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Abstract:

**Title: KITODO: open source tools for the complete digitisation workflow - supported and developed in close cooperation with software companies**

The Kitodo-Project (until 2016 known under the name “Goobi”) started in 2004 as a third party funding project at the Göttingen State and University Library. Other libraries involved in a growing number of digitisation projects adopted this open source approach, started collaboration in some common issues and founded an association in 2012 to enhance the network of experienced professionals. From the beginning it was an important goal to provide a choice between technical independence using Kitodo in an institution and different offers in professional support by a company. Two companies have joined the Kitodo community with a comprehensive commitment to open source principles and contribute in support and software development.

This talk will describe the basic concept of the Kitodo tools and our different activities to cover the needs of members in the association and interested “newbies”- finally the way in our common software development and some impression from our current refactoring project for the workflow tool Kitodo. Production.

Bio:

Kerstin Wendt has been working for about 30 years in the Hamburg State and University Library – and almost the whole time as a member of the IT-Department. As a “system librarian” she had to introduce und customize different software tools in the library. Moreover she tried to explain the library needs to IT companies and software developers. Since 2006 she is involved in several digitization projects. In 2011 the library decided to proceed in the field of digitization with the open source tool Kitodo – according to the general preference for open source software in the Hamburg State and University Library. Their commitment covered from the beginning participation in community activities: Kerstin is a member of the kitodo community board at present and she takes part in a third-party funded project to renew the complete codebase of the workflow tool Kitodo Production.