How To Open Source Your In-House App

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How Open Source Projects Work

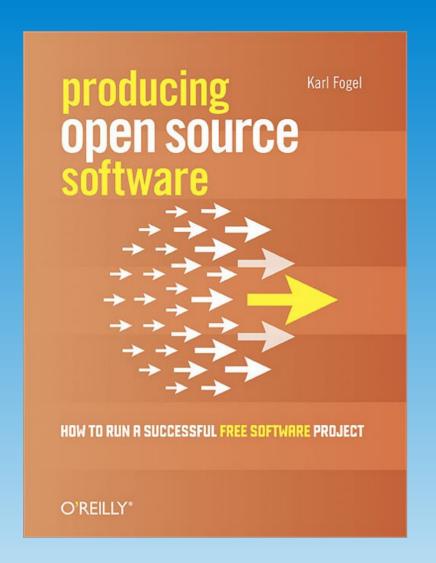
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"Producing Open Source Software"

producingoss.com







What does "open source" make you think?



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- But not about the definition.
- You open source your code, not your time.



What we've got.

NWS weather feed parser (Ron)

Group breakouts.

- demo
- procure
- install
- use
- ask a question
- report a bug :-)
- contribute a patch

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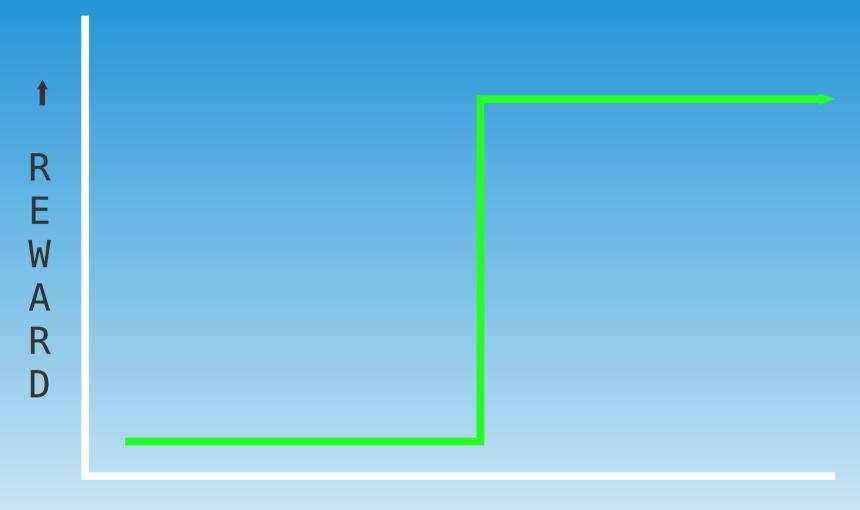
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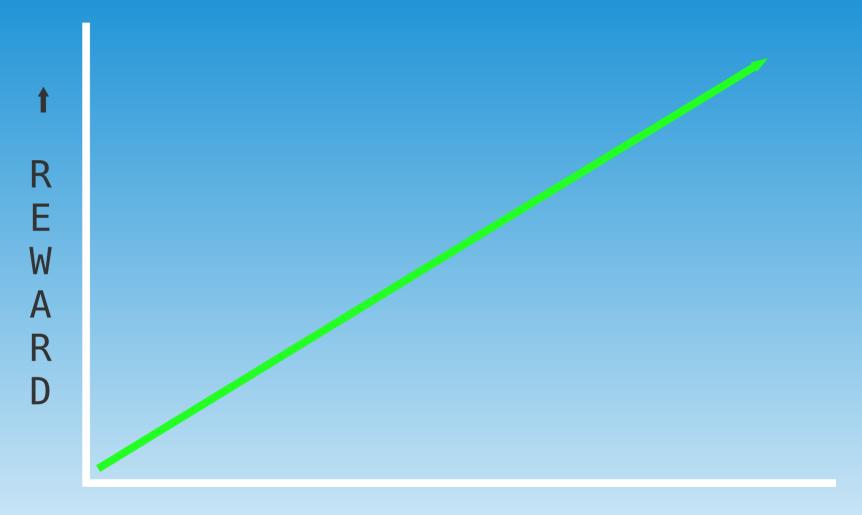
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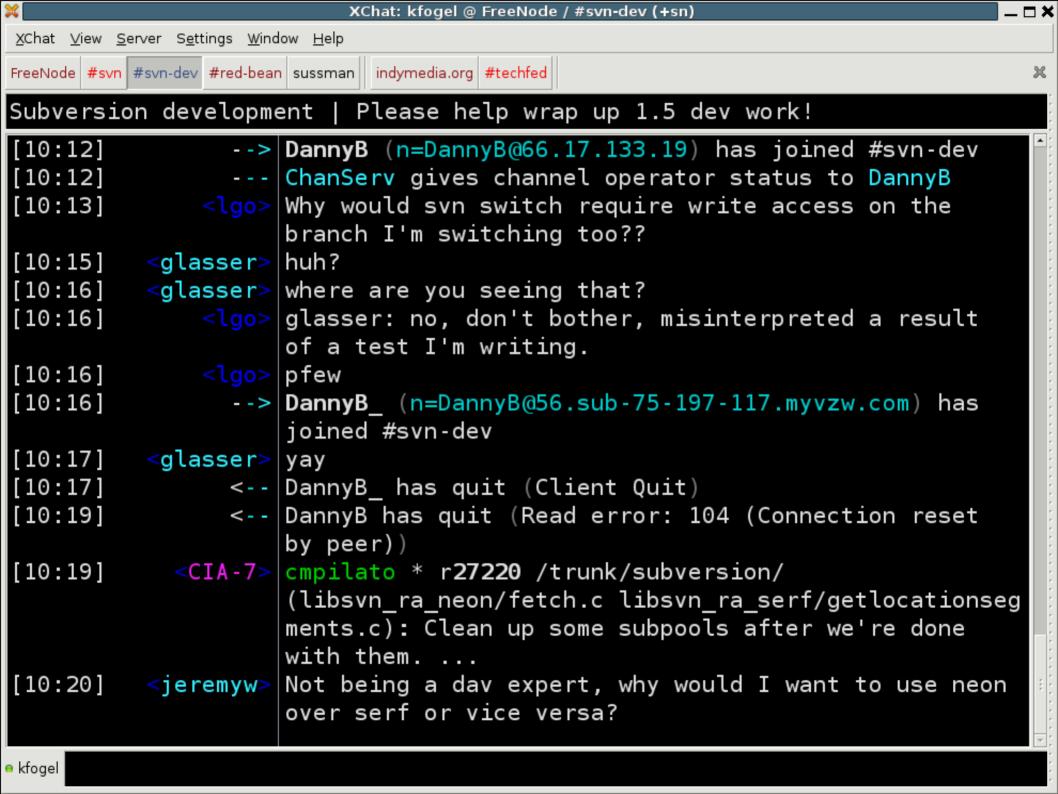


