

# Managing Complexity with Module::Release

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Releasing code is  
**hard...**

actually, it's  
too easy...

Releasing **good** code  
is hard...

# Did I ... ?

- \* **test** everything
- \* **disttest** everything
- \* **check in** the sources
- \* include **new files** in MANIFEST
- \* **update** Changes and README

# Then I have to...

- \* **upload** to PAUSE
- \* **claim** in PAUSE
- \* upload to Sourceforge
- \* overly-complicated Sourceforge file release
- \* **tag** the release in source control
- \* **announce** the release

# When I find out...

- \* what the **PAUSE indexer** thinks
- \* what **CPAN Testers** think
- \* if I'm **missing** something in **PREREQ\_PM**
- \* if I've included too little or too much
- \* how poor my **kwalitee** is

Rinse, repeat...

Annoy users

Now do that  
for  
**50**  
distributions

# I make mistakes because...

- \* Repetitive tasks are **boring**
- \* **Focused** on bug squashing
- \* Want to **release** code
- \* Need to fix a **different** module
- \* Want to do **something** else
- \* Want to do **anything** else

Automate!

# Computers love...

- \* doing the same thing **over** and **over**(?: and **over**)<sup>+</sup>
- \* doing it the **same way** every time
- \* doing it **again** if I mess up

# release(1)

Part of Module::Release

# Automate steps

```
sub test
{
  my $self = shift;
  print "Checking make test... ";

  unless( -e 'Makefile.PL' )
  {
    print " no Makefile.PL---skipping\n";
    return;
  }

  my $tests = $self->run( "$self->{make} test 2>&1" );

  die "\nERROR: Tests failed!\n$tests\n\n"
      unless $tests =~ /All tests successful/;

  print "all tests pass\n";
}
```

# Create process

```
my $release = Module::Release->new( %params );
```

```
$release->clean;  
$release->build_makefile;  
$release->test;  
$release->dist;  
$release->dist_test;  
$release->check_cvs;  
$release->clean;  
$release->build_makefile;  
$release->dist;
```

```
$release->check_for_passwords;  
$release->ftp_upload;  
$release->pause_claim;
```

# Fearless releases

- \* Problems are **fatal**
- \* Errors tell me what to **fix**
- \* **Nothing updates** until everything is good
- \* Too bad there isn't `unrelease()`

New problem,  
new step

Did I update  
\$VERSION?

Anyone want to write  
Test::GreaterVersion?

# Future directions

- \* **Pluggable** modules
- \* Support for **more checks**
- \* Not just for Perl
- \* More **canned scripts**
- \* working title: Starburst