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Executive Summary

This report provides a quantitative analysis of the current and past situation of the OPNFV project. All the data presented in it is based on information retrieved from the software development repositories of the project. The analysis includes a summary of the general situation of the project, and specific analysis of some of its development processes (issue tracking, code review) and communication channels (mailing lists, IRC, AskBot). For comparisons with the past, most of the data is provided by quarter.

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Chapter 1

Project overview

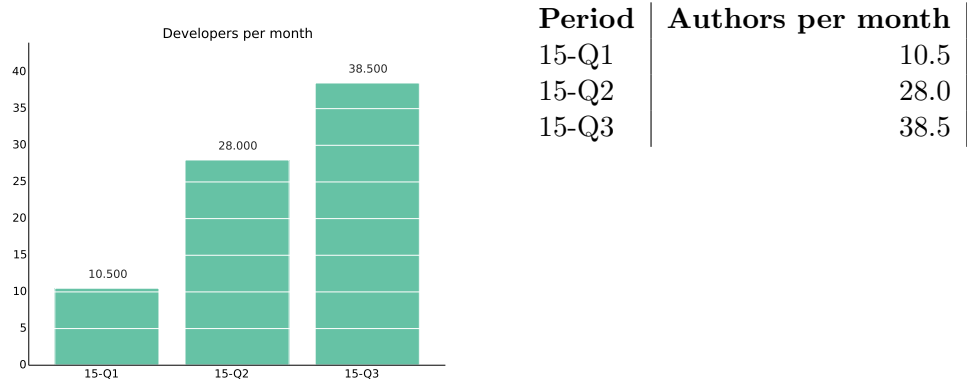
The report looks at activities across the OPNFV community during the third quarter of 2015, comparing it to previous two quarters.¹.

Data source	Activity 90 days	Change (wrt to prev. 90 days)
Gits	741 commits	22%
Tickets	335 closed tickets	222%
Mailing Lists	1574 sent emails	9%
Gerrit	879 submitted reviews	27%
Askbot	22 posted questions	450%
IRC	20933 messages	19%

Table 1.1: Activity during the last 90 days and its evolution

The overall activity has increased. Specifically in the case of Tickets and Askbot activity. On the other hand, activity in the mailing lists and IRC channels seem to be more stable, although reaching values of 10% and 20% respectively.

¹The analyzed data sources are available in appendixB



In this third quarter of 2015 the mean number of developers active per month has reached a total of 38.5. There was an increase when compared to the previous two quarters.

The total number of contributors divided into three sets (core, regular and casual²) follows a similar pattern.

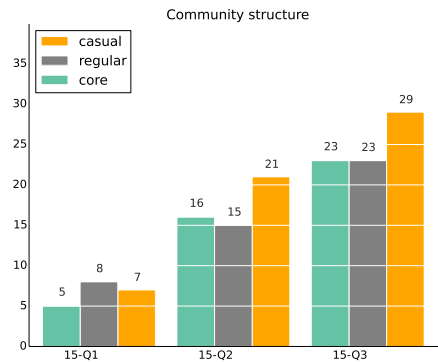


Figure 1.1: Evolution during the last quarters of core, regular and casual developers (based on git activity)

²Contributing developers are characterized as core, regular and casual depending on their activity in the git repositories. The classification is built by sorting contributors by their total number of commits; we sum the total commits per each individual contributors: the individuals whose commits sum up to 80% of the total number of commits in the quarter are the core contributors in that quarter. The regular contributors are those whose commits sum up to 95% of the total. The others are the casual contributors.

Period	Core	Regular	Occasional
15-Q1	5	8	7
15-Q2	16	15	21
15-Q3	23	23	29

Table 1.2: Characterization of developers by their total contribution to the project

This report aims to provide some insights about the software development process of the OPNFV community measuring efficiency and process of the community based on three metrics: the Review Efficiency Index (REI), the Time to Merge (TTM), and the Backlog Management Index (BMI). REI is measured as the number of closed (merged or abandoned) changesets out of the submitted changesets in a given period. TTM is measured as the time since a review is submitted until this is closed. The BMI is measured as the number of closed tickets out of open tickets in a given period.

