Apache® products power half the Internet, manage exabytes of data, execute teraflops of operations, store billions of objects in virtually every industry, and enhance the lives of countless users and developers worldwide. Apache projects power mission-critical applications in financial services, aerospace, publishing, big data, Cloud computing, mobile, government, healthcare, research, infrastructure, development frameworks, foundational libraries, and many other categories. Beginning with the Apache HTTP Server —the world's most popular Web server— Apache software has been at the forefront of dozens of today's industry-defining technologies and tools, playing an integral role in nearly every end-user computing device, from laptops to tablets to mobile phones.

Apache software is so ubiquitous that 50% of the top 10 downloaded Open Source products are Apache projects. The commercially-friendly and permissive Apache License v2 has become an industry standard within the Open Source world. The Apache License and open development model are widely recognized as among the best ways to ensure open standards gain traction and adoption. The ASF offers a vendor-neutral space in which to collaborate whilst enabling third parties to pursue almost any for-profit or not-for-profit business model. To date, hundreds of thousands of software solutions have been distributed under the Apache License.

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Chairman’s Report

Over the last year, the ASF has grown steadily, in line with our mission to steward the development of leading Open Source software under the Apache License for the benefit of millions of users globally. We continue to ensure that our projects operate under the pattern of open, collaborative and independent development known as "The Apache Way", and that the ASF remains a trusted place for individuals, organisations and communities to collaborate.

We have added 17 new top-level projects: Stratos, Phoenix, Tez, Celix, VXQuery, Storm, DeviceMap, Drill, MetaModel, BookKeeper, Falcon, Flink, Samza, Aurora, Zest, Orc, and Parquet. We retired the Click, Whirr and Lenya projects, which have moved to the Apache Attic. We also wound up our second oldest committee - Conference Planning - with responsibility moving to the President/EVP and our event and community partners.

As of May 2015, we have 163 Project Management Committees (PMCs), with a further 41 podlings in the Incubator - totalling over 200 projects under management at the ASF. There are more than 2000 PMC members involved in managing those projects, and with a constant stream of new committers, additions to the PMCs and regular rotation of PMC chairs, we are assured of the health of the communities that back each of those projects.

At the Annual Members Meeting, we elected 106 new members, meaning there are now 606 active ASF members. We welcomed Shane Curcuru and David Nalley to the Board of Directors after Doug Cutting and Ross Gardler stood down. The executive officers remain otherwise unchanged this year.

To accommodate the growth we have seen, several volunteers have contributed to help streamline processes, adding to and expanding the tools that help manage PMC membership, monthly project reports, and management of the monthly board agenda.

The operations team are building a stable base for future growth. Our income and reserves have kept pace with growth, ensuring that are able to provide the support that the Foundation and projects need. This allows projects to focus on producing great software and building communities with a minimum of distractions.

We thank the sponsors and individual donors that contribute financially to the success of the ASF and its projects!

In 2014 as we looked back at the 15 years of incorporation of the ASF http://s.apache.org/RYD, we recognised the massive impact that the Foundation has had on both the Open Source landscape, and computing in general. Every committer, PMC member, and contributor to our projects should be proud of what we've achieved and the part that they have played in it.

While many aspects of hosting and developing an Open Source project have become easier to do independently over the years, the benefits of being backed by a Foundation are routinely recognised. The ASF will certainly play a valuable role for many, many years to come.

--Brett Porter, ASF Chairman
President’s Report

We turned 15 years old! Our oldest project turned 20! Over all this time we have been growing in terms of every metric we can think of. Most importantly, given our emphasis on community development of open source software, we have seen steady growth in our project communities. In this report we have highlighted some of these key data points.

A proclamation from the City of Austin in recognition of our anniversary observed that our projects "power half the web, manage exabytes of data, execute teraflops of operations and store billions of objects in virtually every industry and enhance the lives of users and developers worldwide" [http://s.apache.org/vx](http://s.apache.org/vx). In addition, Apache projects and the foundation itself continue to receive awards and accolades as we help drive innovation in almost every aspect of the IT industry. We are proud of the reputation our projects have and proud of our foundation’s continued support of those project communities.

