

Technology Report AGM 2017

The main brunt of my work is focused at keeping our website running, keeping it up-to-date with upcoming events and reports from past ones. With the latter point I'd like to thank to Aja for supplying me with her write ups and keeping me on my toes, ensuring that updates get posted.



Page views over 1 year

Our site enjoys good deal of views from users from many countries. Overwhelming majority coming from the NZ and the Czech republic. What comes as a surprise is page hits from places like Thailand or Canada.

Page	Page views
/en/	1899
/en/venue/redwoodfarm-roydon-downs/	783
1	564
/cs/akce/letni-tabor-2017/	323
/en/gallery/	261
/en/events/	258
/en/about-us/	236
/cs/	210
/en/event/summer-camp-bublava-2017/	186

The biggest draw for our site are our event pages. We continue providing ticketed events, where visitors can order a ticket from the site, such as for Easter or recent concert. Further, we gather registration info for participants of our summer/winter camps, school conference and others. With continued effort through our social channels and word-of-mouth I have no doubt that our members will learn to use the site in such manner, thus reducing the burden on paper ticket production and "over-the counter" ticket sales. With improvements in payment processing that's planned for 2nd half of 2017, I hope that we'll be able to provide a one-stop solution from order to payment. Yet again, this should reduce the admin with chasing late payments.

When originally launched in 2015 the website was hosted on Google's Cloud Servers. Whilst that is a robust solution, I found the hosting fee of US\$30/month hard to justify. So, in May 2016 I took an advantage of introductory one year of (nearly) free hosting on Amazon's AWS and moved the website over. As previously we operate our own Linux server instance (t2.micro), with a dedicated installation of WordPress app. The platform has proven very reliable and capable of serving incoming traffic without much difficulty. Moving the site over to Amazon meant the club has saved over \$500 in hosting expenses over the 12 months.

Upon the expiration of our free tier hosting the committee has signed off on a 3 year prepaid deal with Amazon that will ensure that the club continues to benefit from the lowest hosting charges available for a dedicated server.

With the arrival of Lucie Brooks and her updating our library records we have been able to introduce new capability in early May 2017. The complete library of the Czech and Slovak Club is now available online together with availability information and reservation system. Further activities related to library systems are currently being discussed with other czech/slovak societies and trusts in NZ. Hopefully we will be able to share more info with our members soon.

Lastly, I would like to invite any sponsors interested in promoting your business through our website please contact me to discuss the package of benefits we have on offer.

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