

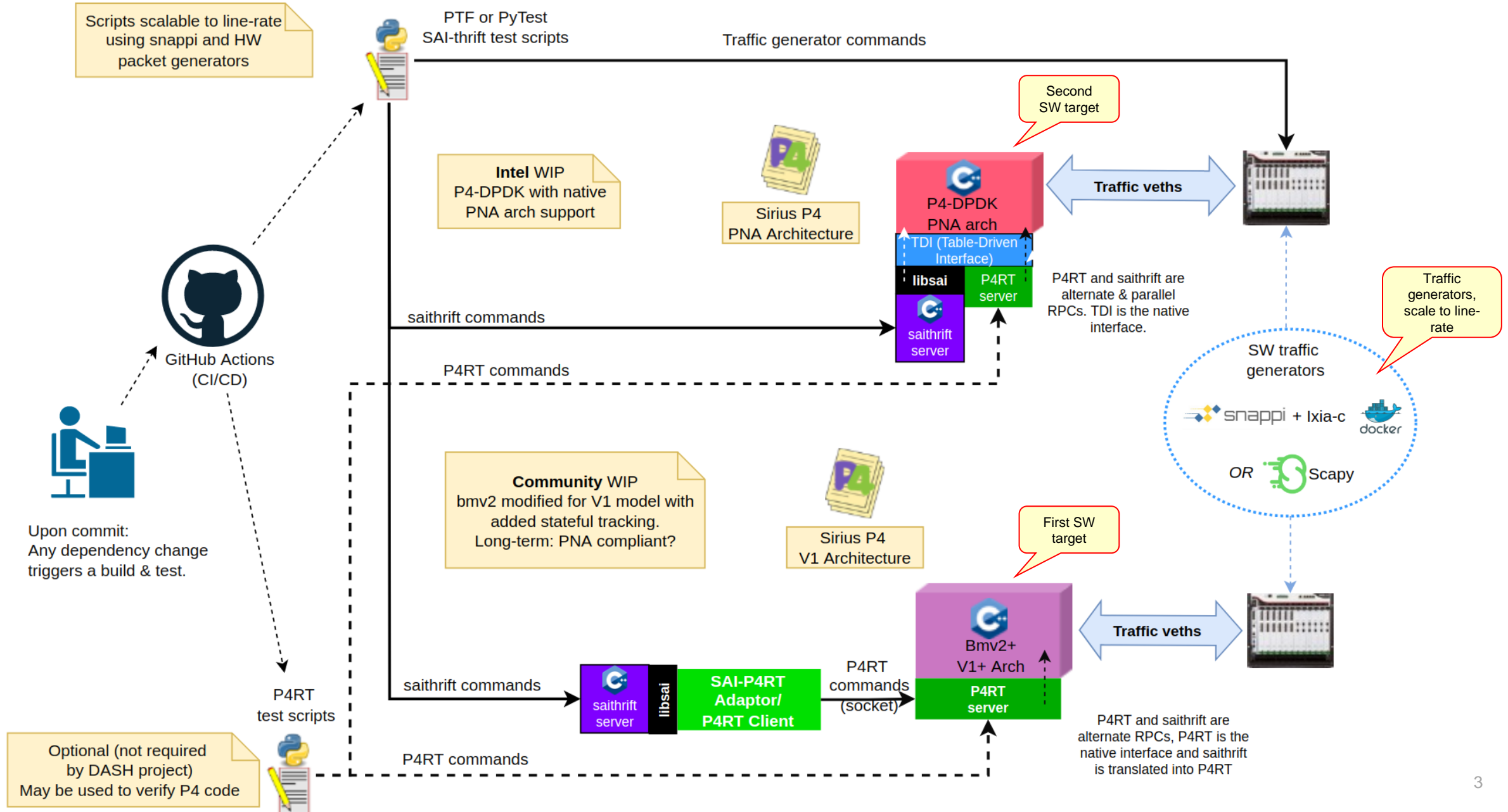
# DASH P4 Model CI Testing

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# DASH P4 Model CI Testing - Outline

- Goals/Objectives
- Progress to date
- Dependencies
- Next Steps

# DASH Testing – P4 Model, multiple SW targets



# DASH P4 Model CI Testing - Goals

- Produce a Framework which can perform SW regression testing in the cloud
- Use “Git Actions” triggered by a commit to the repo (e.g. to a dev branch)

