



QGIS PSC Meeting 2nd Feb 2021

Present

- Marco
- Andreas
- Anita
- Jürgen
- Paolo
- Alessandro
- Tim

Excused:

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Chair: Marco

Secretary: Anita

Video / Audio Channel

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

Previous meeting minutes

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AO8bmkcTJpWVQnU4mYKsobl26d0w5QqAYIaQb_W9_zo/edit?usp=sharing

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

Anita: [QGIS Annual Report 2021 \(Retrospective to 2020\)](#)

Still some TODOs and dependencies on financial report

Plan: publish in February

TODO Anita: follow-up on open issues

Tim: “Young staff.” Tim suggests reserving 20-30k € (annual salary) for a person in a less-developed country that could work on bugfixing, maintenance, documentation, ...

Could be proxied/employed f.e. through Kartoza.

- Alessandro suggests picking only people who are already contributing on a voluntary basis to the project and are not motivated by money only - at least for development and bug-fixing work. For infrastructure work it is different - it is the boring work that people don't tend to do on a voluntary basis.
- Marco suggests focusing paid staff on working on project-related tasks that are not directly related to QGIS Desktop/Server.
- Anita suggests identifying tasks that could be done by such a paid staff and then discussing this suggestion with the community → **TODO Tim** to create a shortlist and post it to PSC list
- TODO: follow-up vision meeting → [Goals of QGIS](#)

Tim: **Blacklisting plugins that crash QGIS**

TODO Tim: draft the process and discuss it with dev list / QEP

Tim: **Country theme open day**

User group representatives could be asked to report (like local groups at OSGeo AGM). Would require an official email to user groups by Marco.

Plan: April OpenDay will be “usergroup day”

Todo Marco write to Countries

And an update to the user group formation page at

<https://www.qgis.org/en/site/forusers/usergroups.html#general-assumptions-recommendations>

Andreas: **Financial report 2020**

Can't be finished yet. Waiting for invoices from OPENGIS.ch and Oslandia (grant projects 2020). The following 4 grant projects are not yet finished and paid:

- Quality assurance methodology and infrastructure. (seems to be done, lacks feedback and invoice)
- Vectorization of selective masking (seems to be finished, but lacks reviewing)
- Evaluate Qt for Python & Shiboken as a Python bindings solutions
- Implementing a settings registry (should be done until mid-February)

Problem: we should avoid “profits” for 2020 in order to avoid paying taxes.

Andreas will contact the grant project people about state and invoices.

For 2021: start earlier with the grant process and set a strict deadline until the grant projects need to be finished (end of the year). → **TODO Anita:** get 2021 grants started in February

Marco: AGM Preparations

Requires annual report and financial report and financial auditing report & asking for input re “matters arising” from members

Planned date: Monday 29th March 2021

TODO Marco: ask for matters arising

TODO Marco: check if revised voting procedure needs to be voted on by AGM

Approve paid documentation work for 2021

Split the 20k documentation budget between Harrissou, Larissa Juneke and Felix Feckler (from Geodatenbüro Dassau), approx. equally between the three. All three already worked on documentation in 2020.

+1 Marco

+1 Alessandro

+1 Anita

+1 Andreas

+1 Jürgen

+0 Paolo

Marco: Travis CI Status → moving to Github Actions

Alessandro reports that Denis, Nyal and he are working on it. Some tests are still failing.

Docker asked for advertising → no consensus on the mailing list if that would be ok

TODO Marco: revisit mail

(<http://osgeo-org.1560.x6.nabble.com/Fwd-Your-application-to-the-Docker-Open-Source-Program-t5454268.html>)

Tim volunteered setting up a Docker alternative

Marco: DB2?

DB2 is unmaintained and untested

Even has voiced plans to drop DB2

Alessandro mentioned that DB2 is the only DB provider that is still lacking API implementation necessary for new DB Manager
Nyall has marked it deprecated 7 days ago

SAP Hana? MSSQL? Oracle?

Ask such big companies to become sustaining members and/or ensure maintenance of their respective providers.

- SAP is reactive but reluctant regarding sustaining membership (maybe because of: <https://www.esri.com/en-us/about/esri-partner-network/our-partners/global-alliances/sap-hana-esri/overview>)

Andreas: 2-year LT versions (OSGeo4W)

Initial draft at <https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Enhancement-Proposals/issues/207> → needs discussions

→ Move discussion to mailing list / github and next PSC meeting.

Old agenda

Budget 100% approved (23 votes)

Nominatim

- Call this week
- <https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/pull/40669>
- Sys admin's (Sarah Hoffmann <https://github.com/lonvia>; <https://www.openstreetmap.org/user/lonvia>) concerns: too high load (currently they have < 1000 requests per second)
- All QGIS users together would only be allowed to issue 1 requests per second (according to OSM guidelines)

→ We might want to set up our own infrastructure. Sarah would volunteer to be the system administrator

TODO: clarify **technical requirements** and resulting budget requirements

Might be something like <https://www.hetzner.com/de/dedicated-rootserver/ex52-nvme> is enough.

