One Laptop per Child

Software Roadmap

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Software Technologies

• Many new technologies in one laptop:
  - Power Management
  - Mesh Networking/Collaboration
  - Sugar User Interface
  - Datastore and Journal
  - Security

• Infrastructure Support
  - School Server
  - Power devices
Creating the Roadmap

- Gather feedback
- Prioritize features and bug fixes
- Evaluate the work effort
- Determine the resources and time frame
- Come up with Roadmap
Gather Feedback

• Feedback from:
  – Deployments (teachers, administrators, technical)
    • Uruguay, Peru, Mongolia, others
  – Market Development (sales/marketing)
  – G1G1 program
  – Support
  – Community: Educators and Developer
Prioritizing the Work

- Fix Touchpad
- Improve Keyboard tearing problem
- Getting Started Guides, Videos, Manual
- Easier XO upgrades
- Better battery life
- More reliable activity collaboration
- XO backups to school server
Prioritizing (cont)

- Sugar UI performance, Browse features
- Preload Flash
- Sugar emulator for training
- Journal/Datastore fixes and enhancements
- User or teacher defined ‘groups’
SW Release Roadmap

- Major release every 4-5 months
- Minor or bug fix releases in between
- Developer builds available continuously
SW Release Roadmap

- 8.1.0 - power button suspend; first level activity isolation (security); bug fixes; wifi solution for >20 laptops
- 8.2.0 - improved collaboration/mesh, some improvement in battery life, UI response, XO backups
- 9.1.0 - better scalability with collaboration; dynamic suspend/resume (battery life); robust, reliable datastore
Power Management

• Available today:
  - Hardware ready for suspend/resume
  - Update.1 has support for sleep on lid close or button
  - About 4 hours of battery life during normal use
  - 14-16 hours of battery life in sleep mode
• Future:
  - OHM management for suspend/resume
  - eBook mode to >10 hours
  - Aggressive CPU suspend
Mesh and Collaboration

• Available today:
  - 802.11b/g - via infrastructure access point
  - Small groups of simple mesh, wifi school server
  - Collaboration in small groups

• Future:
  - Track 802.11s evolution, address scaling, develop robust middleware/APIs
  - Corner cases - many students start up at once
  - More robust server process for sharing outside of local mesh
  - Better sharing at activity level
User Interface

• Available today:
  - Views: Home, Group, Neighborhood, Activity
  - Frame: People, Places, Objects, Actions
  - Emphasize collaboration and simplicity
  - Invite or share activities with others

• Future:
  - Better performance
  - Flesh out the concept of Groups or Friends
  - Support for other desktops (KDE, Gnome)
  - Port to other platforms (HW and OS)
Datastore / Journal

- Available today:
  - How docs are created; by whom
  - Easy use; auto save
  - Chronological list of activities/objects

- Future:
  - Scaling and Robustness
  - Bulk file transfers, transfers outside of the Journal
  - Versioning, XO to XS backup
Security

• Available today:
  – Signed software (both OFW and OS)
  – Activities isolated from filesystem
  – Linux desktop

• Future:
  – Anti-theft of the delivery chain - activation lease
  – Activity isolation from network, Address root access issues
  – Passive and Active kill
  – Activity signing, Identity authentication
XS School Server HW / AP

• XS Hardware Specifications:
  - 1GHz+ x86 processor, 1+ GB main memory
  - Four to six USB interfaces and an external disk drive
  - One 300-500GB+ 3.5in SATA drive
  - Power and space for a second disk drive
  - Two 100baseT network interfaces
• Cost: approximately $600 - $1000 USD (or more)

• Access Point Specifications:
  - 802.11b/g
  - Zoom 4400 has been tested at OLPC
• Cost: approximately $40
XS School Server SW

• Available today:
  − Fedora-based OS; standard services (DHCP, DNS, Apache, uplink)
  − Web cache, local content and upgrades for XOs
  − Presence server for collaboration

• Future:
  − XO backup/restore to XS
  − Remote management of XS
  − Filtering, Scalability
• Support ticket info
Tech Tickets

![Tech Tickets Graph]

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Week
XO under a tree

Up to 10 laptops can collaborate with no wireless infrastructure
XO with AP

Up to 20 Laptops / Access Point

More than 60 laptops and 3 Access Points requires site survey and carefully designed infrastructure
XO with XS Server

Up to 50 laptops per AP

Up to 1000 laptops per school server

Requires RF site survey and carefully designed infrastructure