Open Build Service



Open Build Service: Best Practice Guide

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About this Guide

This book is part of the official Open Build Service documentation. These books are considered to be reviewed and edited to be the reference documentation of OBS.

These books are not considered to be focused on a special OBS version. They are also not a replacement of the documentation inside of the openSUSE wiki. But content from the wiki may get consolidated and included in these books.

Furthermore these books get written by the OBS community, please check the chapter how to work on these books. We request esp. experienced users and administrators to join and to contribute to these books. It is not required to be a very good or even native English speaker, because we rely on community editors to improve the language.

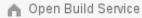
How to use OBS web UI

This chapter explains and shows how you could use OBS web UI. We will show and use OBS web UI based on http://build.opensuse.org . You need to make an account first to follow this chapter contents.

1.1 Start page and Login

Open your favorite browser and navigate to https://build.opensuse .org





Welcome to the openSUSE Build Service

This is the the public instance of the Open Build Service (OBS) used for development distribution and to offer packages from same source for Fedora, Debian, Ubuntu, SUS and other distributions..

Please find further details of this service on our wiki pages

This instance offers a special package search interface. Users of any distribution car packages for their distribution. For developers it is an efficient place to build up group through its project model.







All Projects

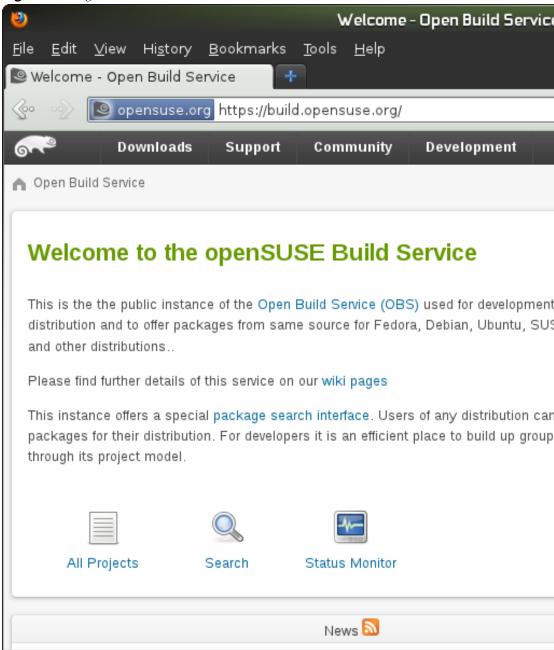
Search

Status Monitor

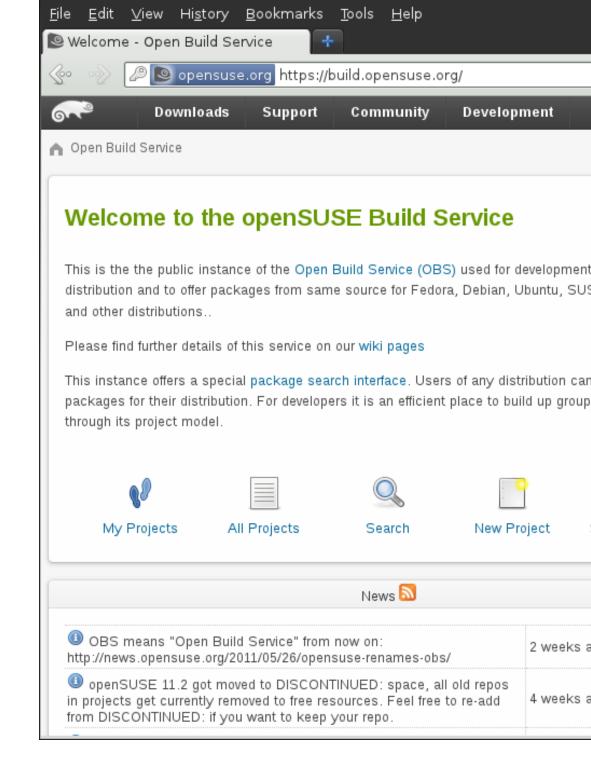
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OBS means "Open Build Service" from now on: http://news.opensuse.org/2011/05/26/opensuse-renames-obs/	2 weeks a		
openSUSE 11.2 got moved to DISCONTINUED: space, all old repos in projects get currently removed to free resources. Feel free to re-add from DISCONTINUED: if you want to keep your repo.	4 weeks		
Ubuntu:11.04 got imported, 9.04 removed from default list.	6 weeks		
Debian is not using parallel build by default anymore, because the packages are not safe by debian policy.	6 weeks		
build2x and build3x are running on KVM now	8 weeks		

To proceed, you'll need to log in and authenticate with your username and your password. Click on Login and enter the data in the upper right corner.

Figure 1.2 Login



After successful authentication, you'll end up on the start page again - with new options visible. We'll go through most of them in detail, but first lets create your home: in the next step.



1.2 Create your home project

Every developer has his/her home:[userid] project where he/she has write access by default. This is like your personal project or dashboard where you can experiment and play. But first you need to enter some lines to describe your home project. Click on the link "Home Project" at the bottom left or upper right and answer the questions.

Figure 1.4 home_project_upper_right

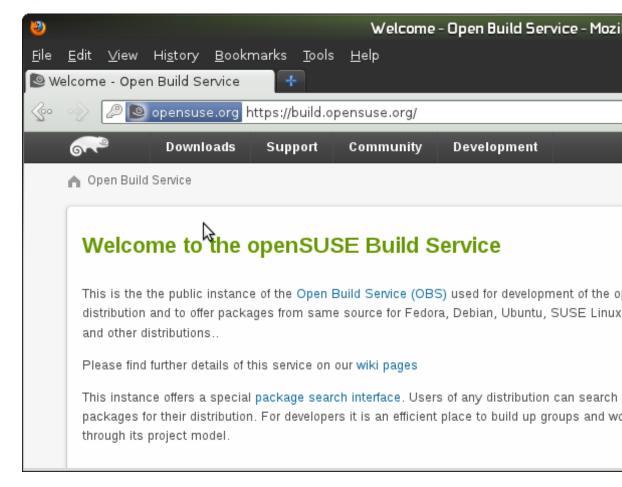
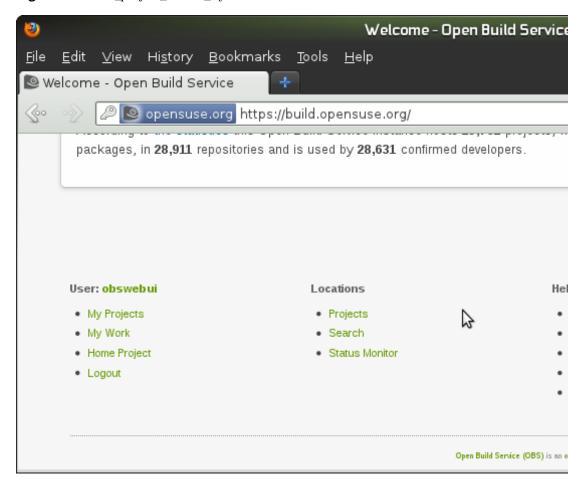
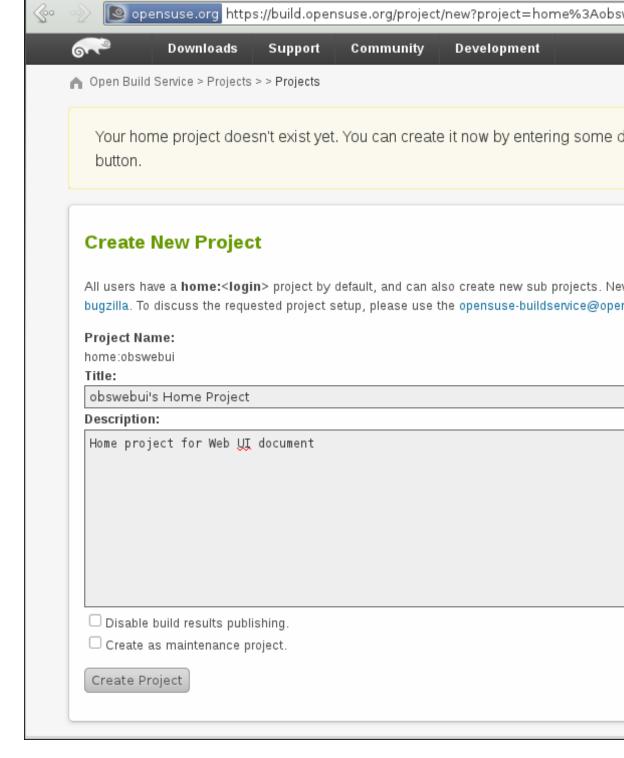
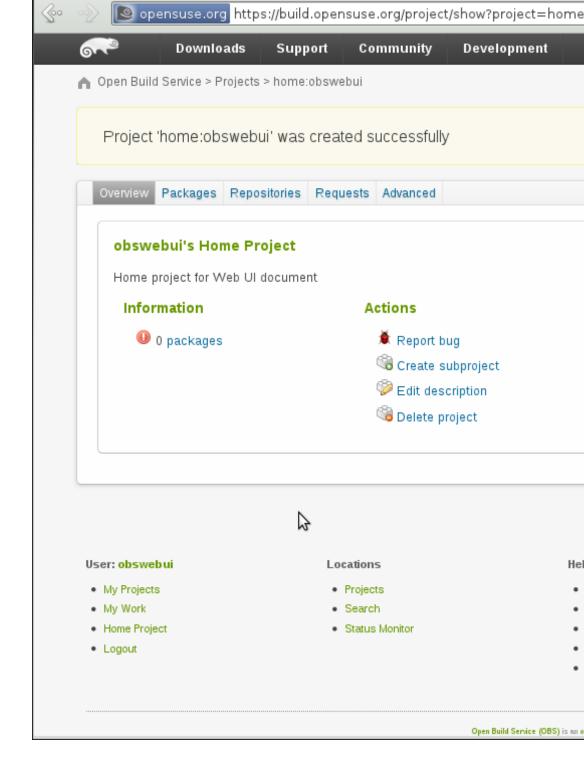


