The Scala Center

Q 2 2020
Direction Report

Acknowledging the context part 1

- COVID-19, WFH, team adjustment
- Team-specific nn-boarding, training, setting the projects
- Lightbend reorg.
- Our space of influence and impact in the context of the Black Lives Matter movement
- The Scala community Twitter incident
- Coming back to work, team adjustment 2

Acknowledging the context part 2

- High enthusiasm shown by our new team
- Stable, 10-member team
- Kindness, understanding & support within the team and from outside
- Exciting projects

(From Q1 presentation) Current status & opportunities

Identified areas of improvement

❌ Project management
- full cycle: choosing, monitoring, reporting & communication
- keeping the projects when people leave

❌ Communication
- gathering and using feedback in our decision process + “marketing” our work
- proposal process

❌ Team expansion (hiring & diversifying)
- EPFL rules to fully hire someone are limiting

Q1 2020 progress

✔️ Project management
- introduced a curated project list, created prioritisation system, introduced project management and monitoring processes

✔️ Communication
- gathered feedback from AB, embraced proposal as a tool of gathering early feedback, took over Scala survey, followed up on forums after the conference

✔️ Team expansion (hiring & diversifying)
- new employees, contracted Alex, proved we can continue hiring externally (with limitations, started work with students, embraced more help from VL; pairing team on projects, team sprees

(From Q1 presentation) What can you expect in Q2 2020

- Solid curated project list
- Scala Center projects management on GH standardised
- Gathering and incorporating feedback using “AB Proposals” as a 2-way tool
- Establishing frequent public updates
- Continue to expand our team in different ways

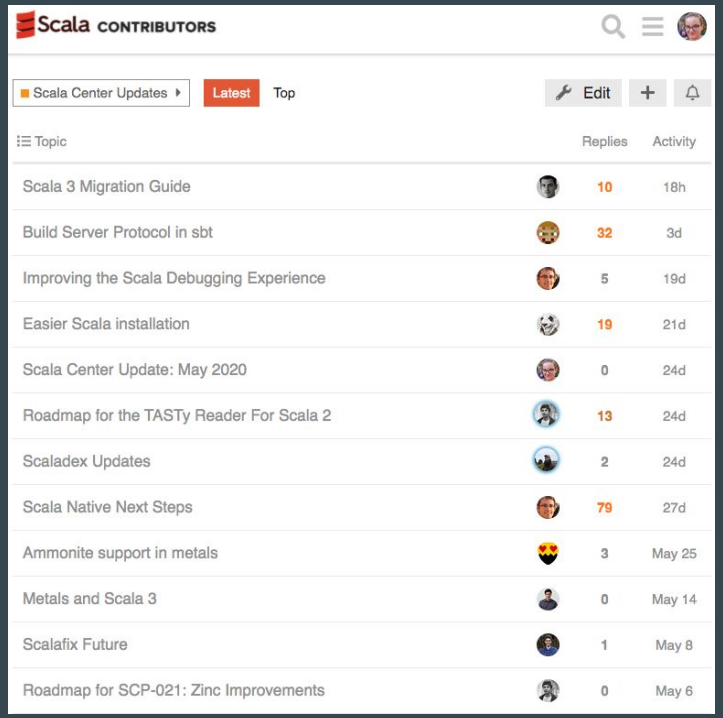
Expectations we set for Q2 2020 (1/3)

✔ Project management

- Internal
  - Roadmaps
  - Overview
- External
  - Project list
  - Roadmaps for public as discussions

