

Vox Pupuli - The Importance of Working Together

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Who is Vox Pupuli?

- ~105 Volunteers
- Admins
- Developers
- Even many non-coders
- Git newbs

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Who is Vox Pupuli?

- Merge access to 132 repositories that are a mix of:
 - Puppet modules
 - Puppet-Lint checks
 - Other Ruby Gems
 - Python based API-client and Dashboard

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Who is Vox Pupuli?

- 100% volunteers
- A few people work for Puppet, Inc.
- Most of the contributors participate in their free time.
- Normal Administrators and Developers that have to deal with Puppet at work.

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Why is Vox Pupuli?

- Maintaining software is difficult
- Modules are no different.
- Ensuring quality is a never-ending race against bit-rot.
- The ruby ecosystem evolves quickly and can be difficult to keep up with best practices.

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Why is Vox Pupuli?

- Trying to do all this alone is exhausting (at best).
- Sickness, changing jobs, losing interest, or simply life can interfere.
- We forget that sometimes we can be a single point of failure.

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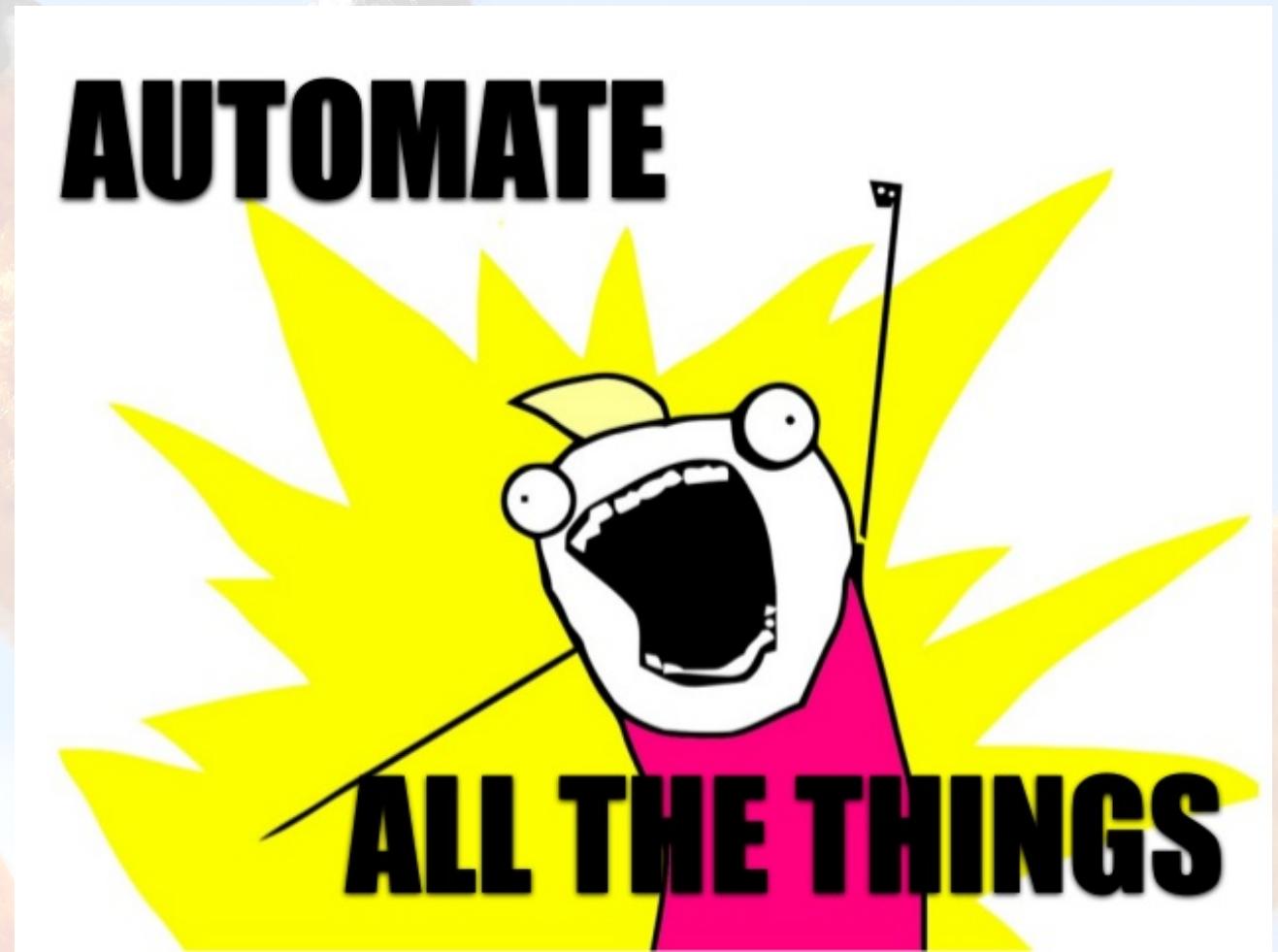
Why is Vox Pupuli?