Figure 1.5 home_project_bottom_left



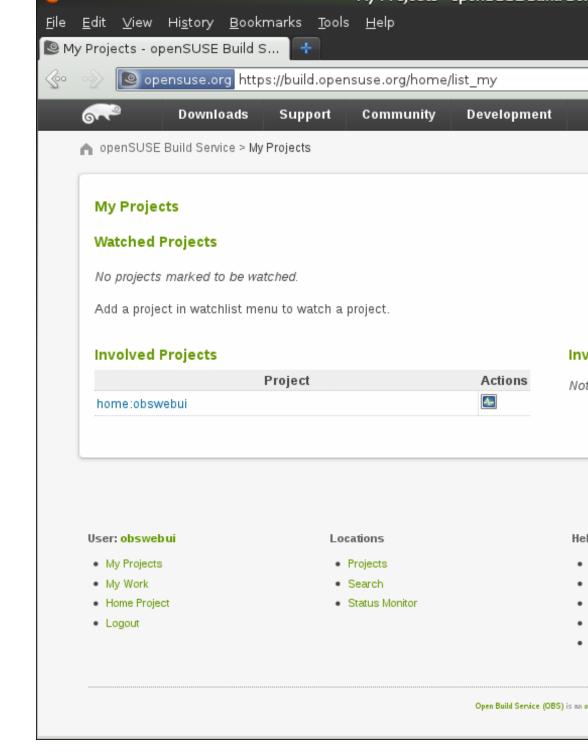
Now you are redirected to your home: . It will be empty for now, but as you see in the picture below, you can add packages containing the sources/build recipes and projects which are the containers for the build targets. As you can see, you're the default maintainer which grants you full write access to this project. You're also the bug owner of your project.



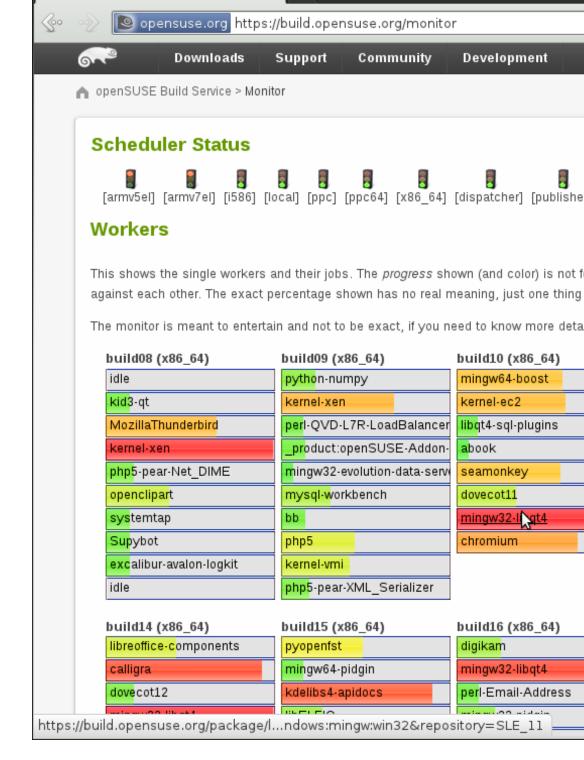


1.3 My Projects, Server Status

Let's leave for now your home: for a bit and explore the build service. Click on "My Projects" on the left at the bottom. This opens a page listing your watched projects and your involvements in projects or packages.

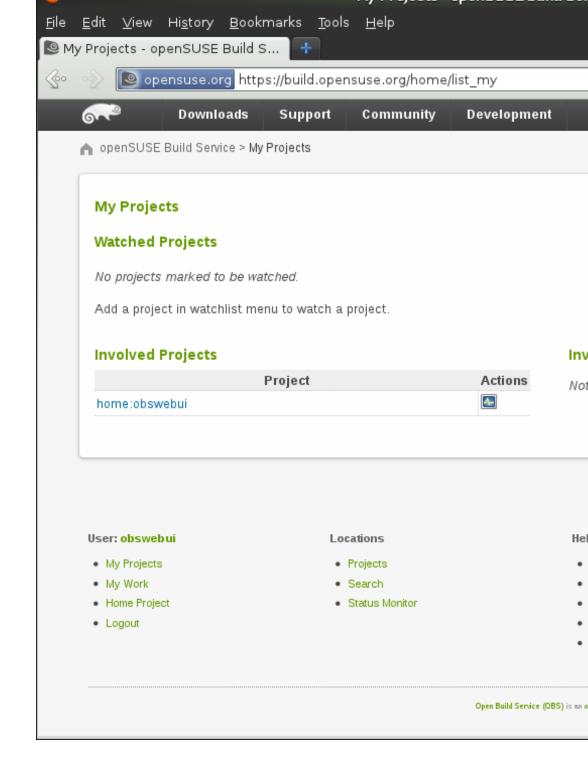


Now, let's visit the main monitor page by clicking on "Status Monitor". You see here the status of the services, some graphs and graphics are showing the currently running and completed jobs an the overall load.



1.4 Create a link to a package in your home:

We'll show you how you can log in and use the web interface hosted at build.opensuse.org. This includes login, adding a link to a package in your personal workspace (home:) and how to build that package by adding a repository. First, let's enter "My Projects" by clicking on the link at the bottom left.

