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BACKGROUND

- I started learning Perl in Mumbai, India in the year 1998.
- Moved to England in the year 2000 as a consultant.
- Released first CPAN distribution Test::Excel in Aug'2010.
- I wanted to give back to the Perl community
ONE WAY TO GIVE BACK

• CONTRIBUTE TO OTHER AUTHOR'S CPAN DISTRIBUTIONS VIA PULL REQUEST
• HELPING OTHER PEOPLE WITH THEIR DISTRIBUTIONS DOESN'T JUST HELP THEM
• IT HELPS OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE USING THEIR DISTRIBUTIONS
• IT MIGHT ENCOURAGE THEM TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AS WELL
• I LEARN MORE PERL AND THE DIFFERENT WAYS PEOPLE CODE THEIR MODULES
MOTIVATION TO DO PULL REQUESTS

• IT STARTED WITH 24PULLREQUESTS CHALLENGE.
• THEN CAME ALONG HACTOBERFEST CHALLENGE.
• FINALLY NEIL BOWERS PULL REQUEST CHALLENGE STARTED IN JANUARY 2015.
I WANT TO DO MORE

• 24 PULLREQUESTS IS JUST IN DECEMBER
• HACKTOBERFEST IS JUST 4 PRS, IN OCTOBER
• THE PULL REQUEST CHALLENGE IS JUST ONE DISTRIBUTION PER MONTH
THE MANWAR PR CHALLENGE

- A PULL REQUEST EVERY DAY
- ON AS MANY DIFFERENT DISTRIBUTIONS AS POSSIBLE
- ONE UPLOAD OF OWN CPAN DISTRIBUTION EVERY DAY
GITHUB PR ACCEPTANCE RATE PER LANGUAGE

PERL: 28%, PHP: 54%, RUBY: 62%
ACHIEVED SO FAR

SUCCESS RATE: 63%
WHAT KIND OF THINGS YOU DO IN THE PRS?

- Typo in the pod
- Syntax error in the pod
- Broken link in the pod
- Make sure see also is a link
- Add section license if missing
- Add section repository if it is GitHub
- Add license meta if missing
- Add repository meta to Makefile.pl
- Add 'use strict' if missing
- Add 'use warnings' if missing
- Document any missing feature
- Create unit test
- Improve performance
WHAT SORT OF COMMENTS HAVE YOU HAD FROM AUTHORS?

MOSTLY ENCOURAGING BUT SOMETIMES NOT SO ENCOURAGING.
HOW DO YOU PICK WHAT MODULES TO DO A PR ON?

- KEEP AN EYE ON "RECENT UPLOADS" PAGE ON METACPAN.
- LOOK FOR "KWALITEE ISSUES" OF THE DISTRIBUTION.
WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?

• I got to know about various packaging tools e.g. DZIL etc.
• I learned a lot about Git in the process.
• I used GitHub mostly for creating PR.
TIPS FOR GETTING PRS MERGED

• DON’T DO TOO MUCH IN EACH PR
• SEPARATE COMMITS FOR EACH DISTINCT CHANGE
• BE POLITE
• FOLLOW THE AUTHOR’S CODING STYLE
• ASK FOR THE AUTHOR’S FEEDBACK AND OFFER TO CHANGE THE PR
• EXPLAIN WHY YOU THINK THE CHANGE IS A GOOD IDEA
• INCLUDE A LINK TO ANY DOC OR BLOG POST THAT SUPPORTS YOUR CHANGE
AM I GOING TO CONTINUE DOING THIS?

PROBABLY CARRY ON AS LONG AS IT IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE.
WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT?

MY AIM TO JOIN CORE TEAMS OF BIG PERL PROJECT LIKE "DANCER2", "METACPAN" ETC.
ANY QUESTIONS?
THANK YOU.