Happy 2021 everyone! Just before the end of year shutdown, the CPE management team and our stakeholder group reps met to plan the work the CPE team needed to focus on for quarter one (Q1) of 2021. Our department within Red Hat also issued a directive that teams should only try to plan ‘deliverable work’ for about 75% of our time, given how unpredictable 2020 was! And as our team also runs infrastructure and release engineering efforts for both CentOS & Fedora, our infra & releng team always gets staffed every quarter. Unsurprisingly, that left us going into our planning call for Q1 of 2021 with a lot of constraints on our people and their time. So during our prioritization call, we all agreed to work on the below initiatives with #1 & #2 being staffed indefinitely in Q1 and the remaining projects being worked on once team members become available.

1. CentOS Stream
2. Noggin/AAA replacement
3. Fedora-Messaging Schemas
4. Flatpak indexer code merge
5. Debuginfo-d
6. Datanomer & Datagrepper V.2

This project priority list was reached through a technique developed by the Open Practice Library called Priority Sliders. It allowed for each stakeholder rep to share why they feel each initiative should be placed in a certain number on the priority scale. The idea is to run this
exercise a few times to reach a good consensus between everyone, but as our stakeholder
groups work so closely with each other and our team throughout the quarter and actively join
our calls, everyone reached alignment on the priority list time :)

So as CentOS Stream is our most important project alongside replacing the FAS account
system for Fedora and migrating CentOS account system to this tooling too, they came out on
top and that's what the CPE team will be working on for the months of January, February and
March for 2021.
In this time for the Noggin project, we hope to deliver a fully functional and tested account
authorization system to both Fedora and CentOS, with user data and applications the CPE team
run and maintain already migrated over with minimal disruption to users. We also will have
supporting documentation for application maintainers to consume when they are reconfiguring
their applications to use the new API.
For CentOS Stream, we hope to continue to deliver a distro that supports development for the
next minor RHEL release and add to and update our package set available in Stream for its
users. We are also in parallel to this refining how contributions can be made in Stream that
could be contenders in the next major release of RHEL too - so watch this space for some very
exciting times ahead!
As usual we will have our Infra & Releng team working on issues and bugs as they come into us
from both communities, and this team will be helping the CentOS Stream and Noggin Teams
with any deployment and infrastructure tasks they have too.
If you want to reach out to our teams you can find them here:
CentOS Stream - IRC @ #centos-stream
Noggin/AAA - IRC @ #fedora-aaa
Infra & Releng - IRC @ (so many!)
  CentOS
    #centos-ci
    #centos-devel
  Fedora
    #fedora-admin
    #fedora-noc
    #fedora-releng
    #fedora-apps

Looking forward to working in and spending another quarter delivering services to two great
communities again!

Over and Out,
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