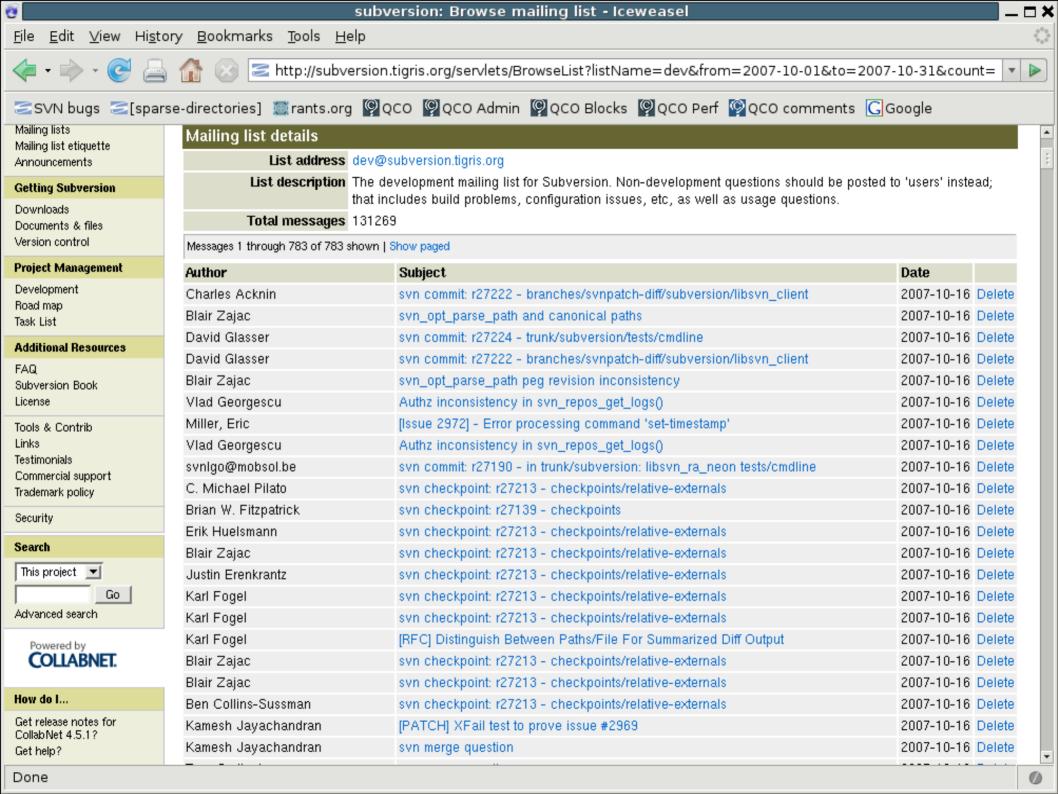
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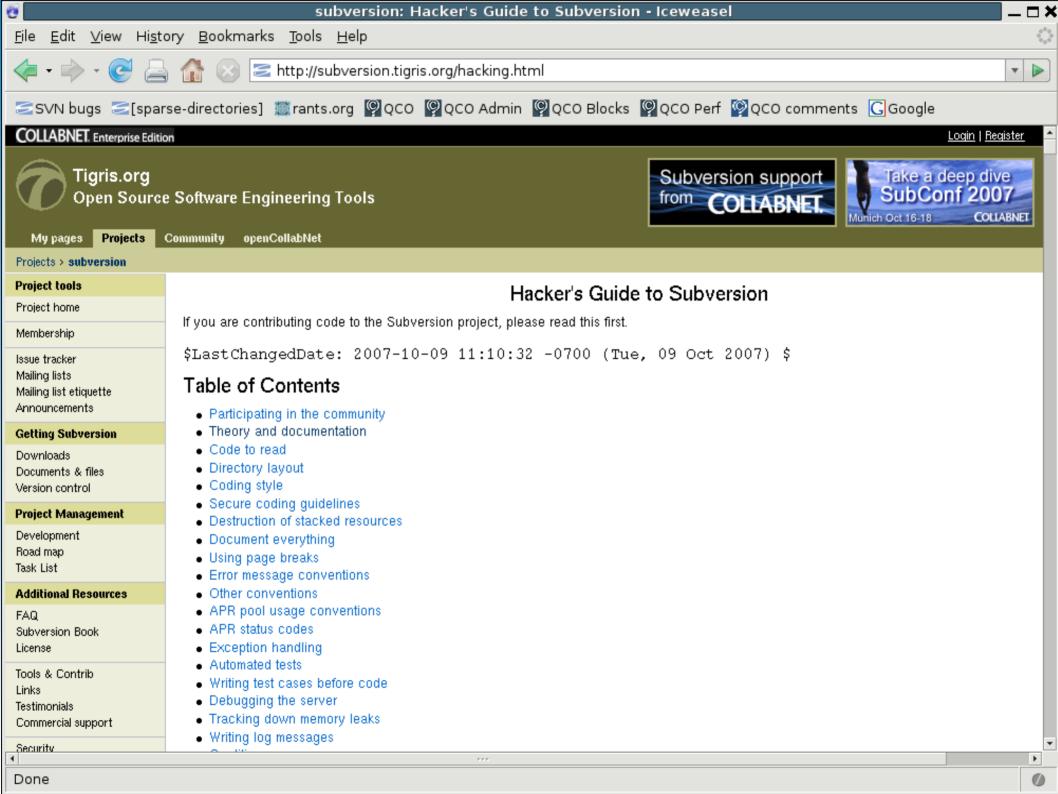


