Docs as Code

Documentation Management Inspired by Software Development

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Agenda

- What is *Docs as Code*
- Choosing a text markup language
- Version Control
- Continuous integration and delivery
- Example of a working *Docs as Code* setup

Docs as Code

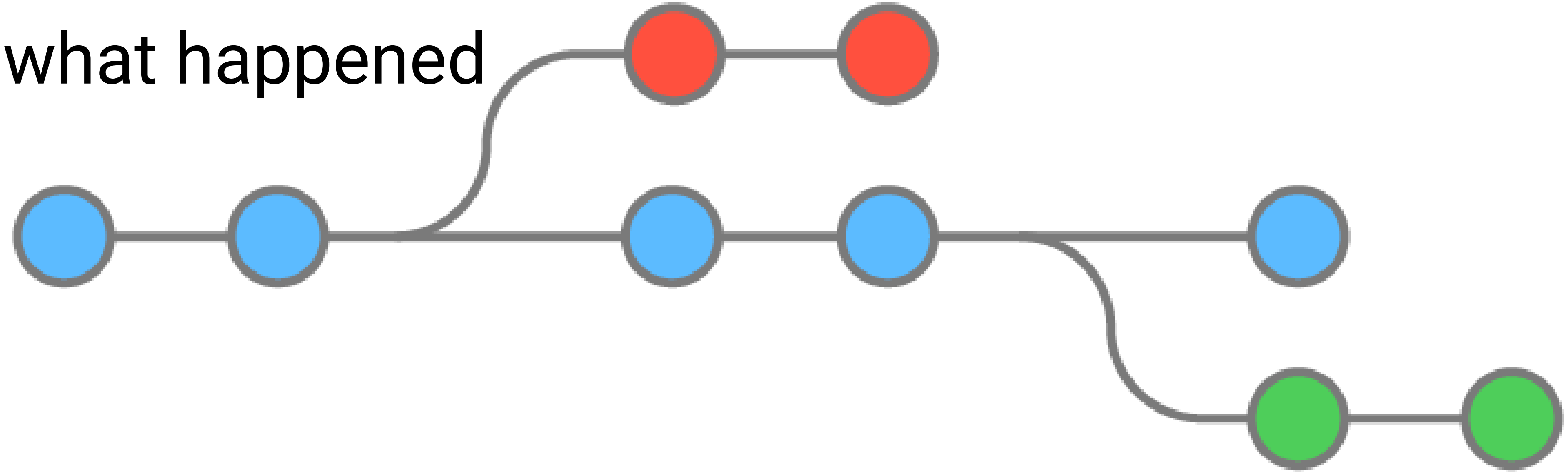
- Refers to a philosophy that you should be writing documentation with the same **tools** and **workflows** as code:
  - Version Control
  - Collaboration and Review Process
  - Automated Tests, Builds, Delivery
  - Issue Trackers
  - Plain Text Markup

Choosing a Suitable Text Markup

- Markdown
- Asciidoc
- ***XML***
  - ***Docbook***
  - ***DITA***

Why should I use a Version Control?

- Storing versions
  - *The basics of version control is the ability to save changes made to files, whilst retaining the changes from all previous versions.*
- Collaboration and review
- Understand what happened



