

Software Underground

Board Meeting

25 August 2022

Minutes are recorded in green.

Agenda

We will start at 16.00 UTC on Thursday 25 August. Quorum is 5.

Chair: The chair is Matt Hall.

Regrets: Luisa, Jo,

Present: Matt, Dieter, Rowan, Brendon, Leo, Olawale, Leiaka, Chance

Visiting: None

Previous meeting

Note that the previous meeting was in June. There was no July meeting.

The previous meeting minutes are here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GnrQ6SOj3ZbarY_7ReLLPEDf_BMEHb3o1-874UdXQPM/edit#

The document is also on GitHub:

<https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/blob/main/board>

Recordings of board meetings (potentially stored for only 6-12 months)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgLft9vxdduAf4YkO38K9CCjzInBdsegM>

FYI, started deleting >1yr board meeting videos from YouTube.

Remarks:

- **None.**

Swung Day

Still no date for this. Can we find one now?

Proposals:

- Week of 12 September... Mon to Fri. If not, Week of 26 Sept.
- Two sessions: 08.00 to 11.00 UTC (10 to 13 CEST) and 13.00 to 16.00 UTC

Remarks:

- **Thu 15 AM or 16 Sept AM OR following week -- put to Doodle**
- **Brainstorm topics in channel and mine previous agendas, eg 3 big things, 3 little things to talk about**
 - **Platform change? (Swung to...?)**
 - **Going over technology audit**
 - **Events**

Pride month

We committed to donating T-shirt sales proceeds to <https://www.rainbowrailroad.org/>.

Unfortunately at the end of June we had only sold one of these shirts. Now we have sold... two. The total proceeds: USD 13.10. [Record](#).

I propose we end this experiment and donate USD50.

Remarks:

- **Leo: Does it cost something to keep tshirts on sale? -- No.**
- **Matt to remove shirts from site and make the donation.**
- **Done, 25 August 2022**

Fiscal sponsorship program

Fatiando was going to sign up... where is this at?

Remarks:

- **Leo: Community agreed to sign up. There were some comments about the agreement (will push them to provide feedback directly). I'll have a bit of time tomorrow morning and fill out the application on the website. Notes from that meeting:**

<https://github.com/fatiando/community/blob/main/development-calls/2022-07-01>

AWS/Jitsi

Current status: Jitsi in shutdown.

Our last AWS bill was CAD13.88.

Remarks:

- Dieter is checking with Filippo if he was going to look at setting up a less expensive server.
- Meanwhile, we'll use Jitsi.
- Matt has asked Martin what it might take to make a smaller Gather space for things like the board meeting.

YouTube content

This is not accessible in China. Could we host the videos somewhere more accessible?

We can download our videos from YouTube; uploading them to another platform with descriptions etc would be doable, but take a few days I expect. Potentially we could pay someone for work like this. Maybe it would cost \$500.

Question: What platforms are best for China?

Remarks:

- Leo suggested <https://joinpeertube.org/en> but not sure if it's viable
- Dieter has asked Mariana G what it might look like to put some Transform videos on bilibili and/or PeerTube:
<https://swung.slack.com/archives/C0138FEJRUZ/p1661248046351509>

Slack

Slack is changing its pricing. We can lock in to the current *annual* rate (15% of USD6.67, or USD1.00, per user per month, cf 15% of USD8, or USD1.20, which we're actually paying) if we switch to *annual* payment before 1 September.

Your Plan

Your workspace is on the **Pro plan (Discounted)** ([change plan](#)), paying **Monthly**. Your plan will renew on September 20, 2022 for **\$200.43 USD**.

🚀 If you switch to the yearly Pro plan by **September 1**, you can lock in the rate of \$6.67 USD/user/month for one year before prices go up.

If you take no action, you'll stay on the monthly Pro plan and will be charged the new price of \$8.75 USD/user /month starting September 20, 2022. Any active discounts will continue to apply. [Learn more](#)

If we switch to annual billing, our price will go down by 16.7% but we're locked in for a year. If we do nothing, our price will go up by 9.4% but we keep our flexible plan.

Last 2 bills: CAD244, CAD256.

Remarks:

- **Three things:**
 - **What are the concerns around open source/data**
 - **Shedding community members, asking people to change (we would likely lose a lot of people!)**
 - **Price & commitment to maintaining**
- **Matt: What are the competing technologies?**
- **Leo: Pricing comparisons?**
- **Dieter: Advantage to switch to hosted platform**
- **Pangeo Discourse is a great example: <https://discourse.pangeo.io/>**

Decisions:

- **Pay for the year!**
- **Done, 25 Aug 2022.**

Slack administrators

See comment from Leo:

https://swung.slack.com/archives/C0138FEJRUZ/p1660308325410089?thread_ts=1659723046.219249&cid=C0138FEJRUZ

While we're at it, it's worth looking at things that have a bus-factor of 1. If Matt is the only workspace owner, then it could be a problem since there are things that only owners can do (not even admins). For example, I just ran into this while trying hook the [#fatiando](#) channel to our Matrix chatroom.

At present there are the following Admins in our Slack:

- Matt ('Workspace Owner')
- Chance
- Leo
- Dieter
- Filippo
- Steve

There can and should be more than one Workspace Owner.

How will we manage this list?

Remarks:

- **Plan: Promote Chance, Leo and Dieter, leave Steve and Filippo**
- **Done, 25 August 2022**

Technology audit

The 'technology audit' spreadsheet has not been updated for a while, and we still don't have a strategy for dealing with the things on it (who administrates, cost reporting, parameters, etc).

Link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mNAGEgQNvfZem5zY38u9etn200aFWbE2z|LcMEdiL4Y/edit?usp=sharing>

Remarks:

- **Have this as an agenda item of a swung day!**
- **Meanwhile, Matt to review the spreadsheet; others please take a look too.**

Any other business

- Please drop it here.

Next meeting

- **Thursday 29 September at 16.00 UTC. Invites already sent.**

Parking lot / next meeting

These items will go into the next board meeting(s):

- Before December 2022: review Plausible.