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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose, Intended Audience and Scope

SCALARE (Scaling Software) is a project under the ITEA2 programme, involving partners from Germany, Ireland, Spain and Sweden. The official website is hosted at www.scalare.org. The purpose of the website is to provide a “one-stop shop” for all information on the project, including the ability to download the various deliverables and other relevant documents such as academic papers that have been published on research results from the project.

The intended audience of the website is anybody who is interested in the project, including other organisations, researchers and academics.

The scope of the website is the dissemination of information about the SCALARE project as well as a place to advertise activities and events. The website does not have a “community” or private side that is only accessible with a log-in. The project consortium uses different infrastructure for document exchange, notably an installation of “Box” hosted at Lund University in Sweden, which also hosts the project mailing lists.
2 Site Domain Information

2.1 Site Structure and layout

The SCALARE website is hosted at Lero headquarters, on the campus of the University of Limerick in Ireland. The website is implemented using the free Wordpress content management system software, and is maintained by SCALARE funded investigators at Lero.

The SCALARE website consists of a number of sections. Within each section, all pages follow a similar layout. An example is shown in Fig. 1.

Figure 1. SCALARE website look & feel

At the top of the page is the SCALARE project logo, which features three curved shapes, which represent fish, from small to large (scaling!). The reason for this is that the name “scalare” is in fact the name of a specific fish.
Below the logo is the menu bar, with the following menu items:

- Home
- About SCALARE
- Consortium
- Contact Us
- Events
- News
- Publications

Each of these are described in more detail below.

In the middle of the page is the main area with contents. Specifically on the main page are entries, sorted in most recent posts at the top. On the right-hand side are links to previous posts (serving as an “archive” index).

The remainder of this section provides a brief description of the different sections of the website.

2.2 Home

The most important part of the website is the home page which features “news stories”. These are added as they become available, and include announcements of upcoming SCALARE events or of recently published papers.

The main page also features a search textbox that can be used to search the contents of the website.

2.3 About SCALARE

The page entitled “About SCALARE” provides some background information that explains the focus of the project.

2.4 Consortium

The consortium page lists all partners that are participating in the project.

2.5 Contact Us

The “Contact Us” page allows users to send a message to the consortium.
2.6 Events

The Events page provides an overview (and archive) of all the various events that are organised by the consortium. This includes public, industry events as well as internal events such as Project Progress Workshops. An overview of some of the events are shown in the figure below.

- **14 March 2014: Workshop on Agile Methods in Regulated Environments**
  Workshop on the use of agile software development methods in regulated domains. Read more...

- **7 March 2014: Workshop on Agile Methods for Start-ups**
  Workshop on the use of agile software development methods for start-ups. Read more...

- **3 December 2013: Workshop on Lean Large-Scale Software Development with Continuous Deployment**
  Workshop on lean large-scale software development with continuous deployment. Read more...

- **3 December 2013: Kick-off Meeting SCALARE Project**
  Official kick-off meeting of the ITEA2-SCALARE Project, co-located with the LESS 2013 Conference in Galway, Ireland. Read more...

For each event, a dedicated event page is also added that provides more information on those events, including a downloadable flyer for the industry workshops. An example is shown below.
2.7 News

The News page serves as an overview of the various news items. As of yet, most posts are “announcements” etc. and therefore few News items have been added thus far.

2.8 Publications

The Publications section is divided into three subsections:

- Newsletters – listing the newsletters that are published during the duration of the project.
- Published Papers – listing all academic papers reporting SCALARE results.
- Deliverables – listing the various deliverables that are produced during the project.
3 Website statistics

Thus far (version 1.0 – Initial version), no meaningful statistics on number of visitors are available. The necessary infrastructure (Google Analytics) for this has been added in December 2014.
4 Conclusions

The SCALARE project website provides an essential platform for the project to disseminate its results and deliverables, including the dissemination of published papers. As most of the efforts in the project currently focus on the work, there are few deliverables available as of yet. As the project results will become available during the project, the website will be more populated. We will also actively follow the project website statistics. Lero/UL are actively maintaining the website (e.g. website infrastructure updates, etc.).