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# **VIVO Success Factors:**

## **On the Path to Sustainability**

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# Pop Quiz!!



# Pop Quiz

Question #1: Who owns VIVO?

- A. DuraSpace
- B. Cornell University
- C. Cornell and University of Florida
- D. NIH
- E. None of the above

# Answer Key

#1. E. You own VIVO

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Question #2: Which of the following is an *important* role for the VIVO project?

- A. Project Director
- B. Technical Lead
- C. Release Manager
- D. Ontology Lead
- E. All of these and more

# Answer Key

#2: Critical roles: project director, technical lead, release manager, ontology lead, committers, contributors, marketing and communications manager, steering and leadership teams, working group leads, documentation contributors, strategic planners, infrastructure managers, community development lead, fund-raising coordinator, services manager, webinar producer, wait, there's more...!!

# Pop Quiz

Question #3: How are decisions made on the VIVO project?

- A. Jon Corson-Rikert tells everybody what to do
- B. A bunch of managers make it all up as they go along
- C. VIVO developers make an educated guess about what we all need
- D. None of the above

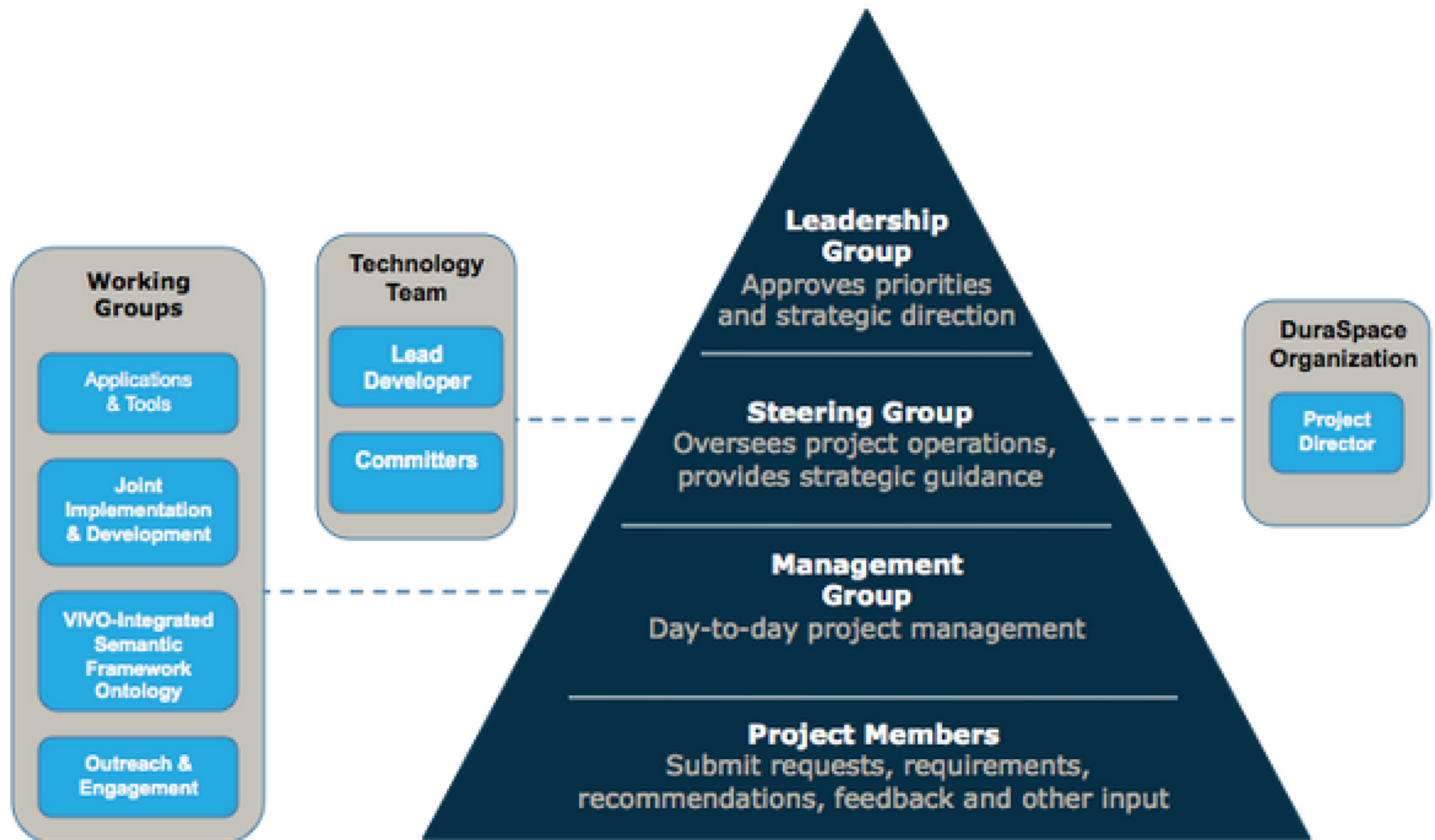
# Answer Key

#3: None of the above:

- It's a community-driven project!
- A governance model is in place to ensure that representative decision making is our style
- Committers have autonomy over day to day technical decisions
- ***Your*** input is vital to project success!



# VIVO Governance Model



# Pop Quiz

- Question #4: Which of the following is ***not*** important project infrastructure:
  - A. Wiki
  - B. Issue tracker
  - C. VIVO BBQ Ribs Cookbook
  - D. Mailing lists
  - E. Code repository

# Answer Key

#4:



# Pop Quiz

Question #5: What is the ideal number of institutions contributing code to VIVO:

- A. One (Keep it simple!)
- B. Two (Two's company, right?)
- C. Three (Nothing like a crowd of developers!)
- D. 1024
- E. None of the above

## Answer Key

#5: We don't know either, but we think it's somewhere between 3 and 1024.

A diverse group of committers is important for the health and longevity of the project!

