

New Committers

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Committer Group Overview

The VIVO Committers Group – named because they are authorized to "commit" change to the code repository – have ultimate responsibility for the shape of the VIVO software, as well as its architecture and design going forward. They can apply code changes contributed by the larger VIVO development community to the open source platform.

A list of the current members of the committers group can be seen at [VIVO Committers](#)

How to Nominate a new Committer

New committers may be nominated by anyone in the VIVO Community at anytime. You can even nominate yourself.

For more hints/tips on nominating someone (or yourself) for Committership, please see [Committer Nominations](#)

Voting Rules

- Duration: 1 week or once an overall majority is achieved, whichever comes first
- Votes: 1 vote per current committer
- Vote options: +1 = YES, -1 = NO, 0 = DON'T MIND
- Vote counting: For a vote to pass, there must be at least 3 '+1' votes, and more '+1' votes than '-1' votes.

Email Invite

The standard invitation email reads:

Dear XXXX,

On behalf of all the VIVO committers, I would like to extend to you an invitation to join the group. Your work on VIVO evinces an abiding interest in the platform, and we all feel you would be a valuable addition to our team.

Being a committer means participating in the evolution of the platform, typically by making changes to the source code, or managing the integration of contributions made by the community at large. But it also means having a voice and a vote on technical, administrative and release management issues, providing your expertise and guidance on the lists, organizing testing, etc.

We are mindful of the fact that no one is being paid to do this, and no specific time commitment is required or expected; in fact we *do* expect that one's involvement will fluctuate over time with job duties. Nor is there any specified term of office - one's job responsibilities may change over time, and so one's ability to devote time to VIVO.

We ask that you seriously consider this offer, and hope that you will accept it!

Sincerely,
The VIVO Committers Group.

Stuff to do to get a new committer set up

- Add to the 'vivo-commit@googlegroups.com' email list: <https://groups.google.com/forum/##forum/vivo-commit>
- Add to 'jira-developers' and 'vivo-committer' groups so they can administer JIRA issues & Confluence Wiki pages: *(Needs to be done by Andrew or send request to "sysadmin at duraspace dot org")*
 - <https://jira.duraspace.org/secure/admin/user/BulkEditUserGroups!default.jspx?selectedGroupsStr=vivo-committer&selectedGroupsStr=jira-developers>
- Add their GitHub username to the VIVO Committers team in our [VIVO GitHub Organization](#)

- Move them up to list of committers on [VIVO Committers](#) *(Can be done by any Committer)*
- Announce (see [template](#)) to vivo-community, and vivo-tech email lists. If several committers are joining the group at once, consider sending one email for all, rather than separate emails. *(Can be done by any Committer)*
- Add them to the #committers [vivo-project.slack.com](#) workspace
- Add them to the "VIVO Committers Gathering" calendar event