Open Governance for Tizen 3.0



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Who are we?

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- Previously, led the "Qt Open Governance" project

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- Senior Strategist Samsung Open Source Group (OSG)
- Developed open source & collaborative communities for Motorola, Sun, and US DoD
- Previously, built Red Hat's strategic open source consulting practice



Moving development to Tizen.org

- Moving Tizen from 'source-available' to truly open source / collaborative
- The main area of development and contributions is Tizen.org
- For productisation/commercialisation and depending on profile policies and rules, main code tree can be pulled and built anywhere by anyone
 - A small number of profile-specific packages may continue to be developed using the "old" model (shared private first, then moving to Tizen.org)
- Tizen.org is becoming the primary development hub for Tizen

Tizen.org is now the primary development hub for the Tizen Platform



Overall governance guidelines

- All community members must:
 - Be respectful of one another
 - Refrain from engaging in flame wars or personal attacks
 - Ensure Tizen community rules are followed
 - Follow general direction set by the TSG

- All community members should:
 - Contribute to improve Tizen
 - Help out new contributors and users
 - Approach the TSG with important matters

Disrespect of the rules may be sanctioned



The principle of "lazy consensus" & silent consent

Procedure:

- It is enough to reach consensus in a small group
- Those who disagree must provide alternative solutions
- Those who did not participate silently and implicitly give their consent

Requirements:

- Public discussion, to the correct audience
- Active membership that follows discussions
- Reasonable time for objections
 - "Reasonable" is to be taken on case-by-case basis

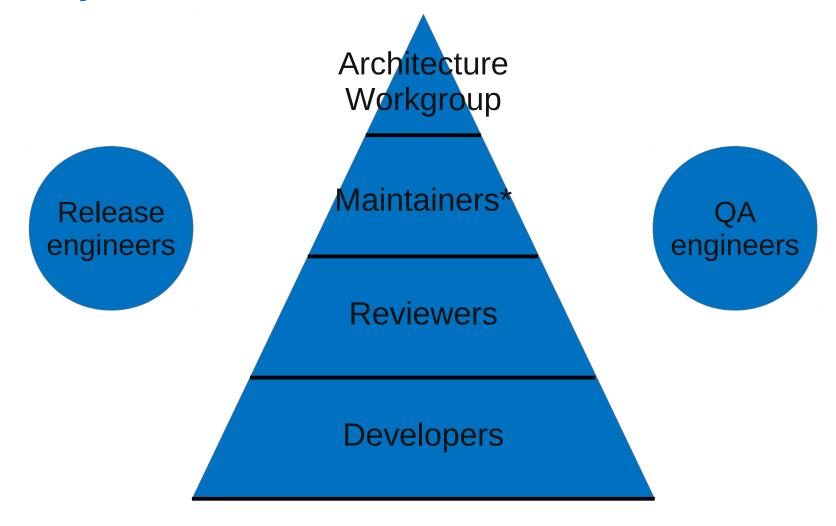


Decision-making and meritocracy

- Responsibilities and rights are awarded to those who merit them
 - Merit gained by contributing to the project
- Decisions made at the lowest level
 - People with merit are allowed to make decisions
 - Lazy consensus applies, so:
 - Decisions are public
 - Other contributors are allowed to object
- Higher levels oversee decisions
 - If necessary, override



Project roles





Developer

- Role: develops code or other contributions
- Rights and duties:
 - Can participate in mailing lists
 - Can report bugs and suggestions
 - Can contribute code changes for review to appropriate branches
 - Can (and is encouraged to) participate in the review process (-1 and +1 reviews)
 - Should participate in relevant discussions in mailing lists
 - Should offer constructive advice to other developers
 - Should behave as a Reviewer in all aspects



Reviewer

- Role: makes decisions on contributions
- Rights and duties:
 - All of a Developer's rights and duties
 - Can make decisions on code contributions (-2 and +2 reviews)
 - Should pro-actively participate in the review process
 - Should participate in the release process
 - Must not approve own contributions
 - Must offer constructive comments when rejecting a contribution
 - Must ensure contributions are ready for the production tree before approving



Maintainer & Integrator

- Role: maintains a package and ensures progress
 - Only one maintainer per Git repository
- Rights and duties
 - All of a Reviewer's rights and duties
 - Can make more invasive changes to a Tizen package (e.g., create branches, rebase, etc.)
 - Can approve own contributions in exceptional cases (example: no other reviewer was available)
 - Interprets TSG medium- and long-term goals into short-term ones
 - Must not abuse maintenance rights to bypass the review process
 - Must ensure all contributions to the maintained package are reviewed
 - Must release approved contributions into the product buildsystem
 - Must ensure quality of the package
 - Must participate in the Tizen quality and release process when required



Other roles

Release engineer

- Role: create pre-release and release images
- Rights and duties:
 - All of a Developer's rights and duties
 - Should report bugs and regressions
 - Must manage Tizen's build system
 - Must approve or reject submissions to the build system
 - Must create Tizen images and smoke-test them
 - Must participate in the release process

QA engineer

- Role: ensure the overall quality of Tizen releases
- Rights and duties:
 - All of a Developer's rights and duties
 - Must test Tizen images
 - Must report bugs and regressions
 - Must participate in the release verification process



Becoming Reviewer, Maintainer, etc.

