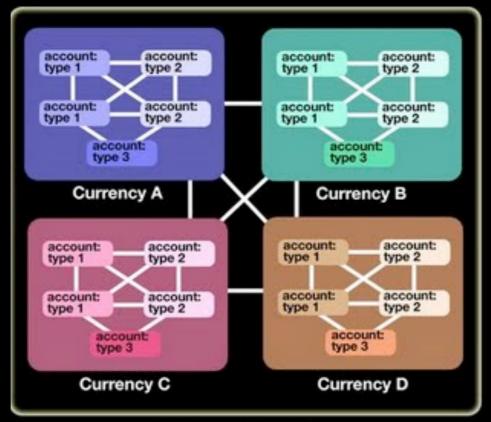
# Monetary Rhizome

It represents all the Post-Modern alternatives for overtaking the Modern paradigm, a.k.a. Capitalism based ONLY on (bad performing) monopolistic bank-debt money.



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**Currency Complex** 

A Rhizome because it enables to connect parameters belonging to different domains of existence (economic, ethic, social, etc) by valuing them through different currencies.

# A FOSS case: Cyclos





- Cyclos offers a complete on-line banking system with additional modules such as e-commerce.
- The Cyclos platform permits a de-centralization of banking services.
- The objective has been to create professional software that is easy to use and maintain, secure, and highly customizable.

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Solution: Bernard Lietaer and "Social Trade Organisation" (STRO) developed business-models which culminated with a financial innovation that STRUCTURALLY ADDRESSES this precise challenge: UNEMPLOYMENT.

The process uses insured invoices or other payment claims as liquid payment instruments within a business to business (B2B)

Clearing-Network.

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### --- COMPLEMENTARY CURRENCY ---

- CURRENCY: an agreement within a community to use something as a means of payment (Lietaer 2001).
- COMPLEMENTARY: they are used in parallel with as complements to conventional money.

# Advantages of C3

### WIN-WIN FOR ALL

Workers are continuing to work.

Businesses do not close.

Insurances increase their portfolios with a low-risk and cheap instrument.

Governmental agencies who accept the C3 currency increase their income: Uruguayan ones accept them in payment of taxes.

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HOW?

(For example)

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Such 2,500 Cultos are a *Value Claim* which must be insured: if the Cultural Institution goes bankrupt, the risk of exposure for all the actors dealing with the Cultural Institution will be secured.

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- 3) Make them circulate into the Cultural Credit Network.

#### THE IMPORTANT POINTS ARE:

- Cultural institutions and (THE PERSONS BELONGING TO) related networks will continue their economic activity by virtue of a complementary currency, CULTOS.
- If accepted in payment of taxes AS IT *IS* THE URUGUAYAN CASE The Ministry of Culture and related public agencies will experience an increase in their income.

IF THE CONVENTIONAL CREDIT LINE IS NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY, IT **DOES** MAKE SENSE TO INSERT A SECOND LINE INTO THE CONVENTIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM IN ORDER FOR IT TO EASE CRITICAL PRESSURES.