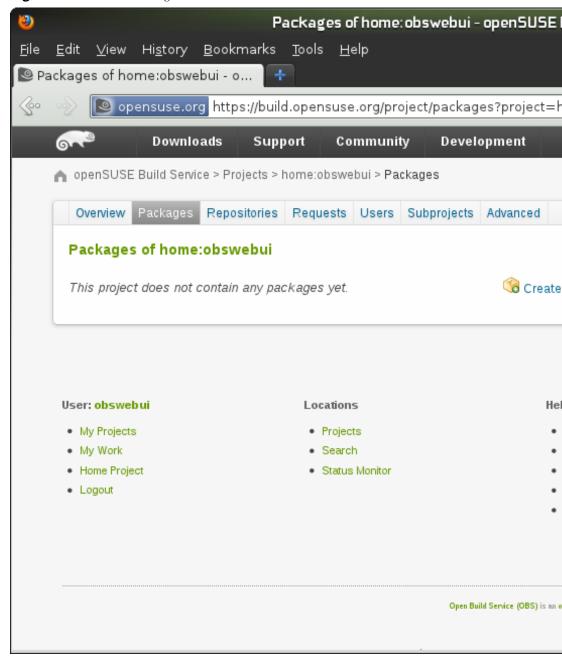


Now let's create a link to a package and add a repository to build against. A link is basically a pointer to sources of an already existing package in another project. By *repository*, we mean a build target - like Trunk/Fedora_12/openSUSE_11.4. Let's follow these steps: 1. Add link to the existing package. 2. Add repository / build target. 3. Enable the build (optional, if not already enabled). 4. Observe the build on the monitor page 5. Look at package's page

1.4.1 Add link to existing package

Right below packages, there's "Branch Package from other Project".

Figure 1.11 Branch Package



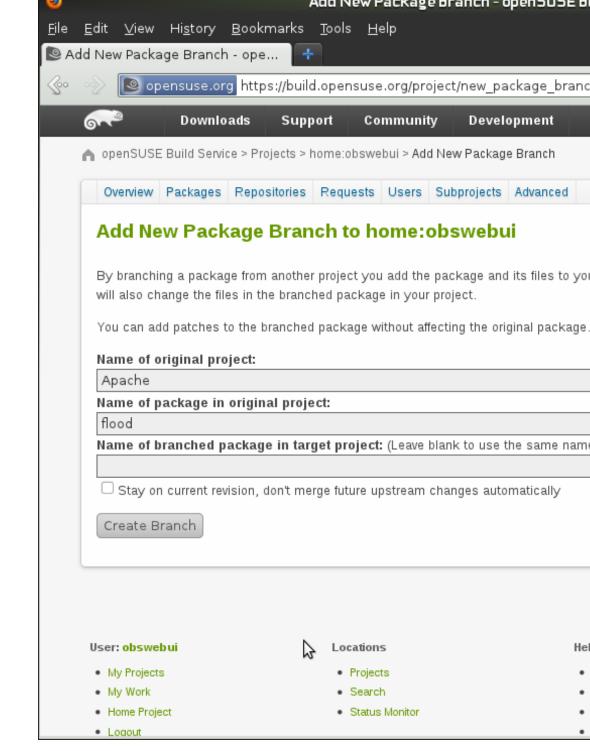
Open that page and enter for

Name of original project: Apache

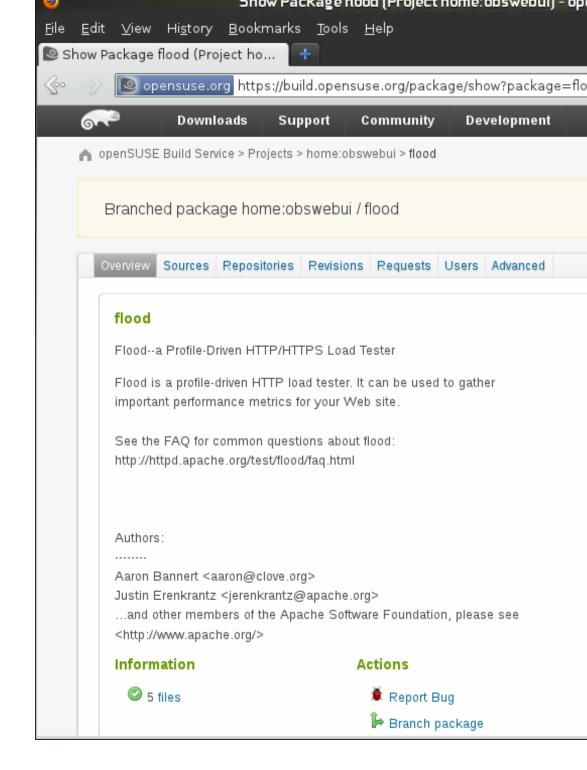
and for

Name of package in original project: flood

- we'll leave "Name of linked package in target project" empty. This is shown on the next picture:



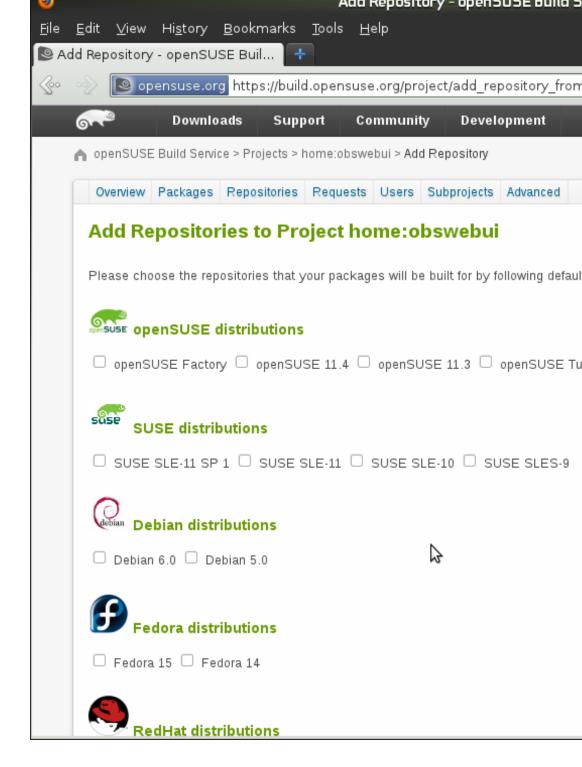
Proceed with "Create Branch" and you'll be redirected to your home again. You'll see a new package "flood" and a notice about the branch being added.



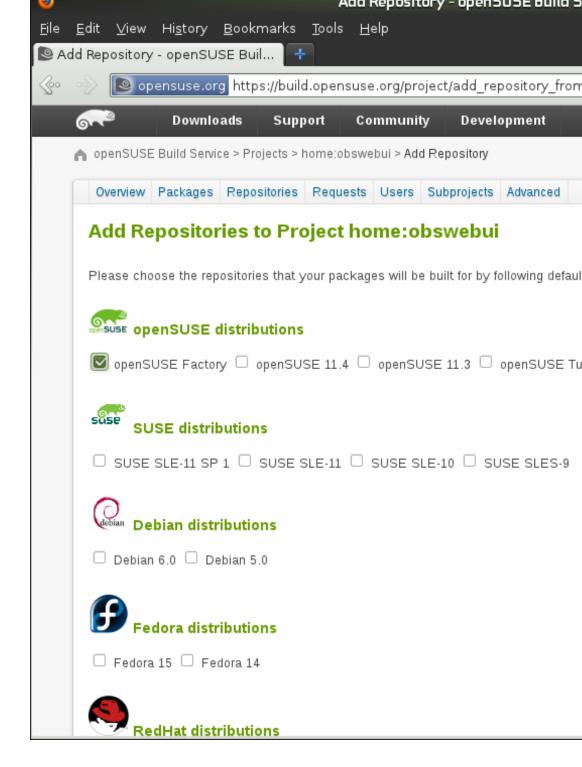
Wonderful, we've added a pointer to the sources - now we need a build repository added, so the builder knows the target-distribution.

