Bits from the DPL

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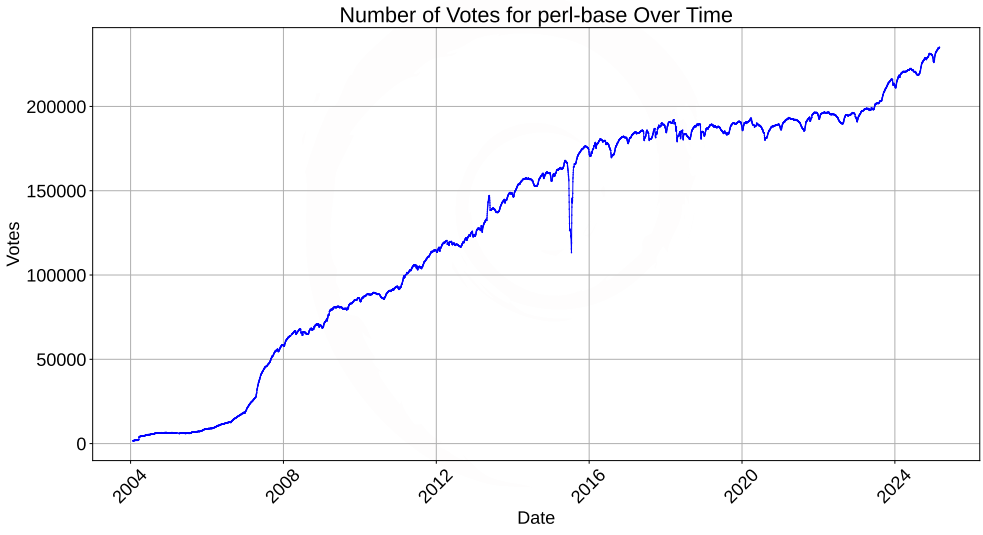

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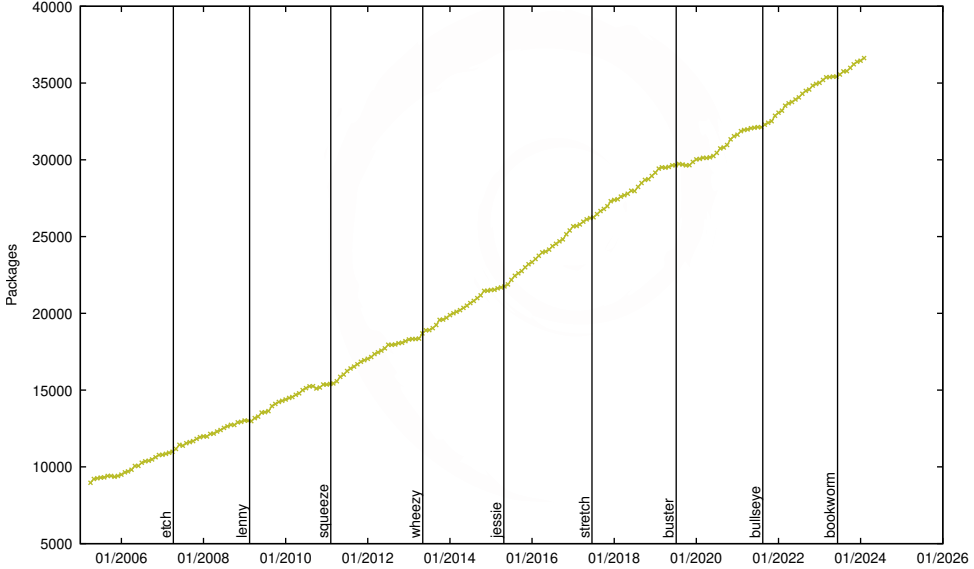

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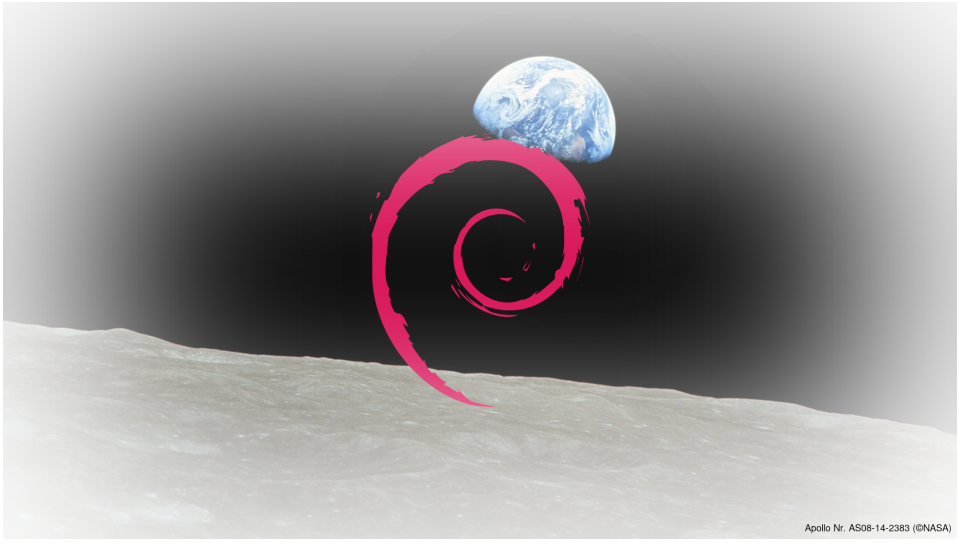


