





SPI Software Process & Infrastructure for LCG

Project Overview

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Project context of LCG SPI



LHC grid software applications

(LHC experiments, projects, etc)

LCG Application Area

LCG Infrastructure

- Common services
- Similar ways of working (process)
- Tools, templates, training
- •General QA, tests, integration, release

LCG Application Area software projects

- POOL: Persistency
- SEAL: Core common software
- •PI: Physics Interfaces
- SIMU: Simulation
- ...etc....



LCG SPI project





Project context of the LCG SPI



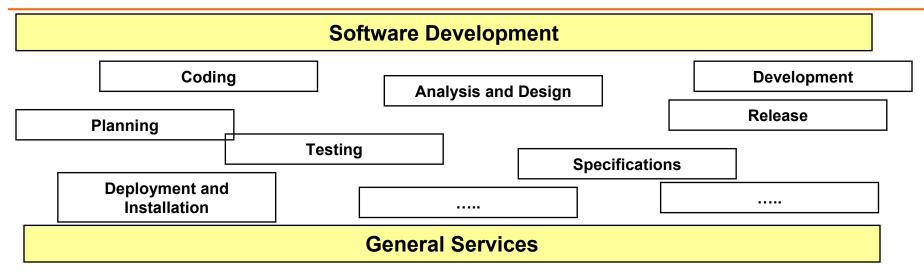
- "Software Management Process RTAG"
 - General recommendations
 - All LCG projects must adopt the same set of tools, standards and procedures
 - Adopt commonly used open-source or commercial software when easily available
 - Avoid "do it yourself solutions"
 - Avoid commercial software, if may give licensing problems
- If each project needs an infrastructure, many projects need it even more...
 - Tools, standards and procedures
 - Try to avoid complexity





Infrastructure Software Development





- a. Provide general services needed by each project
 - CVS repository, Web Site, Software Library
 - Mailing Lists, Bug Reports, Collaborative Facilities
- b. Provide solutions specific to the software phases
 - Tools, Templates, Training, Examples, etc.





Project guidelines



- No specific software development
 - The project should avoid any new development, and future maintenance, of any specific software package needed for the LCG software infrastructure.
- Use HEP or free software
 - All software used should be already available, or become available, in the HEP community or in the free software community

- The goal of the project is to define an infrastructure and later a simple process
 - Future maintenance will need separate planning and resources.
- Everything is done in collaboration
 - LCG and LCG projects (Pool, Seal, etc)
 - LHC experiments
 - IT division
 - Big projects (G4, Root, etc)
- Using as the existing IT services
 - The project should use all existing IT services
 - Make sure to match the LCG needs





SPI project strategy



- Have different and separated services
- Simple solutions
- Work with the users
- Meeting face to face
- Establish simple deliverables
- Develop as little as possible
- Provide common services
- We did not start to provide tools for requirements, design, etc..
- We started from development-related work (repository, releases, testing, bug report, etc)





SPI work break-down



User Requirements	Analysis and Design	Development	Release
Deployment and Installation	Testing	Distribution	External Software
Documentation	Planning		

- Break the project in "components"
 - Each is a sub-project
 - A responsible person in the LCG SPI
 - Understand and learn the subject
 - Know/find who knows about the subject
 - Provide practical solutions, usable independently





SPI internal organization



- Each component of the infrastructure has:
 - A responsible person in the project
 - Similar approach
 - Define the goal of the component
 - Standard procedures and documentation
- Standard procedure
 - Survey of possible/existing solutions in HEP and free software
 - Meet the people expert and responsible of the component in real projects (LCG or experiments or big projects)
 - Discuss and agree/decide/verify a solution
 - Present the solution
 - Implement the solutions and make it available
 - Use in the LCG SPI project itself
 - Use it in a real project (LCG or experiment or big project)





LCG decision process



- The SPI project follows what is decided by the LCG management and by the projects and experiment via the Architects Forum
- Actually we always involve as much as possible the real users and developers and value all help and feedback
- But at some point one must decide and we must provide something
- LCG management support is crucial to SPI
 - especially for what concerns QA, policies issues and standardizations of usage of tools





SPI services



- Following talks will describe
 - External Software Service
 - Savannah Project Portal
 - Software Testing
 - Quality Assurance
 - Software Distribution

 The rest of this talk is devoted to describe the other services and activities within the SPI project