1.4.2 Add repository / build target

To do this, click on "Add Repository" by clicking "no repositories" in above screen. This will look like:



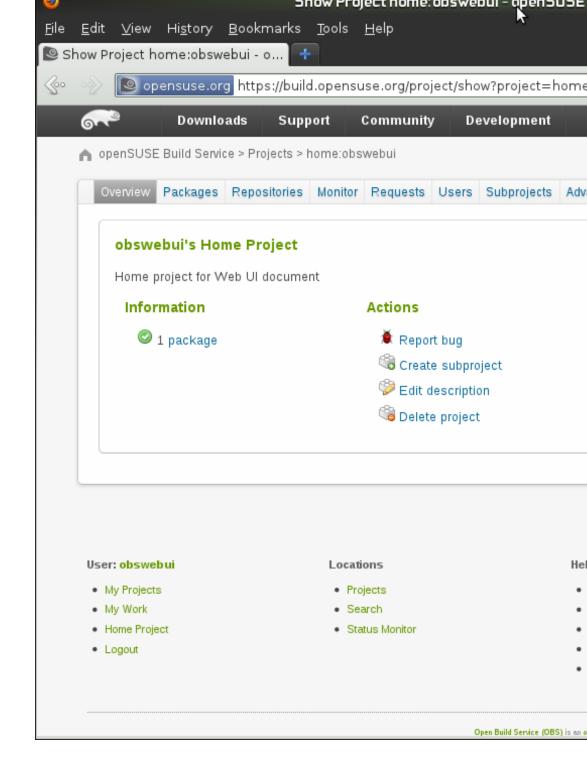
Now select "openSUSE Factory" as target repository and press Add selected repositories button which is located at bottom side of screen:



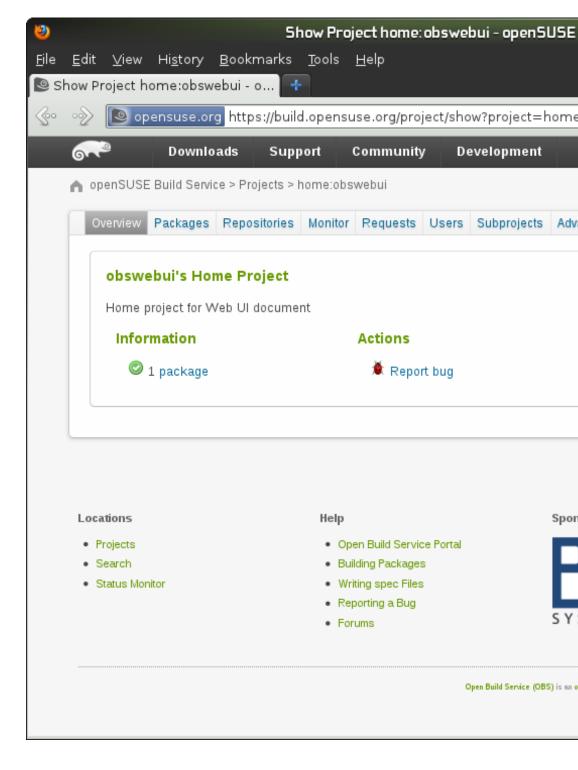
(If it is not in the initial list, see if there an an Advanced link to a more comprehensive list). This will take you back to your home: project. The build repository might be disabled: if so, klick on the cogwheel to enable it. Congratulations, it is configured. On a heavily loaded server, it can sometimes take a few minutes for your changes to become effective, but your linked package will automatically begin building.

1.4.3 Package page, build log and project monitor page

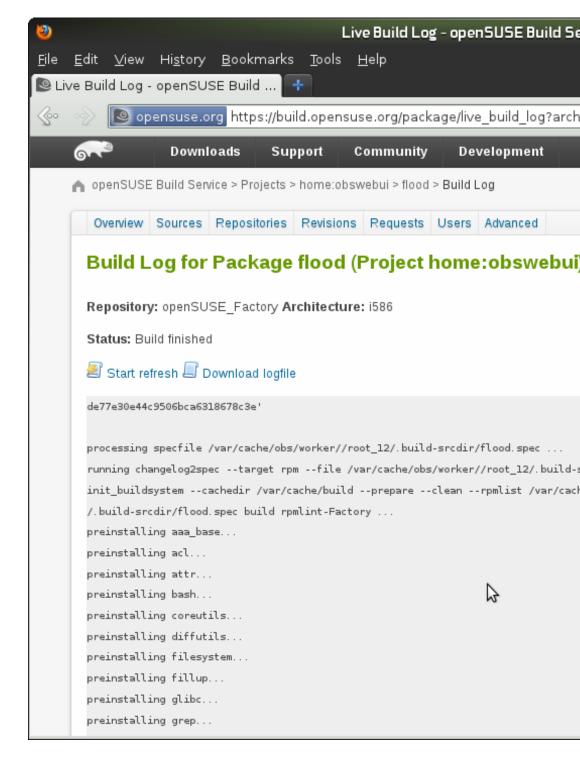
Next, it is time to explore the Monitor page, the package detail page and the build log. Just click on the links and explore the web interface. I recommend starting with your home project's top level 'overview' page - click on the Overview tab and you may see something like this:



If you wait a bit, you would see the below building success screen

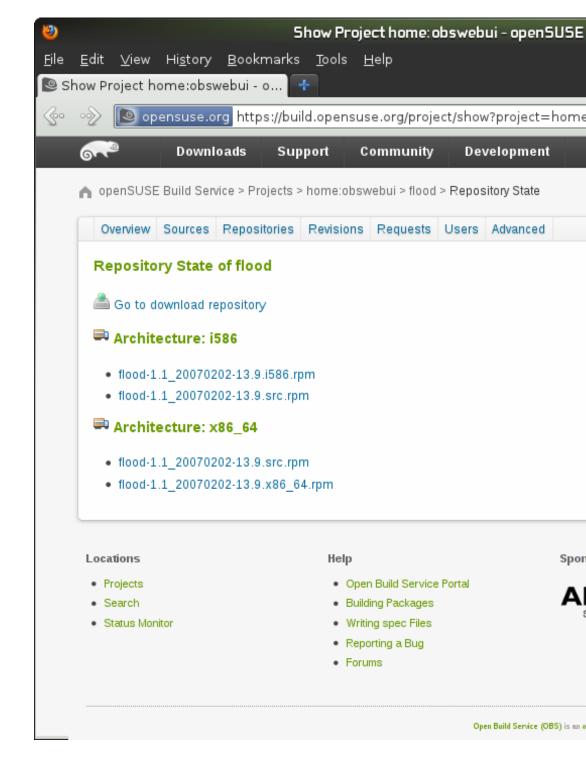


please try to click blue "succeeded" message, then you could see the build log as below.



1.5 Repository Output: Built **Packages**

To find the RPMs you built, go to your home project page and click Repositories. From there click on the blue repository name. For example, openSUSE_Factory:



And from there, click on Go to download repository. You'll see something like this:



Index of /repositories/home:/obswebui/openSUSE

	Name	Last modified	Size	
•	Parent Directory		-	
	home:obswebui.repo	30-Jun-2011 07:21	285	Details
	i586/	30-Jun-2011 07:19	-	
	repodata/	30-Jun-2011 07:21	-	
	src/	30-Jun-2011 07:19	-	
	x86_64/	30-Jun-2011 07:21	-	

Apache/2.2.10 (Linux/SUSE) Server at download.opensuse.org Port 80

MirrorBrain powered by Apache

Your rpms can be found in the subdirectories, and the .repo file is suitable for use with zypper, yum or other repository-friendly package management tools.

Basic Concepts and Work Styles

These best practices should be known by every OBS user. They describe how to setup projects, working with own or foreign sources.