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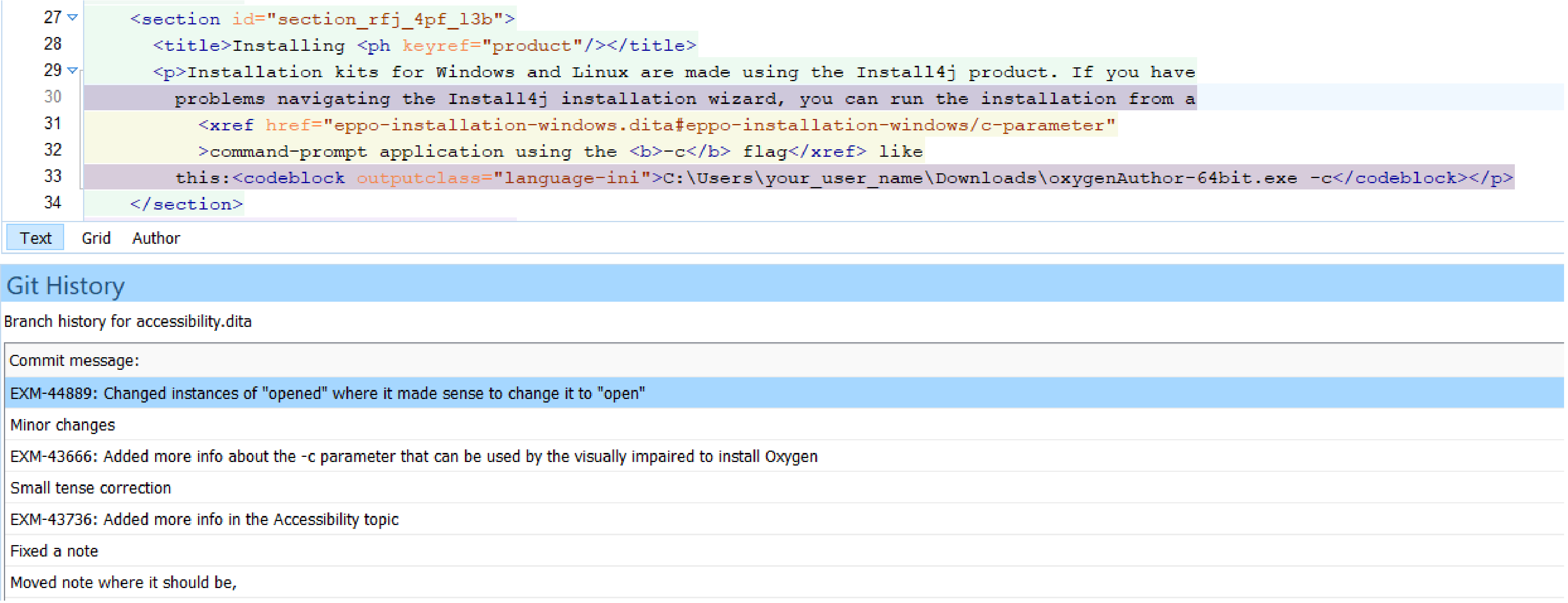

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Git History

Branch history for accessibility.dita

Commit message:

EXM-44889: Changed instances of "opened" where it made sense to change it to "open"

Minor changes

EXM-43666: Added more info about the -c parameter that can be used by the visually impaired to install Oxygen

Small tense correction

EXM-43736: Added more info in the Accessibility topic

Fixed a note

Moved note where it should be,

Which Version Control System?

- Git
- Mercurial
- Subversion

In the Cloud or on Premise

- On premise Git repositories
  - *GitLab Community Edition (CE) is an* ***open source*** *end-to-end software development platform with built-in version control, issue tracking, code review, CI/CD, and more. Self-host GitLab CE on your own servers, in a container, or on a cloud provider.*
- Web-based Git repositories
  - GitLab [https://about.gitlab.com/pricing]
  - GitHub [https://github.com/pricing]
  - Bitbucket [https://bitbucket.org/product/pricing]

Continuous Integration (CI)

- Changes are validated as soon as they are committed, by creating a build and running *automated tests*.
  - *Helps avoid "integration hell" where the software works on individual developers' machines, but it fails when all developers combine (or "integrate") their code*
- Puts a great emphasis on *testing automation.*

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- Quality checks
  - Business rules (Schematron, Vale)
  - Integrity checks (Validate and Check for Completeness)
- Reuse metrics
- Publishing pipelines

Continuous Delivery (CD)

- The goal of CD is to make sure the software is always ready to go to production
  - You have automated your release process
  - You can deploy your application at any point of time by clicking on a button.

CI/CD Platforms/Servers

- Jenkins
- Travis CI
- Netlify
- GitLab CI/CD

Editing tools

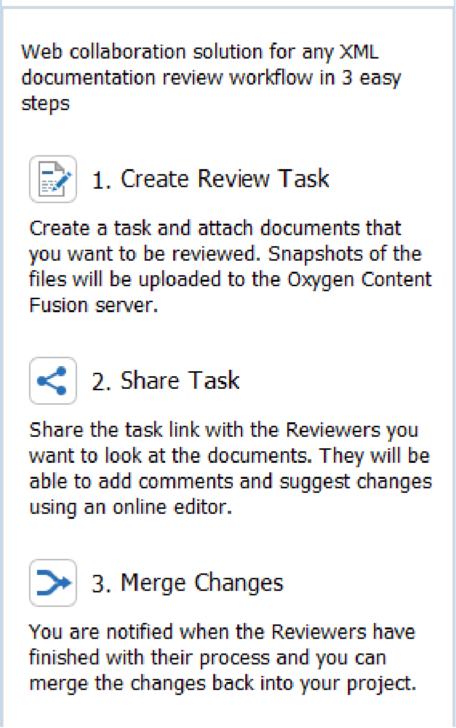
- Any text processor
- GitLab, GitHub built-in text editors
- Commercial XML editors
  - Oxygen Web Author
  - Oxygen XML Editor

