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From

jegelstaff

Sent: 2007/5/2 15:41:10



From: Toronto, Canada

Re: Nice post about democracy and whateverocracy!

Quote:

Herko wrote:
Would you know there's a genuine coup being prepared to overthrow skalpa and 'his gang' (not sure if I'm still part of that in their eyes), to get things back on track...

Wow, no I didn't know that. I think the lack of a release of the new code base has frustrated a lot of people, I do think it has been very detrimental to the community and the project.

But I believe that what matters most in terms of change or progress is that it

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come from XOOPS.org. Perhaps Skalpa could be "overthrown" if the owners of the XOOPS.org domain forced him out, similar to the departure of Onokazu I suppose.

But doesn't the foundation own the domain name?

So anyone who doesn't like Skalpa, all they can really do, is fork XOOPS. Which has happened before, a lot, and is I think a direct result of the lack of releases, and related difficulty in contributing code to the project.

Anyway, my thoughts on this are summarized in my recent sourceforge posting:

http://sourceforge.net/forum/message.php?msg_id=4267954

Honestly, I am interested in the notion that emerged in replies to that post, of a merged 2.0.x/2.2 branch, leading to whatever Skalpa is working on. But I am very concerned that this merged code base would be just as much vaporware as Xoosphere has been so far.

If there is genuine work going on towards a merged branch, and that work requires a freeze on 2.0.x, then I would support that. Otherwise, I think there really should be a 2.0.17 branch with new functionality in it.

In my opinion, what seems to have happened is that the core developers have effectively forked XOOPS. The current production branch, 2.0.x, has been orphaned. Not only are there all these people out there working on forks of XOOPS, the core devs of XOOPS itself



aren't even working on the production code base.

Fundamentally, I think that is what frustrates users the most. It certainly frustrates me...to the point where I'm willing to unfork the production branch and move it forward with the help of Marcan and others.

But a mandate for that has to come from XOOPS.org, because if it's not going to be supported and released as the next version of XOOPS, then it will be another fork, and that's completely wasteful.

Essentially, if all we can do is fork XOOPS, again, then the project is dead in my opinion, or at least literally on life support and running on inertia only, until the time when a merged version, or Xoosphere, or something is released in the future.

--Julian

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