

# **Sourcefabric**

### **Prospective Partner Pack**





Looking for an open-source solution to power a new content platform? Are you leading a project where expertise is needed in newsroom-style workflows, flexible search and content discovery based on metadata, as well as API-driven publishing?

You've come to the right place.

In this prospectus, we've put together an overview of Sourcefabric as an organisation as well as the key differentiating features of our open-source CMS Superdesk for content and knowledge management platforms.

We hope you find it helpful. If you have any further questions, feel free to get in touch: contact@sourcefabric.org

# **About Sourcefabric**

### Who we are and what we do

We're a mission-driven organisation focused on journalism. Our aim is to help independent media that need better tools, and to encourage new journalism startups to use our technology and other open-source technologies to fill the gaps. Media sustainability is the area where we want to make a difference.

When we started Sourcefabric in April 2010, the goal was to build open-source software to power news organisations of any size. We wanted something that was really industrial grade – the best software that also happens to be open source. That was our goal, and I think now we have something that stacks up against anything else on the market, including the most expensive commercial competitors.



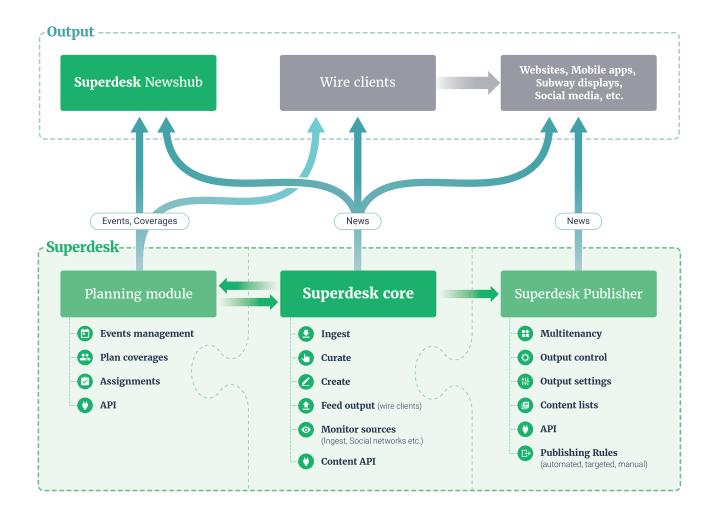
Sava Tatic Founder and managing director of Sourcefabric

### How we work

Sourcefabric is built from the ground up as a collaborative effort. The more partners we have, the better our software gets, and the better it will serve the entire journalistic community. In terms of collaboration, some clients put money in, some contribute developers, and some bring ideas and feedback. When it comes to custom implementations which we codevelop with our partners, we start together but believe you should become proficient in your own software. We encourage you to have someone on staff who knows the technical ins and outs and the shortest way of getting functionality out of the tools.

# **About Superdesk**





### **Tech stack**

Superdesk is written in Python using the Flask microframework with ReSTful APIs developed in Python-Eve. MongoDB is the main storage, searched/indexed by Elasticsearch. Client-side, it's an AngularJS single-page application and the UI uses some React components. Tasks and messaging use Celery and RabbitMQ. Superdesk is <u>maintained on GitHub</u>, where you may examine all the technologies/dependencies of the full stack. Superdesk is licensed under the <u>GNU AGPL version 3</u>.

Superdesk's modular, API-first structure provides flexibility for the evolution of content management and publishing needs. The content API is a read-only API focused on delivering news items and packages created, produced and published in Superdesk.

The production API makes content that has not yet been published (i.e. is still in production) available to thirdparty applications.

See the latest version of the roadmap on Superdesk.org: https://www.superdesk.org/about

#### Standards-based

In 2011, when Sourcefabric started work on Superdesk, we turned to the International Press Telecommunications Council (IPTC) for inspiration. Through its <u>News</u> <u>Architecture</u> and <u>NewsML</u> projects, IPTC had already scripted the news-making process with industry-wide metadata standards.

