

POWER8 Continuous Integration

Final Report

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Abstract

This document contains an overview of the progress of the POWER8 Continuous Integration project. It includes the goals and purpose of the project, the current status, items remaining to be done, and a discussion of problems we have encountered.

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I. INTRODUCTION

IBM requested a project that would create an easy to use, public, Cloud-based, POWER8 Continuous Integration service in order to increase the ability of Open Source projects to build and test their software on POWER8. Open Source software projects are often designed to work on as broad a range of hardware architectures as possible. The users of Open Source software want the flexibility to consider a variety of hardware solutions in order to take advantage of different capabilities and to avoid vendor lock-in in the future. To support their users, Open Source software projects spend their time and resources on adding support for new architectures as they become available. The introduction of IBM's POWER8 architecture broadened the range of possible solutions available to the end users of Open Source software. This creates a need for Open Source projects to ensure that their software builds and functions correctly on POWER8. Open Source software projects often use Continuous Integration (CI) systems to build and test their software. CI enables these projects to validate their software after each change, ensuring that it continues to work as expected. Public Cloud-based solutions already exist to enable Open Source software developers to build and test their software on Intel's x86 architecture. Thus, while much of the work needed to enable software to compile on POWER8 has already been done at the compiler level, Open Source software developers still need an easy way to build and test their software on POWER8.

Our primary client at IBM was Gerrit Huizenga. Gerrit, along with Stan Gowen and other IBM employees, took an active role in guiding the project while allowing us to do the development. They provided us with the goals of the project and pointed us to resources that were available for us to learn from. Toward the end of the project they assisted us by providing test builds for the CI system.

The project team members were Leon Leighton, Thomas Olson, and Derek Wong. Leon Leighton focused on OpenStack, Jenkins, and Ansible. Thomas Olson focused on build configuration and troubleshooting. Derek Wong focused on deciding which plugins to use in Jenkins, such as the GitHub OAuth and the Build Notification Plugins.

II. REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT

A. Introduction

1) *Purpose:* The goal of this Software Requirements Specification is to set out the requirements for the POWER8 Build and Test Infrastructure project to help coordinate between the multiple stakeholders involved in bringing the project to fruition. This document is intended to be read by technically adept persons, with an emphasis on being read by the Oregon State University Open Source Lab, employees of IBM and faculty of the Oregon State University College of Engineering.

2) *Scope:* The POWER8 Build and Test Infrastructure shall automatically pull source code from online software repositories, build the required binaries for the POWER8 architecture, run required test suites on the binaries and make the binaries available for use. It shall allow interested parties to register their project's repository through an online interface to maximize ease of use. The system will vastly simplify the ability for open-source projects to test their source code on POWER8. This benefits the developers by allowing such projects to operate on a wider variety of platforms and benefits IBM by greatly increasing the accessibility of the POWER8 architecture to a enormous magnitude of open-source projects.

3) *Overview:* The rest of this Software Requirements Specification consists of the overall description of the system and the specific requirements for it as laid out in IEEE 830-1998, followed by the table of contents at the end of the document.

B. Overall description

1) *Product perspective:* The POWER8 Build and Test Infrastructure will interface with software code repositories such as GitHub to automatically pull source code from those repositories to be built. It will run natively on POWER8 architecture hosted by the Oregon State University Open Source Lab.

2) *Product functions:* The system will allow people to register projects hosted on GitHub through a web interface to be automatically built, tested and released. Once a project is registered, the system will pull the updated version of the source code for a given project when it is updated. It will build the binaries for the POWER8 architecture in either a VM or a container and test them with tests provided by the user for regressions and errors. The user will be notified if the build and/or test suites failed. If everything succeeds, the system will upload the tested and verified binaries such that the user may access them.

3) *User characteristics:* This system will be intended to be used by people interested in expanding the scope of what architectures are supported by their platform. It will be targeted towards open source software developers with some experience in building and releasing software.

4) *Apportioning of requirements:* The fundamental base-line goal is for the system to be able to automatically do a pull-build-deploy cycle for a given project. Once that is complete, adding a test step to the cycle and a web interface are the next two goals. If time permits, further stretch goals may be considered.

C. Specific requirements

1) External interfaces:

- 1) GitHub repository
- 2) External authentication sources such as GitHub and Google.
- 3) Test suites
- 4) Test results
- 5) Produced binaries

2) Functional requirements:

- 1) The system shall allow people to register projects hosted on GitHub through a web interface
- 2) The system shall automatically build the software.
- 3) The system shall run tests specified by the project.
- 4) The system shall report the results of the test to the project.
- 5) The system shall make the resulting binaries available to the project.

3) Design constraints: The software must compile and run on Linux running on POWER8.

4) Software system attributes:

- a) Security:* All project builds should be isolated from both the host system and other project builds.
- b) Portability:* The CI system should be able to be run on other POWER8 systems with a minimal amount of configuration.

