QGIS PSC Meeting 6 June 2016

Present:

- Tim Sutton
- Richard Duivenvoorde
- Marco Hugentobler
- Anita Graser
- Andreas Neumann
- Otto Dassau
- Jürgen Fischer (late)

Apologies:

- Paolo Cavallini
- Gary Sherman

Video / Audio Channel

https://talkgadget.google.com

Previous meeting minutes:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1arzcgoU0NErm8yiqDvCeasFUdr9zt-8JUx15f3ivTdw

Next meeting:

4 July 2016 - 8pm

Agenda:

- **All: Roundtable:** activity updates (3 minute report back per person)
- Tim: Bug tracker (skype Giovanni) - see also issue tracker heading below
  - Tim Proposed to form a break out group with **Jürgen, Giovanni, Matthias** to define technical requirements. Matthias has offered to help implement technical details. See also below this document for the work he has done so far.
    - +1 Anita
    - +1 Tim
    - +1 Paolo
    - +1 Marco
    - +1 Richard
    - +1 Andreas
    - +1 Otto
    - +1 Jürgen
  - To move to github, agreed by: Anita, Richard, Otto, Paolo, Tim, Marco
- Tim: Voting members (see below):
  - Proposal from Anita:
    - Those who had nomination rights will now vote on the nominees to select between all the nominees. Each community member can vote for 10 nominees. If there is a tie break there will be a new election among the remaining candidates.
      - +1 Otto
      - +1 Anita
      - +1 Andreas
      - +1 Richard
      - +1 Tim
      - +1 Paolo
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- Tim/Anita: USD 200 for logo design for QGIS 3.0
  - Some community members requested a new logo design for 3.0
  - Suggestion is to get Maria Solovyeva to produce a short list of designs
  - Short listed designs will be put to community vote
  - Anita to form a small team with e.g. Larry
  - We would like to keep the Q somehow so that the brand is still recognisable
  - Voting members + PSC would then select their favourite logo
    - +1 Tim
    - +1 Anita
    - +1 Marco
    - +1 Richard
    - +1 Otto
    - +1 Andreas
    - +1 Paolo
- Tim: Camp2Camp request for more committers (see letter below)

- - Motion to accept their request by the **PSC** nominating a (=one) developer from their team for core commit rights. Proposed that nominated person should maintain (being asked) a specific part of the code.
      - +1 Richard (we should write this down in the website)
      - +0 Anita (abstain)
      - +1 Tim
      - +1 Marco
      - +1 Otto
      - +1 Andreas
      - +0 Jürgen (Stephane should be nominated)
    - Marco proposed to scan through the developer list and ask them to maintain specific parts of the code.
      - +1 Tim
      - +1 Richard
      - +1 Marco
      - +1 Anita
      - +1 Andreas
      - +0 Jürgen (Stephane could maintain the access rights stuff for the server)
    - See http://www.qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/governance.html#code-maintainers
  - Tim: Splitting PSC or forming a separate Technical Working Group?
    - Andreas: perhaps the voting members should decide on that (the ones from the community - not the user groups)
    - We can also have ad-hoc groups when needed (like in case of logo) and then dissolve it again.
    - Workgroups could make suggestions that the voting members then decide on
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  - Tim: Streamlining future HackFests
    - Expense claims? - More formal process
      - → TODO: Andreas: will write down the rules for dev meeting reimbursements on the webpage.
    - Lightning talk programme?
      - Andreas: the lightning talks worked quite well in Girona.
    - Grouping so that newbies can find their way to the right groups of people? e.g. a table for doc writers, table for QGIS server developers.
    - Event sponsors?
    - Gather presentations to share?
    - Filming talks?
      - Richard YES please. Even filming with a phone and putting mp4 on a website is ok. An example: http://loadays.sigio.nl/
      - Anita proposes having an experienced/(semi?)professional person to film it and we can add sponsor logos.

- ○ Any other ideas we can take away from watching how awesome Lluis was at running his show?
- Anita: status hackfest blogpost
  - ○ → TODO Tim
- Anita/Paolo: mailing list rules concerning advertisement of trainings
  - ○ → TODO Anita: will write down on webpage that advertisements should be restricted to regional lists and not to qgis-user
  - ○
- Paolo: finalize list of trusted plugin devs
- Richard/Otto: documentation fees: maybe give some to Harrisou and Yves as they have done so much work last month? Maybe not a true working fee, but just something to show our gratitude, like maybe the FOSS4G fee in Bonn?
  - ○ So far we used 1.5 k € out of the 5k (for reviewing work from Nicolas xx (have to dig up the name))
  - ○ Andreas: I am fine with the proposal.
  - ○ Do you have a good proposal? Travel sponsoring for Bonn sounds good to me. Yes, or even the fee (which is something like 600 isn't it?). Sure. Let me talk to Yves, Harrisou and maybe Alexander Neto? **TODO Richard**
  - ○
- **Paolo:** GPL
  - ○ If the authors provide the source to the people who get the plugin, that fulfills the license requirements.
  - ○ See blog post here http://blog.qgis.org/2016/05/29/licensing-requirements-for-qgis-plugins/
  - ○ **Richard: TODO** move above content into governance (and also the 'being a nice player')
  - ○ Proposed that any plugin posted on http://plugins.qgis.org **must** be distributed with source.
    - ■ +1 Anita
    - ■ +1 Andreas
    - ■ +1 Richard
    - ■ +1 Tim
    - ■ +1 Jürgen
    - ■ +1 Otto
    - ■ +1 Marco

