Fedora Project Discussions

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Three Sessions

- 1. Meet the Project (Michele, Andrew, David)
- 2. What Does Fedora 4 Mean to Me? aka, Where Does the Road Meet the Rubber? (All)
- 3. Governance and Membership Benefits
 (Jonathan)



Meet the Project

- 1. Review by Michele of the last 18 months
- 2. Technical Features & Needs (Andrew)
- 3. Product Management & Fedora (David)



Notable Points

- All development is use case-based, all use cases come from the community, all developers come from the community
- Need use cases, acceptance testing, add'l developers and more members
- Timeline:
 - Spring will see 3.7.2 and Fedora 4.0-beta
 - Fall will see 4.0 release
- Strategy
 - Targeting "greenfield" installs to season & field test F4
 - F3 migration tooling, know how will come as second step
- Training! A need, an opportunity



Rubber, Meet Road

- 1. What is the most exciting aspect around Fedora development?
- 2. What <questions,concerns, pre-requisites> do you have?
- 3. What & when is your next step in moving forward?



Excites

- the Community around Fedora 4
 - Engagement, Activity, Size, Dev Process
 - On ramps for both dev and non-dev contributions
- Fedora 4 Features
 - F3 painkillers,
 - RDF & triple store, storage capabilities
 - data and media support couldn't be coming at a better time

Questions & Concerns

- What's the process, pattern and support for going from 3 to 4?
- Should we start up on F3 or F4?
- How does F4 dev staffing dovetail with local staffing needs & plans?
- Scalability & Large Media
- How closely are Hydra, Islandora et al. tracking F4 dev? Will they blossom at same time?
- What's the long term / "steady state" Fedora 4 requirement for resources?

Next Steps

- Explore "Fedora Direct"
- Staff up and onboard new staff w/ F4 (et al.)
- Figure out how to ease into Fedora 4 locally
 - Greenfield pilots?
 - Assess & plan for cutovers for production systems (in 2015?)
- Execute local dev priorities & plans
 - Metrics, preservation, digitization, etc.
 - New storage system
- Ensure alignment of Hydra dev & architecture w/ F4 schedule and capabilities