"NewsML describes in detail how news is made, from the ingestion of content into a CMS to the publication of a news item," says Sourcefabric's Chief Technology Officer Holman Romero. " IPTC's standards apply metadata to every step of the news-creation process.

After Superdesk went live in 2016, Sourcefabric's use of IPTC standards in software development continued, most recently with our editorial <u>Planning Component</u>. The Planning Component, which was rolled out in 2018, was built to help news organisations incorporate editorial planning into newsroom workflows. The NewsML and <u>EventsML</u> standards drove the project forward, while the tool itself was co-developed in partnership with the Australian Associated Press (AAP), NTB, the news agency of Norway, and STT, the news agency of Finland.

#### How metadata works in Superdesk

Bringing the indexing capability of Elasticsearch together with the parsing capability of the NewsML-G2 and other metadata standards that identify each piece of news content in Superdesk, it is easy to find, use and repackage content.

### Multilingual support in the UI as well as for published content

Superdesk allows journalists working in the same installation to set the UI in their preferred language, even as their colleagues are using others. And Superdesk can process and publish content in a variety of languages too.

### A flexible way of meeting compliance requirements

Another field that can be configured with metadata in Superdesk is Legal. When switched on, this flag lets users know that the article contains legally sensitive information and needs to be reviewed before being published.

# How Superdesk works: some key features in detail

### Automatic content sourcing and generation

Superdesk can ingest any source of structured data, from RSS feeds to social media to email.

You can generate articles automatically by applying macros and templates to content once it is in the system.

### **Collaboration features**

In Superdesk you can create shared discussions in several ways. For example, you can tag and notify a colleague in the body text of a story which is being edited, using the "Inline comments" feature, or you can use the "Comments" feature to flag the story as a whole.

Even when multiple people are working on a story, the versioning function means that every time an article is saved, Superdesk retains a copy of the article in its previous forms.

### Workspaces and workflows

Desks are the way teams are organised within Superdesk. They are similar to desks that would be found in a traditional newsroom; for example sports desks, foreign desks, editor's desks, etc. Users may be assigned to one or more desks, as well as create their own private workspace. The content workflow is divided into stages, which are areas set up to receive content, to organise it for editing or revision, and to display the desk's incoming and output content.

### **Output and distribution**

Since Superdesk is a headless CMS, it does not have a publishing function per se. However, you can create rules to send content to a variety of output channels, in a format of your choice.

To add dedicated publishing functionality to Superdesk, you can connect it to Superdesk Publisher, which is explained in more detail below.

<u>Superdesk Publisher</u> is a lightweight PHP 7 renderer in HTML/CSS/JavaScript templates that runs on a standard web server or in a Docker container for news articles and other content delivered via an API feed.

Designed to work natively with Superdesk, Superdesk Publisher serves as a central dashboard to route and manage content flow to a variety of media assets. The overview of content is continuously updated in real time throughout its lifecycle.

# **Benefits of Superdesk Publisher:** Key features

Multi-tenancy: multiple websites or output channels can be managed from a single Superdesk Publisher instance. Though designed for optimal workflow efficiency at large media organisations with numerous publications in their portfolio, it can be used by small and medium-sized newsrooms to manage even a single website as well.

Automated and manually generated content lists: Set up rules for generating lists of articles on the front page of a website according to certain criteria, or allow editors to create these lists themselves.

Mobile-first with responsive design: All of Superdesk Publisher's templates were built with mobile devices in mind, so websites will automatically be displayed correctly no matter a user's screen size.

API-first: In addition to being a native extension of Superdesk, Superdesk Publisher integrates easily with other newsroom software and custom site management tools.

Built-in support for social media/distributed platforms: Superdesk Publisher comes with built-in integration for Facebook Instant Articles and Accelerated Mobile Pages publishing.

