

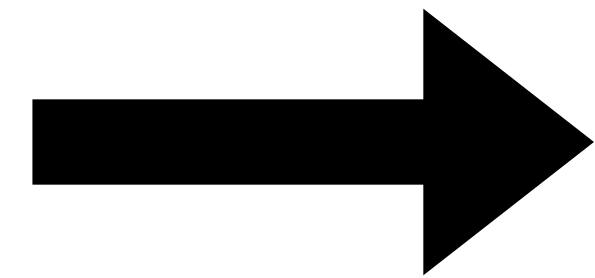
Inside the Zeek project

Organization, Governance & Community

Johanna Amann, Corelight
Zeek LT Chair



Who am I



Zeek LT?

What does Leadership Team mean?

Who is part of the Leadership Team?

How is an Open Source project organised?

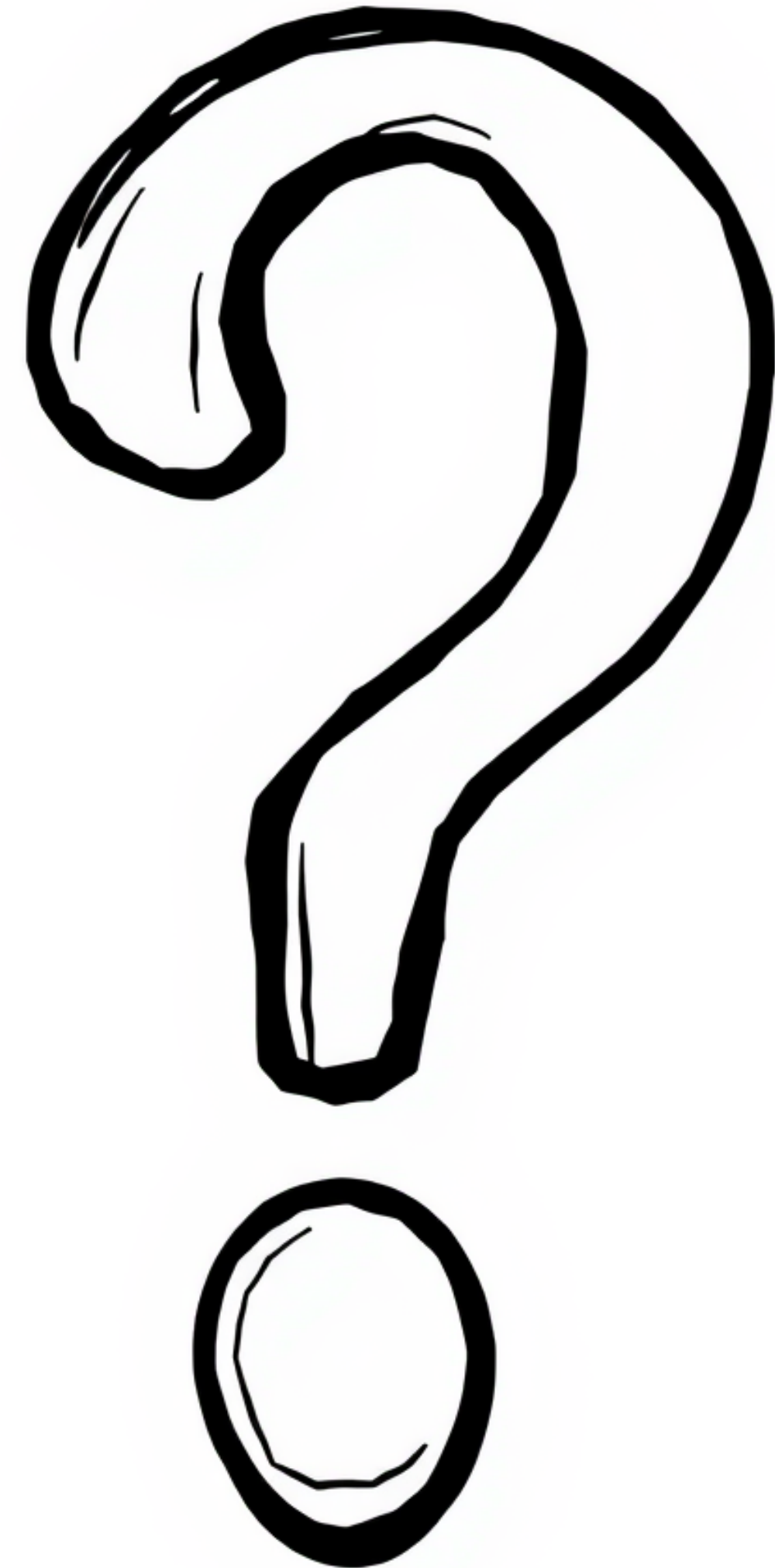
How does this work for Zeek?