III. DISCUSSION OF REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT

The requirements document is incomplete. In our discussions with IBM during the writing of this document, they expressed that they wanted us to follow a more Agile style of development to match their internal use of Agile. As such, they did not want us to do an up front requirements document, but rather focus on user stories as a basis of a design document. After speaking to Kevin McGrath about these concerns he advised us to follow the direction from our client.

IV. DESIGN DOCUMENT

A. Introduction

The goal of this document is to communicate the requirements and design of the POWER8 Continuous Integration project. This information is conveyed in the form of user stories which contain three parts. The ‘CARD’ contains the requirement and the role of the stakeholder. The ‘CONVERSATION’ conveys how we intend to meet that requirement. Finally, the ‘CONFIRMATION’ indicates a way that the meeting of the requirement can be verified. As can be seen from the user stories, the overall design of this project is one of integrating a number of existing resources and open source projects into a system which will provide a continuous integration system for IBM’s POWER8 hardware.

Below is a list of the user stories and the author.

| | |
|--|--|
| POWER8 Cluster | POWER8 servers that can be used for Continuous Integration. Authored by Leon Leighton. |
| Deployment/Configuration Management | Manage installing the POWER8 CI system in a reproducible way. Authored by Leon Leighton. |
| Isolation | Isolate builds from each other and other users of the cluster. Authored by Leon Leighton. |
| Automation of VM and container creation/removal | Automate the creation and removal of virtual machines and containers. Authored by Leon Leighton. |
| Login | Use an existing login. Authored by Derek Wong. |
| Build Status | Informing user of build status. Authored by Derek Wong. |
| Persistent VMs | Persistent virtual machines for our website and Jenkins. Authored by Derek Wong. |
| Build Artifacts | Access the built and tested files. Authored by Thomas Olson. |

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|--|--|
| Build/Environment Configuration | Configure the build and testing environment and methods. Authored by Thomas Olson. |
| Automation of Builds | Automatically run builds when a commit is made to the repository. Authored by Thomas Olson. |
| Pre-build VM images | The system should use pre-built images for the base system of VMs. Authored by Thomas Olson. |

B. User Stories

1) POWER8 Cluster:

a) *CARD*: As an open source software developer, I want to build and test my software on POWER8, so that I can ensure proper functioning on that architecture.

b) *CONVERSATION*: The goal of this project is to enable open source software projects to build and test their software on POWER8. The OSU Open Source Lab has a POWER8 cluster that will serve as the hardware basis for this project. The OSL POWER8 cluster runs OpenStack [1] and is managed via the Chef [2] configuration management system. We will be working closely with the OSL to ensure that we have access to the POWER8 cluster for both testing and deployment of our Continuous Integration system. We will also work with the OSL to ensure that any needed OpenStack components are installed.

c) *CONFIRMATION*: The POWER8 CI team members, in coordination with the OSL, are able to deploy the CI system on the OSL's POWER8 OpenStack cluster.

2) Deployment/Configuration Management:

a) *CARD*: As a system administrator, I want to centralize the management of the POWER8 CI system, so that there is a single source of truth for the configuration of the system.

b) *CONVERSATION*: We will need to deploy and configure multiple components to create the POWER8 CI system. In addition, one of the goals of our project is to enable others to recreate our POWER8 CI system. We can meet these needs and goals by using a configuration management system. Ansible [3] is a IT automation solution that will allow us to manage the configuration and deployment of our CI system. Specifically, we will be using Ansible playbooks to install and configure Jenkins and Jenkins plugins and any additional components of the CI system. Also, we will be keeping the Ansible playbooks in version control to allow us to keep track of changes and rollback changes when necessary. This will give us the flexibility we need to test changes while being able to return to a known good configuration.

c) *CONFIRMATION*: Ansible playbooks exists that will deploy our CI system on a POWER8 OpenStack cluster.

3) *Isolation:*

a) *CARD:* As an open source software developer, I want my project builds to be isolated from other projects, so that my builds and test complete without outside interference.

b) *CONVERSATION:* Our project will be hosted on the OSL's POWER8 OpenStack cluster and we want to ensure that our usage of the cluster does not negatively impact other users of the system. Additionally, we do not want to run builds and tests in such a way that our users could interfere with each other. We can achieve these ends by isolating builds and tests in virtual machines or Linux containers. We will work with the OSL to determine appropriate quotas for usage of CPU, memory, and storage resources. Our primary means of launching and removing virtual machines and containers will be through OpenStack's Nova and Magnum components. By using these components we can leverage OpenStack's ability to manage virtual machines and Linux containers to provide isolation between different projects' builds and tests.

c) *CONFIRMATION:* Projects are built in virtual machines or containers.

4) *Automation of VM and container creation/removal:*

a) *CARD:* As a system administrator, I want to automate the creation and removal of virtual machines and containers, so that projects are not waiting on manual intervention.

b) *CONVERSATION:* The primary goal of this project is to provide an automated solution for open source projects to build and test their software on POWER8. To meet this goal we will need to have the ability to automate the creation and removal of the virtual machines and containers where the builds will take place. As mentioned in another user story, OpenStack has the ability to manage virtual machines and containers through the Nova and Magnum components. In order to automate this, we will utilize Jenkins [4] which has the ability to interact with OpenStack by using a plugin [5]. This will give us the ability to automate the creation and removal of VMs and containers.

c) *CONFIRMATION:* The creation and removal of the virtual machines and containers used for building and testing is automated.

