

Koha and the amazing world-wide community behind it!

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What I'll cover

- Koha the software
- KohaCon 2018
- The Koha Community

Koha - a quick summary

Koha is nearly 20 years old!

- Koha is a **comprehensive, flexible** and **cost-effective** integrated library management system
- It is used by **libraries of all types and sizes** around the world to help their communities manage, find and use their library resources
- It has a **comprehensive set of features** that includes everything you would expect from a modern library system
- Developed and maintained by **developers, librarians and community members** from around the world
- Initially developed in New Zealand by Katipo Communications Ltd and first deployed in January 2000 for the **Horowhenua Library Trust**

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☐ 2. **Damned to fame : the life of Samuel Beckett / James Knowlson.**

by Knowlson, James.

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Publisher: New York : Simon & Schuster, c1996

Availability: **Items available for loan:** Fairview (2).

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News

Welcome to Koha

Welcome to Koha. Koha is a full-featured open-source ILS. Developed initially in New Zealand by Katipo Communications Ltd and first deployed in January of 2000 for Horowhenua Library Trust, Koha is currently maintained by a team of software providers and library technology staff from around the globe.

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What's Next?

Now that you've installed Koha, what's next? Here are some suggestions:

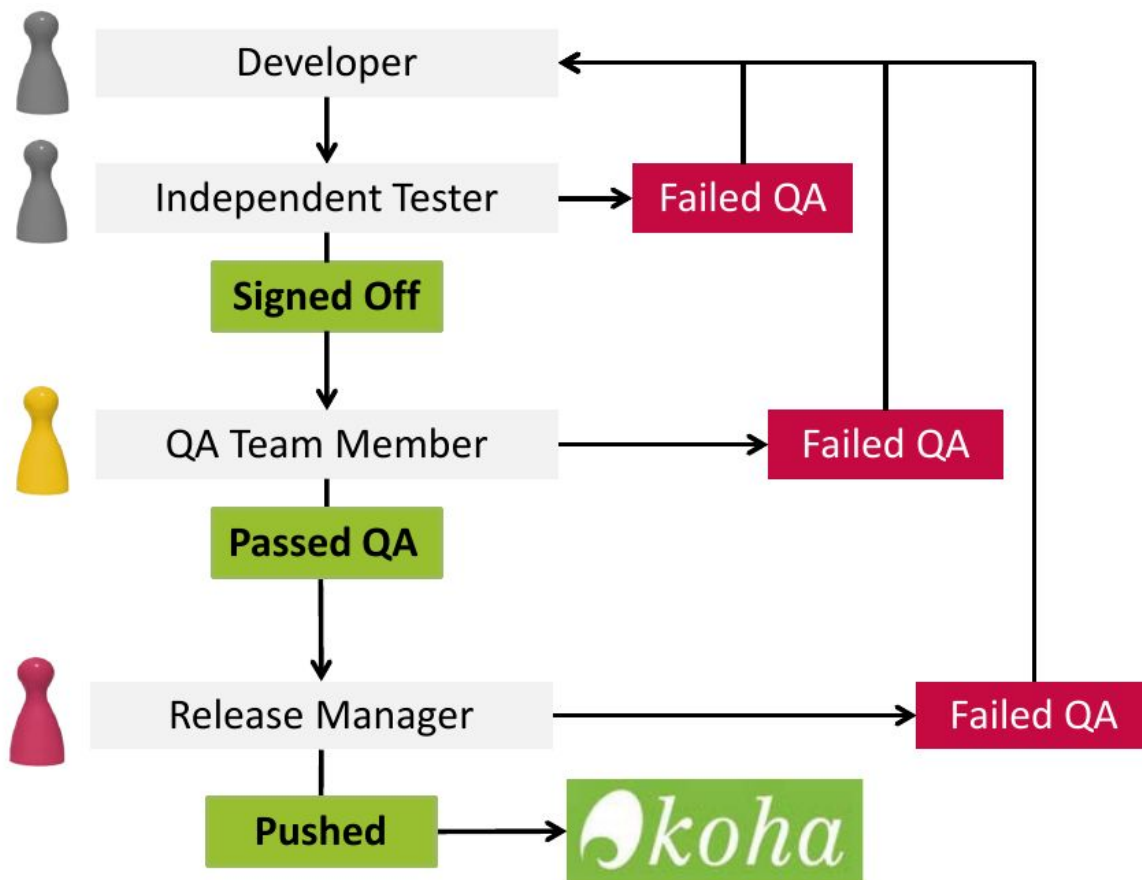
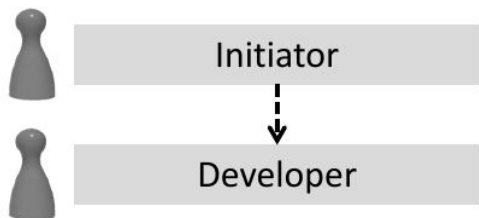
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Workflow