REI	BMI	TTM
0.9	0.32	0.27 days

Table 1.3: Closed changesets out of opened changesets (REI), closed ticket out of opened tickets (BMI) and median time to merge in Gerrit (TTM)

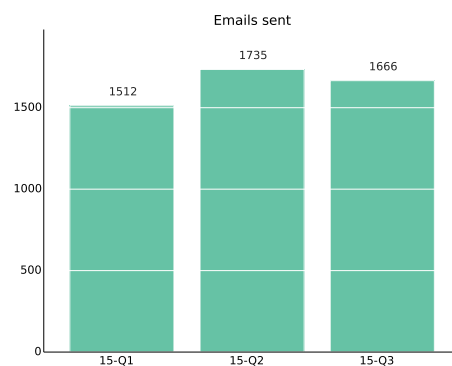
Chapter 2

Communication and support-related activities

Analysis of the communication channels used for communication and support-related activities.

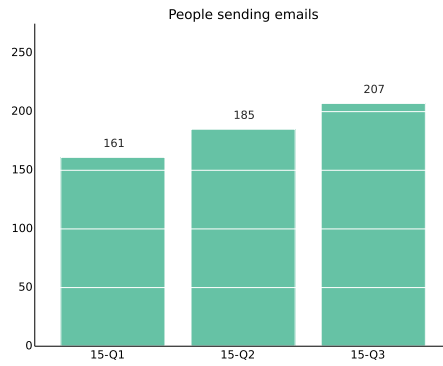
2.1 Mailing Lists

The following charts show activity in terms of emails sent, people sending emails and people initiating threads per quarter. In addition, a table is presented with the hot topics in the several analyzed mailing lists. This shows hot topics ordered by number of total posts in such thread.

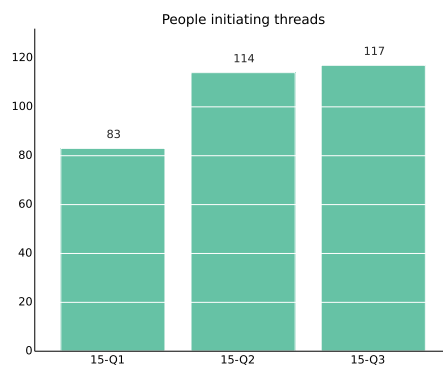


Period	Emails
15-Q1	1512
15-Q2	1735
15-Q3	1666

2.1. MAILING LISTS



Period	People
15-Q1	161
15-Q2	185
15-Q3	207



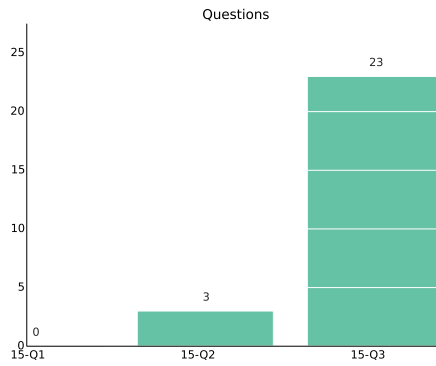
Period	People
15-Q1	83
15-Q2	114
15-Q3	117

Initial Author and Date	Subject	Number Messages
Daniel Smith 2015-07-13	[opnfv-tech-discuss] [SFC] SFC-ODL/OpenStack Co-ordinator sub-group - ARCHITECTURE INPUT Reminder	68
Sam Hague 2015-08-27	[opnfv-tech-discuss] [SFC] Slides to show OpenStack NSH Issues	64
Frank Brockners 2015-08-12	[opnfv-tech-discuss] Project lifecycle discussion	36
Don Dugger 2015-07-15	[opnfv-tech-discuss] [kvm] Topics for this week's audio call	25
yi.y.yang 2015-07-09	[opnfv-tech-discuss] [SFC] SFC-ODL/OpenStack Co-ordinator sub-group	24
Don Dugger 2015-08-07	[opnfv-tech-discuss] [kvm] Detailed planning for the B release	21
mark.d.gray 2015-08-08	[opnfv-tech-discuss] [ovsnfv][bgs] Adding a new package to opnfv build	21
Saisrikiran Mudigonda 2015-07-06	[opnfv-users] Foreman bare metal install fails with OpenSSL warnings	20
kane0817 2015-08-30	[opnfv-users] Need help about VM deployment	20
Dave Neary 2015-08-11	[opnfv-tech-discuss] Propose move from Dokuwiki to Mediawiki	20

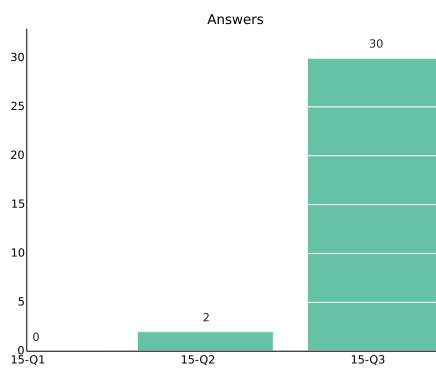
2.2 Questions and Answers

The following charts show activity in the Ask site. Total number of questions, number of answers, number of comments and people sending questions are depicted. In addition two tables represent the hot topics activity in the Ask OPNFV site. Those show information about the top visited questions and questions with the highest number of different people participating.

