

**Theme:** Shanghai library FOLIO project

**Time:** July 19, 2022 07:00pm (EST) / July 20, 2022 07:00am (GMT+8)

**Attendees:**

Vincent Bureau (Enterprise Architect, EBSCO)

Gang Zhou (Project manager, Shanghai library)

Lucy Liu (Product Owner, Folio China)

**Notes:**

**1. WOLFcon Asia Pacific Conference**

- The conference was successful.
- Link to the Zoom recording:

[https://openlibraryfoundation.zoom.us/rec/share/5h\\_kgt9GudO6aGp2J1oKU-aWRQ01-ISE4PSal0INVzJwIVhXfhFnFuQfmeAQnNbR.DdFR5WAyIEDH7oR](https://openlibraryfoundation.zoom.us/rec/share/5h_kgt9GudO6aGp2J1oKU-aWRQ01-ISE4PSal0INVzJwIVhXfhFnFuQfmeAQnNbR.DdFR5WAyIEDH7oR)

Access Passcode: wolfcon-asia

A link to more friendly recordings where people can easily find the sessions of their interest will be shared to Slack later.

- Chinese transcripts were available for the English presentations; while the Chinese talks were translated by machines.
- Lucy is contacting Chunjing to get the head count.
- Gang Zhou will help follow up with Chunjing to get the link and head count.

**2. About the scope criteria of FOLIO (Gang Zhou)**

**Vince:**

- It's about the structure of the folio project and how we classify different parts in different categories, i.e., the core category/platform, the LSP category, and the extended category.
- An old wiki page that illustrates the original idea of the FOLIO structure: <https://wiki.folio.org/display/TC/Definition+of+the+Okapi-Stripes+Platform%2C+FOLIO+LSP+Base+and+FOLIO+LSP+Extended+Apps>
- There's a core/basic layer. The LSP layer is included in the flower release. On top of that is the layer of optional things that are not in the flower release. They are useful but not necessarily needed by every library, for example, integrations specific to external applications. The extended layer won't be in the flower release. The extended layer is also where vendors can have application commercial offerings. This original thinking is still valid.
- TC pushed PC to have a criteria for what should be in the release instead of saying yes to every project. That's why PC formed the Scope Criteria Working Group. What the working group proposed is quite similar to the original thoughts

about the FOLIO structure.

**Gang Zhou:** Will all the apps be controlled by the community? Or, can vendors add/connect their own apps to FOLIO? How to extend apps in the future?

**Vince:** “Add to folio” is ambiguous. Two ways to understand it:

- To add it to the project, i.e., in the flower release. This is what we currently do.
- To add it to the folio installation, which means we are running folio and want to add something to it. It's not necessarily part of the flower release. We need a mechanism to add it to the running system as an extension or just another application.

We need to define the limit. The flower release should be a basic system that is usable to solve the LSP problems, but it doesn't have every possible application. We need to define “an application” before we can start an app store. We need to think about what applications are and then draw a line between the LSP apps and apps that can be added later as something from the app store.

### 3. About the app store

**Lucy:** After the app store meeting on June 30, how many people are interested in actively promoting the idea of an app store?

**Vince:** A lot of people are interested in the app store idea. But we are not ready to have an app store in folio yet. We need to have a lot of things in place. How do we structure folio? How do we define applications? How do we ensure apps are distributed? How do we ensure apps can be easily installed in a running system without shutting down folio? These are all the significant problems we need to solve/address. We need to promote a roadmap to get there.

**Lucy:** What should be included in the roadmap? The App store was mentioned in community discussions. But there was no solid outcome. What steps do we need to take in order to make concrete progress?

**Vince:**

- Relevant discussions will happen in the WOLFcon in Germany. The Shanghai team or China community can also contribute to it.
- The agenda is subject to change.
- Vince will help Tod organize some sessions at WolfCon, such as the one that will discuss the technical pain points and more.