

GHC development flow

walking guide for new contributors

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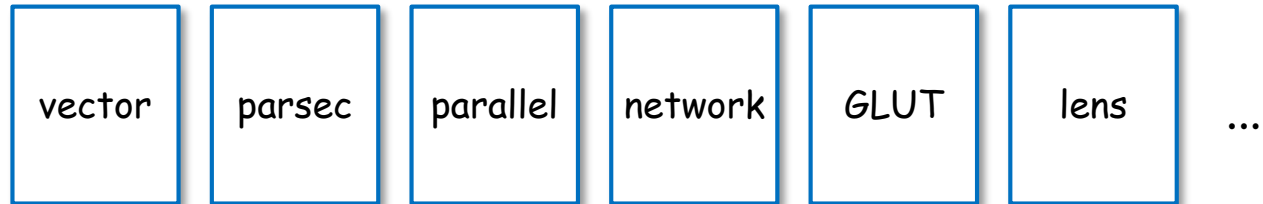
NOTE

- This is not an official document by the ghc development team.
- Please refer to the official documents in detail.
- This information is current as of Oct, 2016.

Overall relationship

Development layers

Haskell packages



GHC compiler
+ Core Libraries

GHC compiler

Compiler + Runtime system

Main ML : [ghc-devs at haskell.org](#) [1]
Steering by [GHC Committee](#) [2]

Haskell Core Libraries

base, array, process,...

Main ML : [libraries at haskell.org](#) [3]
Steering by [Core Libraries Committee](#) [4]

