

TYPO3 Association Activity Report

The Snowboard Tour has passed with 5 days of sunshine and the all new TYPO3 logo flying on our flags, as if celebrating the release of version 4.0. This first version of TYPO3 to be developed and released under the aegis of the TYPO3 Association is as much the long-awaited completion of many long-term developments, as it is a proof for the case of the Association as the governing body of TYPO3 development in general. Here are the latest news from the Association:

Event Committee

This year's Snowboard Tour was held in Fiesch, Kanton Wallis, Switzerland from January 29th to February 4th, 2006. 134 participants, including externals, populated the slopes and took part in various activities ranging from football and ice hockey tournaments to heavy bandwidth consumption and CPU load in the nerding area. Special thanks for a great week in the snow goes to the T3BOARD06-Event-Team: Adrian Zimmermann (www.snowflake.ch), Michael Hirdes (www.elios.de) and Mathias Schreiber (www.wmdb.ch). Next year's tour is already being planned by the event committee and the quest for a suitable location is on. The second international TYPO3 Conference 2006 T3CON (formerly known as TYCON3) will take place in Karlsruhe from October 3rd to 8th. Questions regarding these events should be posted to the event committee's mailing list at t3a-events@lists.association.typo3.org

R&D Committee

TYPO3 4.0beta3

Over the last few months, many people have been working intensely on the next major release, TYPO3 4.0. Most of the sub-projects are relatively stable already and the respective maintainers are fixing bugs they have detected during the currently running beta phase. Two final features are about to be committed to the TYPO3 core: One is the new default skin reflecting our brand new corporate design and the other is a modified extension manager which enables connection to the new extension repository. At this moment Karsten Dambekalns is fighting the remaining bugs in the PHP4 SOAP implementation and, as soon as this battle is won, Michael Stucki will release TYPO3 4.0beta3.

Security reviews

The improved extension repository provides a highly important feature to the TYPO3 community: Security reviewed extensions. An extension uploaded to TER2 will only be added to the official repository after a quick security check done by members of the security team. Although you can still access non-reviewed extensions (if you dare), you can now rely on the fact that at least two experienced developers have browsed the code of an extension for security relevant issues. This is no guarantee for 100% secure extensions, but still a big step forward towards a collection of high quality extensions.

The road to TYPO3 4.0 final

The final version of TYPO3 4.0 depends on the new functions provided by the TER2. Before we can launch the new repository, the security team has to review at least 1/4 of the most popular stable and beta extensions. Therefore, the release date of 4.0 final mainly depends on these reviews. Honest help, be it financial, work or organisation, is highly appreciated. Please address your offers and questions directly to the security team (<http://typo3.org/teams/security>) or to Michael Hirdes (dodger@typo3.org).



TYPO3 Beach Flag at T3BOARD06

Questions regarding the R&D committee should be directed to Robert Lemke (robert@typo3.org).

Communication Committee

Aside from the technical development, TYPO3 is also evolving in terms of corporate identity and brand communication. The new CI consists of a redesigned logo, a TYPO3-own font to match and various applications, including all official websites. On behalf of the TYPO3 Community, we wish to thank the design team. Especially Ralph Du Carrois (www.seite4.com) for designing the logo and our own typeface, Steffi Kieffer and Ben O'Hear (www.revelate.com) for the web designs and Rasmus Skjoldan (www.bee3.com) for managing and communicating the process. Credits for template and CSS programming go to Sebastian Lechenbauer (www.dpool.net) and Robert Lemke (www.robertlemke.de).

With this milestone reached, the T3BRAND project has come to a successful end. The branding effort will now be transferred into a management and evaluation process to be defined by the communication committee. The logo and logo guide, the style guide and the font are now available here under the provisions of a creative commons license (<http://typo3.org/teams/design/ci-flightplan/>). Questions about the logo and its usage should be addressed to Rasmus Skjoldan (raz@bee3.com).

Association Internals

The first general assembly of the TYPO3 association takes place on March 2nd, 2006 in Copenhagen. The meeting will commence at 13:00 at the IT University of Copenhagen, Rued Langgaards Vej 7, DK-2300 Copenhagen S. The room number will be announced on the association website. For those planning to attend, the T3A-Site also contains the agenda and a registration form, so we can book a large enough room.

Think future, not feature – your T3A Team