Who is responsible for what?

How are decisions made?

Can I be part of this?

How does Corelight fit into this?



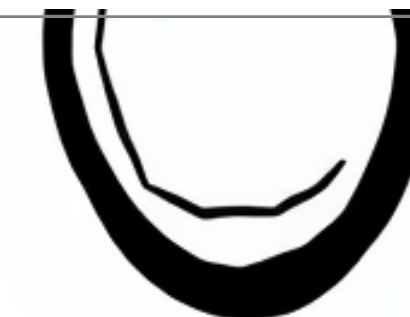
Zeek LT?

Zeek Project Leadership Team Process and Description

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What is the Zeek Leadership Team?

The Zeek Leadership Team (LT) is our top-level community leadership and governance body. The LT is ultimately accountable for the Zeek Project as a whole, and is responsible for providing advice to and oversight of other Zeek governance bodies and teams as needed. The LT is also responsible for ensuring that the administration, programs, and strategic plan of the project as well as funding, marketing, and community outreach are being conducted. The LT will often execute through delegation but will maintain oversight responsibilities. Currently, the Zeek LT operates as an organizational board, technical governance committee, and community council, all in one. In the future, the LT may break out those functions into sub-committees, yet it will remain responsible for stewardship of the Zeek Project as a whole.



Zeek Leadership Team

Community Leadership
Governance Body
Fiduciary Responsibility
Outreach & events
Communication
Dispute resolution
Final authority

Zeek Committers

Technical Leadership
Roadmap / Direction
Source Code
Host technical infrastructure (e.g. CI)
Releases
Security
New Documentation

Leadership Team

Current members:

- Aashish Sharma, Lawrence Berkeley Lab
- Christian Kreibich, Corelight (Technical Lead Seat)
- Fatema Bannat Wala, ESnet
- Johanna Amann, Corelight (Chair)
- Keith Lehigh, University of Colorado
- Vacant - (Community Lead Seat)
- Robin Sommer, Corelight
- Seth Grover, Idaho National Lab
- Vern Paxson, Corelight & UC Berkeley (Founder Seat)



UC Berkeley

Meets bi-weekly

Posts meeting notes online

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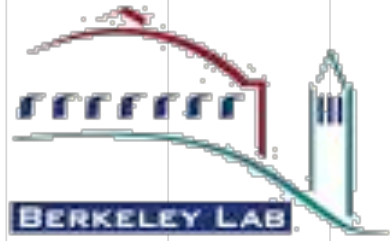
- Arne Welzel (Corelight)
- Benjamin Bannier (Corelight)
- Christian Kreibich (Corelight, Technical Lead)
- Johanna Amann (Corelight)
- Robin Sommer (Corelight)
- Seth Hall (Independent)
- Tim Wojtulewicz (Corelight)

Most communication in the open (GitHub issues/pull requests)

Members also in the community calls

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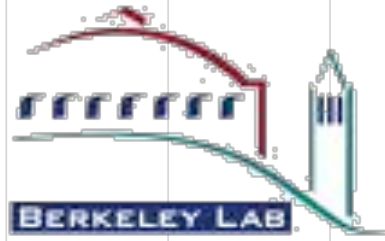
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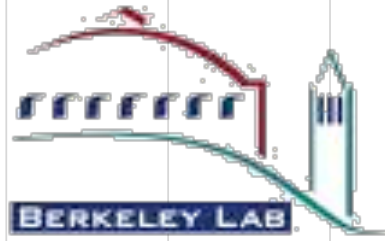


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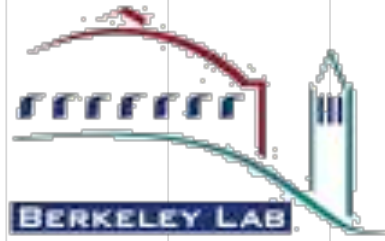
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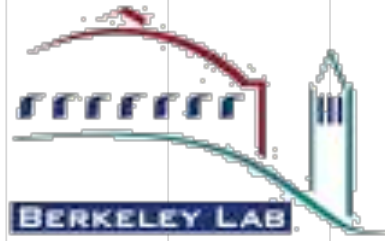
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The screenshot shows a forum interface for Zeek. On the left is a navigation sidebar with a 'zeek' logo and a list of categories including Announcements, Zeek, Development, Spicy, Training, and LT Meeting Notes. The main content area displays a post titled 'Testing #2' by user 'Vern', dated 'Sep 1998'. The post content is 'testing, testing, testing'. Below the post, it shows '84 views' and '24 years later'. At the bottom, a lock icon and the Zeek logo are followed by the text 'Closed on May 6, 2022'.

