

The Perl Foundation

Annual Report 2007-2008

What is TPF?

- Non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization
- <http://www.perlfoundation.org/>
- <http://perl.org>

What does TPF do?

- Not so easy to answer.
- Not even TPF members have the same answer.
- I'll try to offer some answers.

- Perl Events
- Legal
- Internal/Infrastructure
- Grants
- Funding

Perl Events

Perl Events

- Conferences (YAPC)
- Workshops
- Hackathons

yapc.org

- Staying in the 90's until well past 2000
- Finally got a facelift Sept. 2007
- Still more work to do:
 - show past events
 - more hackathon info

Conferences

- Directly involved in YAPC::NA
- Collaborate with other YAPCs
- YAPCs popping up world-wide
- <http://use.perl.org/article.pl?sid=08/04/29/0512200>

Workshops

- Many workshops popping up too
- TPF was involved with:
 - Pittsburgh Perl Workshop
 - Frozen Perl

Hackathons

- Great results when people get together in person
- TPF helped with
 - Chicago
 - Arnhem (The Netherlands)

Hackathons

- Most recently, Oslo, Norway
- Great results
- Impressive momentum
- http://perl-qa.hexten.net/wiki/index.php/Oslo_QA_Hackathon_2008_:Achievements

How do we help?

- Money
 - Sponsorship (hackathons)
 - Down payments
- Insurance
- <http://yapc.org/workshops.html>

Legal

Trademark Registration

- Allison has worked to register Perl and Parrot in:
 - US
 - EU
 - Japan

Artistic License 1.0

- Jacobsen v. Katzer
 - Not a Perl case, but they used the Artistic License
 - Following closely with Roberta Cairney, TPF counsel
 - Not an ideal case for open source, but it's important we are involved

Internal Work

New Members

- Various changes in membership
- Bringing in new blood
- Giving long-time members a break

TPF Blog

- Ask set up a Movable Type blog:
- <http://news.perlfoundation.org>

TPF Website

- The website was wiki-fied by Kirsten Jones using some Socialtext Fu
- Easier for all members to update

RT Payments Queue

- Robert set up a payments queue for us to process payments
- Payments now more prompt and easier to track

Donation System

- donor.com has generously offered to host our donation system
- Gives us an enterprise-class donation platform with full CRM and tracking
- Should make donation management much easier

donor.com

- Major Perl user and Perl success story
- <http://donor.com/about/technology>
- Used Perl to put multi-platform GUIs on their app
- WebGUI for the web front-ends
- Wanted to give back (Thanks!)

LedgerSMB

- Want to try to automate some of the accounting system
- Planning to deploy LedgerSMB and integrate with donor.com

donor.com

- Working on the contract arrangements
- Implementation will follow

Grants

Traditional Grants

- Administered by Alberto and the grants committee
- Seeing more grant applications
- Perl 5 and Perl 6
- Trying to fund as much as we can

Traditional Grants

- Just had most successful grant round in a long time
- Many excellent grants
- More than we could fund

Traditional Grants

- Grants Committee prioritized and we funded as much as possible
- We'll use additional funds to fund remaining grants

Traditional Grants

- Important way to help fund development
- Promising that more grants are coming in
- Thinking about other ways to fund development