5) *Login:*

a) *CARD:* As an open source software developer, I want to be able to use an existing login, so that I don't have to create another account.

b) *CONVERSATION:* We will use pluggable authentication from Jenkins. The plugins will allow user to use login credentials from other web sites, such as GitHub [?], Google [?], etc...to login. The plugins can simply be installed through Jenkins.

c) *CONFIRMATION:* Our registration web site will allow developers to choose from multiple options for authentication when registering.

6) *Build Status:*

a) *CARD:* As an open source software developer, I want to see my build status, so I know if my build passed or failed.

b) CONVERSATION: We will use a plugin from Jenkins to display the status of our developer's build. More specifically, we intend to use the Build Monitor Plugin [6] to display the information to our users. The Build Monitor Plugin supports many features such as: display the status and progress of selected jobs, display the names of people who might be responsible for 'breaking the build', display who is fixing a broken build, and display what broke the build. The plugin can be installed through Jenkins.

c) CONFIRMATION: Our web site will allow developers to see their build status (pass/fail).

7) Persistent VMs:

a) CARD: As a system administrator, I want persistent virtual machines (VMs) for our website and Jenkins, so that I have a platform to host my service.

b) CONVERSATION: We will use OpenStack to deploy our virtual machines. Then we will use those virtual machines to host our website and Jenkins. OpenStack is a set of software tools for building and managing cloud computing platforms, more specifically it is used to deploy virtual machines to handle different tasks. For our website, we will be using Apache HTTP Server.

c) CONFIRMATION: Our website and Jenkins will be hosted on virtual machines.

8) Build Artifacts:

a) CARD: As an open source software developer, I want to access the built and tested files, so that I can distribute them to users.

b) CONVERSATION: Developers need to be able to access the created binaries and other files from building the source code, so that they may be able to distribute them as needed on their own.

c) CONFIRMATION: The files can be downloaded from the website.

9) Build/Environment Configuration:

a) CARD: As an open source software developer, I want to configure the build and testing environment and methods, so that I can be sure it matches my standard build process.

b) CONVERSATION: Each repository needs a way to configure things such as required packages for building and command-line arguments. To that end, the system will require a configuration file in YAML format. This file will contain information such as necessary libraries and packages, programs and command-line arguments for building, and how to test the built code.

c) CONFIRMATION: The system checks for a file called '.powerci.yml' in registered repositories and configures the build environment with it.

10) Automation of Builds:

a) *CARD*: As an open source software developer, I want the system to automatically run builds when a commit is made to the repository, so that I can determine if a bug has been introduced as early as possible.

b) *CONVERSATION*: Developers require a system that will automatically pull, build and test so they can always have the most current binaries available and so they can quickly know if a recent change causes the build to fail. Jenkins has plugin support for polling Git repositories for changes and then executing a pull-build-test-deploy sequence when a commit is detected to have been pushed since the last build was ran.

c) *CONFIRMATION*: The system automatically executes a pull-build-test-deploy sequence when a commit is pushed to the Git repository.

11) *Pre-build VM images*:

a) *CARD*: As an open source software developer, I want to be able to choose from pre-built virtual machine, so that my builds and tests can target a known platform.

b) *CONVERSATION*: Pre-built images that are used for spinning up VMs makes the entire process of deploying and configuring a VM for running a pull-build-test sequence much faster and smoother. Ubuntu will probably be the OS of choice for the base images, however we may look into providing images for other Linux distributions.

c) *CONFIRMATION*: The system uses disk images with Linux installed for starting VMs.

V. UPDATES TO DESIGN DOCUMENT

A. *Login*

Updated the "Login" user story. Originally, we planned to let users use their existing credentials from different websites such as GitHub, Google, etc, but we narrowed it down to just GitHub for now. Allowing them to use other accounts will be more of a stretch goal in the future. The following is the updated user story.

1) *CARD*: As an open source software developer, I want to be able to use my github account credentials to login, so that I don't have to create another account, to access Jenkins.

2) *CONVERSATION*: We will use pluggable authentication from Jenkins to accomplish this task. Specifically, we will use the GitHub OAuth Plugin to allow users to login with their GitHub credentials.

3) *CONFIRMATION*: Our registration web site will allow developers to simply use their GitHub credentials to login into our services.

B. *Resource Management*

Replaced "Automation of VM/container creation/removal" card with "Resource Management" card in order to capture the reasoning behind automating creation/removal of build resources. The following is the updated user story.