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10 Oct 2003 SPI material for the LCG App Area Internal Review 2003

23 Sep 2003 Added Software Download section 3 Sep 2003 Added Quality Assurance section

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Workbook Main workbook documentation from the LCG Projects

Savannah Portal Project portal service for LCG Projects

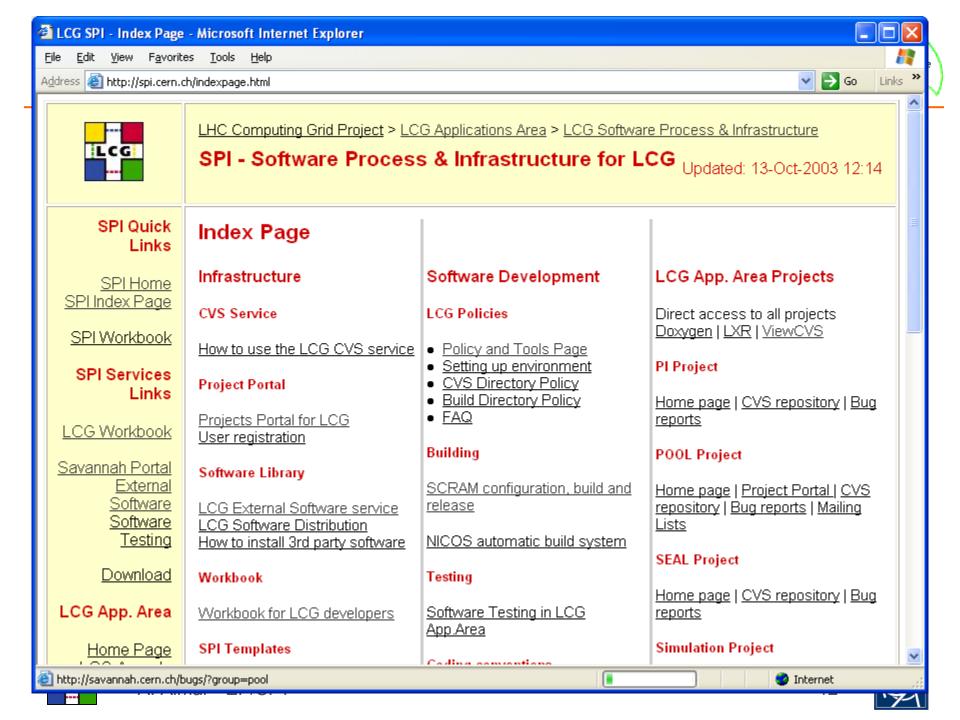
LCG Software Services

Software Download Software produced by the LCG, download and instructions

External Software External Software installed for the LCG Projects

LCG Development Services







CVS repository and Delivery Areas



CVS repository

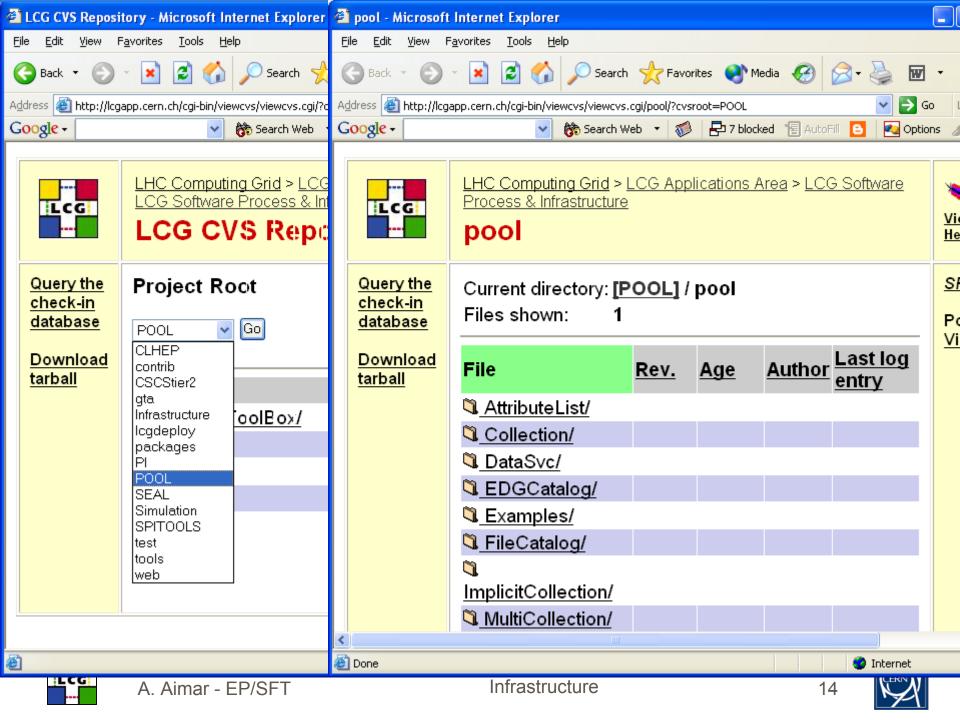
- A central CVS repository managed and available to all projects
- Any project just needs to ask for it, and declare its users permissions
- Managing mirroring and backups
- Users access is controlled
- Tools for automatic clean up of locks, etc
- Will be moved to use the IT CVS service

