

GHC development flow

walking guide for new contributors

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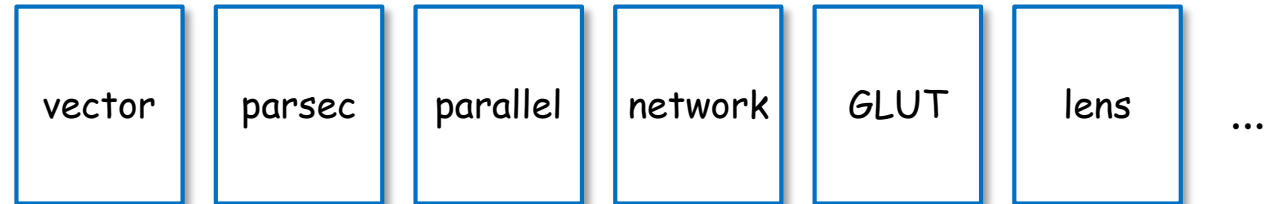
NOTE

- This is not an official document by the ghc development team.
- Please refer to the official documents in detail.
- This information is current as of Feb, 2017.

Overall relationship

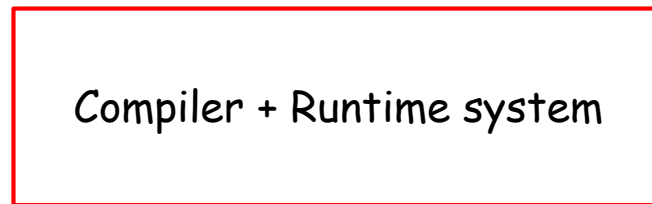
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Haskell packages



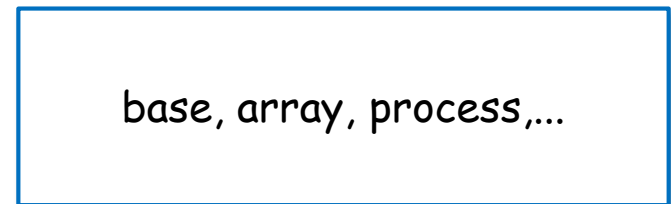
GHC compiler
+ Core Libraries

GHC compiler



Main ML : [ghc-devs at haskell.org](mailto:ghc-devs@haskell.org) [1]
Steering by *GHC Committee* [2]

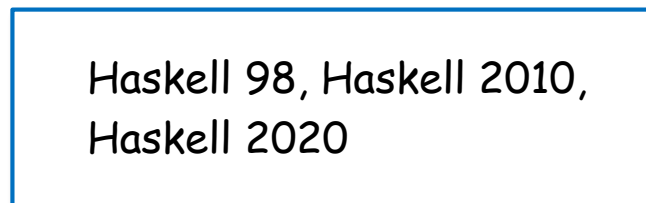
Haskell Core Libraries



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Steering by *Core Libraries Committee* [4]

