QA in the Open

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https://github.com/mtreinish/qa-in-the-open/tree/lca2017

What do I mean by Open Source QA

- ▶ Doing Software QA in an Open Source manner
- ▶ Includes running tests and hosting results in the public
- ▶ Basically treat a project's QA like any other Open Source project

My Personal Experiences with Enterprise QA



What is OpenStack QA?

Official Mission Statement:

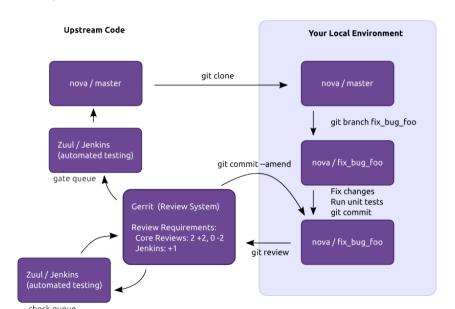
Develop, maintain, and initiate tools and plans to ensure the upstream stability and quality of OpenStack, and its release readiness at any point during the release cycle.

Current OpenStack QA Projects

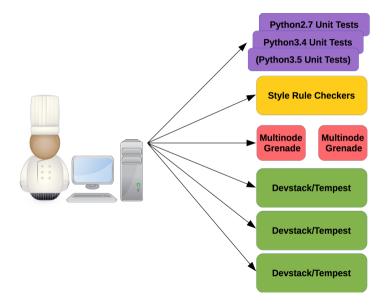
- devstack
- devstack-plugin-cookiecutter
- devstack-plugin-ceph
- devstack-vagrant
- ► grenade
- tempest
- tempest-lib
- ► tempest-plugin-cookiecutter

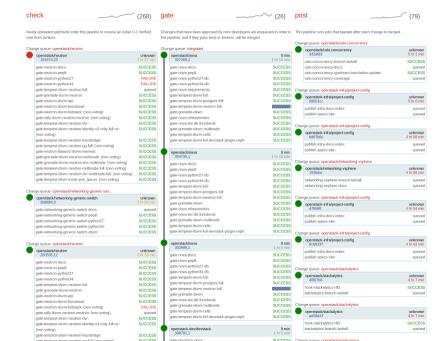
- bashate
- stackviz
- hacking
- eslint-config-openstack
- os-testr
- ► os-performance-tools
- ► openstack-health dashboard
- karma-subunit-reporter

What is "the OpenStack Gate"?



What Happens when you push a change?





In The Beginning

- ► Projects had unit tests
- ► Some projects had functional tests
- ► Testing was central to OpenStack culture
- ▶ But, no dedicated effort on QA or testing

Then there was Tempest

- ► The OpenStack integration suite
- ▶ Runs against a running OpenStack cloud via the REST APIs
- ► First dedicated QA effort in the community

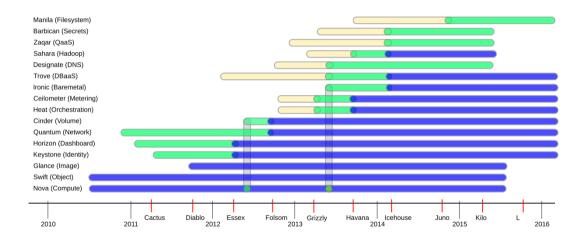
QA Becoming a Defined Group

- ▶ 2 years later a separate project was created in governance around QA
- ▶ Started with just 2 projects: Tempest and Grenade
- ► Slowly started to consolidate several existing and add new projects

Early Approach to QA

- ▶ Only support for testing Integrated and Incubated projects
- ► Closer to a more traditional top down approach
- ► Testing was mostly unit tests and tempest tests
- ▶ All integrated and incubated projects had to co-gate against each other in 1 large integrated gate queue

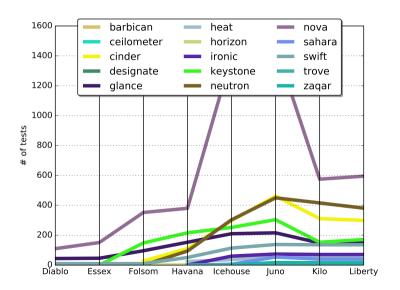
OpenStack Project Growth



QA Growing Pains

- ▶ QA Projects have a small core review team
- ► Limited expertise on newer projects
- ▶ Project teams weren't motivated to contribute

Tempest Tests per Project



The Big Tent

- OpenStack's most recent governance change
- ▶ Went from having a strict 2 stage approval process and a small set of OpenStack projects to a more inclusive approach
- Integrated and incubated projects no longer a thing
- Designed to switch from choosing winners to building an ecosystem

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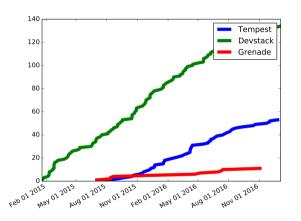
QA in the Big Tent

- ▶ QA projects will still provide direct support for base laaS projects
- ▶ Provide stable plugin interfaces to expand functionality for other projects
- ▶ Better fits with the growth in projects

Introducing Plugin Interfaces

- ▶ Add stable interfaces to expand QA project functionality
- ► Enable any project to self service their own QA
- ► Concentrate on making things in QA projects externally reusable
- ▶ Started with Devstack, now Tempest and Grenade too

Lessons from OpenStack QA



- ► Monolithic and Separate doesn't scale
- ► Keeping Things Separate increases friction
- ▶ Make testing part of your community culture

Advantages

- ► Enables external audit of testing
- ► User confidence in project
- ► Enables indpendently repeatable testing
- ► Reusable components

Potential Issues

- ► Lack of Corporate Contribution
- ► Limited Free Resources for running tests
- ▶ Sometimes difficult to get community buy in

Where to get more information

- openstack-dev ML openstack-dev@lists.openstack.org
- ► #openstack-qa on Freenode
- ► https://wiki.openstack.org/wiki/QA

Questions?