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Shared Neurons

The Secret Sauce of Open Source?

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COMMUNITY
OVER CODE
TM

If you want to go fast, go alone
If you want to go far, go together
(African proverb)
picture: myself

Apache Cocoon's dev list, circa 2003...

From: Gianugo Rabellino <gianugo@apache.org>
Subject: [RT] Sitemap inheritance (was: User Pipeline Customization)
Date: 2003/10/24 16:49:50
List: dev@cocoon.apache.org

I'll take this lenya-dev post from Andreas as a starting point, since this is a blatant case of "shared neurons": I was thinking about exactly the same things this morning on a conversation with Ricardo, and the more I think about it, the more I tend to realize that it would boost Cocoon productivity even more.

I have been quite uncomfortable at times with Cocoon management of large applications. I was unable to realize exactly why I had some alarms off scale, until a while ago, when I started thinking on how difficult is to reuse sitemap logic across applications.

What happens to me quite often is that I'm constantly doing c&p from sitemaps, trying to reuse existing snippets all over the place. This is of course the poorest man's reuse technique, something I learnt should be avoided at all costs.

It's like love songs...

WHAT?

Many brains
getting together
to create
a Greater Whole

Neurons such as Purkinje cells in the cerebellum can have **over 1000 dendritic branches**, making **connections with tens of thousands** of other cells

Source: Wikipedia:Neurons

anchor
X: 157.41 mm
Y: 219.35 mm
It's about
COMMUNICATION

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REALLY?

90 days of "shared neurons" design: asynchronous, slow, iterative

From: davidb@apache.org
Subject: Potential Felix contribution: ConfigAdmin plugin that can substitute variable placeholders (e.g. for K8s secrets)
Date: 2019/06/11 12:30:41
List: dev@felix.apache.org

Hi all,

Some time ago I wrote a small bundle that provides a Configuration Admin plugin to substitute placeholders in configuration items with values obtained from the local file system. It was initially developed to obtain

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From: Jean-Baptiste Onofré <jb@nanthrax.net>

Cool, I would be more than happy to work with you on this one !

Does it also support replacement with "system variables" (like -Duser=my-user) ?

I started a ConfigAdmin "hack" for Karaf about that, especially when running in Docker.

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From: Bertrand Delacretaz <bdelacretaz@apache.org>

FWIW, "interpolation" is a common term for that as per https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/String_interpolation

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From: Georg Henzler <ghenzler@apache.org>

* I'm not sure if $[env:name] is the best syntax... I suppose you chose that over curly braces to not clash with potential other replacement mechanisms downstream. But $[] looks fairly similar to ${}, maybe something like %env:name%, %{env:name} or #{env:name} would make it visually clearer that it is not a ${} replacement.

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From: Carsten Ziegeler <cziegeler@apache.org>

Ok, I see. Yes, makes sense. I think we should leave the reference in no value is found and probably provide an exclude (regexp) option. This way, if you run into the trouble you mention above, you can configure the exclude option. But in general you dont have to

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From: David Bosschaert <david.bosschaert@gmail.com>

I have renamed the plugin to 'interpolation'.
I have also implemented framework/system property based substitution as
suggested by JB Onofré

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https://s.apache.org/shared-neurons-example

A counter-example...

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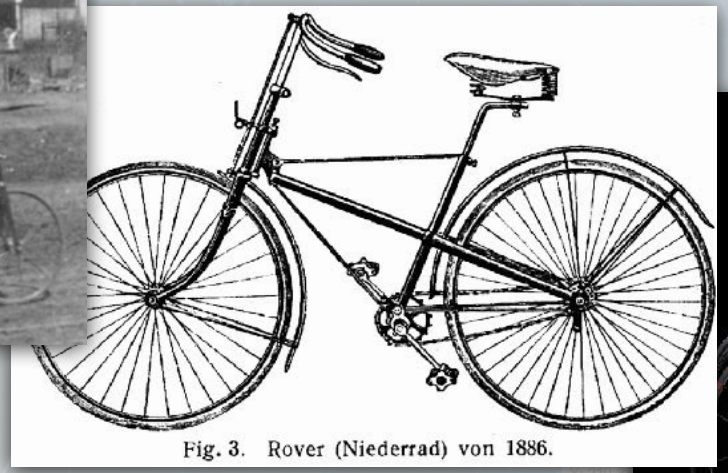
velocipede

1870:
high wheeler



1886:
safety bicycle

2019:
Cipollini NK1K, 1050 g frame

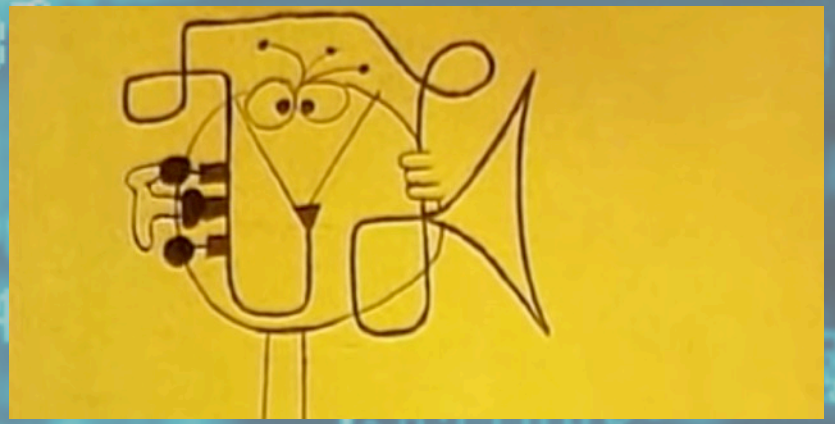
+53 years **+15 years**

Images: Wikimedia Commons + www.mcipollini.com

HOW?

