

Gaudi Development Workflow

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Past Model

- Workflow
 - *Patch* ticket in Savannah (or JIRA)
 - Try to apply the patch
 - Check Gaudi tests
 - Review
 - Fix problems or reject
- Problems
 - No automation
 - Only one manager

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A New Toolbox

New tools are available:

- Gitlab: project hosting and management
- JIRA: issue tracking and more
- Jenkins: continuous integration

Let's make use of them.

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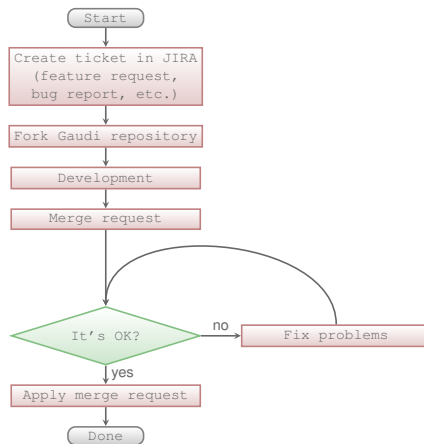
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Proposed Workflow



Definition of Done (DoD)

Minimal requirements before creating a merge request:

- Tests
 - bug: test to expose it
 - feature: test that it works
- Documentation
 - bug: describe problem and fix
 - feature: say what, why and how
- Validation
 - ensure that nothing is broken
- ...

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