

**Report Title:** Change Request Details  
**Run Date and Time:** 2024-04-25 11:16:02 Eastern Daylight Time  
**Run by:** Matthew Economou  
**Table name:** change\_request

Change Request

Number:	CHG0032037	Approval:	Approved
Requested by:	Matthew Economou	Change Type:	Normal
Are you putting a new Service in Production:	No	State:	Review
Service:	Server	On hold:	false
Category:	Configuration Management	Impact:	3 - Low
Configuration item:		Urgency:	3 - Low
Number of Users Affected:	10-50	Priority:	4 - Low
Assigned to:	Matthew Economou	Assignment group:	IBRSP - Global
		Milestone:	false
		Scientific approval:	false
		Security Impact Analysis:	No

Short description:

Give IBRSP Operations control over production deployments from GitHub Actions workflows

Description:

The IBRSP Engineering and Infrastructure team is adopting continuous integration/continuous delivery (CI/CD) as part of its enterprise performance life cycle implementation. We will use CI/CD pipelines implemented using GitHub Actions workflows to automate deployments. However, we still want people in control of production deployments following principle of dual authorization (a/k/a the two-person rule); cf. NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 AC-03(02). The Manual Approval workflow for GitHub Actions (<https://github.com/trstringer/manual-approval>) lets us implement a simple, multi-person consent protocol using GitHub Issues and GitHub organization teams similar to IBRSP's change approval process in ServiceNow.

To implement this consent protocol using role-based access controls, where IBRSP Operations would be represented as a team in the IBRSP organization on GitHub, we need to give the Manual Approval workflow permission to look up organization team memberships. The default GitHub Actions automatic token does not permit this, so we must create and install a custom GitHub app with read access to the IBRSP organization's members and associated metadata. In production deployment jobs, we would use the GitHub App Token workflow (<https://github.com/tibdex/github-app-token>) to switch from the default GitHub Actions automatic token to this custom GitHub app.

Note that because the GitHub App Token workflow completely replaces the default GitHub Actions automatic token, the custom GitHub app must also be given permission to read/write repositories' issues. If necessary, this may be limited to select repositories when installing the custom GitHub app in the organization.

On hold reason:

Planning

Implementation plan:

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In the IBRSP organization on GitHub (<https://github.com/ibrsp>):

1. Create a GitHub app named "IBRSP Org Team Approvers" with read-only access to organization members.

2. Set the app's description to the following

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From the [trstringer/manual-approval](#) action documentation:

> If you want to have approvers set to an org team, then you need to take a different approach. The default [GitHub Actions automatic token]([https://docs.github.com/en/actions/security-guides/automatic-token-authentication#permissions-for-the-github\\_token](https://docs.github.com/en/actions/security-guides/automatic-token-authentication#permissions-for-the-github_token)) does not have the necessary permissions to list out team members. If you would like to use this then you need to generate a token from a GitHub App with the correct set of permissions.

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> Create a GitHub App with read-only access to organization members. Once the app is created, add a repo secret with the app ID. In the GitHub App settings, generate a private key and add that as a secret in the repo as well. You can get the app token by using the [tibdex/github-app-token](<https://github.com/tibdex/github-app-token>) GitHub Action...

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3. Set the app's homepage URL to <https://github.com/trstringer/manual-approval#org-team-approver>.

4. Generate a private key for the app and save it in the Global vault of the IBRSP 1Password account.

5. Give the app access to the following:

Repository permissions: Issues = read and write

Repository permissions: Metadata = read-only

Organization permissions: Members = read-only

6. Install the app in the IBRSP organization and give it access to all repositories.

7. Create a team named `ibrsp-operations` with members David Ireland (`aadireland`), Brian Moyer (`bkmoyay`), and Matthew Economou (`niheconomou`).

8. Add an organization variable named `APPROVALS_APP_ID` containing the app ID. Give all repositories access to the variable.

9. Add an organization secret named `APPROVALS_APP_PRIVATE_KEY` containing the app's private key. Give all repositories access to the secret.

10. Add an organization variable named `APPROVERS` set to `"ibrsp-operations"`. Give all repositories access to the variable.

