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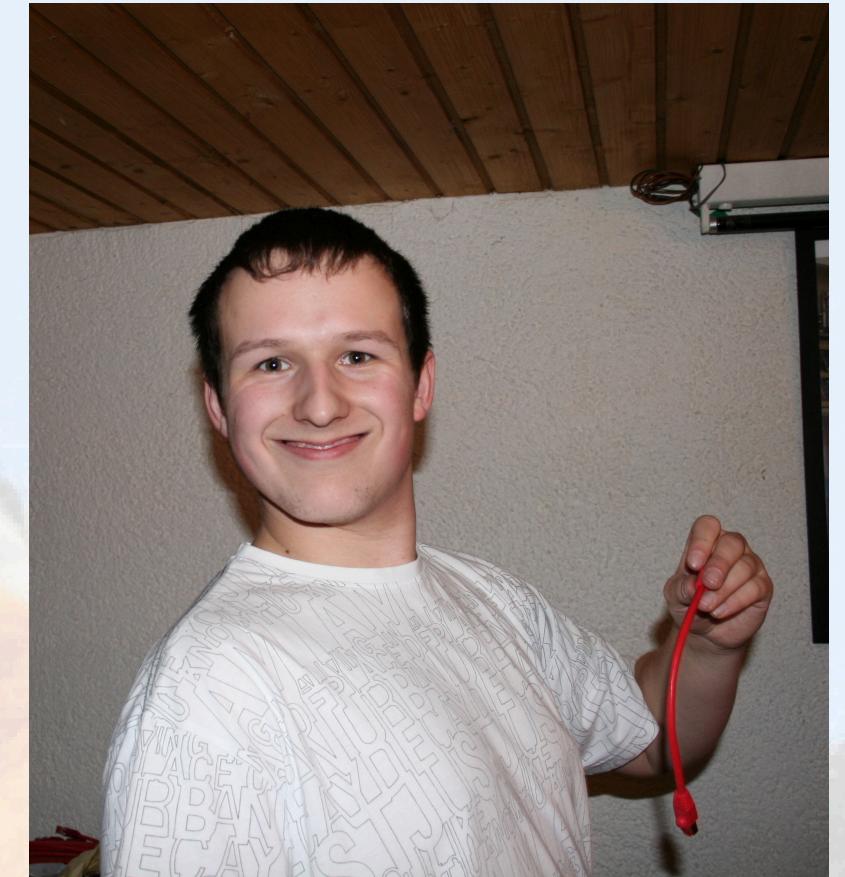


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How to grow an online community to over 210 people managing over 300 projects

# \$ whoami

- Tim 'bastelfreak' Meusel
- Puppet User since 2012
- Merging stuff on [Vox Pupuli](#) since 2015
- Senior IT Automation Consultant at [betadots](#)
- Puppet Solution Consultant
- Vox Pupuli PMC member



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example class to manage nginx:

```
# @summary configures nginx in a bad way
# @param content the whole nginx config
class nginx (
  Sensitive[String[1]] $content,
) {
  package { 'nginx':
    ensure => 'installed',
  }
  -> file { '/etc/nginx/nginx.conf':
    ensure  => 'file',
    content => $content,
  }
  ~> service { 'nginx':
    ensure => 'running',
    enable => true,
  }
}
```