- Requirements: candidate is already acting at that level
- Procedure:
 - Nomination by an existing project member of that level
 - Agreement by another one (all levels) or two (maintainer) other members
 - Motion carries if no objections are raised within three weeks
- Specifically for maintainers:
 - There is a package in need of a Maintainer
 - Candidate is already a reviewer in some part of Tizen



Architect (member of the TSG Architecture Workgroup)

- Role: oversees and advises in technical matters
 - Decisions are always of the entire Architecture Workgroup
- Rights and duties:
 - All of a Reviewer's rights
 - Some architects may be Maintainers in their own right
 - Should pro-actively offer advice to on-going discussions
 - Interprets long-term Tizen strategy and vision into long- and mediumterm technical goals
 - Must monitor the overall health and progress of Tizen
 - Must participate in Architecture Workgroup decisions (lazy consensus applies)



The TSG Architecture Workgroup

Members:

- Group of senior engineers or architects (experts) with broad view of Tizen
- Initially, 5 to 8 members
- Can be expanded later, by self-selection

Decision-making:

- Periodic meeting, all architects plus invited experts
- Decisions posted publicly
- Lazy consensus: architects who do not object need not speak up



Sanctions / Revocation of rights

- All contributors, at all levels, must obey community rules
- In case of continued disrespect, the community may impose sanctions
 - We need to be understanding of the varied cultural backgrounds
 - Community Management is available to help mediating issues
- Cases will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis, in a closed Architecture Workgroup & Community Management meeting

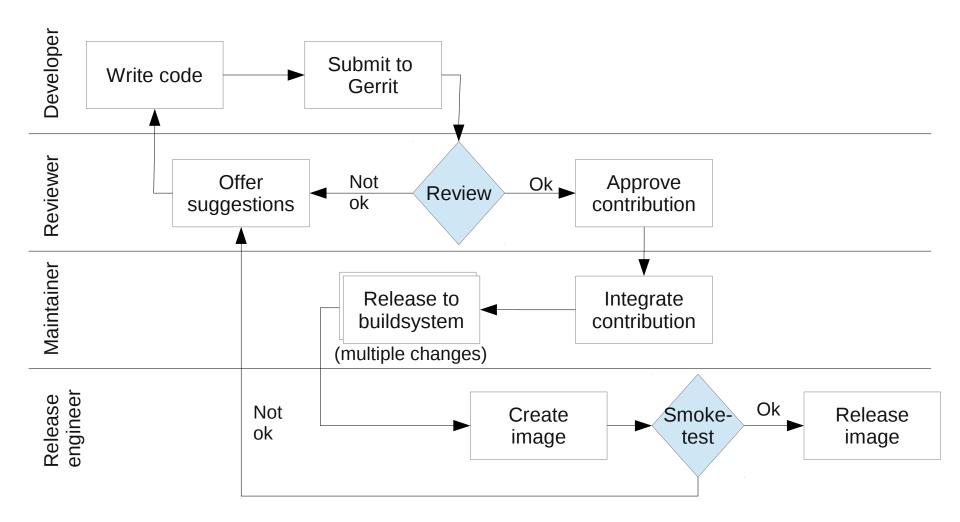


Principles of the Tizen codebase

- Keep code as close to upstream as possible
- Upgrades must be justified
- Goal is to have 1 project run on multiple profiles
 - Same code base but with different build options and enabled features
 - Contributors have to focus on the whole project rather than a specific profile
 - Avoid hardcoding



Flow of a contribution





What tools we use

Tools used:

- Gerrit, for code and contribution reviews
- JIRA, for reporting bugs and keeping track of tasks
- Email and mailing lists, for discussions