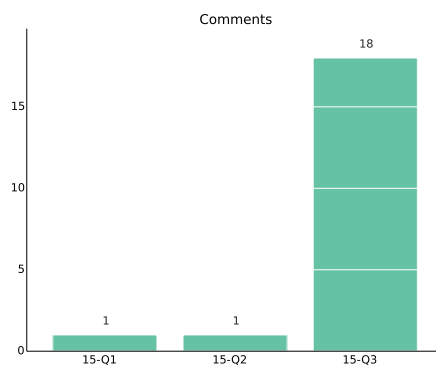
2.2. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



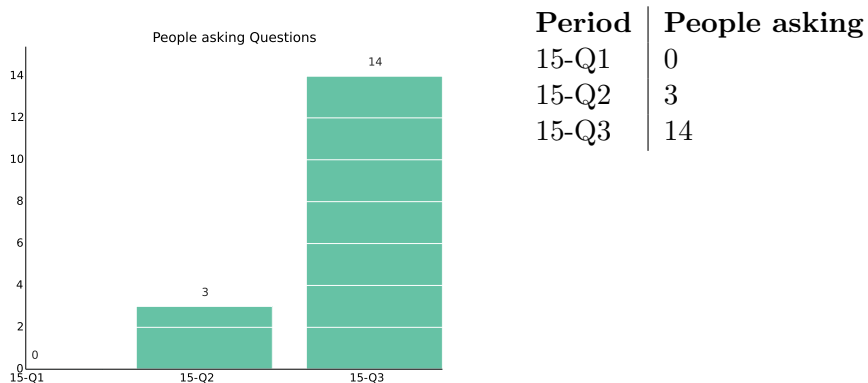
Period	Questions
15-Q1	0
15-Q2	3
15-Q3	23



Period	Answers
15-Q1	0
15-Q2	2
15-Q3	30



Period	Comments
15-Q1	1
15-Q2	1
15-Q3	18



- Top visited questions.

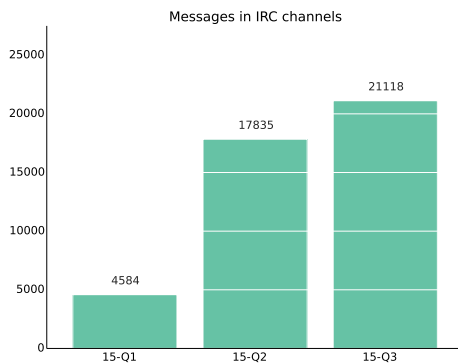
Question subject	Visits
controller node deployment failing+	135
unable to download the kick start+	68
do the functions of vim in+	53
unable to install open day light+	49
fuel gui loads indefinitely+	29
lost connection with controller node during+	27
relationship between opnfv architecture and pharos+	24
configuring vloop vnf+	22
how many network interface cards are+ arno sriov+	19
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- Top questions with the highest number of different people participating.

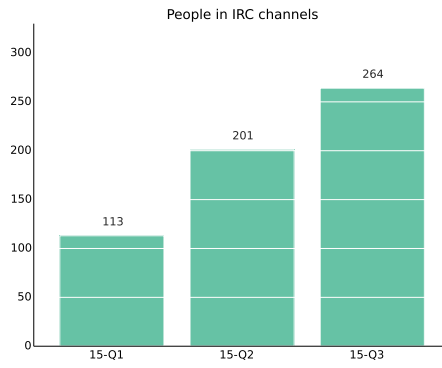
Question subject	People participating
controller node deployment failing+	6
unable to download the kick start+	3
unable to install open day light+	3
trying to configure openstack using juju+	3
how many network interface cards are+	3
code line statistics hello where can+	3
difference between foremannquickstack and fuel platform+	3
do the functions of vim in+	2
problem installing by foremanquickstack+	2
clarification on network requirement for fuel+	2

2.3 IRC

The community uses several IRC channels for asynchronous communication. This section shows information about the total number of messages sent in the community during the last 3 quarters together with the number of the several people participating in such discussions.



