



The World of Plone

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introduction



audience questions



talk structure

Plone the Community
Software

Plone the Foundation
Organization



remember:
Plone is democracy



Plone the Community



Where Does Plone Come From?



example: Solutions Linux 2003



santa claus?





perhaps he invented it





plone 2.0





Plone co-founders





How is Development Organized?



frighteningly



release is defined



cohesion through sprints



ongoing work
electronically



entrepreneur-driven



who is in charge?



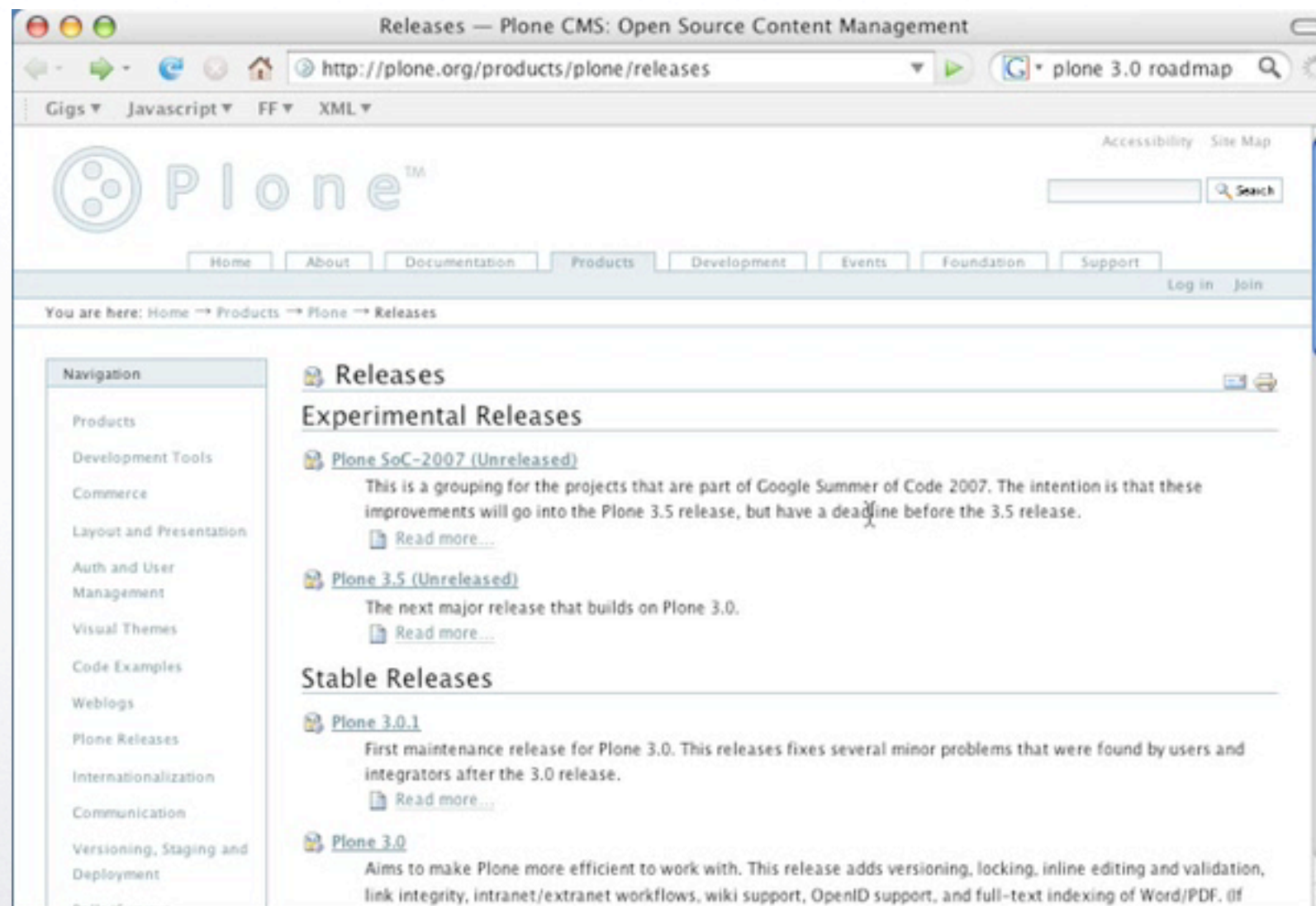


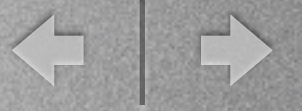
Plone 3.0 release





release manager's job





core challenge:
mechanics versus policy



framework team





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Plone the Foundation



“Protect and Promote
Plone”



history



current board

- Nate Aune
- Geir Bækholt
- Francesco Ciriaci
- Alex Limi
- Andy McKay
- Sasha Vincic
- Paul Everitt
- *(Toby Roberts - Treasurer)*



audience question



PF Areas of Interest



conservancy



contributor agreements



trademarks and domains



publicity



“court of last resort”



How The PF Works



membership



elections



committees



board meetings



minutes

Minutes, Apr 20 2006

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Meeting time: [08:00 AM Pacific time](#)

Roll Call

Present: Ben, Munwar, Jodok, Alex, Jackie, Joel

Absent: Geoff

Observing: Toby, Paul

Agenda Items

- 1) Do we have minutes from the New Orleans meeting? Counted as official meeting but no business transacted, Joel will send minutes. Discussion about caching in 2.5 release. Discussed Plone Conference. No bids, discussion about what conference should be had.
- 2) Approve agenda. Alex motioned, Jackie seconded. Agenda approved by acclaim.
- 3) Officer reports.
- 4) Committee reports (below).
- 5) Old business (below).
- 6) New business (below).
- 7) Review newly-discussed action items.
- 8) Set time for next meeting.

Officer Reports

President

Report during meeting. Since last meeting, lots of teaching.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Hanno gave a report with input from Godefroid.

- As noted under New Business, a request to hold off on voting in last proposed slate, as these weren't judged by the board's membership guidelines.
- Hanno will rewrite the guidelines with Paul providing review and guidance on "original intent" then submit to board.
- After this clarification, restart the processing of incoming applications.
- Hanno also fixed plone.org which was broken for incoming applications and a dead link to a bogus form.
- Hanno will also plan for a membership renewal process via workflow this autumn, including emeritus workflow status. Godefroid pointed out that renewal must follow approval of new guidelines.

Trademark Committee

Andrew Hatton gave a report on behalf of the committee (which includes Jodok and Xavier):

- Alex provided a list of Plone domains
- Action item about domains listed under New Business
- Issue raised about use of Plone name in a commercial project. Andrew approached the company who agreed to rename the product. A domain was also used to push the company. A request to change the domain has yet to be complied with.
- This is also true of another firm that Andrew pinged with to no avail. Paul has offered to add some influence.
- Does the foundation need to have an established address in Europe? A condition for registering domain name in Europe (at least in some countries – like Italy) is to have an



Plone.net



- 199 providers
- 816 sites
- 16 case studies
- Countries, categories, review



Future of Plone?



challenges



retaining #l (-ish)



product vs. platform



organizing volunteers

Delegation and “middle management”



In Conclusion



Plone looks a lot like
you



Plone the community is evolving



Plone isn't software...



Plone is Democracy



“It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all the others that have been tried.”