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Going public

Tips for publishing your own code

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Sensitive data in git

- Problem: (Accidental) commits of secrets
- e.g. passwords, application secret keys, OAuth secret keys, SSH keys
- The file is still accessible in history, even if the original file was deleted
- Security risk, even in private repositories
- Further information in Github, *Removing sensitive data from a repository*, 2023

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Removing sensitive data

- git filter-repo
- BFG Repo-Cleaner

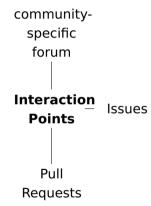
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Encrypt sensitive data

- Why shouldn't I store the secrets separate from the repository?
- Methods for encrypting and storing sensitive data:
 - git-secret CLI
 - github encrypted secrets
 - ► technology specific encryption tool (e.g. ansible-vault)

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Points of interaction with the community



Code of Conduct

- Content: set of rules, with norms, responsibilities and proper parties
- defines the actions of a single person in a organisation
- Goal: healthy, constructive community behaviour
- CODE_OF_CONDUCT file (in the git repository)
- e.g. Contributor Covenant ¹, Django Code of Conduct ²

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https://www.contributor-covenant.org/
https://www.diangoproject.com/conduct/

Continuous Integration overview

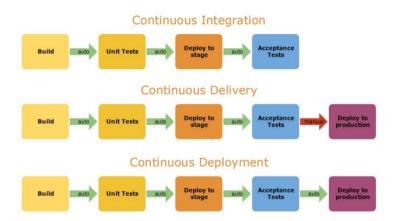


Figure: Comparison CI/CD Wang, X.Org Developer's Conference (XDC) 2018, 2018

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Github Actions

- CI/CD platform, used for testing Pull Requests
- Reactions on other events such as an issue beeing created
- workflows can run on VMs or a self-hosted instance
- workflows consist of jobs, which is a shell script or an action
- actions are custom github actions applications (e.g. pulling a repository, setting up the toolchain)
- runners are the servers on which the process is performed

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Ideas for promoting your code

- Cross-promoting projects through their documentation
- Writing a blog with shareable posts for each major release
- Monitor new mentions of your project e.g. through bots ³, help with additional information on these mentions

3https://f5bot.com/

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