Haskell Language

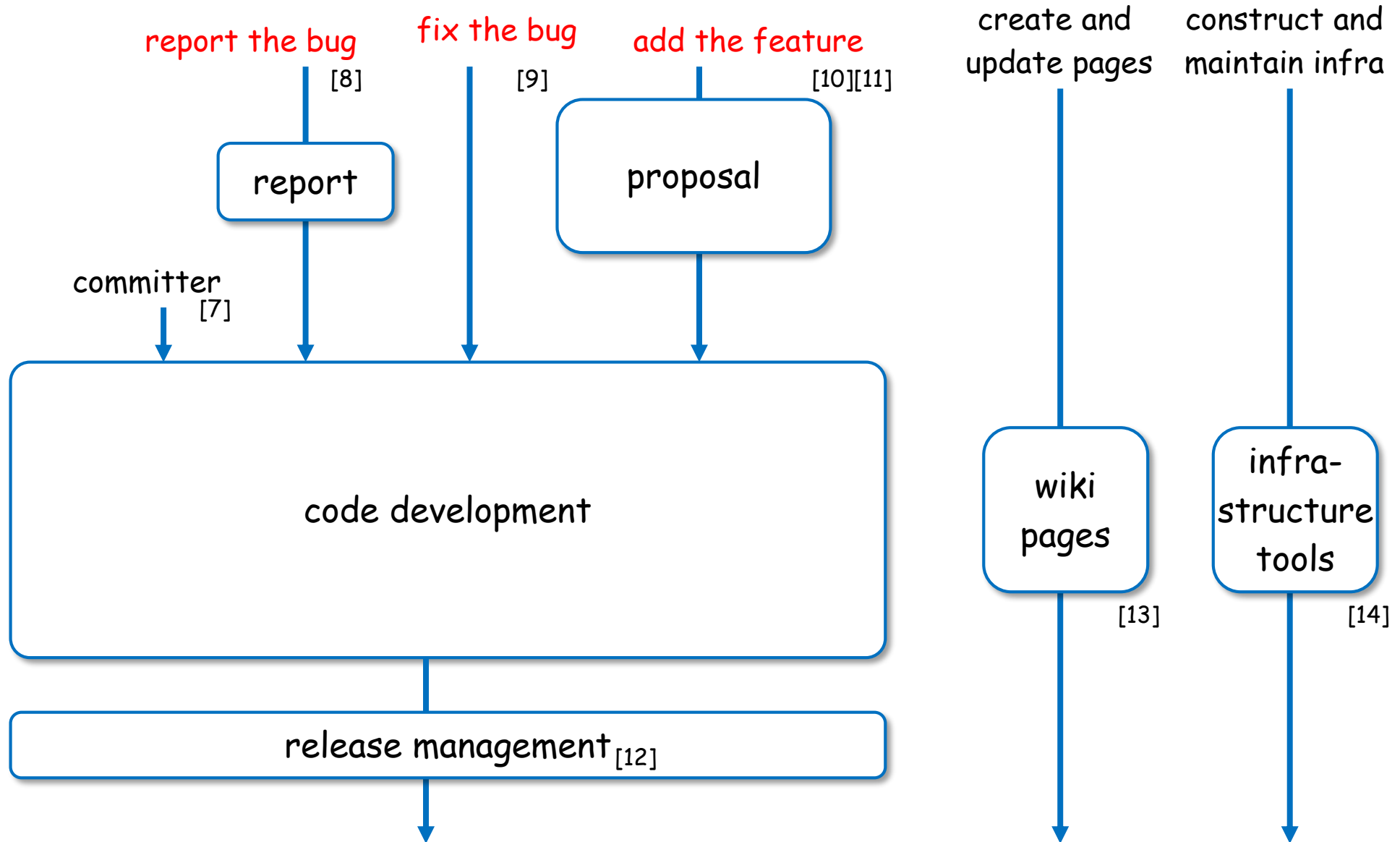
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