Collaboration

- Using version control (Git)
- GitHub pull requests
  - https://github.com/features/code-review/
  - https://github.com/oxygenxml/blog/pull/25
- Using dedicated solutions (Oxygen Content Fusion, Oxygen XML Web Author)

DEMO TIME

- Oxygen Web Author in action
- Oxygen Content Fusion in action



Web collaboration solution for any XML documentation review workflow in 3 easy steps

1. Create Review Task

Create a task and attach documents that you want to be reviewed. Snapshots of the files will be uploaded to the Oxygen Content Fusion server.

2. Share Task

Share the task link with the Reviewers you want to look at the documents. They will be able to add comments and suggest changes using an online editor.

3. Merge Changes

You are notified when the Reviewers have finished with their process and you can merge the changes back into your project.

Issue Tracking

- GitHub Issue Tracker
  - https://github.com/oxygenxml/userguide/issues
- GitLab Issue Tracker
  - https://gitlab.com/jitianualex83/my-test-project/issues
- Atlassian Jira
  - https://www.atlassian.com/ro/software/jira

Proposed *Docs as Code* setup

- Text Markup: *DITA + Markdown*
- Version control: *GitHub*
- Issues tracker: *GitHub*
- CI/CD : *Netlify + SonarCloud*
- Collaboration: *Oxygen Web Author* [links in published output]

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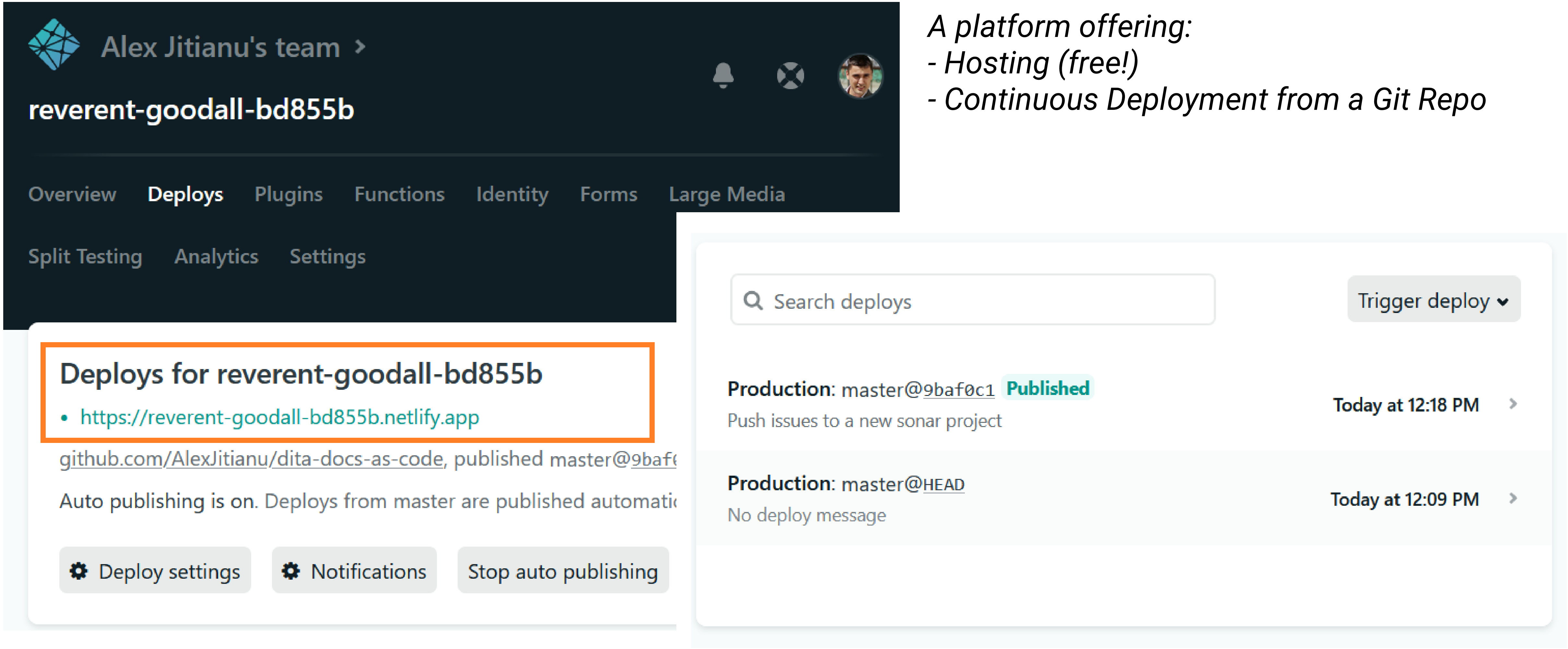
Netlify