11. Add an organization variable named `MINIMUM_APPROVALS` set to 2. Give all repositories access to the variable.

Test plan:

Create a simple GitHub Actions workflow:

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```yaml
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name: Test Approvals
on:
  workflow_dispatch:

concurrency:
  group: ${{ github.workflow }}-${{ github.ref }}
  cancel-in-progress: true

jobs:
  myjob:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - name: Generate token
        id: generate_token
        uses: tibdex/github-app-token@v1
        with:
          app_id: ${{ vars.APPROVALS_APP_ID }}
          private_key: ${{ secrets.APPROVALS_APP_PRIVATE_KEY }}
      - name: Wait for approval
        uses: trstringer/manual-approval@v1
        with:
          secret: ${{ steps.generate_token.outputs.token }}
          approvers: ibrsp-operations
          minimum-approvals: ${{ vars.MINIMUM_APPROVALS || 1 }}
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Upon invocation, the workflow should create an issue in the repository asking to proceed with the workflow. It should be assigned to Matthew and Brian, who should receive email notifications accordingly. Once both people approve the workflow, it should finish successfully.

Monitoring Plan:

n/a

Communication Plan:

n/a

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| Backout plan: | Delete the GitHub app and secrets from the organization. Delete the corresponding 1Password entry. | Maximum Hours for Backing Out: | 5 Minutes |
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Documentation:

This will be documented in a forthcoming IBRSP Instruction.

Target Outcome:

Automated continuous delivery actions will require the consent of two people to run.

Resources:

Matthew Economou

Schedule

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|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Planned start date: | 2024-04-24 12:00:00 | Planned start date in UTC: | 2024-04-24 16:00:00 |
| Planned end date:   | 2024-04-24 12:15:00 | Planned end date in UTC:   | 2024-04-24 16:15:00 |
|                     |                     | Unauthorized:              | false               |

Conflicts

Notes

Watch list:

Work notes list:

Additional comments:

Work notes:

2024-04-25 10:55:48 - Matthew Economou (Work notes)

Addendum:

- Uncheck (disable) "Expire user authorization tokens".

- Disable the webhook.

- Limit app installation to only this account.

Closure Information

Close code:

Close notes:

New Service

Service Name:

Abbreviation:

Business Continuity:

Disaster Recovery:

Licensing:

Software:

Best Practice Guidelines:

Validation Procedures:

Support Tiers:

Power and Heat Calculations:

User Acceptance Attached:

Access:

Customer Instructions:

Developer Support:

Hosts:

Monitoring Procedure:

SOE:

Knowledge Base Documents:

Service Desk Queues:

Support Escalation Plan:

Training Plan Attached:

New Service Description:

Related List Title:

Conflict List

Table name:

conflict

Query Condition:

Change = CHG0032037

Sort Order:

None

None

**Related List Title:** Impacted CIs List  
**Table name:** task\_cmdb\_ci\_service  
**Query Condition:** Task = CHG0032037  
**Sort Order:** None

1 Impacted CIs

| Configuration Item | Managed by    | Owned by | Approval group | Location | Operational status | Manually added | TD Discovery State  | TD Discovery Last Updated |
|--------------------|---------------|----------|----------------|----------|--------------------|----------------|---|---------------------------|
| Server             | David Ireland |          |                |          | Operational        | true           | <div>[code]&lt;span class="icon-delete" style="margin-right:10px; color:#000000;"&gt;&lt;/span&gt;&lt;span&gt;Not applicable&lt;/span&gt;&lt;/div&gt;</div> | 2024-04-25 11:15:54       |

**Related List Title:** Approval List  
**Table name:** sysapproval\_approver  
**Query Condition:** Approval for = CHG0032037  
**Sort Order:** Created in descending order

4 Approvals

| State              | Approver           | Assignment group               | Comments | Created             |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| Approved           | Brian Moyer        | Change advisory board approval |          | 2024-04-11 18:48:45 |
| No Longer Required | David Ireland      | Change advisory board approval |          | 2024-04-11 18:48:44 |
| Approved           | Matthew Economou   | Change advisory board approval |          | 2024-04-11 18:48:44 |
| No Longer Required | Christopher Whalen | Change advisory board approval |          | 2024-04-11 18:48:44 |

**Related List Title:** Change Task List  
**Table name:** change\_task  
**Query Condition:** Change request = CHG0032037  
**Sort Order:** Number in ascending order

2 Change Tasks

| ▲ Number     | Short description           | Type           | State    | Planned start date | Planned end date | Assignment group | Assigned to |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| CTASK0012381 | Implement                   | Implementation | Canceled |                    |                  |                  |             |
| CTASK0012382 | Post implementation testing | Testing        | Canceled |                    |                  |                  |             |