Neurons Talk a Lot!

...in focused conversations



It's about communication

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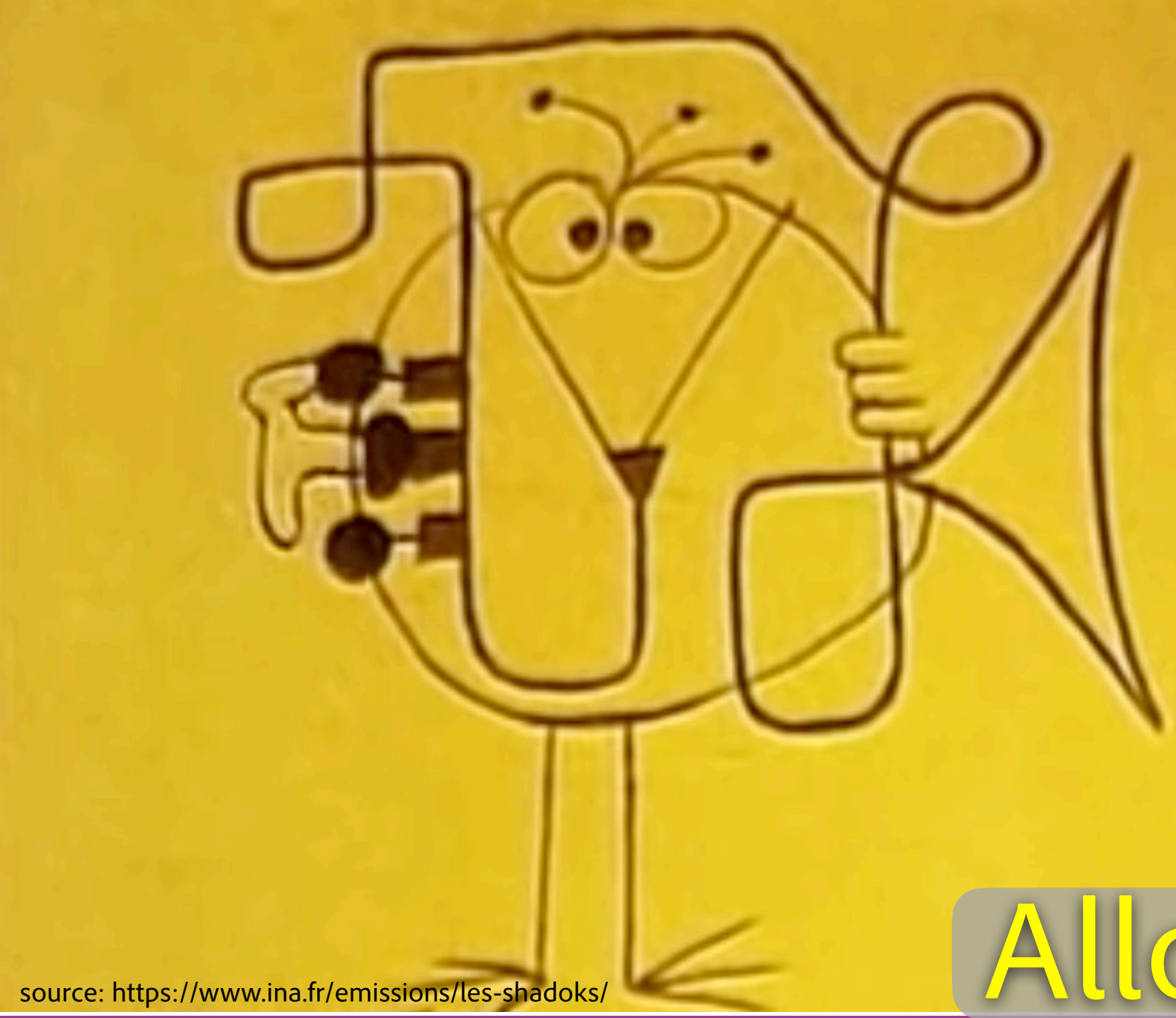

"The more we fail, the more likely we are to eventually succeed"

Prof.Shadoko, Les Shadoks (French TV , 1968)

source: https://www.ina.fr/emissions/les-shadoks/

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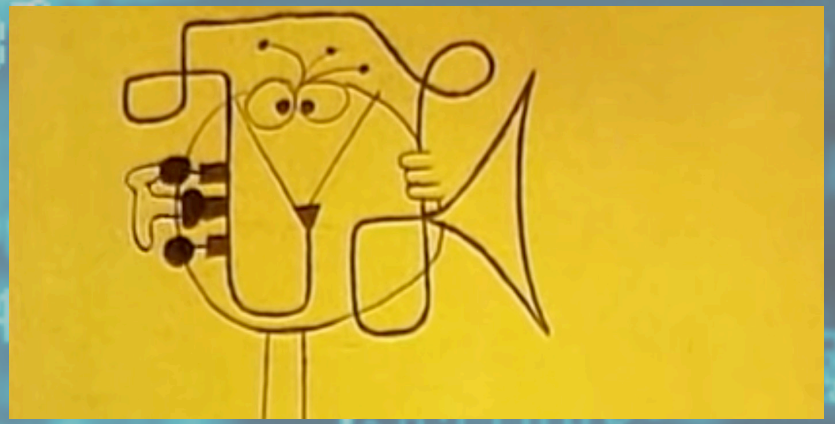

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