A platform offering:
- Hosting (free!)
- Continuous Deployment from a Git Repo



Alex Jitianu's team ›

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Deploys for reverent-goodall-bd855b

- https://reverent-goodall-bd855b.netlify.app

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Push issues to a new sonar project

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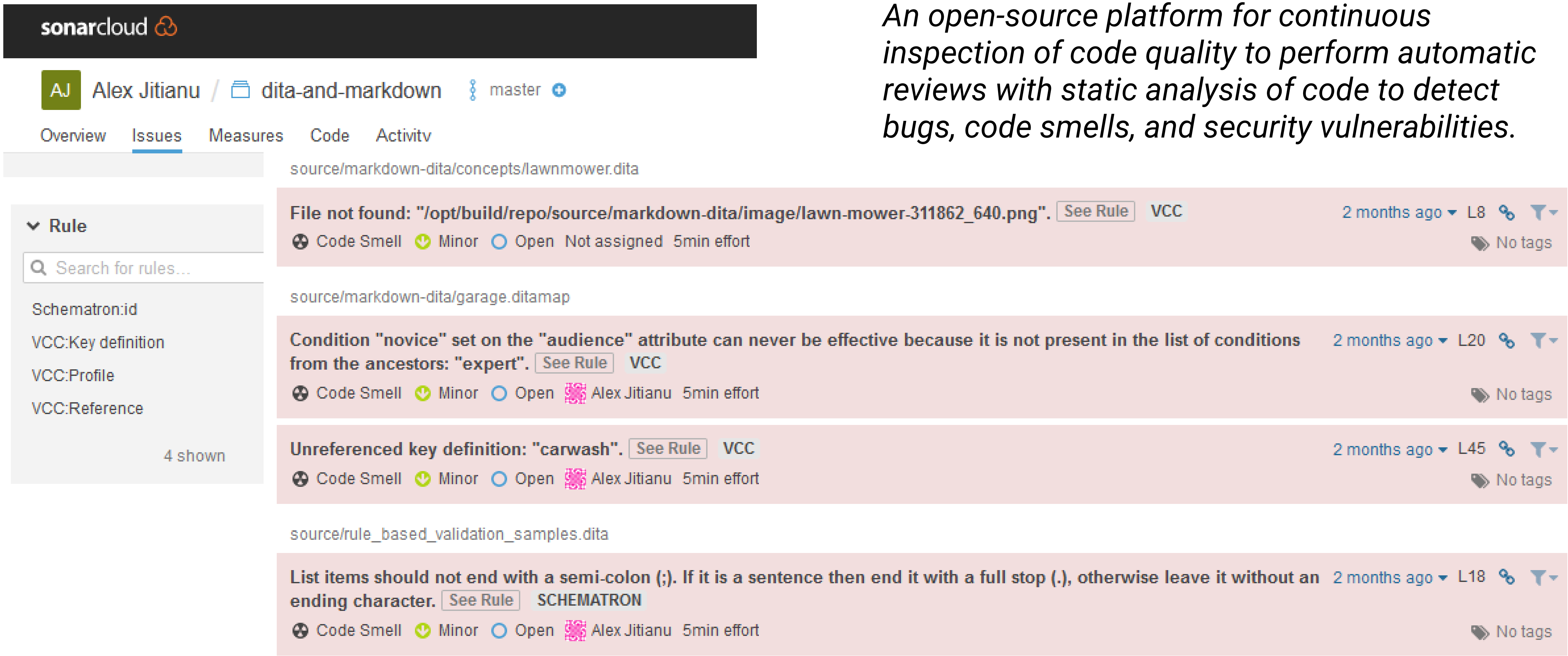
SonarCloud

An open-source platform for continuous inspection of code quality to perform automatic reviews with static analysis of code to detect bugs, code smells, and security vulnerabilities.



