

Bits from the Release Team

Remember, remember...

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1 Team Changes



Team Changes

- + nthykier // Niels Thykier (Release Assistant \Rightarrow Release Manager)
- + ivodd // Ivo De Decker (Release Assistant)
- neilm // Neil McGovern (Release Manager)
- vorlon // Steve Langasek (Release Wizard)
- luk // Luk Claes (Release Wizard)
- he // Marc 'HE' Brockschmidt (Release Wizard)

We always need help and volunteers used to our tools and procedures (or who want to learn)!



2 RC bugs



RC bugs

Need to keep the release-critical bug count in testing manageable

New auto-removal tool for RC bugs:

- ▶ untouched for a while
- ▶ affecting unstable and testing
- ▶ in packages outside the “key” set

<http://bugs.debian.org/release-critical/>



3 Architectures



Architectures

Changes from wheezy:

- ▶ s390 was removed
- ▶ ia64 no longer blocks testing migration
- ▶ mips, mipsel and sparc warned
- ▶ future of kFreeBSD ports undecided

Possible new ports: arm64, mips64(el), ppc64(el)?



4 Urgency



Urgency

- ▶ affects delay between upload to unstable and migration to testing
- ▶ default changed from “low” (10 days) to “medium” (5 days)
- ▶ aims at decreasing the delta between unstable and testing



5 Freeze



Freeze

Debian jessie will be frozen on the fifth of November, 2014

- ▶ the wheezy freeze was way too long
- ▶ we hope the auto-removals will give us a lower bug count by November...
- ▶ ... and thus give bug squashers an easier time at triaging issues
- ▶ maintainers can plan ahead and have their package in releasable shape early on



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- ▶ And keep filing the bugs you come across :)



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(binNMUs, transitions, unblock, proposed updates, ...)

