



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

Patchers/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!



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US 2008