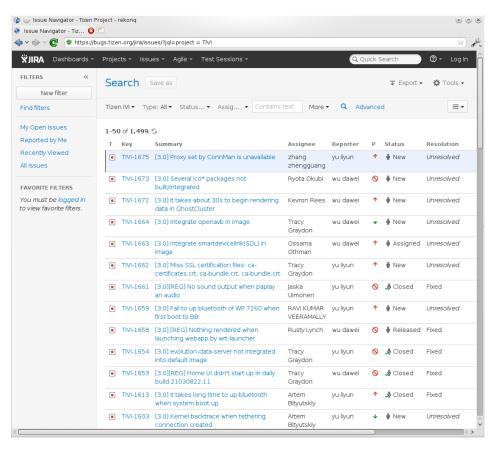


Mailing list for discussion

- Platform development uses one main mailing list:
 - dev@lists.tizen.org
 - All project-wide discussions should be on this list
 - TSG Architecture Workgroup decisions are posted to this list
 - In the future, we may split if traffic becomes too high
- Members and rules:
 - Open to subscription and posting from anyone on the Internet
 - Decisions respect lazy consensus and meritocracy
 - Common-sense and regular "netiquette" apply
 - List moderators will act in case of abuse
 - No confidential material: all discussions are public



Bug reports and task tracking (JIRA)

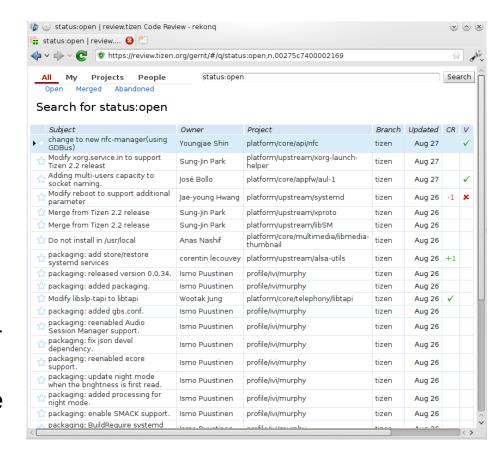


- Manages defects from all public binaries
- Contains the official release criteria



Code reviews (Gerrit)

- Day-to-day decisions:
 - Comments, enhancements
 - Approvals
- People:
 - Everyone can create an account
 - Everyone can participate
 - Everyone can offer +1 or -1
 - Reviewers can approve (+2) or permanently reject (-2)
 - Only Maintainers can integrate the change





Code contribution approval guidelines

Technical / Objective rules

- Does this compile?
- Does it introduce a bug?
- Does it do what it is says it does?
- Does it follow the coding guidelines*?
- Does it follow the Tizen branch guidelines?

Subjective rules

- Is this in the direction set forth by TSG, Arch WG, Maintainer?
- Does it introduce risks to stability?
- Is this the best solution?
- Is this the right time?

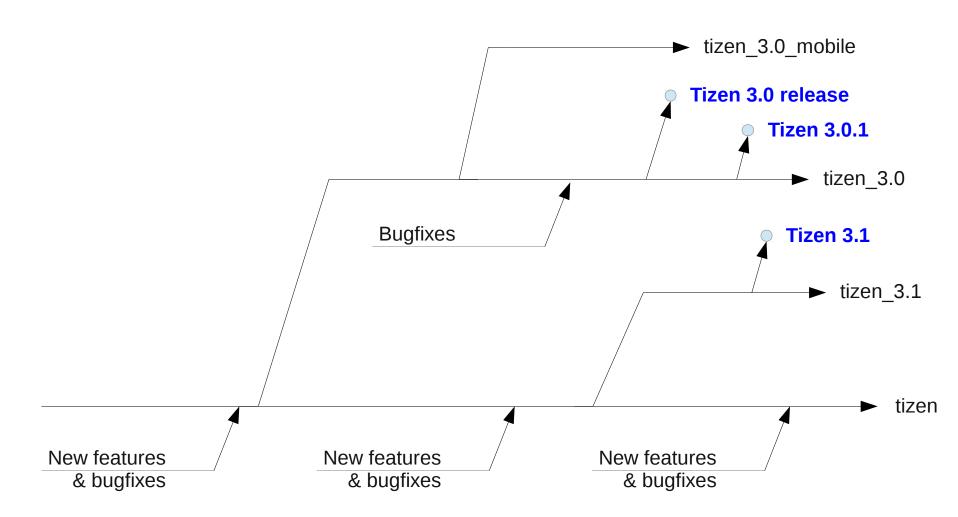


Decision-making

Туре	Who*	Where
Code contribution Decisions on one package	Reviewers of the package	Code review tool Mailing lists
A few packages Small / low-impact issues	Reviewers and Maintainers of the packages	Mailing lists
A lot of packages Large / big-impact issues	Reviewers, Maintainers and Architects	Mailing Lists TSG Architecture Workgroup meeting
API in the Tizen Compliance	Reviewers, Maintainers and Architects	Mailing Lists TSG Architecture Workgroup meeting



Branching plan drawing





Conclusion

- Tizen's Open Governance is live
- Model by which we work with each other and partners
- Suggestions to improve are welcome
- Join dev@lists.tizen.org to participate
 - Only requirement: your will to improve Tizen!
 - Be nice and professional



Thank You!

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