

TCT Meeting 2014-10-21 to 2014-20-28

Date

21 Oct 2014 - 28 Oct 2014


Attendees

- Robyn Allsman, Jacek Becla, David Ciardi, Gregory Dubois-Felsmann, Frossie Economou, Kian-Tat Lim, Donald Petravick, Ron Lambert, Robert Lupton, Simon Krughoff, Xiuqin Wu
- Honored guests: Jeff Kantor, Mario Juric

Attendees, you will be considered present in this virtual meeting if you enter your vote in the table below. If you have no opinion on the change, enter "present" or "here".

Preamble

The SAT met on 2014-10-21 and decided to recommend the following proposal:

1.  DM-9 - Jira project doesn't exist or you don't have permission to view it. - "Open up LSST software mailing lists"

SAT Proposal

The proposal for the suite of **public** lists would be:

- data-announce@lsst.org: a mailing list for public (e.g., release) announcements
- data-users@lsst.org: the list for users of DM software (it was felt that eschewing a mailing list for SO or CQ may be too radical)
- data-devel@lsst.org: general development-related discussions (there will always be a need to reach all developers; e.g., the recent discussions on github-JIRA integration/notifications would go here)

An alternative prefix may be 'dm-', if there's pushback that 'data-' is too broad. Another option (that just occurred to me and isn't necessarily supported by either Frossie or Josh) is 'code-'. All these lists would be public, archived, and open to anyone to subscribe.

In addition to these, we would let any of the working groups (or subgroups) open mailing lists as necessary. So, for example, we could have algo-devel@lsst.org (for apps), or even diffim-devel@lsst.org (if algo-devel becomes unwieldy and needs further splitting), etc. We'll rely on common sense to not let the number of lists grow to >= number of people in DM. These lists could be private, if necessary, but the default should be to make them public.

Finally there'd be a (private) dm-staff@lsstcorp.org, for broadcasts to DM staff only.

Transition plan:

We'd ask Iain to create these lists.

Once they are created, the proposal is to retire and archive lsst-data and lsst-dm-stack-users lists after some grace period (~1 week).

The subscribers to lsst-data would be alerted to re-subscribe to either the -announce, -users, or -devel lists. The subscribers to lsst-dm-stack-users will be alerted to the name change, re-subscribed to data-users (or, if Mailman allows for that, lsst-dm-stack-users would just be renamed to data-users), and an alias will be set up to forward e-mails from lsst-dm-stack-users to data-users.

SAT Recommendation

The SAT recommended at its meeting on 2014-09-21 that Mario's proposal for data-announce, data-users, and data-devel be adopted. In addition, the SAT recommends that smaller groups be encouraged to set up their own mailing lists, ideally via self-service at lsst.org.

Goals

The TCT will now:

- first, review and comment on these proposed changes based on their impacts upon cost and and schedule; and
- secondly, present our findings to the DM Project Manager and the DM Project Scientist who consider them when determining their mandate on these three changes.

Analysis

Robyn's opinion on the impact upon cost and schedule of accepting each of these changes to the mail lists is that there would be minimal impact.

Discussion items

Who	Comment	Yes/No /Here
Robyn Allsman		Yes.
Jacek Becla		
David Ciardi	In principle, I have no objection, but I am worried a bit about the sheer number of emails and different addresses.	Yes
Gregory Dubois-Felsmann		
Frossie Economou	Don't care what we call it as long as I can email "my" developers, to which I offer such unstinting support.	Yes
Kian-Tat Lim	dm- is not ideal, but it is short and descriptive, and I like it better than data-.	Yes
Donald Petravick		
Ron Lambert		
Robert Lupton	I prefer the dm- prefix (we're not discussing data). I don't see the problem with having more lists (more emails, yes!)	Yes
Simon Krughoff	+1 for the dm- prefix.	Yes
Xiuqin Wu	I prefer dm- prefix too.	Yes
Tally of votes:	Quorum is 6 members present. 7 voted affirmatively for the naming change; 4 no-shows. A preference for the 'dm-' prefix over the 'data-' prefix.	

Action items

- ☐ At the end of voting, [Robyn Allsman](#) will notify [Jeff Kantor](#) and [Mario Juric](#) of the TCT vote. The TCT requests that Jeff and/or Mario advise the TCT as to the final disposition of this issue so that the Standards documents can be modified if, and as, appropriate.