September 2007

September 2007 Reports (see ReportingSchedule)

These reports are due to the Incubator PMC by 12 September 2007

log4php

iPMC Reviewers: wrowe, jukka, bdelacretaz, yoavs, jim

log4php incubation was restarted in July. Three new committers have been added and a JIRA project has been set up for bug tracking. A maven 2 generated web site has been published to http://incubator.apache.org/log4php. The source tree was reorganized and an initial pass at migration to PHP 5 was committed in July, but there has been little recent activity (possibly due to vacations) and no published development plan. In the next period, the development team needs to establish development plan for an initial snapshot.

Sling

iPMC Reviewers: wrowe, bdelacretaz, yoavs, jim

Sling is a framework to develop content centric web applications based on the idea of modularizing the rendering of HTTP resources. Sling entered incubation on September 5th. 2007.

The Sling project has just started. The basic infrastructure (mailing lists, subversion, issue tracker, web site) is mostly in place; the only things still missing are one committer account and a wiki space. The software grant for Sling has been received and the initial source code is now available in svn.

iPMC Comments

Looking forward to a big picture of how Sling will move itself through the process to graduation, but we don't expect that quite yet. [wrowe]

Sanselan

iPMC Reviewers: yoavs, jim

Sanselan is a pure-java image library for reading and writing a variety of image formats.

The Sanselan project has just started. Mailing lists, subversion and Jira are setup and we're currently working on getting the remaining bits of the infrastructure running like the website etc. The CLAs for all initial committers have been recorded and accounts are pending. The software grant for Sanselan has been received and the code base will be committed to svn as soon as the accounts are created.

River

iPMC Reviewers: wrowe, bdelacretaz, yoavs, jim

River is aimed at the development and advancement of the Jini technology core infrastructure. River entered incubation on Dec 26, 2006.

Jini technology is a service oriented architecture that defines a programming model which both exploits and extends Java technology to enable the construction of secure, distributed systems which are adaptive to change.

The last artifact, the QA framework, has been voted in and landed in SVN. An automated build environment has been put in place and finally all outstanding issues from the Sun issue tracking system have been manually migrated in a large group effort to JIRA.

The River community agreed to do a first release to show the larger Jini community it is serious in its efforts. It ain't a very ambitious release and will be almost an equivalent of the last release done by Sun but includes the ServiceUI code. This release also allows the River community to get acquainted and find out about many of the ASF procedures. No transformation of the

com.sun.jini namespace to org.apache.river will take place, but the River community is aware it has to do that and will find an opportune moment for that during incubation.

Perhaps as a side effect of the ambitions for the first release discussions on new functionality don't seem to take off very well, but that time is used to discuss the process the River project believes it needs to establish. Although most committers have expressed their desire to have code-review before code is committed, due to complexity of the codebase and the difficulty to test many aspects properly, it seemed hard to decide to what extent to enforce that. A proposal for the initial process guidelines is up for a vote now that combines RTC for public API and CTR for implementation details.

US export regulations apply to the River codebase and although discussed in the very early days we were living under the (wrong) impression that complying with them only applied when we were about to release. We are aware now that we should have taken care of it even before the code landed in SVN and we are going to comply as soon as possible.

iPMC Comments:

Good to see the crypto notice issues are being addressed. Since svn will change only once, but the artifacts can land in many places, it's easiest to base the notification's location on the svn source and then provide an update at graduation (when code moves from ../incubator/river -> ../river). [wrowe]

Curious if it might be confusing to users going from the first to second milestone release to discover the com.sun. -> org.apache. update? [wrowe]

The community should feel free to come up with some combination of CTR and RTC to suit their needs. It's not a one-size-fits-all thing necessarily. [yoavs]

TripleSoup

Lokahi

iPMC Reviewers: jukka, bdelacretaz, yoavs, jim

The last word of discussion some 3 months ago was about infra, the creation of the lokahi wiki site. It has since been unused. Some banter on the tail end of ApacheCon EU/07 included ideas about docs and deployment help, and some ideas about DB backends.

The last commit activity in the same timeframe were the beginnings of a jackrabbit connector, no other activity for commits@ since then.

There has been no activity on private.

iPMC Comments:

Mentors are seriously looking for ideas from the Lokahi community how we can help identify that this project still has energy, as mentors had to submit this belated report due back in Aug. Will expect to have something to report coming up in the November report. [wrowe]

I'm personally concerned with the continued lack of energy. It's such a good project on paper. [yoavs]