Delivery areas

- AFS area
- an area to install software created by projects in the LCG application area (lcg/apps)
- an area for external and third party software (lcg/external)
- an area for software under evaluation within a project (lcg/contrib)







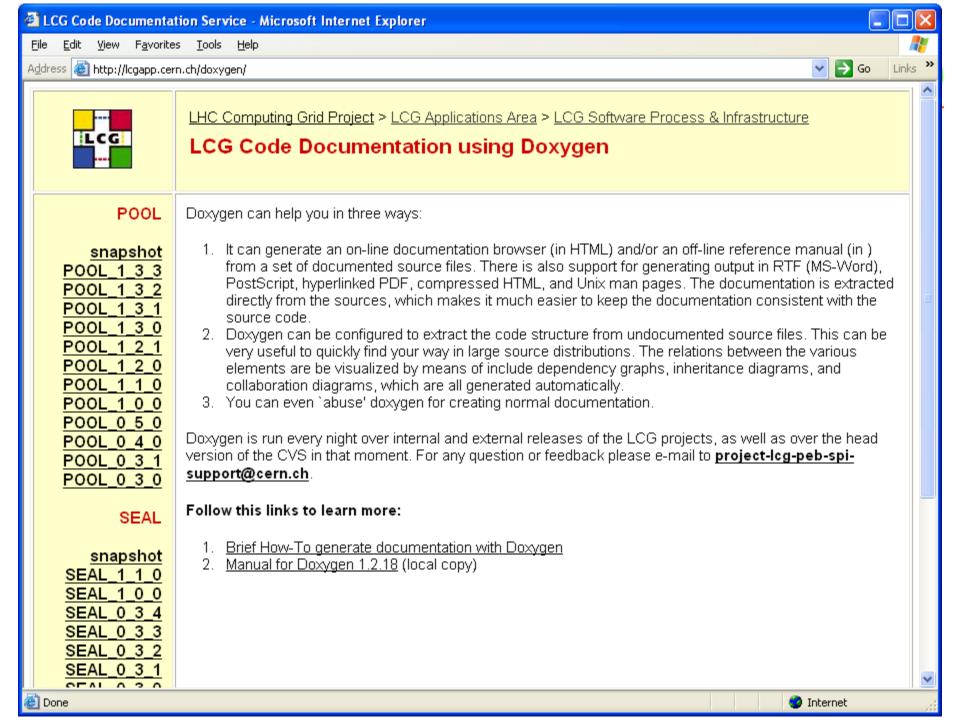
→ Code Documentation



- Features of interest
 - Code browsing
 - Code searching
 - Code information
 - Various design/data diagrams
- Any LCG project will have them available as part of the infrastructure
 - Doxygen
 - → extracts comments, builds documentation and diagrams
 - LXR
 - → connects the source code and allows search in the code
 - ViewCVS
 - → allows browsing of the CVS repository from the web