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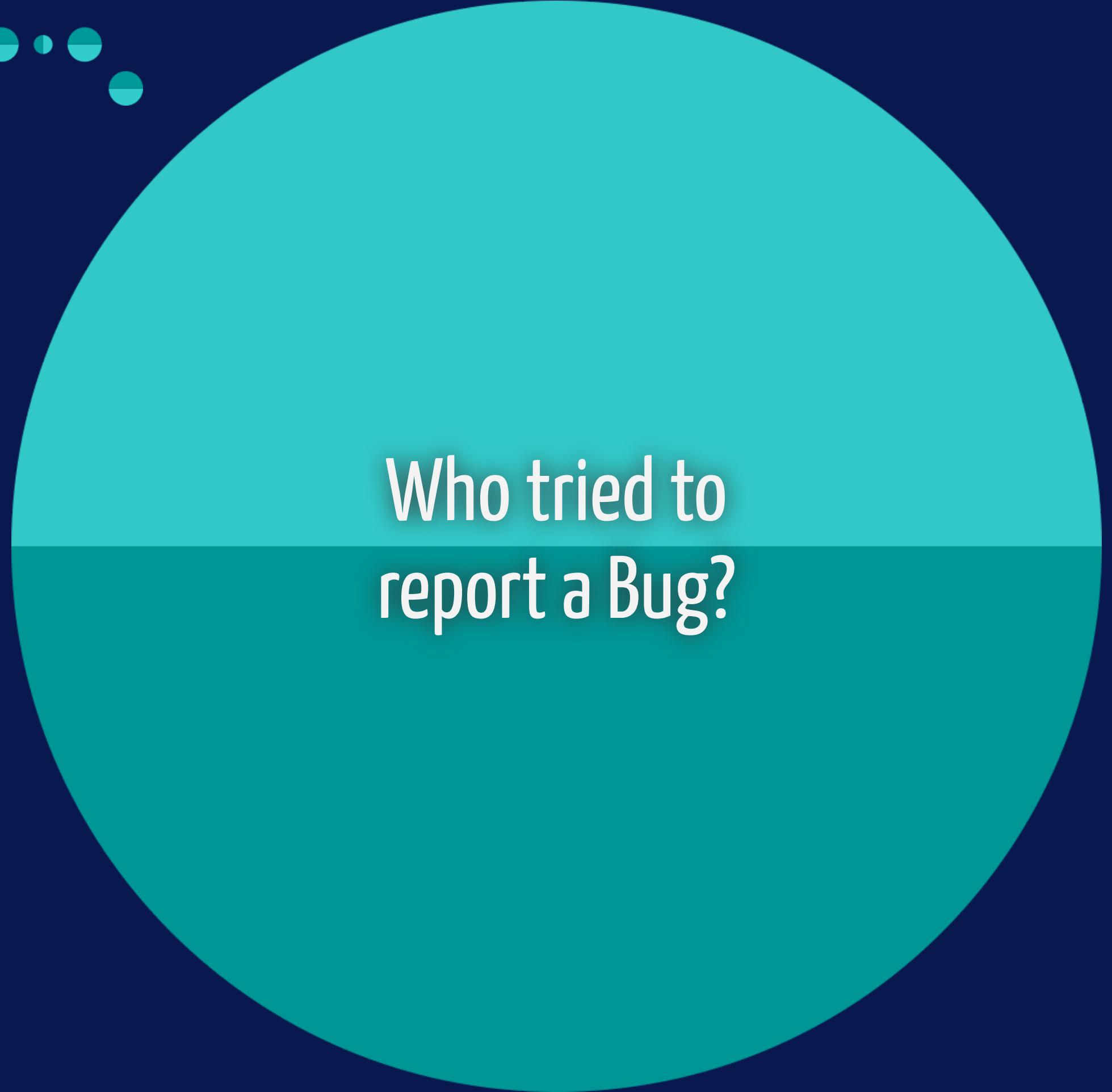
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- Usually each Puppet Module lives in its own Git(Hub) repository
- A module is focussed on managing a specific software component



Who uses  
Open Source Software?



Who tried to  
report a Bug?

Who uses dead  
Open Source Software?

What is this  
Vox Pupuli thingy?

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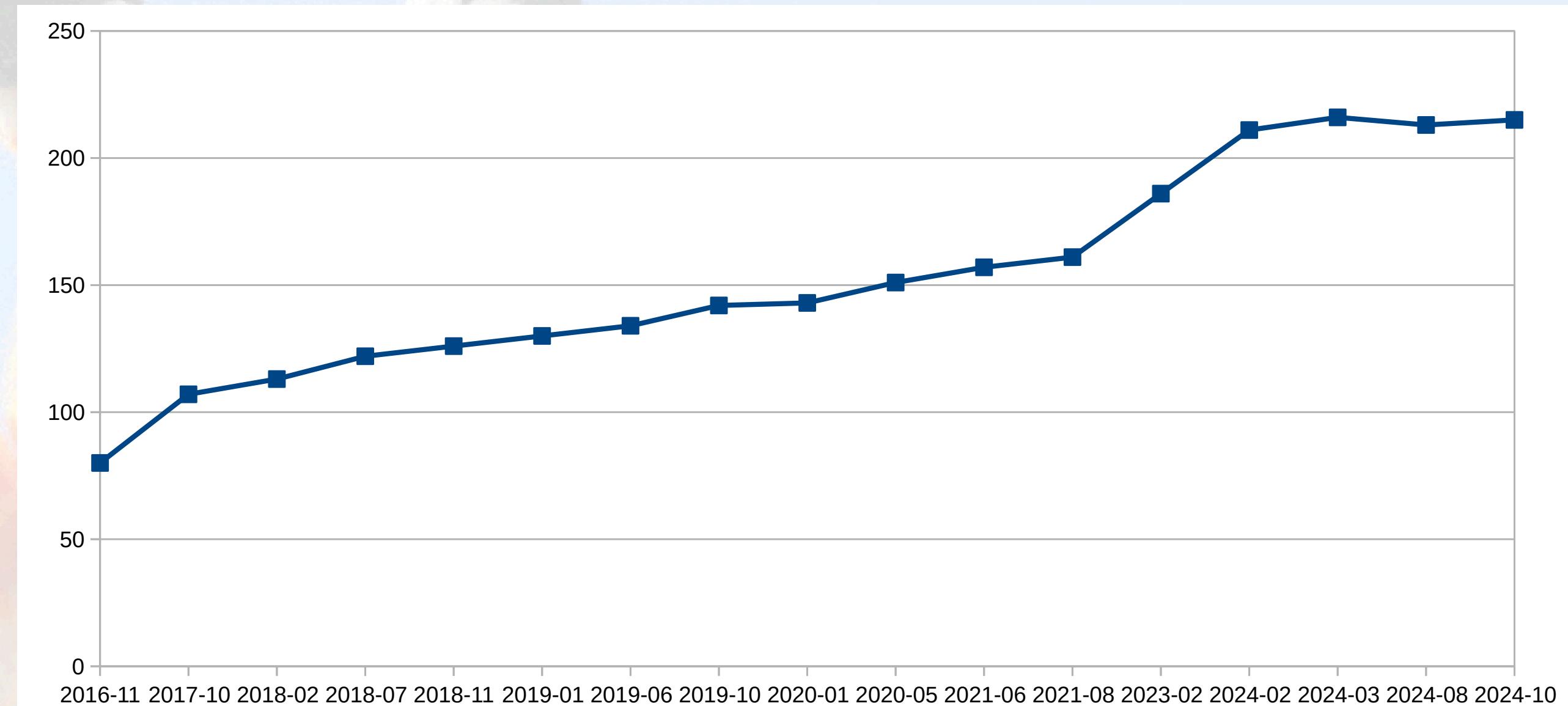
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- Ensure continued development for our code