- 1) *CARD*: As an open source software developer, I want my project builds to finish in a timely manner, so that I can receive build and test feedback as quickly as possible.
- 2) *CONVERSATION*: The users of our project want their builds to run as soon as possible. However, our project has a finite amount of resources available on the POWER8 OpenStack cluster. This may cause a delay in starting a build if the necessary resources are not available. Builds should be queued to run in the order received if the resources are not available to run them immediately. In order to ensure that resources are available for new builds, we will need to automatically remove old VMs and containers. As mentioned in another user story, OpenStack has the ability to manage virtual machines and containers through the Nova and Magnum components. In order to automate this, we will utilize Jenkins [4] which has the ability to interact with OpenStack by using a plugin [5]. This will give us the ability to automate both the creation and removal of VMs and containers.
- 3) *CONFIRMATION*: Builds are triggered immediately if resources are available, and queued in the order recieved otherwise.

VI. TECH REVIEW DOCUMENT

A. Introduction

This document contains an evaluation of nine pieces of technology that we will be using in the IBM POWER8 Continuous Integration project. We define evaluation criteria based on the goal we are attempting to achieve by using that piece. For each piece we have selected three options, and we choose the best option based on the evaluation.

The nine pieces are:

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| Cluster Management | The software that will be used to manage a cluster of POWER8 nodes. Authored by Leon Leighton. |
| Continuous Integration Software | The software that will perform the building and testing of projects. Authored by Leon Leighton. |
| Configuration Management | System that will be used to manage the configuration of the system. Authored by Leon Leighton. |
| Linux Distribution Support | The Linux distribution that projects will be built and tested on. Authored by Thomas Olson. |
| Platform For Running Builds | The type of platform used for building and testing. Authored by Thomas Olson. |
| Configuration File Format | The file format that will be used by projects for configuring builds. Authored by Thomas Olson. |
| Login/Authentication | Method for users to login to the system. Authored by Derek Wong. |
| Frontend/Web Frameworks | Method of creating a user interface for interacting with the system. Authored by Derek Wong. |

Tracing State of Builds/Tests

Functionality to show users the status of their builds and tests. Authored by Derek Wong.

B. Cluster Management

1) Options:

a) *OpenStack*: OpenStack [1] is a cluster management solution originally created by Rackspace and NASA, and now managed by the OpenStack Foundation. It contains a number of projects that provide services such as object and block storage, identity management, networking and compute resource management, bare metal provisioning, and DNS services [7]. This modular approach allows users to select which parts they need to accomplish their goals without having to install components they will not be using.

b) *CloudStack*: CloudStack [8] is an Apache Software Foundation cluster management project which aims to provide many of the same services as OpenStack. It follows a more monolithic approach where most components are distributed as part of a single binary [9].

c) *Ganeti*: Ganeti [10] is a cluster management solution from Google that focuses on managing virtual machines. It can be used to create new virtual machines, manage disks, and manage failover of virtual machine instance.

2) *Goals for use*: The primary goal for using cluster management software is to manage the creation and destruction of temporary virtual machines and containers that will be used for building and testing projects.

3) Criteria for Evaluation:

- 1) Community Support: Our chosen solution should have a community that provides support in the form of documentation, bug fixes, and assistance.
- 2) Linux Support: Linux must be supported as both host and guest.
- 3) Container Support: Optional, but we would like to have support for building and testing in containers.
- 4) Jenkins Plugin Support: Jenkins is a likely piece of our solution, therefore having a Jenkins plugin that interacts with our cluster management solution is highly desired.

4) Table:

| Criteria | OpenStack | CloudStack | Ganeti |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|--------|
| Community Support | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Linux Support | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Container Support | Yes | Partial | No |
| Jenkins Plugin Support | Yes | Yes | No |

5) *Discussion:* OpenStack, CloudStack, and Ganeti can all run on Linux and can host Linux virtual machines. Ganeti does little more than this, however, and will not be considered further. Both OpenStack and CloudStack can interact with Jenkins through a plugin [5] [11]. OpenStack appears to have a larger community and a more mature container solution than CloudStack.

6) *Selection of best option:* OpenStack is our chosen solution for cluster management. It meets all of our criteria for evaluation.

C. Continuous Integration Software

1) Options:

a) *Jenkins:* Jenkins [4] is an automation server that can be used to automate builds, tests, and deployments. It is extensible and has a large number of plugins that enable it to interact with other systems.

b) *Buildbot:* Buildbot [12] is another system that enables the automation of builds, tests, and deployments. It can be extended through the use of Python configuration files [13].

c) *Strider:* Strider [14] is a continuous integration server written in Node.js. Like Jenkins it uses plugins to extend its functionality.

2) *Goals for use:* Automate building and testing Open Source projects.

3) Criteria for Evaluation:

- 1) Open Source: As our target audience is Open Source software developers, we should use an Open Source solution to be consistent with the community.
- 2) Language Support: We need to be able to build and test projects written in a variety of languages.
- 3) Notifications: We need some way of providing the user with feedback on the status of their builds and tests.
- 4) Extensible: If we find that there are missing features we will need some way of extending the functionality of the software.
- 5) Number of Existing Plugins: A larger number of plugins increases the probability that someone may have already provided functionality that we need that is not already in the software.