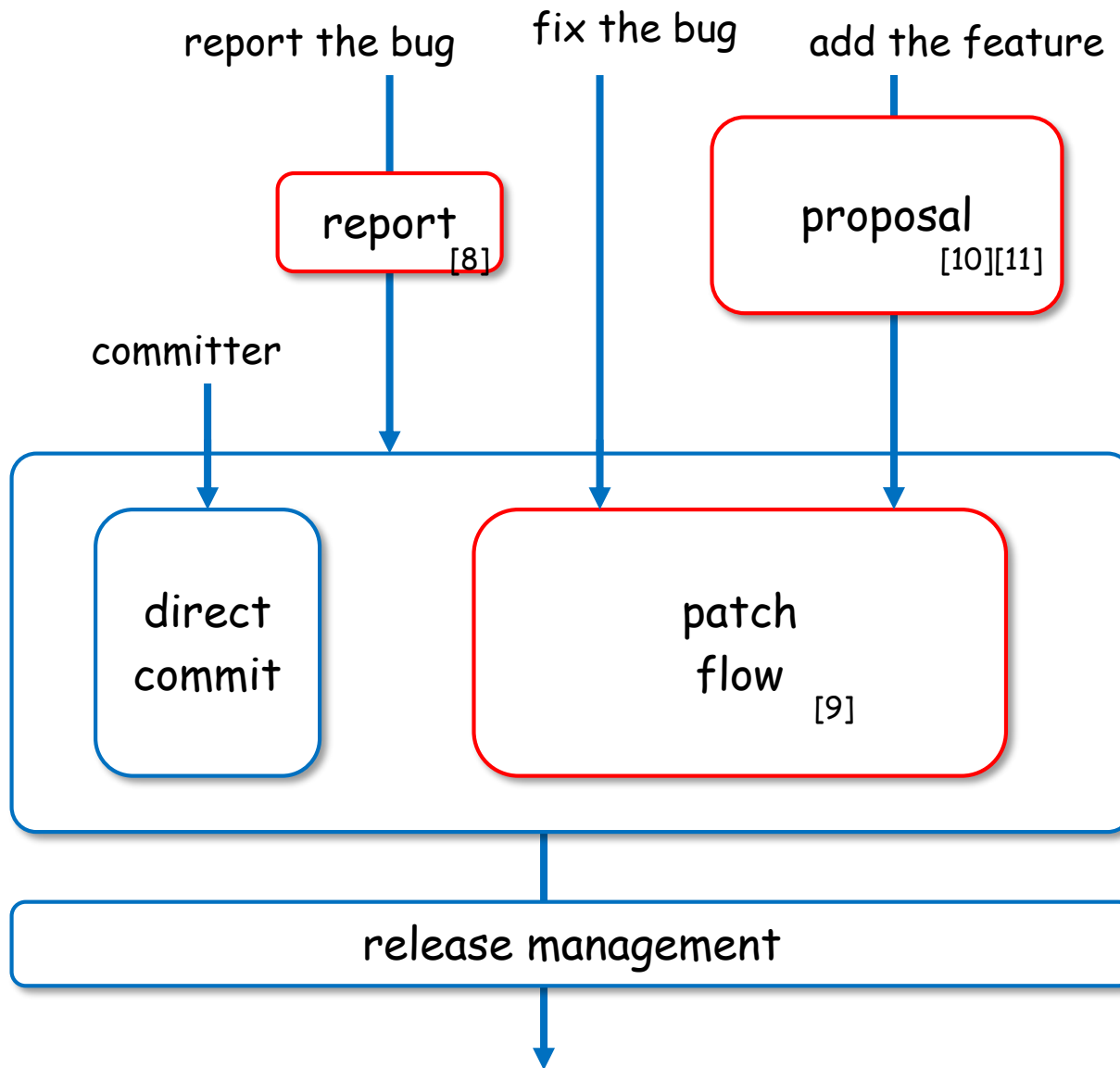
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GHC compiler development flow

