PHP Foundation formed to fund core developers, vows to pay 'market salaries'

The trigger for this initiative appears to be the decision of Nikita Popov, a significant PHP contributor, to focus mainly on LLVM in future. Popov, currently a software developer at JetBrains working on the PhpStorm IDE, will be leaving the company from 1 December, according to a post by product marketing manager Roman Pronskiy, which also introduces the new foundation.

The New Life of PHP? The PHP Foundation

During PHP's 26-year history, the language has been actively developed by a huge number of people, such as Rasmus Lerdorf, Zeev Suraski, Andi Gutmans, Nikita Popov, and many, many others. In 2021, PHP is in for another round of evolution.

[...]

The PHP Foundation will be a non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure the long life and prosperity of the PHP language.

Avoiding Busses

It's always been the case that there are certain parts of PHP source code that only a few people understand. The Karma system used to help us determine where a contributor could commit code in the source tree; If you had /Zend karma, you had a clue about Zend. Among those people with /Zend karma, some people understood more than others.
This was a perfectly sustainable way of developing the language, because while Zend is complicated, it's written in a language that everybody working on a C project understands. In principle, we can take people who know a little C and turn them into a Zend karma worthy workhorse for PHP, able to produce patches, and fixes, and features. Indeed, we have done, and are still doing that in the incubator that is Stackoverflow chat.

Many moons have passed ... What do you think the bus factor of PHP is today?

- **Why Now Is the Time to Get a Job in Tech** [5]

  Now is a great time to get started with a career in tech. The recent Great Resignation and corresponding churn in the job market means many organizations are looking to hire workers immediately. According to the recent Job Openings and Labor Turnover (JOLTS) report, 4.4 million Americans left their jobs in September, and there are now 10.4 million job openings, which passes pre-pandemic levels.

- **Dynatrace : OneAgent release notes version 1.229** [6]

  Starting with Dynatrace version 1.231, the Extension Framework (also referred to as the plugins framework) will start using Python 3.8. The Python 3.6 component will be replaced by Python 3.8.

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