4) Table:

| Criteria | Jenkins | Buildbot | Strider |
|-------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| Open Source | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Language Support | Any | Any | Any |
| Notifications | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Extensible | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Number of Plugins | High | Low | Medium |

5) *Discussion:* All three of our options meet our basic evaluation criteria. However, there is quite a large difference in the number of plugins available, with Jenkins [15] having a much larger number than Buildbot [16] or Strider [17]. There is also a large variety in the type of plugins for Jenkins, covering functionality such as source code management, reports and notifications, and UI elements [15].

6) *Selection of best option:* With its large number and variety of plugins, Jenkins is our chosen solution for continuous integration software.

D. Configuration Management

1) Options:

a) *Ansible:* Ansible [3] is a configuration management and infrastructure automation solution. It is agentless, using SSH to connect to and run commands on nodes. Ansible uses YAML files for configuration [18].

b) *Chef:* Chef [2] is a configuration management solution that uses agents running on each node to poll a central server to access configuration ‘cookbooks’ that are written in Ruby [19].

c) *Puppet:* Puppet [20] is also a configuration management solution. Like Chef, it uses agents on each node and a central ‘puppet master’ server [21]. Configuration is done in a language specific to Puppet that is meant to be accessible to system administrators [22].

2) *Goals for use:* Using a configuration management system will allow us to create a solution that can be replicated by others who may wish to setup their own POWER8 Continuous Integration system. Used in conjunction with a version control system, it will also give us the ability to roll back changes that have been made, giving us flexibility in experimenting with different options as we progress through the project. At a higher level, a configuration management system will allow us to specify what we want the state of the system to be, and it will also give us an ultimate ‘source of truth’ for the project.

3) Criteria for Evaluation:

- 1) Support for installing Jenkins: Our chosen solution should have the ability to manage our Continuous Integration software.
- 2) Overhead: Like most projects, we wish to reduce the amount of overhead in our system.

3) *Difficulty*: We should choose simpler solutions when possible.

4) *Table*:

| Criteria | Ansible | Chef | Puppet |
|------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Installs Jenkins | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Overhead | Low | Moderate | Moderate |
| Difficulty | Low | Moderate | Moderate |

5) *Discussion*: As we are likely to use Jenkins for our continuous integration software we would like there to be an already existing method to install and configure it with the option we choose for configuration management. All three options under consideration meet this criteria through user created modules. We would also like to reduce the overhead involved in using a configuration management system. Both Puppet and Chef require the use of a master server and an agent installed on any node that will be managed. While this is not a high level of overhead, we do contrast that with Ansible which uses SSH which is already included on most Linux systems. It should be noted, however, that since Ansible uses SSH, we will need to create and secure the SSH keys that will be used for authentication. Ansible is also noted to be easier to setup and use. [23]

6) *Selection of best option*: While all three options would allow us to accomplish our goals, we have selected Ansible as our best option.

E. Linux Distribution Support

1) *Options*:

a) *RedHat Enterprise Linux*: RedHat Enterprise Linux is widely considered to be one of the standard Linux distributions for server environments, having been around for a number of years and being very stable. It is supported by the Red Hat corporation and has a ten-year supported production cycle for each major version, followed by an extended support period[24]. Unlike most Linux distributions, it has a paid subscription requirement for support and the extended support has a higher price. However, as a paid product, Red Hat provides dedicated support and certifications which can be important if such certifications are required for a project or if the project requires high availability and dedicated support in case issues arise.

b) *CentOS*: CentOS is an unbranded version of RedHat Enterprise Linux, providing the same functionality and stability with only very minor functional differences. It is supported by the CentOS Project and is free for all use. As a result, it does not have the certifications nor the dedicated support of RedHat Enterprise Linux. As it tries to track the development of RedHat Enterprise Linux very closely, CentOS has approximately the same ten-year support cycle[25], but it does not have the same extended support period provided by Red Hat.

c) *Ubuntu Server*: Ubuntu Server is a version of the Ubuntu distribution that differs from the desktop version only by the installer and the life cycle[26]. It is supported by Canonical and has a five-year life cycle per major version. Like CentOS,

it is free to use, but Canonical optionally offers a contract for dedicated support. Ubuntu also tends to update application packages sooner, trading some amount of stability for newer functionality.

2) *Goals for use:* The operating system selection will have a major effect on the stability and ease-of-use of the entire system. Our goal is to select an operating system that is stable, widely supported and easy to work with.

3) *Criteria for Evaluation:*

- 1) Stability: It is important that the operating system used for running builds has as few issues as possible so as to minimize the need for manual intervention in case there's a failure.
- 2) Support: The operating system should have a strong support base to maximize ease of maintenance and help ensure longevity.
- 3) Usability: The greater the usability and ease of configuration, the easier it becomes to maintain and improve the reliability of the system.
- 4) Cost: The less the entire system costs, the better.

