

Rüdiger Volk, DT: minimum requirements for RIPE DB software update process (as stated 6/2013)

- all scheduled changes to the production service RIPE database software **MUST** be announced appropriately at least a week in advance
- "appropriately" implies specifically "with sufficient information to allow parties that operationally depend on automatic processes accessing the database service to assess the risk posed by the software change to existing processes"
- unscheduled changes to the software have to be announced as soon as possible
- (note: it is **EXTREMELY UNLIKELY** that "ASAP" actually would be **POST FACTUM**)
- unscheduled changes **MUST NOT** happen unless to fix bugs with operational impact (careful evaluation of known and likely impact of the existing bug, risks and impact the change)