Policy - Release Candidates

Adoption

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Policy

Release candidates for all major and minor VIVO releases will be available for public testing for a period of three weeks before publishing the official release. If subsequent release candidates are published as a result of bugs discovered in testing, an additional week of testing MAY be added to the schedule per additional release candidate.

Exception: Release candidates for point or bug releases MAY have a shorter period of public testing.

Notification of VIVO release candidates will be published to the following mailing lists:

- vivo-tech@googlegroups.com
- vivo-community@googlegroups.com
- vivo-all@googlegroups.com

The email template below will be used for announcing release candidates.

Initial Release Candidate Template

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Subject:
VIVO X.Y.Z Release Candidate - 1
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Body:
The VIVO X.Y.Z release candidate is available for testing. Pending any issues discovered in the testing of the
release candidate, the X.Y.Z release is planned for <date>.

The primary features/updates found in this release include:
* ...

The following is a full list of JIRA tickets found in this release:
<link to JIRA query>

There are at least two ways you can test this release candidate:
1) Download and build from the source code to deploy into a servlet container [1]
2) Download the pre-built artifact to deploy into a servlet container [2]
3) Start up the vagrant box [3]

Please provide your feedback on the release testing page [4].

Regards,
<Release manager>

[1] https://github.com/vivo-project/VIVO/tree/rel-X.Y.Z-RC-1
[2] https://github.com/vivo-project/VIVO/releases/tag/rel-X.Y.Z-RC-1
[3] https://github.com/vivo-community/vivo-vagrant/releases/tag/vivo-vagrant-X.Y.Z-RC-1
[4] https://wiki.duraspace.org/display/VIVO/Release+Testing+-+X.Y.Z
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Subsequent Release Candidate Template

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Subject:
VIVO X.Y.Z Release Candidate - <2|3|N>
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Based on testing feedback [1] from the most recent X.Y.Z release candidate, the following tickets have been
addressed and incorporated into a new release candidate:
# <module-1>
* <list of jira tickets>

# <module-n>
* <list of jira tickets>

Please help with some simple testing of this release candidate:
1) Download and build from the source code to deploy into a servlet container [2]
2) Download the pre-built artifact to deploy into a servlet container [3]
3) Start up the vagrant box [4]

The planned release of X.Y.Z has now been extended one week to <new-date>. Please ensure you have provided your
feedback before then.
Regards,
<Release manager>



[1] https://wiki.duraspace.org/display/VIVO/Release+Testing+-+X.Y.Z
[2] https://github.com/vivo-project/VIVO/tree/rel-X.Y.Z-RC-N
[3] https://github.com/vivo-project/VIVO/releases/tag/rel-X.Y.Z-RC-N
[4] https://github.com/vivo-community/vivo-vagrant/releases/tag/vivo-vagrant-X.Y.Z-RC-N
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