4) *Table:*

| Criteria | RedHat | CentOS | Ubuntu Server |
|-----------|---------|----------|---------------|
| Stability | Highest | High | Moderate |
| Support | Highest | Moderate | Moderate |
| Usability | High | High | High |
| Cost | High | None | None |

5) *Discussion:* As this project does not require high availability or dedicated support, the benefits of buying a subscription for Red Hat Enterprise Linux are negligible, especially being that CentOS has much of the same functionality and the same length support cycle. This project also does not require an operating system that provides newer functionalities sooner like Ubuntu does, stability being a more important requirement.

6) *Selection of best option:* We have opted for using CentOS as the operating system that builds will be ran on and tested against. It provides the necessary stability and a wide base of support with a ten-year life cycle, while also being easy to configure, deploy and maintain.

F. Platform for Running Builds

1) *Options:*

a) *Virtual Machine:* Virtual Machines perform hardware-level emulation and do not allow the guests any access to the underlying operating system or hardware. They're the standard for situations where multiple OS's need to be deployed. Because they emulate all the hardware, there's nearly no risk of a malicious guest system affecting the host system. However,

running a virtual machine requires a full operating system to be installed on each individual instance, causing them to take up a relatively significant amount of space per virtual machine compared to the size of the applications running on them. Additionally, their performance suffers due to having to emulate assembly-level instructions instead of executing them directly.

b) Container: Containers perform operating system virtualization, allowing for multiple independent user-spaces to exist at the same time. Because they emulate parts of the operating system and not the physical hardware, containers still need to allow some level of direct hardware access for applications to run properly. They also use some libraries provided by the host operating system instead of providing their own. As a result, they tend to be much smaller than a full-fledged virtual machine and run somewhat faster. A relatively new technology compared to virtual machines, they're rapidly gaining popularity in situations where hardware emulation is not required and restricting access to the host operating system is not a concern.

c) Bare metal: Bare metal servers would have no virtualization or emulation; builds and tests would be ran directly on the hardware itself. The benefits of bare metal are speed and security; no emulation layer exists between the applications and the hardware and there is no host operating system for a malicious guest to interfere with. Builds would also be unable to hoard system resources, preventing a situation where one build slows down another. The single major downside is the requirement for a full physical server per each build that would be ran, greatly restricting the ability for multiple builds to be ran in parallel

2) Goals for use: The goal of selecting the platform the builds would interact with is to allow builds a host system to be ran and tested on while providing reliability and security for the underlying system.

3) Criteria for Evaluation:

- 1) Scalability: Ideally, it should be easy to scale the system up to allow a large number of simultaneous builds.
- 2) Performance: Our selection should not significantly decrease the performance of the build-test process.
- 3) Security: Being that we will be compiling and testing untrusted and unverified code, it is important for the selected platform to minimize the ability of the build to negatively affect the host.
- 4) Reliability: It is preferable that one build does not use up so many resources as to significantly reduce the speed of other builds being ran.

4) Table:

| Criteria | Virtual Machines | Containers | Bare metal |
|-------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| Scalability | High | Highest | Low |
| Performance | Moderate | High | Highest |
| Security | High | Moderate | Highest |
| Reliability | High | High | Highest |

5) *Discussion:* Although bare metal servers have undeniably the best performance, security and reliability, they simply do not have the scalability required for a project like this. Depending on storage space and resources, virtual machines and containers could potentially run upwards of one hundred builds simultaneously on a single server, negating the performance benefits. Furthermore, virtual machines provide nearly the same level of security and safety that a bare metal server provides, while containers can nearly match them in terms of performance.

Between virtual machines and containers, virtual machines provide better security and have years of support behind them, while containers provide better performance; virtual machines can have a performance penalty upwards of ten percent due to overhead.[27] Both virtual machines and containers allow for limiting the resources provided to a running instance, meeting the reliability requirements. They are also both exceedingly easy to configure for automated deployment, making them highly scalable.

6) *Selection of best option:* Although virtual machines can have a noticeable performance penalty due to overhead, this can be reduced with proper tuning. Furthermore, we believe that the better isolation and security provided by virtual machines can easily outweigh the performance penalties. Therefore, we have decided that virtual machines are the ideal platform for running the builds and tests on.

G. Configuration File Formats

1) Options:

a) *YAML:* YAML is a data-oriented markup language that is very concise while still being highly expressive. Notably, Ansible already uses YAML for its configuration files.

b) *JSON:* JSON is a data-interchange format that is very concise, focused around key-value pairs. Its readability can suffer at times due to being designed with automated usage in mind instead of being human-generated.

c) *XML:* XML is a document markup language that is incredibly powerful and expressive. However, it tends to being excessively verbose, making it somewhat difficult to read.

2) *Goals for use:* The configuration file will be included in a Git repository and will be how the system determines builds and tests are ran and interpreted. It should use a format powerful enough to accurately express all the information that the system will require without being unnecessarily complicated.

3) Criteria for Evaluation:

- 1) Expressiveness: The file format needs to be able to sufficiently express the users needs for building and testing their project.
- 2) Readability: The ideal file format will be easy for a user to create and modify to suit the needs of their project.

