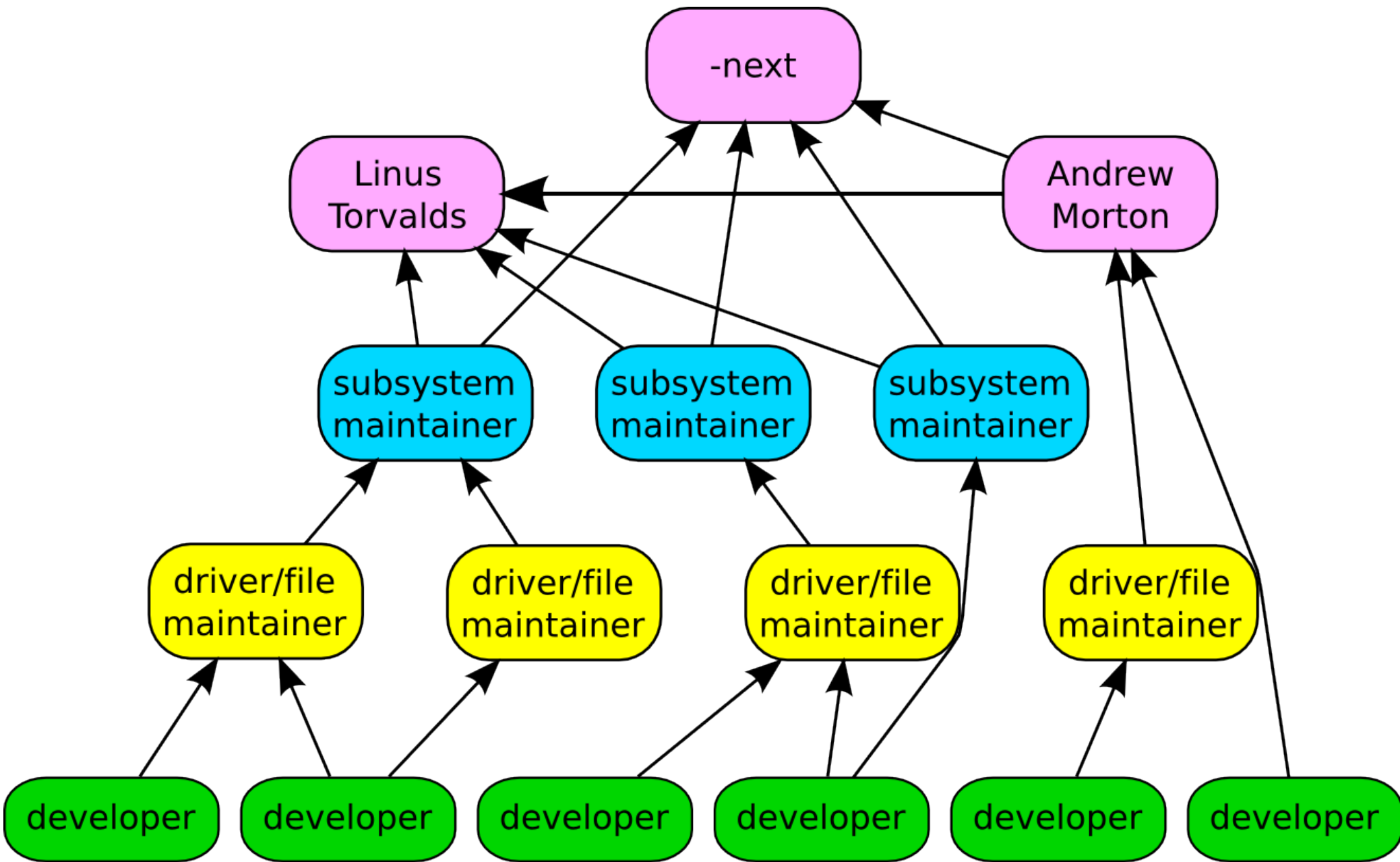


# I don't want your code

Linux Kernel Maintainers,  
why are they so grumpy?

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Kernel releases 3.4.0 – 3.8.0

2,829 developers  
407 companies

# 6.98 changes per hour

Kernel releases 3.4.0 – 3.8.0  
March 2012 – Feb 2013

7.38 changes per hour

3.8.0 release

Maintainers are like editors in  
the publishing industry.

– David Miller

**Subject: [PATCH 48/48] ...**



15 patch series, no order given

Patches 1, 3-10

**“Signed-off-by:” in signature**

Signature saying email was confidential

**Tabs were converted to spaces**

Leading spaces removed

diff in non-unified format

# Patch created in driver directory



Patch created in /usr/src/linux-2.6.32

Made against different tree

# Wrong coding style

Wrong coding style,  
and acknowledged it

Would not compile

**Broke the build on patch 3/6**

Broke the build on patch 3/6  
and fixed it on 6/6

Broke the build on patch 5/8



# Broke the build on patch 5/8

Contained note that fix would be sent later

Patches that had nothing to do with me

1 patch, 450kb big (4500 lines added)

Obviously wrong kerneldoc

This was a calm two weeks

It is in my self-interest  
to ignore your patch

Give me no excuse  
to reject your patch

# Proper coding style



`scripts/checkpatch.pl clean`

Sent to proper people and lists

Sent to proper people and lists

`scripts/get_maintainer.pl`

Proper Subject:

# Proper changelog comment

Description of WHY it is needed

# Small incremental change

“obviously” correct



Which tree it was made against

**If multiple patches, state the order**

Has to build properly

**Make sure it works, if possible**

# Don't ignore review comments

Don't resend without saying why



[github.com/gregkh/presentation-maintainer](https://github.com/gregkh/presentation-maintainer)

