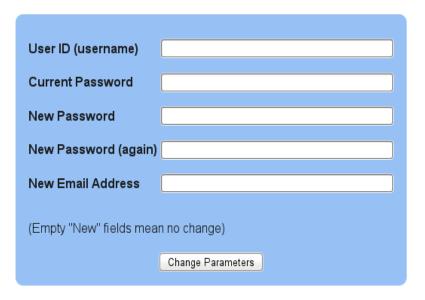
One spot LDAP user provisioning

Includes both
POSIX and Samba,
automatic UID #,
home directory,
email, p/w, etc



Password self-service, via web

Change Password and Email Address



If your current password has been forgotten please contact the administrator at this host

Password Administrator

Allow an administrator to change a user's password and email address

Administrator LDAP DN	
Administrator Password	
User ID (username)	
New Password	
New Password (again)	
New Email Address	
(Empty "New" fields mean no change)	
LDAP kind (uid, cn, sn)	uid
LDAP search base	ou=users,o=ingotec
Change Parameters	

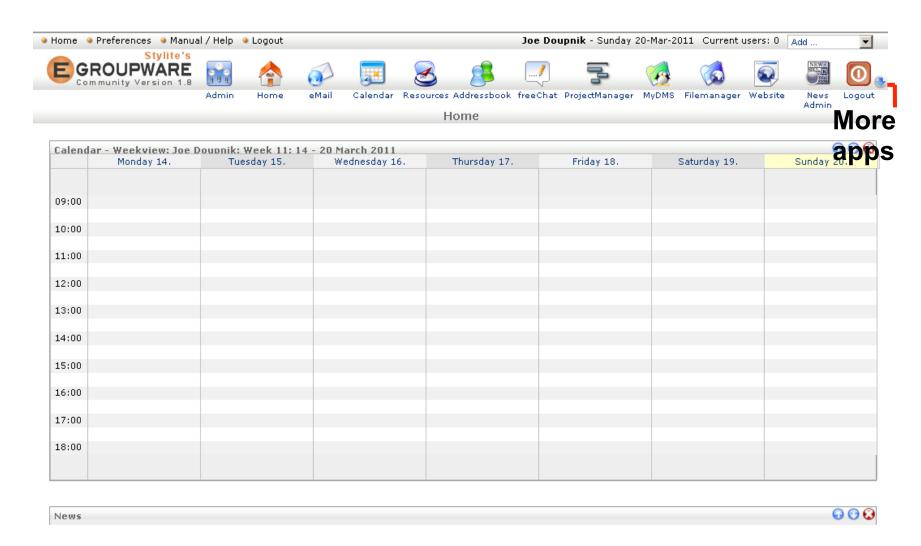
For users

Change passwords and/or email address

For administrators



eGroupWare suite of apps





eGroupWare Services

Web pages

Email News feeds

Document Management System Resource scheduler

Sharable file storage Project management

WebDAV to file storage Time sheet

Calendar Wiki

Mobile device sync Knowledge Base

Address books Polls

Bookmarks Ticket tracking system

Chat Infolog (doc collections)

User credentials are held in the LDAP directory

eGW & Drupal details are held in the MySQL database

What's in the box?



8gb Corsair Memory1TB Western Digital SATA HDD

Asus 90-MIB770-G0EAY00Z - M4A78 PRO AM2+ AMD780G ATX VGA+SND +GLN+U2 HT5200 SATA2R IN AMD HDX810WFGIBOX - AMD Phenom II X4 (810) 2.6GHz 4x512KB L2

Cache Socket AM3 Processor

Total approximately £370 and does the job



eMail additional features

Accepts mail for several email domains

Maildir mailboxes to permit nested subdirectories

ClamAV + Amavis elementary anti-virus scanning of

mail flowing in and out

SSL connections throughout, except for port 25
Prevent outsiders guessing usernames: shunt mail for unknown usernames to "notauser" dummy user

Activity logs are scanned by fail2ban to block guessing and other bad behaviour



As we go along

Develop and field a full featured solution

Train customers on getting the most from a system

Build small staff of volunteers to assist

Reproduce and tailor the core for other customers

Look at fresh problems, find possible solutions



Samba SMB file serving

Offer file serving, as personal and group shares

Least change to unmanaged client machines

Avoid MS Domains as that forces unnecessary complexity and tethers client machines to a server

Limit access to the local site because of Internet security concerns with the SMB protocol



Next step: a backup system

Build and prove a hot spare server (clone of active)

On site, not clustered, but available at short notice

Private comms link for synchronisation, Internet connectivity switched on/off manually

Sync LDAP and MySQL databases

Rsync all user and important system files



Essentials?











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Block Internet intruders

Apache

Restrict sensitive apps to specific IP ranges

Require user credentials to specific applications

Record activities to log files

IPtables

Selective access to services, block repeated failures, block stray scans

Fail2ban

Monitor logs, impose temporary blocks in IPtables

Disconnect MySQL from the network

Protect access to OpenLDAP

Limit SSH/Telnet/FTP to certain IP ranges and usernames

Ordinary users have no direct access into Linux (no login shell etc)



Finally

We need to find small businesses with a small budget...

And some more volunteers..