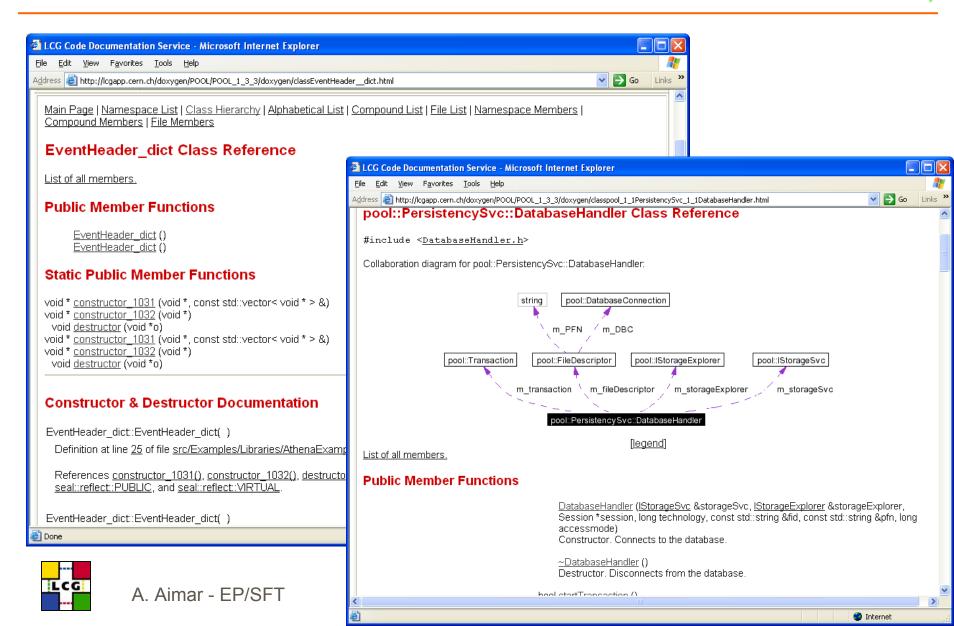






Code documentation: Doxygen



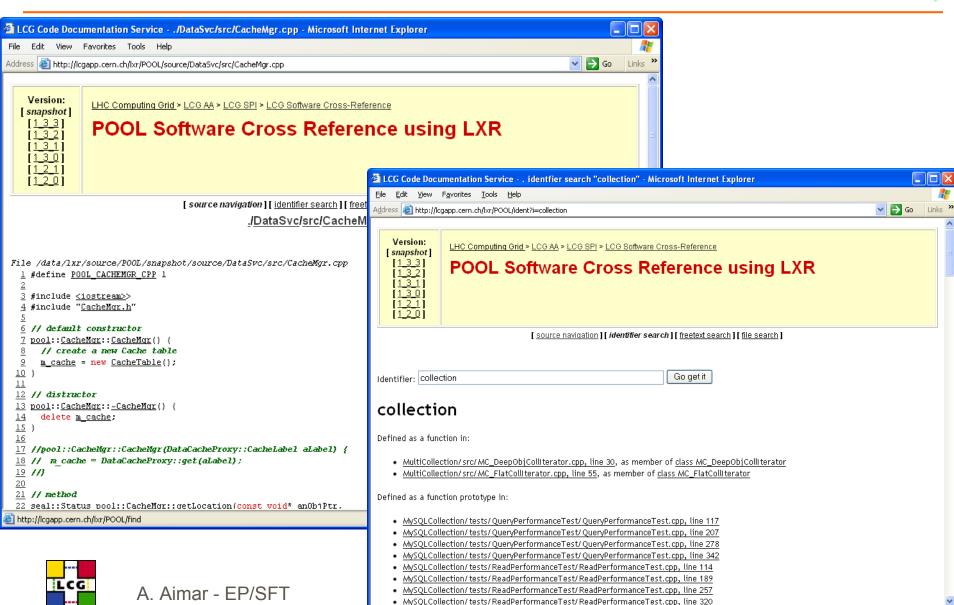


Code documentation: LXR

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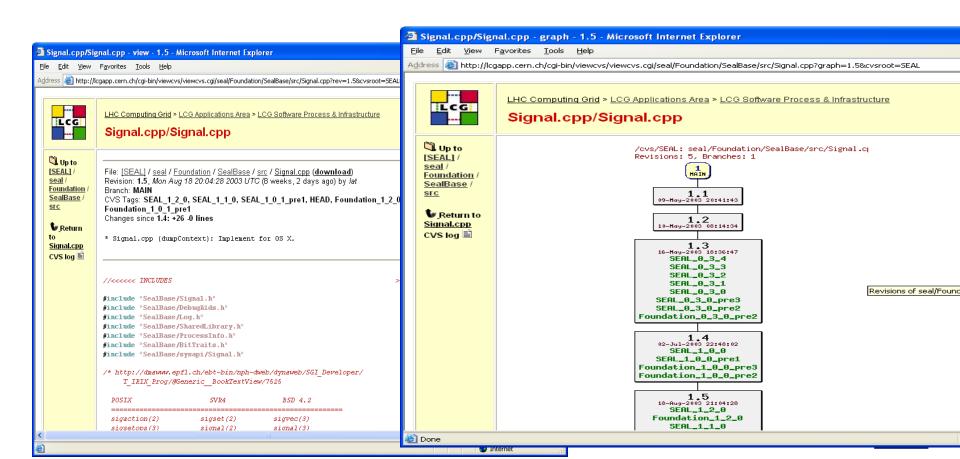
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Code documentation: ViewCVS



