OpenBao* sub-project weekly status meeting

January 11, 2024

*provisional-name
Meeting information:

Every non-holiday Thursday morning at 8am PT/11am ET for 30 minutes until OpenBao becomes a standalone project, then re-visit

Zoom link - https://zoom.lfx.platform.linuxfoundation.org/meeting/94640473133?password=34a5aead-aef2-4a39-9e91-c16082afcf5
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Agenda

● 5 min – Welcome new attendees!
  ○ RCOS pitch for student volunteers given, no response yet
  ○ Troy Fine will pitch at IBM JumpStart
  ○ Any other opportunities to involve students?

● 5 min – Team: Updates
  ○ TSC held first meeting
  ○ Active GitHub discussions happening

● 15 min – GitHub Issues and other
  ○ Proposal: Deprecation Policy open for comments, suggested improvements
  ○ Proposal: Migration Path Policy open for comments, suggested improvements
  ○ Statement: “Support of any feature or function is organic. If there is community willing to support it, it is supported.”
  ○ Request: Work with OpenTofu companies on plug-ins equivalent to legacy, ex: Cloud Secret Engine
    Find out what their security needs are, Working Group?
  ○ Request: OpenBao core support for RISC-V, Joe mentioned to Intensivate for awareness
  ○ Documentation and web site status?

● 5 min – Opens
Updates

- TSC had first meeting yesterday, initial voting members (Technical Steering Committee):
  - Nathan Phelps, IBM Software Networking
  - James Butcher, IOTech Systems
  - Michael Maxey, Zededa
  - Alain Nochimowski, Viaccess-Orca
  - Julien Cassignol, Wallix

  - Initial term is planned for one year
  - Elections will be held for TSC Chair, nominations are open, role sets TSC agenda
  - TSC voted to make the provisional project name OpenBao permanent
  - TSC will form group to review Mission Statement

- No new Contributors since last week, but many discussions
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Proposed Roles

● (1) Project Manager – runs meetings, compiles agenda, speaks for the project, temporary role until TSC seated and elects Chair
● (1) Product Manager – fields and validates feature requests, works with feature sponsor user(s), ensures issues created for vulnerabilities, compiles feature roadmap, fields security requests
● (2) Documentation – ensures features are documented, documentation site created and consistent
● (2) DevOps – builds and maintains automation and release artifacts
● (4) Developer – works on code issues: bugs and features, keeps documentation in sync with code changes
Proposed Mission Statement

Here is a first draft. Feedback and improvements welcomed.

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