

VDT Software Submission Questionnaire

When deciding what should be part of the VDT, we need some input from you to make our decision. We realize that answering these questions is time consuming, but it will aid the team in making sound technical decisions and provide good support. It will also help weed out the software that shouldn't be part of the VDT.

1. Describe the Software

What is the software named?

Who is responsible for the software?

What platforms does the software run on?

How stable and mature is the software?

Does the software depend on other software? If so, what?

2. Why should it be in the VDT?

Who is asking for the software to be added to the VDT?

Who wants to use the software? Who are the likely users?

What is the benefit to adding this in the VDT?

3. Integration

The VDT team is responsible for integrating each version of software into each version of the VDT, but complex software can be a challenge to integrate well.

Who can help the VDT team integrate the software? Note that this may be a recurring task if there are significant changes to the software.

If the integration is complex, is someone available to visit the VDT team for a day to work with the team to integrate the software and to learn about it?

4. Testing

If you developed this software (that is, you're not requesting a third-party's software), we expect help in developing a test-suite that we can use as part of the VDT's nightly tests.

Can you provide this test suite? How complete is it right now?

5. Packaging

How is the software packaged? Source? Binary? RPMs? Tarballs? Shar files? Something else?

5. Configuration

How is the software configured?

6. Support

There is a lot of software in the VDT, and it is a challenge for the VDT team to support all of it. We need help.

What documentation is available for users to learn about the software?

When the VDT team is unable to answer users' questions or solve their problems, who can they turn to for further support?

7. Licensing

How is the software licensed? What restrictions do we need to be aware of when distributing the software as part of the VDT?