- The following to be tested, directly or indirectly:

- Sirius pipeline P4 code – compiles correctly
- P4info -> SAI header generation
- Bmv2 switch and P4Runtime server build & execute
- Sai library -> P4runtime client
- Trivial sai table accessors in c++

- Sai-thrift server integration
- Sai-thrift configuration of P4 D.U.T (API)
- Traffic generator spin-up
- Traffic tests using bmv2 veth ports (Dataplane)
- Longer-term – test sai-redis, gNMI
- Longer-term – line-rate testing on real HW

TODO!

Working as of today (2022-06-07)  
Manual using make commands

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'DASH / sirius-pipeline'. At the top, there's a commit history table with columns for file name, commit message, and time ago. Below the table is the 'README.md' file content.

File	Commit Message	Time Ago
SAI	Add SAI library generation (#108)	4 hours ago
bmv2	Add SAI library generation (#108)	4 hours ago
tests/vnet_out	Add SAI library generation (#108)	4 hours ago
Dockerfile	Add SAI library generation (#108)	4 hours ago
Makefile	Add SAI library generation (#108)	4 hours ago
README.md	Add SAI library generation (#108)	4 hours ago
pna.p4	PNA compatible connection tracking	6 months ago

### Sirius Pipeline

#### Build the environment

```
make docker
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#### Build pipeline

```
make clean