2.1 Setup a project re-using other projects binaries

Binaries (page 75) are the

2.2 Setup a project reusing other projects sources

You can also setup your own project using the sources, spec files and patches from another project and develop within this project.

#osc copypac SOURCEPRJ SOURCEPAC DESTPRJ

By default, Open Build Service will strip the maintainer info and now make it part of your own project. To clarify, when we speak of a project, it can mean just one package or a complete set of packages with their own build dependencies.

2.3 Contribute Directly to External Projects

In case a user does not have commit permissions to a project, he can request maintainership permissions for this project. This makes sense if the user is already known to the project owners and they trust him as a maintainer. There is a way to do this via the request system of OBS, but only via osc so far:

osc createrequest -a add_me maintainer PROJECT

2.4 Contribute Indirectly to Foreign Projects

Users who are new to a given project, either because they are new users with Open Build Service or packaging or don't have any deeper knowledge about a certain project won't have direct commit permissions. However, they can still create a copy of any package source and ask back to merge their changes. Open Build Service has support to make this easy.

Wiki reference: User comment page [http://en.opensuse.org/
openSUSE:Build_Service_Collaboration]

This chapter covers main step of using OBS to publish binaries of your project for multiple distributions.

3.1 Which instance to use?

3.1.1 Private OBS instance

OBS is open source project and therefore you can setup your own instance and run it by your own. The main advantage of this approach is that you can keep all your sources and recepies unpublished if you need to (for example because of NDA). Obvious downside of this approach is that you need to maintain your own server/servers for running builds, publishing and mirroring. Also making your project public may attract some potentional contributors.

More information about setting up your own private OBS instance can be found in Chapter 4, OBS Local Setup (page 49).

3.1.2 openSUSE Build Service

Other option is to use some publically available instance of OBS. One good example is openSUSE Build Service - http://build.opensuse.org . This OBS instance can be used by anybody to freely create binaries for any of the supported distributions. Big advanatage is that somebody is already taking care of all the infrastructure. You can store your sources there, build your packages and got them mirrored around the world. You don't need to get your own server a configure it, you can start using it right a way.

3.2 Where to place your project?

This part helps you to decide on how to name and where to place your project and what project structure to create. This is more important if you are sharing your OBS instance with other people like in openSUSE Build Service [http://build.opensuse.org].

3.2.1 Base project

If there are more packages in OBS, like for example in openSUSE Build Service [http://build.opensuse.org], these packages needs to be somehow divided into projects so it is easier to find what people are looking for and it isn't all just one big mess.

In openSUSE Build Service, packages are divided into categories regarding their function. MySQL is in *server:database* repository, lighttpd in *server:http* and for example KMyMoney has it's own subproject in *KDE:Apps*. So it is a good idea to think about in what category available on the OBS your application will fit the best.

If you need whole project for yourself - for example some of your dependencies is being built in the same project, you need to request creating subproject. In openSUSE Build Service, this is done through asking OBS admins for it on opensuse-buildservice mailing list [mailto:opensuse-buildservice+subscribe@opensuse.org]. It's archive and link for subscribing can be found at http://lists.opensuse.org/opensuse-buildservice/

If you need to just put yout package somewhere, you can create it in your home project and then send submitrequest to the project you want your packge to get included in.

3.2.2 More supported versions?

If you want to support more than just one version of your program, you will need to use several projects for that. There can't be same packages with.

Stable and development version

Let's asume that you have found project suitable for your program. Some projects already have something like STABLE and UNSTABLE subprojects. So you can use these, if you discuss it with maintainers of these project. Other way is to ask somebody from the maintainers of the project to create either these subprojects (if they don't exists) or something similar. Always try to discuss it with the maintainers of the project. They might have good ideas, sugestions and may help you in various ways.

Multiple stable versions

If you want to support multiple version, you would need more projects then just two as suggested in previous section. These special project should contain version they are supposed to support in their name. If you are creating them under some project you are sharing with other packages, having you package name in the name of projects is a good idea as well. Good example can be Gnome. It has GNOME project and many subprojects projects. Among them are for example GNOME:STABLE:2.30, GNOME:STABLE:2.32 and GNOME:STABLE:3.0. These projects holds different stable versions of Gnome with latest fixes.

3.3 Creating a package

Packaging is quite a complex topic. Instead of trying to cover it in this book, it is a good idea to start with available internet documentation. One of the recomended online resource is Portal:Packaging on openSUSE wiki. You can find it at http:// en.opensuse.org/Portal:Packaging . It contains links to several packaging tutorials and other packaging related documentation.

3.4 Getting binaries?

NOTE

This sections discuss feature available only in openSUSE Build Service - one of the freely availble instances of OBS.

If you want a nice download page for your software published on openSUSE Build Service, you can use openSUSE download page. You can include it for example using either iframe or object on newer webs. Example of download page can be following one http://software.opensuse.org/download.html ?project=openSUSE:Tools&package=osc . You can see how it looks like in Figure 3.1, "openSUSE download page for package from OBS" (page 45). It contains links to the packages and instructions how to install them.

Select Your Operating System















Mandriva

RHEL

Install using One Click Install

openSUSE Factory

openSUSE Factory PPC

openSUSE 11.

openSUSE 11.1 Evergreen

Add repository and install manually

Grab binary packages directly

Packages for openSUSE Factory:

osc-0.132.5-56

• osc-0.132.5-56

Packages for openSUSE Factory PPC:

osc-0.132.5-56
 osc-0.132.5-56

Packages for openSUSE 11.4:

osc-0.132.5-56
 osc-0.132.5-56

Packages for openSUSE 11.3:

osc-0.132.5-56

osc-0 132 5-56

Url always has to start with http://software.opensuse.org/down-load.html?. You can attach any number of '&'-seperated parameters. But at least two of them - *project* and *package* - are required. All parameters with descriptions can be found in Table 3.1, "Possible parameters for download page" (page 46).

Table 3.1 Possible parameters for download page

parameter	description
project	Project in which your package is located

3.4.1 Examples

Now we will take a look at how to include the download page into your project pages. As example we will use *osc* client from *openSUSE:Tools* project. To demonstrate the colors change, we will use theme that would match Midnight Commander.

First we will start with recent web page supporting new standarts. On such a website, we would use object to include download code:

If you are using php on your server, you can make it easier by using following code:

```
<?php
    $url = "http://software.opensuse.org/download.html?
project=openSUSE:Tools&amp;package=osc&amp;bcolor=004&amp;acolor=ff0&amp;fcolor=fff&amp;</pre>
```

```
echo '
<object type="text/html"</pre>
  data="' . $url . '"
  width="100%" height="100%">
  <param name="src"</pre>
     value="' . $url . '" />
  Your browser doesn't support objects, please continue to the
  <a href="' . $url . '">download page</a>
</object>
١;
?>
```

If you are running some legacy website, you might have to use iframe:

```
<iframe src="http://software.opensuse.org/download.html?</pre>
project=openSUSE:Tools&package=osc&bcolor=004&acolor=ff0&fcolor=fff&hcolor=
```

OBS Local Setup

This chapter explains how you could setup/Install/test OBS in your system. This chapter is written for those who are not so familiar with Linux and OBS. So in case you are confident to setup OBS, please skip this chapter. Following would be explained in this chapter.

```
- OBS Manual setup and 1 click install in openSUSE 11.3
- OBS Manual setup and 1 click install in SLES11
- OBS test run on Microsoft Windows using VMware player.
```

Unfortunately, didn't have a chance to install OBS in other Linux distribution yet.