✔ Communication

- Contributors forum
- Twitter
- Consultation teams per project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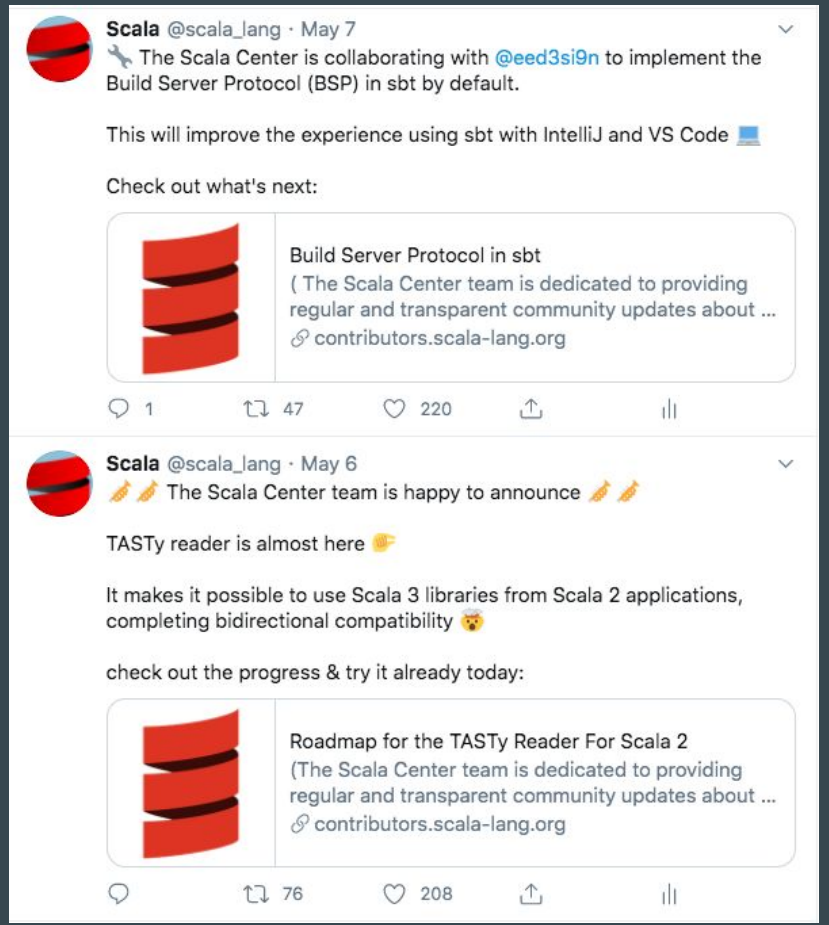
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The Scala Center team is happy to announce
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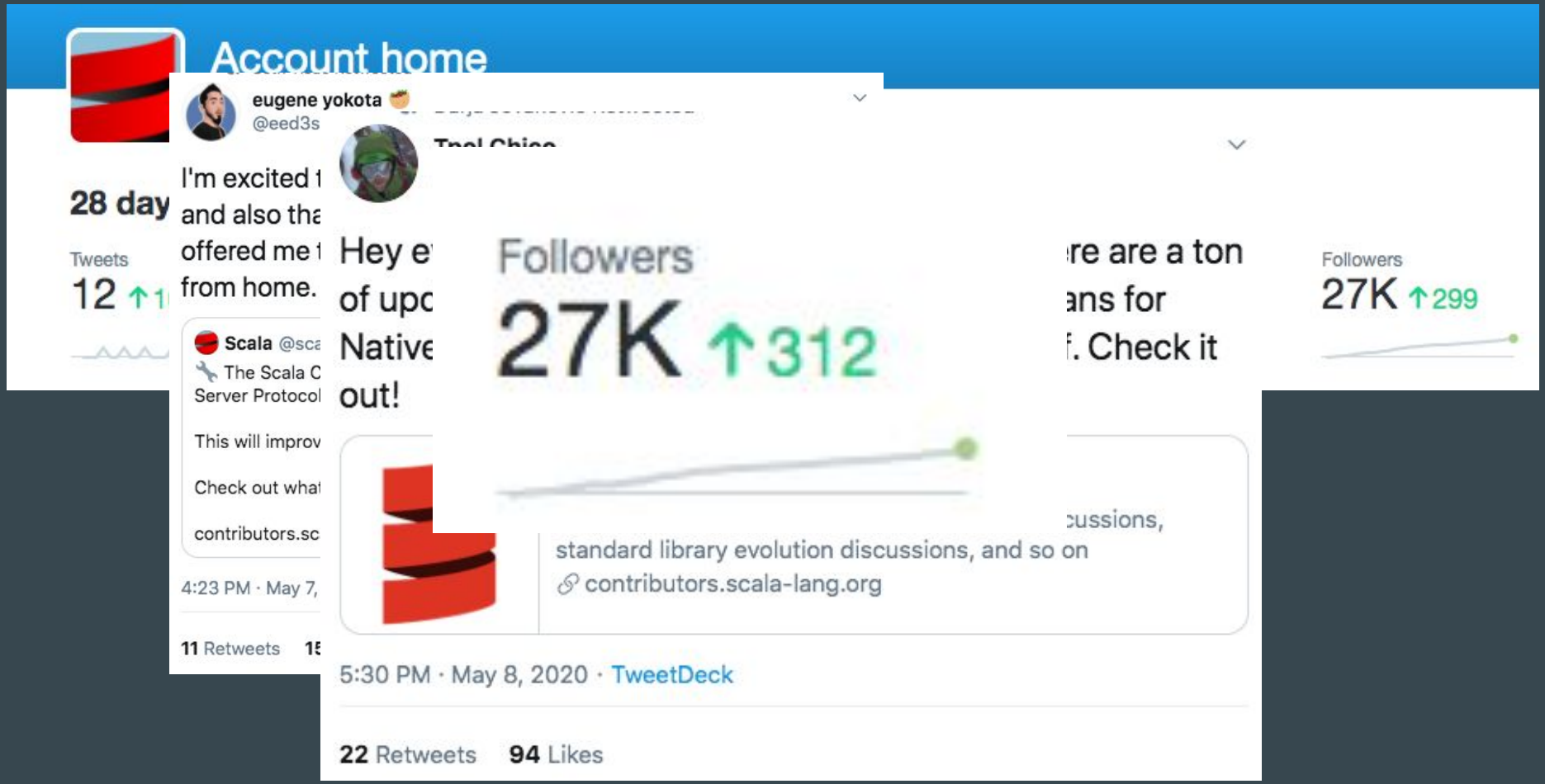
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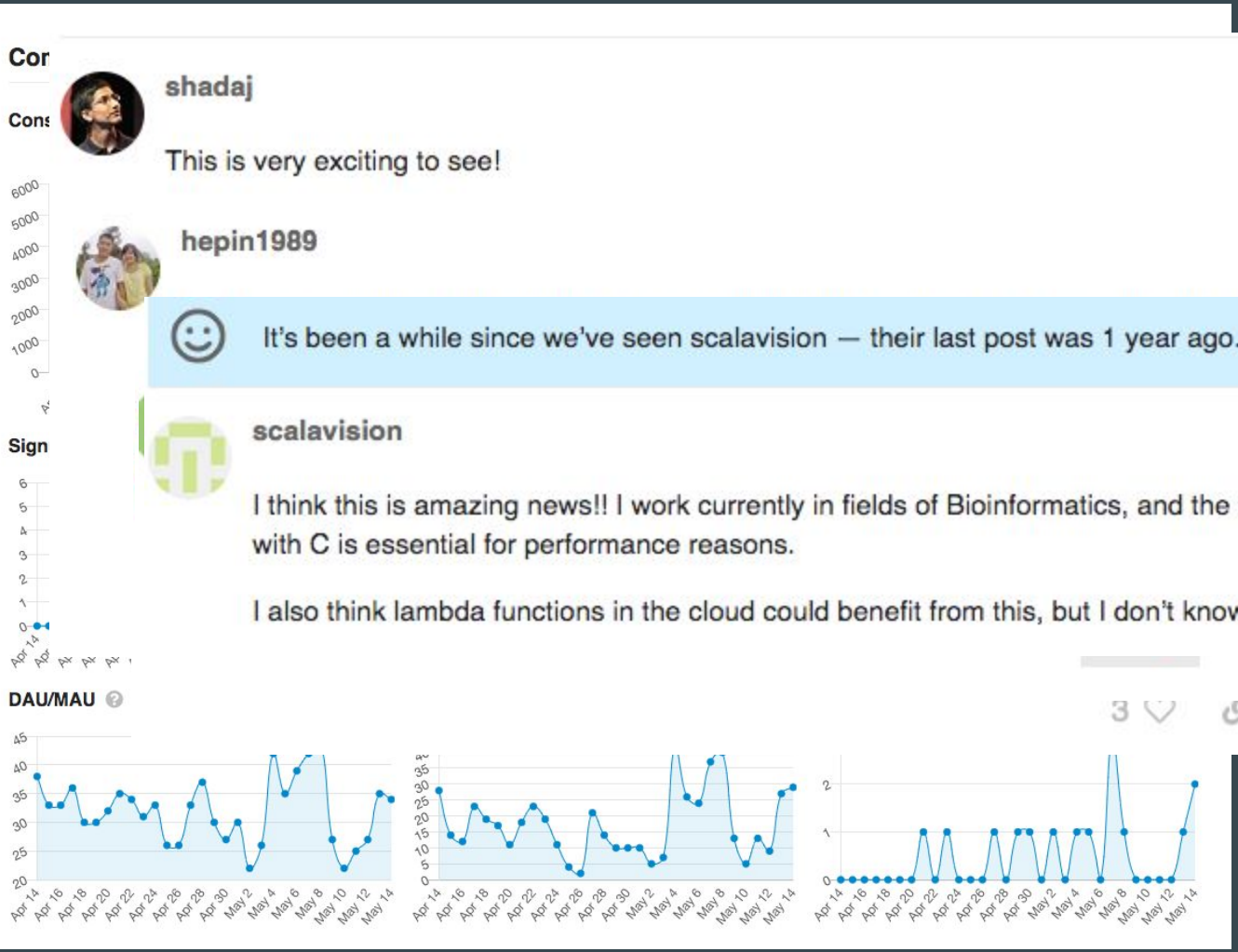
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This is very exciting to see!
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It's been a while since we've seen scalavision — their last post was 1 year ago.
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I think this is amazing news!! I work currently in fields of Bioinformatics, and the possibility to interop with C is essential for performance reasons.
I also think lambda functions in the cloud could benefit from this, but I don't know much about that 😊.
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Expectations we set for Q2 2020 (2/3)

✔Hiring & continuity

- 2 new job openings
  - Education department & Ergys's replacement

- 1 new VirtusLab engineer (for Scala Native)

Expectations we set for Q2 2020 (3/3)

✔Your help

- Thank you for being our ambassadors
- Thank you for taking time to meet and advise us outside of the AB
- Thank you for assigning your engs to work with us
- Thank you for participating actively during our blog-writing

What is next? Q3 + Q4 2020

- Q3 might be a low-period given the upcoming vacations + taking on new projects, let's see...
- Keep up the good practices
- Expanding our reach (growing the team + developing connections with the community)
- Planning and implementing diversity program
- Scala 3 release: taking on a number of projects