Haskell Language

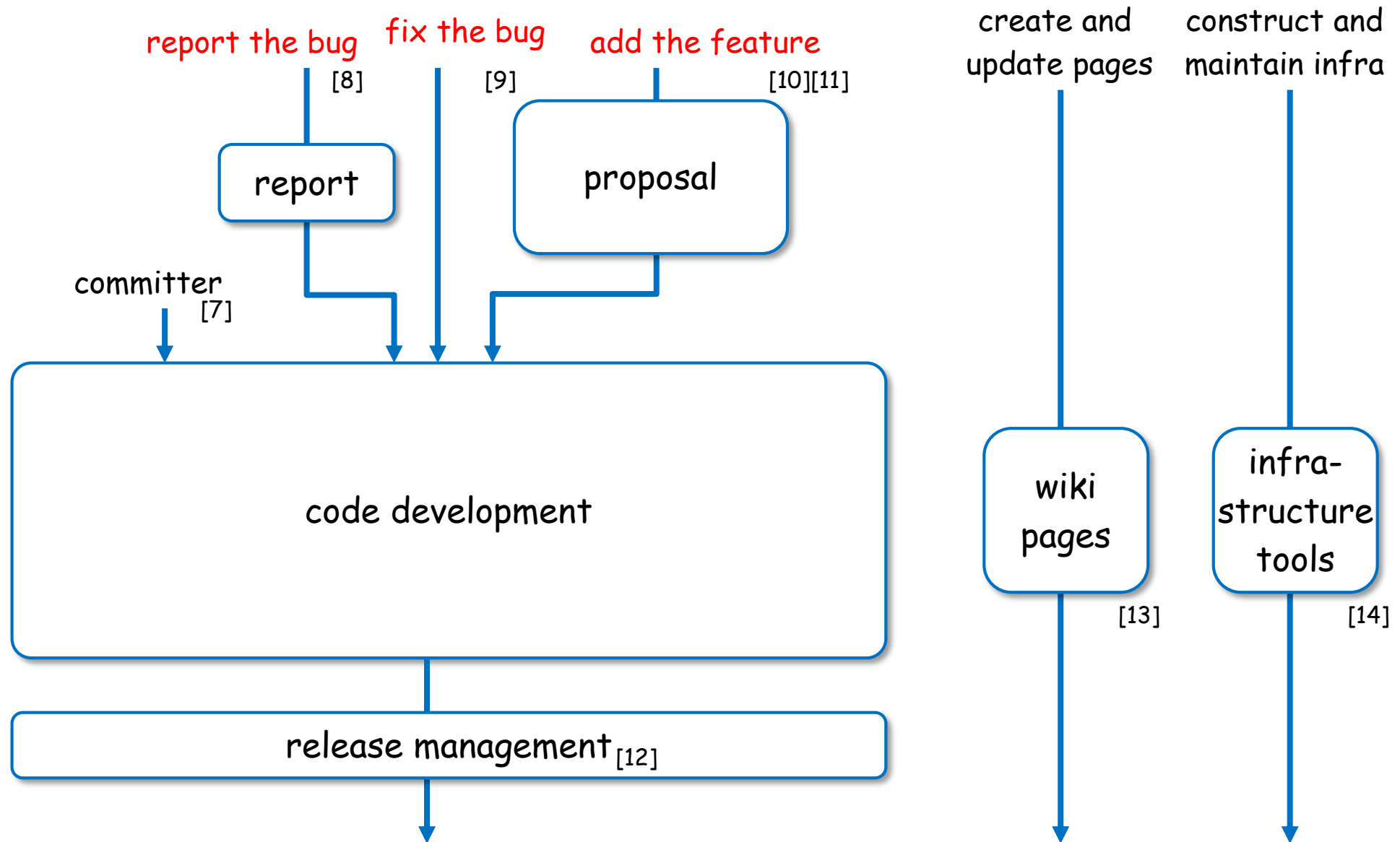
Language Report

Haskell 98, Haskell 2010,
Haskell 2020

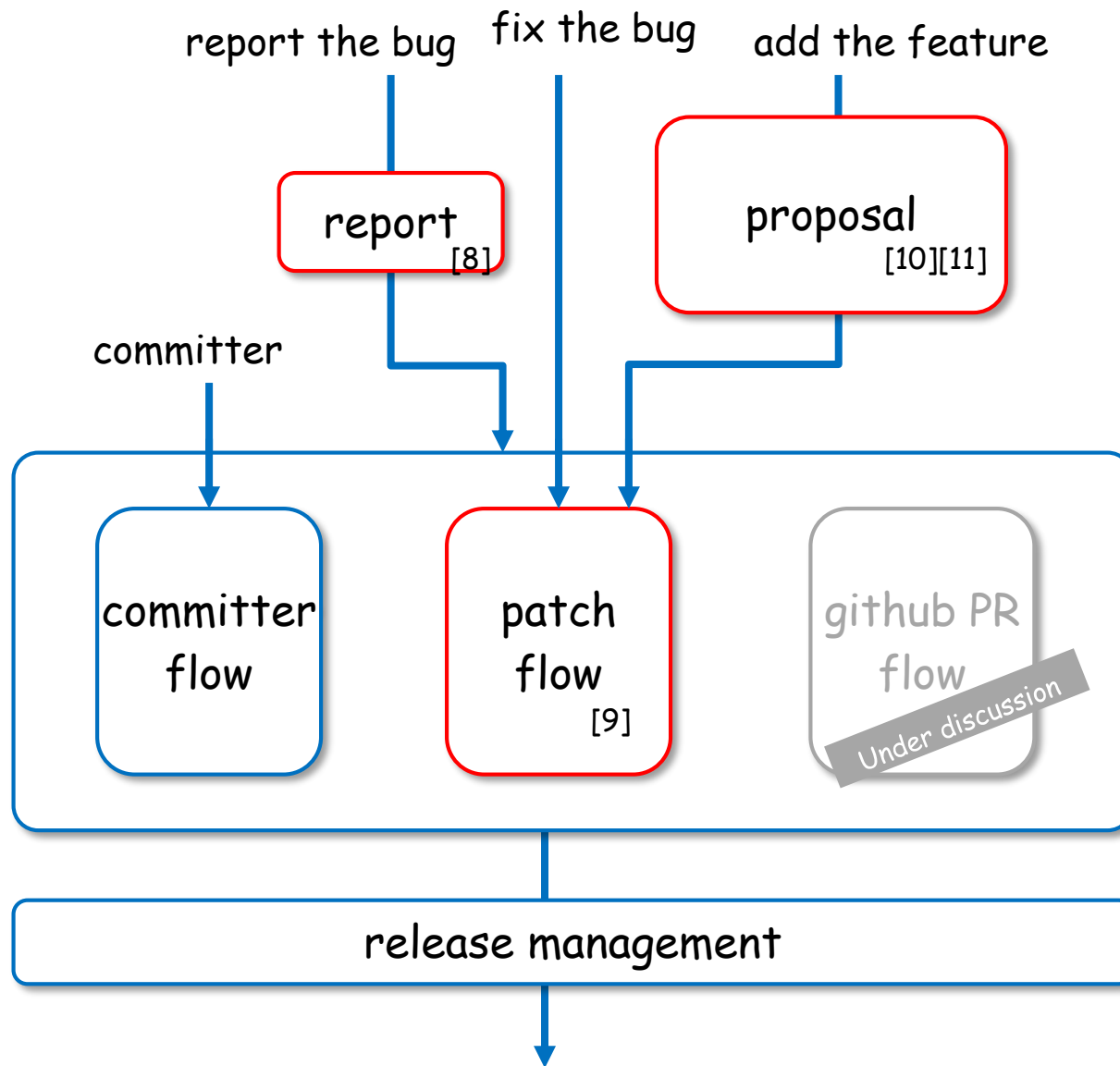
Main ML : [haskell-prime at haskell.org](#) [5]
Steering by [Haskell 2020 Committee](#) [6]