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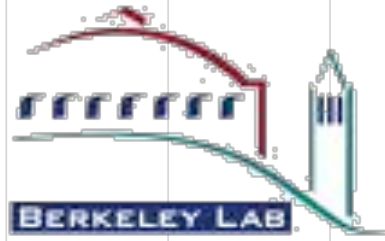
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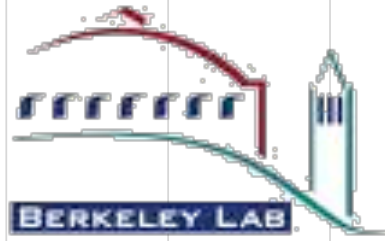
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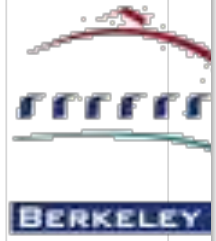
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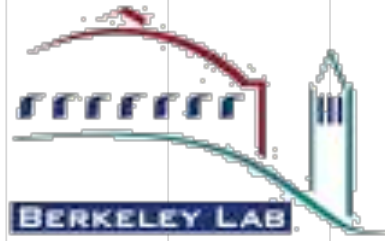
Zee

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<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Summary</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Component</u>	<u>Reporter</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Created</u>
#5	Problem	Bug with table[] of set[] initializers	seen	Bro	Christian	--	Normal	4 months
#6	Problem	Switching between plain ./configure and ./configure --enable-debug requires make clean	accepted	Bro	Christian	kreibich	Normal	4 months
#8	Task	Handling optional fields	accepted	Broccoli	vallenti	kreibich	Normal	4 months
#9	Task	Creating a Broccoli event from raw pointers	accepted	Broccoli	vallenti	kreibich	Normal	4 months
#10	Problem	Segmentation fault when running Bro with all.bro	accepted	Bro	vallenti	robin	Normal	4 months
#11	Task	Remove global_attr from the script interpreter code	accepted	Bro	robin	robin	Normal	4 months
#12	Feature Request	Capture from multiple interfaces	accepted	Cluster Shell	robin	robin	Normal	4 months
#13	Feature Request	Run custom script with cluster	accepted	Cluster Shell	robin	robin	Normal	4 months
#14	Problem	Fix "make install"	seen	Bro	robin		Normal	4 months
#16	Problem	Core dump with duplicates in subnets sets	seen	Bro	robin		Normal	4 months
#17	Problem	MemoryAllocation() core dumps at termination	accepted	Bro	robin	robin	Normal	4 months
#18	Problem	Packet drop numbers incorrect on Linux with new libpcap	seen	Bro	pw@...	--	High	4 months
#20	Feature Request	notice handling needs to accommodate a set of actions, not just one action	seen	Bro	vern		Normal	4 months
#21	Feature Request	\$msg text in notices/alarms is ad hoc in structure	seen	Bro	vern		Normal	4 months
#22	Feature Request	sub/gsub support for '&'	seen	Bro	vern		Normal	4 months
#23	Feature Request	DNS log format is hard to parse	seen	Bro	vern		Normal	4 months
#24	Problem	inconsistent behavior with respect to out-of-range vector references	seen	Bro	vern		Normal	4 months
#25	Feature Request	TRW should be more flexible in determining what connections to skip	seen	Bro	vern		Normal	4 months
#26	Feature Request	case insensitive regular expressions	seen	Bro	vern		Normal	4 months
#27	Feature Request	conversion of tables to vectors	seen	Bro	vern		Normal	4 months
#28	Feature Request	TFTP analyzer	seen	Bro	vern		Normal	4 months
#30	Problem	Drop logic doesn't pass reason to external script	seen	Bro	rreizt@...	--	Normal	4 months
#31	Problem	Loading listen-clear causes CPU load to increase dramatically	seen	Bro	seth		Normal	4 months
#32	Problem	Bug in SteppingStone analyzer causes segmentation faults	seen	Bro	vallenti		Normal	4 months
#33	Problem	Broccoli: race condition during concurrent connection initialization	accepted	Broccoli	vallenti	kreibich	Normal	4 months

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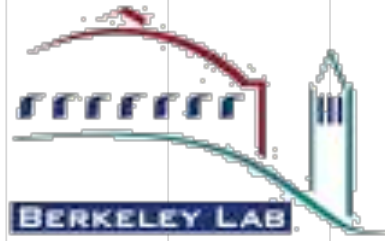