# Pop Quiz

Question #6: Which of the following services do VIVO Registered Service Providers ***not*** offer:

- A. VIVO Installs
- B. Full Implementation
- C. Customization
- D. Clean and Fold Laundry
- E. Integrations

# Answer Key



#6: Introducing Jonathan Breeze, CEO, Symplectic, who will answer this question.

# Pop Quiz

Question #7: Which of the following is *not* a VIVO expense:

- A. Travel
- B. Marketing Material
- C. Payroll
- D. Project Director
- E. Legal fees
- F. Fund raising
- G. VIVO T-shirts
- H. VIVO Light Sabers
- I. Bookkeeping
- J. Web Site



A close-up, slightly low-angle shot of Yoda's face. He has a green, wrinkled complexion with large, pointed ears. His eyes are closed, and he has a slight, knowing smile. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an indoor setting with some foliage.

## Answer Key

#7: H. VIVO Light Sabers  
(VIVO developers are Jedi but they are not yet licensed for light saber use.)

# Pop Quiz

Question #8: Which of the following is ***not*** part of the business plan for VIVO revenue sources:

- A. VIVO Casino Nights
- B. Private & Government Grants
- C. Membership Fees
- D. Hosted services
- E. Managed Projects

# Answer Key

#8: A. (And no bake sales either!)



## **On the subject of membership...**

- DuraSpace membership is new this year
- DuraSpace members get organizational benefits plus VIVO governance rights
- Institutions contributing > 0.5 FTE in-kind staff resources get governance rights too!
- DuraSpace members can allocate their fees to the project of their choice.
- Join us and support VIVO!!!

# Pop Quiz

Question #9: Which of the following does VIVO **not** partner with:

- A. ORCID
- B. CASRAI
- C. Fedora Repository
- D. EuroCRIS
- E. ASPCA



# Answer Key

#9: E. ASPCA (But never say never!)



# Summary of VIVO Success Factors

- **Community ownership**
- **Critical project roles are filled**
- **Strategic direction**
- **Representative governance**
- **Diverse base of committers and contributors**
- **Technology infrastructure**
- **Registered Service Providers**
- **Diverse revenue sources and in-kind contributions**
- **Productive partnerships**

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