

Debian is for everyone

A Blend for every taste

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Debian is resilient

Developers come and go

- DD might become inactive important work will be picked up
- Works even for me
- Easier if common workflows were used



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Trademark

Debian has successfully defended its trademark World would be such a great place if we could simply concentrate on coding only!

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Statement about the EU Legislation

GR: EU Legislation "Cyber Resilience Act and Product Liability Directive"

→ CRA and PLD proposals include regulations detrimental to FOSS

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AI in Debian

- We need some policy about usage of AI-generated content in Debian
- Debian AI team
- "slowly move ROCm from 'make it work' to 'make it fast'" (Cordell Bloor)
- For new *technical* problems somehow magically arise people
- Only true for technical, not organisational problems

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Sometimes we need patience to find solutions

lintian

- Policy checker important for packaging
- Some design decisions have led to slow operation
- Suggestion to check earlier in build-process (bug #1076759)
- Only statically tests source and binary packages
- Changed Maintainers often over time, social frictions between Maintainers
- Found volunteer for lintian.debian.org
- Maintainer could use more help → any volunteers?

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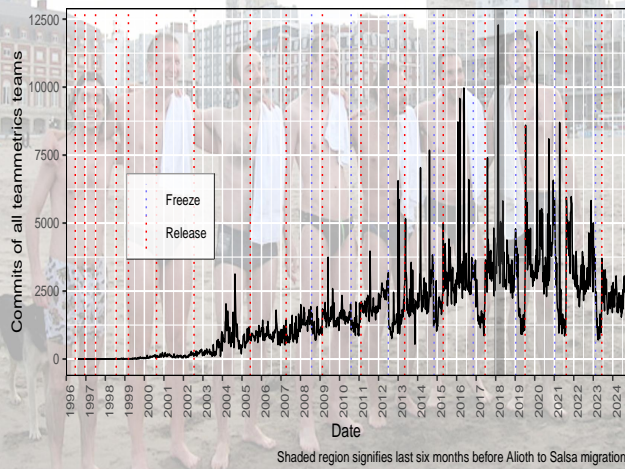
- Pushing a signed Git tag instead of uploading a bunch of files
- Written in 2019
- Finally agreement how to deploy 2024

General decision making

- Sometimes its not clear who is in a team
- Its even less clear who can make decisions

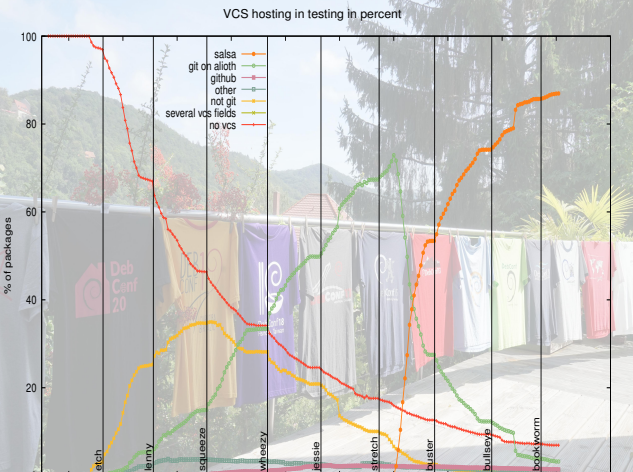
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Freeze depression



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Trends



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Personal opinion: We should end single maintainership

Single maintainer is preventing contributions finally restricting freedom to contribute

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Contacting teams

- Healthy teams
- Disconnected teams
- Rock star coders (one person teams)
- Rarely actively attracting newcomers

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How to meet future?

- Few long standing DDs are (extremely) conservative in their workflow
- Some do not use VCS (Debian archive is "VCS" ?!)
- Others use Git but not Salsa
- Some DDs seem to think team maintenance is the end of Debian

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Communication with ftpmaster

- 1 Mailing list
- 2 Wiki
- 3 BoF at DebConf 2023 "Chatting with ftpmaster"
- 4 What now?
 - Meet the *ftpteam* at DebConf24 (*transcript*)
 - Clarify legal situation of >20 years old restriction
 - Seeking for volunteers writing DAK features
 - Example: Accept+bug report

SCENIC
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WARNING
POLITICALLY
INCORRECT ZONE
All Personnel Entering These Premises Will
Be Subjected To A Thorough Screening Of Speech

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Helpful culture

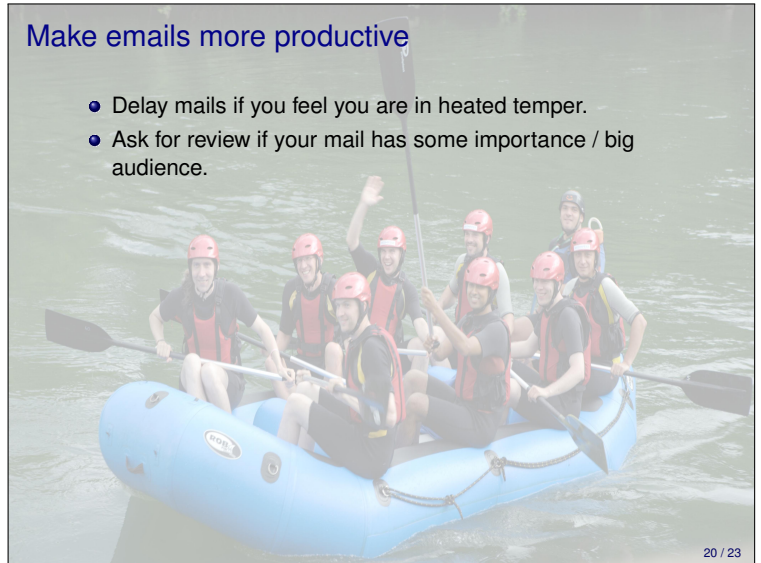


Prioritize your tasks in such a way that someone seeking help has the highest priority.

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Make emails more productive

- Delay mails if you feel you are in heated temper.
- Ask for review if your mail has some importance / big audience.



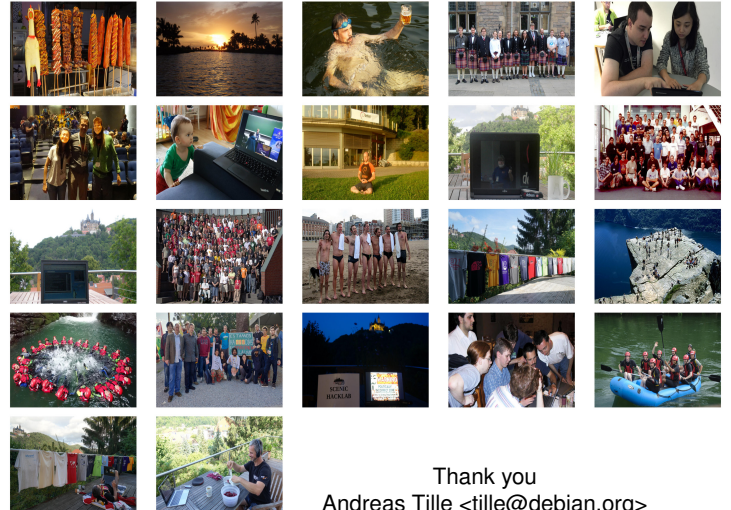
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Publicity



Volunteer coders are not good in advertising their work

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