FirstFridayDecember2003

Note-taking and co-ordination page for the FirstFriday of 5 December 2003.

Please keep these notes concise. The idea of this page is to tell the overall story of this FirstFriday and not the details.

General issues to be solved

More or less important things: Core functionality is broken. Non-core issues influencing the core. Non-core components are completely broken (i.e. not only a bug for special cases).

- As usual, try to reduce/tidy/comment/commit the Bugzilla entries (see HowWeUseBugzilla, includes prepared bugzilla queries).
- Deli seems to be broken (see commandline output when starting Tomcat).
- Make it possible to include also the OJB block by default without breaking Cocoon. This is a really important issue as it breaks our suggested build system workflow using local.blocks.properties! You can not include blocks when they are excluded in blocks.properties.
  AFAIU the reason for the problem is `factory = new OjbStorePMF();` in the `initialize()` method in `JdoPMFImpl.java`. Isn't it possible to do lazy initializing when accessing `factory` the first time? I guess this has to be done in `getPersistenceManager()`.

Nasty and/or repeatedly reported bugs

Not based on any statistics, but a personal feeling 'we should do something on those issues'.

- Duplicate namespace declaration in SQLTransformer (repeatedly reported, e.g. here, Bug 25203)
- RequestGenerator/request param handling problems:
  - the param values seems to be decoded once to much: see analysis for RawRequestParameterModule (thread view, Bug 21502)
  - another problem with RequestGenerator and CInclude is described here
  - another problem with RawRequestParamModule and CInclude is described at Bug 24891

Summary of achievements

- In the beginning there were 93 Bugs, including 22 Patches.
- Default exclusion of OJB block as described above has been fixed.
- At 17.30 GMT there were...93 bugs left. The ProjectManagement page shows which bugs have been changed in the last two days (right now: not many).
- At the end there was the same bugcount. Success is a hard thing to measure, isn't it.

Some lessons learned

- Bugzilla is proving very useful, especially with the new BugzillaQueries and HowWeUseBugzilla pages, and the general attention to Bugzilla that the FirstFridays are bringing.
- It's hard for virtual synchronous meetings to happen. Yesterday there were quite a few people on the #cocoon IRC channel, but relatively little activity on bugzilla, lists or IRC. Apparently several of us were willing to be there but unable to actually contribute.
- Well i would like to add my experience with that virtual synchronicity. My first ever IRC went really well. It was a good timing thing. I was only there for an hour or so while i worked on a bug. There were a lot of people connected, but only two other people active, and they were exactly the two that i needed to talk with.