make bmv2/sirius_pipeline.bmv2/sirius_pipeline.json
make sai
make test
```

#### Run software switch

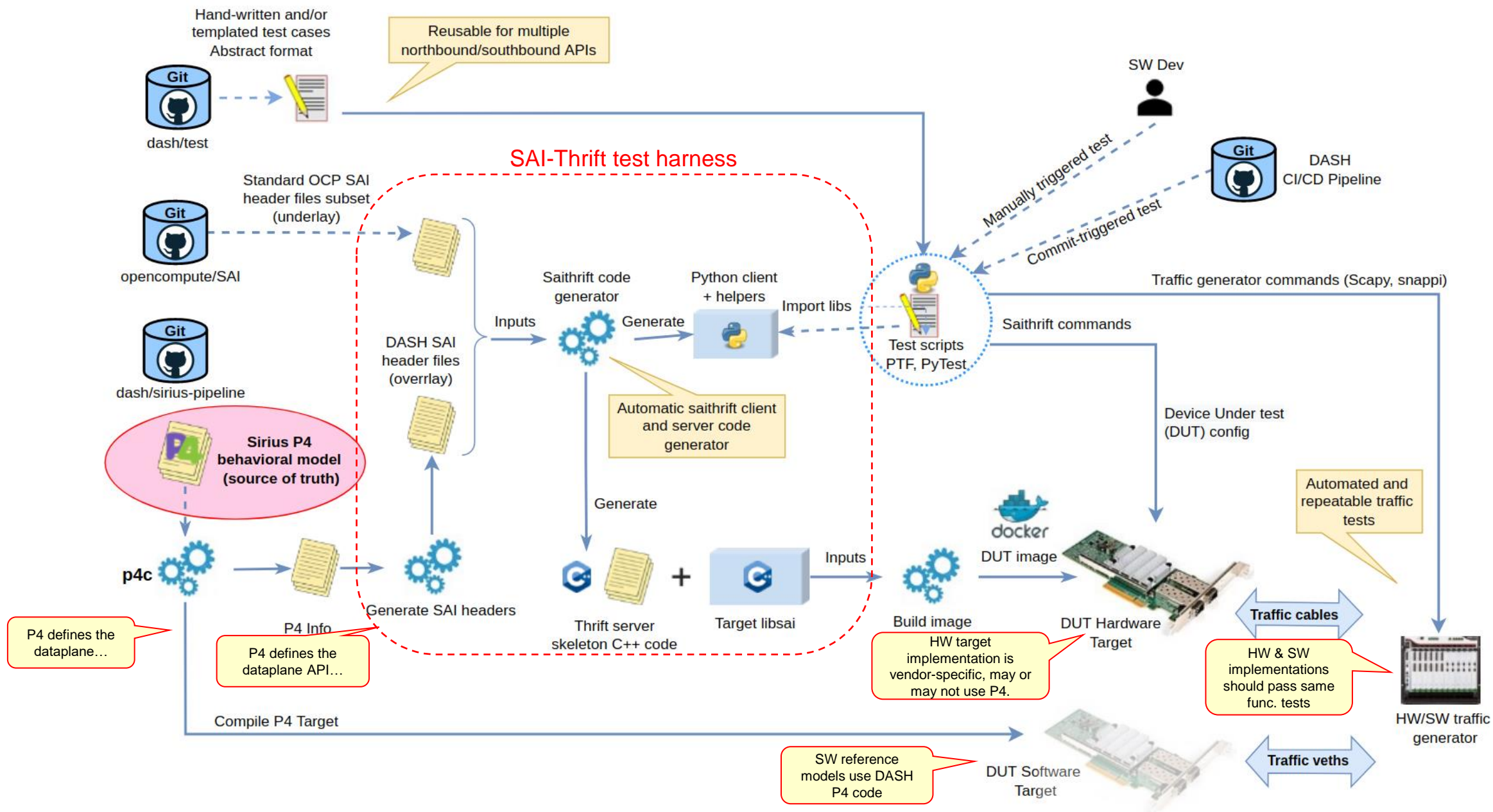
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make run-switch
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from a different terminal, run tests (run-switch will run interactive docker view in foreground)

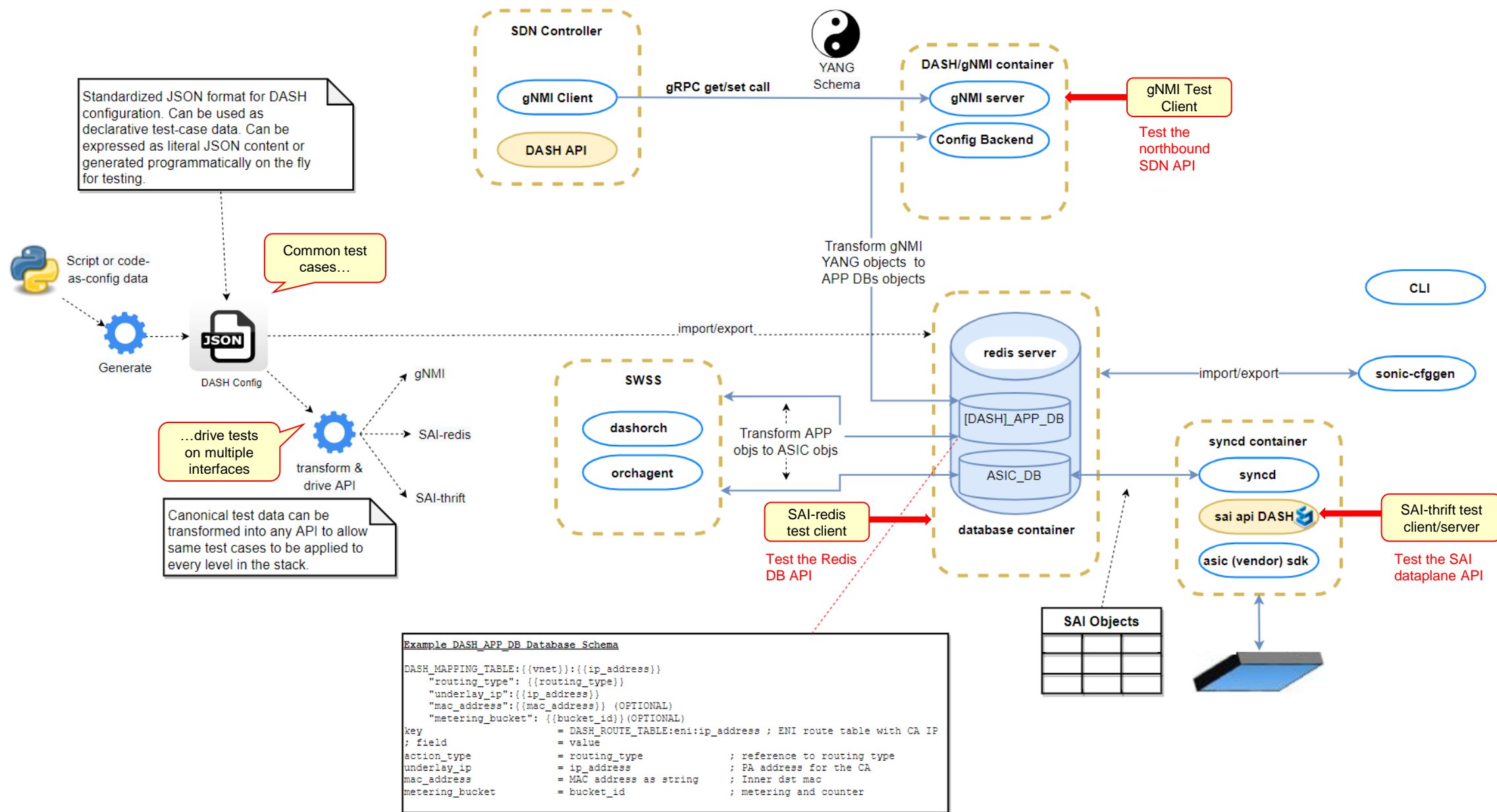
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make run-test
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# DASH Testing – Workflows & auto-generated artifacts



# DASH Testing – API/Schema layers, common test cases

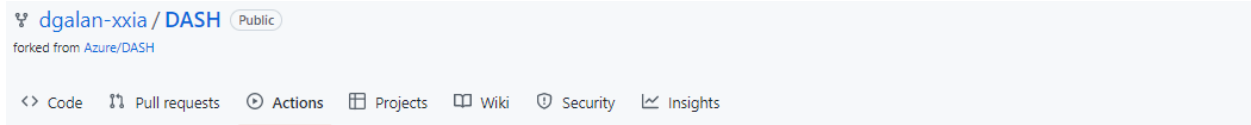


# What happens when Git Action is triggered?

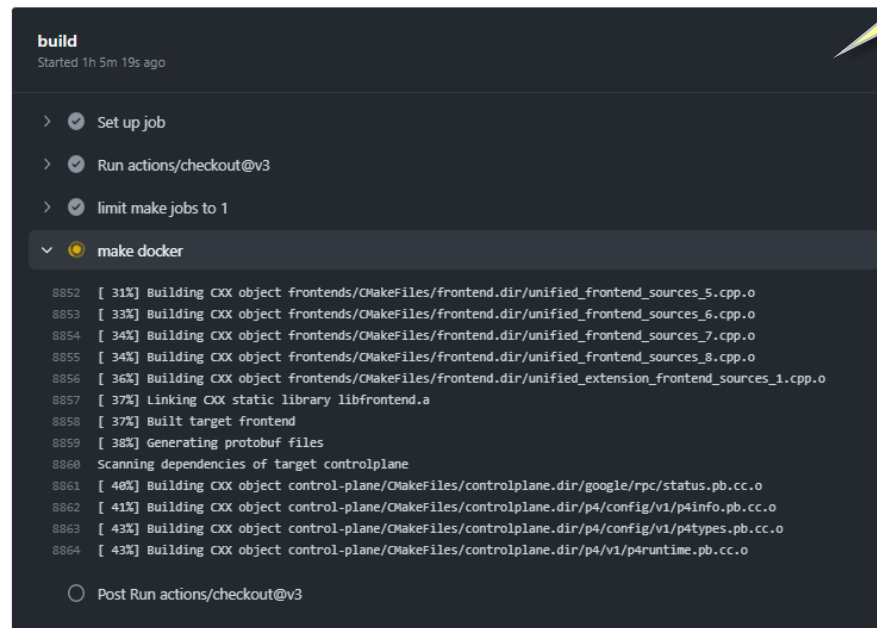
- Test Runner is allocated in Azure cloud – free for public projects
- Build (or retrieve a pre-built) docker image containing tool chain: gRPC, thrift, p4c, etc.
- Using the docker env, compile P4 model, produce all artifacts (bmv2 executable, SAI headers, SAI-P4Runtime adaptor, sai-thrift server.
- Launch P4 switch + Sai-thrift server
- Launch Docker containers with ixia-c traffic generator (free version) – supports snappi/OTG\*
- Run Pytests to configure dataplane, send traffic, analyze results
- Pass/fail report, Github status badge
- Shut down

