

Apache Polaris - Zulip Chat Bylaws

[PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION]

Apache Polaris is currently undergoing Incubation at the Apache Software Foundation.

Motivation

The Polaris project uses a public and open chat service currently provided by Zulip hosted at <https://polaris-catalog.zulipchat.com/>. A few rules shall ensure that the chat conforms to the rules and best practices of the Apache Software Foundation and serves well as a collaboration tool for the project.

Organizations and other open-source projects that contribute continuously and significantly to Polaris are welcome, but shall not use the Polaris chat as a vehicle for their own marketing without explicit approval of the project (P)PMC.

Code of Conduct

The [Apache Software Foundation's Code of Conduct](#) applies to the Polaris project public chat.

Governance

- The Polaris project's chat tool is not provided by the ASF - the Polaris project (P)PMC members govern and monitor the chat service.
- Everybody is welcome to join the Polaris project chat. Invites are not needed.
- All users are automatically promoted to "members" (don't stay in "guests").
- Polaris project (P)PMC members have "owner" privileges on the Zulip chat. Polaris project committers are granted "moderator" or "administrator" privileges for moderation purposes.
- This bylaws document shall be published on the project's web site and linked from relevant public channels.
- Only (P)PMC members are allowed to create new channels. The number of channels shall be limited to `#general` (user discussions), `#dev` (development discussions), `#announcements` (release announcements), and `#noise` (GitHub feed).
- Only (P)PMC members are allowed to notify a large number of users (aka `@here`).

3rd Parties

Definition: "3rd party" means any (other) open-source project or any commercial vendor or any other organization.

3rd Party Channels

- 3rd parties who contribute to or use the Polaris project may ask the (P)PMC to get a dedicated public channel, for example `#vendor-<vendor-name>` or `#project-<project-name>`.
- Promotion of 3rd party content is only permitted in these 3rd party channels, and only if the content primarily covers Polaris. Commercial advertisements in any form are prohibited.
- Interaction with users of 3rd party OSS projects or commercial products should be directed to these 3rd party channels.

Content moderation

- User content in any form is not moderated.
- The (P)PMC reserves the right to remove/delete commercial advertisements without notice, authors are notified about the removal.
- The (P)PMC further reserves the right to remove/delete content that violates the “Code of Conduct” without notice.