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## PLUME –FEATHER

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PLUME - FEATHER is a non-profit project created to Promote economical, Useful and Maintained software For the Higher Education And THE Research communities. The site references software, mainly Free/Libre Open Source Software (FLOSS) from French universities and national research organisations, (CNRS, INRA...), laboratories or departments. Plume means feather in French.

The main goals of PLUME –FEATHER are:

- promote the community's own developments,
- contribute to the development and sharing FLOSS (Free/Libre Open Source Software) information, experiences and expertise in the community,
- bring together FLOSS experts and knowledgeable people to create a community,
- foster and facilitate FLOSS use, deployment and contribution in the higher education and the research communities.

PLUME - FEATHER was initiated by the CNRS unit UREC. The UREC unit has been integrated to the CNRS computing division DSI in 2011. The different resources are provided by the main partners involved in the project.

The French PLUME server contains more than 1000 software reference cards, edited and peer- reviewed by members of the research and education community. It is online since November 2007, and the first English pages have been published in April 2009. Currently there are 84 software products referenced in the PLUME-FEATHER area. Therefore time has come to announce the availability and potential of the PLUME project on the international level to find not only users, but also contributors: editors and reviewers of frequently used software in our domain.

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