# OH MAN, WHY NOVA DOESN'T MERGE MY PATCH?

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## THIS IS AN OPINIONATED TALK

Wait, what?



### HOW DO YOU FOLKS KNOW THE **OPENSTACK COMMUNITY?**

Let's (re-)introduce a bit of concepts here.





### Most decisions are made using a lazy consensus model

#### Design Summits





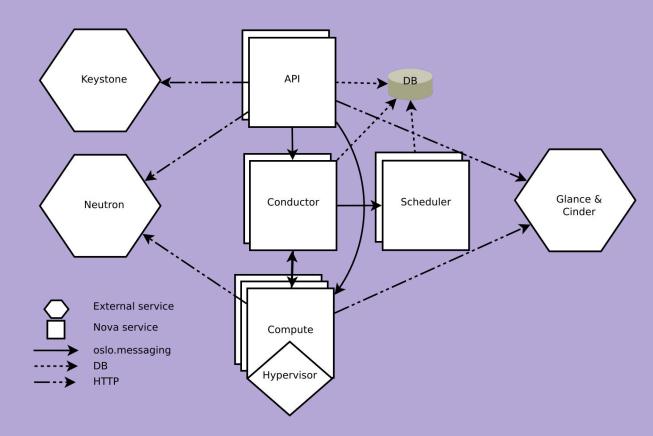
### OKAY, BUT WHAT ABOUT NOVA?

Er... "Compute service" rather.



To implement services and associated libraries to provide massively scalable, on demand, self service access to compute resources, including bare metal, virtual machines, and containers.

# THE VIEW



#### nova.git

#### </> Source Code Management

Lines added 2,732,986

Authors 1,194

Branches 12

Commits 27,262

Committers 1,194

Files 13,341

Start 2010-05-27

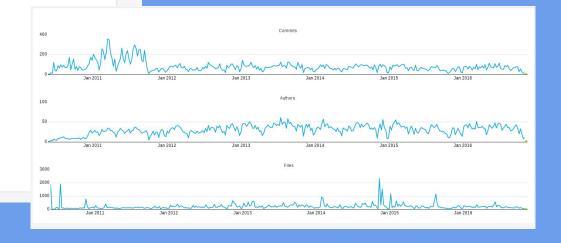
End 2016-11-08

New Authors 1,194

Lines removed 3,172,220

Repositories

### THE SIZE



## 2,732,986

... and 1194 authors!



# SO, HOW THE PROJECT IS ORGANIZED, THEN?

Cores\* against non-cores, right?

## DIFFERENT GROUPS?

#### **OPERATORS**

a person who manages a **working** or industrial establishment, enterprise, or **system**.

They know.

#### **CONTRIBUTORS**

a person who contributes something, especially money, in order to provide or achieve something together with other people.

They help.

## MY OWN TAXONOMY

#### **ON-OFF CONTRIBUTORS**

Very small amount of time dedicated to the project but can provide very important bugfixes.

#### **DOMAIN GURUS**

Experts in their own area of code, very good at writing specific related features.

#### WHITE KNIGHTS

Willing to help the project by any case and not afraid of trying to understand unknown code.



#### Roles

Or Recognition?

Subteam leaders

Nova-core

Czars

Cross-Project Liaisons

Nova-specs-core

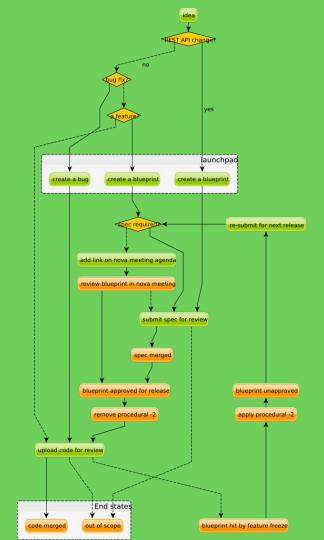
Project Team Lead

Subsystem maintainers

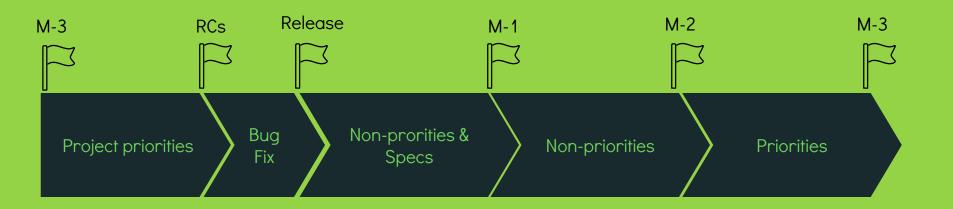


## OUR PROCESS IS EASY

(Just kidding...)



## TIMING IS IMPORTANT





#### **Over Newton**

942 Filed Bugs 482 Resolved Bugs 175 draft Blueprints66 completed Blueprints

3184 Change Requests751 of them abandoned17168 Patch Sets (94/day\*)

543 reviewers (thanks!)
13 core reviewers

Total open reviews: 1082
Waiting on submitter: 632
Waiting on reviewer: 447
Waiting on CI (no votes yet): 3

\* day = 365 / 2

Waiting for reviewers:

Average wait time between revisions: 40 days

Average wait time since the creation: 100 days

Waiting for submitters:

Average wait time between revisions: 49 days

Average wait time since the creation: 125 days

## Nova priorities and subteams

Scheduler and Resource Providers Cells v2

**Notifications** 

**REST API** 

SR-IOV & PCI

Live-migration

... and others!

### A scheduler story...

Scheduler using that Placement API

A totally separate REST API

Huge tech debt to fix

New interface to discuss

Started in Juno (aka. "Gantt")



# COOL, BUT HOW CAN NEW IDEAS BE ACCEPTED?

You have a solution and you want to merge it, right?

### YOUR





### First, engage!

#opentack-nova

IRC channel (Slack? Meh.)

Think of an IRC bouncer (ZNC, irssi, others...)

Mailing-lists

openstack-dev@ openstack-ops@ Weekly IRC meetings

(incl. subteams)

Eavesdrop logs

Face-to-face

Project Team Gathering
Forum (at Summit)

You really need pictures, mmm?

### Trust is the key

Consider the problem, not the solution

Be resilient

(Try to) Get the tribal knowledge (and document it)

Keep in mind the cultural diversity

Let's gently agree to disagree



#### Get credit



Bug triage: we need you!



CI jobs: yes, you can (fix'em)!



Stable branches: back to the future

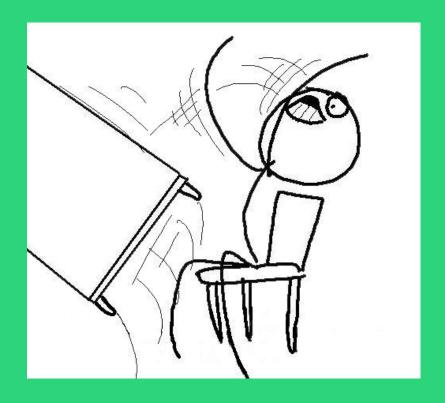
### Savvy reviews

Quantity doesn't count, quality does.

Stability is far more important than velocity

Spot the untraceable

Be honest and vote wisely



### Be core, a final goal?



Not the end, just the beginning...

It's a duty, not a merit.

Recognition is the key

Your call.



#### Resources and more

http://docs.openstack.org/developer/nova/how\_to\_get\_involved.html

https://wiki.openstack.org/wiki/Nova

**Upstream Training** 

Next talk with Kendall and Patrick @1330

## THANKS!

Any questions?

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