



debian-community.org



Outline

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- more goals, i18n
- simple code of conduct
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- DDs are only a fraction of Debian (e.g. the BTS lists >50000 email addresses for submitters)

Some debian bits about me

- running Debian stable as primary OS since 1996
- FAI (fully automatic installation)
- Debian-edu member, powerpc porter, ftpmaster
- Debian-QA / piuparts
- DebConf organizer, founded the DebConf video-team in 2005
- at DebConf3+4 I had no desire to become a DD
- registered debian-community.org on Jan 22nd '07
- Debian Developer since march 2007

Some more about me

- I'm too busy, I suck^wneed help with debian-community.org:
- I don't want to maintain the software running there alone
- I can't write all the content there alone :-)

Inspiration

- two talks at LCA 2007, linked on <http://layeracht.org/blog/debian/#1-83>
 - “how to herd cats” by Jono Bacon
 - Ubuntu cares a lot about building community and supporting local communities
 - “passionate users” by Kathy Sierra
 - horses & martial arts belts, computer game levels
 - passion, motivation, flow
 - friendly java webforum



Inspiration

- I've been closely following Debian for quite some time: the idea Debian has nothing in between Developers and “plain” users is not new
- the DM (debian maintainers) idea only addresses some technical people and it's also a “high-level entry point”
- many great projects but no single user entry point



Basic ideas

- define what d-c.org should provide
- define what d-c.org should not provide
- easy rules, but rules
- DDs are welcome, but the target audience is the other 99.9% of the Debian community

Reinventing the wheel. Not.

- debian-community already exists, in fact, many debian-communities exist.
- and that's good :)
- so what is debian-community.org about?

Email addresses

- `your_name@debian-community.org`
 - fancier than `your_name@community.debian.net`
- should be quite easy to get (not too easy though)
- disabled after 12 months without contributions
- must only be used for debian-related matters

Email addresses continued

- the exact howto needs to be defined soon, more and more people want an address
- karma points? 3 bugs filed? 2 fixed?
- is email a higher level than being on planet.d-c?
- who tracks this? the members of the community?!

Planets

- planet.debian.org is for DDs and those in NM only
- planet.d-c.org will be open for “everyone” who wants to share their work and fun with Debian
- planet.CC.d-c.org as well

T-Shirts



picture by
Daniele Muscetta,
thanks!

- everybody loves t-shirts :-)
- support, advertisement, attachment to and identification with the project
- DebianArt.org

localisation (I10n)

- universal project? -> localized project
- english is hard or impossible to understand and express oneself for most of the population
- webpage (wiki) should be localized, planets should be localized, t-shirts too and the work as well
- how to keep translations in sync? and which? !all?
 - use ikiwiki like debian-www cvs
- volunteers for I10n-team coordinators wanted!
- ambassadors? (another level :-)
- welcome existing communities

We should reinvent *some* more wheels...

- debian-community.org should not end in itself
 - emails, planet and/or t-shirts are appealing to many
 - but I don't think that's enough in the long term
 - but don't reinvent wheels
- good goals are achievable and measurable
- ideas:
 - polish stable (document bugs and workarounds)
 - improve documentation
 - video tutorials

Means to achieve the goals

- wiki.debian-community.org – to not “mess up” with wiki.debian.org
 - explicitly work under /etch/ and later restart with /lenny/ and so on
 - collect links to other newbie-friendly sources in a structured way
 - hardware support
- other ideas?

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- In RL the basics are very simple: if you smile at someone, he or she will smile back. Try it :-)
- This also works on the net

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- be nice, respect others
- “3 strikes and you're out!” ^w^w^w^w^w^w
- something (un-)like that...
 - not sure how to exactly handle that, but this needs to be defined (sooner rather than later)
 - first set it up and define “positive processes”
 - this is difficult, but IMO needed / very helpful

Official Debian endorsement

- not now, but certainly appreciated and “planed” :-)
- but first, it should be up and running...



~~Design poll~~

- ~~Who prefers~~
 - ~~design proposal 1~~
 - ~~design proposal 2~~
 - ~~design proposal 3~~
- I have nothing against new design polls later.. :)
- who does the work, (for details) decides what and how
- bikeshed.debian-community.org
- system administration with FAI, config in svn on alioth



Status & timeline

- domain registered, machine & hosting resolved
- alioth project: d-community, svn in use, commits and discuss mailinglist set up, #debian-community
- ikiwiki setup in bikeshed.d-c.org is now finished thanks to Joey Hess, but uses local svn
- i'm to busy, pleaz halp
- set up mail
- then set up planets
- ...and let the fun begin

Status & How you can help

- join #debian-community on IRC and prod me
- become alioth project member
- apply layouts
- work on content
- setup mail system
- setup planets

Thank you!

- for your time today and your work on Debian!
- Questions ?
- Remarks? Suggestions?
- Who wants to join?
- I'm very happy about feedback!

I'm h01ger on IRC or <mailto:holger@debian.org>