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# How the City of Paris committed to Open Source

Public administrations adapting to the OSS development culture

# A long-standing commitment to Open Source

As far back as Lutece was built

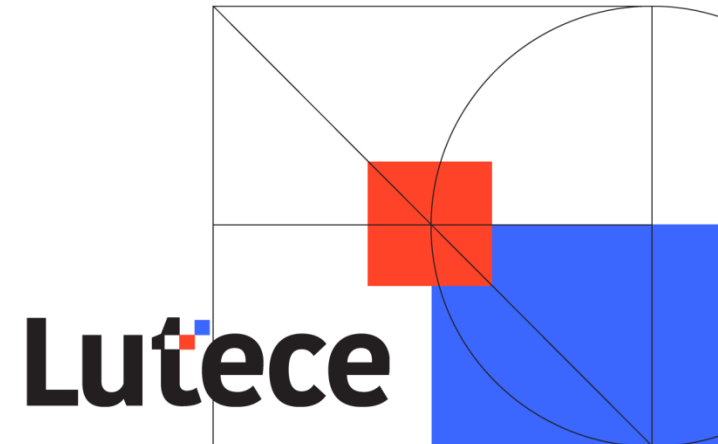
The City of Paris has developed in house its signature city services engine since 2002

## 1. A City Services Engine that provides

- A modular platform based on lightweight *core* features, on which we can add the needed functionalities through the use of plug-ins
- A solution based on real needs over time, in constant evolution
- 300+ city services, 500+ plug-ins offered with a normed development framework

## 2. An Open Source Platform for Cities

- Made in Java EE, enabling quick deployment of city services based on standards
- Secure, GDPR compliant
- Offering solutions commonly needed in a municipal context
  - A Citizen Relationship Management System (also reused internally for civil servants)
  - A powerful workflow engine enabling specific actions for business apps



# An Open Source Policy

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300+ digital services in Paris held with Lutece

## 1. Make the e-administration easy

- Easily administrable content by non-techs (CMS)
- Easy to reuse/adapt Form generator, Appointment booking system, tax simulator, etc.
- « Tell us once » - Innovative ID management using France Connect (based on OpenIdConnect)
- Single sign-on enabled with the CRM. The citizen data being protected by a provider
- A centralized citizen dashboard that gathers all the digital administrative procedures and their states

## 2. Help people get involved in the City

- Participatory Budget, public consultations, Street problems reporting system, submit or express ideas through a suggest platform...
- Open Source as a way to enhance trust between the Citizens and the Administration

# Benefits from Open Source identified and sustained

## The City of Paris as an OS user, contributor and provider

### 1. We foster the use of Open Source whenever possible

- Application servers, DBMS, authentication systems, ESB implementation...

### 2. We contribute to Open Source projects when needed

- The city co-founded Open Source projects and contributes to their roadmaps

### 3. We open all our developments made on the Lutece framework

- Lutece used in all operational departments of the City
  - Quick way to develop the elected officials engagements, used as onshelf apps
- Reused by other cities and companies in France and across the borders
  - City of Lyon, and many other cities/institutions in France in many different ways...
  - St Francis Center, Baltimore – provides services for communities
  - Budapest, Hungary – Reuse and contributions to OpenPB (participatory budgeting)

# The choice of a facilitated adoption

## Key good practices to foster the reuse of Lutece

### 1. A licence chosen to make it easy to reuse and hack, not to protect our codebase

- Public money should fund public code, right?

### 2. A controlled quality of code

- The development framework defines naming and coding rules
- A very useful plugin wizard
- PR-based upstream commits, online documentation and MOOC

### 3. A development culture deeply rooted in its application

- The culture of standardization in the architecture and development team
- All functionalities added as plugins, modules, add-ons, or options
- The core project streamlined as much as possible, while covering all recurring features
- A modular architecture to easily set up a BO app, a FO portal, or a WS-based microportal

# A long-term effort

## Adopting a collaboration culture

### 1. Awareness of Lutece more broadly

- Many awards won: OW2 Best project Community 2020, Best OS Strategy in 2018, Territoria, Free Digital Territory, Human Capital Leaders, OW2 mature project in 2016...
- Lutece featured at John's Hopkins University « Hophacks fall 2018 » for 1st-time civic track

### 2. An Open Source Policy to maintain

- Board member of the OW2 consortium, and member of French FOSS Associations
- Participation in the OSPO++ workshops for more than a year
- Open Source City Forums held in Paris
- Expertise from the Bloomberg Associates
- Working w/ MossLabs for external OS positioning and consulting

### 3. A community management yet to be improved

Thank you

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