2022-Jan-11 ZAC Notes

As usual, if I’ve omitted anything you feel was important to record, please update these notes!

## Administrative

* Today’s attendees: Mike D, Bruce, Rose, Sean, Joe, Len, Boris, Michal

## Remaining Vendor-Neutral

* Excellent discussion taking up the first 30 minutes of the ZAC call today about the Zowe Doc referring customers to a commercial solution for MFA.
* In the end I believe we agreed on three things:
  + It’s OK for Zowe to list the commercial offerings or vendors that might integrate well or enable capabilities in Zowe, as long as it’s made very clear that the Zowe community does not (a) endorse or (b) validate any commercial solutions. Mike will open an issue for the Doc Squad to drive this change.
  + We should create a place for featuring Zowe-compatible commercial solutions (in addition to our conformance program) to help consumers to understand what’s possible and what their choices are. These commercial solution references should not just be peppered throughout the documentation. (Mike will open an issue with the ZAC to track this requirement so we can make it happen)
  + Len suggested that it might be possible for Zowe to support an environment where all of the compatible commercial solutions are installed and enabled, helping to facilitate validation, but that’s probably a longer-term objective. (I believe we also need an issue for this, but where should it live? Mike can create one in the ZAC queue for now, but it will need to be moved eventually.)

## Chat Ops Incubator

* Discussed that Bruce and Mike met offline to discuss staffing and leadership.
* Final decisions have not yet been made, still work in progress.
* Including existing Zowe members and also new members in various roles including squad lead, architect, developers, and UX designers
* Bruce will come back with some names from the IBM side as soon as he can.
* Also discussed the need to plan for prototypes to demonstrate the commercial value of the Zowe Chat component to help onboard additional vendors.

## Zowe V2 Prep

* There is still no posted V2 install that can be used by extenders to validate extensions
* Sean reports that there are still quite a few problems and that the installation still feels like an entirely new product, not just a new version.
* Sean still doesn’t feel as though February for V2 LTS is feasible.
* CLI is in much better state but we never got back to the discussion about whether or not the CLI or other components like Explorer can go to LTS ahead of the server side?
* Office hours for January 11 will feature the API Mediation Layer.
* Rose will send a reminder today using the distribution list for extenders.

## Next Quarterly Update

* Rose is leaning toward skipping the update this quarter, but we would need to put together a communication as soon as possible to explain why:
  + PI Planning week of Jan 24
  + Current state of V2 preparation
  + Weekly Office Hours sessions