Debian Teams Activity Metrics

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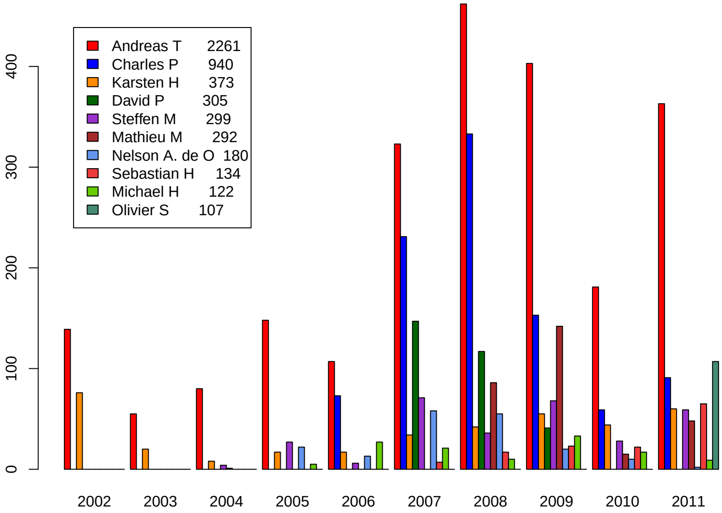
Motivation

- Who is inside the team?
- Who left the team?
- Does a team have enough members?
- Is the team growing or shrinking?

Quite simple start: Mailing list activity



Enhancing the observation needed

- We do not only want to know who is “chatting”
- There should be a “fair” evaluation
- More flexibility
- Technical enhancements

Additional channels / means to consider

- VCS commits
- Uploaded packages (from the UDD)
- Other ideas (IRC, . . . ?)

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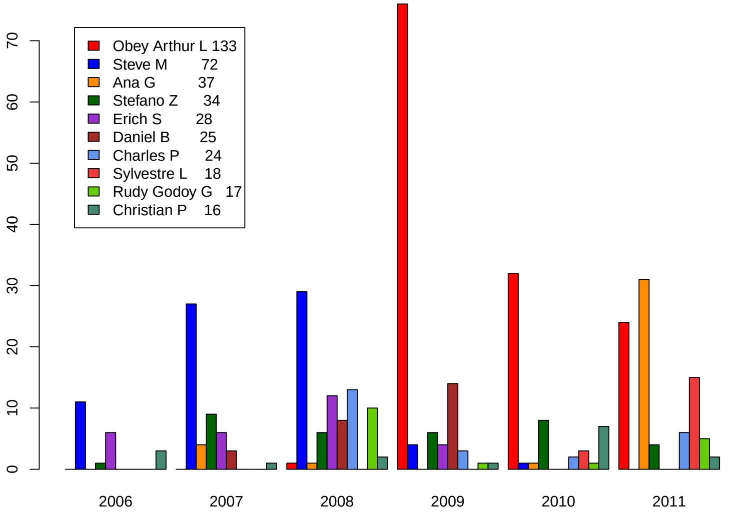
- The process is optimized because we perform remote operations for fetching repositories by SSHing into Alioth and performing them locally

Measure of Communication Activity

- Every project has a mailing list
- We measure who are the most active contributors
- Quantity is not the only metric because quality matters
- We handle spam

Verifying new code with ‘soc-coordination’ list



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    - (-) deleted

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- Yes, Lord Vader, but then we don’t have *many* other metrics, so...

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Please share your thoughts!

Status

- Complete
    - Mailing list (Alioth, lists.debian.org)
    - Repository (Git, SVN)
- Incomplete
    - Package upload data from UDD
    - Metrics you suggest...
    - Presenting these statistics

Questions? Suggestions?

The more we discuss, the better we can get!

http://teammetrics.alioth.debian.org/