- Bugzilla
- Git
- IRC
- Mailing lists



The Release Team

- Selected for each release by the community
- Lots of roles:
 - Release manager
 - Release maintainers
 - Translation
 - Documentation
 - Quality assurance
 - Topic experts
 - Module maintainers
 - Infrastructure
 - Bug wranglers
 - Wiki curators
 - Website maintainers
 - Newsletter editor
 - Social media.....

Roles for 18.11

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■ Release Manager

- Nick Clemens -- Proposal for RM 18.11 kidclamp

■ RM Assistant

- Brendan, Jonathan, Kyle, Tomas (ordered alphabetically, they're all my favorite)

■ Release Maintainers

- (18.05) Martin Renvoize
- (17.11) Fridolin Somers (continuing to maintain oldstable)
- (17.05) Fridolin Somers (continuing also)
- (16.11) ... (only if someone is willing to)

■ Translation Manager

- Bernardo Gonzalez Kriegel (continuing)

■ Documentation Team

- Lee Jamison (continuing)
- David Nind
- Caroline Cyr La Rose

■ Quality Assurance Manager

- Katrin Fischer (continuing)

■ Quality Assurance (QA) Team

- Julian Maurice (continuing)
- Marcel de Rooy (continuing)
- Josef Moravec (continuing)

- Alex Arnaud (continuing)
- Martin Renvoize (returning)

- Tomas Cohen Arazi (continuing)
- Kyle Hall (continuing)
- Jonathan Druart
- Chris Cormack

- **QA Topic Experts** - A second sign-off from a QA expert will count towards QA with additional code review from core team where needed

- Matthias Meusburger - CAS, Shibboleth
- Brendan Gallagher - LDAP, SIP2
- David Cook - Linked Data/RDF, Zebra
- Joy Nelson - Linked Data/RDF

■ Module maintainers

- REST API: Tomas Cohen Arazi -- Proposal for REST API maintainer tcohen
- Elasticsearch: Nick Clemens

■ Packaging Manager

- Mirko Tietgen (continuing)
- Mason James (happy to help)

■ Continuous integration infrastructure maintainer (a.k.a. Jenkins)

- Tomas Cohen Arazi (continuing)

■ Bug Wranglers (the more the merrier!) [What does a Bug Wrangler do](#)

- Claire Gravely (continuing)
- Jon Knight (continuing)
- Indranil Das Gupta (returning)
- Amit Gupta