GHC compiler development flow

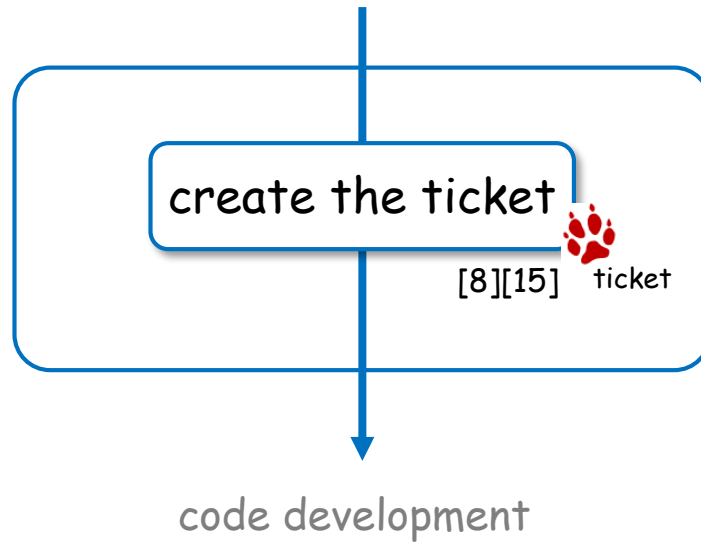
GHC compiler development flow (overview)