~~Conclusion: ask them to check how much traffic we really cause → try it with their infrastructure for a month or two.~~

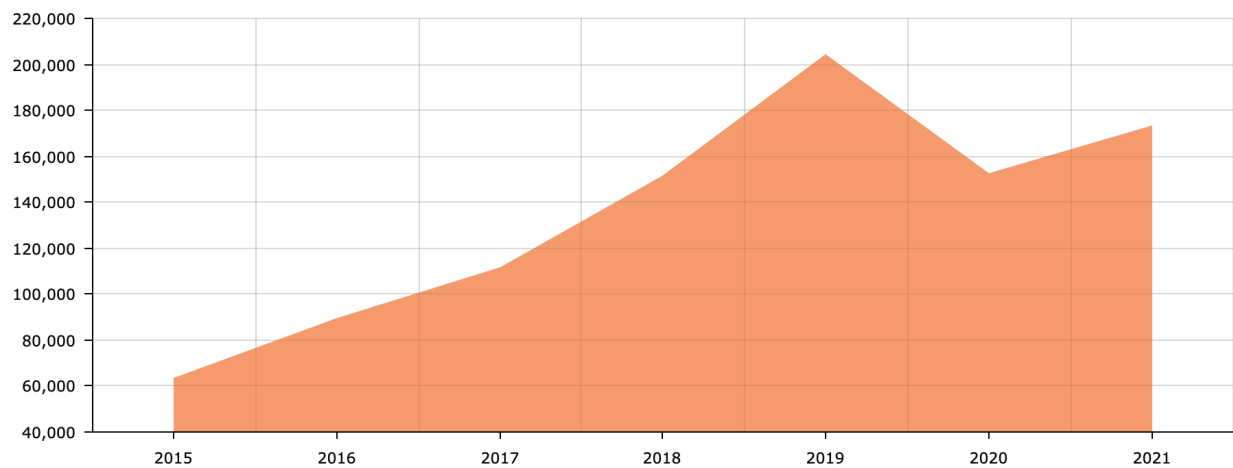
Conclusion:

- Ask Sarah to deploy for us but on a smaller machine
- Announce the feature in the changelog but advise that the feature is provisional pending an assessment on how much load it places on the server, and that the service is provided on a 'best effort' basis
- We can consider increasing the delay times between repeat requests or call for sponsors to fund a larger machine
- We could separate the batch geocoder

Budget History

These numbers are incorrect, Andreas will fix

2021	
2020	173,403.43
2019	204,401.73
2018	151,480.60
2017	111,710.12
2016	89,575.76
2015	63,528.76



Voting platform

- Old discussion never concluded
- We have an non centralised solution that is hard to track:
 - Google forms for community votes are hard to follow and take time to create
 - ML discussion on votes is nearly nonexistent
- Resolutions copying to website is neglected (last copy in June by Anita)

- Marco: re-suggest centralising all voting to a single **loomio** instance

Conclusion: create PDFs of the Google Docs to put on the wiki (if possible) or the website →
Tim will ask someone from Kartoza

THE END

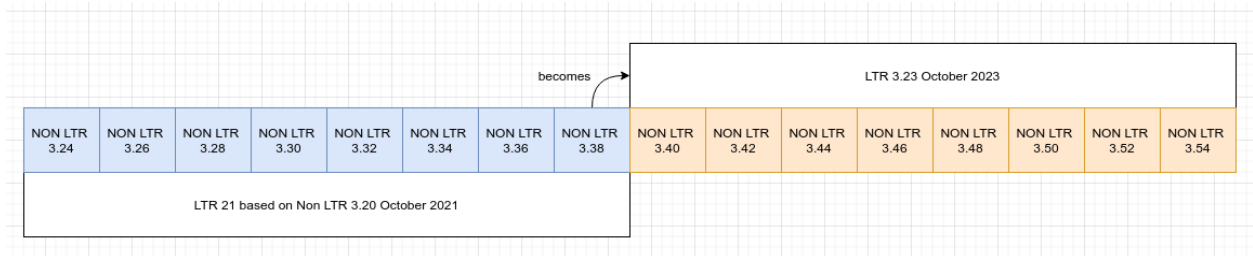
Gatekeepers, Community roles draft

TODO Marco: still ongoing at [here](#)

QGIS LTR for two years

Proposal: Should we present a proposal to the community that we embark on a 2 year LTR cycle. We are not proposing to change the 4 month non-LTR cycle.

TODO Andreas write up QEP to discuss it in the open - not specifically with selected devs only
<https://github.com/qgis/PSC/issues/49>



QGIS-Hub proposal

Current status: <https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Django/pull/94> -> merged

Kartoza volunteers to do a crowdfunding campaign

Open question: will there be someone moderating the hub?

→ We'll probably need some checking to avoid misuse of the platform (e.g. uploading inappropriate images) TODO Tim Sutton give update in next psc

New address for QGIS.ORG

- Will be moved to Laax in 2021 TODO: Andreas
- TODO Andreas: Reflect new chair/co-chair in trade registry

Next QGIS release name

Candidates

- Zürich (it's the last meeting that hasn't been used in a release name)
- Fallback whenever we run out of meeting locations: ask user groups for suggestions (in chronological order):

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Htp5-Cgycm5vdro47juJZEItvN2U9XxfroilSg_C38Y/

Contact information on our website

TODO Andreas add certification@qgis.org, board@qgis.org and security@qgis.org to the website