Period	Messages
15-Q1	4584
15-Q2	17835
15-Q3	21118



Period	People
15-Q1	113
15-Q2	201
15-Q3	264

Chapter 3

Details on OPNFV development community

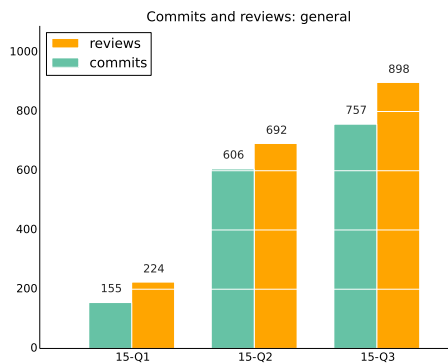
Each breakdown is divided into three sections with information from the last eight quarters:

- activity: focused on the following metrics: commits from git activity, submitted, merged and abandoned reviews from the review system and opened and closed tickets from the issue tracking system.
- community: active core reviewers in gerrit, active authors in git and top ten developers and top ten organizations contributing to the development in the last quarter of each project.
- process: efficiency closing tickets, efficiency closing changesets, Time to Merge (mean and median), number of patchsets (iterations) per changeset and study on the time waiting for a reviewer or submitter action in the patchset review process.

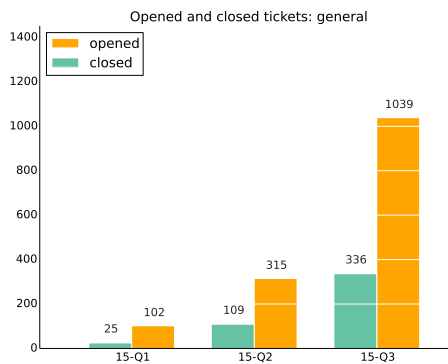
3.1 Details of the project

3.2 Activity

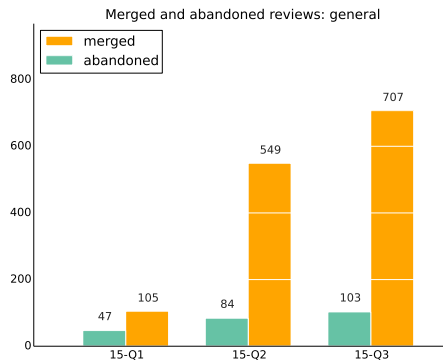
Commits in Git, submitted, merged and abandoned reviews in Gerrit and opened and closed issues in Launchpad.



Period	Commits	Reviews
15-Q1	155	224
15-Q2	606	692
15-Q3	757	898



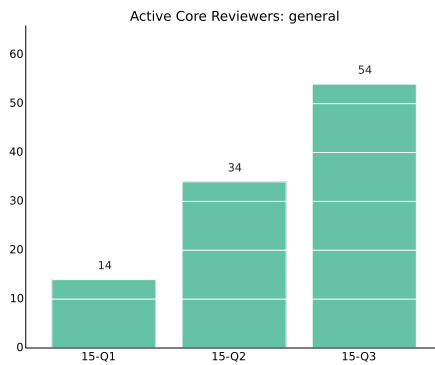
Period	Closed	Opened
15-Q1	25	102
15-Q2	109	315
15-Q3	336	1039



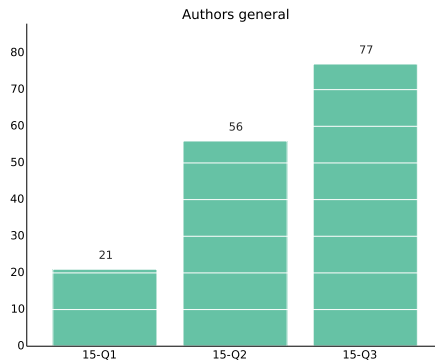
Period	Merged	Abandoned
15-Q1	105	47
15-Q2	549	84
15-Q3	707	103

3.3 Community

Active core reviewers in Gerrit, active authors in Git, top authors and organizations in the last quarter