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Members in the Vox Pupuli GitHub Org



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- Consultants that contribute to a few modules for a period of time



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- Vox Pupuli wants to prevent this
  - with a big group of collaborators and efficient tooling

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How does  
Vox Pupuli work?

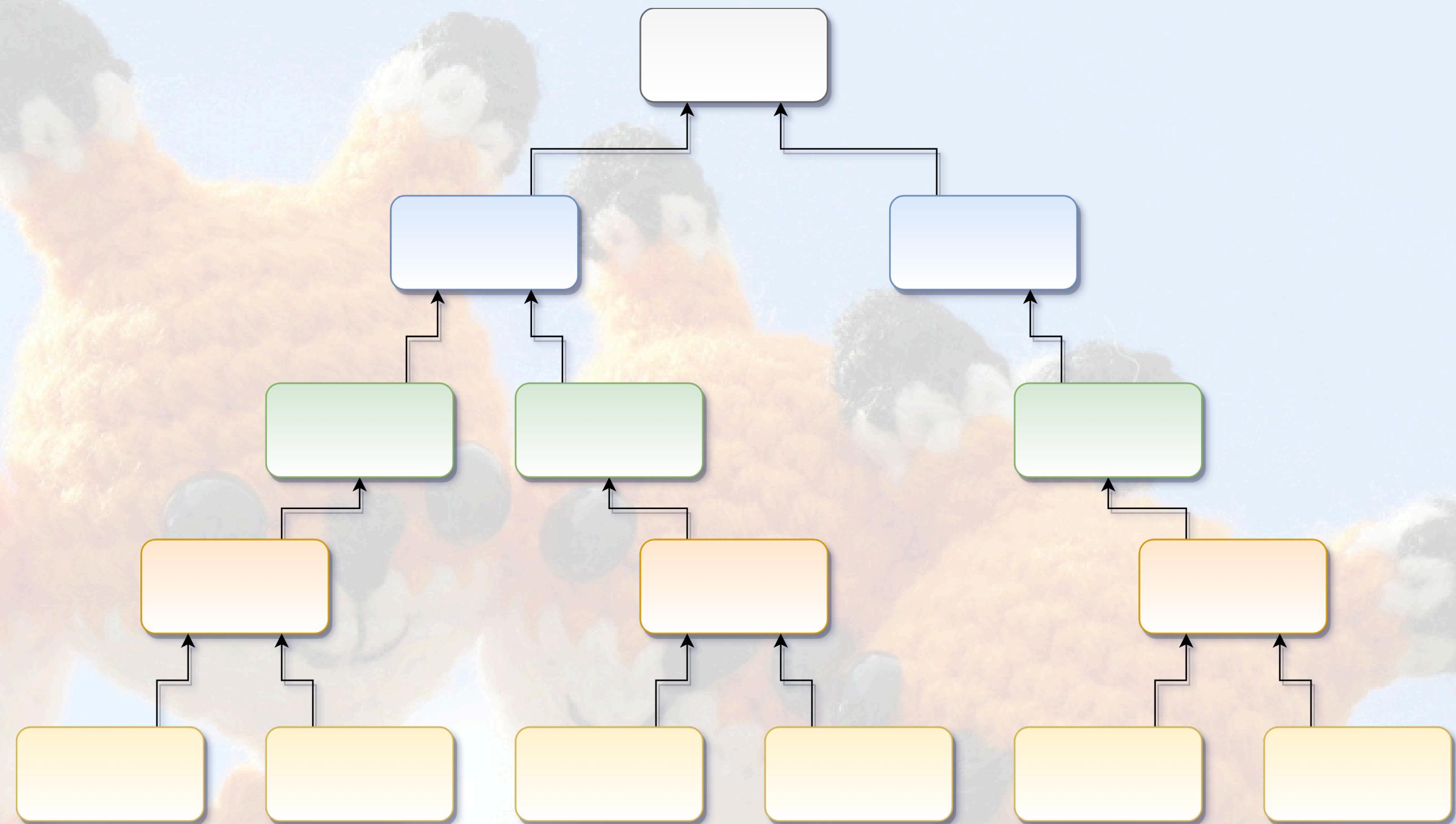
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Collaborators

