QGIS PSC Meeting 6th April 2021

Present

- Andreas
- Alessandro
- Anita
- Marco
- Jürgen
- Paolo

Excused:

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Chair: Marco
Secretary: Anita

Video / Audio Channel

https://meet.jit.si/QGIS-PSC

Previous meeting minutes

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IMMyrtls8MRl6BOrQUns3-BeVzot0PienEHT_pcv7xM/edit#heading=h.zahh3qixm5zn

Next meetings

See calendar

17:00 -18:30

Tickets

https://github.com/qgis/PSC/issues/

Past resolutions in
https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Website/blob/master/source/site/getinvolved/governance/resolutions/2020_resolutions.rst

Agenda

Anita: Annual report ready for signing → TODO Marco
https://github.com/qgis/PSC/issues/51

Andreas: Financial report
→ still waiting for late payments (grants 2020) and auditing.
There is a 25-35k loss because of late tax payments (reverse charge VAT payments 2016 to 2020) - and depending on the grant payments. Goal is to finish by the end of April at the latest (including auditing).

Anita: Call for reviewers
http://osgeo-org.1560.x6.nabble.com/QGIS-Developer-A-plea-more-volunteers-needed-for-reviewing-backports-td5483221.html
How can we improve this situation (lack of reviewers)? Suggestion: Communicate to (core) devs that everyone should pitch in and provide reviews so that they in turn also have an easier time finding reviewers in the future. Encourage development companies to "donate" a few hours per week to reviewing. → **TODO Marco: reach out directly to core devs**

→ **TODO Anita**: Add note to 2022 call for grant proposal to factor in reviewing costs
→ **TODO Andreas**: fill in summaries from the QEPs into the summary document
→ **TODO Anita:** Next year, communicate to proposal authors that they have to write the summaries

Anita: Grant programme - getting ready to vote:
  ● Summary for voters 2020:
    https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I1kroxecv828eyyNWlp6648kENs-v1FR8FJXySMFoSc/edit?usp=sharing
  ● Summary for voters 2021 (WIP Alessandro):
    https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Qus6cNStikPGIiyWGmrKe6Mw9L4HsTBj66tYzLG078Q/edit?usp=sharing

Anita: Release names
Danish user group suggests "**Odense"** to represent QGIS 3.20 (packaging starts in June)
"The name Odense comes from the god Thor and is Denmark's 3rd largest city.
We have also looked a bit at the fact that the name is easier to pronounce than when we had the QGIS release Nødebo."

Anita: Privacy

Two requests:
1. GDPR: request for "QGIS data processing agreement or if QGIS is covered by the EU Adequacy rules (GDPR)"
2. Project file metadata
   http://osgeo-org.1560.x6.nabble.com/QGIS-Developer-QGIS-and-privacy-td5483252.html

Potentially relevant documents:
- https://www.linuxfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/lf_gdpr_052418.pdf

→ **TODO Alessandro?** Review and document logging in QGIS.ORG web services

Plan: write draft in Google doc and publish on the website

Website integrations: Stripe, Flickr, … cookie management popup?

→ **TODO Anita:** Ask OSGeo (Jody) if they have any recommendations from other projects

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Old agenda

Marco: Release candidates

Idea: tweak the communication around the releases:
- .0 will be called "release candidate" (to improve expectation management and collect user feedback)
- during the .0 release candidate period the release is first branched and master un-frozen to allow the next cycle development to start
- Put "release candidate" on the splash screen
- .1 would be the first "proper" release

New communication schedule:
- .0 release → social media posts
- .0 packages ready → "release candidate" blog post (including visual changelog and call for testing) and social media posts
- .1 packages ready → "release" blog post and social media posts

Andreas: 2y LTR (QEP)

Open question #1: will we have overlapping LTRs, i.e. one LTR per year? Or only one LTR every second year? → No overlaps are preferred since it's less work for the project and less confusing for the users (i.e. there are not two LTRs at the same time)

Open question #2: do we need to manage "stable libraries"? → Let's try without.