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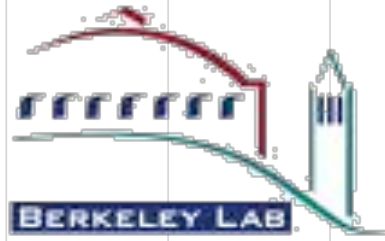
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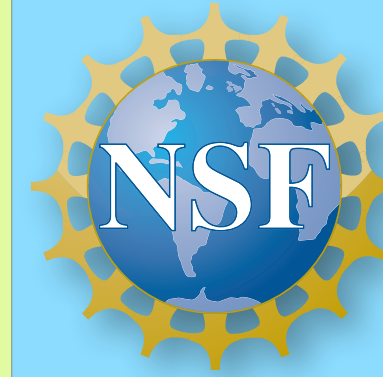
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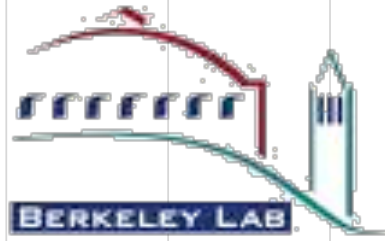


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Focus on community building
Much larger uptake in R&E

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Version 2.0

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Public Beta of Bro 2.0 Released

by Robin Sommer | Oct 28, 2011 | 2.0, beta, bro | 0 comments

As the version number jump suggests, this is a major update that looks quite different from previous 1.x versions. While internally, there's actually not that much that has changed—besides some new functionality, some stale one that's been removed, and lots of bugfixes—**at the user-level, Bro 2.0 looks completely different.**

We pretty much rewrote all default policy scripts that ship with the distribution, **focusing more on operational deployment** than in the past.

The new Bro **does much more out of the box** now, and it's also quite a bit easier to customize and extend its processing. The one thing you'll probably notice first is the **completely overhauled logging output**: every log file is now well structured into typed columns that are easily parseable with other tools.

```
~/z/data 09:54 zEEK --version
zEEK version 7.2.0-dev.194-debug
~/z/data 09:54 zEEK -C -r ~/zEEK/main/testing/btest/Traces/wikipedia.trace
~/z/data 09:54 ls
conn.log      dns.log      http.log     packet_filter.log
~/z/data 09:54 █
```



```
root@u2004test:~/data# bro --version
bro version 1.5.3
root@u2004test:~/data# bro -C -r ~/zeek/testing/btest/Traces/wikipedia.trace
weird: 1300475167.097012 non_IPv4_packet
weird: 1300475171.675372 non_IPv4_packet
weird: 1300475171.775468 non_IPv4_packet
weird: 1300475173.116749 non_IPv4_packet
weird: 1300475173.216550 non_IPv4_packet
root@u2004test:~/data# ls
root@u2004test:~/data# █
```

dns.log

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1300475168.853899 #1 141.142.220.118/43927 > 141.142.2.2/dns start
1300475168.853899 #1 141.142.220.118 <query ?AAAA> upload.wikimedia.org Trunc:F Recurs:T
1300475168.854378 #2 141.142.220.118/37676 > 141.142.2.2/dns start
1300475168.854378 #2 141.142.220.118 <query ?AAAA> upload.wikimedia.org.ncsa.uiuc.edu Trunc:F Recurs:T
1300475168.854837 #3 141.142.220.118/40526 > 141.142.2.2/dns start
1300475168.854837 #3 141.142.220.118 <query ?A> upload.wikimedia.org Trunc:F Recurs:T
1300475168.855229 #3 141.142.220.118 A upload.wikimedia.org = <ans CNAME> CNAME upload.pmtpa.wikimedia.org RCode:NOERROR
AA=F TR=F 1/2/3/3 TTL=124
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http.log

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1300475168.843894 %1 GET /skins-1.5/monobook/main.css (304 "Not Modified" [o] bits.wikimedia.org)

