

New Blue Obelisk Exchange online at Shapado.com

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StackOverflow has served as very well in the past couple of months with the [Blue Obelisk Exchange](#). The BOx was taking advantage of a beta project of StackOverflow, and users of that program can switch to a payed plan after the beta phase was over. That moment is nearing, but the [pricing model](#) is just unrealistic for us. There were also some comments on the Blue Obelisk using proprietary software (see [Stackoverflow not open source — not a problem?](#)).

To address both issues, and with the help from the Shapado.com developers, I have moved the (CC0) data to the the new host, <http://blueobelisk.shapado.com/>. I got a report today that there were some accounts mixed up (affecting four accounts), but that seems to be resolved now. The Shapado software has an OpenSource license (AGPL), and the code can be downloaded at [Gitorious](#). The new [questions page](#) looks like:

The screenshot shows the Blue Obelisk Exchange website. At the top, a dark header bar contains the text "logged in as chem-bla-ics (361) | settings | logout | search". Below this, the "BlueObelisk" logo is on the left, and navigation tabs for "questions", "tags", "users", "badges", "unanswered", and "moderate" are in the center. A green "ask question" button is on the right. The main content area is titled "all questions (97)" and includes filters for "newest", "hot", "votes", and "active". A dark blue box prompts users to "Check whether your question has already been asked" with a search input field. Below this, two question cards are visible. The first card, titled "What ODOSOS cheminformatics products are available as Ubuntu or Debian packages?", shows 0 votes, 1 answer, and 3 views, with tags for ubuntu, debian, opensource, opendata, and openspecification. It was asked by chem-bla-ics (361) 30 minutes ago. The second card, titled "how do you install Nanoengineer-1 on Ubuntu? including the simulator", shows 0 votes, 0 answers, and 1 view. On the right side, a yellow box titled "Blue Obelisk Exchange (manage)" contains a description: "The Blue Obelisk Exchange is the place to ask about the use and development of Open Data, Open Source, and Open Standards: how to perform tasks and solve chemical problems with these, or if an ODOSOS tools is available for some task. Or even to ask if someone can provide such a tool. The questions do not require to be about Blue Obelisk solutions itself; they can be about any ODOSOS chemistry tool, service, or database."