# Engineering Community

## Quarterly Review 03/2014

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# Last Completed Quarter

October – December, 2013

# Achievements

➔ Successful debut in Google Code-in: 273 tasks resolved by 46 students supported by ~30 mentors.
➔ Week by week, Tech News becomes the undisputed reference for Wikimedia technical information.
➔ Ongoing: PM tools, Bugzilla upgrade, Architecture Summit, OPW, tech writer hiring…
➔ All this with one person less and a reorganization of the team's way of working.

# Lessons learned

➔ Pairing works in a team of specialized individuals working remotely.
- ◆ Better quality, less hesitation, steady motivation.
- ◆ Good for special tasks, less for business-as-usual.

➔ Monthly ECT Showcases contribute to short term planning and team collaboration.

➔ Hiring for short contracts demanding community engagement doesn't work.

# Current Quarter

January – March, 2014

# Highlights

➔ Project Management tools review slower than planned, but smoother than expected.
➔ Transition of Sumana to a new tech writer role, consolidates the Architecture RfC process.
➔ OPW Round 7 sets a new benchmark for success in outreach programs: code merged, work deployed.
➔ New tech community metrics help us discover trends plus the best and the most neglected areas.

# Team overloaded

■ Technical collaboration tools

■ Technical communications

■ Documentation!

■ Upstream collaboration

■ Outreach programs

# Areas welcoming recruitment

Technical collaboration tools

➔ IF Phabricator THEN Andre needs help migrating & tuning it to our needs.
➔ We still need him as Bugwrangler first.

Outreach programs

➔ Quim is in execution mode; less quality, no analysis / vision.
➔ We need someone focusing in events, helping in programs.

# Planning

April – June 2014

# Big new shiny goals

➜   Project Management tools plan ready for execution.

➜   Architecture documentation DONE (*).

➜   Complete list of upstream projects with contacts.

… in addition to our goals on GSoC, OPW, Facebook

Open Academy, and community metrics.

# Bonus points

➔ *Data Hub* master plan agreed, prototype available.

➔ Plan for annual hackathons in India and the USA.

# Questions

About the *Data Hub*, how far do we want to go promoting our API in 2014−15?

➜   We need to match your expectations with our aspirations, and with resources available.

We keep wondering how the new Community Engagement team will affect us.