QGIS PSC Meeting 2nd Aug 2022

Present

- Marco (need to leave at 17.45)
- Anita
- Alessandro
- Jürgen
- Andreas
- Tim

Excused:

- Paolo

Chair: Marco
Secretary:

Video / Audio Channel

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

Previous meeting minutes

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uN-t4hNJ5Zoq00Z7hD1IVVUiTKs3B9fb7BmwNcQdmrw/edit?usp=sharing

Next meetings

See calendar

17:00 -18:30

Tickets

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

Agenda

Marco: Ubuntu CI update grant
- All agree
- TODO: Andreas to inform Nyall about acceptance

Marco: OSGeo AGM slides
- All on track: AGM slide is updated & Amy is producing the video (deadline for video: 2022-08-08)

Marco: US server

DONE: Marco Bernasocchi ask Richard for status ->
- I have root access to the server
- We should indeed decide if it is OK to put stuff on there, but on the other hand, downloading QGIS can be really cumbersome/slow!
- Earlier we talked to the Dutch Linux User Group (well known for their ftp-mirrors for all Linux distro's). They also offered us a mirror.
- But I think Juergen is just not so interested/prefers to handle it on the current 3 servers.
- Jürgen: more servers don't help, we need geo-based allocation of downloads for stand-alone installer (currently round-robin i.e. random assignment). (Everything should be fine for OSGeo4W because users can pick which server they want, if we had a server near the user)
- Feedback from Richard: problem with Cloudflare is that they regularly cache all old installers, flooding our servers in the process; Richard is planning to fix this by separating current installers from old ones and tell Cloudflare to only serve current ones. Richard does not have an ETA for this yet - he would like someone to work on it with him.

Marco: AGM
- Still missing the financial auditing report
- Annual Report: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v9bHE1QMhY4KTrKWNJRcgqagy5ryPKF3LH3b7qocL5M/edit
  - All that is yellow needs to be changed/updated
  - Jürgen E. Fischer can you generate the list of releases in 2021? http://web.archive.org/web/20210823124334/https://qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/development/roadmap.html
  - Anita Graser did you manually generate the list of PSC meetings in 2020? Do we really want to share the google drive links? → replaced by Wiki link
- Invitation ready: 📄 QGIS AGM invitation 2022

- - Long period to accommodate summer holidays (28th Sept is the final date)
    - To be sent out when the financial report is ready
  - Charter
    - English original:
      https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FcChHYgoI4FlURrZRYBjD8kB6IBW_BaG0Ieg8TDT0pM/edit
    - Translation to German:
      https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hCqHn33pIU_ilNC8T3PrY6E91oXmATilqI4k47qLHVM/edit?usp=sharing
    - Website is correctly updated (using English version)

Marco: Firenze contributor meeting
- Andreas: dinners are currently being organized
- Still rooms available - contact Rosella if interested

Andreas: reported Website issue
- Should consider updating Bootstrap → TODO: Tim to look into it and respond

OLD Agenda

Anita: South america QGIS Certification Application
TODO Marco: follow up with involved parties to get a better understanding

Marco: QGIS chile (company)
- Marco sent mail but no response yet

Alessandro: Manual tests
- Infrastructure exists https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Enhancement-Proposals/issues/180
- Open issue: writing more tests and actually performing the manual tests requires more time
- Allesandro: I have asked Alex Neto and Giovanni about the test cycles, they mentioned that they didn't' have time to run the tests this release. They also mentioned that the time available from the packages ready to the packages released was not sufficient. I think they need to talk to Juergen to organize the test cycles for the next release. Also, they are preparing a spreadsheet where the activities will be logged for the PSC feedback.
  - Jurgen had contact. Alex tested the packages before release
  - Alexander said they did run the tests on each patch release.
  - They are adding new tests
  - Some volunteers are helping with Mac tests

Marco: QGIS Portugal
- Organization (ESOP) is interested in supporting QGIS.ORG (somehow, unclear yet).
- Alessandro: follow-up -> Giovanni will look into it
  - No pressure there

Long-term issues

Andreas: Approaching larger sponsors who support FOSS4G
- **TODO Marco:** try to identify promising contacts and reach out to them as chair
- **TODO Marco**: follow-up on Google 10 most important C++ projects

Gatekeepers, Community roles draft
TODO Marco: still ongoing at here

TODO marco: follow-up vision meeting → Goals of QGIS

TODO: invite Tim to one of the next PSC meetings
To follow up on **Tim's idea "Young staff."** Tim suggests reserving 20-30k € (annual salary) for a person in a less-developed country that could work on bug fixing, 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

Voting platform
- Old discussion never concluded
- We have an non centralized 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 centralizing all voting to a single **loomio** instance (as OSGeo-board is doing - https://www.loomio.org/g/kdSmIwxu/osgeo-board)

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

Update: 2021-10-05 unfortunately this approach does not work /
https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/wiki#psc-meetings is not up to date

Update 2022-02-01   Anita: I ping Tim every once in a while to update the lis