



QGIS PSC Meeting 3rd December 2018

Present

- Anita
- Paolo
- Jürgen
- Richard

Excused

- Andreas
- Marco: I m at UTC-13 and will already be in a meeting. The whole thing was unexpected. I ll be back in CH saturday and will take care of the election stuff. Anita any news on the Georgia usergroup? Cheers Marco
 - Anita: no response yet. I'll keep you in cc.

Video / Audio Channel

<https://zoom.us/j/932887626>

Previous meeting minutes

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XilQ3Ep-ZGhbc73LA3-eQZteqJ6TfTIBqot48G2VmV0/edit>

Next meetings

07 Jan 2019 - 20h00 Central Europe (Winter) Time

04 Feb 2019 - 20h00 Central Europe (Winter) Time

TODOs from the QGIS.ORG Calendar

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17N9j6s7IWZlzxPJXZbgo2z1qADWrOu6Avt7DIN8rFVk/edit>

- November (Marco): Add representatives of new user groups to the voting member pool
- November (Marco): Organize nominations of candidates for community voting members
- December (Marco): Run elections for new community voting members
- December (Paolo): Formal request for agenda items

New agenda items

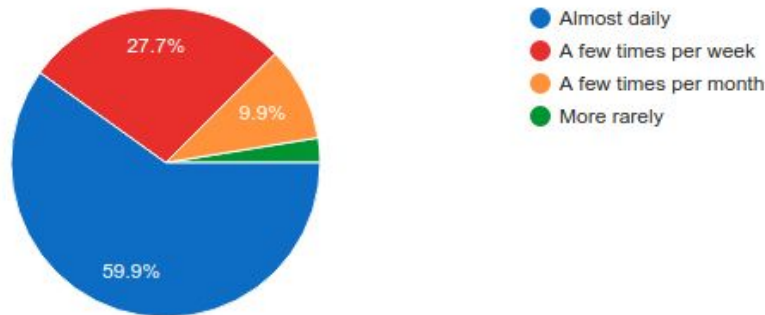
Anita: Results of user question of Nov 2018:

- 1164 responses: 2/3 power users (daily use)
- 18.5% rely on the LTR, 37.3% on regular release, and 15% on the dev version
- What do you want to ask in Dec?
 - Priorities: bug fixing or features

How often do you use QGIS?

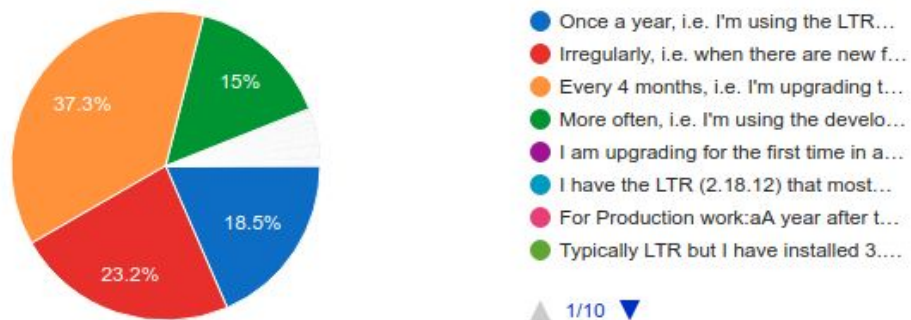


1,164 responses



How often do you upgrade your QGIS installation?

1,164 responses



▲ 1/10 ▼

Question from Saber/LutraConsulting: can QGIS.ORG take over annual costs for building MacOS packages

- See [email-thread](#) for details
- <https://github.com/lutraconsulting/qgis-mac-packager>
- Andreas: I am assuming that the server is kind of an Apple cloud offer - or something similar - but not sure.
- Includes annual fee of approx. 600 US\$ for dedicated build server
- Annual Apple Developers certificate cost of 99 US\$ → **TODO**: get OSGeo certificate from Larry / try if the one we use for Windows build is usable/the same?
- **Motion** to cover server + Apple Developers certificate costs:
 - Anita +1
 - Andreas +1
 - Richard +1
 - Jürgen +1
 - Paolo +1
 - Marco +1
- Lutra will continue to support MacOS building, but the idea is to hand it over to QGIS.ORG for the long run → **TODO Paolo ask Tim to discuss with William** about official packages that should be linked from download.qgis.org

Andreas: proposal for 2019 budget.

