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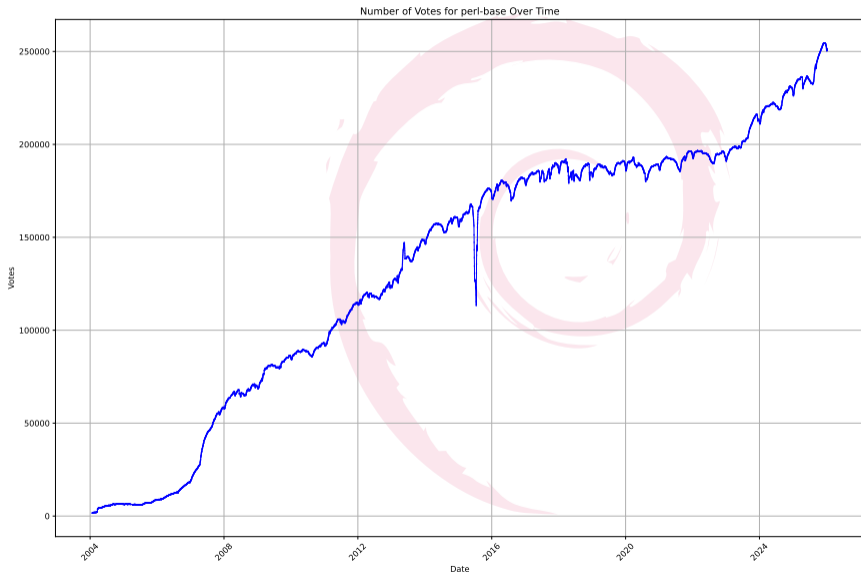
How a do-ocracy keeps evolving

