Report meeting 2007-03-29

Present: <to be completed>
Notes: Ismael Demiddel

Subjects for this meeting were:

* status reports (please prepare!):
* bank account (Alexandre Laurent)
* newsletter: infrastructure (François Cauwe), contents
* (tbc) event box (Annelies Bollen)
* support points map (Pierre Buyle)
* planet.ubuntu-be.org (Jan Claeys)
* sysadmin work:
      strategy
      cms
      vacancy

Subject 1: The newsletter
Low maintenance mailing list infrastructure:
François Cauwe tested google apps for my domain. The mailing list
infrastructure is too limited for a newsletter.

François and Mark then tested google groups, seems to be useful
enough for us to get us going.
http://groups.google.com/group/nieuwsbrief_ubuntu-be_org

- @googlegroups.com at the end
+ gets us started really fast
+ possible to hide subscribers

Why we need it fast:
We have emails that we did nothing with since the end of
september.
We could use googlegroups temporarily!

Newsletter contents. Ubuntu-nl magazine is not there yet.

Subject 2: The bank account (with Keytrade bank)
Opening papers have been sent in. Will be there by next meeting.

Subject 3: event box status
We've received 6 complete pc's. See
https://wiki.ubuntu.com/BelgianTeam/Eventbox
What we still need:
- cd writers
- monitors >=17" (tft or not doesn't matter)
- pxe bootable compact machines
- keyboards and mice, too... (a lot of sets)

Annelies Bollen: please people if you've got an offer, mail me!

Subject 4: planet.ubuntu-be.org
People interested in being included on planet ubuntu-be.org can contact Jan Claeys or they can mail the mailing list.
We can expect a multilingual setup from Jan Claeys at a next meeting?

Subject 5: support points map
The beta, with imported data is at
http://ubuntumapbeta.lusis.be/beta

Translation on Launchpad/Rosetta is finished and a minor bugfix (already done but not commited) for zoom area for both dutch and french but not in sync with the latest code.
We might also want German translation

Done by mongolito404, and now assisted by Gunirus & booster. Their next task is to figure how to merge existing translation with latest .po generated from the PHP code and how to get it to Rosetta for everybody to translate the latest strings.

By next e-meeting, things should be in production.

Subject 6: sysadmin tasks

This issue needs preparation before further discussion at a next meeting! Some random thoughts and possibly incorrect quotes:

A small sketch of the current situation:
The ubuntu-be.org website is running on Cedric Janssens' server , the cms has not been updated for some time and planet would be running on a different server.

There is no decent mail infrastructure
A suggestion was to use gmail and google apps for mail and calendar, can request 250 users, but not everyone likes google ...

1. bare hosting from someone on the team
2. bare hosting bought/sponsored externally
3. cms included hosting bought/sponsored externally

For 1. and 2. we would need someone internally to take up the job

Cedric Janssens would provide his server and give some other people an admin password, but they first would have to meet in real life. Since he has had some bad experiences in the past. But first Cedric has to check with the other admin about the feasability. Candidate admins could drop Cedric a mail.

How can we get the best possible quality for hosting and maintenance?

The quality of hosting is not the only thing to consider, things like privacy and possibilities are at least as important (which is why some people are not really fond of using Google apps)

Mark could also set up a server with his tiny enterprise that he could give a vm to ubuntu-be.org on.

Cedric.Janssens proposed to have a separate technical conference about hosting next week with people involved.

Drupal is choosen by ubuntu.com => could be a good choice:
- the CiviCRM module (CiviCRM is a memory hog) we use at TIK (Jan Claeys)
+ drupal is good and easy to maintain
+ written by a Belgian
+ a really nice integrated planet module
+ it's in use at ubuntu itself, and at most locoteams
+ ease of editing content

There are issues with sticking to cmsms:
- CMSMS is not really community oriented
- integrating a planet with it
- being the only locoteam to use it
- having to do customisations ourselves

We need to find 100% trusted people to do the admin work (to do the maintenance stuff). What do we want from such a person and how are we going to look for him and how will we try to motivate him?

- 1 should be sufficient, if you can count on him!
- We need good admin skills (regular update, etc.) with decent response speed to new needs (new software, etc. nothing too fancy) and trust (because the site and the map hold private information about a lot of people.
- web-admin don't need root access, just regular user.
- provide the best accessibility to the website. to be sure to keep it up to date
- no personal use (testing purpose), trust, reliable

At this time, Cedric Janssens is the principal admin of the server, Nicolas Gorzel is his co admin and BenjaminSion could be co admin too. We would set up a separate machine (virtual or not) for ubuntu-be.org.

Sysadmin organisation referred to a future meeting.

Subject 7: evaluation of the format

Most people liked the meeting. Only 1 annoying thing was the nicknames that were changing. So next time don't use the '/nick' to change your nickname, but just log in with your real name.

Next meeting on 12/04 same place same time!