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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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