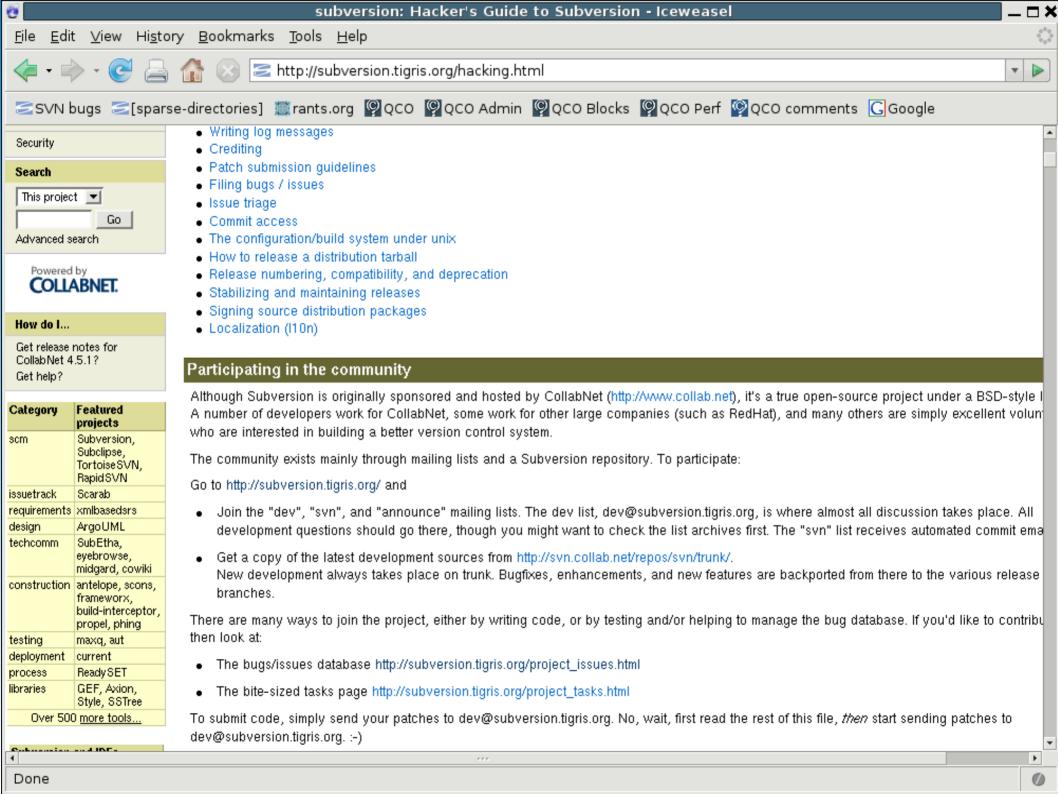


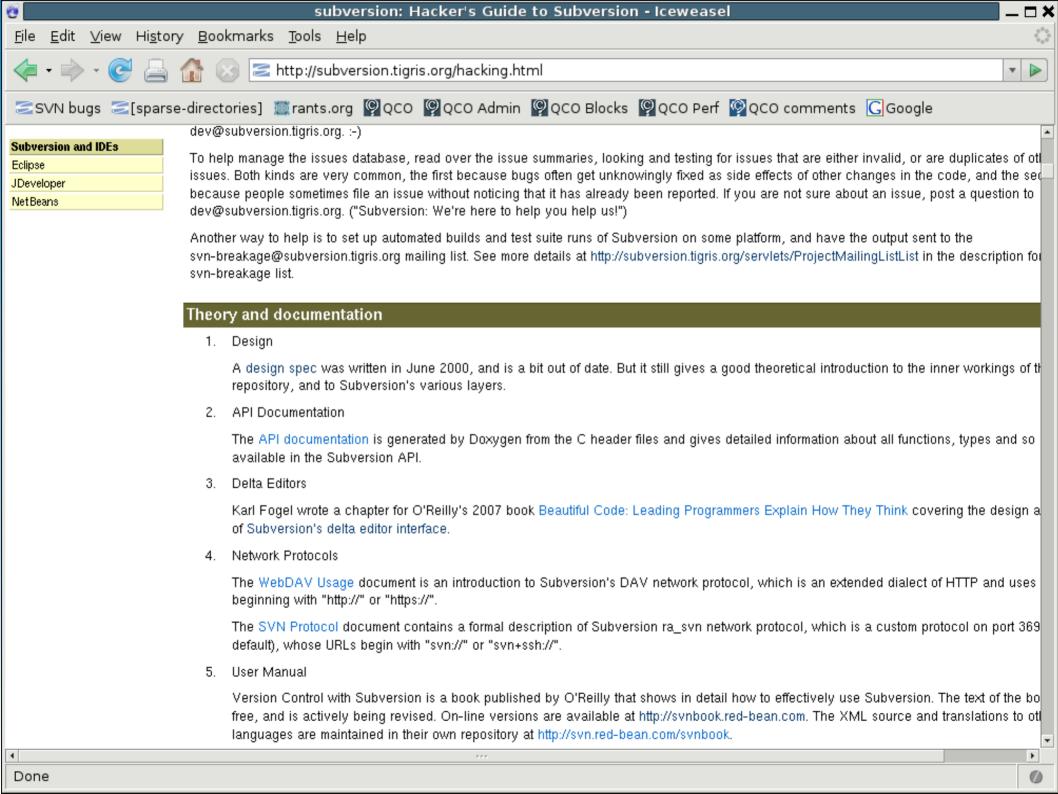


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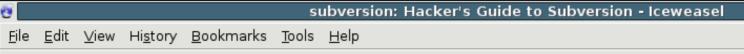




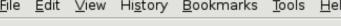




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announcement. Include this file in a mail, typically in reply to the announcement of the unofficial tarball.

If you've downloaded and tested a .tar.bz2 file, it is possible to sign a .tar.gz file with the same contents without having to download and test it separately. The trick is to extract the .bz2 file, and pack it using gzip like this:

```
bzip2 -cd subversion-1.3.0-rc4.tar.bz2 \
| gzip -9n > subversion-1.3.0-rc4.tar.gz
```

The resulting file should be identical to the file generated by the release manager, and thus can be signed as described above. To verify that the are identical, you may use either the MD5 checksums or the release manager's signature, both of which should be provided with the tarballs.

Localization (I10n)

Translation has been divided into two domains. First, there is the translation of server messages sent to connecting clients. This issue has been p for now. Second there is the translation of the client and its libraries.

The gettext package provides services for translating messages. It uses the xgettext tool to extract strings from the sources for translation. This woll extracting the arguments of the _() and N_() macros. The former is used in context where function calls are allowed (typically anything except staff initializers). The latter is used whenever _() isn't. Strings marked with N_() need to be passed to gettext translation routines whenever referenced i code. For an example, look at how the header and footer are handled in subversion/syn/help-cmd.c.

When using direct calls to gettext routines (*gettext or *dgettext), keep in mind that most of Subversion code is library code. Therefore the default (is not necessarily Subversion's own domain. In library code you should use the dgettext versions of the gettext functions. The domain name is def the PACKAGE NAME define.

All required setup for localization is controlled by the ENABLE NLS conditional in syn private config.h (for *nix) and syn private config.hw (for Windows). Be sure to put

```
#include "svn_private_config.h"
```

as the last include in any file which requires localization.

Also note that return values of _() and *gettext() calls are UTF-8 encoded; this means that they should be translated to the current locale being w as any form of program output.

The GNU gettext manual (http://www.gnu.org/software/gettext/manual/html_node/gettext_toc.html) provides additional information on writing translat programs in its section "Preparing Program Sources". Its hints mainly apply to string composition.

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r27593 | hwright | 2007-11-05 07:10:13 -0800 (Mon, 05 Nov 2007) | 11 lines

In the command line client, don't reference a pointer to a local variable outside of its declared scope.

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Patch by: Stefan Sperling <stsp@elego.de>

* subversion/svn/copy-cmd.c

(svn_cl__copy): Allocate the peg revision for each copy source on the heap, instead of just using a pointer to the loop variable (which changes each time through the loop).



