



project update

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Highlights: NMC Announces the Release of Pachyderm 2.0!

Background

The *Pachyderm 2.0 Project* is a partnership led by NMC: The New Media Consortium and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA), and funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The project brings software development teams and digital library experts from six NMC universities together with counterparts from five major museums to create a new, open source authoring environment for creators of web-based and multimedia learning experiences. The new tool will be based on Pachyderm, the authoring and publishing tool developed by SFMOMA to author its successful series, *Making Sense of Modern Art*.

Central to the Pachyderm 2.0 Project is the development of an interoperable, robust, easily distributable version of Pachyderm that will be open-source and include a wide range of pedagogical templates. The learning materials created with Pachyderm 2.0 will be optimized for Internet delivery, easily reusable, and conformant with key search, archival, and cataloging standards. The final product will be made available to the field at no charge as an explicit goal of the project.

Current Status

Pachyderm 2.0 is currently in release as a server-hosted, browser-based authoring platform running on servers provided by the New Media Consortium to its membership. The server versions of Pachyderm 2.0, which are being built for Windows, Linux, and OS X servers, will be freely available for download from SourceForge in the first quarter of 2006 when Pachyderm is released in open-source. The availability of the server package downloads will be announced broadly at that time.

Authoring accounts are currently available on request for up to 10 staff at any NMC institution, or Pachyderm project partner institution. Free 90-day demonstration accounts will be available to non-NMC members in January 2006. For more information, please see the Pachyderm website (www.pachyderm.org).

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