

The five-minutes-fix myth

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One of the complains I often get for my QA work (which I have to say is vocally not appreciated even by the other devs), is that I could just go on and fix the issues I find rather than opening but for them because ?it just takes five minutes from bug to commit? to fix the problem.

No it does not take five minutes to fix something, I can assure you!

Of course people will continue to say that it just takes a few minutes to find the problem and come up with a patch; the problem is that most of the time, for the kind of bugs I report myself, to fix them properly takes much, much more.

Most of the time that some developer decides that some single problem does not warrant to remove a package, even if it doesn?t have anybody looking after it, the same packages re-enter my radar at the next round of tinderboxing, or in the best of cases, a few months later.

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