

TAC - 2 June 2020

Attendees:

1. Hanae
2. Gabor
3. Jonas
4. Debbie
5. Jono (external speaker)
6. Phil
7. Benoit

Community Building

[Jono] Monthly call where we build an agenda, the Project team will reach out to the group and see what is on their minds right now.

[Jonas] open source in the energy domain is still very new and upcoming. Really difficult to build community in this domain bc target community doesn't yet understand what open source it is and what it can offer. Learn how other industries have dealt with this challenge.

[Phil] How does a specialized tool succeed? People are very sparse. I want to ensure we are spending our time wisely. Hear things that should be avoided, for example, 3 laws of community building.

[Jono] How detailed do you want to get? Do you want high level or very detailed?

[Phil] Maybe both, be able to review the lower level detail in a document would be helpful.

[Jono] I tend to have a method, perhaps we can have 1 session then put on the wiki. Higher level: best practices; Detailed: how to do trainings

[Hanae] agreed on webinar at high level and then detailed sessions following.

[Gabor] How do you build community for open source software that may end up in business critical and safety critical systems?

[Jono] Two approaches to building community: building scale and ____
Benefit of LF Energy is you can have a much smaller number of participants and it's easier to manage and a more personal element. Smaller ones are usually more successful. The more significant the criticality then more involved software engineers are. For more detailed areas of security, bring someone in who is more privy of that but open source is the best option. The complication is testing on specific software.

[Shulij] Bring in David Wheeler.

[Jono] Works better in a workflow. Then use pull request then code review. That becomes a rule in the project, technical steering committee defines what those are. David needs to discuss what does project lifecycle looks like: when someone submits, how many rounds of review needs to happen? The Apache project is the staple child of this, how do you build those processes. This will be good for all projects of LF Energy and a general guideline.

[Gabor] Communities depend on people who are members of the community but also on the support of companies that people work for.

[Jono] Two angles: what is the role of LF Energy in terms of experience of members and then what is the input of the companies. LFE wants to bring value to members and member companies. Companies want value for them. Goal is we need to participate in these projects as much as possible to make the companies show value. More projects grow, the more they use, the more companies want to input.

LF ENERGY HAS TO SHOW VALUE SO WE CAN KEEP GROWING.

[Benoit] Main challenge is to build community around the project. We have those to design software around our needs, to put the code on GitHub. Translate our code in English and write guidelines to open the doors to contributors. Challenge is to find other counterpoints who want to step in. We have the same business but different histories and we're not facing the same problem at the same time. Find the adequate alignment and pick something that will grow in the future - I don't see this being concrete. How to get collaboration and get alignment on what can be aligned.

[Jono] We may want to talk about how road mapping is done. You have a bunch of companies and engineers are involved, how do we organize those into a set of goals. Some projects have very formalized road map for projects and they work through those different items. We may want to ask what does that general workflow look like for all these projects in a general sense.

[Jonas] We need to ensure that we have an audience that cares. Would love to figure out how to best answer these questions for our projects.

[Jono] We define a set of personas to determine audience. {eg. engineers who are working at utilities). One thing we can explore (higher level session) how you go about defining these audiences.

TAC Representation

[Jefro] Voting is coming up and we need to vote in more people - the election is upon us. Debbie and Phil have been doing a join.

Centralized Resources

[Benoit] Need to understand the difference between website and wiki. Is there a deadline that we all want?

[Hanae] We already have something built and it will be a huge haul.

[Jefro] This is not to replace anything that already exists.

[Shuli] most important is to grow the community together

Open Discussion

[Hanae] Talk about annual review of OperatorFabric on next agenda

Links shared

Action Items