- **Follow-ups:**
  - ○ QGIS API documentation **TODO Tim:** will report back at next meeting on the progress. → ongoing, Martin is busy right now
  - ○ QGIS Grants document at https://drive.google.com/open?id=1QKzq3Igx70OIDi0P2F_nql0vJ-99Ix3Y1vy1Jfc hE6o → **TODO all feedback**

- ○ QGIS Licensing Page on QGIS.ORG: **TODO Tim:** will make an initial draft on the above page - others can contribute as needed **TODO Richard**: will find an appropriate place to host on the web site - See http://blog.qgis.org/2016/05/29/licensing-requirements-for-qgis-plugins/ - can we just port that content to docs? → see above
- ○ OSX packaging situation **TODO Richard:** Get update from Larry → seems on it
- ○ Status of symbol and style sharing platform **TODO Richard:** Will work with Akbar to get the version online → ongoing. General consensus is to keep scope small and manageable.
- ○ ~~**TODO Andreas**: Change contact email on the website to~~ andreas@qgis.org ~~or~~ treasurer@qgis.org ~~(if exists) for sponsorship - Andreas to take care of sponsorships from now on.~~ Done: see http://www.qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/sponsorship/sponsorship.html#qgis-sponsorship-program

Activity roundup:

Tim:
- GPL Blog post
- 'Official developer status'
- UI issue improvements (status bar tweaks)
- Getting almost daily requests for admin things related to QGIS
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Anita:
- List of UI issues (with Tim) https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ynCVkD4S60isTEdqQ7ICc3DCB9-PaWWnCliGfUiR5dU/edit
- 2.16 splash screen
- GSoC project discussions
- Hackfest picture → Flickr group https://www.flickr.com/groups/2286344@N25/

Richard:
- Working on documentation system: trying out a mix of Markdown (for text) and RST (for index/landingpages)
- (Mostly) Alessandro and me implemented a caching mechanism for the plugins.xml as the website+service became very slow due to new queries.
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Andreas:

- working on reimbursements for dev meeting and some new sponsors and renewed sponsors.
- Today I had e-mail exchange with Martin Dobias. He is interested in doing multi-threaded support for raster rendering - which allows cancelling of raster and progressive rendering of rasters. He is planning to do a crowd-funding initiative for that.

Marco:
- Working on QGIS Server, getting rid of legacy QgsMapRenderer class
- Dealing with geometry class queries

Gary:
- < excused>

Jürgen:
- < excused >

Otto:
- There is not much change with the docs, but Richard proposed to support Harrisou, Alexandre and Yves somehow, maybe financially or some other support, since they worked a lot on the manual.
- From the people I recruited finally only one person worked for maybe about 1 week revising

Paolo:
- Sorting out plugin approval infrastructure
- Need to decide on list of plugin authors who are trusted
- Short list of trusted authors and the rest go into the approval queue via moderator
- **Note:** Paolo has handed over all the financial related tasks to Andreas and will focus solely on plugin queue manage.
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Letter from camp2camp

Dear all,

First of all, we would like to congratulate you and the QGIS community for the exceptionnal work done so far. We can testify that QGIS is becoming more and more popular, for example in France where private companies and large governmental agencies have been convinced QGIS is the best solution on the market.

We take the opportunity of the hackfest in Girona to officially send you a message about our desire to reinforce the QGIS developper community.

For several years now, developers from Camptocamp, namely Stéphane Brunner, Patrick Valsechi and Arnaud Morvan have been contributing to QGIS in many ways. Their contributions can be seen there :

https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/pulls?utf8=%E2%9C%93&q=is%3Aopen+involves%3Asbrunner+involves%3Apvalsecc+involves%3Aarnaud-morvan+is%3Aopen+involves%3Ayjacolin

https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/pulls?q=involves%3Asbrunner+involves%3Apvalsecc+involves%3Aarnaud-morvan+involves%3Ayjacolin+is%3Aclosed

In the end, we would like to see Stéphane, Patrick and Arnaud becoming QGIS committers.

We know the process can take some time and that it is important to have reliable and skilled persons as committers. Now, reinforcing the committers team would allow for a better response to customers and community needs.

We would be happy to hear your opinion and we are particularly interested in knowing what woud be the most efficient way from now on for our guys to achieve the goal of becoming committers.

We have the feeling Stéphane may be in the best position considering his contributions so far.

We wish you a very productive and fun hackfest !

Kind regards,

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Nomination tallies

1 Alex Bruy
1 Alexandre Neto
1 Delay
1 DelazJ

1 Even Rouault
1 Harrissou Santana
1 Jacob Arpe
1 Jo Cook
1 Kurt Menke
1 Larry Shaffer
1 Pirmin Kalberer
1 Regis Haubourg
1 Saber Razmjooei
1 Tina Cormier
2 Marco Bernasocchi
2 Vincent Picavet
2 Werner Macho
3 Hugo Mercier
3 RÃ©gis Haubourg
5 Giovanni Manghi
5 Yves Jacolin
6 Martin Dobias
7 Nathan Woodrow
8 Matthias Kuhn
10 Denis Rouzaud
10 Nyall Dawson

Logo

Blog post

Similar to
http://blog.qgis.org/2015/11/15/a-word-of-thanks-to-the-hosts-of-the-14th-qgis-hackfest-in-gran-canaria/

Issue Tracker

https://github.com/m-kuhn/QGIS-Test/issues
And here's the code:
https://github.com/m-kuhn/rm2gh