Project Management  
Committee

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  - puppet-lint, rubocop, metadata-json-lint



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- Use code annotations!

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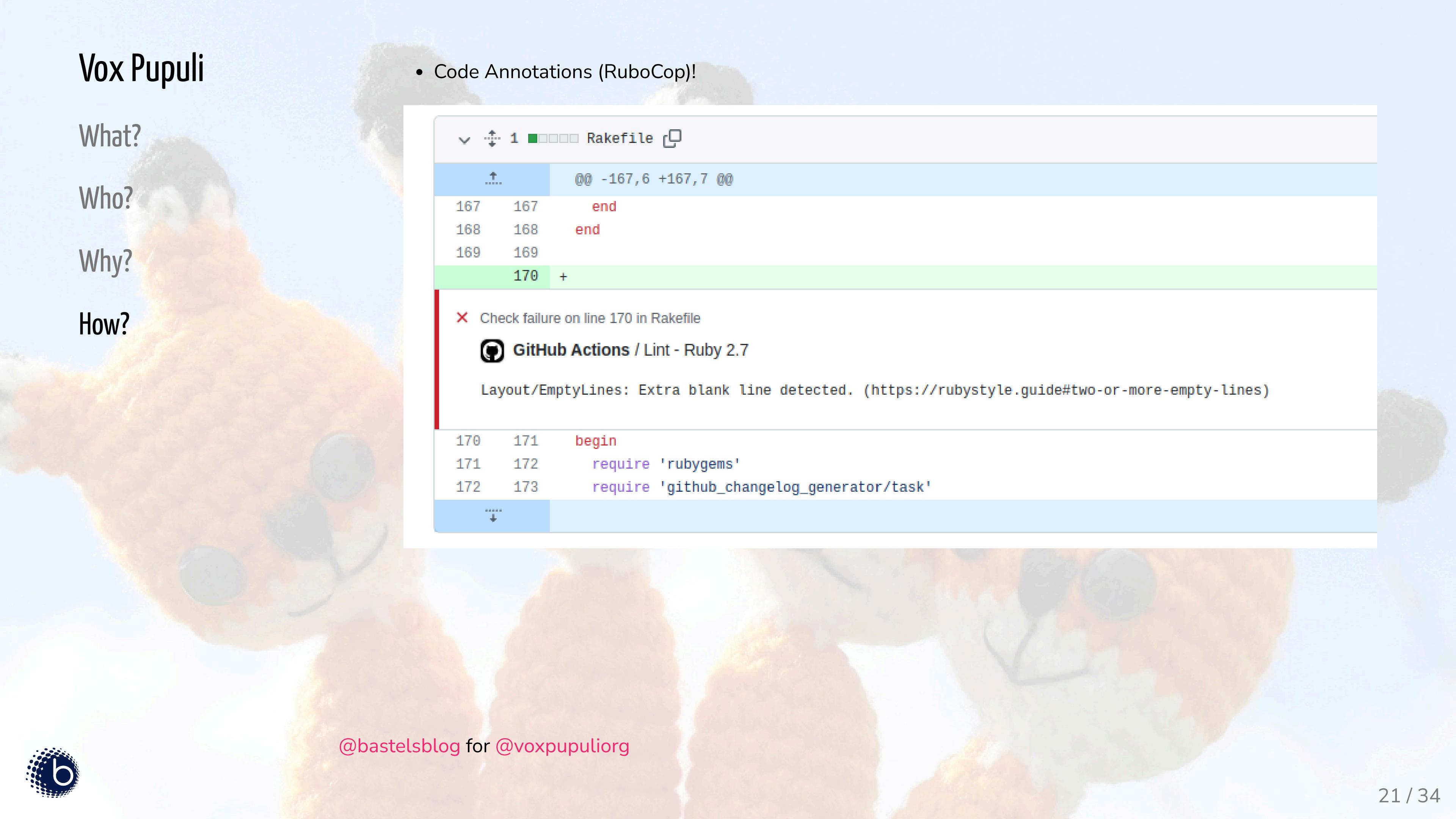
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- Code Annotations (RuboCop)!



```
167 167 end
168 168 end
169 169
170 +
```

