Perspective from a Board Member

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Hello

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- Open Hardware designer
- Contributor to Perl programming language

MariaDB Foundation Mission

Continuity and open collaboration in the MariaDB ecosystem

- Continuity: companies come, go, merge - no problem
- Collaboration: all users and contributors, great and small
- Ecosystem: linux distros, adoption in general

Adoption

- MariaDB users start with an application, not a database
- Many people start with Wordpress
- MariaDB is the default in many important linux distros
- Tomorrow's DB experts will be the people who scaled today's default DB

More Adoption Work To Do

Making it easy for distros will continue to be key

- Testing, with an always "Green" master?
- Easy re-build, cross-compile, Build-bot, reproducible builds?
- Tests which are easier and faster and more parallel?
- Clear release branches with better release notes?
- Can we get to calendar based releases?

MariaDB is Special

- ► Real Collaborations
- ► Awesome work coming from MariaDB Corp
- ► Also very serious engineering coming from others
- ► That's why we're here this week

Example: Instant ADD COLUMN

Instant ADD COLUMN came from a brainstorm at a previous MariaDB unconference.

- Alibaba
- MariaDB Corporation
- Tencent

The prototype was developed by Vin Chen from Tencent.

Developers Coming Together

- Each contributor has a roadmap
- The trajectory of the server is the combination
- Share what you've been contributing recently
- Share what you plan to contribute going forward
- Look for opportunites trade ideas with each other

Going Forward

- Work together, learn together
- Improve ourselves as developers
- Make friends and enjoy the process
- Make the server ever better

Thank you

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