What is Happening at the CentOS Project

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Introductions

- Who am I?

- Who are you?

- Did we all hear what happened recently between the CentOS Project and Red Hat?

Agenda

- Check in on what we all know, don't know, and want to learn.

- The story of Red Hat Linux and it's children: Fedora, Red Hat Enterprise Linux, CentOS, et al.

- Why we went to all the effort of joining forces.

- Catch up to where we are today.

- What is coming soon down the road.

How did we get here?

- Level setting:
  - How many know the history of Red Hat Linux and the relationship between Fedora and RHEL? RHEL and CentOS?

  - How many understand why CentOS was formed and became so successful?

  - How do you use the Red Hat family of Linuxes?
    - Want to hear my opinion of what's best? :)

- Any other questions?
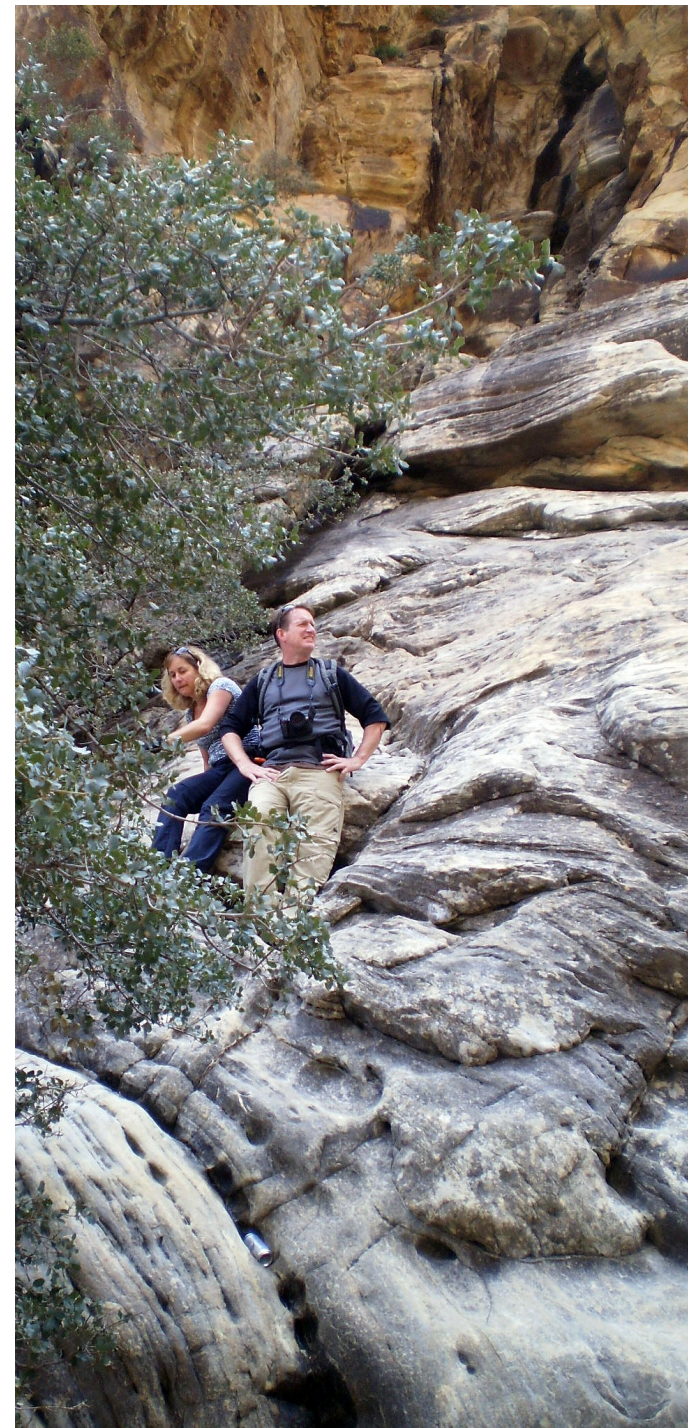
Why join efforts?

- Red Hat's challenge … some projects need a slow-moving platform.

- The CentOS Project saw the same challenge from the opposite side … cool-stuff wants a platform.

Why join efforts? (cont'd)

- Goal: Create the next generation platform for the next generation of FLOSS projects via:

  - SIG variants, e.g. CentOS Storage, CentOS Cloud, etc.

  - Gravity

  - The virtuous water cycle ...

What is the virtuous water cycle?

Model to fix the problems of the upstream/downstream analogy.

- Contributing user-focused communities are not one-way.

