



PRODUCT INFO

Veracity FAQ

What is Veracity?

It's a DVCS (like Bazaar, Git or Mercurial)

It also has a bunch of features no other DVCS has (like a decentralized database)

It's open source (Apache License v2)

Open Source? How are you guys gonna make money?

Geez, do we really have to explain that HERE? At the O'Reilly OPEN SOURCE Convention?

The core of Veracity will be open source, but we plan to sell other products and services on top of that core.

So which parts are going to be kept proprietary?

Enterprisey stuff. Repo storage in SQL Server and Oracle. Visual Studio integration. Servers with fine-grained configurable policies.

Who is SourceGear?

We've been building and selling version control and bug-tracking products for 12 years.

We sold our Teamprise division to Microsoft in 2009.

We are privately held and located near the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Hey, you guys make Vault! Are you abandoning it?

Heck no. It's, like, 100% of our revenue. And there are still thousands of teams on SourceSafe that need to be rescued from their plight.

Are you dogfooding yet?

Yep. We've been using Veracity for our own development since May 24th.

So is Veracity ready for ME to actually use it?

Only if you are brave, smart and patient.



Why aren't you putting binaries on your website?

Because if we did, impatient people might be tempted to try and actually use it. They would end up disappointed and we would end up annoyed.

We'll publish binaries later. For now, if you can set up a build environment and build Veracity, you might be patient enough to use it. And smart enough to have good backups.

Where can I get the code?

www.sourcegear.com/veracity

A tarball and a mailing list? Really? Aren't you going to have some kind of Web 2.0 "Veracity Overflow" thingie?

Veracity's web presence will have more of the modern amenities later. The Veracity server needs more testing before we set up a public instance of the repo.

What language is Veracity written in?

C

What is the build system?

CMake (www.cmake.org)

Cross-platform is a high priority for us. CMake allows us to generate Visual Studio build files on Windows as well as traditional makefiles for the Unixy platforms.

How does this "decentralized database" work?

SourceGear founder Eric Sink is doing a session on that topic here at OSCON on Thursday at 11:30am. If you can't make it, the slides will be posted on his blog at www.ericssink.com.

Can I contribute?

Not yet.

We haven't got everything figured out yet for us to accept patches and code contributions. But we will. In the meantime, feel free to join the mailing list and start asking questions.

What is "Sprawl"?

Before we decided on Veracity as the product name, Sprawl was the project code name. Instances of this name can still be found lingering around.