✗ Check failure on line 170 in Rakefile

GitHub Actions / Lint - Ruby 2.7

Layout/EmptyLines: Extra blank line detected. (<https://rubystyle.guide#two-or-more-empty-lines>)

```
170 171 begin
171 172 require 'rubygems'
172 173 require 'github_changelog_generator/task'
```



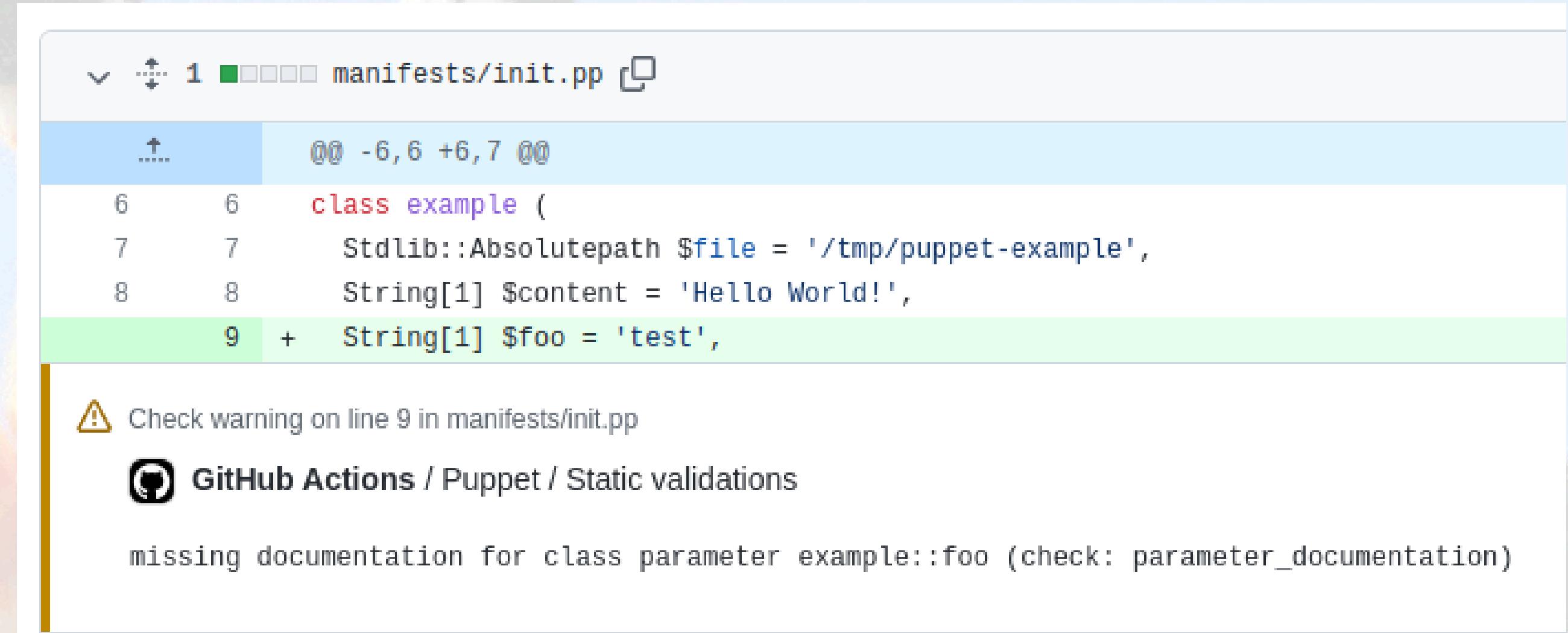
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The screenshot shows a code editor interface with a file named `manifests/init.pp`. The code is as follows:

```
6 6 class example (
7 7   Stdlib::AbsolutePath $file = '/tmp/puppet-example',
8 8   String[1] $content = 'Hello World!',
9 + String[1] $foo = 'test',
```

A RuboCop annotation is shown at line 9, column 1, indicating a warning:

⚠ Check warning on line 9 in manifests/init.pp

**GitHub Actions / Puppet / Static validations**

missing documentation for class parameter example::foo (check: parameter\_documentation)



