

# [Ksummit-discuss] [MAINTAINER TOPIC] Succession Planning: Is It time to Throw Linus Under a Bus?

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On Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 9:51 PM James Bottomley  
<[James.Bottomley at hansenpartnership.com](mailto:James.Bottomley@hansenpartnership.com)> wrote:  
> On Thu, 2018-09-06 at 21:47 +0200, Daniel Vetter wrote:  
> > On Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 9:44 PM, James Bottomley  
> > <[James.Bottomley at hansenpartnership.com](mailto:James.Bottomley@hansenpartnership.com)> wrote:  
> > > Since our fearless leader apparently can't even remember the dates  
> > > of  
> > > the only conference he goes to, perhaps now might be a good time to  
> > > talk about how we'd run an orderly succession process (purely  
> > > theoretically, of course ...)  
> > >  
> > > I think a vote amongst the Maintainer Summit attendees might be the  
> > > way  
> > > to elect a new leader, but others probably have different ideas.  
> > >  
> > Why I single leader?  
> > >  
> > This group maintainer ship thing ... it works.  
> >  
> Well, lets talk about that. I like the single leader model because it  
> doesn't lead to the cabal cult like the group maintainer model does in  
> BSD. However, if we have a plan that can avoid that, I think it would  
> be a reasonable thing to try out.  
> >  
> I also note that group maintainership seems only to work for you in  
> DRM; most of the other subsystems seem to have single leader  
> hierarchical maintainership.

Arm-soc has a triumvirate doing round-robin releases/pull-requests.

Gr{oetje,eeting}s,

Geert

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Geert Uytterhoeven -- There's lots of Linux beyond ia32 -- [geert at linux-m68k.org](mailto:geert@linux-m68k.org)

In personal conversations with technical people, I call myself a hacker. But  
when I'm talking to journalists I just say "programmer" or something like that.

-- Linus Torvalds

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