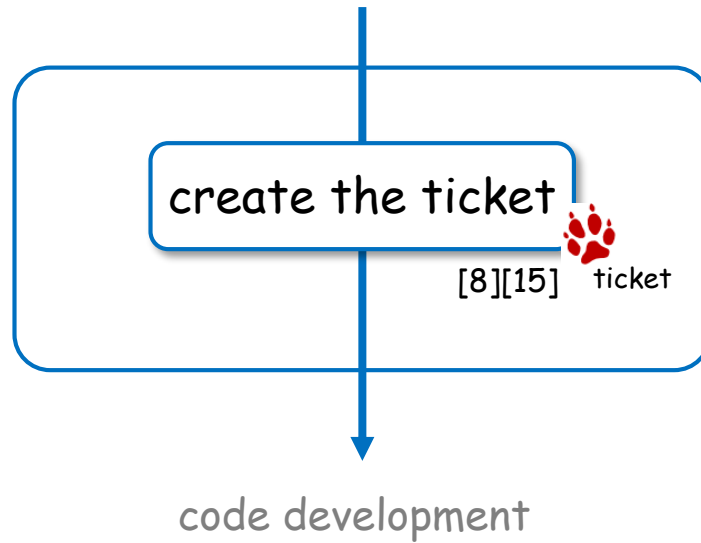
GHC compiler development flow (overview)