- See [2019 budget proposal](#) comment on budget
- See [2018 budget and actual expenses](#) for comparison
- As an additional information: the german QGIS user group is investing 4k in fixing issues around the node editing (which is also still sort of broken in some aspects)

Andreas: Discussion around github to gitlab migration and issue tracker

- Andreas: put 10k into the 2019 budget for supporting that work, but we would need consensus and a plan → **pending discussion with Marco, Denis, Jürgen, ...**

Andreas: Discuss ways to improve quality in QGIS. Give users and developers a break from the new feature flood in order to have more time for fixing issues

- Users in general think that the features in QGIS are mostly good enough or better than what they need, but they would prefer to have a more stable release
- Some ideas to improve quality:
 - a) Enlarge the period of bug fixing in each cycle. E.g instead of 3 months of new feature development and 1 month of bug fixing have 10 weeks of feature development and 6 weeks of bug fixing
 - b) Switch from 3 releases per year to two releases per year and each release would have a two month feature freeze for bug fixing. So per year it would be 8 months developing new features and four months bug fixing.
 - c) One upcoming release (e.g. 3.8) would not allow for new features, but only fixes and small improvements (e.g. usability enhancements) are allowed

- Comment Andreas: personally I would prefer option b).
- Or else: we could spend all of our bug fixing financial resources only on the LT version? It is just a question - not sure if it is good? - the downside is that devs would probably be not so keen on spending many days only on one release for bug fixing, while otherwise it could be a more continuous process ... - maybe we should ask devs what they think about it and not decide it now.
- **TODO Andreas:** talk to devs (on PSC mailing list) about idea to put (financial) focus on LTR
 - Ask the devs whether there are ways to make bug fixing more efficient (also from a budget point of view)
- Andreas: I personally wonder what the percentage between QGIS.ORG funded bug fixing and bug fixing funded through support contracts is in general? Of course there is no answer to this - I am just wondering if we have an idea?
- **TODO Anita:** ask “have you ever paid for bugfixing” as a January question

Andreas: Changing sponsors to “sustaining members”:

- Would be members without voting rights
- As it is now with sponsors, there is not obligation to be a member and assignment to category is done by self-assignment
- Would make it easier for governmental organizations and universities to participate in supporting QGIS financially
- Would help to avoid payment of VAT taxes, as membership fees are not subject to VAT
- Would help to build a better commitment from supporters to renew their financial support.
- [Proposal for change in our charter \(see new section 6\)](#)
- **Motion to change sponsors to sustaining members (without special benefits)**
 - Anita +1
 - Jürgen +1
 - Richard +1
 - Andreas +1
 - Paolo +1
 - Marco +1
- **TODO:** Add to AGM agenda? ← to clarify with Andreas!

OLD agenda items

Hackfests / user conference

- Planning A Coruña HF + user conference (Luigi Pirelli)
 - <http://blog.qgis.org/2018/12/03/call-for-presentations-qgis-user-conference-and-developer-meeting-2019/>
 - <https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/wiki/22nd-Developer-Meeting-in-A-Coru%C3%B1a,-Spain>

Andreas: qgis.eu domain

- **TODO Richard:** accept Borys' offer to hand over qgis.eu to QGIS.ORG → **still open**
- @Richard - can you do this under Hetzner so it could appear together on our upcoming Hetzner invoices?

Paolo: Documentation effort

- Current situation after one month: some didn't have time, others didn't even respond
- Proposal by Larissa: 20h per month
 - **TODO:** Ask Otto to organize a "mini-job" for Larissa → **still open**
- Hire/assign coordinator? No candidates so far **TODO** Marco ask Matteo Ghetta → ?
- Reoccurring issue: lacking description of new features by devs
- Proposal to have a focus on documentation for A Coruña meeting
 - Marco +1
 - Paolo +1
 - Anita +1
 - Andreas +1
 - Richard +1
 - Jürgen +1

Marco (Régis): Roadmap

- **DONE:** enrich the roadmap add the following items:
 - call for translation of QGIS at the feature freeze date
 - call for changelog at the feature freeze date
 - **TODO:** Send timely packaging reminder to William before next release (Jürgen)
 - Decision: advertise widely the release of binaries when OSGEO4W and debian/ubuntu landed (about 2 to 3 days after release) with warnings about packaging work in progress (and a call for sponsoring packagers for less beloved platforms). Waiting indefinitely for Mac/other installers would cause other issues.