Period	Active Core
15-Q1	14
15-Q2	34
15-Q3	54



Period	Authors
15-Q1	21
15-Q2	56
15-Q3	77

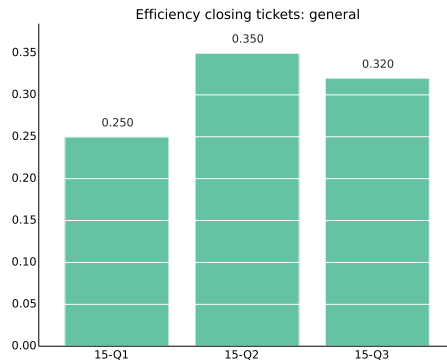
Commit (s)	Author
99	Tim Rozet
88	Aric Gardner
67	Thomas D
54	Fatih Degirmenci
48	Szilard Cserey
37	rebirthmonkey
34	Jonas Bjurel
33	Ruan HE
25	Kristian Hunt
24	Morgan Richomme

Commit (s)	Organizations
190	Ericsson
150	Huawei
126	Orange
111	Red Hat
89	Linux Foundation
47	Intel
15	ATT
14	Cisco
13	NEC
7	ZTE Corporation
6	Dell
6	Mirantis
2	KTH
1	Freescala
1	Nokia

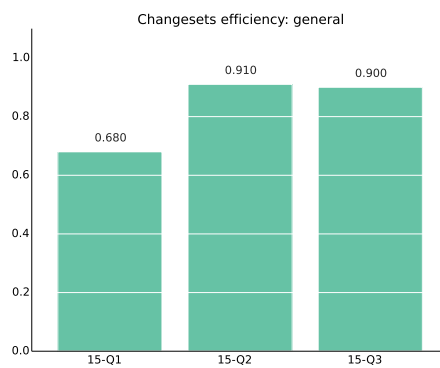
3.4 Process

Efficiency closing changesets and tickets, time to review (mean and median), number of patchsets (iterations) per changeset and study on the time waiting for a reviewer or submitter action in the patchset review process.

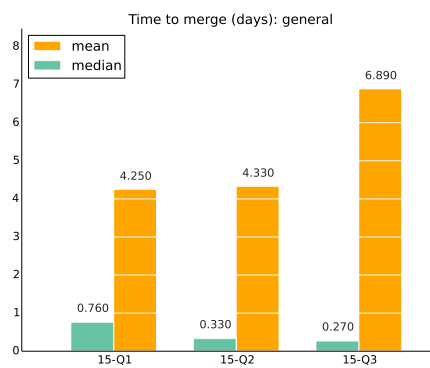
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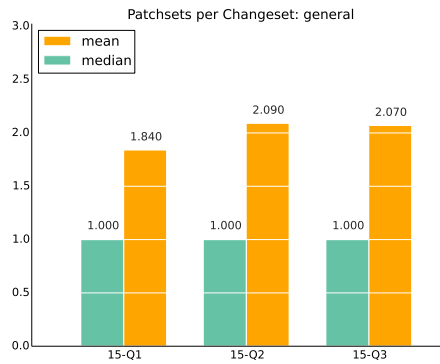
Period	Closed/Opened
15-Q1	0.25
15-Q2	0.35
15-Q3	0.32



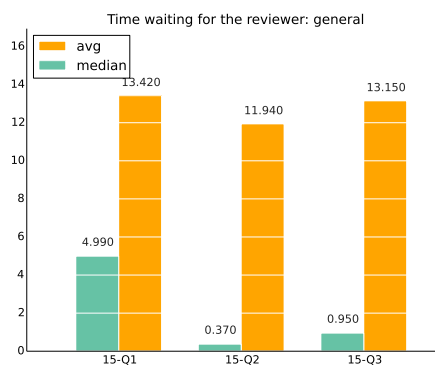
Period	(Aband. and Merg.)/Subm.
15-Q1	0.68
15-Q2	0.91
15-Q3	0.9



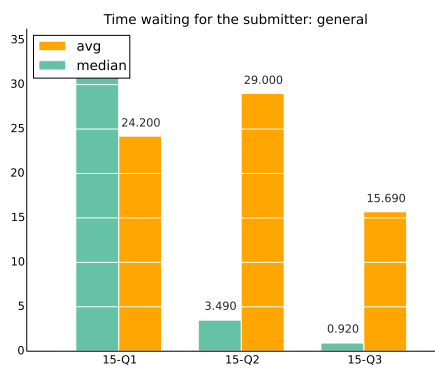
Period	Median	Mean
15-Q1	0.76	4.25
15-Q2	0.33	4.33
15-Q3	0.27	6.89