GHC compiler code development flow

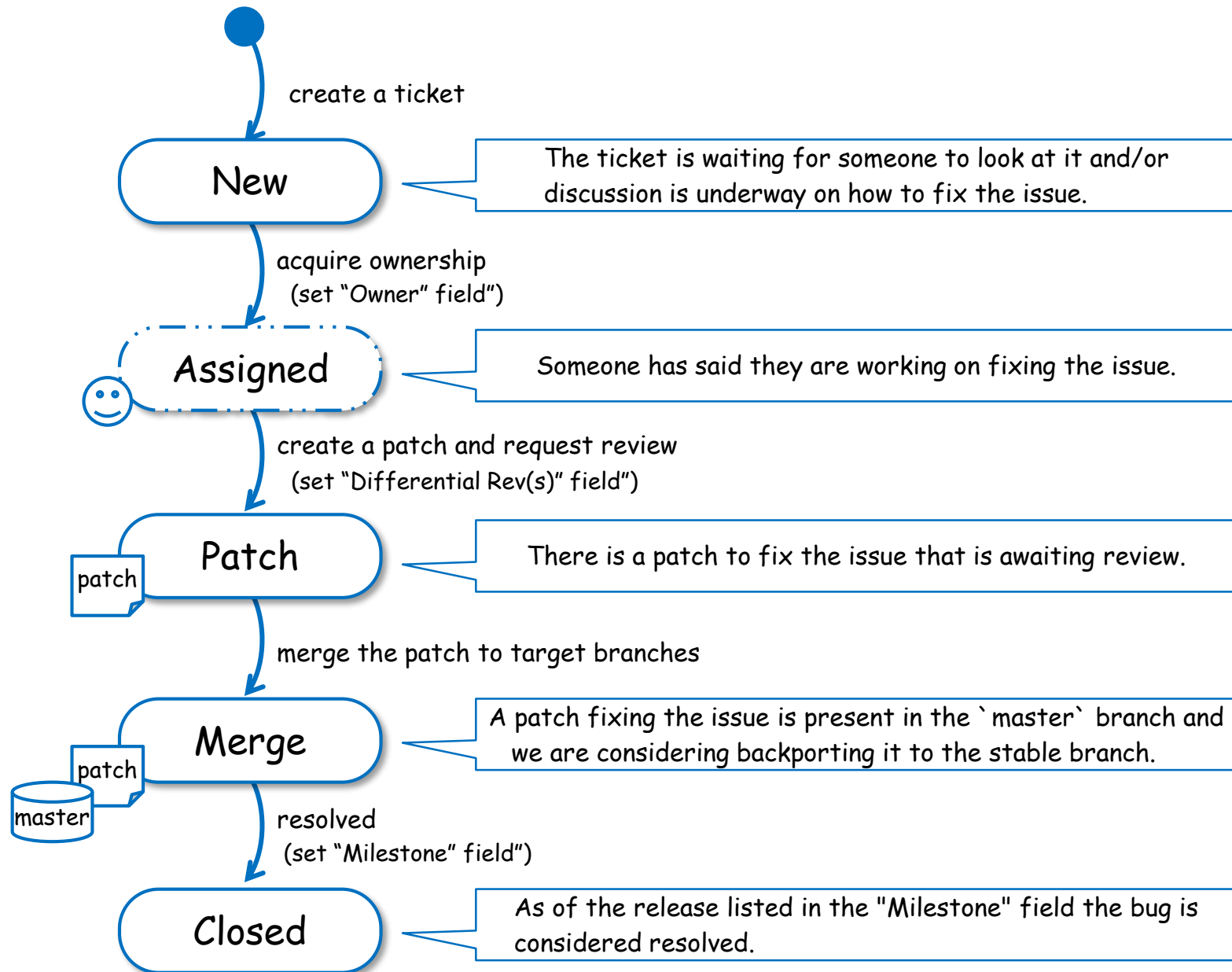


Report flow

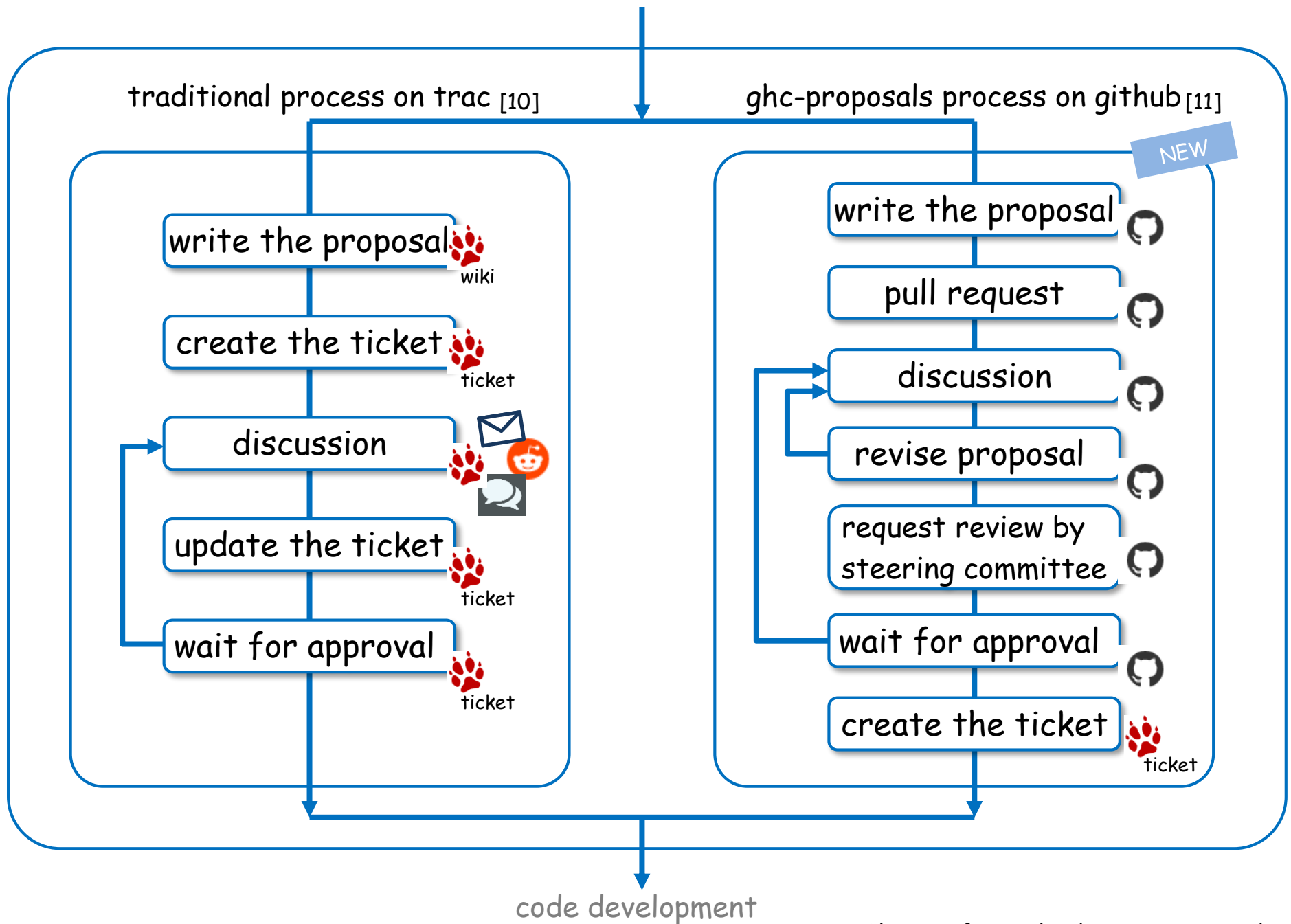


Please consult ghc-devs ML if you worry.