Marco: spam? from Capterra https://www.capterra.com/p/185949/QGIS/
TODO Marco: recover the password and unsubscribe from the mails

Marco: PlosOne
Publisher is asking for permissions again
Here are the relevant statements for future use:
https://www.qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/faq/index.html#how-to-cite-qgis
https://www.qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/faq/index.html#i-created-a-map-with-qgis-do-i-have-to-mention-qgis

Marco: aprendreqgis.com
We received request for permission from https://www.aprendeqgis.com
→ https://qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/trademark/index.html
"Non-commercial projects can use qgis.xxxxx (qgis.tutorials would fall into this category if the tutorials are free) but should ask for permission before registering the domain. QGIS.ORG may register the domain and point it to the name servers provided by the requestor or instruct the requestor to do so."

Tim: "Young staff." Tim suggests reserving 20-30k € (annual salary) for a person in a less-developed country that could work on bugfixing, maintenance, documentation, …
Could be proxied/employed f.e. through Kartoza.
- Alessandro suggests picking only people who are already contributing on a voluntary basis to the project and are not motivated by money only - at least for development and bug-fixing work. For infrastructure work it is different - it is the boring work that people don't tend to do on a voluntary basis.
- Marco suggests focusing paid staff on working on project-related tasks that are not directly related to QGIS Desktop/Server.
- Anita suggests identifying tasks that could be done by such a paid staff and then discussing this suggestion with the community → **TODO Tim** to create a shortlist and post it to PSC list
- TODO: follow-up vision meeting → Goals of QGIS

Tim: Blacklisting plugins that crash QGIS
TODO Tim: draft the process and discuss it with dev list / QEP

Marco: AGM Preparations
Requires annual report and financial report and financial auditing report & asking for input re "matters arising" from members
Planned date: Monday 29th March 2021
TODO Marco: ask for matters arising
TODO Marco: check if revised voting procedure needs to be voted on by AGM

Approve paid documentation work for 2021

Split the 20k documentation budget between Harrissou, Larissa Junek and Felix Feckler (from Geodatenbüro Dassau), approx. equally between the three. All three already worked on documentation in 2020.

+1 Marco

+1 Alessandro

+1 Anita

+1 Andreas

+1 Jürgen

+0 Paolo

Marco: DB2?

DB2 is unmaintained and untested

Even has voiced plans to drop DB2

Alessandro mentioned that DB2 is the only DB provider that is still lacking API implementation necessary for new DB Manager

Nyall has marked it deprecated 7 days ago

SAP Hana? MSSQL? Oracle?

Ask such big companies to become sustaining members and/or ensure maintenance of their respective providers.

- SAP is reactive but reluctant regarding sustaining membership (maybe because of: https://www.esri.com/en-us/about/esri-partner-network/our-partners/global-alliances/sap-hana-esri/overview)

Voting platform

- Old discussion never concluded
- We have an non centralised solution that is hard to track:
    - Google forms for community votes are hard to follow and take time to create
    - ML discussion on votes is nearly nonexistent
- Resolutions copying to website is neglected (last copy in June by Anita)
- Marco: re-suggest centralising all voting to a single **loomio** instance

Conclusion: create PDFs of the Google Docs to put on the wiki (if possible) or the website → Tim will ask someone from Kartoza

Gatekeepers, Community roles draft

TODO Marco: still ongoing at here

QGIS-Hub proposal
Current status: https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Django/pull/94 -> merged
Kartoza volunteers to do a crowdfunding campaign

Open question: will there be someone moderating the hub?
→ We'll probably need some checking to avoid misuse of the platform (e.g. uploading inappropriate images) TODO Tim Sutton give update in next psc

New address for QGIS.ORG
- Will be moved to Laax in 2021 TODO: Andreas
- TODO Andreas: Reflect new chair/co-chair in trade registry

Next QGIS release name
Candidates
- Zürich (it's the last meeting that hasn't been used in a release name)
- Fallback whenever we run out of meeting locations: ask user groups for suggestions (in chronological order):
  https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Htp5-Cgycm5vdro47juJZEltvN2U9XxfroiISg_C38Y/

Contact information on our website
TODO Andreas add certification@qgis.org, board@qgis.org and security@qgis.org to the website