

OPF Document Hack Week

14-18 October 2019

Frequently Asked Questions

What's the goal?

The aim of this hack week is to improve the supporting user documentation for OPF's open source toolset.

Our key tasks include:

- Translations of JHOVE error messages
- Improving JHOVE module information
- Documenting feature extraction and configuration in veraPDF

We have identified a number of tasks, but welcome suggestions from the community too! We have set up draft milestones, and will update them in the coming weeks:

[JHOVE milestone](#)

[veraPDF milestone](#)

Taking part in the hack week is an opportunity to collaborate with the community to improve open source tool documentation for everyone. We welcome both experienced users and beginners.

To create user documentation for veraPDF, we are happy to walk you through the feature exaction configuration. We can also provide help with creating profiles using schematron for the policy engine.

Do I need to be available for the whole week?

No. Please join in as and when you can. We are very grateful for whatever time you can volunteer.

There's a variety of tasks so everyone should be able to find something they can work on given the time, knowledge and skills available to them.

We will have a series of check in calls at different times throughout the week to catch up with people in various time zones.

How will it work?

1. Take a look at the draft hack week milestones on GitHub and have a think about what you'd like to work on.
2. [Register](#) for the hack week. You will also need a GitHub account. Sign up for a free account at: <https://github.com/join>.
3. Join a check in call: we will talk through how the week will run and will introduce the issues in the milestones. We will ask for volunteers to choose the issues you would like to work on.

4. Start your task!
5. Join us for another check in call to let us know how you are getting on and if you need any help, or more work!
6. Join a final call to let us know where you got up to by the end of the week. We will then produce a progress summary gathering everyone's activities.

When are the check in calls? What if I need help?

We will run at least 3 sets of online check in calls over the week. The exact times will be confirmed when we know how many time zones we need to accommodate.

Calls

- **Introduction and allocation calls**
- **Progress update calls**
- **Final status update calls**

Progress tracking and help

Continuous communication: GitHub comments

We will be using GitHub Issue and Pull Request comments to track and report progress. This channel is visible to everyone so helps people to see what others are working on and provide feedback and review.

What if I need more help?

We'll be running drop in sessions throughout the week and will also be available to contact by email and on Skype/Slack.

Where do I sign up?

If this sounds like something you'd like to take part in, or would like to keep up to date about the event, please register your details [here](#).

Why participate?

We need your help! JHOVE and veraPDF are widely used across the global digital preservation community. They are free to download, use and amend to meet your organisation's requirements. However, they are not free to host, maintain or develop. Only OPF members support these tools financially through part of their membership fees.

We are only a small team and run a range of member and community activities in addition to maintaining the OPF reference toolset. We receive development effort contributions on an ad hoc basis from our members and the digital preservation community so would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who helps to improve these tools for the benefit of the whole community.

Find out more about how you can support the tools in the OPF reference toolset by [becoming an OPF member](#), or making a [donation](#).

What happens after the hack week?

We will put together a summary of activity for the week and send it to all contributors. We will review the contributions and incorporate them in the next releases where possible. JHOVE 1.24 (due December 2019) is a joint community release and includes contributions from our [development hack week](#) which took place earlier this year.

Any issues we do not manage to address will be updated for inclusion in a later release.