1300475168.916018 %2 start 141.142.220.118:49997 > 208.80.152.3:80

1300475168.916183 %3 start 141.142.220.118:49996 > 208.80.152.3:80

1300475168.918358 %4 start 141.142.220.118:49998 > 208.80.152.3:80

1300475168.952296 %5 start 141.142.220.118:49999 > 208.80.152.3:80

1300475168.952307 %6 start 141.142.220.118:50000 > 208.80.152.3:80

1300475168.954820 %7 start 141.142.220.118:50001 > 208.80.152.3:80

1300475168.962687 %8 start 141.142.220.118:35642 > 208.80.152.2:80

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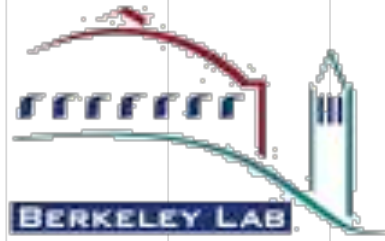
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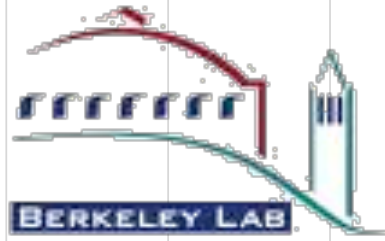
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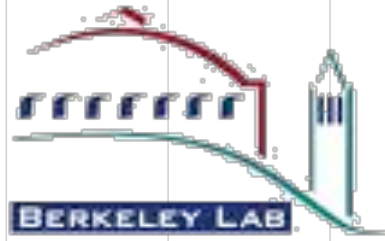


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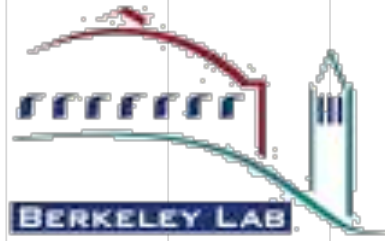
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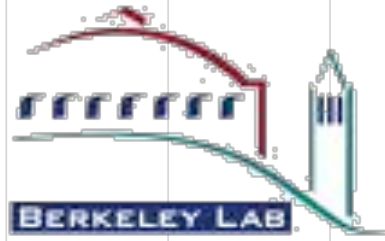
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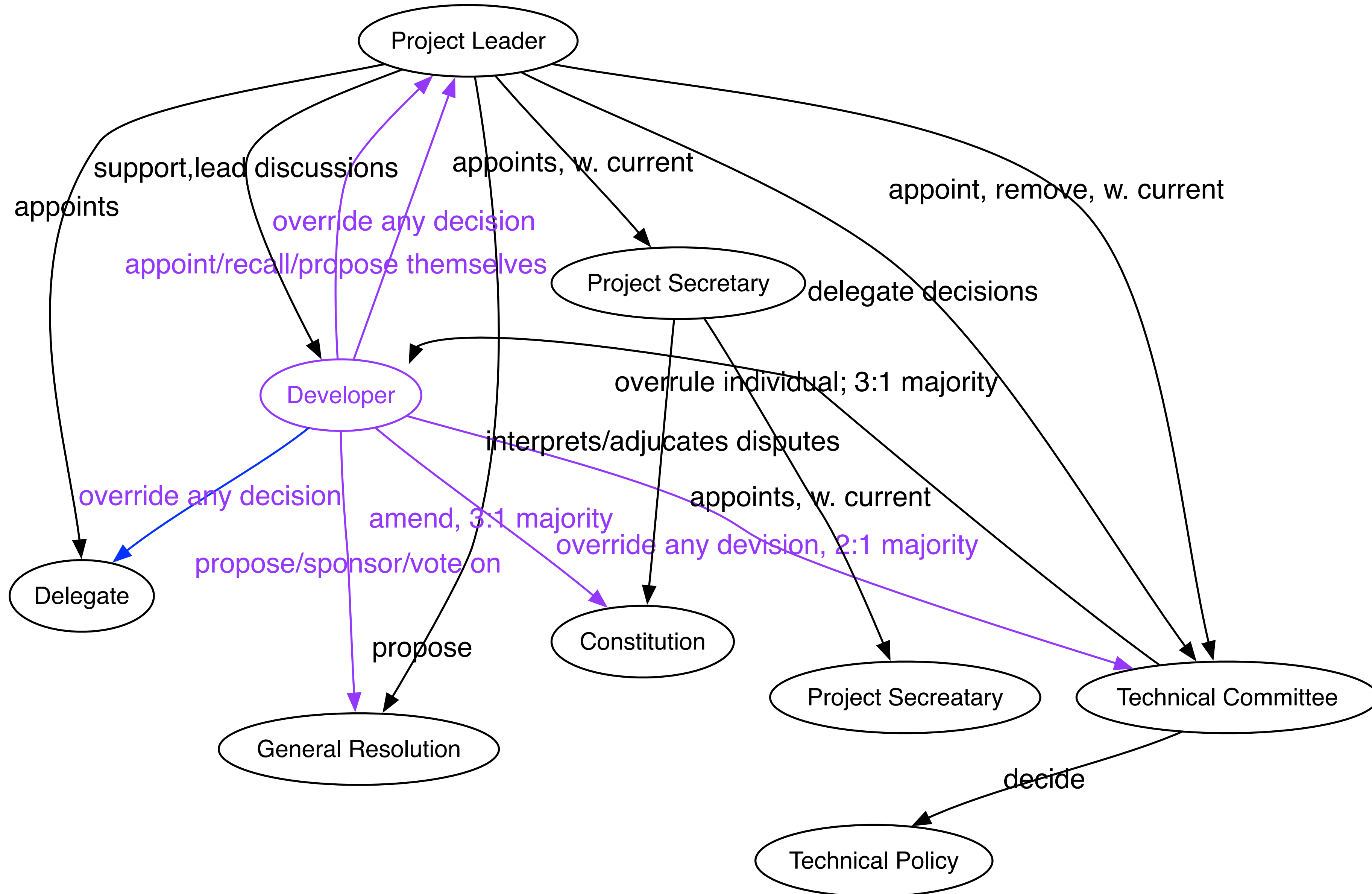