# Progress to date – just getting started...

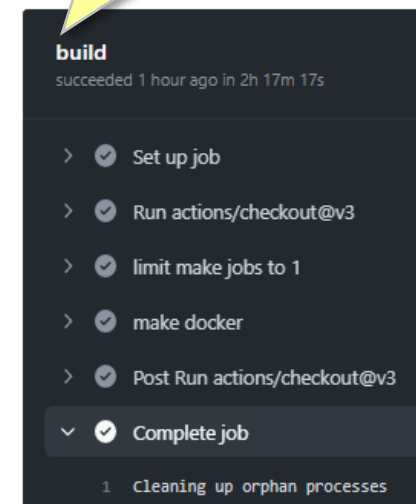
- Analyzing framework design, resources, schedule, dependencies.
- Starting to build dockers triggered by Github actions. Docker build takes a long time, we need to store somewhere and retrieve as needed.



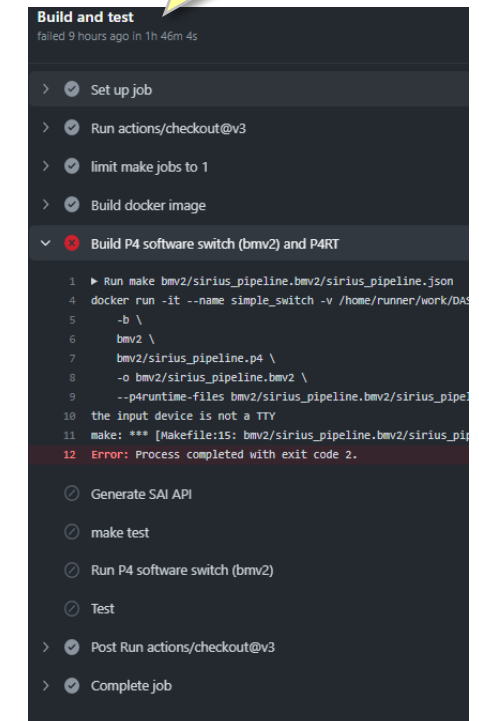
After one hour, still  
building docker  
...ZZZZZZZ



Docker build  
2h 17 min



Only took 1h:47m but  
failed making bmv2





# Dependencies

- sai-thrift server interface to bmv2
  - DASH enhancements to sai-thrift merged (Intel) – note, DASH can use a dev branch for now
  - Need to integrate into docker builds so a complete sai-thrift capable bmv2 is built (**Need volunteer**)
- Choose some simple exemplary test cases (**community**)
- Semi-stable P4 model which can pass some defined traffic tests, preferably stateful + stateless (**community**)
- Stable SAI interfaces to DASH (should derive from stable P4 code)
- Declarative device config schema, e.g. JSON format (**MSFT**)
  - Will be used to drive device API operations through adaptors (initially sai-thrift; later sai-r4dis, gNMI)
  - Preferably we can import/export to/from redis using these same files.
- Docker image repository to avoid rebuilding stable tools (**MSFT, Keysight**)
- More powerful Github runners (does sonic-buildimage use them)? (**MSFT**)

## Next Steps

- Get basic CI working (build the artifacts, run existing trivial sai test) - Keysight
- Sai-thrift enhancements for DASH – Intel
- Sai-thrift server integration to Sirius pipeline libsai – need volunteer
- Test harness framework – Keysight (analyzing requirements)
- Choose test cases - community
- Stabilize P4 model to some known level – DASH Behavioral Model WG
- Define JSON config schema – MSFT, community
- Identify a suitable docker repo to store tools image – MSFT, Keysight
- Conduct regular Test WG meetings?
- Questions/Feedback? Thank you!

# References

- Goodbye Scapy hello snappi – YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Db7Cx1hngVY>)
- Open Traffic Generator snappi Ixia-c – YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3p72YnLFZVQ>)
- <https://github.com/open-traffic-generator> • <https://github.com/open-traffic-generator/snappi>
- <https://docs.github.com/en/actions/using-github-hosted-runners/about-github-hosted-runners>
- <https://github.com/opencomputeproject/SAI/tree/master/test/saithriftv2>

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- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mT7-t\\_aDozM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mT7-t_aDozM) – video
- <https://opennetworking.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Reshma-Sudarshan-Chris-Sommers-Final-Slide-Deck.pdf> - Slides