

Ubuntu Meeting 2007-03-15, 21:00, irc.freenode.net#ubuntu-be

Present: Lieven Baes, Bart Broeckx, Annelies Bollen, François Cauwe, Ismaël Demiddel, Kevin Elaerts, David Geens, Wouter Horr , Roel Huybrechts, Alexandre Laurent, Sebastian Schauenburg (NL), Mark Van den Borre, Pieter Verledens, + silent observers Karl ?, Niels?, Jan Van Haaren, a few anonymous observers

Notes by Isma l Demiddel (thank you!)

Topics

- fair responsibilities
- event box: status & logistics
- communication training for volunteers
- VLOD evaluation
- newsletter
- recupc
- bank account
- support points map
- localised cd's
- planet.ubuntu-be.org
- system administration
- job offers

Intro

After a small discussion of going to jabber we decided to stay foot.

Fair responsibilities:

- West-Vlaanderen: Jan Claeys
- Antwerp: Alexandre Laurent (TBC)
- Leuven: Annelies Bollen
- Li ge: Alexandre Laurent
- Limburg: Bart Broeckx
- Gent: Isma l Demiddel (+TBC Dieter Vanderfaillie)
- Charleroi: you?
- Namur: you?

More information:

- all dipro fairs: <http://www.dipro.be/1/index.htm>
- <https://wiki.ubuntu.com/BelgianTeam/ComputerFairs>
- <https://wiki.ubuntu.com/LoCoComputerFairHowto>

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Event Box

Responsible: Annelies Bollen

- Annelies has set up wiki.ubuntu.com/BelgianTeam/Eventbox . This page will serve as an inventory and wishlist for the event box(es).

- David Geens notes that he could make a demo PC for the Hasselt fair.
- Mark Van den Borre suggests a weekly spam to get everything we need for the event-box. ;-)

Logistics problem:

- Most of the time we use our own equipment, but in the long term, that needs to change.
- The problem with one event box: where to leave it after a fair and when/where to pick it up.
- Mailing is expensive and dangerous.
- Volunteers can burn their own cd's and use their own hardware, but they really need Ubuntu banners.
- A suggestion is to set up several local event boxes, giving more responsibility to local teams.

Communication training for volunteers

Mark Van den Borre will look into it during the coming month.

Vista press attention followup

Mark Van den Borre warned he was unable to work on it, and little happened apart from an interview on radio 1. We need

- people to talk to the press
- people who look for opportunities to get in the media (e.g. a radio interview)
- people who are good writers

Ismaël Demiddel mentions <journalist, confidential>.

David Geens mentions "offene kanäle". TV stations in Germany that show your home made videos.

Alexandre Laurent warns that press work is for people who know what they are doing.

VLOD (Gent education fair)

- videos and photos: <http://vlod.pagadders.net>
- short review: <http://blog.markvdb.be/2007/03/flemish-educators-infected-by-ubuntu.html>

Ismaël Demiddel and François Cauwe report:

- + People like the free software idea.
- - Lack of good books about free software to teach it in Dutch.
- We need a separate education section on the ubuntu-be.org site, with reference cases and docs, and link to nl.edubuntu.info. Work for François, Ismaël and Dieter Vanderfaillie.
- François seems to have discovered a mole at Nashuatec who can do some free color printing for us.
- final report on the wiki by next meeting.

Newsletter

We had a lot of interesting schools and educators contact information from VLOD. We also have a lot of other nl_be addresses from fairs. The idea is to send them the Ubuntu-nl magazine to keep the contact warm.

- Bart Broeckx, Wesley Stessens and Jan Claeys will make sure there is enough information about Belgium specific events in the Ubuntu-nl Magazine.
- There are no fr_be addresses yet.
- Mail infrastructure for the newsletters. Google apps for your domain is easy and requires almost no maintenance. François Cauwe will check if it lives up to our expectations.

Recupc

Annelies Bollen will **contact recupc.be** about the status of their experiment.

Bank account

Jointly **open a bank account** for ubuntu-be.org. The original plan was to open an account with Mark Van den Borre (nl_be) and Cedric Janssens (fr_be) at Argenta. With Cedric stepping back because of his illness, Alexandre Laurent is prepared to take over the fr_be side.

- Get the list's fiat on Alexandre.
- Do the opening paperwork.
- Once in a while check the account (with homebanking).

Support points map

Pierre needs to write some code to import the old stuff, and the setup can go live somewhere. This is almost ready. Expect results soon.

Localised cd's

We want localised cd's. Sensible defaults for keyboard and language, electronic id reader software all included on the CD without the need to go online.

We need someone to coördinate with the derivative team (David Farning, dfarning@gmail.com). Jan Claeys and François Cauwe will look into this. Status report at the next meeting.

Planet.ubuntu-be.org

Jan Claeys has taken responsibility for this for the time being, until a definitive sysadmin solution is found.

System administration

We need new blood in system administration. Priority topic for next meeting!

Job offers

Some companies need Debian/ubuntu knowledged people. We could create a jobs feed on the ubuntu-be.org site and mailing list. For jobs creating free software, this should be free. For jobs just using free software, we might want to use this as a source of income. Waiting for the site infrastructure to be fixed.

Aftermath

Even if the results are there, the meeting format needs improvements. We need:

- better preparation of the agenda
- more frequent meetings (twice a month?)
- less subject load per meeting