How you could install and purchase openSUSE 11.3 and SLES11 would not be explained in this chapter. VMware player install and purchase also wouldn't be explained. For these topics, you could visit below for help.

```
http://software.opensuse.org/113/en
           http://www.novell.com/products/server/
           http://downloads.vmware.com/d/info/desktop_downloads/
vmware_player/3_0
```

4.1 OBS test run on Microsoft Windows using VMware player

Those who are not familiar with Linux can run and test OBS. To run and test OBS in Windows, you could use a virtual machine program such as VMware or VirtualBox, etc. This chapter explains, how you can run OBS using VMware player. To check and test with VirtualBox or another virtual machine, please check in below. After you are done installing VMware player on Windows, you need to download the OBS appliance program. You could get OBS appliance program in SUSE gallery.

http://susegallery.com

Type and Search OBS in SUSE gallery. you could find the latest OBS appliance program there. Under [Download], Click [Virtual]. You could see VMware / Virtual-Box / KVM image. It would be good that you read install instructions using [View install instructions...] link. And Download this VMware Image to the directory where you could remember. You need to decompress downloaded "OBS_x.x.x.i686-x.x.x.vmx.tar" file.

Check and remember where decompressed "OBS_x.x.x-x.x.x" directory exists. Now, open VMware Player application and Select [File] - [Open a Virtual Machine] or you could press Ctrl+O directly. Search decompressed "OBS_x.x.x-x.x.x" directory in [Open Virtual Machine] dialog box. You would see "OBS_x.x.x.i686-x.x.x.vmx" file icon under this directory and select it. You could see VMware player detect VMware Configuration files and OBS_x.x.x.i686-x.x.x is setup as Virtual Machine in VMware player. Click on "Play virtual machine" icon or hyper link in VMware player and then you could see below screen.

For Linux prompt, you could login using "root" as a login name and "opensuse" as a password. Now, OBS local instance should be already loaded and running in your system. To make sure OBS webui is successfully up and running, you probably want to see OBS web ui.

To access OBS web ui, open your web browser and try http://localhost . in case http://localhost doesn't work, please try http://YOUR_IP. You could check IP address using \$ifconfig Linux command or control panel on Windows. Now, you probably could see below like screen in your Windows.

To login your local OBS instance, you could use default login name as "Admin" and password as "opensuse". Check if you could login properly by clicking "Login" on your local OBS instance web UI. Welcome to the Open Build Service;-)

4.2 OBS 1 click install on openSUSE 11.3

This section explains, how you can install OBS on top of openSUSE 11.3. Open your web browser and copy below URL in URL window of your web browser.

http://download.opensuse.org/repositories/openSUSE:/Tools/ openSUSE_11.3/OBS_Server.ymp

This YaST Meta Package file lets you install OBS by 1 click. In case you are using openSUSE 11.2 or below version, please check if you could find 1 click install file in below URL.

http://en.opensuse.org/openSUSE:Build_Service_Installation_SUSE

After you type above URL, you would see "Opening OBS_Server.ymp" window, Select default selection which is "Open with YaST Meta Package Handler" and press OK button. then "OBS_Server Installation - YaST" window will appear. Select Next button after that till you get successful OBS setup message.

TIPS: In case you didn't install libMagickCore.so.2 in openSUSE, you might face dependency warning. In that case, stop the OBS install by pressing "Abort" button in "OBS_Server Installation - YaST" window. Then search and install libMagickCore using a search engine like Google or others and repeat above processes. Then you will get an OBS setup message.

Now, OBS Server is installed in your openSUSE. To run OBS server, you need to work on several further steps. Open /usr/share/doc/packages/obs-api/README.SETUP file. To run OBS server, you need to follow each step of README.SETUP carefully based on your system situation. You could also find this README.SETUP file online using below URL.

http://gitorious.org/opensuse/build-service/blobs/raw/master/dist/README.SETUP

If you follow instructions from README.SETUP file, you should be able to run OBS server in your system. There are several tips that I would like to comment regarding README.SETUP file.

TIP #1 : Check "3.1 Initialize fresh Database". It might be described as

```
# cd /srv/www/obs/api/
# sudo RAILS_ENV="production" rake db:setup
# sudo chown lighttpd.lighttpd log/*

# cd /srv/www/obs/webui/
# sudo RAILS_ENV="production" rake db:setup
# sudo chown lighttpd.lighttpd log/*
```

but it should be

```
# cd /srv/www/obs/api/
# sudo RAILS_ENV="production" rake db:migrate
# sudo chown lighttpd.lighttpd log/*

# cd /srv/www/obs/webui/
# sudo RAILS_ENV="production" rake db:migrate
# sudo chown lighttpd.lighttpd log/*
```

You could check this Tip in below URL also.

```
http://en.opensuse.org/openSUSE:Build_Service_Installation_SUSE
```

You would find same description in above URL for this TIP #1.

TIP #2 : If you get fail message because of "apisrv" in "6. Using osc with your local build service:", please try apiurl instead.

You might face some issues during process to follow README.SETUP file. If you read and follow instructions carefully, you could run OBS local instance on your system successfully.

4.3 OBS 1 click install on SLES(SUSE Linux Enterprise Server) 11

1 click install for OBS in SLES11. This section explains how you install OBS in SLES11. Installation of OBS in SLES11 is quite similar to OBS install method on openSUSE. I would skip same contents so you might need to have a look for prior section "OBS 1 click install on openSUSE 11.3".

Before you install OBS on SLES11, you need to download and install SLES11 SDK first. you could download SLES11 SDK in here.

```
http://download.novell.com
```

After you download and install SLES11 SDK, We could use YMP file for OBS 1 click install like openSUSE 11.3. Open your web browser and copy below URL in URL window of your web browser.

```
http://download.opensuse.org/repositories/openSUSE:/Tools/
SLE_11/OBS_Server.ymp
```

Like openSUSE 11.3, I referenced above URL from below.

http://en.opensuse.org/openSUSE:Build_Service_Installation_SUSE

After you typed "http://download.opensuse.org/repositories/openSUSE:/Tools/ SLE_11/OBS_Server.ymp", you would see "Opening OBS_Server.ymp" window as described in the previous openSUSE 11.3 section. Press "OK" button and "Next" button after YaST2 window pops up. If YaST lets you know successful install of OBS server, then you are ready to activate and run OBS on SLES11.

To run OBS server on SLES11, you need to follow instructions based on /usr/share/doc/packages/obs-api/README.SETUP file as described in prior section. From here, you could refer to prior section for successful OBS run on your SLES11.

Boot Strapping

This chapter explains Boot strapping. In this chapter, You would learn how you could have other OBS projects and packages to your local OBS instance after your OBS install. There are some useful OSC commands examples and OBS working mechanism explanation in this chapter also. Basically this chapter is a copy from Build Service portal. please check below for OBS bootstrap from Build Service portal.

```
http://en.opensuse.org/
openSUSE:Build_Service_private_instance_boot_strapping
```

5.1 The issue

If you create a private instance of an OBS it is likely to be be fully independent. This means that your OBS needs to build its full reference tools chain. This process - called Bootstrap - presents the same problem as the Chicken and the Egg, which one came first! In other words, you need to create a tool chain with the tool chain that you want to create.

5.2 A cheat sheet

5.2.1 Create your first project

Log on to the Web API. The default user Admin, with the password opensuse is available. Create your own login and password and set yourself as Admin. Log on to the Web UI as Admin and click on the Icon "Setup OBS". Accept the default. It

should work. Select from under 'Locations' -> 'Projects'. At the end of the list click on 'Add_Project'. Give it a name (e.g. Meego-test) Select your new project and create a sub-project 0.1. You have now a project Meego-test:1.0 Sub projects are handy to propagate Access Control Lists (acl) and for creating the version as a sub project simplifies the user and project administration.

5.2.2 Import your base Linux project

We are now going to import the base project. I will describe two methods, one where you have a login on a remote OBS instance, one where you have only access to the rpm repository. In both cases you will need access to binary and source rpm.