Andreas Tille

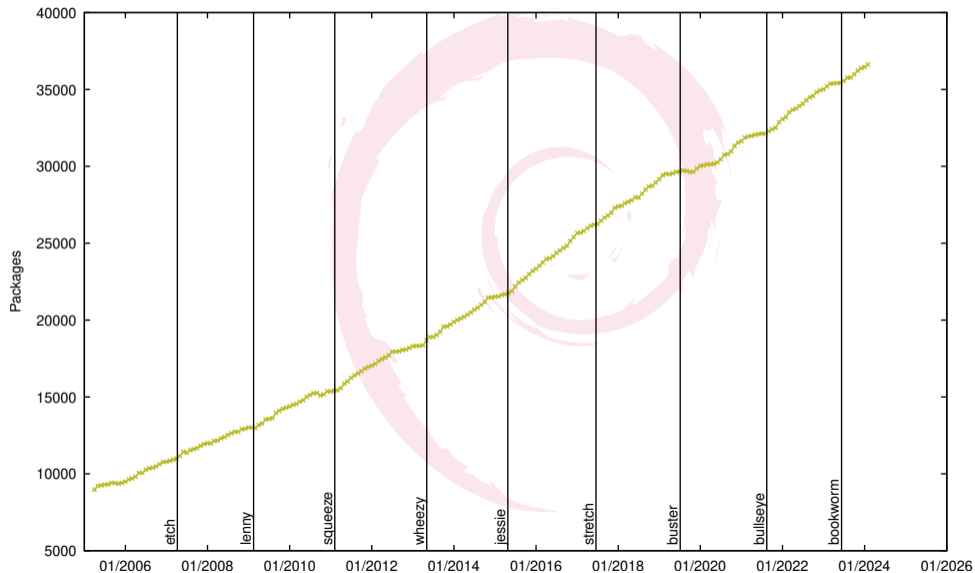
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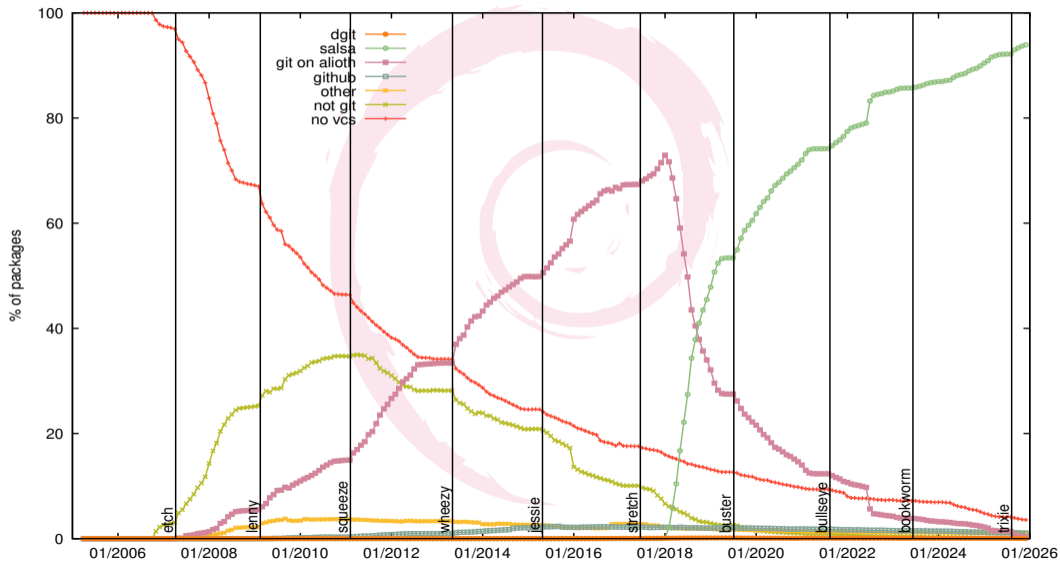
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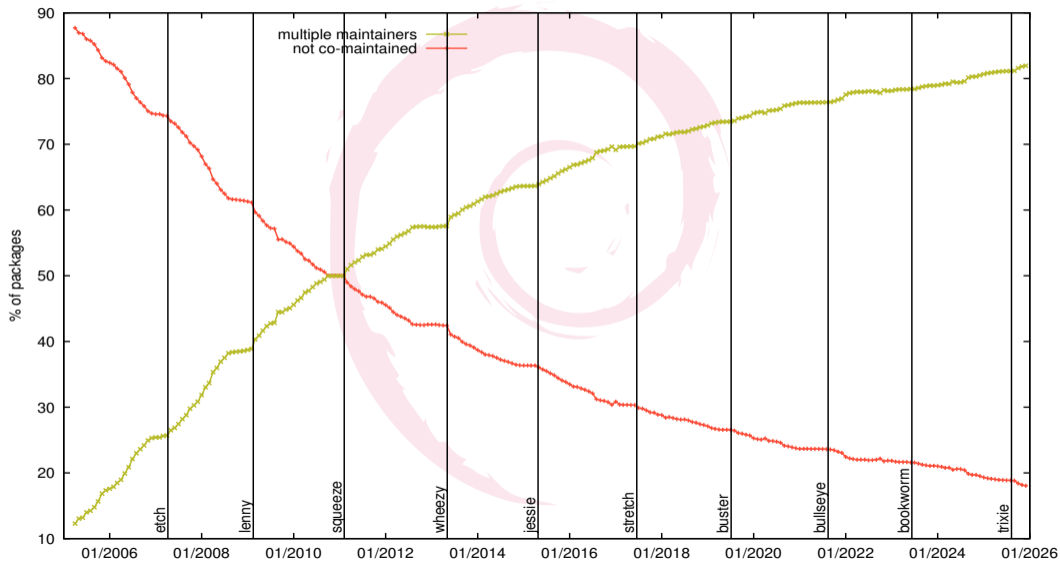
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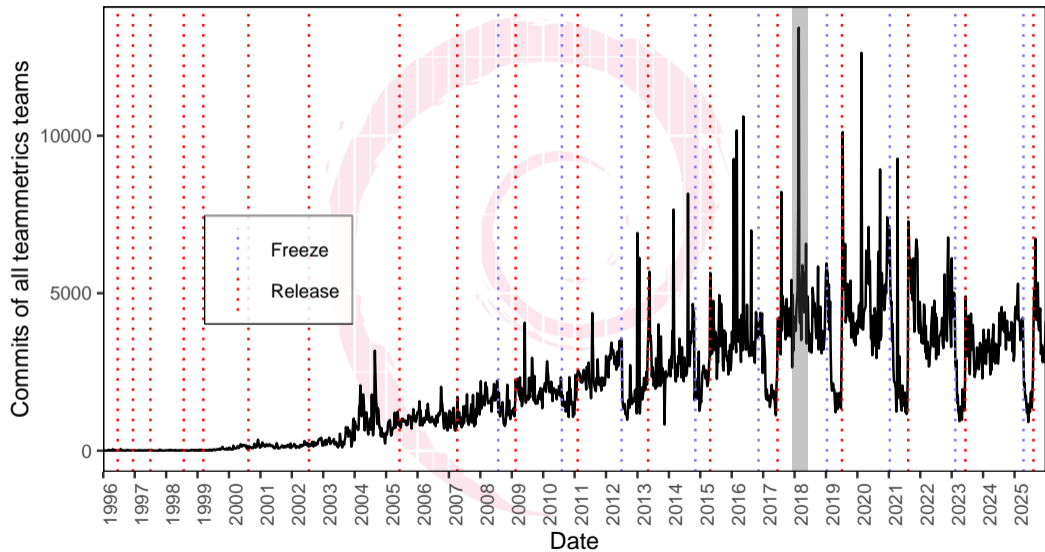
Trends (VCS hosting in testing)



