



QGIS PSC Meeting 4th August 2020

Present

- Marco (I'll be on my cellphone, 5 min late)
- Jürgen
- Alessandro

Excused:

- Anita
- Andreas

Chair: Marco

Secretary:

Video / Audio Channel

<https://meet.jit.si/QGIS-PSC>

Previous meeting minutes

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sXZ8KVPcsOQ5GlywRzki2o3uNIECAImgMIT9XJdsISs/e/dit>

Next meetings

See calendar

17:00 -18:30

Tickets

<https://github.com/qgis/PSC/issues/>

Past resolutions in

https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Website/blob/master/source/site/getinvolved/governance/resolutions/2020_resolutions.rst

Agenda

- LasTools -> seems to be quieter.
- Gatekeepers, Community roles draft
 - still ongoing at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p7JGK-t7P7lrXP1xwjhc3mSo0TaOTfUalypFzO3i17l/edit>
- Contact information on our website:
TODO: Andreas to add certification@qgis.org, board@qgis.org and security@qgis.org to the website.
- QGIS and Qt 6: A proposal (<https://www.mail-archive.com/qgis-developer@lists.osgeo.org/msg51035.html>)
 - Jürgen is updating all dependencies for win (including Qt 5.15)
 - Marco suggests adding a budget item for 2021 to allow Jürgen to rework the current unsustainable build infrastructure for windows to try automating things where possible.
 - Investigating existing solutions in depth would also be beneficial (maybe call with Nyall, Matthias, Jürgen and Alexandre Neto about conda?)
 - We should also have a CI with 5.15 (so devs can easily see deprecation warnings)
 - Asked mkuhn and he suggested to first start with a CI that just build qgis against 5.15 so we can already see the deprecation warnings. When we have that we can tackle updating all tests as well (that is a larger body of work)

Emails:

- Transifex management (mkuhn) -> Marco answers
- CMYK in QGIS -> postpone to next month when Andreas is here

License question:

Dear QGIS team,

we think about creating our own QGIS plugin. Within the plugin, we would like to use existing libraries of our company.

According to the license requirements that I have read on

<http://blog.qgis.org/2016/05/29/licensing-requirements-for-qgis-plugins/>

The code of our plugin must be Open Source and comply with GPL version 2 or greater. My question is, does this also include the entire code of each of our existing libraries, that the plugin would use? And is it possible to use commercial libraries from 3rd Party companies used in the plugin directly or indirectly?

-> ask if they intend to do a company internal plugin or a public one

QGIS-LTR

- announce that we will drop 32bit this year -> TODO Coordinate with @anita and @tim for texts

Discussion: 2-years of support for LT-version.

- All in all, it could be done and it could work
- For sure not 2 parallel LTR either every 1y or every 2y)
- Jürgen suggests not pinning dependencies since it creates a lot of work (unless there is an established system to manage them)
- Marco explains the importance not only for enterprise users but also for NGO and developing countries where end-user computer literacy can still be an issue and coherent training materials are super important (Example InaSAFE)
- Companies should then take over the backporting burden through commercial work
- Maybe we could institute a dedicated sustaining member type
- Vote next month

Analysis by Andreas (pre-meeting):

See [LTR usage survey results](#) (see separate tab)

Reasons

- Larger organizations are slow at moving to new versions. Once they move, there is hardly any bug-fixing window left for them.
- Organizations and companies often create plugins and need a longer stability of life-span of the LT version
- Also interesting for training and universities who need a stable base for their training material

Problems:

- library dependencies
- more maintenance work
- harder to backport issues over time

Suggestion:

- QGIS is not investing anymore into bug fixes of LT versions >1 year (customers of support companies pay for backports of older LT versions)
- but the Github branch remains open for commits from support companies
- QGIS continues to package QGIS for up to 2 years

- 64bit only ;-)
- Windows only



OLD Agenda

New address for QGIS.ORG

Will be moved to Laax TODO Andreas & Marco

Extend documentation contract with Larissa?

Got feedback from Matteo and Harissou TODO Andreas

<https://github.com/lajunek>

Other notes from AGM:

- TODO: Andreas: Translate AGM minutes to German
- TODO Andreas: Reflect new chair/co-chair in trade registry

