Annual Report 2019

As stipulated in the Articles of Assocation of ReactOS Deutschland e.V., the Annual Report gives an overview of the work of the Association in the year 2019. It is separated into Activities, Outlook, and Finances. The primary purpose of the Assocation lies in the support of the ReactOS Project. In 2019, the main tasks were:

- Organizing the ReactOS Hackfest 2019
- Organizing the participation in Google Summer of Code
- Presenting the project on popular exhibitions/events

Activities

The following annual activities, which directly contribute to the Association's purpose, are not presented in detail. These were in particular:

- Continued development on the operating system ReactOS and related components (like RosBE), also by non-members
- Receiving donations and managing the collected funds
- Accounting and managing the members

During the beginning of 2019, the ReactOS Project evaluated "Mattermost" as a modern alternative to the long-time IRC system used for project communication. While such big moves are never without frictions, the system was overall deemed to be better than IRC for ReactOS needs. Therefore, ReactOS Deutschland e.V. negotiated a special 3-year nonprofit license for Mattermost Enterprise Edition in March. The system is running smoothly since then.

Although ReactOS was not present at FOSDEM this year, project members again attended the Chemnitzer Linux-Tage in March to show off the latest developments. As every year, ReactOS Deutschland e.V. did its part to support ReactOS' presence at this event.

Around the same time, a former Google Summer of Code student and now active ReactOS developer also reached out to the Association regarding a scholarship. Due to his student status, detailed proposal, and proven track record of working on ReactOS, he was awarded a scholarship by ReactOS Deutschland e.V. The positive financial situation of the past years made it possible to easily finance that scholarship throughout the rest of the year. The Association would have had funds for even more scholarships, but due to the lack of suitable candidates, this one remained the only one in 2019.

From May through September, the ReactOS Project again participated in the annual Google Summer of Code event, where Google pays university students to work on selected Open-Source projects. Three students were accepted in 2019, with two of them completing their work successfully and delivering high-quality additions to ReactOS. Consequently, Google awarded $4200 to the Association for successful completion of the program and covering the expenses of up to two people to the Mentor Summit. This opportunity was taken by two ReactOS mentors, who travelled to Munich in November and exchanged experiences with mentors of other open-source projects.

ReactOS Deutschland e.V. organized another ReactOS Hackfest in 2019, from 15th to 20th August. It took place in the same room as the previous year sponsored by IN-Berlin e.V., with a similar number of attendees. Due to the positive financial situation, the Association could cover accommodation and travel expenses of multiple attendees.

The Hackfest opportunity was also used to design and print new ReactOS merchandising for qualified project and Association members. Shirts for project members were last printed in 2010, hence most of the current members did not have any or only worn out ReactOS shirts. The new shirts and hoodies were well-received and we hope that they greatly improve the representation of ReactOS on exhibitions and conferences.

The overhauled ReactOS infrastructure from 2018 proved its reliability in 2019. The only notable change was the addition of another virtual machine for the new Mattermost collaboration service. Apart from that, the infrastructure mostly received regular maintenance.

Outlook

ReactOS Deutschland e.V. will continue to support the ReactOS Project in 2020. We are looking forward to present the project on multiple open-source exhibitions and hope to get accepted into the 2020 edition of Google Summer of Code. We are also going to extend our search for suitable candidates for scholarships and paid development.

After four successful Hackfests in Germany, the Association seeks to organize a Hackfest in a different country next year. This is expected to be an eastern European country due to the large ReactOS community in that region.

Finances

Incomes

Donations	14,632.41 €
Google Summer of Code Student Mentoring	3,736.92 €
Sale of Merchandising	442.80 €

Expenses

Scholarships	5,652.50 €
Travel expenses	4,812.75 €
Infrastructure costs (Servers)	2,027.90 €
Merchandising for Project and Association Members	739.37 €
Mattermost Enterprise Edition Nonprofit 3-year License	223.39 €
Currency Exchange Adjustment Posting	47.31 €
Bank fees	41.93 €
Infrastructure costs (Domains)	32.32 €
Shipping costs	26.99 €
Notary and tax consulting costs	20.00 €

Totals

Total incomes	18,812.13 €
Total expenses	13,624.46 €
Reserves from 2018	49,372.24 €
Balance on 2019-12-31	54,559.91 €

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