FOSSBazaar – SPDX Working Group

Meeting Minutes 3-June-2010
Minutes Archive: https://fossbazaar.org/content/spdx-meeting-minutes

Attendance

Name	Company	Present
Andrew Back	BT	
Barry Freedman	Alcatel-Lucent	
Bill Boyle	Consultant	
Bill Schineller	Black Duck Software	X
Bradley Kuhn	SFLC	
Daniel German	Unv. of Victoria	X
Dave Maxwell	Coverity	
Debra McGlade	Qualcomm	
Dennis Clark	nexB	X
Eric Thomas	TI	
Esteban Rockett	Motorola	
Gary O'Neall	Source Auditor	X
Jack Manbeck	TI	
Janet Campbell	Eclipse Found.	
Jeff Luszcz	Palamida	
John Ellis	Motorola	
Kate Stewart (Co-Chair)	Freescale	X
Kim Weins	Open Logic	
Mark Gisi	Wind River	X
Marshall Clow	Qualcomm	X
Martin Michlmayr	HP	X
Martin von Willebrand	HH Partners	
Michael Herzog	nexB	X
Michel Ruffin	Alcatel-Lucent	
Phil Odence (Co-Chair)	Black Duck Software	X
Phil Robb	HP	
Phillipe Ombredanne	nexB	
Scott Peterson	HP	X
Shane Coughlan	Opendawn	
Tom Callaway	Red Hat	
Tom Incorvia	Micro Focus	X
Vin Sharma	HP	

Next Meeting Time

June 3, 8am PST / 10 am CST / 11am EST / 16:00 GMT

Conf call dial-in:

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Direct dial number is: 1-303-474-8558
For those dialing in from other regions, a list of toll free numbers can be found:
https://g8.cfer.com/g8.jsp?an=8008671147&ac=9965310&login=true
Passcode: 3096092
Web share- http://blackducksoftware.acrobat.com/podence/

Action Items

- Jack M, Jeff L, David M, Michael H. to post use cases for consideration. JACK M POSTED https://fossbazaar.org/wiki/spdx-use-case-1
- Michael/Rockett- Pursue TM custodial and funding issues with Member Counsels with the idea that Linux Foundation would be custodian.   IN PROCESS.
- PhilR/MartinM- Get spdx.org up with simple landing page.   Set up info@spdx.org email to route to Kate/Phil for follow up. DONE
- Kate- Start Wiki FAQ to help us share questions/answers that come in from those interested in SPDX. DONE
- Kate- Provide Rockett with initial author's list for spec header. DONE
- GaryO/BillS/JackM- Create wiki to illustrate/demo impact of RDF using section of current spec. DONE

    New:
- BillS/DanielG- Review license list vs. Black Duck popular licenses list and one that Daniel has. Recommend additions to Kate
- TomI- Create proposal for handling variants on BSD license.

Administrative Agenda

- Attendance - 12
- Approval of minutes – Approved.
- Update from Michael/Rockett on Trademark/URL etc.
- Outreach and evangelism:
    - Common Messaging/Presentation – Phil O
    - Industry Venues – Phil R
    - Website – Martin M
    - OSCON Booth- Martin

Trademark and URL

Mark search not yet complete. Rockett anticipates next week.

Promotion and Evangelism

COMMON MESSAGING/PRESENTATION
Approved presentation is posted.

INDUSTRY VENUES

WEBSITE
SPDX.org is up.
OSCON
We'll have space in the HP booth. Three people have volunteered to staff. Lynn Abbott from HP will schedule a call to discuss logistics.

Technical Agenda

RDF

Gary and Bill have been working together on examples that are now posted on the Wiki. We were able to validate the RDF syntax in one example using an online RDF validator; we'll build on this kind of tool to allow SPDX-specific validation. Proposal is to set up URLs on SPDX.org to hold references (e.g. the license short names). RDF clearly lacks some human readability, but Bill will work on a tool to create different (e.g. easily human readable) formats from SPDX source.

Short Names

Kate walked thru a draft short name list which she based on OSI approved licenses, Fedora names, Debian names, and Kim's proposal. (to be posted on Wiki) She more or less stuck with Kim's naming convention (NAME-X.Y), however because of the common use of GPLvX, retained that format for the GPL family of licenses. Much of the discussion was about that inconsistency and we explored options ranging from being completely consistent with the hyphen approach to being completely consistent with the "v" approach. In the end we decided to stick with treating GPL exceptionally, however acknowledged this could still be opened for discussion on the mailing list.
We had some discussion about the composition of the list. Basically everyone is in agreement, but we tasked Bill and Daniel with reviewing to make sure we weren't missing any obvious popular licenses.
We also spent a little time on the BSD license and decided it needed to be broken down further. Tom will make a proposal.
Other resolutions:
  - No dupes in left column, i.e. each short name should apply to only one full named license.
  - For any full name that contains a version number, that number will be included in the short name.

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