This kind of attention naturally results in increasing demand for our supporting services. Throughout this report we have outlined the services we provide for our projects and described their most significant activities of the last year. These services are paid for by our sponsors. Each of those sponsors willingly provides cash, with no strings attached, to ensure that our foundation continues to exist. Later in this report we list all our sponsors, and I wish to thank them for their support on behalf of all users of Apache software.

At this point we must acknowledge our volunteers at the foundation level. It has always amazed me that the foundation can achieve so much with so little expenditure. This is the result of tireless work from an army of volunteers who, in addition to contributing time to specific projects, also contribute time to the foundation itself. Their goal is to ensure that the foundation continues to support Apache communities and, most importantly, does so without any direct influence from employers or sponsors.

It is this independence of our volunteers that ensures the foundation can provide an environment in which all contributors are equal, regardless of their affiliations outside of our projects. This in turn leads to our unique model of open software development that has brought such rapid innovation to the IT industry for the last 20 years.

I hope that this, our first annual report, will serve to bring some recognition to all those involved with building and supporting the Apache Software Foundation, as well as encourage a few of its readers to contribute a little to ensuring the Foundation’s continued success.

--Ross Gardler, ASF President
Treasurer’s Report

With regard to the Financial status of the ASF, FY 2015 is being considered a very good year. We started the year out with an estimated budgeted loss of $-315K, and ended the year with a $122K net profit. This was accomplished from both a revenue and an expense perspective. Total annual revenue while budgeted at $897K, ended at $996K or $99K ahead of budget. The 2nd contributing factor was a reduction in ASF expenses from a budget of $1.2 million to an actual of $874K, for a savings of $338K. This ended the fiscal year with a cash reserve of $1.755 million or 24.1 months at the FY15 monthly spend of $72.9K. When compared to the 2016 Fiscal year estimated monthly spend of $86.9K the reserve is still a very healthy 20.2 months. When compared against the ASAE recommended reserve for non-profits of 6 months, the ASF is in a very healthy cash position, and continues to be managed with prudence and fiscal responsibility.

-- Chris Mattmann, Treasurer

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| Liabilities & Equity           |              |              |            |
| Liabilities                    |              |              |            |
| Current Liabilities            | 413,976.14   | 0.00         | 413,976.14 |
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| Equity                         | 1,618,500.51 | 1,495,800.50 | 122,700.01 |
| **Total Liabilities & Equity** | 2,032,476.65 | 1,495,800.50 | 536,676.15 |
Fundraising Report

Over the past year, the ASF has seen a rise in the number of sponsors, as well as the level of support for various sponsors. We now have 8 Platinum Sponsors (Cloudera, Citrix, Facebook, Google, Matt Mullenweg, Microsoft, Pivotal and Yahoo!), 6 Gold Sponsors (Bloomberg, Comcast, HP, Hortonworks, IBM and PhoenixNAP), 8 Silver Sponsors (Budget Direct, Cerner, Huawei, InMotion Hosting, iSigma, Produban, Serenata Flowers and Wandisco), 7 Bronze Sponsors and 10 Infrastructure Sponsors.

To better serve our sponsors, we now have 2 VP’s of Fundraising, allowing for not only more effective and efficient fundraising activities, such as seeking out new sponsors, but also in maintaining and ensuring a richly rewarding relationship between the ASF and all of our sponsors. To support these efforts, the Fundraising team transitioned to a CRM system that allows to better manage our fundraising activities.

The ASF recognizes the key role that Fundraising has within the foundation, it being our primary (by far) means of financing the foundational operations, so in the coming year we expect to ramp up our fundraising efforts, but not to such a level that it becomes an excessive resource expense itself. Rather, the ASF will be just a bit more proactive in fundraising, as the foundation creates a multi-year budget.

-- Hadrian Zbarcea and Jim Jagielski, co-Vice Presidents, Fundraising
Infrastructure

As the Foundation continues to grow, the demands on and nature of Infrastructure are changing. We are entering an era where Infrastructure is viewed more as a service provider to the hundreds of projects at the Foundation.