■ Wiki Curators

Release cycle

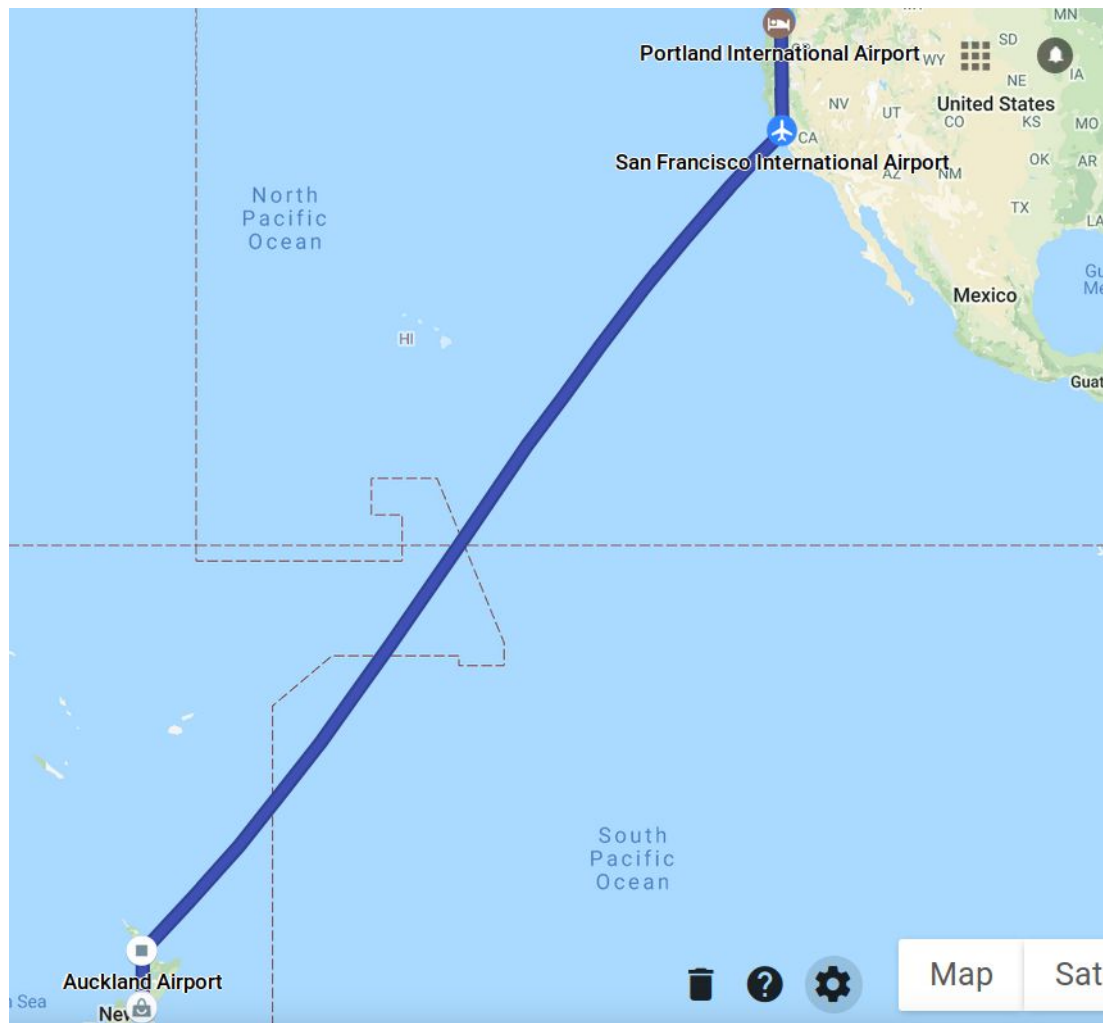


- Time based release cycle
- Makes updates planable
- No complete road map, just common goals
- What's ready, will be included

Koha Conference 2018

<https://kohacon2018.bywatersolutions.com/>

- The Koha Community's **annual world-wide conference**, held on a different continent each year
- This year it was held in **Portland, Oregon, USA**
- Hosted by **ByWater Solutions** and **koha-US**
- Held over **seven days** from 10-16 September:
 - Days 1-3: Presentations
 - Day 4: Cultural day
 - Days 5-7: HackFest

