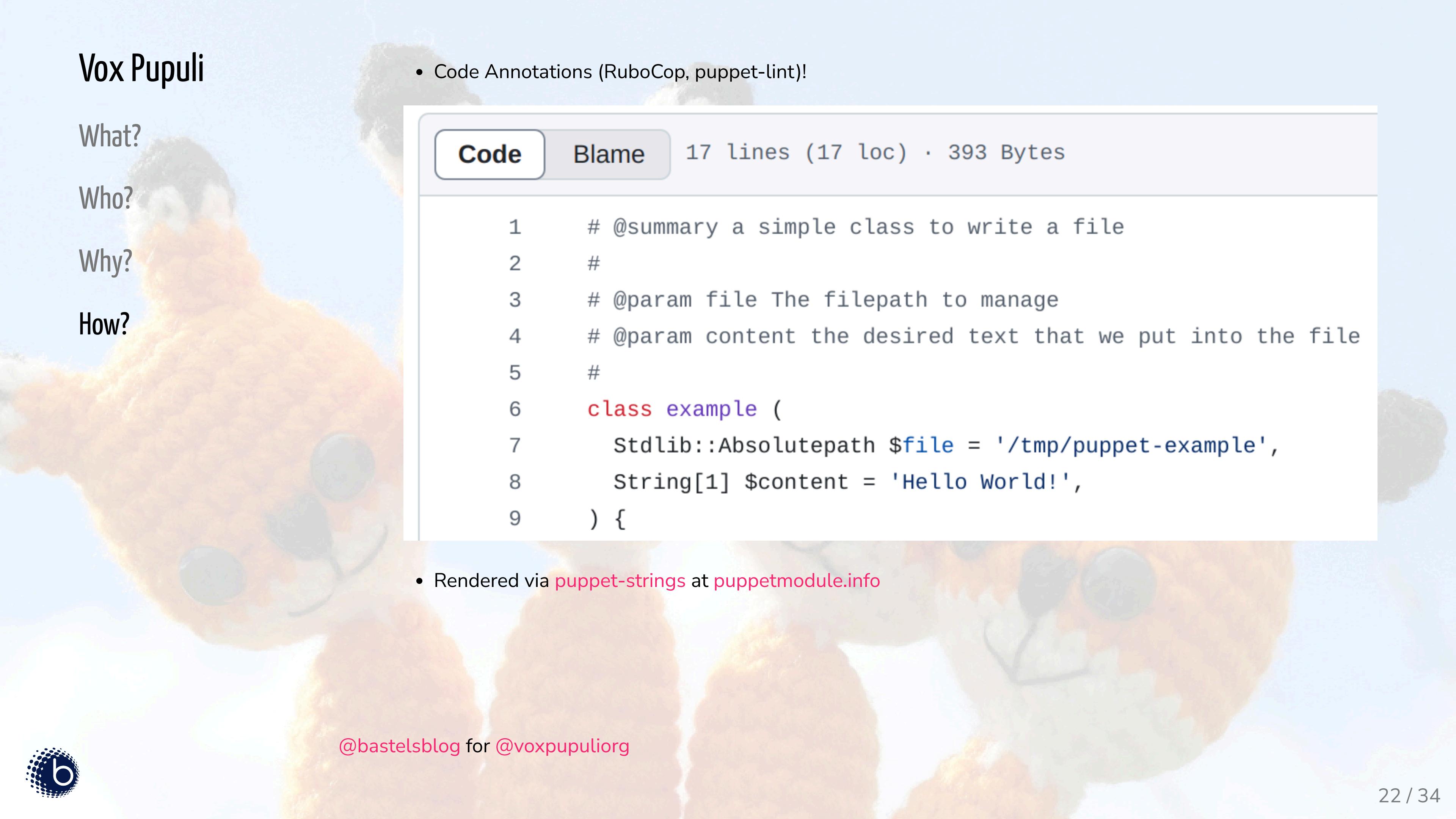
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Code Blame 17 lines (17 loc) · 393 Bytes

```
1  # @summary a simple class to write a file
2  #
3  # @param file The filepath to manage
4  # @param content the desired text that we put into the file
5  #
6  class example (
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9  ) {
```

- Rendered via [puppet-strings](#) at [puppetmodule.info](#)