Infrastructure has been focusing on four primary objectives this year. Namely: to reduce the technical debt that has built up over the years, enhance our monitoring capabilities, increase our use of configuration management (or, Infrastructure as code) and finally to increase the resiliency of our infrastructure. Much of this work would be considered by many to be boring. Working on consolidating the number of platforms that we support and the how we support them has laid the groundwork for much of this work; and as it expands should allow us to be much more efficient.

Financially, as we enter into the 2016 FY, and close out the 2015 FY, we were able to dramatically reduce our expenditures over plan thanks to generous donations of cloud credits from two cloud vendors.

While we are working reinforcing our infrastructure, we’ve also taken a number of steps to prove out our resiliency. We actively destroy and reinstantiate services as they are moved or upgraded, as well as having begun a process in Q4 of testing our ability to reinstantiate machines from scratch and restore from backups.

While most of the work is focused on existing services, it hasn’t stopped us from deploying new services and features and adding capabilities to our existing systems in a sustainable manner; including code signing and dynamically provisioned CI build slaves among others

-- David Nalley, Vice President, Infrastructure

Highlights:

- Docker-enabled CI builds
- Binary download statistics enabled for projects
- Phase 1 of new email system deployed
- Code-signing service deployed
- 2 services were deprecated
- 1889 tickets closed

Total uptime across all services:

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Overall Project Snapshot (Projects and Code)

There are currently **345 Open Source initiatives at the ASF:**

- 164 Top-Level Projects
- 110 sub-projects (sub-projects of existing TLPs)
- 35 podlings undergoing development in the **Apache Incubator**
- 39 initiatives in the **Apache Labs**

We continue to welcome, on average, about 2 projects to the Apache Software Foundation every month, through the mechanism of the Incubator, which teaches a project how things are done at Apache, and also ensures that you, the consumer of our software, can use their releases in the assurance that they comply with the terms of the Apache License. Meanwhile, the board oversees existing projects to ensure that they continue to operate under these terms, taking corrective action when necessary.

Apache Labs provides a place where Apache Members can experiment with new ideas, which may some day become independent projects.

Finally, the Attic provides a place where projects can retire once they become inactive and no longer able to sustain proper governance, but where the code and other artifacts are preserved in perpetuity, so that existing users have access to these resources, and, perhaps some day, a new community can be formed to revive the project if desired.

-- Rich Bowen, Executive Vice President
Projects and Code

Development trends:

- Commits steady at 16,000+ per month
- Increase in number of active committers
- More and more projects moving to git

Contributions to projects at the Apache Software Foundation continues at a steady pace. For the past 5 years, we have continued to average around 16,000 commits to all our projects each month and this trend shows no sign of slowing down. Likewise, the number of active committers (those having committed something within the past quarter) remains steady and is in fact increasing slightly every quarter.

With regards to the repository of choice, more and more projects are now favoring Git over Subversion when setting up their initial repositories, and some old, existing projects are even moving from Subversion to Git to either lower the bar for contribution via 3rd party git repository sites or change their code practices to a git-based workflow. We now have 317 Git repositories and 296 in Subversion.

-- Rich Bowen, Executive Vice President
Community Growth

Recognized as one of the most compelling communities in Open Source for shepherding, developing, and incubating innovations, The ASF is responsible for millions of lines of code overseen by an all-volunteer community comprising more than 550 individual Members and 4,700 code Comitters collaborating across six continents.

“The Apache Way”, and our dedication to releasing software for the public good, under a permissive license, ensures consumers of our software - individuals, companies, governments and organizations of all kinds - that they can use, study, share, modify, build on, and redistribute our software without worry.

Our motto of “Community > Code” permeates the way that we do collaborative software development, and ensures sustainable project communities, which in turn ensures that you can rely on our software to be around years from now.
Contributions

In order for a project to become hosted at Apache it has to be licensed to the ASF with a grant or contributor agreement in order for the ASF to gain the necessary intellectual property rights for the development and distribution of its projects. Whilst all contributors of ideas, code, or documentation to the ASF must sign a Contributor License Agreement (CLA), copyright remains with the contributor --a license for reuse is given to the Foundation.

