OPNFV Release Process 2.0





Considerations

- Reconcile CNTT requirements with OPNFV
- > Simplify and reduce the number of milestones
- Support OPNFV level requirements planning
- > Improve release planning at the project level
- > Improve accountability across all project types
- > Enable project self releases independent of OPNFV cadence
- > Increase community engagement in the release process



Assumptions

- > The OPNFV TSC supports a regular OPNFV release
- > The release cadence will remain at approximately two per year
- Supporting CNTT requirements will be the highest priority for OPNFV for the foreseeable future
- Supporting CNTT requirements will require a coordinated response from OPNFV, sometimes affecting multiple projects
- Requirements will also come from other sources besides CNTT

OPNFV Level Requirements Planning (MI)

- > Why is this important?
 - We need a way to agree upon and to prioritize broad requirements that help to advance our mission, or to take respond to a concern that affects most projects.
 - > Example: Python 3 migration
 - We need a way to address CNTT requirements affecting multiple projects.



OPNFV Level Requirements Planning (MI)

- > Overview
 - Requirements working group or subcommittee gathers and vets requirements from multiple sources and makes recommendation to the TSC
 - > OPNFV Release Requirements approved by TSC at M1/2/3
 - > Requirement is de-scoped if not approved by the TSC
 - > Projects agree to prioritize OPNFV level requirements
 - > Each requirement has an owner and is documented in JIRA
 - TSC approval at M1 requires support commitment for each requirement from relevant projects

> Support documented in project release plan



What does "vetting" mean

- > A requirements group is needed to vet proposed requirements. Why?
 - > We want to focus our time and energy in a given release cycle on requirements that:
 - > Are actionable, i.e., clearly defined with sufficient detail for implementation
 - Are within scope, and meet OPNFV objectives, as defined by the Charter, the Governing Board, and the TSC
 - > Are technologically feasible
 - Have support and sufficient resources in the affected projects as agreed to by the PTL
 - > Have priority relative to other eligible requirements
- > The requirements group will apply the above criteria to requirements proposed by stakeholders and make a final proposal to the TSC.

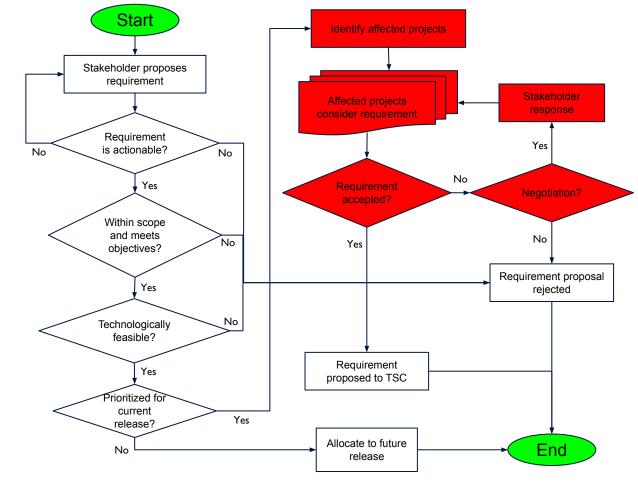
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More on verifying support among affected projects

- The requirements group helps stakeholders identify and contact the affected projects
- > The affected projects consider the proposed requirement and indicate whether they will support the requirement, or not
- If the project does not support the requirement, for example, due to a shortage of resources, then this may start a negotiation between the stakeholder and the project.

 Note that the requirements group *facilitates* communication with affected projects. It's up to the stakeholder to determine support.





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Stakeholder Responsibility

- Prepare and present a detailed, well defined requirement proposal to the requirements subcommittee
- > Respond to questions and direction from the requirements subcommittee
- Work with the requirements subcommittee to determine which OPNFV projects are affected by the requirement
- > Engage with the affected projects to determine whether they will support the requirements. If possible, negotiate issues such as resource constraints.
- Once the requirement is accepted by the TSC for the release, monitor and report status back to the TSC at each milestone, or upon request.
- > Work with the projects to overcome blocking issues to successfully complete the requirement for the release.



