



Supporting Drupal

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- Centrally hosted, multi-site application
- BioRAFT.com





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- Multiple technical & nontechnical positions





Introduction

- The Life of a Support Issue
- Tools & Relevant Processes

What works for us may not be the best system for your organization.

Small iterative process changes





Support Timeline

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- 7. Report Resolution



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1. Receive Issue

Customer Service Software

- Zendesk
- UserVoice
- Salesforce Desk





Support Software Features

Zendesk

- Sleek, easy to use interface
- Extensive reporting capabilities

UserVoice

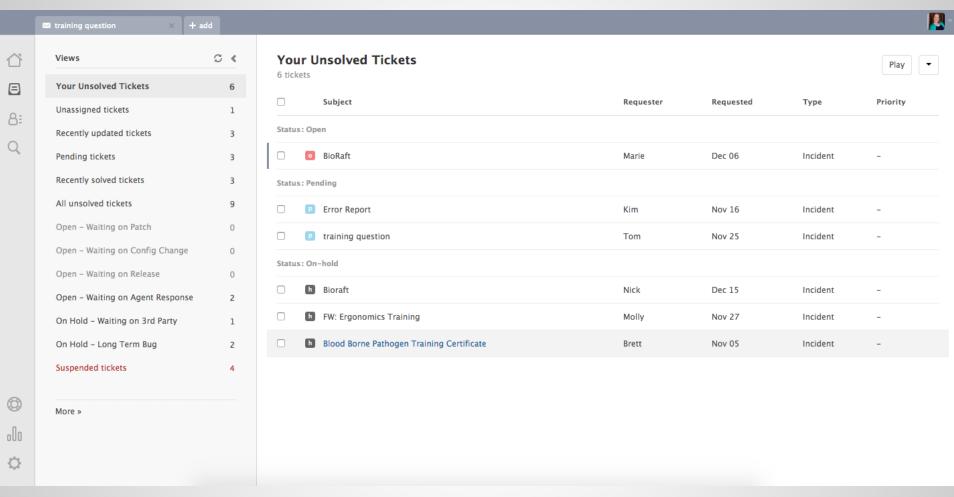
Good value for small teams

Salesforce Desk

Customer management integration with Salesforce















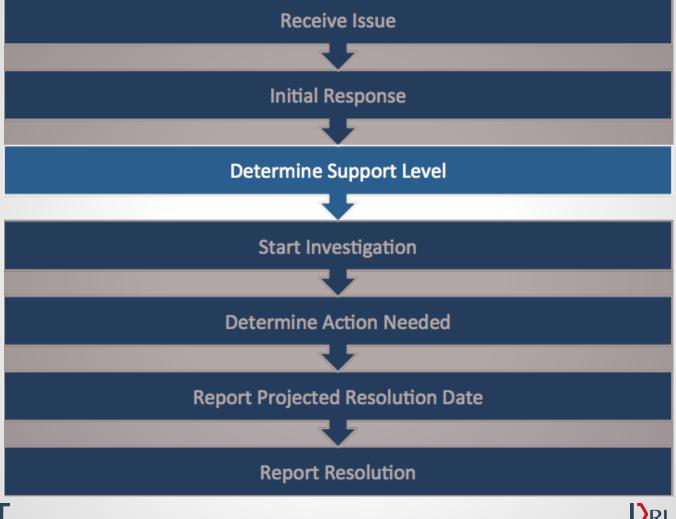


2. Initial Response

- Automated Reply
- Personal Acknowledgement









3. Determine Support Level

- Critical feature does not work; requires immediate action
- Non-critical feature does not work; next update/release
- Minor issues, cosmetic, typographic, add client specific content
- Troubleshooting, user queries, guidance, feedback
- Sales/Other









4. Start Investigation

Do we need to ask for more information?

- What was the action attempted?
- What was the URL?
- What was the expected outcome?
- What happened instead?
- Screenshots?
- OS & Browser?





4. Start Investigation

Try to reproduce the issue.