- Individuals --a signed Individual CLA (ICLA) is required before an individual is given commit rights to an ASF project to clearly define the terms under which intellectual property has been contributed, and allow the project to be defended should there be a legal dispute regarding its software. 831 Individual CLAs have been signed during FY 2014-2015.

- Corporations/Institutions --organizations whose employees are assigned to work on Apache projects as part of an employment agreement may sign a Corporate CLA (CCLA) to contribute intellectual property via the corporation. In addition, every developer must also sign their own ICLA to cover any of their contributions as an individual that are not owned by the corporation signing the CCLA. 58 Corporate CLAs have been signed during FY 2014-2015.

- Software Grants -- those individuals or corporations that donate a body of existing software or documentation to an Apache project needs to execute a formal Software Grant Agreement (SGA) with the ASF. Typically, this is done after negotiating approval with the ASF Incubator or one of the PMCs, as the ASF will not accept software without a viable community to support a collaborative project. 41 SGAs have been signed during FY 2014-2015.

Google Summer of Code

In March 2015, the ASF was accepted as a Google Summer of Code (GSoC) mentoring organization for the 11th consecutive year. The ASF was amongst the initial 39 organizations selected to participate in the very first GSoC in 2005, and has mentored hundreds of students in "The Apache Way" of community-driven development.

At the ASF, the GSoC program is overseen by the Apache Community Development project, which comprises volunteers who help guide newcomers to The Apache Software Foundation, provide insight and advice on The Apache Way of meritocratic development, including how to contribute to Apache projects and to the Open Source community at-large. 129 ideas were proposed for Apache projects in Big Data, Cloud, Enterprise Integration, Enterprise Search, Project Management, Semantic Web & Linked Data, and other categories.

ASF Vice Chairman Greg Stein co-created the GSoC program while working at Google, said, "Being accepted once again as a Google Summer of Code mentoring organization reinforces The Apache Software Foundation's leadership in community-driven development. Hundreds of students have been mentored in 'The Apache Way' --many have continued on to become long-term code committers on a variety of Apache projects, with some active program participants elected as ASF Members."
Outreach and Events

Over the past year, numerous Apache projects held dozens of MeetUps, workshops, and conference tracks. Projects include Aurora, Calcite, Cassandra, CouchDB, Drill, Flink, Hadoop, Hive, JMeter, Kafka, Lucene/Solr, Mesos, Phoenix, Pig, OFBiz, Spark, Storm, Tez, Usergrid, and Zookeeper.

Events were hosted in Amsterdam, Bangalore, Berlin, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Copenhagen, Dallas, Hyderabad, London, New York, Princeton, Rio de Janeiro, San Francisco, Seoul, Shanghai, Stockholm, Sydney, Tokyo, Washington DC, Zagreb, and Zurich, among many other cities.

In addition, ASF projects had a strong presence at countless events worldwide, such as OSCON, SC13, Data Innovation Day, SCALE13x, FOSDEM, LinuxCon North America/Europe/Japan, Open Science CODEFEST, and the Usergrid + ElasticSearch Meetup.

ApacheCon and Future ASF Events

Celebrating its 16th year, ApacheCon, the ASF’s official conference series, was held in Budapest, Hungary (November 2014), and Austin, Texas (April 2015). Between the two events, more than 45 tracks featured over 250 in-depth sessions in Big Data, Business, Cloud, Content, Integration, Mobile, OFBiz/Open Source ERP, Science, Security, Servers, and other topics. Project and community events co-located with ApacheCon included BarCamp Apache, CloudStack Days, Spark Mini-Summit, TrafficServer Spring Summit, and The Women of ASF Luncheon.

Today, Apache software is so ubiquitous that the ASF has been hailed as one of the most successful influencers in Open Source. As the Foundation continues to spearhead new projects that meet the growing demands of the marketplace and help users achieve their business goals, ApacheCon has expanded to the following events:

- **Apache: Big Data and ApacheCon: Core Europe 2015**
  ApacheCon brings together the open source community to learn about and collaborate on the technologies and projects driving the future of open source, Big Data and Cloud computing. 28 September - 2 October 2015, Budapest, Hungary

- **ApacheCon North America 2016**
  ApacheCon will return to North America, 8-12 May 2016, in Vancouver, BC, Canada. We’ll be at the Hyatt Regency, just a few blocks from the beautiful Vancouver River. A CFP and further details will be coming soon.