- CVSgraph: Displays the tree of revisions and branches graphically
- Enscript: Colorize files in the CVS repository.



Configuration and build system

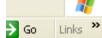


- The tools selected by LCG was SCRAM (build system saga)
- All projects are currently building with Scram
- SPI is providing a common configuration for all projects
 - In term of which tools and versions to use
- SCRAM is used in a different way from project to project
- Transfer of knowledge to LCG people (in all projects) is difficult
- Supporting the tool is complicated
 - it is used in different ways
 - not very good quality software
- The improvements needed are not completely there
 - Speed issues, porting to Windows, improving efficiency, separe configure from make
 - Fixes instead of proper solutions and the result is not very satisfactory
- It was difficult to provide a tutorial and a good support
- Difficulty is for all tools that we develop instead of adapting to existing solutions (open source, public domain)





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SCRAM

SCRAM is the software configuration, release, management and build tool chosen for the LCG Application Area projects.

All LCG software is compiled using SCRAM, as established by the LCG Software Development Policies.

SCRAM LCG ToolBox

What is the SCRAM LCG ToolBox?

Latest configuration: LCG_20 (see Configuration file and Tools-cern.conf file for more information)

Please check the LCG configuration release notes page to see the change of this and previous releases.

To post a bug about the SCRAM LCG ToolBox use the SPI savannah portal and choose the "SCRAM LCG ToolBox" category.

SCRAM User Documentation

Check the online manual for the latest release (V0_20_0) in HTML, PostScript, PDF

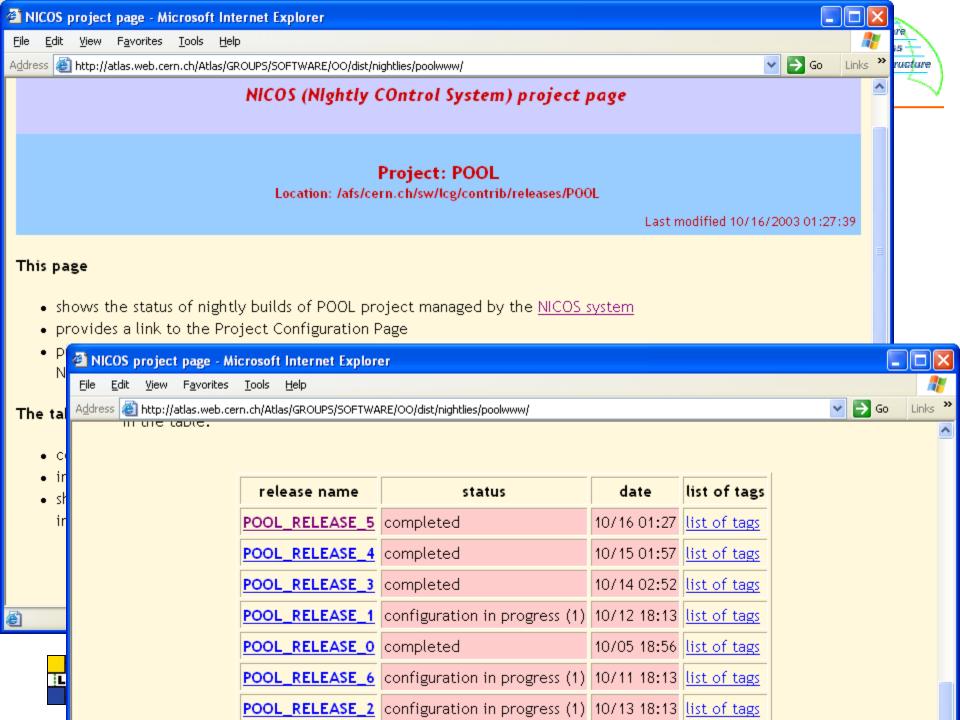
Nightly build system



- Builds periodically the LCG software
- Runs the tests
- Presents the results
- We did not look for external or other tools but currently Nicos is being developed
- Provided by BNL/Atlas (A.Undrus)
- Derived from what is being developed in Atlas
- The author is very motivated to support it for the LCG
- Work is still in progress







