



QGIS PSC Meeting 5th November 2018

Present

- Richard
- Paolo
- Andreas
- Marco
- Anita
- Jürgen
- Tim

Excused

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Video / Audio Channel

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

Previous meeting minutes

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wcx1ioYj9kEHQKoNPO95acJPrabkZbeTaOj0GNQ4zI8/edit>

Next meetings

03 Dec 2018 - 20h00 Central Europe (Winter) Time

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
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New agenda items

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.
- Unfortunately, I had a look at the QGIS website scripts to update the schedule, and I fail to submit a PR to improve that myself.

Tim: Certification

- Approve certification guidelines for website publication (see below for proposed text)
 - Marco +1
 - Anita +1
 - Andreas +1
 - Richard +1
 - Jürgen +1
 - Paolo +1

Andreas: Budget

- How to invest the surplus, also in order to keep taxation low (lead by Andreas) → *new information after paying outstanding invoices: there is already a loss, no surplus, currently*
See also 2018 budget with actual income/expenses:
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1WphBgUOx0abTJ_33jRVqFTkRU7KYrg8GyBLFdkYC2hw
- First discussion on 2019 budget (any additional upcoming projects?)
→ postponed to Dec

Andreas: qgis.eu domain

- Borys Jurgiel wants to hand over qgis.eu to QGIS.ORG
- In general we want to avoid country-specific domains and let user groups register it
- But there is no european user group
- Cost (per year): 10 €
- Motion to accept Borys' offer:
 - Paolo +1
 - Jürgen +1
 - Marco +1
 - Richard +1
 - Anita +1
 - Andreas +1

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
- 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

Hackfests / user conference

- Planning A Coruña HF + user conference (Pirelli)
 - **TODO:** Kickoff planning process with Lene (Luigi)
 - Copy/paste content from previous wiki page(s)
 - <https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/wiki/22nd-Developer-Meeting-in-A-Coru%C3%B1a,-Spain>
 - Meeting would also include a conference
- HF post publishing (Tim)
 - Draft in blog here: <https://wordpress.com/post/blog.qgis.org/2038>

Andreas: Question from Infrastructure/Geospatial company from India

- <http://www.secon.in/>
- See e-mail at <https://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/qgis-psc/2018-November/006742.html>
- They want to talk to "QGIS.ORG" about technical questions for a QGIS cloud project. Proposal: hand it over to commercial support provider
- Their question: *"We are also planning to make a cloud based GIS software and would appreciate any technical assistance from QGIS to make this happen. It is still in the exploratory stage and we have not formed any team for this yet. I would be open to having a conference call with you to discuss how to make this a reality. We plan to offer this as a software as service module."*
- They also want to sponsor on the silver level

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.

QGIS user survey in Switzerland (first results)

- Users like the functionality of QGIS (they think it mostly suits their needs)
- Users have issues with reliability / stability of QGIS
- Most users use other GIS besides QGIS (approx 75%), most popular other GIS are ArcGIS (66%), Geomedia (25%), Autodesk and GRASS
- 55% use QGIS almost daily (every work day)
- OS: Windows (94%), MacOS (15%), Linux (19%), Android/QField (10%)
- Updates: only 25% update every 4 months. 31% update if there are new features they need, 36% use only LT version
- Commercial support: only 10% have commercial support on hourly base, 5% have a commercial support based on a fixed contract, 70% use community support, 30% say they don't need support at all
- **Proposal:** run a one-question user survey per month
 - Paolo +1
 - Anita +1
 - Responsible: Anita
 - Google forms, send to all mailing lists, FB pages, Local User Groups etc.
 - Question ideas: start out with Swiss example

Bugtracker Discussion

- **When can we have a call with Denis?**
 - **Tue 13.11**
 - Marco
 - Denis
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 - **Wed 14.11**
 - Marco
 - Denis
 - **Other?**
- **Who wants to join?**
 - Marco
 - Paolo
 - Jürgen

OLD agenda items

Paolo: Budgeting documentation writing

- Paul Blottiere (Mainly server documentation)
- Tim Sutton <tim@kartoza.com> available to do general documentation writing and English review of submitted documentation
- Tudor Barascu <tudorbarascu@yahoo.com> available to write and review documentation. At first I would like to focus and finish whatever is left from the server side
- matteo <matteo.ghetta@gmail.com> Both write and review.
- Yves Jacolin <yjacolin@free.fr> review some PR
- Alexandre Neto <senhor.neto@gmail.com> some surgical interventions instead and some reviews when possible
- David Forel <davidforel@yahoo.com> I am open to reviewing anyone's English text
- Frank Sokolic <sokolic@worldonline.co.za> fixing grammar etc., available for 20h

First run: only documenters (first 6 of the list), allocate 1.5 k€ each.