The ApacheCon name, and other ASF marks, are licensed to The Linux Foundation, who produces the ApacheCon event, and other similar events. The ASF delegates a representative to act as consultant and liaison for these events. More information about ApacheCon, and related events, may be found at [http://apachecon.com/](http://apachecon.com/)
Marketing and Publicity

The planning and execution of the ASF's promotions and outreach are contracted to HALO Worldwide, who manage its day-to-day activities. This includes PR/media/analyst relations, promotional content development, reactive communications, fundraising/branding/marketing liaison, assisting with issues related to Apache project-specific publicity, and overseeing messaging for ApacheCon and the ASF's presence at related events, as well as graphics development.

**2014-2015 ASF Marketing & Publicity Highlights**

- Total Press Releases: 38
- Reactive Communications: 93
- Informal Announcements: 281
- Industry Events, Awards, and Outreach liaison: 26
- Media Requests: 119
- Miscellaneous Requests: 68
- Press Clips: 21,855
- Analyst Briefings: 33
- Analyst Reports: 501
- YouTube uploads: 341 conference presentations (an unprecedented number in a single year!)

The Apache Weekly News Round-up was launched this year, with a total of 36 weekly summaries published to date. The team had also created 22 new graphics and promotional materials, including creative direction for Hot Wax Systems’ production of the “Powered by Apache” logo template (now used by all Apache projects), and spearheading the refresh/redesign of the apache.org homepage, which was launched during ApacheCon North America.

In addition, the team arranged additional visibility of the ASF's 15th Anniversary from the Mayor of Austin, Texas, with a Proclamation recognizing 13-16 April 2015 as "Apache Software Foundation Days".

--Sally Khudairi, Vice President, Marketing & Publicity
ASF Press Releases

The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache Drill 1.0
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache SpmAssassin v3.4.1
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache Parquet as a Top-Level Project
The Apache Software Foundation Welcomes Pivotal as a Platinum-level Sponsor
The Apache Software Foundation to celebrate 15 years of community-led innovation at ApacheCon
The Apache Software Foundation Accepted as a Google Summer of Code 2015 Mentoring Organization

Groovy Submitted to Become a Project at The Apache Software Foundation
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache Tajo v0.10.0
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache HBase v1.0
The Apache Software Foundation Welcomes Cloudera as a Platinum-level Sponsor
Apache PDFBox named an Open Source Partner Organization of the PDF Association
The Apache Software Foundation Operations Summary: October-December 2014
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache Samza as a Top-Level Project
The Apache Software Foundation Subpoenaed Regarding Patent Claim
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache Falcon as a Top-Level Project
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache Flink as a Top-Level Project
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache MetaModel as a Top-Level Project
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache Drill as a Top-Level Project
The Apache Software Foundation Celebrates 15 Years of Open Source Innovation and Community Leadership

Apache CouchDB Adds Clustering and Big Data Capabilities With 2.0 Developer Preview Release of Its Popular NoSQL Database
The ASF @ 15 -- Community Over Code
The ASF @ 15 -- Sponsorship and Stewardship
The ASF @ 15 -- Chairman's Statement
Announcing Apache CloudStack v4.4.1

The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache Tajo v0.9
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache Cayenne v3.1
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache Storm as a Top-Level Project
Apache TomEE Wins Duke's Choice Award and Geek Choice Award at JavaOne 2014
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache Cassandra v2.1
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Donations Accepted Using Bitcoin
The Apache Software Foundation Exceeds 2 Million Code Commits
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache Tez as a Top-Level Project
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache Stratos as a Top-Level Project
Travel Assistance Applications Now Open for ApacheCon Europe: Budapest 17-21 November 2014
The Apache Software Foundation Announces Apache Stratos as a Top-Level Project
The Apache brand holds a unique position in the software world, in that it is associated with communities and technologies in a wide variety of industries. Apache software technology powers web servers, office suites, high performance search engines, a full stack of software development tools, geospatial work, and more than a dozen different big data technologies, including Apache Hadoop®. Similarly, Apache communities are often used as models for open source project behavior and bylaws by companies and other foundations alike.