-Create a user for each role on your site

-Admin vs. Non-Admin (Admin is not always a representative model)





4. Start Investigation

QA Instance

- Server is exact replica of production
- Rebuilt nightly
- Back-up & Migrate Module
- Hosting Provider









Talk to development team about possible resolutions.

Real time internal communication is imperative!

- Skype room
- IRC room
- Campfire
- Slack





- Answer question/guide user through steps
- Use GUI interface to make change
- Code solution



Answer question/guide user through steps.

- Respond to client.
- Be polite, patient & prompt.





Development Tracking Software

- Trello
- Jira
- Unfuddle

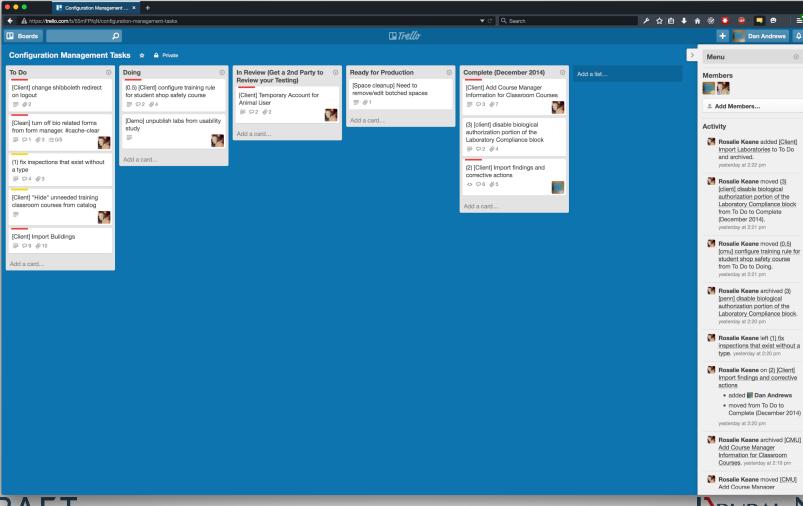


Use GUI interface to make change.

- "Configuration Management" board
- Practice making change
- Take screenshots
- Get Review
- Complete on production

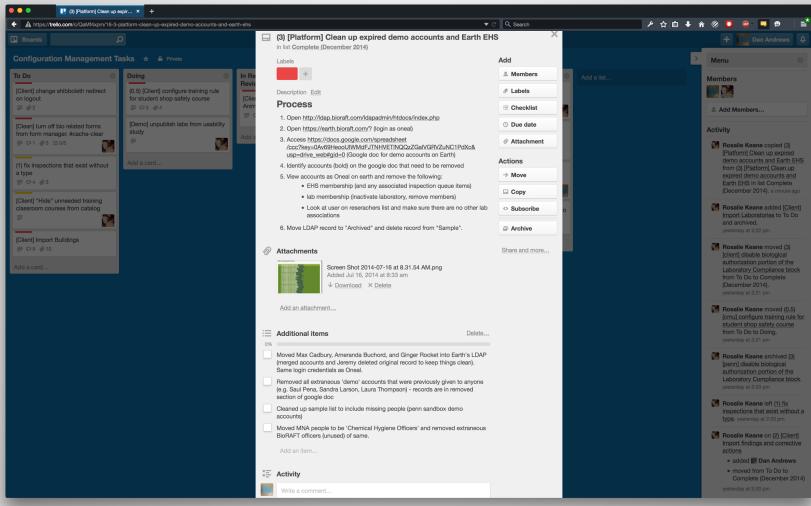








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Code solution - Patch

Kanban Board

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanban_board





Code solution

- "To Be Evaluated" reviewed every morning
- Patch
- Current Release
- Next Release
- Following Release
- Backlog





Code solution - Patch

- Push code every Wednesday
- Rotating firefighter
- "Emergency" could be of 2 varieties
 - Bug in code
 - Urgent need at customer site (e.g. an unplanned regulatory visit)