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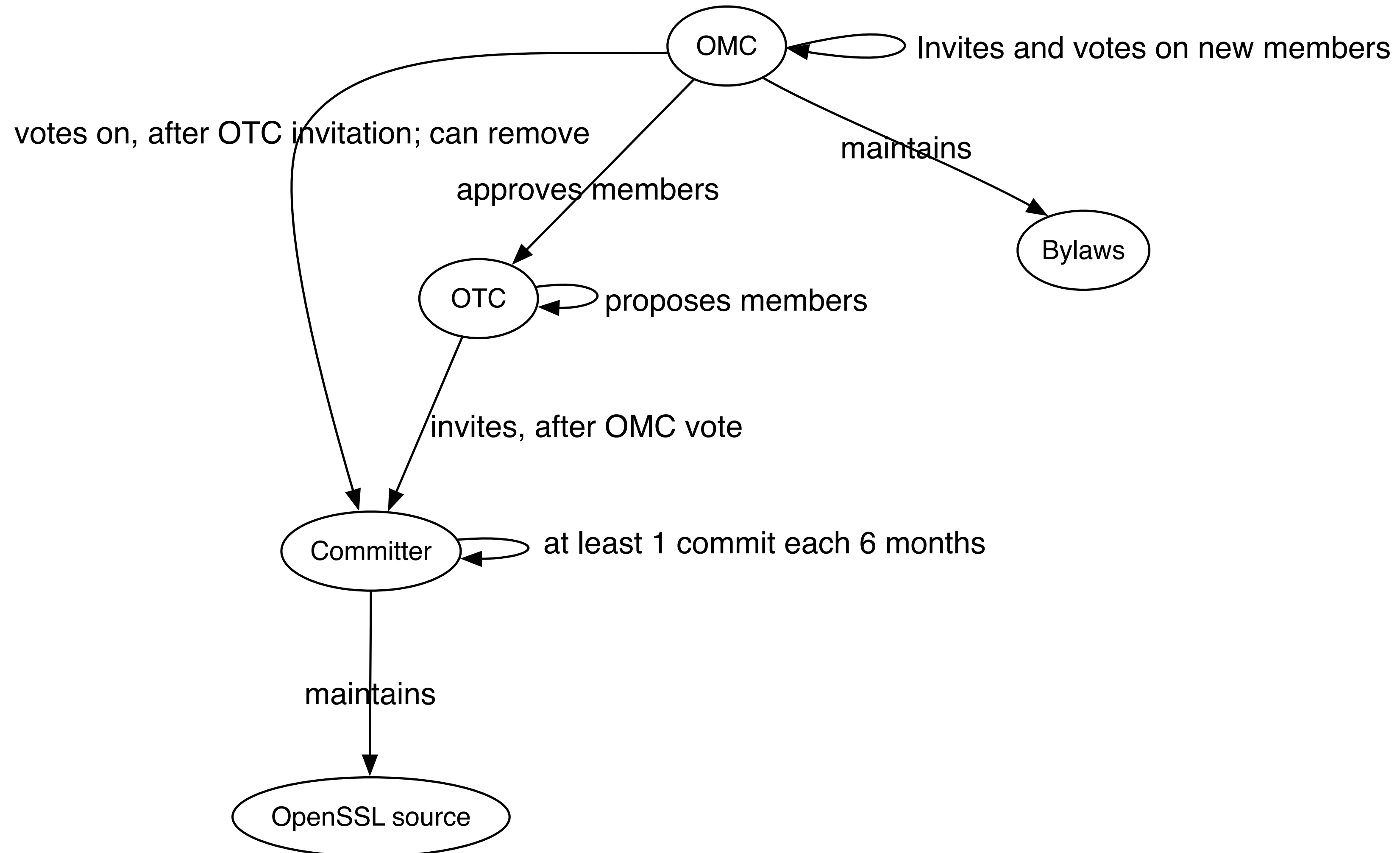
First elections
Evolution of project structure

