

These are the meeting minutes for the July 23, 2014 LocationTech Technology Project Management Committee. These will reside here:

<https://www.locationtech.org/content/project-management-committee-july-2014>

Meeting Details

The meeting took place via. Google Hangout on July 23 at 3pm EDT.

Attendees

Present

- Chris E. - GeoMesa
- David S. - Spatial4J
- Erdal K. - GEOFF
- Gabriel - GeoGig
- Howard B. - libspatialindex
- Jody G. - uDig
- Luis B. - TEAMEngine
- Martin D. - JTS
- Rob E. - GeoTrellis

Foundation Staff present

- Andrew R.
- Wayne B.
- Richard B.

Regrets sent

- Justin D. - GeoScript
- Ahmed E. - GeoJinni

Absent

- Manuel D. - Mobile Map Technology

Actions

- PMC representatives (those participating in today's call), please sign up for technology pmc mailing list (<https://locationtech.org/mailman/listinfo/technology-pmc>)

- Andrew to schedule help session [[Doodle poll sent July 23](#)]
- Those wanting to participate in Facebook Open Academy, [fill out the form](#) by July 31, 2014. (takes just a few minute to do) The program includes a free trip to California.

Agenda

- Welcome - Andrew [5 minutes]
- Introduction to the PMC - Wayne [10 minutes]
- Round table project status - Various [~30 minutes]

Minutes

Welcome - Andrew R.

Andrew: The purpose of today's call is to ignite our Technology Project Management Committee (PMC). Currently LocationTech has 1 top level project and that is the Technology project. It provides a home for all LocationTech projects today. The Technology PMC will be a valuable forum for cross project communication and providing guidance to projects.

Speaking plainly, Andrew would like to see a LocationTech simultaneous release in fall 2014. There are at least a few projects that are making good progress and look likely to be able to participate.

Roll call

Everyone participated in a quick round table intro. name, project, brief status of project, and other brief noteworthy information.

A number of projects mentioned the Facebook Open Academy program & their plans to participate in fall 2014. To participate, [complete this form](#) by July 31, 2014. (takes about 5 to 10 minutes to do so)

Introduction to the PMC - Wayne Beaton

Wayne: Primary responsibility is for oversight for top level project. i.e. ensuring success of projects under TLP. How proactive/aggressive depends on the PMC. The LocationTech community seems to be more tight knit than some so may be more proactive than some.

e.g. from Eclipse.org

Eclipse Project - Very proactive... set the plans, schedules, architecture, requirements, open bugs against projects and are very involved.

(Eclipse) Technology Project - Less proactive.... collection of almost unrelated projects. Tends to do just the basic administrative work... looking for projects that are struggling, identify dead projects.

PMC is responsible for:

- Approve contribution questionnaires (CQ's) before IP team even looks at them. Decide if the request makes technical sense. PMC can push back on requests, or not depending on their culture. Any member of the PMC can approve a CQ for that PMC. PMC mailing list will get notice. Various options... don't approve your own CQ for instance. Or deciding self-approvals is OK. Some PMC's follow adhoc whomever gets there first approves model. Two special types: works with, except prereq for items that IP team doesn't vette. There must be a public PMC discussion with minutes taken.
- Providing oversight on committer elections. Oversight in the sense that the individual being elected has shown merit (defined by the PMC). Pragmatically this means did the individual contribute enough to warrant being given committer access. PMC has final vote on the results of an election, they can veto the vote. It's not acceptable for a company to hire an individual to work on the code. This individual needs to demonstrate merit to be accepted. Any PMC member can +1 or -1. If someone wrote and is providing code, then it makes sense for that individual to become a committer; again PMC must decide how to judge this.
- Ensure projects are operating under our opensource rules of engagement: transparently, operating openly, and meritocracy. As a PMC, decide on what is sufficient merit?
- Provide a representative to architecture council... a body of experienced/wise ones. Demands is 1 hour call per month. Having a LocationTech representative on the architecture council would be useful. FYI, architecture council doesn't impose technology choices on projects. Architecture council provides mentors for new projects.
- Planning council manages the simultaneous release. Smaller group of people than architecture council. Demand is 1 hour call per month.

Discussion

Rob: GeoTrellis status 35/110 CQ's raised.

Wayne: IP team tends to care about libraries rather than packages. So you can often submit a single CQ for a given library rather than one per jar or submodule. This may bring those

numbers down & save time. It's not wrong to do one per submodule, but we encourage you to do what's easiest for you.

Rob: What determines who's on the PMC?

Wayne & Andrew: We're starting simply by taking 1 rep. from each project. i.e. the people participating & invited to this call. We can evolve/adapt as we need to.

Various: How do we get set up with access, on the mailing list, etc.

Wayne & Andrew: We'll take an action to make that happen. Generally @ the Eclipse Foundation we don't subscribe you automatically, so we'll send the link out so you can subscribe as well as we'll set up access. (see the actions above for the link)

Jody: With regards to the PMC's hooks into the wider Eclipse Foundation, in my opinion, LocationTech project incubation should be the strong focus right now. Outreach & visibility into other areas of the Eclipse Foundation would be nice, but it should be something that arrives after we get a critical mass of projects through incubation.

Wayne shared that changing employers doesn't change committer status. Note that you may need to get OK from your new employer.

a few people asked about cross-project coordination of CQ's.

Chris shared that GeoMesa is now using Spatial4J & provided positive feedback. David was pleased to hear this.

Rob raised the topic of Maven. Andrew & Jody mentioned repo.locationtech.org. Rob agreed to raise the topic on the mailing list so we can continue the discussion there.

Group decided to schedule an extra call for next week to deep dive on each project's questions and issues pertaining to incubation.

Proposed topics for August 27th, 2014 PMC Call

- Do we want a simultaneous release for LocationTech
- self approvals, Y/N
- what is sufficient merit for committer elections? e.g. certain number of quality patches vs. fuzzy judgement. Note that company X hired Biff is **not** sufficient merit.
- repo.locationtech.org proposal
- Timing to have LT rep. on Architecture council