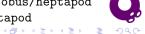
### Heptapod

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- This presentation:
  - slides: https://slides.racinet.fr/2019/hg-paris
  - source: https://dev.heptapod.net/slides/2019-hg-paris
- Heptapod:
  - Docker: https://hub.docker.com/r/octobus/heptapod
  - source: https://dev.heptapod.net/heptapod



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- Featuring modern Mercurial workflows: evolve, topic
  One should never had to force-push





## Heptapod history

- First commit: november 2017
- First prototype: december 2017
- February 2018: demo to GitLab developers at FOSDEM
- Blog post: september 2018
- Fully self hosted: april 2019
- Official Docker images: april 2019





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- global
- suited for support branches, stable/default etc





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Topic examples

- branch/default/my-cool-feature
- branch/stable/fix435
- branch/1.0.x/fix435





### Topics and Merge Requests

- Creation, diff, review, discussions: just normal GitLab
- Merge: rebase + publish





# Heptapod in action

time for a live demo. . .







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## Current developments

On the current code base

- stabilisation/publication of Gitlab CI currently running at Logilab
- Work on importing large projects
- Finer permission control (publication)
- Basic documentation (install instructions)





#### Caveats

Not a prototype, yet still...

- no SSH support
- forking is disabled
- no Git support (!)
- base GitLab version now quite old

Some of these will be solved on the current code base according to needs, but in the long run we better jump to...





#### The Next Phase

Starting now!

#### Hg + Gitaly

- Gitaly: abstraction layer for internal Git access
- Development of a Mercurial version
- No more hg-git
- much faster
- catching up onto current GitLab





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## Current sponsors

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# Thank you

Any questions?



