

Working with Contributor Communities

Debian

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Debian local groups — current status

- plenty of mailing lists
 - ▶ *debian-\$lang* — user discussions in *\$lang*
 - ▶ *debian-devel-\$lang* — devel. discussions in *\$lang*
 - ▶ *debian-l10n-\$lang* — translation coordination
 - ▶ *debian-dug-\$ccTLD* — country-based local group (quite recent, growing)
- spontaneous local group organization on the wiki
 - ▶ wiki.debian.org/LocalGroups
 - ▶ largely unknown, underused
- Debian Trusted Organization around the world
 - ▶ mostly hold Debian assets
 - ▶ some also engage in Debian promotion

Issues


- **too ad-hoc**, not advertised/encouraged enough
 - ▶ consequence: little world coverage
- **scattering** of resources
 - ▶ unofficial web sites, wikis, forums, IRC networks, ...

Debian local groups — goals

Let's fix this!

What are the goals?

- encourage the creation and liveness of local groups
 - ▶ **reduce the gap among users and developers** via F2F interactions
 - ▶ ensure **Debian presence** at local Free Software events
- maintain a **directory** of local groups to answer questions like:
 “Who should I contact for Debian activities in the \$area?”
- light governance model to **avoid and resolve conflicts**
 - ▶ e.g. “who is *the* Debian local group in the \$area?”



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