Debian Constitution

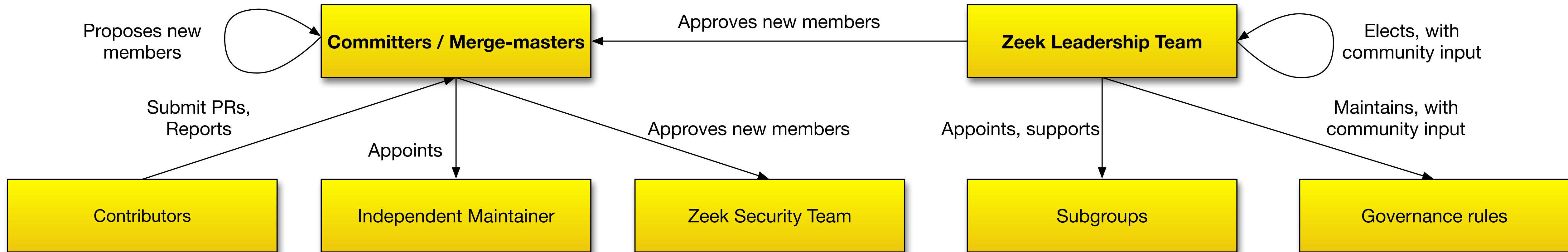


OpenSSL structure

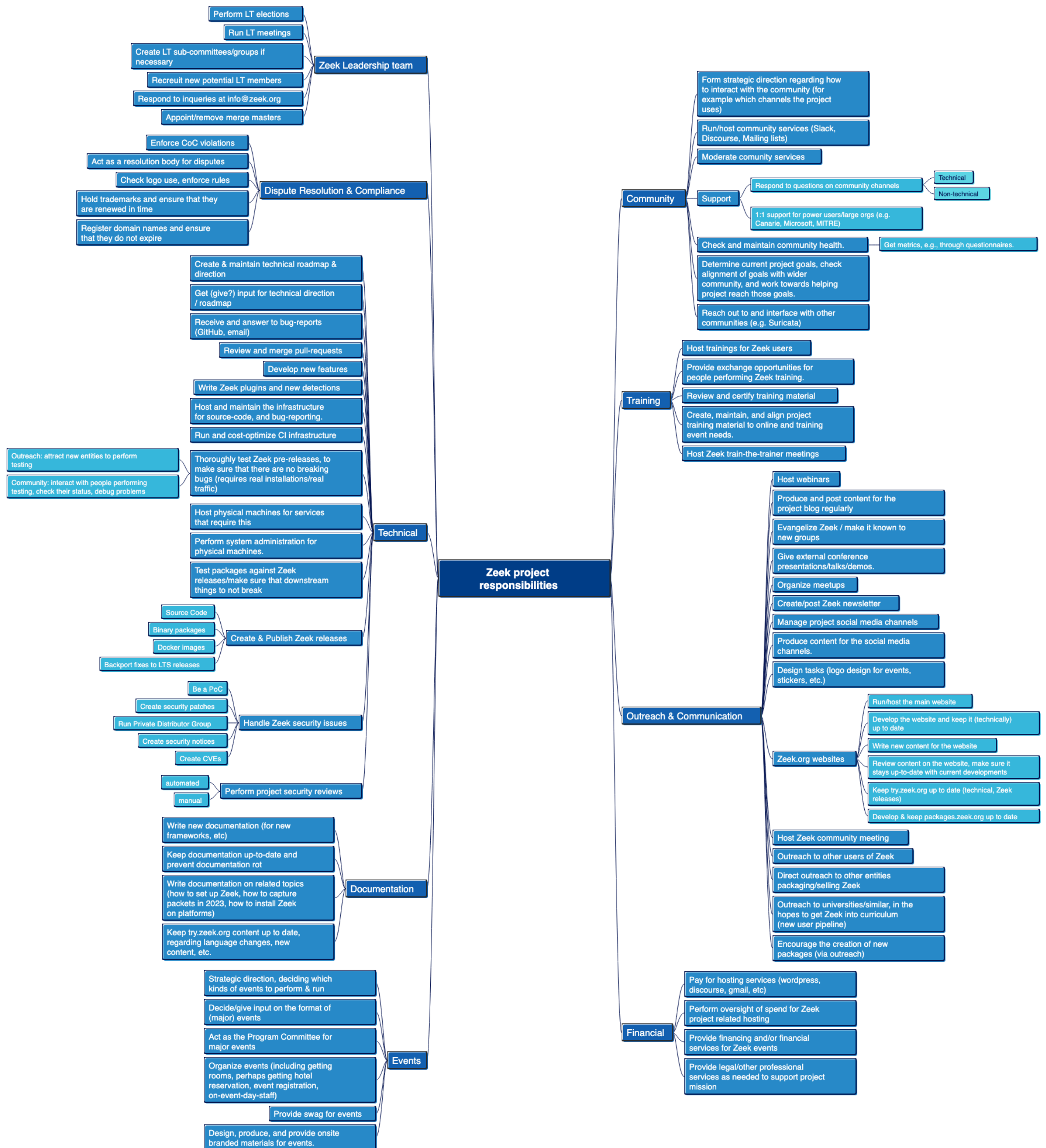
Till March 2024



Zeek Project Structure







Register trademarks and ensure that they are renewed in time

Register domain names and ensure that they do not expire

Create & maintain technical roadmap & direction

Get (give?) input for technical direction / roadmap

Receive and answer to bug-reports (GitHub, email)

Review and merge pull-requests

Develop new features

Write Zeek plugins and new detections

Host and maintain the infrastructure for source-code, and bug-reporting.

Run and cost-optimize CI infrastructure

Outreach: attract new entities to perform testing

Community: interact with people performing testing, check their status, debug problems

Thoroughly test Zeek pre-releases, to make sure that there are no breaking bugs (requires real installations/real traffic)

Host physical machines for services that require this

Perform system administration for physical machines.

Test packages against Zeek releases/make sure that downstream things to not break

Technical

Source Code

Binary packages

Docker images

Create & Publish Zeek releases

Zeek project responsibilities

Train

	Zeek Leadership Team	Corelight (Open Source)	Zeek Merge Masters	Zeek Benefit Corporation	Zeek Users	2
Zeek Leadership Team						
Run LT meetings.	A & R	I	X	X	I	
Perform LT elections.	A & R	I	X	X	I	
Create LT sub-committees/groups if necessary.	A & R	I	X	X	I	
Recruit new potential LT members.	R	S	X	X	C	
Respond to inquiries to info@zeek.org.	A	R	X	X	X	
Appoint/remove merge masters	A & R	C	R	X	I	
Dispute Resolution, Compliance & Marks						