- How do you flow upstream? What is that analogy?
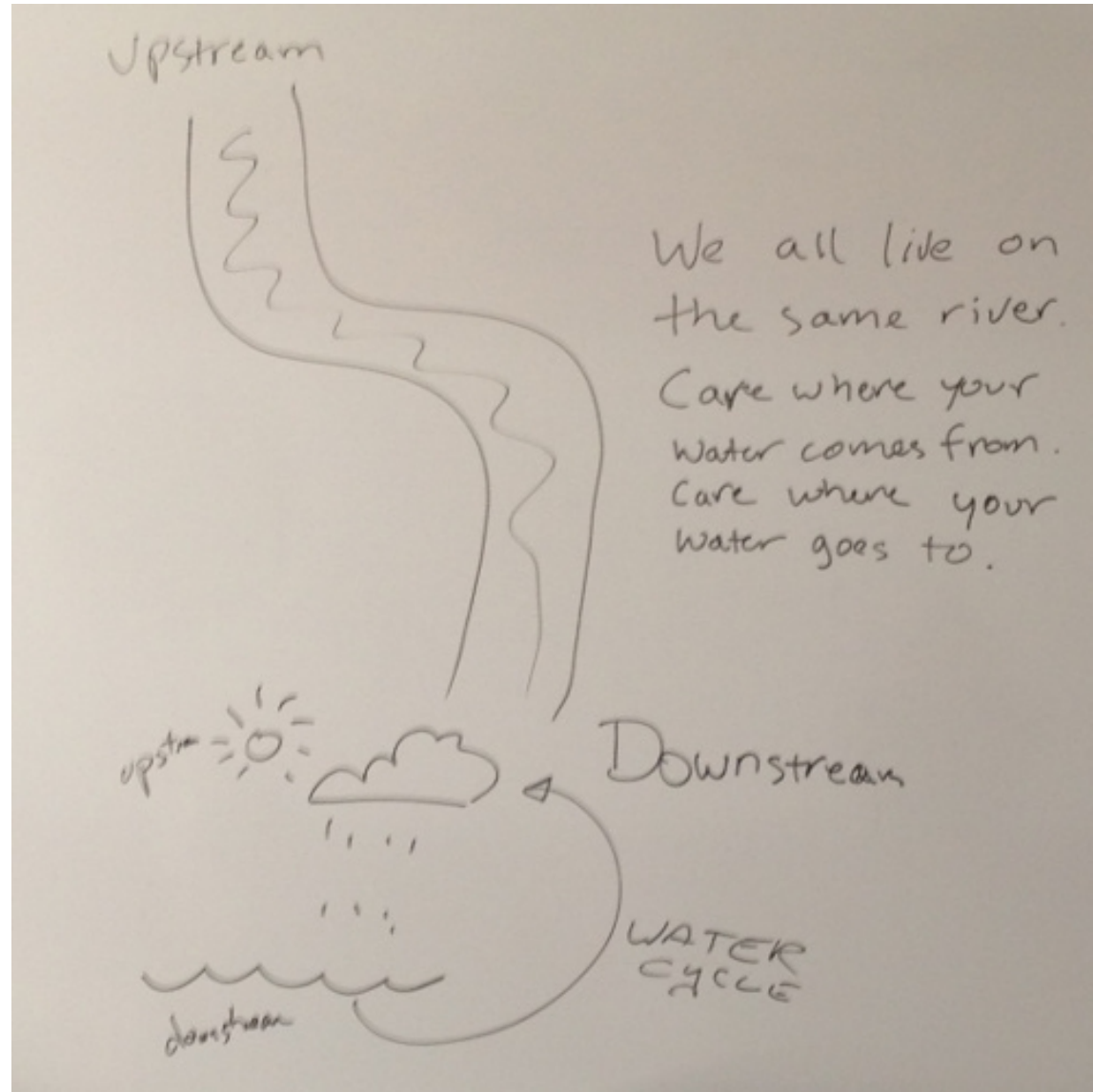
What has been happening so far?

- Interest in dozen+ SIGs.

  - Some variants: Desktop, web hosting, VoIP, server mgmt, etc.

  - Some functional (Docs, Promo, Infra, etc.)

- Four SIGs proposed and accepted

  - Core SIG

  - Virt SIG

  - Cloud Instance SIG

  - Storage SIG

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What has been happening so far? (cont'd)

- Many open discussions not really possible before:
    - Resources
    - Personal and organizational connections

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What is happening next?

- More variant SIGs: Cloud, server appliances, $tech

- Lowering barriers to participation across the board, rise of meritocracy:

  - Historical challenges fueled changes

  - Future plans

- Gravity as more and more happens.

  - Keeping the balance with Fedora & RHEL

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What is next for you? & resources

Use CentOS Linux and variants, where appropriate:

centos.org/download

Get involved in the community:

centos.org/

wiki.centos.org/Contribute

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