Trends (Team maintained packages in testing)



Freeze depression



Shaded region signifies last six months before Alioth to Salsa migration

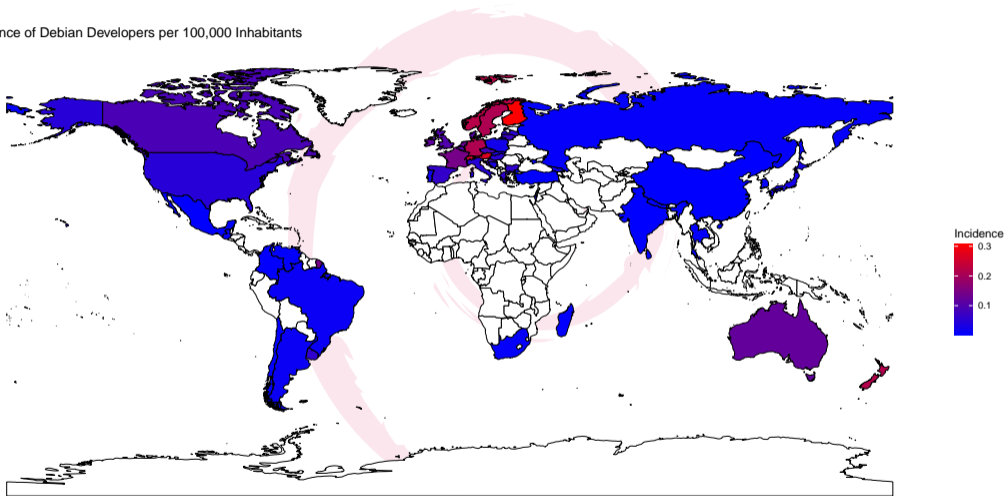
1000 Developers all over the world



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

Developer per Inhabitant

Incidence of Debian Developers per 100,000 Inhabitants



Countries with no data are shown in white



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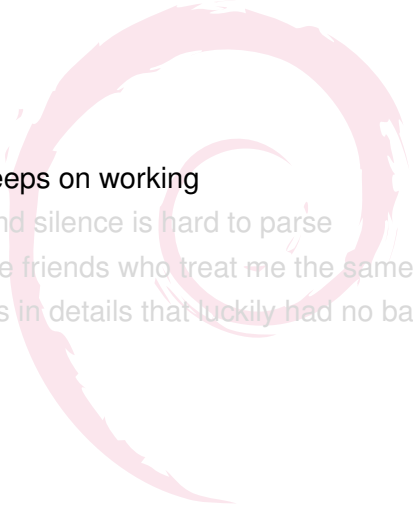
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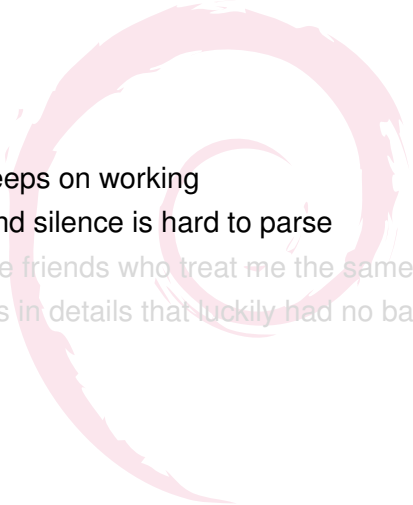
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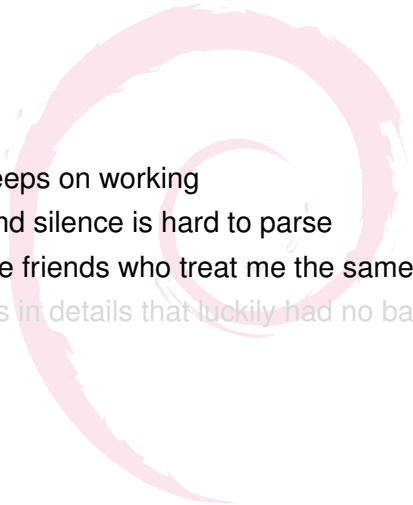
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