The State of the Feather

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
At the start

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

- We have 227 members...
- ~54 TLPS
- ~25 Incubator podlings
- Tons of committers (literally)
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
• 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

• November 2006:
  – Move of COLO from UL to OSUOSL
  – Apache Labs (new)

• December 2006:
  – Apache OFBiz (Incubator)
  – Apache Cayenne (Incubator)
  – Apache Tiles (Struts)

• January 2007:
  – Apache ActiveMQ (Incubator)
Last year highlights

- February 2007:
  - Apache Roller (Incubator)

- March 2007:
  - Apache Felix (Incubator)

- 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)
Last year highlights

• June 2007:
  – Members meeting
    • 24 new members
    • board election
  – Apache Quetzalcoatl (HTTPd)
  – Apache Wicket (Incubator)
  – Apache Commons (Jakarta)

• July 2007:
  – Apache ODE (Incubator)
Last year highlights

• 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)

- October 2007:
  - Set date/time for next members meeting
    - December 11-13th
    - Held via irc
  - new people.apache.org server
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!
  - 2 Platinum Sponsors:
    - Google & Yahoo!
  - 1 Gold Sponsor:
    - HP
  - 1 Silver Sponsor:
    - Covalent
  - 2 Bronze Sponsors:
    - 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?)
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?

• 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!