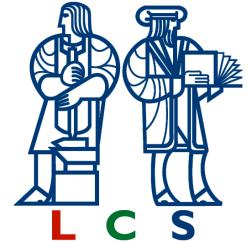




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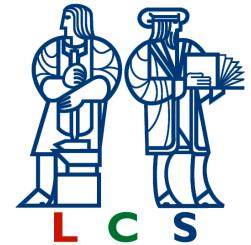
Project Overview

- why self updating?
 - installation: total cost of ownership
 - remote devices without interfaces
 - pervasive computing: mobility & change
- approach
 - automation: minimal user intervention
 - soundness: keep system safe & reliable
 - scalability: millions of objects



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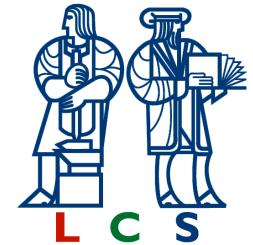
Progress Through December 1999

- updating objects
 - just-in-time transformation in OODB
 - detailed design complete
- updating configurations
 - model-based autodetection & fix
 - implemented for Java, Windows exe



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Research Plan for the Next Six Months

- implement object updating
 - for Thor OO database
 - millions of objects, no loss of availability
- develop component checker
 - recent breakthrough
 - abstract simulation of component
 - automatically detect mismatches