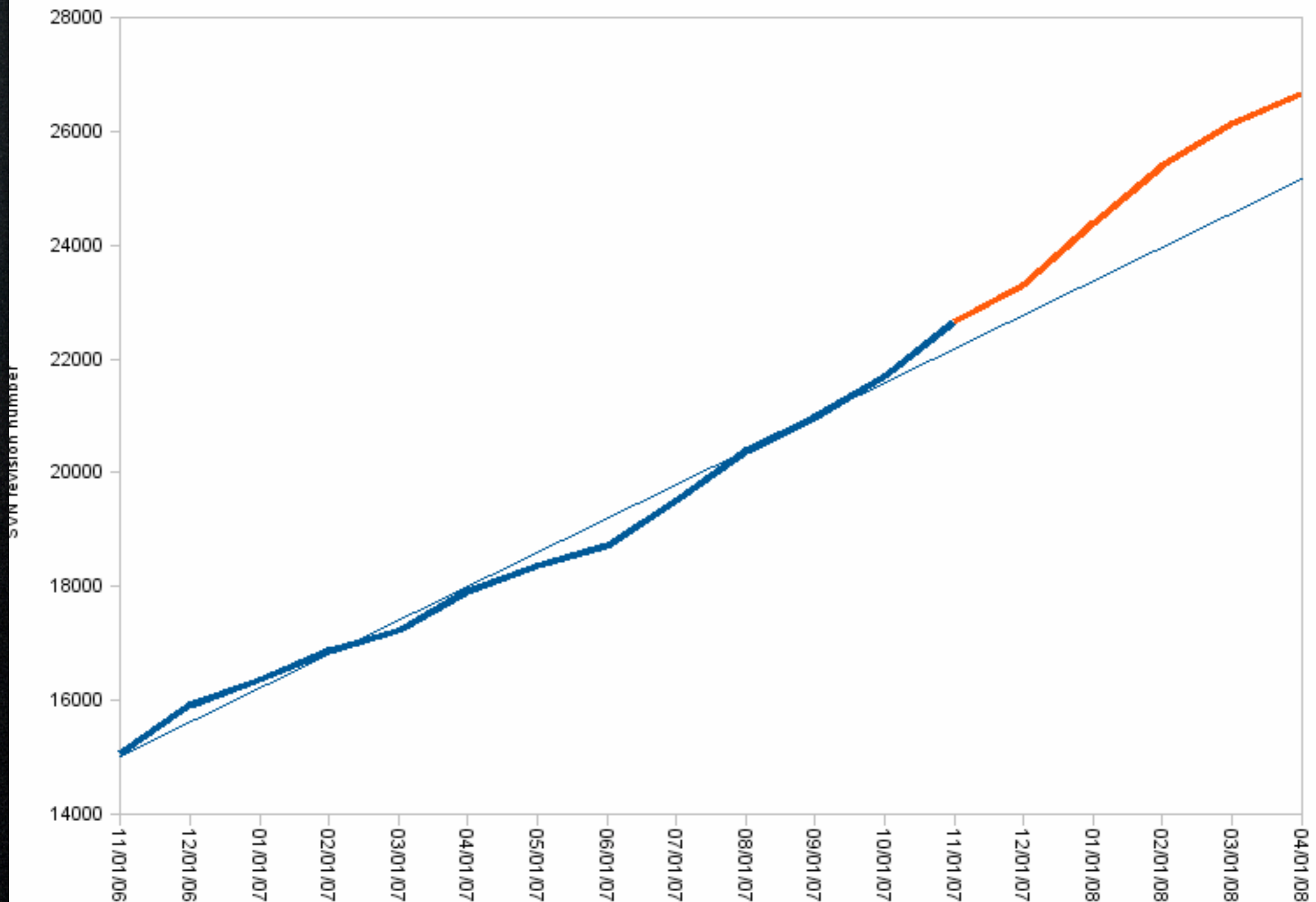
Other Grants

- We fund some work outside the grants committee
- Try to issue grants where there is a need to something important
- Often funds are limited

Rakudo Grant

- Co-funded by TPF (\$5k) and Mozilla Foundation (\$10k)
- Issued to Patrick Michaud
- Big jump in commits after grant

Parrot repository cumulative commits Nov 2006 to Mar 2008



Funding

Spending Summary

- Grants
- Sponsoring hackathons
- Parrot/Perl6 (NLNet grant)
- Legal

Funding

- Working on new ways to increase funding
- Want to reach out to corporate Perl users

Major Donation

- Richard secured a major (\$200k) donation for Perl6 and infrastructure work
- Some money already distributed
- More coming

Perl 6 Granting BOF

- Let's decide how to distribute these grants
- Monday evening 5:30pm
- Check the wiki

Money:Tech Conference

- O'Reilly Conference for financial companies (Feb. 2008)
- Three, and only three, “foundational technologies” were mentioned over the course of the conference. They were, in increasing order of frequency:
 - #3 - XML
 - #2 - SQL
 - #1 - Perl

Money: Tech

- These are good people to get funding from
- Need to connect the dots between perl usage and supporting open source

Bonus Slides

LSB 3.2 Spec

- Linux Standard Base
- Linux Foundations base for compliant Linux distributions
- Perl 5.8.8 was included

Google Summer of Code

- Not in last year
- Back in this year (5 grants)
- Great work by Eric Wilhelm

Forrester Survey

- Forrester developed a dynamic languages survey
- TPF filled out their survey and worked with them on the format
- released August 2007

Eclipse

- Richard attended EclipseCon
- Working with Eclipse folks to improve Perl integration
- Need interested Perl coders
- Look on the wiki for a BOF