

## Report From Birds-of-a-feather On DataFAX Open Source

Time: 18:00-19:30 on 3/22/2005  
Location: Continental Room in Sun Valley Inn

There are nine people participated in the birds-of-a-feather session on DataFAX open source, and here is the summary from the discussion:

1. **Topics discussed:** we discussed many topics related to forming a team to conduct projects that would benefit for all the DataFAX users and CDSI. Here is a list of main topics that we have touched on:
  - Standards and CDISC: it is important to adopt or develop a standard
  - Languages: mainly open source languages
  - Module names:
  - Coding styles
  - Documentation
2. **Actions discussed/planned:** The following is a list of things that group plans to do:
  - Name the project as DataFAX Open Source Project (DFOSP).
  - Form a DataFAX Open Source Team (DFOST)
  - Use Yahoo DataFAXUserClub group as a communication channel
  - Use CVS as code management: Peter Tail and Graig Magaret will look into their resource on hosting the CVS.
  - Use Perl as main language and will expand to other languages such as Python, Ruth, etc.
  - Define module names. Here are a few suggested root and sub module names: DataFAX, DataFAX::Config, DataFAX::CDISC.
3. **Wish list compiled:** As developers, we would like to ask CDSI to put the following in our wish list:
  - Provide API to DFsetup
  - Provide RPC for remote access
  - Provide lock mechanism while accessing the index and configuration files.

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