

Various points for the development process were discussed below are the points and the main comments. It might not be all there but there was 1600 lines of chat to go through so I might have missed a bit.

1. purpose

The definition of the purpose of the core was described below was deemed sufficient and acceptable. I will add a poll and suggestion thread on the forum.

We agreed that we need to allocate resources to support the core

The core is independent from the distro and distro agnostic

Each distro will look after it's defining elements but also can join / help the core

Distro elements can be DE, kernel or whatever fits the bill

Each distro will have full read/write access to the dev server but server operation will have to follow a code of practice.

2. resources

Dev forum: The dev forum will be kept of the free forum under communal control.

User forum: The user forum will be held on Chrisz's server since it has been paid for a year already and is not mission critical.

Development server: will be held on Devnet's server, mirrored on Didouph's server for the short term and to enable development to start.

We keep the alternative to use an independent server live as offered by Cpunltd:

"I have hosting connections to get a server going if it is needed separate from the pclos servers. We also technically have the other mirror hosts to work with... but I do understand that we should have an "internal" server for housing testing packages as well as a home repo to mirror from... the best I can do on bandwidth and space for the cost is \$20/mo for around 300GB of space and around 3TB of bandwidth (with 5 domain names) The host does take paypal, so my suggestion would be if we go this route, to establish a paypal account with the new distro's name (as well as a gmail account to attach it to) and those who can donate the money necessary to keep the server up and running... this is just the webhost option, if we need more, the company I am connected with also offers a dedicated server option, but I am sure it is more costly... if everyone wishes to know more, just let me know..."

Fluxflux has announced that he could finance the server based on his current level of donations.

A voting will be opened as to which server we go for.

3. Authority

All versions were reviewed for final comments before voting.

debian model:

Pro: democratic, vote for everything.

Cons: slow and cumbersome development

The key problem with this model, the boss doesn't have enough power to make things happen.

Board of director model:

A board made of the lead dev of each distro. There are no vote required since each distro already have their own model.

3 persons elected to a board with limited terms, and everything is decided on 2 out of 3 votes.

what about one distro power struggle? Can a "strong willed" person take over?

The issue facing us is that the fewer the people at the top, the more quickly the decisions are made. However, the fewer the people at the top, the more likely that one person can take over it all.

Government model:

One person elected to control the executive with a vote of confidence on a 6 months basis but with no control of resources

Having the control focused on one person speeds up things and if that person does not control the resources, it can't take over

2/3 majority???

There should be a 'constitution' - very hard to modify

In every democracy, there's only 1 president for a reason, otherwise stalemate can happen

Autocratic model:

supreme-dictator-for-life, very fast actions / decisions as long as the dictator remains active.

A dictator can be deposed only by coup-d'etat. Lots of resentment.

Thing is, too, making it an ongoing concern. With PCLinuxOS, everyone was always worried about Texstar. What if something ever happened to Texstar? It needs not to depend on on person to keep going.

Results from IRC meeting:

The final results seemed to be a consensus that the optimum model would be a president to control the executive with a board of directors to control the resources.

One final point that I think is important. Each distro remains independent and their authority within their own realm is undisputed

1 president, 1 vice president, 1 board of directors(3 administrators / treasurer).

Each position to be reviewed on a yearly basis.

4. name

Voting for the name will be on the forum

We need to make the name "safe" by ensuring that the copyright for the name are "free to use" so that nobody can prevent the distro from continuing.

5. Other

Granular has offered to represent the kde branch of our project.

The next meeting is to take place on Tuesday 10/03/09 at 20h00 GMT with the aim to review the results of the forum polls and trash a "charter" and "mission statement".

People unable to attend but wishing to make comments can email another dev with their comments to be published at the next meeting.

If you feel that another item needs to be dealt with at the meeting, please let me know so that I can update the Agenda.