4) Table:

| Criteria | YAML | JSON | XML |
|----------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Expressiveness | High | Moderate | Highest |
| Readability | Highest | High | Moderate |

5) *Discussion:* XML is the most expressive of the three options, but it is unlikely we would need the power provided by it. JSON is on the opposing end of the spectrum, being so simple that it might not be powerful enough for what we need. In the middle lies YAML, powerful and highly readable due to its conciseness. Additionally, Ansible using YAML gives YAML the bonus of already being used in this project.

6) *Selection of best option:* We have selected YAML as the file format for configuration files due to it being powerful, concise and consistent with what Ansible uses.

H. Login/Authentication

1) Options:

a) *GitHub Login Plugin:* The GitHub Login Plugin uses a github account for authentication.

b) *Active Directory Plugin:* The Active Directory Plugin is a plugin for Jenkins and it uses Active Directory to authenticate the username and password.

c) *Jenkins Login:* The Jenkins login is simply a Jenkins account and users are able to create it on the Jenkins website.

2) *Goals for use:* The goal for having an authentication is to provide our users a safe and secure place to build their project and to use our continuous integration service. It will help prevent hackers from obtaining private information that could be detrimental to our users. This is a security measure that is absolutely necessary for our project.

3) Criteria for Evaluation:

1) Security: Security is what keeps users confidential information such as source code from being leaked.

4) Table:

| Criteria | GitHub Login Plugin | Active Directory Plugin | Jenkins Login |
|----------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Security | Yes | Yes | Yes |

5) *Discussion:* The github login plugin is a really straight forward method for authentication. Users can simply use their github accounts to login. The second option is to use the active directory plugin. This plugin is used with Jenkins to authenticate the username and password through active directory [28]. The third option is to use Jenkins login. Users can simply create a Jenkins account and have access to its functionalities. They will also have the ability to give authorizations to different accounts for their projects.

6) *Selection of best option:* The best option is to use GitHub login plugin. Most of our users will be using github for their projects, so it is most reasonable to use the github login plugin for authentication.

I. Frontend/Web frameworks

1) Options:

a) *Tomcat*: Tomcat is an open source implementation of Java Servlet, JavaServer Pages, Java Expression Language and Java WebSocket technologies.

b) *Glassfish*: GlassFish is an open source application server; more specifically it is for the Java EE platform (Java Enterprise Edition).

c) *Jetty*: Jetty provides a Web server and javax.servlet container, and it supports many components such as HTTP/2, WebSocket, OSGi (Open Service Gateway Initiative), JMX (Java Management Extensions), JNDI (Java Naming and Directory Interface), JAAS (Java Authentication and Authorization Service) and many other integrations.

2) *Goals for use*: The goal for having a web framework is so that our users have a platform to use our continuous integration service. We will provide a simple and easy to use user interface (UI) so that our users would not have a complicated time using our services.

3) Criteria for Evaluation:

- 1) Usability: Having an easy-to-use user interface can give our users an easier time to use our service and it will help reduce confusion.
- 2) Security: Security is important for our web framework because we don't want hackers to gain access to our services and obtain confidential information.
- 3) Stability: Stability is needed because our service need to maintain at a functional state at all time so that it doesn't hinder our users from working
- 4) Load time: The page load time should load at a reasonable speed so that our users would not have to wait a long time using our service.

4) Table:

| Criteria | Tomcat | Glassfish | Jetty |
|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Usability | High | High | Moderate |
| Security | Moderate | High | High |
| Stability | Highest | High | High |
| Load time | High | High | High |

5) *Discussion*: Tomcat is very popular and it is known as a lightweight application that offers all the basic features required running a server. It is an open source project so it is cost free. It is highly flexible because it allows users to tweak their code as they see fit, and it has many built-in features [29]. The second option is Glassfish and it is also an open source project, which means that it is free of cost. It has high performance and it was considered the fastest open source application

server, according to SPECjAppServer2004 benchmark results [30]. Jetty provides a Web server and javax.servlet container. They have a heavy focus on multi-connection HTTP and features such as SPYDY, which can significantly reduce page load latencies [31].

6) *Selection of best option:* Overall, all three of the options are great, but the best option to use is Tomcat. Glassfish has a lot of features and is the biggest out of the three options, but we are only using it for our frontend, so most features are unnecessary. It has a big memory footprint, which means that it would consume more resources. Jetty is a very light application and it consumes the least amount of resources but it is too small for our project. Tomcat is ideal because it sits in between these two options and it offers a good amount of features to use.

J. Tracing State of builds/tests

1) Options:

a) *Build Monitor Plugin:* The Build Monitor Plugin is a plugin in Jenkins that provides a detailed view of the status of selected Jenkins jobs.

b) *Lava Lamp Notifier:* The Lava Lamp Notifier is a notifier that indicate job status using a Lava Lamp.

c) *Radiator View Plugin:* The Radiator View Plugin is a plugin in Jenkins and Hudson that provides a job view, which displays project status.