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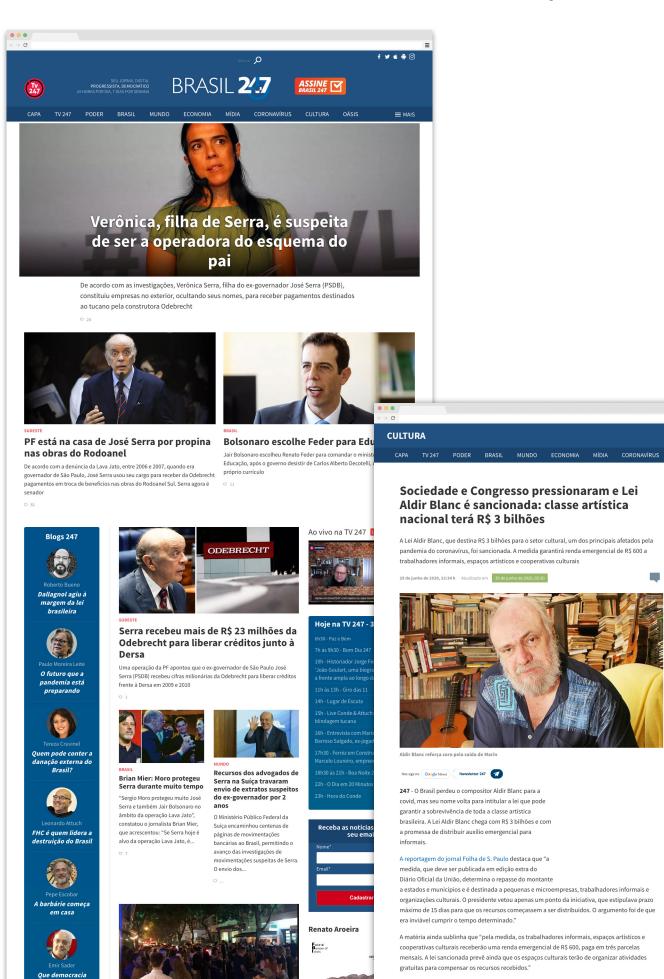
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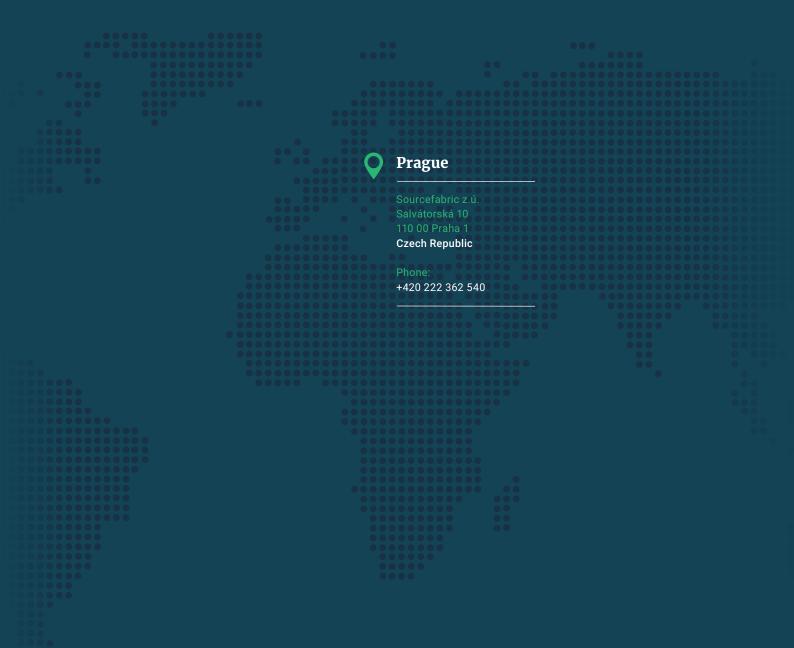
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