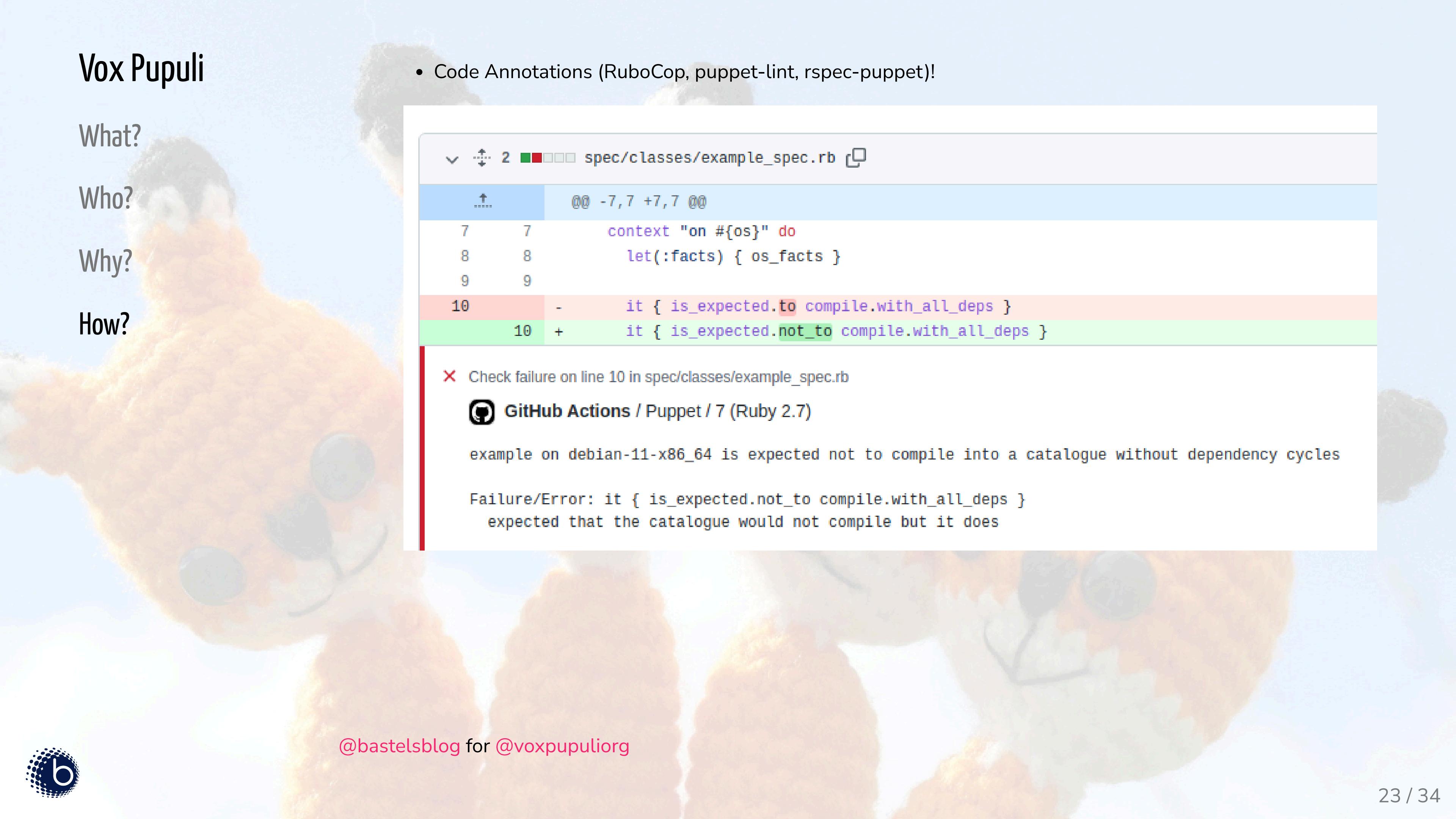
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```
✓ ✨ 2 spec/classes/example_spec.rb □
  † 00 -7,7 +7,7 00
  7   7     context "on #{os}" do
  8   8       let(:facts) { os_facts }
  9   9
 10  -     it { is_expected.to compile.with_all_deps }
 10  +     it { is_expected.not_to compile.with_all_deps }

✖ Check failure on line 10 in spec/classes/example_spec.rb
GitHub Actions / Puppet / 7 (Ruby 2.7)
example on debian-11-x86_64 is expected not to compile into a catalogue without dependency cycles
Failure/Error: it { is_expected.not_to compile.with_all_deps }
expected that the catalogue would not compile but it does
```



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- Code Annotations (RuboCop, puppet-lint, rspec-puppet, Beaker)!

