The State of the Feather

AC EU 08

An Overview and Year In Review of

The Apache Software Foundation
The Overview

• Not a replacement for “Behind the Scenes...”
• To appreciate where we are -
• Need to understand how we got here
In the beginning...

- There was The Apache Group
- But we needed a more formal and legal entity
- Thus was born: The Apache Software Foundation (April/June 1999)
- A non-profit, 501(c)3 Corporation
- Governed by members - member based entity
“Hierarchies”

Development

- PMC Members
- Committers
- Contributors
- Patches/Buggers
- Users

Administrative

- Board
- Officers
- Members

ApacheCon

Leading the Wave of Open Source
At the start

- There were only 21 members
- And 2 “projects”: httpd and Concom
- All servers and services were donated
Today...

- We have 259 members...
- >60 TLPs
- ~25 Incubator podlings
- Tons of committers (literally)
  – (Over 1650 people)
The only constant...

• Has been Change (and Growth!)
• Over the years, the ASF has adjusted to handle the increasing “administrative” aspects of the foundation
• While remaining true to our goals and our beginnings
Handling growth

• ASF dedicated to providing the infrastructure resources needed
• Volunteers supplemented by contracted out SysAdmin
• Paperwork handling supplemented by contracted out SecAssist
• ExecAssist to help President
• Accounting services as needed
• Using pro-bono legal services
Staying true

• Policy still firmly in the hands of the ASF

• Use outsourced help where needed
  – Help volunteers, not replace them
  – Only for administrative efforts

• Infrastructure itself is a service provided by the ASF

• Board/Infra/etc exists so projects and people don’t need to worry about it
Last year highlights

• April 2007:
  – New hardware ordered ($40k)
  – Java SE 5 TCK License issues and JSPA compliance reach impasse
  – Sun Open Letter - re: FOU restrictions
Last year highlights

• May 2007:
  – ApacheCon EU
  – Apache Turbine (Jakarta)
  – Apache POI (Jakarta)
  – Apache OpenEJB (Incubator)
  – Apache OpenJPA (Incubator) - Thurs 14:00
Last year highlights

• June 2007:
  – ASF Sponsorship Program “kick off”
  – Members meeting
    • 24 new members
    • board election
  – Apache Quetzalcoatl (HTTPd)
  – Apache Wicket (Incubator) - Weds 15:00
  – Apache Commons (Jakarta)
Last year highlights

- **July 2007:**
  - Apache ODE (Incubator) - Fri 14:00

- **August 2007:**
  - JSP Voting “rules”
    - No: Any JSR with Spec Lead who is out of compliance with the JSPA
    - No: Any JSR where the Spec Lead won’t commit to FOU-free TCK license
    - No: Any final vote where TCK isn’t FOU free
Last year highlights

• September 2007:
  – Apache ServiceMix (Incubator) - Thurs 10:00

• October 2007:
  – Set date/time for next members meeting
    • December 11->13th
    • Held via irc
  – new people.apache.org server
Last year highlights

• November 2007:
  - ApacheCon US 2007
  - HALO Worldwide
  - Apache C++ Standard Library (Incubator)
  - Apache HttpComponents (Jakarta)

• December 2007:
  - Apache Synapse (Web Services) - Thurs 10:00
  - ASF Members Meeting (32 new members)
Last year highlights

• January 2008:
  – Apache Hadoop (Lucene) - Friday 09:00, 10:00
  – Major update of infra equip.

• February 2008:
  – Apache Continuum (Maven)
  – Backup equip budget authorized

• March 2008:
  – Apache Archiva (Maven)
Other Important Highlights

• In general, PMCs are active and healthy!
  – Lots of releases
  – Lots of development
  – New committers and PMC members

• There are some PMCs maintaining the status quo
  – this ain’t bad
Other Important Highlights

- **ASF Sponsorship Program really taking off** (*== charter sponsors)*!
  
  - **2 Platinum Sponsors:**
    - Google* & Yahoo!
  
  - **1 Gold Sponsor:**
    - HP*
  
  - **2 Silver Sponsors:**
    - Covalent/SpringSource* & IONA
  
  - **4 Bronze Sponsors:**
    - Airplus International, Matt Mullenweg, Tetsuta Kitahata*,
      Two Sigma Investments
Other Important Highlights

- Major Trends:
  - Podlings graduating
  - Podlings incubating
  - TLP increasing, with particular notice from out of Jakarta (can WS be far behind?)
  - Major updating/upgrading of infra
Other Important Highlights

• Major Changes:
  – Largest changeover of board in history
    • Justin Erenkrantz
    • J Aaron Farr *
    • Jim Jagielski
    • Geir Magnusson Jr. *
    • William Rowe Jr. *
    • Sam Ruby
    • Henning Schmiedehausen *
    • Greg Stein
    • Henri Yandell
Other Important Highlights

- **Major Changes:**
  - Largest changeover of officers in history
  - Every position changed hands
    - Chairman: Jim Jagielski
    - President: Justin Erenkrantz
    - Treasurer: J Aaron Farr
    - EVP/Secretary: Sam Ruby
What’s on the horizon?

• Members meeting - June
• Expect to see more PR from the ASF
  – We are doing great things
  – We are the great Open Source success story
  – We are world changers
• Continue our effort for completely electronic corporate files
• Growth, growth growth...
And finally...

- A big Thank You to:
  - Every member
  - Every committer
  - Every developer
  - Every user
  - Every supporter

- Community over code isn’t just a slogan
- It’s a way of life.
That’s all folks!