A key driver for innovation within Apache projects is the *independent* community governance model that the ASF provides. Part of the Apache Way and a requirement for all Apache projects is that they must govern their affairs independently of commercial influence. This ensures that project contributors are creating software for the public good, and not just for specific vendors. Independent project governance - which includes allowing new contributors a say in the project direction going forward - ensures that every company and individual feels comfortable donating their time and code to any Apache project.

As projects like Apache Hadoop are now powering whole industries, the pressures from various software companies to be the market leader grow.

To ensure Apache projects are seen as independent, the ASF owns all project trademarks on behalf of our project communities. As a non-profit, we recognize the importance and value of the brands and good reputations that our volunteer communities have built, and the ASF will defend all of our community brands.

To ensure that Apache project brands are respected, the ASF’s Trademarks Committee provides assistance and education to all Apache projects for how to display their trademarks, as well as how to deal with third parties using Apache brands. Similarly, we have worked directly with a large number of companies who use Apache brands in their marketing to ensure that Apache trademarks are respected. While the Apache Trademark Policy allows specific uses of Apache brands by third parties, it still clearly shows the ASF’s ownership of and defense of our project trademarks.

Similarly, the Trademarks Committee works with the Apache Incubator to vet all incoming project names to the ASF before they become official top level projects; we have reviewed 28 new project names in the past year.

The ASF also provides US and some international trademark registrations for selected Apache projects. While both DLA Piper and the Software Freedom Law Center provide pro bono legal advice, we rely on our budget to pay for trademark registration fees. Being able to register select Apache project trademarks greatly eases the process of policing use of those marks, freeing our community volunteers up to go back working on all the great code they produce.

As we provide better education on the importance of defending Apache brands to our communities, many more PMCs are requesting registration of their project brands. Starting with over 40 registrations for 8 different projects, in the past year several key applications for our APACHE brand internationally have finalized, and we have submitted 10 new project registration applications, and have great interest from many more PMCs who wish to register their product names.

--Shane Curcuru, Vice President, Brand Management
Legal Affairs

The Apache Legal Affairs committee is involved with licensing, IP and other legally-entwined efforts related to the development and distribution of Apache Software Foundation projects. Most of the discussion is related to license compatibility, as related to dependence upon, and bundling within, ASF codebases. For these purposes, the ASF makes a distinction between what may be legally allowed (or possibly legally allowed), and what our official policy dictates. The classification of “compatible” licenses, as related to our policy compliance, can be found at:

http://apache.org/legal/resolved.html

Since licensing is an ongoing effort, the above URL refers to a living document, which is kept up to date.

Of note in the 2014-2015 year was that a subpoena was received by the ASF in January 2015, requiring that the Foundation provide documents and testimony related to U.S. Patent 6,691,302; The deposition itself was held in February, 2015; There has been no further interaction regarding this issue.

The ASF has created a Code of Conduct http://www.apache.org/foundation/policies/conduct.html and is in the process of drafting a DMCA policy, to supplement our privacy policy.

--Jim Jagielski, Vice President, Legal Affairs
Contact Information

Getting in touch with the ASF is easy!

- General Foundation FAQ http://apache.org/foundation/preFAQ.html
- Foundation contacts http://www.apache.org/foundation/contact.html
- Fundraising and Sponsorship http://www.apache.org/foundation/sponsorship.html
- Donations http://www.apache.org/foundation/contributing.html
- Community FAQ http://community.apache.org/newbiefaq.html
- Trademarks and Brand Management http://www.apache.org/foundation/marks/
- Incubator FAQ http://incubator.apache.org/faq.html
- Events http://www.apache.org/foundation/conferences.html
- Legal Affairs http://apache.org/legal/

For real-time updates, sign up for Apache-related news by sending mail to announce-subscribe@apache.org (http://mail-archives.apache.org/mod_mbox/www-announce/) and follow @TheASF on Twitter.

For a broader spectrum from the Apache community, https://twitter.com/PlanetApache provides an aggregate of both Project activities and the personal blogs of select ASF Committers.

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