```
31  30      describe package('zabbix-server-pgsql') do
32  31          it { is_expected.to be_installed }
```

✗ Check failure on line 31 in spec/acceptance/server\_spec.rb

 GitHub Actions / Puppet / Puppet 8 - OracleLinux 7 - Zabbix 6.0

zabbix::server class default parameters Package "zabbix-server-pgsql" is expected to be installed

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- A CI system should provide feedback as soon as possible

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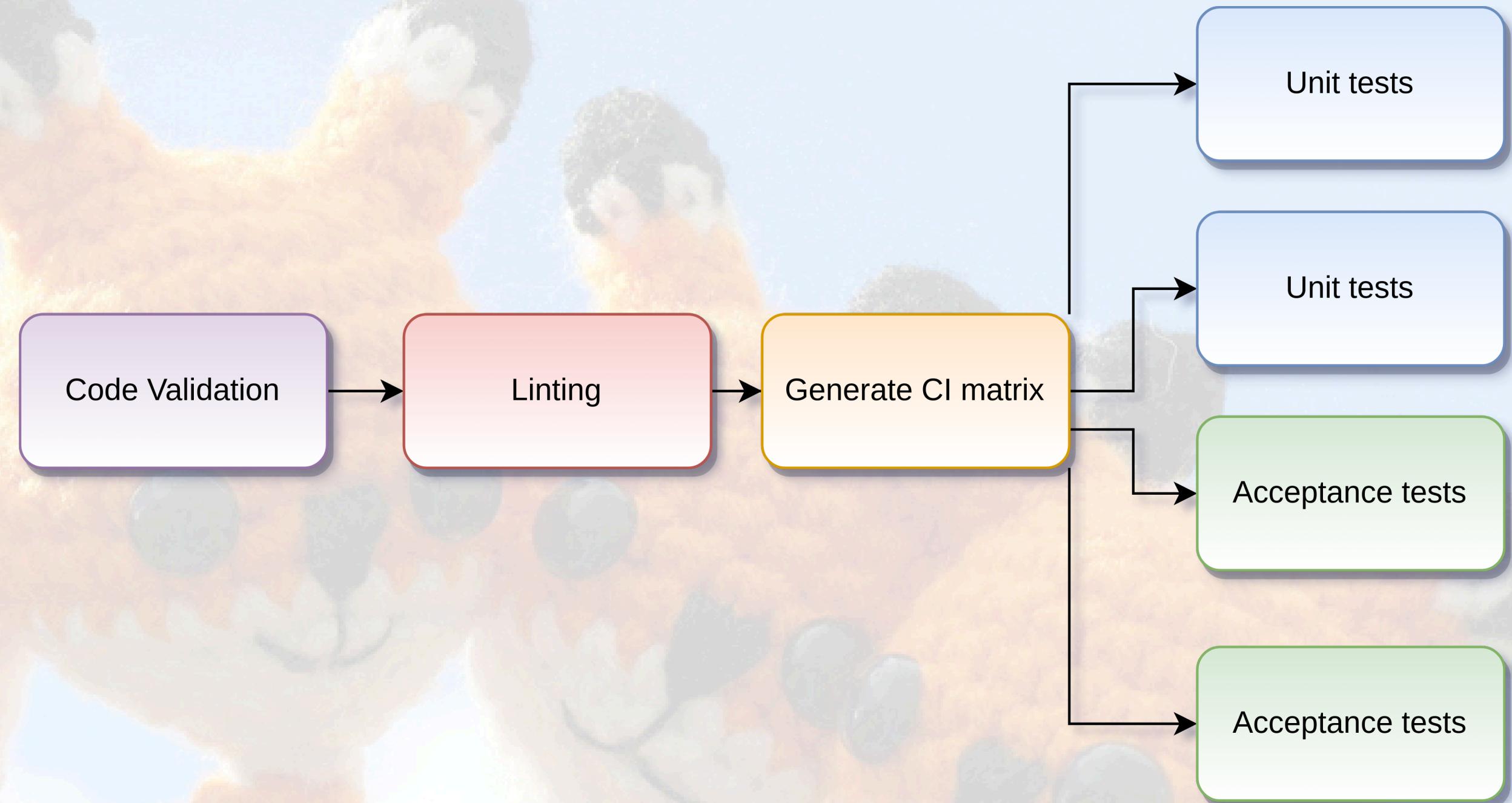
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- jq .operatingsystem\_support[0] metadata.json

```
{  
  "operatingsystem": "Debian",  
  "operatingsystemrelease": [  
    "11",  
    "12"  
  ]  
}
```



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- Reuseable GitHub Workflow

```
---
name: CI
on: pull_request
concurrency:
  group: ${{ github.ref_name }}
  cancel-in-progress: true
jobs:
  puppet:
    name: Puppet
    uses: voxupuli/gha-puppet/.github/workflows/beaker.yml@v3
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- Add a CONTRIBUTING.md to a module

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- modulesync was developed by Puppet, moved to Vox Pupuli
- It takes a config file + templates
  - Syncs it into every module git repository
- Source Code: [github.com/voxpupuli/modulesync](https://github.com/voxpupuli/modulesync)



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- Our config repo: [github.com/voxpupuli/modulesync\\_config](https://github.com/voxpupuli/modulesync_config)

 <b>bastelfreak</b> Merge pull request #815 from bastelfreak/modulefile ...	✓ c0433f4 last week	⌚ 1,589 commits
📁 .github Use ruby/setup-ruby in workflow testing	3 years ago	
📁 bin Correct program name in bump-dependency-upper-bound	2 years ago	
📁 moduleroot Rework release preparation tasks	2 weeks ago	
📄 .gitignore add .vendor to gitignore	7 years ago	
📄 CHANGELOG.md Release 5.4.0	3 months ago	
📄 CONTRIBUTING.md (GH-226) Add CHANGELOG	5 years ago	
📄 Gemfile Gemfile: use singlequotes for Strings	last year	
📄 LICENSE Remove extra blank line at EOF.	4 years ago	
📄 README.md Relase 5.0.0	2 years ago	
📄 Rakefile Explicitly require YAML in Rakefile	9 months ago	
📄 config_defaults.yml Purge legacy Modulefile in modules	last week	
📄 managed_modules.yml Add module puppet-varnish	2 weeks ago	
📄 modulesync.yml Add vim modelines to everything and change PC->VP. Fixes #150.	7 years ago	

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- Manage boilerplate code in a central place

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- Mailinglist: [voxpupuli@groups.io](mailto:voxpupuli@groups.io)
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- Slideset and more talks: [github.com/bastelfreak/talks](https://github.com/bastelfreak/talks)
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