Requirements Example





OPNFV Level Requirements Planning (MI)

- > Requirements Working Group or Subcommittee
 - > Gathers requirements recommendations from community
 - > Allocates requirements to releases
 - > Ensures that requirements have support from affected projects
 - Ensures that requirements have an owner and are well documented in JIRA

 Recommends a set of prioritized requirements to the TSC for approval for the current release



Project Release Plans

- > Template based
- > Reviewed and approved as part of release process
- > Commitment to OPNFV-level requirements
 - > Document how requirement will be met
- > Other project objectives for the release
- > Specify deliverables
- > All work documented in JIRA and assigned to release



Independent Projects

- > Definition
 - > Not dependent on, or a dependency of, any other project in OPNFV
- Self-declared (if applicable)
- Requirements
 - > OPNFV repo
 - CI using OPNFV resources
 - Documentation (TBD) and release notes
 - > Self verification (project asserts readiness to release)





Self Release

- > All projects will maintain internal versioning
 - OPNFV release versioning will follow current practice of using the prefix "opnfv-" on version numbers to distinguish them.
- Projects will be required to contribute to OPNFV releases, approximately every 6 months, that meet OPNFV requirements established by the TSC and the release process.
- In addition, projects may release independently, using a Self-Release Process (TBD)



Documentation

- The current documentation is organized around the traditional OPNFV concept of "scenarios," which is no longer a prominent aspect of OPNFV.
- Need to reconcile CNTT documentation with OPNFV documentation organization and process.
- Ask the DOCS project lead an effort, along with other stakeholders, to develop and propose new documentation structure to the TSC.

 Continue current practice of having milestone requirements for preliminary and final documentation as part of release process.



Integration and Gating

 An integration project will track project test and integration status, and will report this information to the release manager and to the TSC.





Milestones

- Projects must complete tasks at each milestone to be approved to proceed in the release
- Requirements are evaluated at each milestone to determine whether they remain feasible
- Milestones:
 - > M0 Start of Release
 - MI Planning Complete
 - M2 API / Functional Freeze
 - M3 Code Freeze
 - > RC0 First Release Candidate
 - > RCn Final Release Candidate





ToDo - Prerequisites for initiating new process

- > Establish requirements working group
- > Establish integration management project
- > Determine new documentation layout/organization
- > Develop self-release process
- > Develop project release plan template

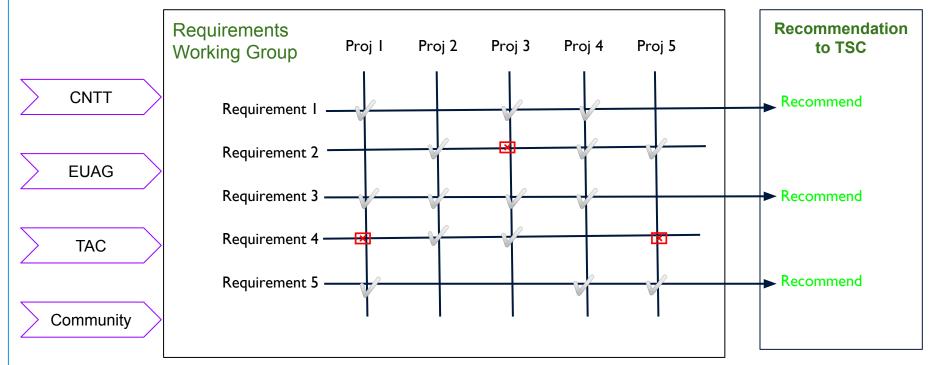






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OPNFV Level Requirements Planning (MI)



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Milestones: Planning (M0 \Rightarrow M1)

- > Requirements gathered, reviewed, and approved by TSC
- > Project release plans completed, reviewed, and approved
- All work planned for the release is documented in JIRA and assigned to the release (fix version field)
- > Risks documented





Milestones: API & Functional Freeze (MI \Rightarrow M2)

- > Resolve integration blocking issues
- > Resolve license scan issues
- Update risks documentation





Milestones: Code Freeze (M2 \Rightarrow M3)

- > Resolve high priority JIRA issues
- Complete preliminary documentation
- > Update risks documentation





Milestones: Release Candidate 0, 1, ..., x

- > Verify release plan, including all planned testing, has been completed
- > Resolve high priority JIRA issues
- > Prepare and verify release artifacts
- Complete final documentation
- Complete tagging

