



## 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...

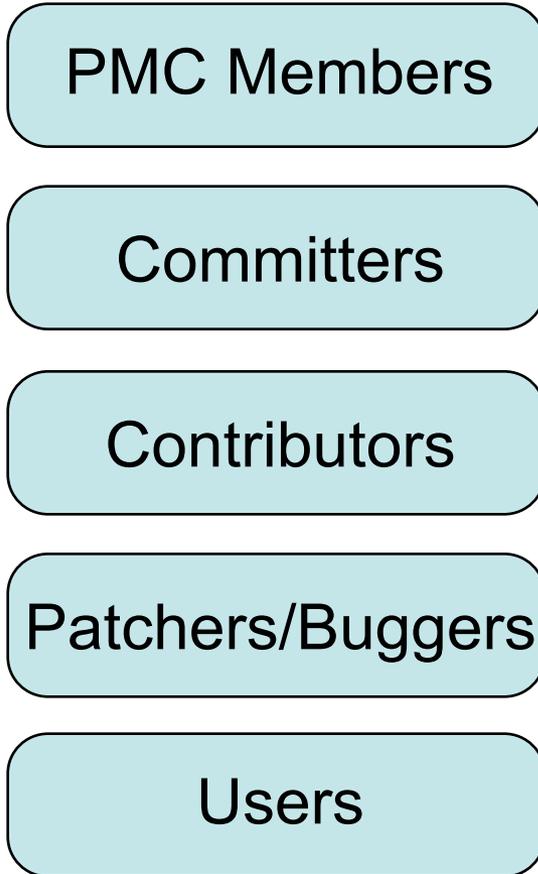
- There was The Apache Group
- But we needed a more formal and legal entity
- Thus was born: The Apache Software Foundation (April/June 1999)
- A non-profit, 501(c)3 Corporation
- Governed by members - member based entity



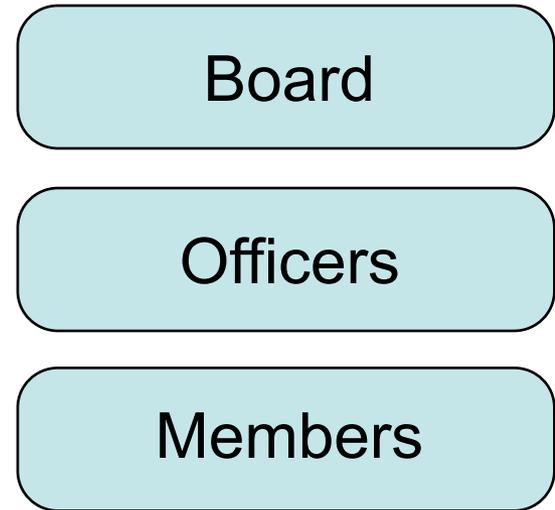


## “Hierarchies”

### *Development*



### *Administrative*



## 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](http://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!



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