

2017-03-14 - Fedora Leadership Group Meeting

Time/Place

- Time: 11:30am Eastern Daylight Time US (UTC-4)
- Dial-in Number: (712) 775-7035
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Attendees

- ~~Chris Awre~~
- Ginny Boyer
- Robert Cartolano
- ~~Aaron Chate~~
- Stefano Cossu
- Dan Coughlin ★
- Tom Cramer
- ~~Jon Dunn~~ regrets
- Declan Fleming
- Maude Francis
- ~~Mike Giarle~~
- ~~Wolfram Horstmann~~
- Neil Jefferies
- Debra Kurtz
- Susan Lafferty
- ~~Steve Marks~~
- Tom Murphy
- ~~Sandy Payette~~
- ~~Matthias Razum~~
- Nick Ruest
- Robin Lindley Ruggaber
- ~~Dan Santamaria~~
- Jon Stroop
- ~~Jim Tuttle~~
- ~~Keith Webster~~
- Evviva Weinraub
- David Wilcox
- Andrew Woods
- Maurice York

Agenda

Topic	Lead
Fedora Leadership Group Election update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List of nominees• Members will vote for the nominees at their membership level• Voting will conclude on March 17	David
Update on preservation survey	David
Organizing a webinar ahead of OR2017	David
Opportunities for Leaders to engage with the project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership task force• Gathering testimonials• Updating website/documentation• Other suggestions?	David
Many Members Performance Testing	Andrew

Package of technical priorities 1. Fedora API Specification 2. Fedora API Adopters Guide 3. Fedora API Test Suite 4. Fedora Import/Export 5. Moving the ModeShape implementation towards the specification	Andrew
Organizing a code sprint to work on Fedora API Test Suite	Andrew
Agenda planning for strategic meeting on April 6 after DuraSpace Summit	David

Previous Actions

Minutes

- 1- Will announce new members of leadership group to leadership group on Monday and anyone who is no longer on the list (they were on last year but not voted on this year) will rotate off. Upcoming we will have the steering group election.
 - 2- Expecting to have an initial summary of the results (along with raw results if anyone wants to see those) by the end of the month. Got 38 responses and good information based on the size of repositories, how fedora is being used, and other technology stacks being used.
 - 3- Specifically targeting the New Zealand and Australia community, the value of Fedora and perhaps linked data community. In addition to a pitch from Andrew and David it would be great to have 2-3 others from the community that are doing interesting work on data visualization, linked data, other things that may be good for the webinar (open to suggestions).
We need to get people to think that when they are choosing repository software they need to be thinking about some of the benefits the software provides and what it's capable of, this would be good to convey and represent in the webinar.
Pitch why linked data is important to discovery (there was a reference to Google Scholar I missed). Not sure if many decision makers understand that choosing Fedora won't be resource intensive (because it isn't hosted) so there needs to be a strong case on why it is something they should be looking at for a repository solution.
It may be worth including some of the Hydra in a Box, and Islander hosted solutions would be worth sharing with New Zealand and Australia communities because they are not particularly well known there and would be useful.
It would be important to do this during Australian/New Zealand working hours and it would not be difficult to market it because they have a good network for communicating this type of information. The thought is to do this well in advance (a couple weeks or up to a month) of OR.
We need some volunteers for being a part of the webinar that are doing some of these topics. Tom volunteered to chat a bit more about this offline. David will email the mailing list to see if anyone else would be willing to add to this topic.
 - 4- Trying to emphasize more to the engagement of the group to push Fedora forward beyond what the group is typically doing now.
Idea of membership task force is from VIVO and the idea is members sending emails, making some phone calls, maybe some f2f time at conferences and reach out to others for some fund raising opportunities for ways to people engage.
David has a list of 30 or so institutions to contact and reach out and he will send that around so folks can sign up. David can do some of the outreach and needs some help.
I'm not sure of callers voices so could not identify who was volunteering for
Australia/New Zealand outreach
NYC Lyrasis Outreach
Evviva, and Dan also willing to help with emails and maybe sort through the list
Good opportunity for Fedora Leaders to develop priorities around development interoperability (sorry, I had a bit of trouble hearing some of this). Looking to brainstorm, identify potential integrations for Fedora. Jenny from Duke is interested in working on this as well.
- Need some expectations on leaders. What are the specific requirements or areas were they can contribute meaningfully. It may be worth bringing together some of the new members to brainstorm what has been particularly helpful to know about being a part of the group. We don't have a formal on boarding process, may be good to get ideas on what works as they came on to be a member and what would improve that process. A lot of folks have questions — how do you engage in an open source community? Possibility to flesh this out more in the face 2 face meeting in April.
- Other groups seem to round robin stories that would be helpful to share with the community. It may be good opportunity for leaders to engage some developers that can share successful stories. Next call add it to the agenda to see what people are working on (send out in the agenda that we will have this opportunity).
- 5- Have seen performance improvements particularly around increasing the cache. Still some problems in Hydra space with the cache being overwritten (I think that is what Andrew said).
 - 6- Inching these tech priorities along, and Andrew will be bringing them up at LDCX to hope we can get more resources to make larger strides.

Actions

Keep the 'Many Member' (item number 5 on the agenda) on the next agenda, because it needs further discussion than we had time for today.