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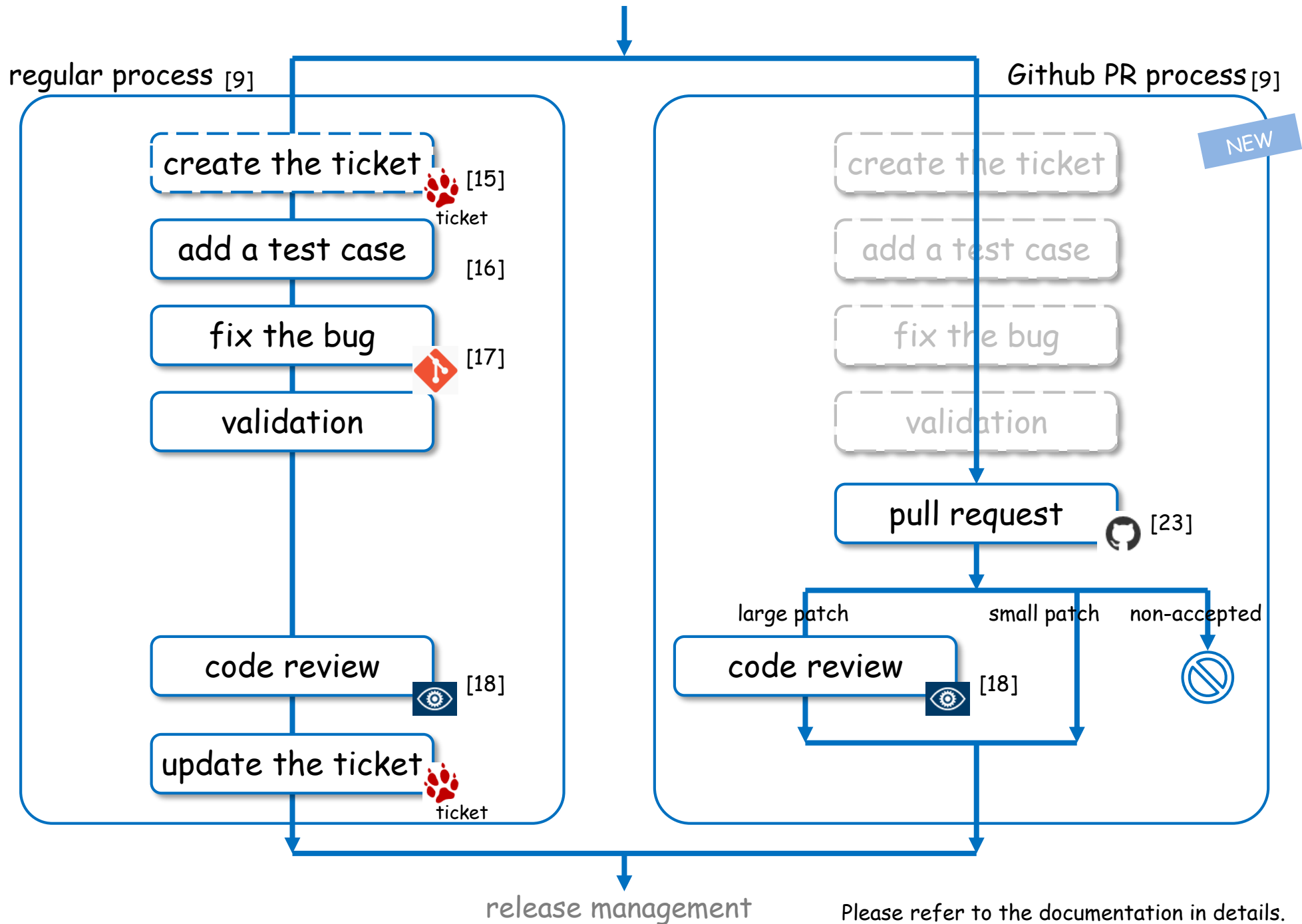


Proposal flow



Please refer to the documentation in details.

Patch flow

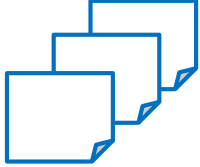


Document development flow

Various documents

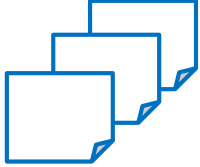
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Haskell wiki



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Hackage documents

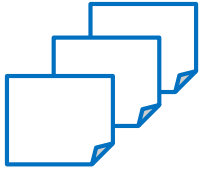


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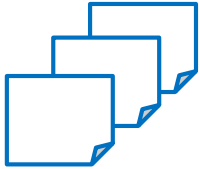
GHC

Trac wiki (GHC wiki)



ghc.haskell.org/trac/ghc/wiki
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The GHC users guide



downloads.haskell.org/~ghc/
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Core Libraries documents