With a login on a remote OBS

The osc copypac (I assume that you have installed the osc package on your workstation) has an option -t which enables copying towards a remote target OBS instance. osc help and osc help command will advise on how to use these. First you need to import the project configuration.

```
$ export PROJECT=MeeGo-test:0.1
    $ osc -A http://api-url-source-obs meta prjconf $PROJECT >
my_project.conf
    $ osc -A http://api-url-target-obs meta prjconf -F
my_project.conf $PROJECT
```

Then import the project. As you might have some Links in the project that you import, it is a good idea to keep the source and target project names identical.

```
$ PRJ=ProjectToCopy; for i in `osc -A http://api.source.obs.domain
ls $PRJ`; do \\
osc -A http://api.source.obs.domain \\
copypac -t http://api.target.obs.domain $PRJ $i $PRJ ;done
```

Without a Login on a remote OBS

If you have access only to the repositories of your source reference target, then your life will be a bit more difficult. My advice would be to recheck if you find you can-

not get a login on a public OBS service - such as provided by openSUSE or MeeGo - before proceeding this way. You will not be able to import the project config and you will have to create it by hand. This is too long to be covered in this HowTo. For more explanation about Build Service project config, please visit below.

```
http://en.opensuse.org/openSUSE:Build_Service_prjconf
```

Then you need to download all your rpm source on to a local machine and import it into your project with the command.

```
$ osc importsrcpkg
```

Bootstrapping

To initiate the build process, we will copy the rpm binary from the source OBS of the source project. These binary rpms, from which we will remove any reference to release and version, will be used to trigger the first build. The OBS appliance will recompile all the rpms until all rpms in the project have been compiled only with packages compiled from their source code. Some base packages (e.g. tool chains) will be compiled several times during that process. Alternative You can build a first time against a target which is similar to the base that you need to boot strap in lieu of building against your own base and change the build reference to your bootstrap base once that the first build has been successful. Remember that you can also build against remote baseline. Double check that the preliminary step have been executed correctly. You must have already: copied a Linux base distribution in an OBS project defined a build target for that base project. Note: If you have not defined a build target the need directory structure will not exist. It's a preliminary mandatory step. stop the scheduler as it will create a mess if the system is not stable

```
# rcobsscheduler stop
```

* Add binaries to the :full directory of the Project ssh onto the OBS server. Now go to the project's build directory, and create a directory called ":full". Note : standard is the default name of your Build repository as defined in your project. It might change depending of who created the initial build repo.

```
# cd /obs/build/$PROJECT/standard/i586
```

This directory structure should already exist. If not, there is a problem (note that /obs is link and the target may vary with your implementation). Now create the ":full" directory. \$ mkdir :full Copy over all the binary rpms of the project you are trying to build from scratch. These rpms should have the release and version numbers stripped from them. e.g. alsa-utils-1.0.22-2.7.i586.rpm -- should be – alsa-utils.rpm Note : If

the original project has a :full directory you can copy from there to avoid the issue of stripping version and release numbers. * Add binaries to the :full directory of the Project. Change all user/group privileges under /srv/obs/build/ to "obsrun"

```
# chown -R obsrun:obsrun /srv/obs/build
```

If you leave root as owner of :full, it will still build but the scheduler will fail (almost silently) to upgrade :full with the latest built packages. Except in very special cases, it is very unlikely that you want to do so. * Start the OBS scheduler

```
# rcobsscheduler start
```

* Force the obs to reindex your new :full directory. It will send an event to the scheduler which will create a file named :full.solv

```
# obs_admin --rescan-repository $OBS-PROJECT $REPO $ARCH
```

Troubleshooting

At that time you should see your project restarting to build. If that would not be the case. * check that your files in your target :full directory are all own by the user obsrun. The following command should not return any file name.

```
#find /obs/build ! -user obsrun
#chown -R obsrun:obsrun /obs/build (will correct ownership
issue)
```

* Force the obs to reindex your new :full directory. It will create a file named :full.solv

```
$obs_admin --rescan-repository $OBS-PROJECT $REPO $ARCH
```

* Check that your rpm are valid (e.g. not damaged during transfer)

```
#cd /obs/build/$PROJECT/standard/i586:full
#for I in `ls *.rpm` ; do rpm -qlp $I >/dev/null; if [ $? -ne
0 ] ;then echo $I >>../error.lst ; fi ; done
#cat ../error.lst (must be empty, all rpm in error needs re-
installation)
```

* Still not working, get a look in the log files in the directory /obs/log. You can start by having a look at /obs/log/scheduler_TARGET_ARCH.log and search from the end for the string "expanding dependencies". You will find from there why the scheduler fails.

#tail -f /obs/log/scheduler_i586.log

5.3 Creating my first project

After creating a dedicated user via the web API, relog onto the web UI with your new login. Open your home project and create a sub project called "MyTest". To add a package in your new Home project, simply create a link [link Package from other Project] with one of the packages recently copied in your new OBS instance (see previous chapter Import your base project). Pick up a small one to speed compilation time. Click on the "+" near Build Repositories to add a repository. Move to the end of the page where all the standard Linux distributions are listed and click on [Advance]. Give a name to your repo, e.g. my-test and pick fom the list the project/repo that you have just imported and rebuilt. This will request the OBS to build your new Home project against that repository. You can now check out your Home project with the ocs command, modify a file or two and at your next check-in, the OBS will rebuild your Home project. If your reference project changes, the OBS will also rebuild your Home project.

OSC commands examples

This chapter explains and shows OSC commands examples. You could use OBS much more efficiently with OSC commands. \$\\$man OSC will show you [GLOBALOPTS], SUBCOMMAND, [OPTS][ARGS....]. You also could find some OSC commands examples from OBS Build Service portal. This chapter will take every OSC command examples from OBS Build Service portal and describes it in here. You could visit Build Service portal OSC command explanation via below described URL.

http://en.opensuse.org/Build_Service/CLI

6.1 osc, the Python command line client

osc is written in Python, and in addition to the commandline interface it also provides a Python module, for use by other Python programs. Packages can be found at http://download.opensuse.org/repositories/openSUSE:/Tools/ for various distributions (openSUSE, SLES, Fedora, Mandriva, Debian, etc.). If you want to check out the latest source code, you can do so with Git:

git clone git://gitorious.org/opensuse/osc.git

osc is a subversion-like client. It serves as client for the source code repository part of the build service, and it is used to edit metadata or query about build results. Introductory usage examples are shown below. Note the Build Service Tutorial, which gives a more systematic introduction, osc is extensible. You can modify the behavior or write your own commands, osc will ask you for your credentials when you use it

for the first time, and store them in ~/.oscrc. The password is stored in plain text. Protect your ~/.oscrc file and your filesystem appropriately.