Enforce CoC violations.	R	I	X	X	X	
Act as a resolution body for disputes.	R	I	X	X	X	
Check logo use and enforce rules.	R	S	X	I	I	
Hold trademarks, and ensure that they are renewed in time.	A	I	X	R	X	
Register domain names, and ensure that they do not expire.	A	I	X	R	X	
Technical						
Create & maintain technical roadmap & direction.	A	C (intensely) & S	R	X	C	
Get (give?) input for technical direction / roadmap	I	R	R	X	C	
Receive and answer to bug-reports (GitHub, email).	X	R	R	X	X	
Review and merge pull requests.	X	C	R	X	X	
Develop new features.	X	R	R	X	C/S	
Write Zeek packages and new detections.	X	S	S	X	R	
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Run and cost-optimize CI infrastructure.	X	R	C	X	X	
Thoroughly test Zeek pre-releases, to make sure that there are no	A / X	I	A	X	X	
Outreach: attract new entities to perform testing	A	S (pot. R)	S	X	X	
Community: interact with people performing testing, check their status, debug	I	S	A	X	X	
Host physical machines for services that require this.	I	X	X	X	X	
Perform system administration for physical machines.	X	X	X	X	X	
Test packages against Zeek releases/make sure that downstream things do not	X	S	A	X	X	
Create & Publish Zeek releases.	A	S	R	X	I	
Source Code	X	S	R	X	X	
Binary packages	X	S	R	X	X	
Docker images	X	S	R	X	X	
Backport fixes to LTS releases.	X	S	R	X	X	
Handle Zeek security issues	I	S	A	X	X	
Be a PoC	X	S	A	X	X	
Create security patches.	X	S	R	X	X	
Run Private Distributor Group	X	S	A	X	X	
Create security notices.	X	S	A & C	X	X	
Create CVEs	X	S	A & C	X	X	
Perform project security reviews.	A	S	R	X	X	
Automated	X	S	R	X	X	
Manual	X	S	R (for PR)	X	X	
Documentation						

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