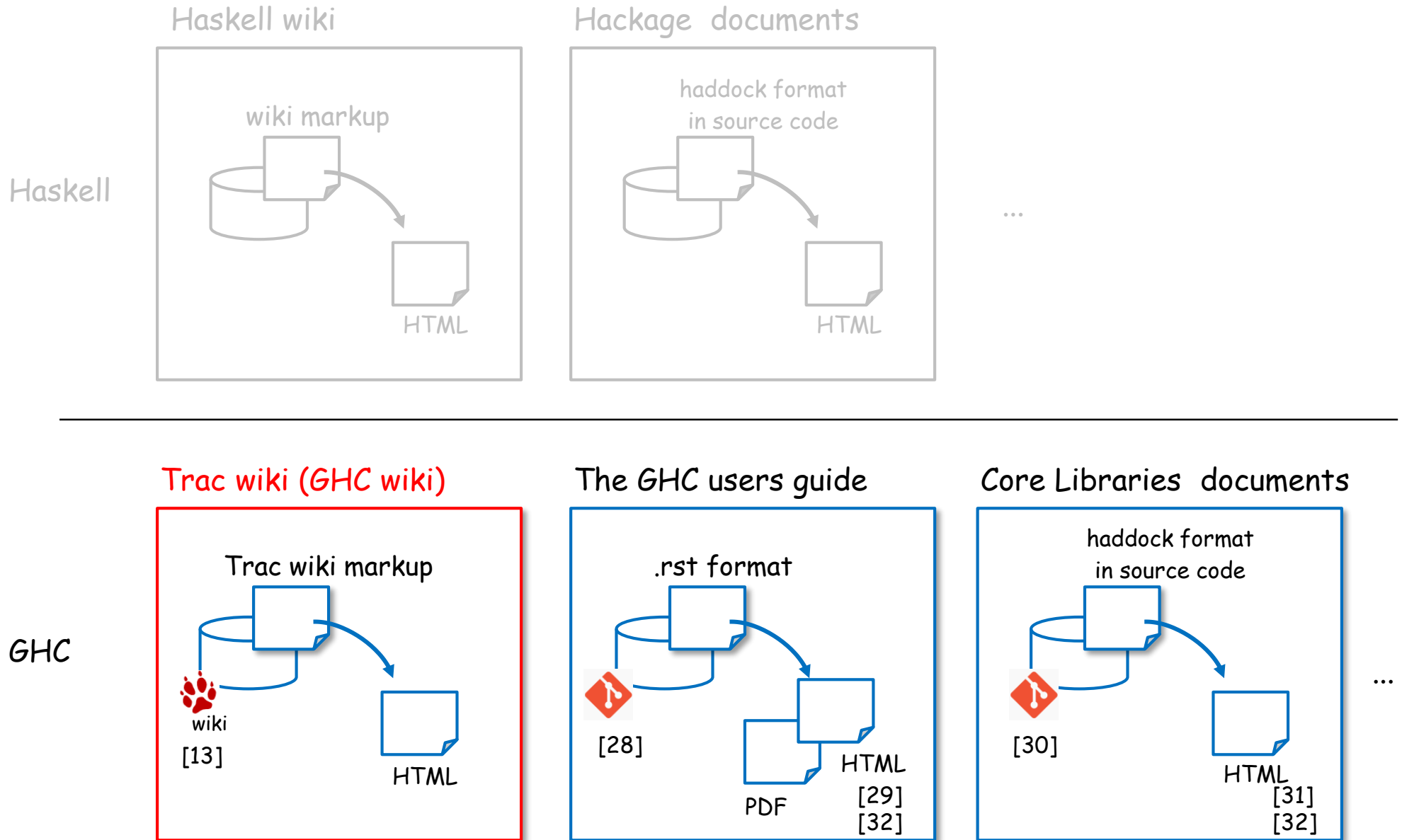


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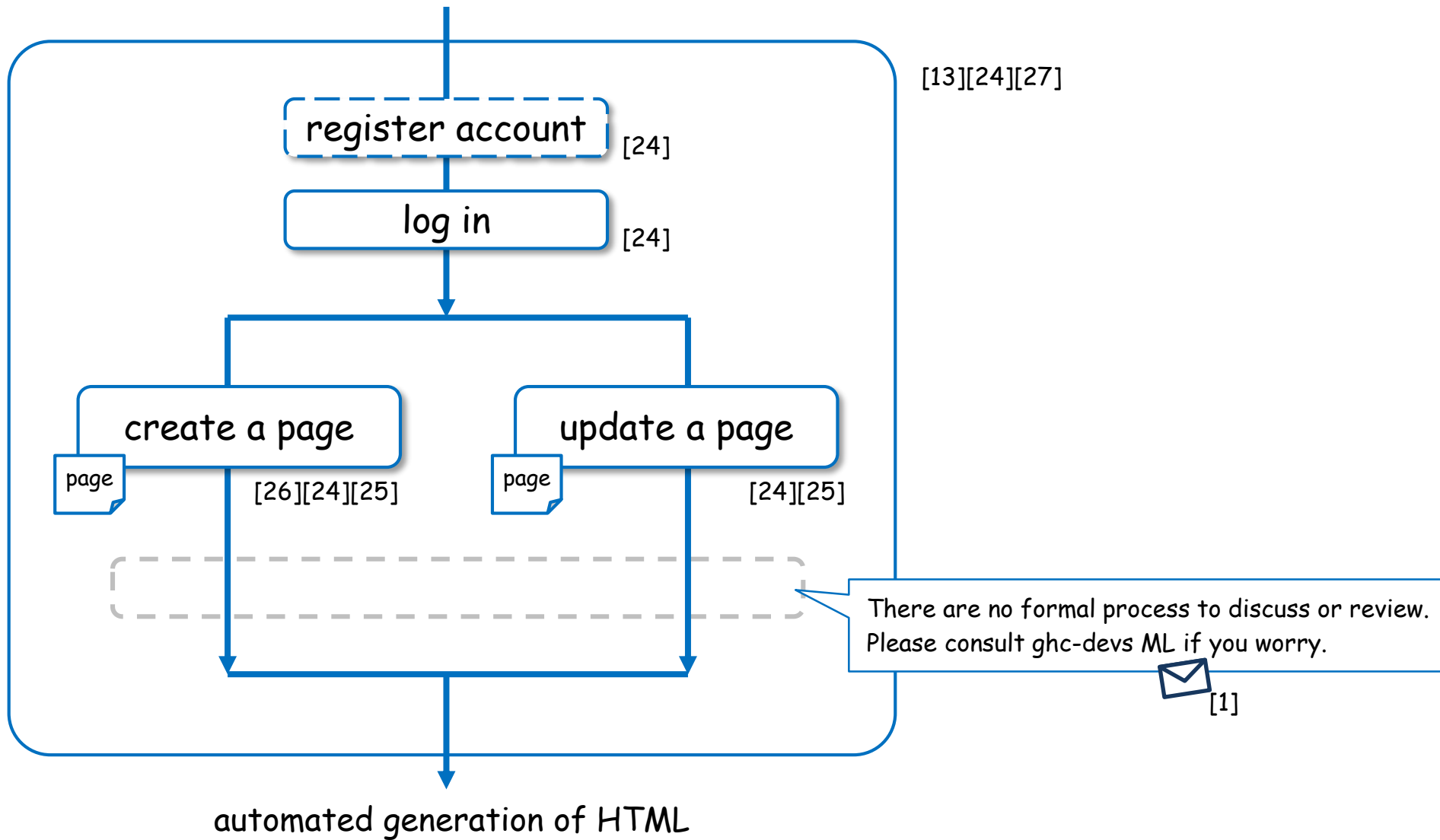
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about *GHC's* implementation
* how *GHC* works
* how to modify it

Document development of GHC



Trac wiki description flow [13]



Infrastructure tools

Tool relation

communication

discussion

ghc-devs ML



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information

Trac (wiki)



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wiki

code management

issue tracking,
discussion and PR

Github



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issue tracking
and discussion

Trac (ticket)



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ticket

code review

Phabricator



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code repository

Git



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performance regression

Perf

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phabricator cli

Arcanist



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automated build

Harbormaster



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automated build

Travis



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various builds

GHC builder

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