

The History of ZenTao

How is ZenTao designed?

About ZenTao Founder

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- an entrepreneur

As the Product Owner, do
you feel like...

Work Experience in Alibaba

- 2006-2009, applied Scrum in a lot of projects and the tools used were



- ✓ MS SharePoint for story and workflow management
- ✓ Bugfree for bug tracking
- ✓ XPlanner for project and task management

Problems found

- Information was manually input and managed in different tools.
- Workflow was implemented automanously, so too many checkpoints.
- Just looks like doing Scrum, but no continuous improvement.

Possible Solution

- an integrated management tool that will improve work efficiency, workflow implementation, and visual management.

Research and Preparation

- 2007-2009, research on project management and tools.
- 2009, ZenTao features, framework and business mode were designed.
- March 2009, ZenTao framework 1.0 alpha were released.
- July 2009, ZenTao 0.01 alpha was released .

Scrum+ZenTao

Our team use Scrum(method) and ZenTao(tool) to manage all development projects of ZenTao.

- 2-week Sprints
- Document stories, issues and suggestions and entered them in ZenTao to track and manage
- ZenTao 0.3+, our team use ZenTao to manage all our projects.

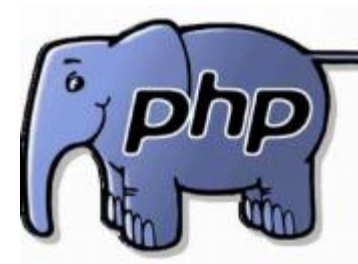
Practice

- Pair programming
- Coding standards
- Source code management
- Code review
- Daily commit
- Cross test
- Code refactoring
- Sharing meeting
- Simple design
- Automation test
- Framework

Development Environment



Our Favorite LAMP



open source, cross-platform, lightweight, efficient, massive users



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Make a wheel that you can control

- It took six month to develop ZenTao framework (public domain).
- The third-party frameworks are not reliable. The problems are messy code, performance, extension, support, etc...
- ZenTao framework plays an important role in efficiency and quality of team development.
- ZenTao framework is also the cornerstone of our business mode: freemium.



Our Team

- People who share the same values with our team.
- Fate.
- Give newcomers time to grow up.
- Trust newcomers and provide them with resources.
- It is OK to make mistakes.
- One-on-one mentoring.
- No overtime and 7.5 hours x 5 days
- Personal growing, stable income, and long-term returns.

Thoughts on Agile

- Agile non-standardized management
- Agile depends on the subjective initiative of the team.
- No declarative doctrines.
- Processes and tools are secondary, and business success is the king.
- Don't overthink. Choose what is right for you!

Thank you!

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