Period	Median	Mean
15-Q1	1.0	1.84
15-Q2	1.0	2.09
15-Q3	1.0	2.07



Period	Median	Mean
15-Q1	4.99	13.42
15-Q2	0.37	11.94
15-Q3	0.95	13.15



Period	Median	Mean
15-Q1	32.55	24.2
15-Q2	3.49	29.0
15-Q3	0.92	15.69

Appendix A

Metrics Definitions

- Commit: this is defined as the action(s) that performs a change in the source code. Bots, merges and other type of automatic activity is removed from the records. In addition, when aggregating several git repositories, this metric only counts unique revisions (unique hashes found in the git repositories). Finally, all branches are aggregated to the analysis and the time to author the time used for this analysis.
- Submitted changeset: a changeset is the process of peer reviewing source code changes. A commit is not merged to the master code of a given project till this is approved for at least one core reviewer of such project. A submitted changeset is defined as any changeset submitted to the Gerrit system.
- Merged and abandoned changsets: a merge is defined as the patchset that was finally submitted to the source code. An abandoned changeset is a potential merge that was finally dismissed by developers as being part of the source code. This status is found in the status of the final patchset. However, although a patchset can be merged or abandoned, this action can be reverted. If a patchset presents several of these changes in the same period of time, only one of them is counted (the very last one). On the other hand, if those changes take place in different periods of analysis, both status would be counted.
- Open and closed ticket: a ticket in Jira is counted as closed if the status of such ticket is defined as 'Closed'. The rest of the tickets are counted as opened tickets.
- Active Core Reviewer: a core reviewer has the possibility to use +2 or

-2 actions when reviewing the code. However, if there are developers that for some period do not use those actions, those can not be measured as core reviewer. Thus, this metric provides information about 'active' core reviewers. This can be also defined as those developers that actively have used the +2 or -2 review action. This metric is also filtered by branch of activity, only using 'master'. This helps to detect actual core reviewers in each of the projects.

- Authors: a developer is defined as author if she is the owner of the patchset sent for reviewing and this is merged into the source code. As previously indicated, automatic commits such bot's are removed from this analysis.
- Efficiency closing issues: this metric is a derivation of the Backlog Management Index (BMI) that measures the number of closed tickets out of the opened tickets in a period of time. Values under 1.0 indicates that the number of closing issues is lower than the number of opened issues arriving. On the contrary, higher charts would indicate better maintenance effort by the community.
- Efficiency closing changesets: this metric is a derivation of the Backlog Management Index as it is named as Review efficiency index (REI). As similarly used in the BMI index, this metrics measures the number of closed changesets (merged or abandoned) out of the total number of new changesets.
- Time to Merge: this time consists of the time between the first upload of the first patchset (as defined as a submitted changeset) till the last patchset of the changeset is merged into the code and this is indicated in the comments side of the Gerrit tool. This metric is provided in number of days.
- Patchsets per changeset: this metric calculates the total number of iterations in a changeset till this is abandoned or merged.
- Time waiting for the reviewer or the submitter: a changeset is waiting for a reviewer action if a new patchset upload or a new changset arrives to the system. On the other hand, a submitter action is required when a specific negative verification or reviewing action takes place (Verified -1/-2 or Code-Review -1/-2). In addition, when a Code-Review +2 action takes place, it is assumed that the changset is closing and no

more times are registered either for the reviewer or the submitter. For this analysis, those patchsets flagged as work in progress are ignored.

Metrics measured in the general overview:

- Community structure, core, regular and casual developers: developers are ordered in descendant order by the number of commits authored for a given period. Core developers are defined as the list of developers that reach 80% of the total commits. Regular is the set of developers that are between that 80% and 95% of the commits. Casual developers are found in the rest of the 5%. Bots are ignored in this list of developers.
- Developer per month: average of developers per month ignoring bots.
- Emails sent: number of emails sent by people to the several mailing lists. Bots are not registered.
- People sending emails: number of people sending those emails ignoring bots.
- People initiating threads: a thread is defined as a list of emails that has the same root. There may exist threads of one email.
- Top threads: this list provides the longest threads in terms of number of emails that have a common root email.
- Questions, answers and comments in Askbot.
- People asking questions in Askbot: number of people sending a new question.
- Top visited questions.
- Messages and people in IRC: this analysis ignores as a message those entries in the IRC channels that provide information about people entering or leaving the system.

Appendix B

Source code and data sources

The source code of the scripts and templates used to produce this report are available from the GrimoireReports repository¹.

The databases used for the analysis can be obtained from the “Data sources” panel² of the Grimoire Dashboard for the project³.

¹<https://github.com/VizGrimoire/GrimoireReports>

²http://projects.bitergia.com/opnfv/browser/data_sources.html

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