Infrastructure

- changelog.qgis.org has no SSL certificate, but it is a critical part of our infrastructure
 - Would SNI be a solution?
<https://wiki.apache.org/httpd/NameBasedSSLVHostsWithSNI>
- <https://www.qgis.org/en/site/about/sponsorship.html> → should link to sponsors homepage, not to changelog website (that has no additional information)
- **TODO** Richard: will try to do a reverse proxy (with letsencrypt) on qgis2, pointing to kartoza's projecta site. Projecta is too much in flux currently, so running our own instance is not yet feasible.

Bugtracker Discussion

When can we have a call with Denis?

- Tue 13.11: Marco, Denis
- Wed 14.11: Marco, Denis
- Other?

Who wants to join? Marco, Paolo, Jürgen

Marco: QGIS Releases (following up various people asking me about this)

What would you think about:

Q1: only 2 releases per year (asked by some devs) to provide more development time between feature freezes → **TODO Marco**: discuss with core developers

Q2: LTR for two years instead of just one (asked by users) to reduce the overhead of installations in industry / government environments

Zanzibar Hackfest

TODO Marco & Anita: finishup, curate and publish! → **done**:

<http://blog.qgis.org/2018/11/05/report-back-on-the-20th-qgis-hackfest-in-zanzibar/>

- Certification report (paolo has the notes)
- Introduce paid membership (same price as sponsoring) - e.g. for universities (who otherwise pay for licenses) or for government organizations who cannot easily sponsor
- Tried to involve local community. Introduced them to translation, documentation, etc.
- Visit at Kola: commission on land management. They use QGIS a lot, except in cartography.

Voting about issues

Proposal that everyone can raise an issue, but only PSC members should start a Loomio vote.

TODO Paolo: publish decision to PSC mailing list

Trademark doc

TODO: Publish (**TODO: Marco**)

User groups

- **Zambia**
 - TODO Marco: add zambia (**TODO: Marco**)
- **Cyprus** lacks proper website
 - TODO Paolo: Ask again; might have to remove if non responsive; pinged again 3/12/2018, to be removed if no answer in 4 weeks
- **New Zealand** user group
 - Brent Wood brent.wood@niwa.co.nz
<https://teamwork.niwa.co.nz/display/NQUG/NIWA+QGIS+Users+Group> → **in progress?**
 - **TODO: marco: remove the NZ user group after asking**
- **Georgia** no link on <https://qgis.org/en/site/forusers/usergroups.html>

- **TODO Anita:** Ask the voting member (Zurab Archvadze) to provide website link → **waiting for response**

TODO Richard:

- Bring back url in sponsorlist
- Remove amount paid
- Randomize Commercial list

Status QGIS.Pro

- Andreas contacted them → they changed their address to <http://qgispro.geosysnet.de> but the product name is still just QGIS.pro → keep pestering them, announcing that we'll take it to public channels if they don't respond

Qgis.info -> adult porn site? what to do with such domains

- Our lawyer told us that the writing we have now, is mostly applicable for the 'good guys', to handle 'bad guys' would cost a lot of money (as hard to enforce international law). → not only the current writing, in general it is harder to deal with the bad guys
- **TODO Paolo?** send an angry TM infringement email →
- **Not much can be done**

Status Oslandia, Certification OGC WMS

- TODO: try to get the same for WFS
- TODO: what is the status?
- http://test.qgis.org/ogc_cite/wfs_110/latest/report.html

Support for critical functions

- Paolo's suggestion: "we should find a more general solution: for every critical function we should build a team, with one member from PSC and an assistant from outside it. This will make the system more robust, and will smooth out transitions when one member resigns. I suggest therefore either to start co-opting people, or put out announcements for candidatures."
 - List of critical functions
 - Plugin management: Paolo → Muhammad Yarjuna Rohmat (Kartoza)
 - Accountancy (invoices, reminds of expired sponsorship): Andreas → **TODO: provide emergency access to Marco?**
 - Organizing AGM: chair with support of the PSC/board
 - ...
 - Call for helpers → approach people directly

Website

- **TODO: Richard** to follow up again with Régis and Test.qgis.org for OGC testing results (and/or other? Landing page to travis etc?) (**not yet done**)
- **TODO: Andreas** to check and provide feedback

- Open issues (already reported to Richard and Tim):
 - Links to company website (directly, without going through projecta first)
 - Hide sponsorship amount
 - Provide info about city and country of origin
- See <https://github.com/kartoza/prj.app/issues/974>

Server migration (QGIS1/osgeo)

- **TODO Richard** : only procmail/MTA/Paypal -> qgis2 or wait for Stripe ... (not yet done)
- **TODO Richard + Tim** : need to review our backup strategy (not yet done)