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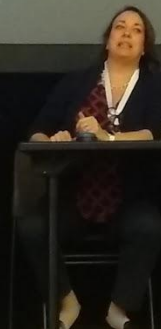
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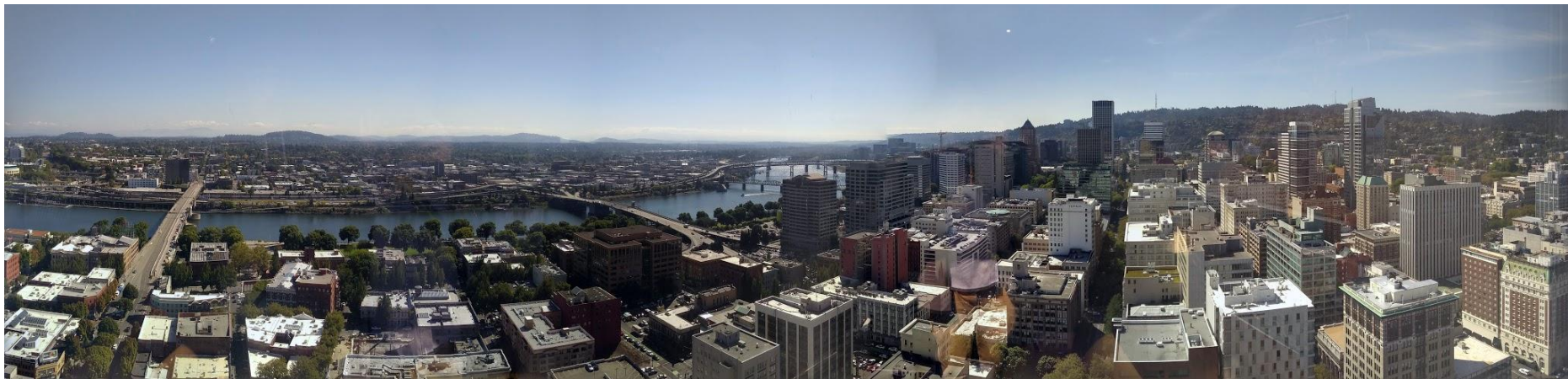
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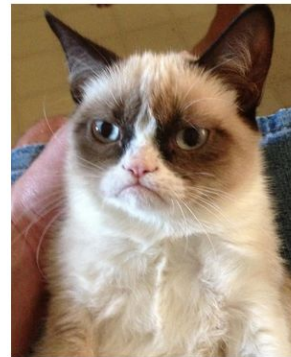
Kohacon Hackfest 2018 Scoreboard

Name	Patches	Signoffs	Passed QA	Patches Rescued	Failed QA	Kittens Saved
1 : Jonathan Duart	7	1	5	4	2	🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱 🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱 🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱
2 : Ere Majjala	8	1	0	2	1	🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱 🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱
3 : Chris Cormack	2	1	2	4	0	🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱 🐱🐱🐱🐱
4 : Christopher Brannon	2	1	0	4	1	🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱 🐱🐱🐱
5 : Owen Leonard	2	0	0	4	0	🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱 🐱
6 : Severine Queune	0	8	0	0	1	🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱 🐱
7 : Alex Buckley	0	0	0	4	0	🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱
8 : Tomas Cohen Arazi	2	1	2	1	0	🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱
9 : Caroline Cyr La Rose	1	4	0	0	1	🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱
10 : Lisette Scheer	0	4	0	0	2	🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱
11 : Claire Gravely	0	3	0	1	0	🐱🐱🐱🐱

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The Koha Community

- It's a world-wide community!
- Community members from every continent except Antarctica
- Supported by individuals, Koha support companies, librarians and libraries from around the world
- Free and open source software philosophy and librarians fit together like a glove!

Koha is a "loosely governed anarchy with great quality assurance!"

#kohacon18 attendee

“Remember the code is only important
because of the community it serves”

Chris Cormack, KohaCon18

Great summary of the community:

<https://blog.bigballofwax.co.nz/2018/09/21/kohacon18-portland-oregon/>



More information about Koha

- Koha Community website: <https://koha-community.org/>
- IRC: irc.oftc.net:6667 #koha
- Twitter [@kohails](https://twitter.com/kohails)
- Mailing lists: <https://koha-community.org/support/koha-mailing-lists/>
- Try a demo: <https://demo.mykoha.co.nz/>

Credits

- Workflow diagrams: Katrin Fischer, *How to keep the bugs out* (KohaCon 2018)
- Conference photos: from the conference website (ByWater Solutions and koha-US)

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