Show usage info on a command

```
osc help
osc help [cmd]
```

List existing content on the server

```
osc ls #list projects
osc ls Apache #list packages in a project
osc ls Apache flood #list files of package of a
```

"osc ls" shows you a list of projects on OBS. But which OBS it would show? it depends on your .oscrc setting. please have a look on your .oscrc file. If it is set as "apiurl = https://api.opensuse.org". osc ls would show build.opensuse.org OBS projects list to you. So what if you would like to list projects of another OBS?

```
osc -A http://localhost:81 ls #list your local OBS instance projects
osc -A https://api.opensuse.org ls #list build.opensuse.org projects
```

Check out content

```
osc co Apache #entire project
osc co Apache flood #a package
osc co Apache flood flood.spec # single file
```

Update a working directory

```
osc up
            osc up [directory]
            osc up * # from within a project dir, update all
packages
                              # from within a project dir, update all
           osc up
packages AND check out all newly added packages
```

Upload changed content

```
Upload changed content
 osc ci
                                                                # current dir
 osc ci # current dir
osc ci [file1] [file2] # only specific files
osc ci [dir1] [dir2] ... # multiple packages
osc ci -m "updated foobar" # specify a commit message
```

See the commit log

```
osc log
```

Show the status (which files have been changed locally)

```
osc st
osc st [directory]
```

If an update cannot be merged automatically, a file is in 'C' (conflict) state, and conflicts are marked with special lines. After manually resolving the problem, use

```
osc resolved [file]
```

Mark files to be added or removed on the next 'checkin'

```
osc add foo
osc rm foo
```

Add all new files in local copy and removes all disappeared files.

```
osc addremove
```

Generate a diff to view the changes

```
osc diff [file]
```

Show the build results of the package

```
osc results
osc results [platform]
```

Show the log file of a package (you need to be inside a package directory)

```
osc buildlog [platform] [arch]
```

Show the URLs of .repo files which are packages sources for Yum/YaST/smart

```
osc repourls [dir]
```

Trigger a package rebuild for all repositories/architectures of a package

```
osc rebuildpac [dir]
```

Build a package on your local plattform

```
osc build [platform] [arch] [specfile] [--clean|--noinit|...]
```

Show the configured platforms/build targets.

```
osc platforms [project]
```

Show the possible build targets for your project.

```
osc repos
```

Show meta information

```
osc meta prj [project]
osc meta pkg [project] [package]
osc meta user [username]
osc meta prjconf [project]
```

Edit meta information. Creates new package/project if it doesn't exist. It will open an Editor with the raw XML metadata. If unsure about XML, you can use the web client instead.

```
osc meta prj -e [project]
osc meta pkg -e [project] [package]
osc meta prjconf -e [project]
```

(The project configuration (prjconf) may well be empty. It is needed in special cases only.) Update package meta data with metadata taken from spec file

```
osc updatepacmetafromspec [dir]
```

6.2 Package tracking

With osc it is also possible to manage packages in a svn like way. This feature is called package tracking and has to be enabled in ~/.oscrc's [general] section

```
# manage your packages in a svn like way
do_package_tracking = 1
```

Add a new package to a project

```
osc mkpac [package]
```

Add an already existing directory and its files to a project

```
osc add [directory]
```

Remove a package and its files from a project

```
osc deletepac [package]
```

All the commands above only change your local working copy. To submit your changes to the buildservice you have to commit them (osc ci -m [message]). The status command also displays the state of the packages

```
osc st
```

6.3 .oscrc cheatsheet

The [general] section Storage:

```
# Downloaded packages are cached here. Must be writable by you.
# default:
packagecachedir = /var/tmp/osbuild-packagecache

# rootdir to setup the chroot environment
# can contain % (repo) s and/or % (arch) s for replacement
# /[path]/% (repo) s-% (arch) s-% (project) s-% (package) s
# default:
```

API communication:

```
# use this API server (hostname[:port])
# (it needs a section [api.opensuse.org] with the credentials)
# default:
apiurl = api.opensuse.org
# use this protocol to access the API server (http or https)
# default:
scheme = https
```

API host:

```
# API hosts can be referenced by aliases, e.g. 'osc -A
alias ...'
           # List aliases for API hosts under the API host section.
           # https://api.opensuse.org
           # user=jdoe
           # aliases=
```

Local build:

```
\# Wrapper to call build as root (sudo, su -, ...)
              # default:
              su-wrapper = su -c
              # no password required with:
              #su-wrapper = sudo
              #with entry in sudoers file:
              # [username] ALL = NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/build
             # For convenience/debugging, osc adds internally vim gdb
strace to
```

```
# the packages installed in the build chroot if extra-pkgs is
not set to:
             #extra-pkgs=
             # build type - possibe values:
             # * empty -> chroot
             # * xen -> xen VM
             # * kvm -> kvm VM (testing needed)
             # default: not set/chroot
             #build-type=xen
             # build-device - root filesystem to use for VM
             # default: not set
             #build-device=/tmp/FILE.root
             # build-swap - swap filesystem to use for VM
             # default: not set
             #build-swap=/tmp/FILE.swap
             # build-memory - amount of memory for VM
             # default: not set
```

#build-memory=512

Advanced Project Setups

These best practices describe more complex setups, for example how to rebuild an entire stack with minimal effort.

7.1 Rebuild an entire project with changes

To be written...

7.2 Integrate Source Handling

To be written...

7.3 Use OBS for automated QA

To be written...

Kernel Module Building

Ann Davis wants to write this ...

HOW TO -- a list of common questions and solutions

This currently an unsorted list of asked questions.

9.1 How to work best with limited bandwidth

Packages can contain large files, esp. some tar balls can become quite large, in some real life examples several hundred mega bytes. This can be a problem when you need to work on the package via a slow connection.

9.1.1 Use the web interface

The web interface is the easiest way to edit simple things without the need of the checkout.

Disadvantages are

- Not the preferred solution for power packagers
- No local build possible
- Still a significant bandwidth is needed compared to the size of the edited file.

9.1.2 Use osc with size limit

osc offers to skip files with a certain size (specified with -1 switch) on checkout. The limit is stored locally and you can also run an update later without downloading any large files. All other files can be edited, diffed and committed as usual.

Disadvantages are

- The checkout is incomplete
- No local build possible

9.1.3 Use download_url

Manage your large files via source services. The easiest way is to use osc add SURL

which just stores a small _service file. The check will not contain the large files by default, but they get downloaded when needed via the service. However, they will never get committed, so this is the best approach when you have a fast downstream, but slow upstream like with standard DSL connections. Also other users can trust your tar ball, esp. important when you do version upgrades on foreign packages.

Disadvantages are

• The generated files have the _service: prefix in check out (but not during build).

9.1.4 Use source service in trylocal mode

Manage your large files via source services in try local mode for example with download_url or download_files service. This means you can be flexible depending on your current connection without changing the setup. The service is generating the file on the server side when you decide not to commit it, but you can also decide to commit it and avoid the _service: prefix on the files. Also other users can trust your tar ball, esp. important when you do version upgrades on foreign packages.

Disadvantages are

• A checkout may still need the size limit switch when last commit contained the large files.

Glossary

Open Build Service

The Open Build Service and its acronym OBS is used to speak about the server part of the build service. When speaking about OBS all possible instances are affected.

openSUSE Build Service

The openSUSE Build Service is the concrete instance of Open Build Service (page 75) from the openSUSE project at http://build.opensuse.org.

Appliance

A software appliance is a preconfigured combination of an application (for example, a Web server) and its configuration, and includes an operating system (for example, SUSE Linux Enterprise Server). All these parts are integrated into a single image and can be deployed on industry hardware or on a virtual environment.

EULA

End User License Agreement. For software that needs a special license (usually non-open source) which the user has to agree to before installing.

KIWI

KIWI provides a complete operating system image solution. It can create images for Linux supported hardware platforms or for virtualization systems.

Overlay Files

Files which are created, removed, or modified in your testdrive are considered as *overlay files*. These files can be added later as a supplement to your appliance.

Binaries

Binaries are considered as build results of OBS Projects. Binaries can be reused in an environment to build further binaries. Currently OBS is supporting rpm, deb and all formats generated by KIWI (page 75).

GA Project

The GA project builds an initial release of a product. It gets frozen after releasing the product. All further updates get released via the Update Project (page 76) of this project.

Update Project

The update project is a Release Project (page 76) which provides official updates for the products generated in the GA Project (page 75). The Update project is usually linking (sources and repositories) against the GA Project (page 75).

Maintenance Project

The maintenance project is a project without sources and binaries, defined by the maintenance team. Incident (page 76)s are created as sub projects of this project.

Incident

The maintenance incident describes a concrete problem and the required updates. If the problem exists for multiple code streams, one incident covers all of them. An incident is started by creating a maintenance incident project and the update get built here.

Release Project

A release project is hosting a release repository which is not building any packages ever. It is just used to copy sources and binaries to this project on a release event.



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