

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-c16082afcfc5>



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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
 - [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 Cassagnol**, 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](#)

Next Meeting ...

January 25, 2024





Back Matter

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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