

FOSSBazaar – SPDX Working Group

Meeting Minutes 11-MAR-2010

Attendance

Name	Company	Present 11-3-10
Barry Freedman	Alcatel-Lucent	
Michel Ruffin	Alcatel-Lucent	
Eran Strod (Co-Chair)	Black Duck Software	X
Phil Odence	Black Duck Software	X
Dave Maxwell	Coverity	
Kate Stewart (Co-Chair)	Freescale	X
Martin von Willebrand	HH Partners	
Martin Michlmayr	HP	X
Scott Peterson	HP	X
Phil Robb	HP	X
Tom Incorvio	Micro Focus	X
Esteban Rockett	Motorola	X
Michael Herzog	nexB	X
Phillipe Ombredanne	nexB	
Kim Weins	Open Logic	X
Shane Coughlan	Opendawn	
Jeff Luszcz	Palamida	X
Debra McGlade	Qualcomm	
Tom Callaway	Red Hat	X
Eric Thomas	TI	
Jack Manbeck	TI	

Next Meeting Time

March 25, 8am PST / 10 am CST / 11am EST / 16:00 GMT

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North America: 1-800-867-1147

Direct dial number is: 1-303-474-8558

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Action Items

- Rockett – report back in 2 weeks about possibility of working with member council DONE
- Michael – check trademark, domain and other usage of proposed name. DONE
- Eran – Ask LF if we they can assist us in registering the trademark SPDX and investigate reserving the domain name SPDX.org (and perhaps others). Also, is it appropriate for LF to serve as the agent to own these registrations? DONE
- Kim – draft syntax proposal for file grouping with license and copyrights. NEXT MEETING
- Jack M, Jeff L, David M, Michael H. to post use cases for consideration. NEXT MEETING
- Eran - talk to Martin M. about FOSSBazaar supporting WIKI. DONE
- Michael H. - look into alternative WIKI temporary support if FOSSBazaar options not available. (nexB supported?). DROPPED
- Eran/Rockett – Talk about confidentiality versus transparency HANDLED BY LEGAL WORKSTREAM
- Rockett/Kate- Report back on meeting with Member Counsels
- Michael/Rockett- Pursue TM issue custodial and funding issues with Member Council with the idea that Linux Foundation would be custodian.
- Michael/Martin- Arranged for Michael to test Wiki
- PhilR- Determine if/how folks can sign up for working group session without registering for the full Collaboration Summit

Minutes

Administrative Agenda

- Attendance
- Approval of minutes
- Action item review

Working with Linux Foundation Member Counsels

Rockett reported on discussions with Karen Copenhaver, Kate, and John Ellis. Recommendation was that the Working Group on Package Data had 3 different component audiences: Technical, Legal and Business. The current mail list is the logical home of the technical work stream. Rockett and Kate will meet with the Member Counsels to discuss the concept of a working stream specific to the legal concerns.

Trademark Discussion

Michael reported on the results of his trademark/URL search. Recommendation was to change the spec abbreviation to SPDEX due to URL availability. Michael and

Rockett will explore how to get trademark work done and if Linux Foundation will play role of custodian.

Wiki

Martin M. created a Wiki under FOSSBazaar. Kate and Eran provided feedback. It seems to be a good solution for us. Michael will test before we go live. In parallel, Kate will transfer “golden” document to Wiki.

Working Group Session at Linux Collaboration Summit

Michael raised the question about participation in the session by folks who are not registered for the Collaboration Summit. Phil R. is pursuing.

Technical Agenda

- Fedora’s licenses list – reference or replicate?
- Review Martin von Willebrand’s comments (2010/02/10) NOT COVERED
- Review Jack Manbeck’s comments (2010/03/10) NOT COVERED

Use of Fedora License List

Guided by the “just the facts” principle, the group concurred that the spec would not include a pointer to the Fedora list because it includes a Good/Bad distinction. The general sense of the discussion was that the list provided a great starting point and would be a good ongoing reference, but that the list the spec should have its own list. Tom C warned that trying to have specific identifiers for non-“free” licenses would be a big scope increase, and Kate clarified that the intent was to put those licenses in the “Other” bucket. Tom described that the Fedora list included “free” licenses as defined by the FSF. Kim felt strongly that OSI licenses outside those included in FSF definition should be included, but Michael reported that there were few of those beyond the Artistic license.

There was a lot of discussion about how strictly to apply unique identifiers. For example, there are variants on the MIT license that only differ in the name of the copyright holder and/or the order of sentences. Should they all be called “MIT.” There was fair agreement that we wanted to avoid designations such as “MIT-like” because they are subjective. Scott felt strongly that actual license text should be included because URLs might come and go. More discussion is required going forward.