

Questions-Answers – 04 to 15.05.2014

Did you go to OSC... ? Will you go to osc ? what makes your decision ? Your compagny ?

Answers : it depends on time, money, personal life

OSC 15 : I will know when I know where. Would love to => The Hague

My "need" is giving talks/lectures/workshops mostly (Marcus)

The company would likely sponsor some time but no travel. oSC visitors are no customer target base for the company so talks about the project would bring no real benefit and me just visiting the conference is also of limited benefit.

OSC12 were "*just around the corner*" for me, meaning less travel overhead.

OSC15: Depends if I find a good topic to talk about and the location also influences it a bit. (call for paper Stefan)

Loong time in advance : the schedule (timeframe when it will be) - Loong time in advance : the program (or at least the big pieces)

Any ideas on how to increase ppl at OSC ? (more attractive)

-One thing that made the first fedora (flock) stand out was 3d printing and the presentation from Lulzbot. Maybe *finding someone using OpenSUSE in a similarly exciting area* to present would help.

-Bring it again closer to SUSE engineering sites. Nuernberg or Prag, so that SUSE employees can visit without or with low costs. This will increase attendance to a larger piece of the community (ones paid by SUSE).

-As other's said if it's closer to Nuremberg (*) or another big SUSE location you probably get some more from them.

-It's all about content & purpose.

If oSC is held at a location conveniently reachable from almost all parts of the world, and is reasonably cheap, there will definately be more people.

The first question should be *What as community do we want as conference*. Will be it for ourselves + outsider related to our project or more widely open? What kind of talks/workshop and especially what ambiance we want to run it. (seems the formal way of conference didn't work anymore for us). So we can be creative for ourselves like getting more workshop, hackfest day etc in an openminded space, with lot of people connecting together which at the end of osc are proud about the "shit done" (TM Henne)

What kinda talks would interest you (did interest you)

-Secure VoIP services and protecting personal privacy, cryptography, and things in this area generally interest me. As I did a lot of arm work historically, a presentation on using/porting OpenSUSE to Raspberry PI, would interest me a lot too. If there isn't, I might choose to do such a presentation on opensuse rpi by osc15 (we'll call you David ... smile).

-I am mostly interested in highly technical talks and maybe hackathons, stuff like that.

-Schedule one or two "problem" with a nice action plan. Then run it together.

Have you any idea of WHO could be a great keynote speaker for next year (and it would be better for openSUSE TSP when living in Europe)

Linus would be fine (smile)

-Someone who relates to openSUSE or other open source projects. I will preferably avoid controversial topics like NSA, Snowden etc

-keynotes are not important. Other:I don't care about keynotes and I do not see their point.

-Whoever could talk about our relationship with our great/big sponsors SUSE/B1/AMD etc...

Would you have time to contribute more ? when yes, what do you need to do it ?

-Interesting problems to solve ;-)

-About more contributing right ? Then co-working with people that knows, is always a big plus, cause you learn quicker, get answer directly, and you feel support. So the first hard step are more easy.

What is the best way to increase openSUSE contributors ?

- I think the current opensuse wiki is laid out confusing and hard to search through. Often you end up finding pages that are about much older releases, although newer info is also there, just harder to find. I think making things more discoverable would help a lot, at least for me, though maybe there is a simple project roadmap page out there somewhere that I have missed.

-Being a welcoming community (I think we are), keeping the entry barrier low, more pragmatism and less bureaucracy when it comes to the occasional bugfixer

-Better documentation, Improve the wiki search interface

- I think isolating distros one from teh others is a dead road. Speak more about Linux ...

- I would say that if we find a way to cleanup a bit the mess of informations we have, and make it useful & pleasant to use, I guess it will be more easy to drive people to the jewels the openSUSE's project hide. Then our moto "it's on the wiki" will help people discovering our project in place of making it a pain is A... (tigerfoot answers conclusion? Héhé)

Free and open others ideas ?

OSC place :

As I do not have any compelling reason for the event to be hosted on Madrid, I do not propose it. Do it wherever best for the majority of people in the project.

There is one thing I am wondering:

- Can we currently even fill a conference with useful topics (that would attract people)?

With WINE we had yearly Wine Conferences, 2 days (saturday+sunday)... After several years we ran out of topics to fill two days, and it turned into 4-5 talks, and a bit of workshop style work, and lots of socializing. (Wineconf attendees were usually 25 - 30)

Wineconf was in the last two years part of FOSDEM in Bruessel, and while it lacked the exclusive concentrated work of earlier ones a bit, it reduced the amount of organization effort.

Wine is probably a bit smaller than openSUSE, but what about joining FOSDEM as a DevRoom (again) instead the full blown conference.(Marcus)

(**) yep, a few others wish to redo it at Nürnberg – just nobody suggest to organize it there (not easy) – call for organizer OSC16?*

A few words about :

- Osc at Prague & at Nurnberg did attract a lot of ppl (suse, openSUSE + others), and many ppl wish to get a future OSC again in Nurnberg. As osc15 is planed at The Hague, let's do a "call for organizers for osc16" ;-)

- I'm sure that we are each time happy to go to OSC and to talk, see, share, drink and even dance lol. It was fun, and I did not hear many critics on this point. But on the practical side (see pictures and video of osc13 & osc14), *it's a waste of time, money & energy to organize osc for 250 to 300 attendees, and finally get so less ppl*. Any sponsor/organizer would notice that and say: «hey, what's the problem?»- No I don't have any solution, just to start with: «hey, what's the problem?» - OK it's not a TODO ... but a «brainstorming for DO» (or try less but focused).

So for osc15 and next :

it would be an idea to (re)clarify the focus (300 attendees or a meeting for around 60 geekos)- Close door / together ? Or open to students, potential contributors etc.?

logical : when there are 15 to 25 ppl listening to a talk, it's not easy to find great quality talkers - and if we cannot convinced attractiv talkers (on the subject, mission, passion etc.), we get less visitors. I really dont have any answer on this point, except :

- to avoid the "conferences stress period" like september or may ... now you can go to linux conferences each week".

- and to do our best (help on how ?) to get the Schedule and program long time in advance ;-), long time means at least 4-5 months (because ppl need to organize their hollidays ... I'm talking in general enterprises, not suse).

One more about WIKI : of course it's not the first time that somebody (or more body) says that wiki is not clear ... I recently went on the marketing wiki and saw that the last meeting dated from july 2012 ... so what ? When a community doesn't find anybody to do the «shit» (cf Henné),

perhaps it could be an idea to recycle shit to fun?

I know some ppl likes to renovate or clean or understand the past,

but when no ppl want to take care of the wiki,

it would be an idea to stop saying :

go see the WIKI,

no ?

Thanks for your attention

That's nearly all falks

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