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NCSA Software Open Source Server

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This presentation is not just about the **technology** used but also about the **process** that is followed.





The process

- Process described is used by ISDA
 - Including collaborators outside of NCSA
- Refined over time
 - But can still be improved!
- Not set in stone
 - Not all projects are the same
 - This might not fit your project
 - We are still learning to do this

What tools do we need?

- For code
 - Source code management system and code review system
- Testing
 - Continuous build system with tests
- Documentation
 - Project Info, Documentation, API documentation
- Publish
 - Place to download source code and artifacts
- Feedback
 - Questions, bug tracking system, mailing lists

Available Software Resources

- Full Atlassian Stack
 - CONFLUENCE, JIRA, STASH, BAMBOO, FISHEYE, CROWD
- Sonatype Nexus repository
 - Maven artifact repository
- All available on https://opensource.ncsa.illinois.edu/
 - Intel I7 processor, 2.8Ghz
 - 16GB memory
 - 1TB of storage (700GB free)
 - Continuous backup using crashplan

Opensource Software 1/2

- Projects Page
 - https://opensource.ncsa.illinois.edu
 - Custom front end showing all projects
- CONFLUENCE
 - https://opensource.ncsa.illinois.edu/confluence
 - Wiki
- JIRA
 - https://opensource.ncsa.illinois.edu/jira
 - Bug tracking software
- STASH
 - https://opensource.ncsa.illinois.edu/stash
 - Source code management

Opensource Software 2/2

- BAMBOO (replaced Jenkins)
 - https://opensource.ncsa.illinois.edu/bamboo
 - Continuous build software
- Questions
 - https://opensource.ncsa.illinois.edu/questions
 - Confluence plugin to ask questions
- CROWD
 - https://opensource.ncsa.illinois.edu/crowd
 - Account management
- Nexus
 - https://opensource.ncsa.illinois.edu/nexus
 - Java artifact repository (for use with maven)

Before you begin to code

- Create a roadmap
 - Group issues together to create a version
 - Pick a release date
 - Can be linked to a milestonre/presentation
- Create multiple versions into the future
 - Yes things will change
 - But this will tell users what to expect and when

Source Code Management (SCM)

- SCM is NOT an option
- All our code should be in a repository from day 1
 - NO EXCUSES!
- SCM's have existed for decades
 - SCCS released in 1972
 - SCCS, RCS, CVS, SVN centralized systems
 - Can have a single server to checkin/checkout from
 - GIT/HG/BAZAAR distributed version control systems
 - developed around same time (2005)
 - Everybody has all code at all times
 - No single master
- At ISDA we use GIT (and sometimes SVN)

GIT local and remote

http://thkoch2001.github.io/whygitisbetter/

Proposed GIT Workflow

- Integration manager
 - Many developers cloning central/blessed repository
 - Many developers writing to their own repository
 - Many developers doing pull requests
 - One (or more) people that do code review
 - One (or two) people that can write to blessed repository

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Testing

- Create tests early
 - Ideally create a test before you implement
- Create regression tests
 - Based on a bug create a test, so it does not come back
- Automatic build system
 - Can build not only main branch but other branches
- Run tests for every build
 - Builds should fail if tests fail
- Tests should not require user interaction
 - Tests are run headless on a server

Build Tools

- Build tools make it easier for others build
 - No more messy readme's with missing steps
- Build tools are needed for continuous integration
 - Automatic builds to test compilation of check-ins
- C/C++ : Make and Makefiles
- JAVA : Maven and ANT
- SCALA : SBT

Documentation

- Many different parts of documentation
 - Source code comments
 - API of the code
 - Manuals (installation and use)
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - README (markdown)
 - Video's (YouTube)

Sharing

- Source code is available
 - People can contribute back
- Artifacts are available
 - Publish to maven repository
 - Builds can be downloaded

Feeback

- Bugs and feature requests
- Questions asked
 - Can lead to bug reports
- Other people looking at code
 - Better code
- Sharing stories and questions
- Fast account creation
 - Sign-up, file bug, no waiting
- Mailing lists
 - opensource+ergo@ncsa.illinois.edu
- Chat rooms

How do I get access?

- Register for an account
 - Signup at the confluence page
- Ask for a project
 - Need OpenSource license (NCSA OpenSource)
 - Need Title and KEY
 - Short description
- What do you get
 - Project in stash
 - Project in JIRA
 - Project in Confluence
 - Groups in Crowd (admin, dev, users, alumni)

- https://opensource.ncsa.illinois.edu/
- Example Medici (key MMDB)
 - Project Page
 - JIRA (Issue MMDB-1542)
 - Stash (Pull Request 64)
 - Bamboo builds (Branch Build)
- Example Polyglot (key POL)
 - Project Page
 - API Documentation

Questions?

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