Engineering Community

Quarterly Review 11/2013

More at mediawiki.org/wiki/Engineering Community Team/November 2013 Quarterly Review

Last Quarter Review

July - September, 2013

Achievements

➔ 18 out of 20 Google Summer of Code projects passed + 1 FOSS Outreach Program for Women
➔ Bugzilla reports automatically synced to Gerrit changesets via PATCH_TO_REVIEW status
➔ Direct support of the VisualEditor launch, notably on the French Wikipedia
➔ Community metrics dashboard: key performance indicators of key Wikimedia software projects

Lessons learned

➔ QA is a moving target, and ECT goals must be revised
  ◆ Test automation is not friendly for newcomers
  ◆ More professional audience, hiring expectations?
  ◆ Covering gadgets and bots takes significant effort
  ◆ Results with volunteers require high investment

➔ Disparity between 2013-14 ECT goals and actual work
  ◆ Regular work keeps us away from new tasks
  ◆ Individual areas, wide scope, recurring tasks

Planning

October 2013 - March 2014

Focus areas

Technical
collaboration tools

Technical
communications

Upstream
collaboration

Outreach
programs

Promoted goals

Plan for project
management tools

Consolidate
Tech News

Index of key
upstream projects

Debut on
Google Code-in

Demoted focus

QA volunteers

QA analysis of gadgets & bots

Weekly Deployments

Toolserver migration

Diff: Goals Oct - Dec, 2013

- Dozens of Toolserver tools have moved to Labs
- QA analysis of gadgets and bots

+ Project management requirements and potential tools
+ Google Code-in
+ Grow Tech News
+ Revamped EC team way of working

Diff: Goals Jan - Mar, 2014

- Volunteers write tests for gadgets and bots

+ Project management tooling plan started
+ Architecture process and RFC queue clean

FOSS Outreach Program for Women

Reach out to FLOSS projects we rely on

Tech community metrics to find focus areas

Questions

Should the EC team coordinate with Product Management and Community Liaisons in their interaction with Wikimedia communities?

Should these teams share goals related with deployments of new features in Wikimedia projects?