GHC compiler code development flow

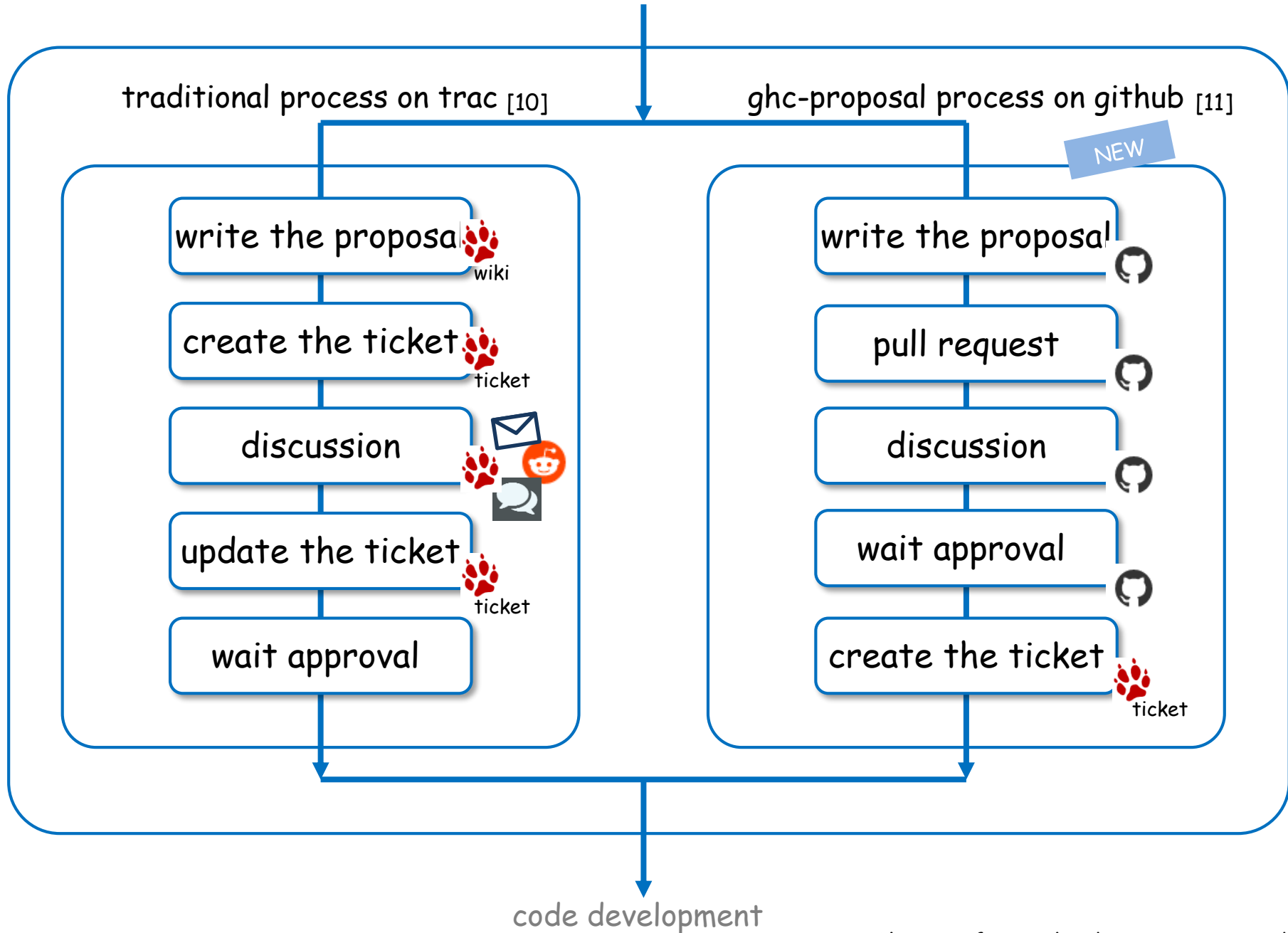


Report flow



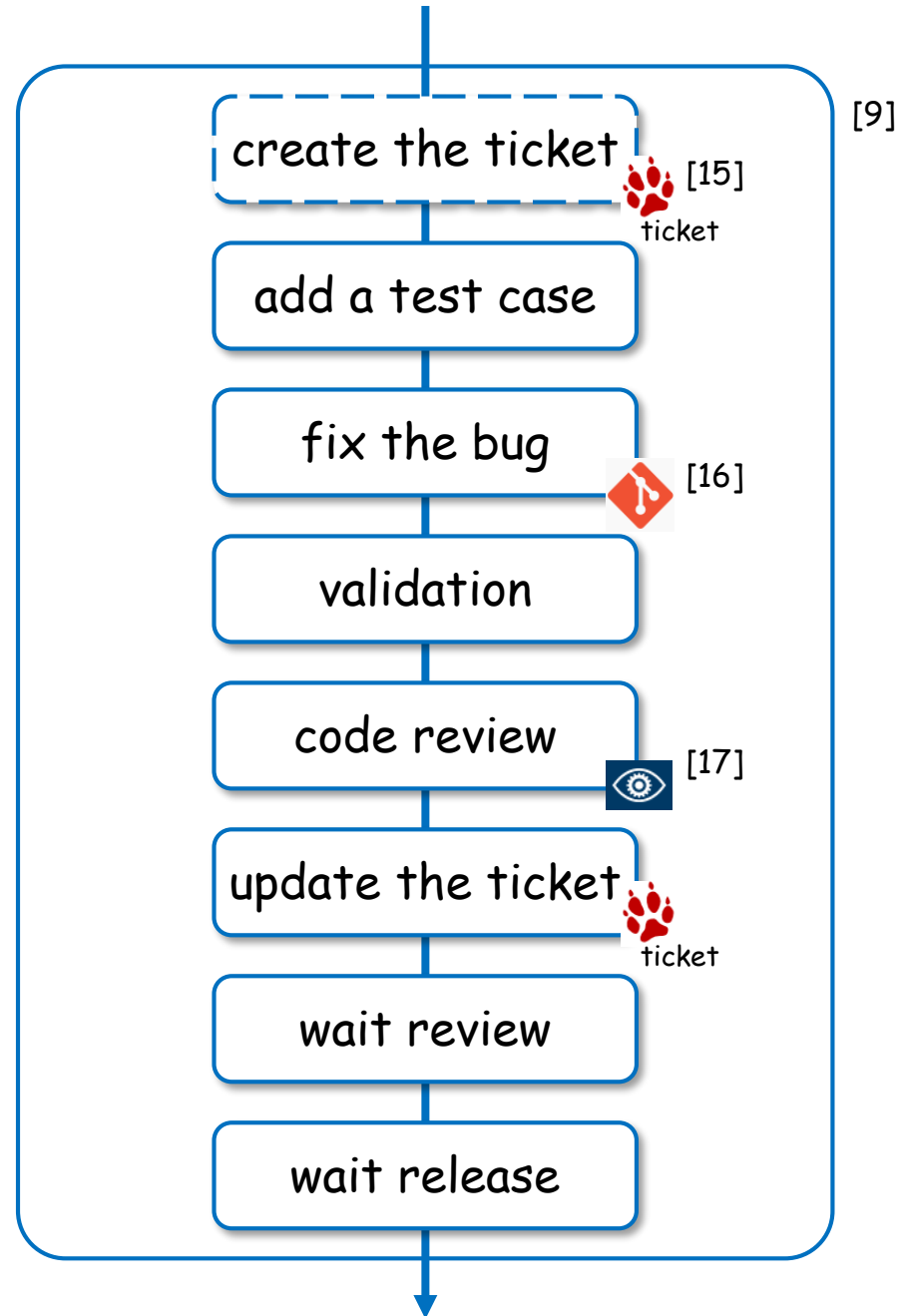
Please consult ghc-devs ML if you worry.

Proposal flow



Please refer to the documentation in details.

Patch flow



Please refer to the documentation in details.

Infrastructure tools

Tool relation

communication

discussion

ghc-devs ML



[1]

information

Trac (wiki)



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wiki

issue tracking,
discussion and PR

Github



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issue tracking
and discussion

Trac (ticket)



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ticket

code review

Phabricator



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phabricator cli

Arcinst



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automated build

Harbormaster



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code repository

Git



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various builds

GHC builder

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code management

performance
regression

Perf

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