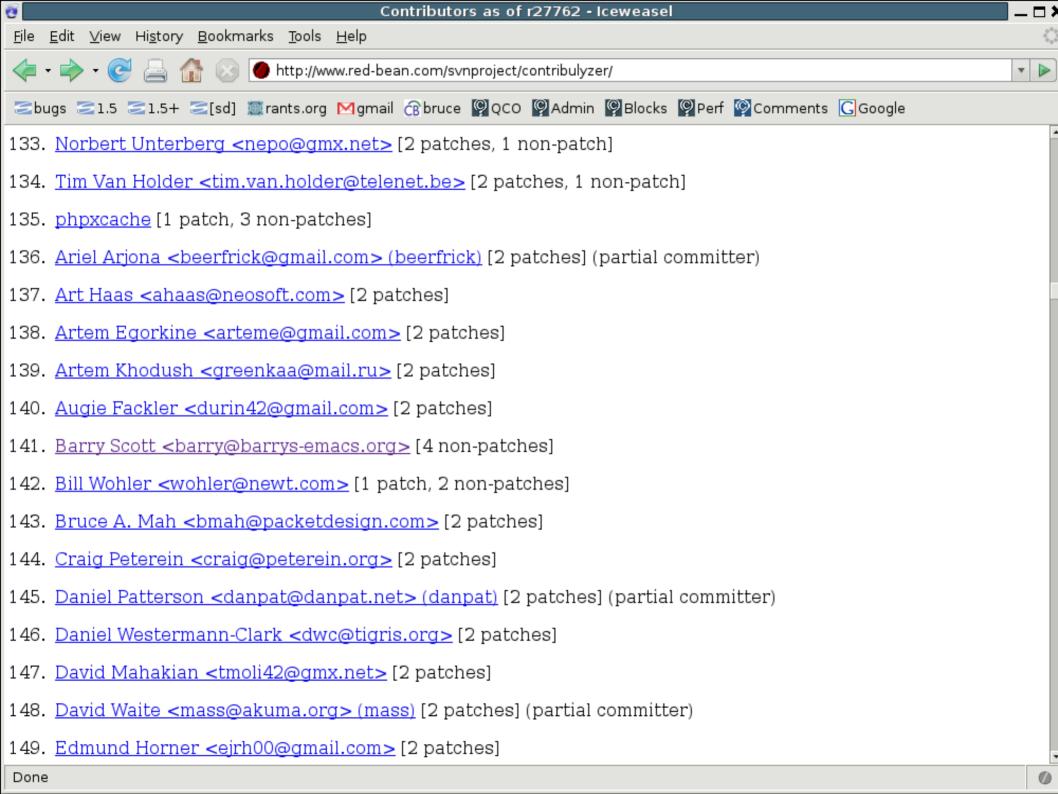


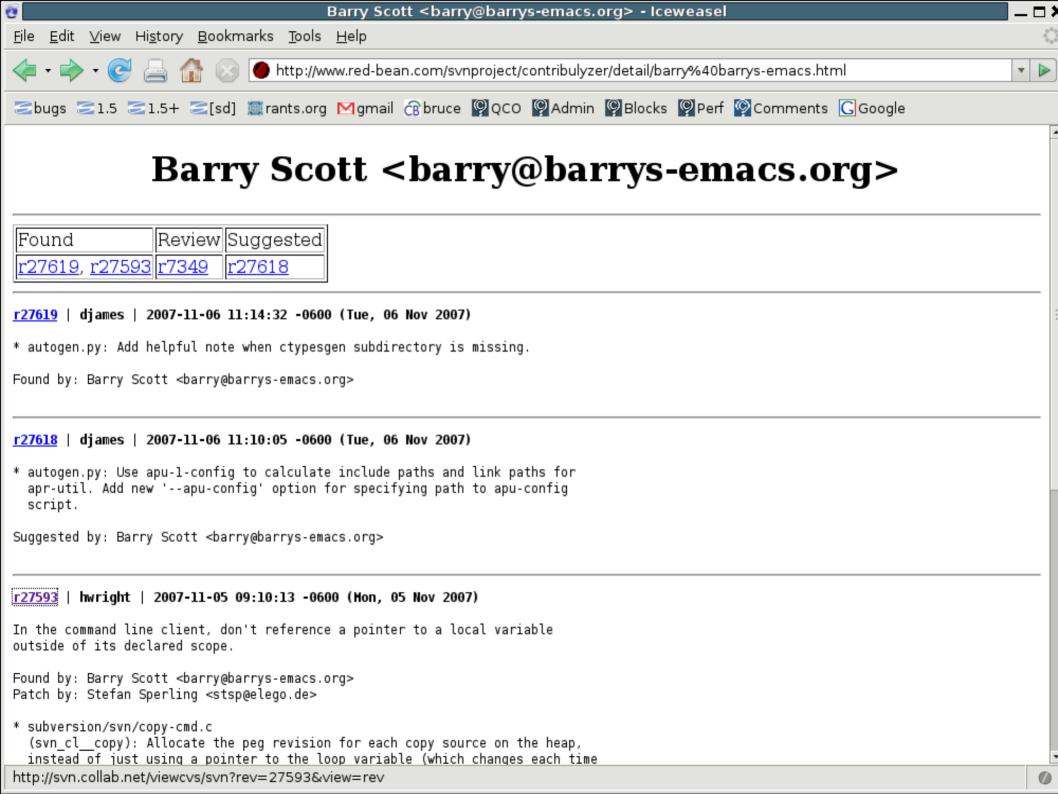
Contributors as of r27762

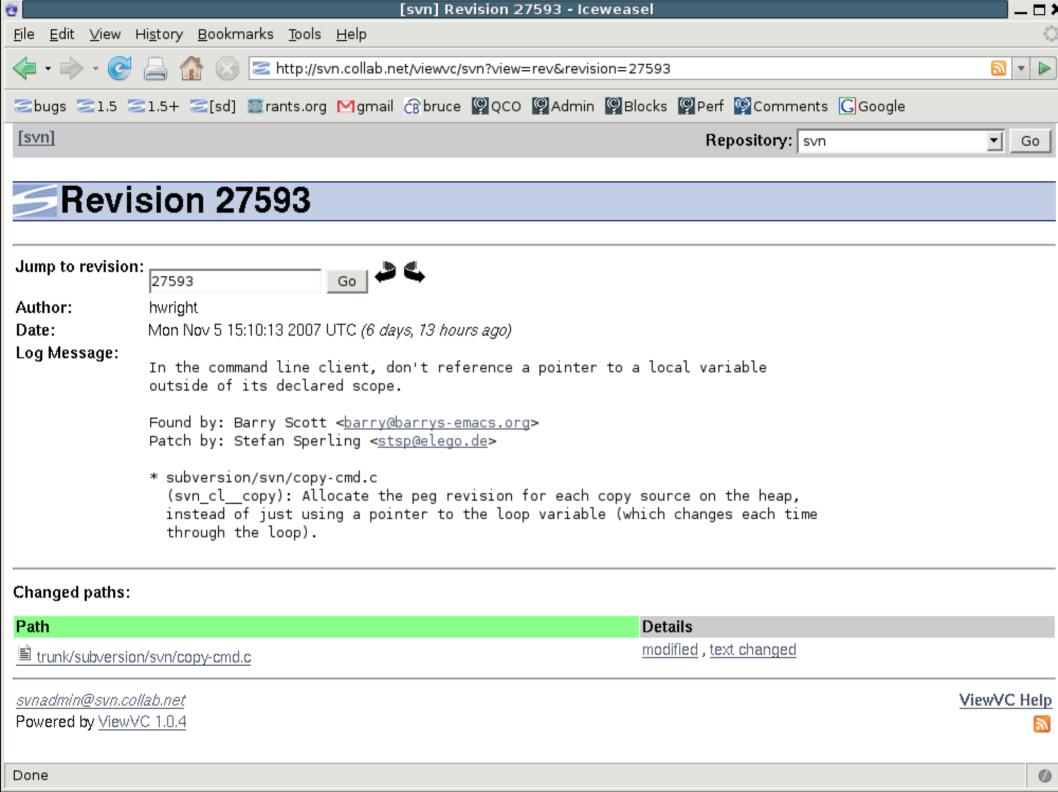
The following list of contributors and their contributions is meant to help us keep track of whom to consider for commit access. The list was generated from "svn log" output by contribulyze.py, which looks for log messages that use the special contribution format.

Please do not use this list as a generic guide to who has contributed what to Subversion! It omits existing full committers, for example, because they are irrelevant to our search for new committers. Also, it merely counts changes, it does not evaluate them. To truly understand what someone has contributed, you have to read their changes in detail. This page can only assist human judgement, not substitute for it.

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Optimize Toward Action

- Commit access for anyone
- Shared mailing list
- Visible results quickly

"Audit trail" means "No regrets".



Recovery is better than protection.

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- See the rest of CivicCommons.org too!
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