Meet the Release Team

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- Mailing list: mailto:debian-release@lists.debian.org
- IRC: irc://irc.debian.org/debian-release (no back room channel)
- Internal discussion list: mailto:team@release.d.o
- TitanPads: as needed
- We try to keep internal discussion to a minimum, where possible. (Like crafting announcements and their phrasing, some tricky decision making that requires careful arguments with the maintainer in question.)
Communication channels (2)

- If you want to get involved, lurking on the mailing list and especially the IRC channel helps.
- Likewise if you want to be sucked in.
3 To-do
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- coordination (e.g. transition timing, binNMU’ing, bug severities),
- cleanup (e.g. removals in unstable and testing)
- maintenance (e.g. debian-archive-keyring, britney, various other own tools)
- ... and a **lot** of upload reviews (for proposed-updates, testing, pre-upload, etc.)
4 Documentation
Ok, not entirely empty.


But there’s still too few. Very much is stored in the team members’ heads.

We would like to change that.
5 Tools

For the next stable release...
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- **britney**: testing migrations, now running britney2 (more readable Python, yay!); excuses for packages that did not migrate just yet
  http://git.debian.org/?p=mirror/britney1.git
  glue code in
  http://git.debian.org/?p=mirror/britney2.git

- the incredible transition tracker **ben**
  http://git.debian.org/?p=collab-maint/ben.git
For the next stable release... (2)

- **d**: shorthand for “debdiff between testing and whatever we want to migrate”
- **hint**: generate the rightly versioned hints for britney (e.g. easy, hint, force, unblock, urgent, etc.); cleanup; grep
- **wb**: generate the right invocations for wanna-build
- ...those and more can be found in http://git.debian.org/?p=mirror/release-tools.git
For stable and oldstable...

- **queue-viewer**: shows an annotated list of packages that are in (oldstable)-proposed-updates, with information like:
  - numbers (DSA, bug)
  - which architectures are still missing compared to stable proper
  - installability
  - versioning checks
  - rationales
  - . . . and more

- **most important bits**: provides debdiffs for review and helps to generate the announcements
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