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- VCC:Profile
- VCC:Reference

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DEMO TIME

- Deploy to Netlify our *docs-as-code* solution for DITA and Markdown
  - https://github.com/AlexJitianu/dita-docs-as-code/

Deploy to netlify

SonarCloud Configuration

- Setup SonarCloud
  - Create account
    - https://sonarcloud.io/about

  - Create organization
    - https://sonarcloud.io/account/organizations
  - Set permissions (*Execute Analysis*)
    - https://sonarcloud.io/organizations/{organization-name}/permissions
  - Generate Token
    - https://sonarcloud.io/account/security/

SonarCloud Configuration

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# These details need to be filled in on a per-project basis
sonar.organization={sonarcloud.organization.name}
sonar.login={sonarcloud.auth.token}
sonar.projectKey={unique.project.name} !!!!!

# Configration
sonar.sources=.
sonar.host.url=https://sonarcloud.io
sonar.exclusions=bin/**,scripts/**, demo-files/**
sonar.externalIssuesReportPaths=bin/tmp/sonar-schematron.json, bin/tmp-vcc/vcc-result-sonar.json
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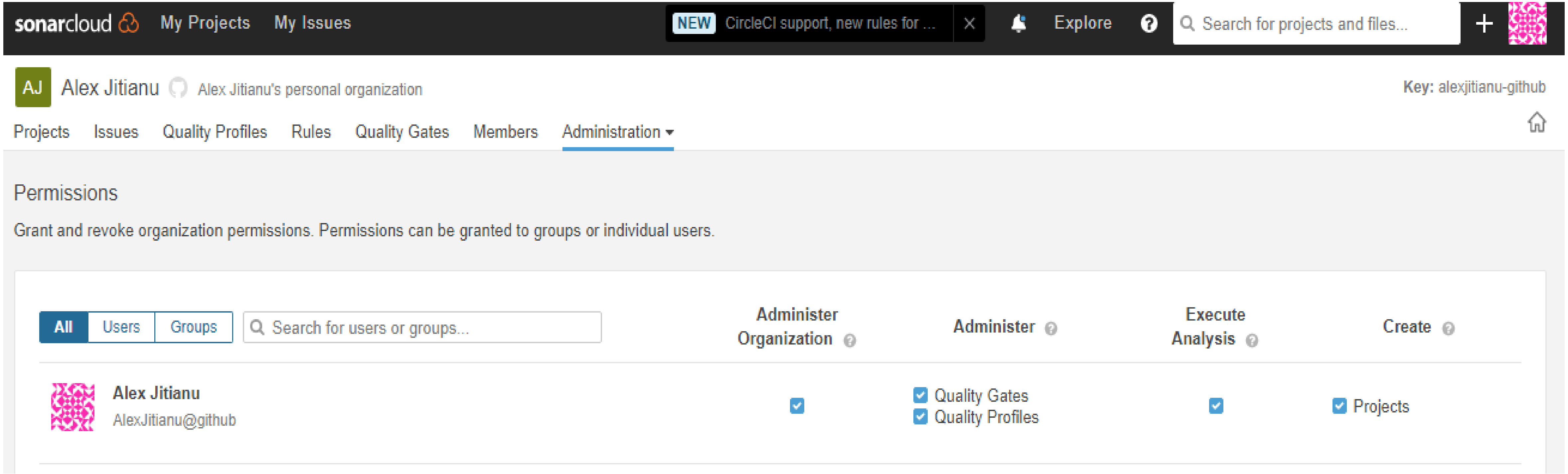
https://github.com/AlexJitianu/dita-docs-as-code/blob/master/scripts/sonar/sonar.properties

SonarCloud permissions



Permissions

Grant and revoke organization permissions. Permissions can be granted to groups or individual users.

	Administer Organization	Administer	Execute Analysis	Create
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THANK YOU!

Any questions?

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