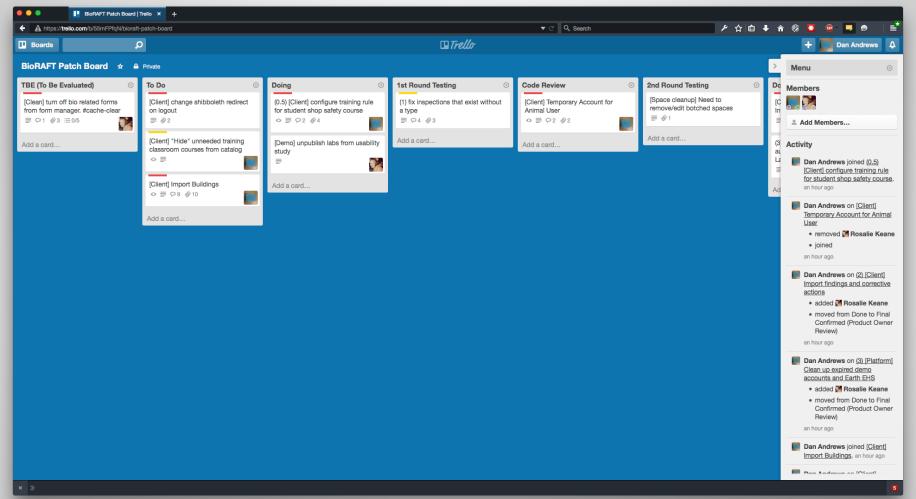


Code solution - Patch

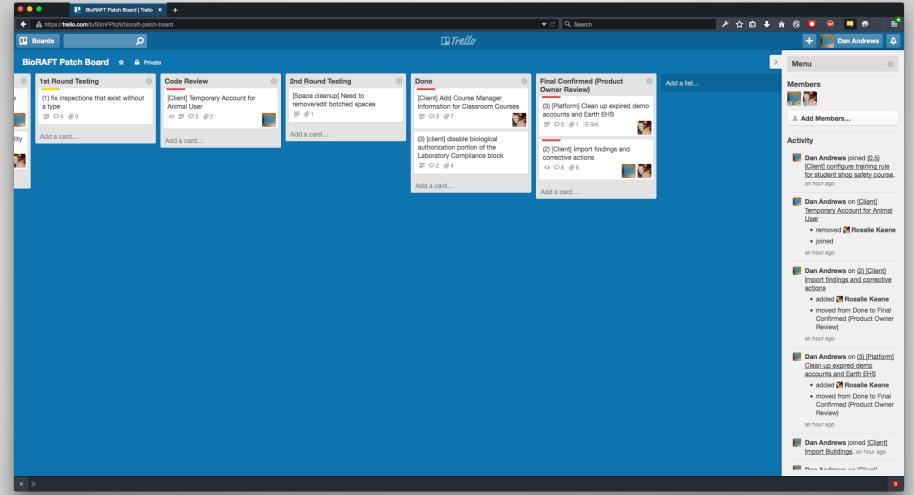
- To Do
- Doing
- First Round Testing
- Code Review
- Second Round Testing
- Done
- Final Confirmed













Code solution - Patch.

- Roll patch
- Push to prod branch
- Turn on maintenance mode
- Update codebase on production
- Run update.php
- Clear caches
- Turn off maintenance mode





What is a patch?

Source Control

- Git
- SVN









6. Report Projected Resolution Date

- 0-2 weeks: Configuration Management
- 0-2 weeks: Patch
- 3-4 weeks: Current Release
- 5-8 weeks: Next Release
- 9-12 weeks: Following Release
- unknown: Backlog











7. Report Resolution

- Make sure the client is satisfied with the resolution
- Close support ticket





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Tools

- Customer Service Software
- Replica Server
- Real-time Internal Communication Software
- Development Tracking Software
 - Kanban Board
- Source Control





Questions?

 Slides and Video will be posted to DrupalNights.org



