

# MacPorts PortMgr

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# MacPorts Community

- Users
- Individual Contributors
- Port Maintainers
- Members with Commit Access
- Base Developers
- PortMgr

# Role of PortMgr

- Membership/Community
- Technical Policies
- Release Process
- Public Relations
- Infrastructure

# Organization of PortMgr

- Port managers since 2008
  - Joshua Root (jmr@)
  - Ryan Schmidt (ryandesign@)
  - Rainer Müller (raimue@)
  
  - Bryan Blackburn (blb@)
    - retired in 2011
- Mode of operation
  - discussions on portmgr@
  - private mailing list
  - contact address for all inquiries
  - redirecting everything out of scope to public places

# Elder Council

- “Elder” Council:
  - former port managers and founders of the project
  - still receiving/reading portmgr@
  - providing input when necessary/requested
  - propagation of accumulated knowledge

# Community: Commit Access

- Application per mail to portmgr@
- Policy: show existing record of contributions
  - contributing new ports
  - fixing bugs in existing ports
  - volunteering as a maintainer of non-maintained ports
  - involvement on MacPorts development and/or user support mailing lists
  - contributing with documentation
- Approval / Rejection
  - usually unanimous after review
  - often reviews take quite some time (tickets, patches, mails, ...)
  - notices include advice for continuing contributions

# Community: Retiring Members

- Announced per mail to portmgr@
- Removing maintainership from ports
- Updating wiki page
- Mail forward and login credentials left active

## Community: Other Requests

- User support questions
  - redirected to macports-users
- Mailing list assistance
  - PortMgrs are also -owners contact in MailMan
  - most common problem: subscribe to post as anti-spam policy for macports-dev/macports-users
- Downtime announcements
  - forwarded to developers and users
- Dispute resolution
  - very seldom
  - with hostile upstream projects



# Release Process and Public Relations

- PortMgr prepares new releases<sup>1</sup>
  - public discussion on macports-dev
  - branch/feature decision by base developers
  - technical execution by PortMgr
- Announcements
  - mailing list
  - third-party sites
  - social media

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<sup>1</sup>see `trunk/base/portmgr/ReleaseProcess`

# Infrastructure

- Administrative contact for hosting providers
  - from project to provider
    - new members
    - mail aliases
    - password resets
    - other requests
  - from provider to members
    - downtime
    - changes to infrastructure
- Decisions on changes to hosting

# Discussion Points

- Member approval process
  - more open?
  - more involvement of other project members?
- Regular elections?
  - voting procedure?
  - cryptographically secured?