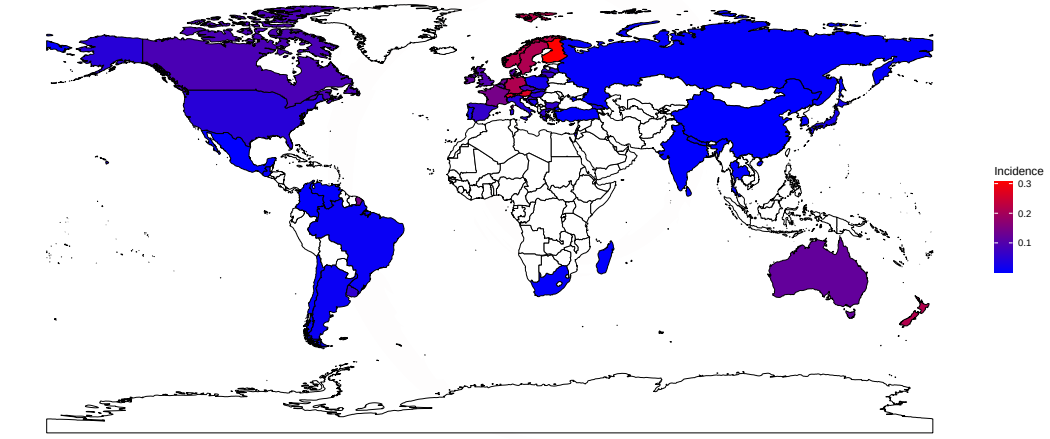
CADRE: 3 robots driving around on the moon, talking to each other and to a base station

1000 developers all over the world

https://www.debian.org/devel/developers.loc

Density of Developers per Inhabitant

Incidence of Debian Developers per 100,000 Inhabitants



Countries with no data are shown in white

DebConf

Oslo 2003
Helsinki 2005
Edinburgh 2007
Home 2020
Home 2023
Brest 2025
Heidelberg 2015
Vaumarcus 2011
Bordeaux 2009
Bordeaux 2001
Banja Luka 2011
Prizren 2022
Caceres 2009
Portland 2014
Montreal 2017
Toronto 2002
New York 2010
Busan 2024
Hsinchu 2018
Oaxtepec 2006
Managua 2012
Kochi 2023
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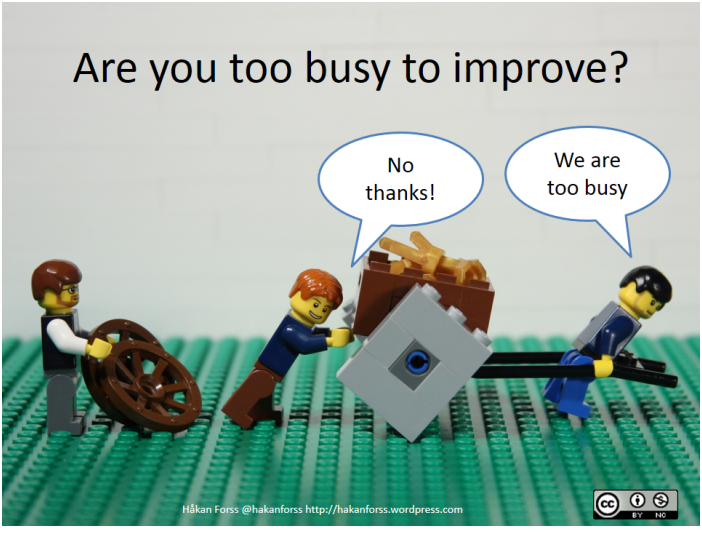

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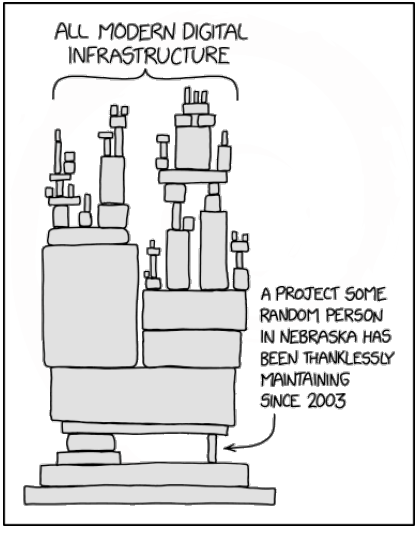
Identify Weak Points



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Solo Artists

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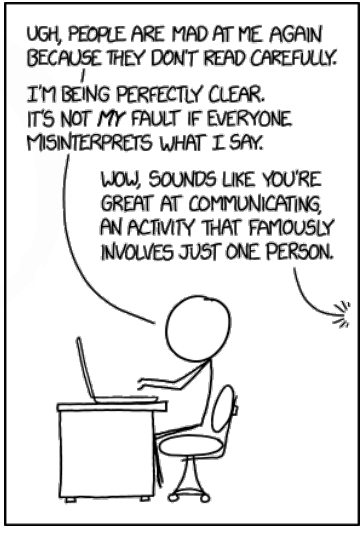

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