- Puppet modules can be tiny, but still require a *lot* of attention/time
- Many Puppet modules can add up over time.
- Having 100+ other people around has helped eliminate the single point of failure of the maintainer.

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How?



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How?

Automation:

modulesync

- We are managing 85 modules.
- Created by Puppet, Inc and handed to Vox Pupuli.
- Tool for templating and standardizing config files across multiple git repos.
- Anybody can start it and submit a PR.

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How?

Automation:

Travis/Rleases

- We use Travis for our test and release automation.
- rspec-puppet runs tests against common Puppet/Ruby versions on each PR.
- Built our own release gem - `voxpupuli-release` - made releases easy for anyone perform.
- Travis + Release Gem releases to Puppet Forge and RubyGems.

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How?

People:

Contributors

- Anyone who submits bug reports, feature requests, pull requests....
- Provide feedback on irc and slack

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How?

People:

Collaborators

- Review and Merge Pull Requests.
- Trigger Automated Releases.
- Assist Users with Git.
- Provide communication for their projects of responsibility.
- and explain why we don't support Puppet 3, Ruby 1.8.7, 1.9.3, or 2.0.0 anymore.

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How?

People:

Project
Management
Committee

- 5 Members, elected yearly.
- Enforce the Code of Conduct.
- Responsible for strategic/release planning.
- No specific chairperson or roles.
- PMC guidelines are created by the community
<https://tinyurl.com/voxpupuli-governance-md>

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What does
Vox
Pupuli do?

-for me?
-for my company?

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What does Vox Pupuli do?

- Modules released frequently and held to high standards.
- Compatible with all *supported* versions of Puppet.
- Migrate a module or gem to us!

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Working Together

"What if I don't use Puppet?"

- Everything we use or produce is freely available!
- Steal our process!!

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Working Together

Join other community organizations:

- Sous-chefs
 - Chef Community organization
 - <http://sous-chefs.org>
 - Slack - <https://community-slack.chef.io>
- Fruitful
 - JavaScript Community organization
 - community of volunteers who are joining forces to maintain adopted or abandoned JavaScript packages
 - Co-founded by Vox Pupuli founder Igor Galic (@hirojin)
 - <http://fruitfuljs.org>
- Terra-Farm
 - Terraform Community organization
 - <https://github.com/Terra-Farm>
 - Gitter: <https://gitter.im/hashicorp-terraform/Lobby>

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Summary

Want to help out?

- We are always looking for new Collaborators and Maintainers (Python needed!)
- Join another Community Organization listed
- Create one and empower people!

Contact:

- IRC: #voxpupuli on freenode
- Slack: #voxpupuli on puppetcommunity.slack.com
- Mailing List: <https://groups.io/g/voxpupuli>
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Thanks for your time!

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