

Here are the minutes from our call. You can always find our agendas and minutes online here:  
<https://wiki.linuxfoundation.org/openchain/minutes>

== Attendees ==

Joshua Kast  
Akshu Thula  
Miriam Ballhausen  
Hung Chang  
Nathan Kumagai  
Mark Gisi  
Kelly Williams  
Matjia Šuklje  
Bill Weinberg  
Nicko van Someren  
Kate Stewart  
Mike Linksvayer  
Sami Atabani  
David Marr  
Jim Hutchison  
Shane Coughlan

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== Special Guest Slot: Nicko on Core Infrastructure Initiative and Best Practices Badge ==

Nickos gives an overview of the Core Infrastructure Initiative

Miriam had a question about making questions public, Nickos confirmed that public answers to the questionnaire are made after a company has fulfilled the requirements.

Dave said he would like Nickos to come back and give us a deep-dive.

== Specification ==

Mark highlighted the new spec mailing list:  
<https://lists.linuxfoundation.org/mailman/listinfo/openchain-specification>

Discussion around new conformance logo, displayed to team and considered ratified.

Discussion around Bugzilla, JIRA, and GitHub Issues as a tool to track feedback. Mark to review all three.

Discussion about whether to move the Spec to Markdown versus DOCX format: conversion may be a challenge. There is also the question of tracking word documents versus markdown, with the latter maybe being more challenging. Pandoc is another avenue for consideration. Further exploration needed.

Discussion about the utility of seeking feedback from entities who are seeking and obtained conformance with 1.1

== Conformance ==

Miriam note that the focus moving forward will be on the self-certification and the web app to support this.

It was discussed whether self-certification to other versions other than 1.1 should be allowed:

Mark concurs it sounds like a good idea.

Shane noted that this is a technical issue: can be done, already underway on GitHub.

Sami mentioned that a decision about how far back we want conformance to be possible may be useful. Mark noted that we had a discussion about a five year end of life to a version. Shane noted that end of life of a spec may be most usefully be based on replacement versions rather than time per se.

Dave concurred with Miriam that we may need to keep a version of the spec that is easy to onboard, even if a future version of the spec is more advanced and complex. Sami noted that one issue could be that companies might only want to use the older and easier version of the spec.

Conclusion was that:

(1) We need an update cadence that allows end-of-life for old versions

(2) That said, there should always be an "easy" version of the spec even if future versions become more sophisticated

(3) We can use the same prestige upsell as seen with ISO 9001 / ISO 14,001

Miriam noted that certifying against multiple versions is therefore something to enable.

== Curriculum ==

Shane noted that the main action for the near future is promoting the curriculum both as key material for OpenChain and as useful training material regardless.

Shane noted that Alexis was the only nomination for Work Team chair and therefore - pending his acceptance - would assume that role.