

Agenda for SCC Meeting 4-21-04 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Granite Room

Agenda

- Course Correction for the SCC
- Quick Status on Software Taxonomy
- Quick Status on Software Metadata
- Status on Web Tools and Support for SCC Members
- Review of Other Action Items
- Mac Paint Status Report
- Candidate List for Preservation Test Version 3.0
- Proposed Agenda for Next Meetings
- Current List of Issues
- Next Meetings Q4 Included

Course Correction for the SCC

(Bernard Peuto, with inputs from several members)

In the last 6 months of the SCC we have tended to focus on organizational issues, goals and scope of work, white paper, positions papers and/or cook book on metadata, software taxonomy and community of volunteers. These discussions have given a better blue print for our work and the processes and structures necessary to achieve results. They will continue as the volunteer's contributors make progress on coordinating these discussions.

But I feel very nervous about these paper strategies (if I may say so without denigrating their importance) taking too much of our time and not enough actual software collecting taking place. I have talked with several of you and got a strong confirmation that it is high time to do practical test cases. They will provide valuable inputs on the process and structural decisions already made and foremost they will provide results no matter how small in the sea of software to be saved.

Let's discuss the practical steps to put in place this course correction.

Quick Status Software Taxonomy

(Paul McJones, Michael Blasgen and Dag Spicer)

Quick Status on Software Metadata

(Mary Cicalese and Sharon Brunzel)

Brief discussion on the goals of the Metadata.

Last meeting's metadata presentation identified the following long term metadata requirements of: Preserve, Research, and Educate. And the short term requirements of Inventory and Exhibit. We did not have time to discuss these, but there is evidence that we should instead select the short term requirements to be Inventory and Access (not exhibit). The level of access and the experience of the assessors are still to be determined. Furthermore we need to be more precise on the long term requirements. A brief discussion is expected to help refine these important goals.

Status on Web Tools and Support for SCC Members

(Lee Courtney, Mike Walton, Dag Spicer)

Presentations on Community of Practice

(Lee Courtney, Dick Gabriel)

This is postponed to next meeting.

Review of Other Action Items**Mac Paint Status Report**

(Bernard Peuto for Tim O'Reilly, Grady Booch, Bill Atkinson, Andy Hertzfeld, Donna Dubinsky and many others)

A group of dedicated volunteers is trying to collect early Mac Paint sources code, collect its oral history and get IP permission from Apple. This is a very good test case.

Candidate List for Preservation Test Version 3.0

List from our last discussion to update today.

Generic Program Name	Variant	Volunteers	Task Size	Comments
Early Fortran	Waterloo? IBM? 1620?	Len/Paul/Lee		
A Word Processor	Select a First-Ten item as subject for prototype software exhibit. One idea is Xerox Bravo editor.	Kirsten		
The vi editor or the MAGIC hardware CAD tool		John		
An operating system (Multics, or OS360, or MS/DOS)	Unix V6 or V7	Mike		
Viscalc				
Adventure game software		Dave		
Early Powerpoint		Dennis		
Some early interactive system (TBD)		Ed		
A big search system (TBD)		Sharon		

Software for hardware in the collection	(SAGE? JOSS?).	Dag		
Something related to LISP		Larry		
Mac Paint				
A software 1,000				
A software 10,000				

Proposed Agenda for Next Meeting

Web Tools and Support for SCC Presentation
 Second Review of Community of Practice Presentation
 Test case status
 IP issues
 Discussion on the Software 100 (if time permits)

Future Agenda Items

Final Taxonomy Presentation
 Final Metadata Presentation
 Cataloguing the Collection Presentation

Current List of Issues

Focusing on CHM required actions vs. actions for the community at large.
 What is software? What software do we collect?
 Understanding the repository issues.
 Conversion and data reading issues.
 Scanning standards and other media standards;
 Process for submission;
 Auditing process;
 Other institutions to work with
 Audiences
 Access is universal except for standard IP restriction
 IP issues
 Tax issues with software donations
 Escrow for commercial software currently on sale
 PC Application Software Conference May 5-7, 2004 in Boston
 Etc..

Next Meetings

Wednesday April 21 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Granite Room.
 Wednesday May 19 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Granite Room.
 Wednesday June 23 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Conference Room III. [Note different time]
 Wednesday July 21 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Granite Room.

Wednesday August 18 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Granite Room.

No September meeting

Wednesday October 20 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Granite Room.

Wednesday November 17 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Conference Room III. [Note different time].

Tentatively no December meeting [Otherwise Wednesday December 15 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Conference Room III. [Note different time]].

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