Second run in one month: use what is left unused from the first run (if any), top it with up to 5k€ and involve also reviewers (#7 and #8).

Consider starting a documentation founding campaign after the first run

+1 Anita

+1 Andreas

+1 Marco

+1 Richard

+1 Paolo

+1 Jürgen

Paolo: Status of WGIC participation

<https://wgicouncil.org/mission.html#objectives>

<https://www.geospatialworld.net/news/world-geospatial-industry-council-launched/>

Paolo already sent out email to QGIS commercial support providers. Very limited replies (Oslandia, opengis.ch).

Decision: declared dead

Anita: Broken link for QGIS Georgia at <https://qgis.org/en/site/forusers/usergroups.html>

No luck googling the correct link so far

TODO Anita: Ask the voting member (Zurab Archvadze) to provide website link

List of user groups:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Wte5pfcP0eZ1bfBU7KJuYzw31_rtKyGqciBPW3RXwg/edit#gid=678994363

Old agenda items

Anita: Let's compile a QGIS.ORG organizational calendar!

Here's a first draft off the top of my head. I've also added suggestions for responsibilities (i.e. which PSC member should be coordinating the effort, doesn't have to do all the work alone!) that are - of course - open for discussion:

- Before AGM
 - 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
 - January (Andreas): Financial auditors to check accounting and bank statements
 - January/February (Paolo & Anita & Andreas): Compile annual report, incl financial report for previous year
<https://qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/finance/index.html>
 - January/February (Andreas): Prepare budget proposal for next year
 - February (Paolo): Nominate candidates for board and PSC positions
- Hold AGM (virtual!)
 - TODO list for the AGM: Loomio votings
 - March (Paolo): Run board and PSC member elections
 - March (Andreas): Writing the AGM meeting minutes
 - March (Paolo): Publish meeting minutes
https://qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/annual_general_meetings/index.html
- After AGM
 - April (Anita): Call for proposals for grant programme based on passed budget
 - May (Anita): Announce successful grant proposals

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!

- 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**) -> done

User groups

- **Zambia**
 - TODO Marco: add zambia (**TODO: Marco**)
- **Cyprus** lacks proper website
 - TODO Paolo: Ask again; might have to remove if non responsive
- **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**

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)**

Proposed Certification website text

The QGIS Certificate Program is designed to promote both community involvement in the QGIS project and quality education for QGIS software. As such the application process requires applicants to both detail their contributions to the QGIS project and make their training materials available for review. Contributions to the QGIS project include activities such as:

- Development/commits to QGIS
- Contributions to the QGIS documentation and training materials
- Translation of QGIS materials
- Authoring plugins
- Filing bug reports

- Financially supporting new feature development
- Financial contributions to and sponsorship of QGIS
- Involvement in your local QGIS User Group
- Publication of open QGIS course ware
- Authoring QGIS books

You may be required to provide for review the training material for each of your courses. This includes exercises, lectures and data. This material will be reviewed by the certification programme leads for currentness, accurate representation of the QGIS project and overall quality. If the material is not of adequate quality, this can be cause for refusal.

Following an initial review, the application will be sent to local QGIS groups for their opinion. This portion of the review should take place in less than one month. If there is not a local QGIS user group in your country or region, the QGIS Project Steering Committee (PSC) will make a determination based on material provided and your reputation in the community. In this latter case you are encouraged to establish a local QGIS User Group. If you are not deemed to be a member of the QGIS community in good standing this can be cause for refusal.

The PSC will make the final determination as to whether your organization may issue official QGIS Certificates. If accepted as a QGIS Certified Organization your contributions to the project may be published for transparency.

If approved you are required to make a €20 donation to the QGIS project for each certificate. This creates a mechanism for financial support of the project.