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
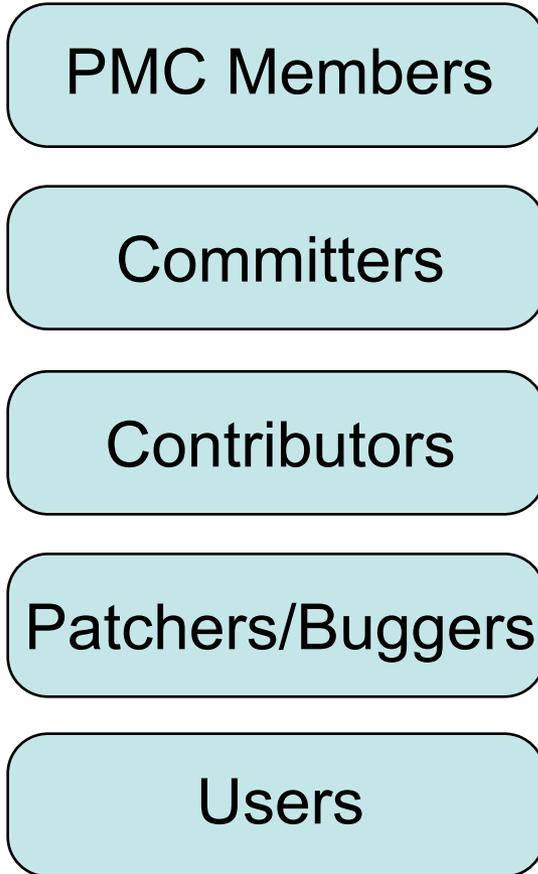
In the beginning...

- 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
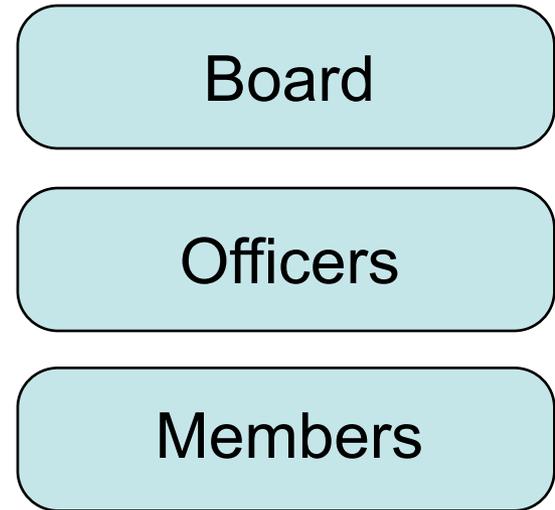- Governed by members - member based entity

"Hierarchies"

Development

| PMC Members |
| Committers |
| Contributors |
| Patchers/Buggers |
| Users |

Administrative

| Board |
| Officers |
| Members |

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At the start

- There were only 21 members
- And 2 "projects": httpd and Concom
- All servers and services were donated

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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

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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

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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

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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

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Other Important Highlights

- Major Trends:
  - Podlings graduating
  - Podlings incubating
  - TLP increasing, with particular notice from out of Jakarta (can WS be far behind?)

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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

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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

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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...

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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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