

Continuous integration, build, and test for Libre Graphics apps using GitLab and Applmage

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- Used to be a Mac and proprietary graphics apps user, converted to Linux
- Founder of Applmage (1-file apps for Linux)
- "Drive-by" contributor to hundreds of open source projects, #LinuxUsability

Why do some open source projects appear to have difficulties to attract new contributors?

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Fix a typo – 5 minutes

- 1. Go to github.com or gitlab.com and search for the string with the typo
- 2. Click "edit" and fix
- 3. Click "send pull request"
- 4. Wait for the new continuous release
- 5. to be built
- 6. Download the Applmage and test on Linux



Fix a typo – 5 hours? 5 days? 5 weeks?

- 1. Go to github.com project isn't there
- 2. Search around where the project "Ilves" some svn repo (with read-only web interface)
- 3. **Download syn CLI tool**
- 4. Wonder how one sends a pull request
- 5. Go to IRC
- 6. Be told to send a patch to the mailing list
- 7. Sign up for the mailing list
- 8. **Confirm your sign-up**
- 9. Download all of the source code for the project

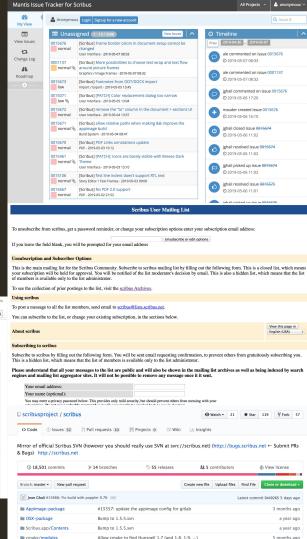
- 10. Fix the typo
- 11. Produce a patch
- 12. Send the patch to the mailing list
- 13. Be told in public by e-mail that there is some formatting error in the patch
- 14. Rinse and repeat
- 15. (IRC, Bugtracker for more complex topics)
- 16. Once patch is accepted, wait until the next nightly build is produced
- 17. Download and test
- 18. Continue to be "spammed" by the mailing list

...or just give up and silently go away



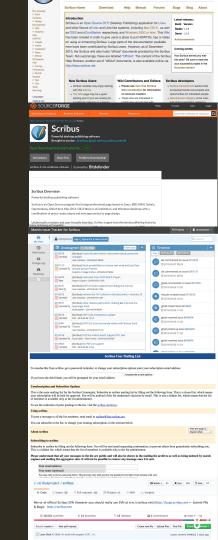
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- Cryptic Bugtracker (sign up, log in)
- Cryptic Website CMS (who knows?)
- Mailing list with patches (sign up, get spammed)
- **SVN repo** (sign up, log in) (who knows?)
- **Cryptic private build servers** (who knows?)
- Ad-ridden download hosting
- **Nightly builds** (at best? Where are they?)
- Partly mirrors, manual copying back and forth



New world: INTEGRATED workflows

GitHub/GitLab

- Pull request/merge requests
- Continuous builds for everything
- Download hosting
- Website deployment and hosting
- EVERYTHING in the open, can be cloned

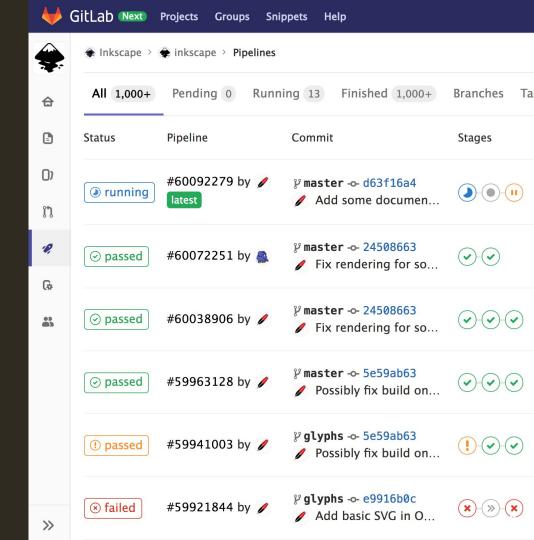




Continuous builds = instant gratification

GitLab CI

- Windows .exe
- Mac .dmg
- Linux .Applmage –
 one file for Linux,
 "binary diff" updates.
 Contact me!

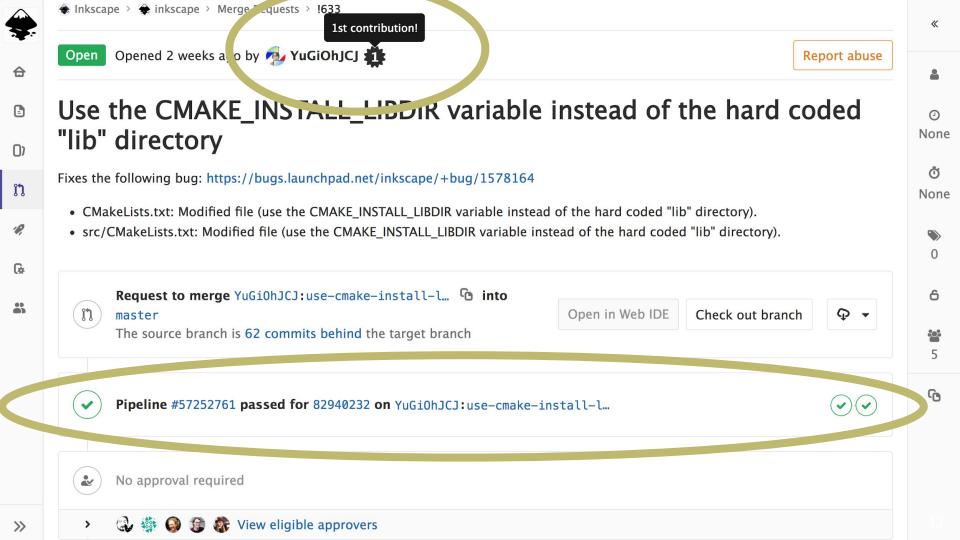


Inkscape: GREAT example



gitlab.com/inkscape/inkscape

- Clone
- Edit (online!)
- Once satisfied, send merge request
- Get reviews, iteratively improve
- Download build with the changes all along the way
- Once all are happy, it gets merged
- Changes are in the latest continuous build



Just do it

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