LCG workbook



- Provide a central place for the documentation
- Introduction to new users in the LCG
- Task-oriented
- Web-based
- Inspired by the Babar workbook but we are still far from there
- Needs contributions from all projects
- SPI provides the part about the infrastructure





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LCG App. Area

Purpose of this web site

The purpose of this workbook is to provide help and information to all users of the infrastructure created by the SPI project (Software Process & Infrastructure) for the LCG Application Area projects.

This workbook is part of the LCG Applications Area Workbook that describes all the LCG projects.

If you have feedback or requests please just contact us.

Documentation of the LCG projects

- Reference Documentation (via doxygen)
- CVS Browser (via viewCVS)
- Code Cross Reference (via LXR)

How to ...

- Get started at CERN
- Get started in the LCG projects
- See the online reference documentation of the LCG software
- Send bugs and requests for help to the LCG projects
- Find what software is available from the LCG projects
- . Install LCG software locally on your machine

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All links useful to the users of the SPI project and the developers of LCG are in this <u>paqe.</u>

SPI Support page

Please follow these instructions for all your support requests.

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The Workbook of all the LCG project





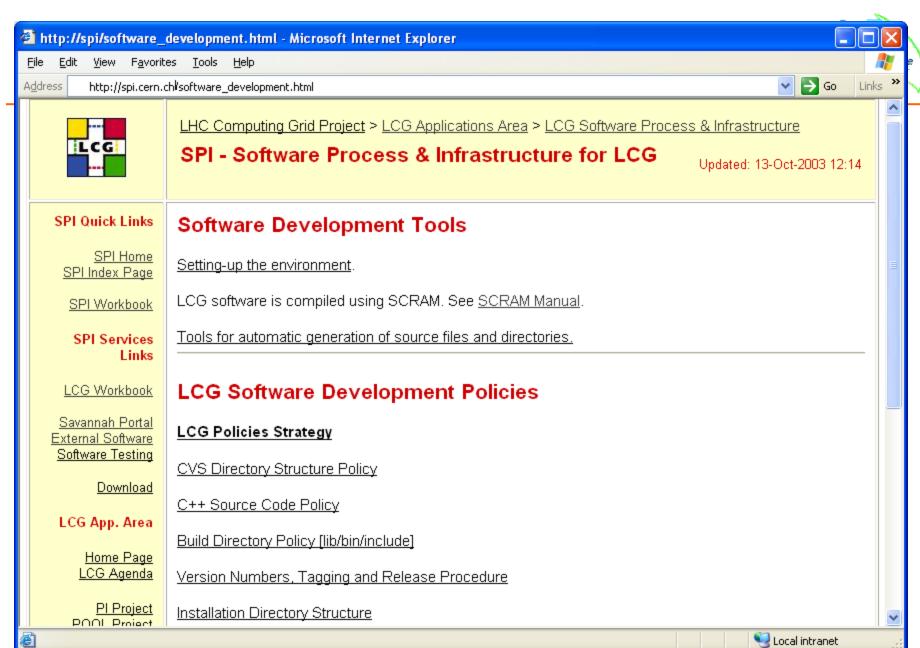
LCG Policies



- CVS Directory Structure Policy
- C++ Source Code Guidelines
- Build Directory Policy
- Software Testing Policies
- Version Numbers, Tagging and Release Procedure
- Installation Directory Structure
- Platform string, binary names, debug flags and more
- They are a needed by the whole LCG, not by SPI
- They are defined by the LCG projects, not by SPI
- If everything is different is too difficult to use and to automatize
- Is just matter of compromising on our habits for project needs
- We do not stress the policies a lot, but we gather them
- We have to tell when they are not followed
- This is a job assigned to SPI, first time that this is done so is sometimes difficult to achieve it "easily"











Next talks



- Some of the SPI services
 - External Software Service
 - Savannah Project Portal
 - Software Testing
 - Quality Assurance and LCG Policies
 - Software Distribution
- User Feedback
 - Seal
 - Pool
- Summary and perspectives



