ForrestTuesday monthly get-together

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1. Overview

On the first Tuesday of each month we have a 24-hour get-together using the dev mailing list, Internet Relay Chat (IRC), and other collaborative tools, to work on Forrest development and get to know each other.

ForrestTuesday starts at 06:00 UTC (6am Greenwich Mean Time in London) and lasts for 24 hours.

The next event will take place on **6 September 2005**. See start time and zone overlap.

2. Purpose

The day is devoted to working collaboratively to solve particular issues and getting to know each other. In the weeks leading up to each event, decide on the dev mailing list what the main topic should be. Probably something that needs groups work (e.g. moving the internal format to be XHTML2). There will also be an effort to clean up the Issue Tracker.

The dev mailing list is still the main form of communication and all decisions are made there. The IRC channel is to support that and provide a place for near real-time discussion.

The IRC channel is definitely not open continuously. It is only for temporary communications at this monthly meeting.

This is not a user help forum, please do that on the user mailing list.

3. How to participate

- All volunteers are welcome.
- Get an IRC client (some are mentioned at irchelp.org) and see IRC Tutorial.
- Listen to the dev mailing list. That is where any decisions will be made and the name of the IRC channel.
- At the start time, connect to irc.freenode.net and join the channel.
- The discussion will be logged and added to our "events" SVN repository.

4. Notes for channel operator

- The first person to join the channel is the operator.
- Make sure that your irc client is creating a logfile.
- Decide on a channel name. Join it a bit before the start time, then do this setup ...
- Set the channel mode: `/mode #channelname +n`
- Declare today's topic: `/topic #channelname ForrestTuesday: XHTML2 core and Jira cleanup`
- Ask cheche to start the eggbot.
- Make sure that your client is creating a logfile or set up a logger bot.
- Announce to the dev mailing list that the channel is open and tell the name.