The State of the Feather

An Overview and Year In Review of The Apache Software Foundation

-- Jim Jagielski, Chairman ASF
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
- Pachers/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 270 members...
• >63 TLPs
• ~32 Incubator podlings
• Tons of committers (literally)
  – (Over 1920 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
Handling growth

• Infrastructure Chair
• Separate Exec. Vice President
• 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

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

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

• January 2008:
  – Apache Hadoop (Lucene)
  – Major update of infra equip.

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

• March 2008:
  – Apache Archiva (Maven)
Last year highlights

- April 2008:
  - Apache CXF (Incubator)
  - Major update of infra equip.
- May 2008:
  - Apache Tuscany (Incubator)
- June 2008:
  - Members Meeting - (16 new members)
  - EVP position “broken out” (Sander Striker)
  - Infrastructure Chair (Paul Querna)
Last year highlights

• July 2008:
  – Microsoft becomes 3rd Platinum Sponsor

• August 2008:

• September 2008:
  – Travel Assistance Committee formed
  – EVP position “broken out”
  – Infrastructure Chair
Other Important Highlights

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

• Major Trends:
  – Podlings graduating
  – Podlings incubating
  – Labs activity
  – Major updating/upgrading of infra
Other Important Highlights

• Major Changes:
  – Board Election
    • Bertrand Delacretaz *
    • Justin Erenkrantz (President)
    • J Aaron Farr (Treasurer)
    • Jim Jagielski (Chairman)
    • Geir Magnusson Jr.
    • William Rowe Jr.
    • Sam Ruby (Secretary)
    • Henning Schmiedehausen
    • Greg Stein
Other Important Highlights

• Travel Assistance Cmmt formed
  – Direct indication of the kind of efforts the Sponsorship Program allows

• Also, Sponsored AC EU 08 Hackathon

• Google Summer of Code
  – 23 projects

• Formal and Informal representation at events/conferences
Top Level View

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

• Last members meeting had a very high turnout

• ASF continues to be recognized as FOSS leader
Top Level View

• Not seeing has much movement to TLP as last year

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

• There are also some PMC’s that have very low activity/energy
What’s on the horizon?

- Members meeting - December
- 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!