

CORAL Steering Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
08/08/2016

Attending

Jeff Mudge (Wheaton College (IL))
Steve Oberg (Wheaton College (IL))
Ben Heet (TRLN)
Remington Steed (Calvin College)
Katherine Swart (Calvin College)
Scott Vieira (Rice)
Mang Sun (Rice)
Eric Hartnett (Texas A&M)
Carla Clark (SirsiDynix)

Agenda

1. Current pull requests
2. Update on CORAL 2.0
3. Calvin College CORAL experiment
4. WC governance review
5. Use of help@coral-erm.org

1. Current pull requests

- Remington reminded the group beforehand that we agreed in our last SC meeting to a new process.
- The group will review outstanding pull requests (PRs) before the meeting and only if there are any questions about a particular PR will it be discussed in our monthly meetings.
- There are some existing PRs that need testing.

ACTION: Texas A&M will complete testing on those PRs that are currently tagged as needing to be tested.

2. Update on CORAL 2.0

- Jeff reported good progress on a unified installer script for fresh (new) installs. This should be ready for testing within the next few weeks.
- An upgrade script (for existing installations) is also being worked on but will take more time before it's ready for testing.
- Steve noted some libraries have contacted him to ask about upgrading to the latest 1.x release and he has encouraged them to wait 'til 2.0 is available. Jeff asked that libraries instead be encouraged to upgrade to the latest 1.x release because 2.0 is based on an assumption that everyone will be at latest prior release.

- Remington asked about status of revised documentation. Scott will follow up on that to ensure it gets done as soon as the install and upgrade scripts are ready for testing.
- We are still on track for a general release date for 2.0 in the Fall.

3. Calvin College CORAL experiment

- Remington reported on experimental work done at his institution this summer to enable connectivity between Evergreen, Calvin's open source ILS, and CORAL.
- One aspect is to port CORAL's database from MySQL to PostgreSQL, which is the database software used by Evergreen. This enables easier data sharing between the systems.
- The primary focus for now is on enabling acquisitions data to be shared.
- This work was done by forking CORAL and this means that for now, Calvin is somewhat on its own and unable to contribute much to the main codebase. Remington hopes that eventually they will be able to connect back to the main codebase in future.
- Eric mentioned work being done at Texas A&M to do something similar between CORAL and Voyager, their ILS, focusing also on acquisitions data.

ACTION: Remington and Eric will demo their work at a future SC meeting.

4. WC governance review

- Scott shared a draft Google Doc that describes WC governance. It is modelled after the governance adopted for the SC last year.
- A decision was made to limit the participants in the WC to five.
- Scott may step into the formal role of chair, which he's been doing already for about a year, but someone else may volunteer instead.
- SC approved the new document with no changes.
- Steve asked that this document and one for the SC be shared with the broader community in a more accessible way. The governance information for SC is housed only in Trello, e.g.

ACTION: Scott and WC people will create a new page for SC governance and link to it, as well as the page for WC governance, on coral-erm.org.

5. Minimum PHP version for CORAL

- Remington recommended that the minimum PHP version be the oldest still supported version, currently 5.6.

- Mang suggested that this could present a problem for some installations and perhaps we should set the minimum at 5.4.
- Jeff mentioned that 5.4 reached its end of life almost a year ago.
- The group agreed that **PHP 5.5 would be the minimum for CORAL 2.0.**
- The group also agreed to discuss this again for each new version of CORAL.

6. Use of help@coral-erm.org

- Steve suggested this address be used on coral-erm.org in the footer (for the “Contact Us” link) instead of the coral-admin email address.
- Scott noted that currently, help@coral-erm.org goes only to the WC.
- Ben suggested adding the SC (coral-admin email address) as well to get email sent to help@coral-erm.org, and asked if there was a way to make this information more prominent on our website.
- Remington also wanted to ensure that people needing help are pointed to the coral-erm discussion list.
- Everyone agreed with the suggested change for use of help@coral-erm.org.

ACTIONS: Scott will see that the footer email address for “Contact Us” gets changed. He will also create a new menu option and page for “Getting Help” that will provide clearer guidance for how to get help.

7. Other

- Eric will coordinate with Scott to get last month’s meeting minutes posted on coral-erm.org and also located in the proper directory within the CORAL Admin Google Drive space.
- Discussion of required minimum PHP version (added above)