2) *Goals for use:* The goal to having the functionality to trace the build and test state is so that our users can see the status of their projects. This will reveal the success or failure of projects that were build by our service and it will show where the failures have occurred.

3) Criteria for Evaluation:

- 1) Usability: Having an easy-to-use user interface (UI) allows our users to operate our service with minimal issues.
- 2) Feature to display pass or fail builds: The ability to display pass or fail build is the main purpose for this technology so this is a must have
- 3) Feature to display progress of builds: The feature to display progress when building a project is helpful for our users to see how much longer it will take until their build is complete
- 4) Feature to display where an error has occurred for build fails: The feature to see where an error has occurred in the build process is another important criteria; it will help developers ave time from manually tracking down the problem.

4) Table:

| Criteria | Build Monitor Plugin | Lava Lamp Notifier | Radiator View Plugin |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Usability | Yes | None | Yes |
| Display pass or fail builds | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Display progress of builds | Yes | None | None |
| Display where an error has occurred if build fails | Yes | None | None |

5) *Discussion:* The build monitor plugin supports many features and incorporates other plugins as well. The features in this plugin include:

- Displays the status and progress of selected jobs, the view is updated automatically every couple of seconds using AJAX. No 'Enable Auto Refresh' needed.
- Displays the names of people who might be responsible for 'breaking the build'.
- Supports the Claim plugin, so that you can see who's fixing a broken build.
- Supports View Job Filters, so that you can easily create Build Monitors for 'slow builds', 'only failing', etc.
- Supports Build Failure Analyzer, so that you know not only who, but also what broke the build.
- Supports CloudBees Folders Plugin, so that you can have project- and team-specific nested Build Monitors.
- The number of columns and size of the font used is easily customizable, making it trivial to accommodate screens of different sizes.
- UI configuration is stored in a cookie, making it possible to display different number of columns and using different font size on each of the screens at your office.
- Can work in a colour-blind-friendly mode
- [\[6\]](#)

The lava lamp notifier is a really simple design created to indicate if a build passed or fail. The only necessary component to use this type of method to track our build status is a USB LED light. The light will simply light up green for pass and red for fail [\[32\]](#). This is not ideal for our type of project because our users would like to know more information than just a pass or fail notification. The third option is the radiator view plugin. This plugin is somewhat similar to the build monitor plugin but with less features. It will display all the project that are building and indicate pass or fails on screen [\[33\]](#).

6) *Selection of best option:* The best option to use is the build monitor plugin. This technology has the most features out of all the other options I listed, and all the features are very useful for our users.

K. Conclusion

The following is a summary of the choices we have made for the nine pieces that we have evaluated.

- 1) Cluster Management: OpenStack
- 2) Continuous Integration Software: Jenkins
- 3) Configuration Management: Ansible
- 4) Linux Distribution Support: CentOS
- 5) Platform For Running Builds: Virtual Machines
- 6) Configuration File Format: YAML
- 7) Login/Authentication: GitHub Login Plugin
- 8) Frontend/Web Frameworks: Tomcat
- 9) Tracing State of Builds/Tests: Build Monitor Plugin

VII. UPDATES TO TECH REVIEW DOCUMENT

One minor point of revision for the Tech Review Document involved fixing an error in the Login/Authentication section. The GitHub login plugin was supposed to be GitHub OAuth plugin and that is the plugin that we implemented in Jenkins.

Two larger changes for our Tech Review was a change to the OS selection to indicate the client's desire that we use Ubuntu and the platform selection to indicate the client's desire that we also support containers along with virtual machines.

VIII. WEEKLY BLOG POSTS

Below are our weekly blog posts from Fall term week 6 through the Post-Expo post.

A. Fall Week 6

1) Leon Leighton:

- a) *This week:* Had conference call with client. Discussed using user stories as basis of requirements/design document.
- b) *Next week:* Focus on creating user stories for various roles.

2) Thomas Olson:

- a) *This week:* Had conference call with IBM folks. Established the use of user stories as the basis of our requirements and design document. Discussed with Kevin on how to use user stories instead of the IEEE 830-1998 standard for a requirements document. Informed us to do what the customer requires.
- b) *Next week:* Work on user stories and start work on the technical review.

3) Derek Wong:

- a) *This week:* Went over requirement doc with group. Meeting with IBM client on Thursday.
- b) *Next week:* Create user stories for requirement doc./design doc.

B. Fall Week 7

1) Leon Leighton:

- a) *This week:* Worked with group to identify nine pieces for technology review and divide tasks. Began work on tech review.
- b) *Next week:* Finish tech review. Work on user stories and design document.

2) Thomas Olson:

- a) *This week:* Established nine separate pieces for the technology review. I chose to work on reviewing the operating system choices, the platform choices (VM vs Container vs Baremetal) and formats of configuration files.
- b) *Next week:* Finish the tech review. Work on user stories and the design document.

3) Derek Wong:

- a) *This week:* Had meetings with group members to discuss about the technology document. Brainstormed 9 different piece of technology for our project and divided the work.

b) Next week: Edit/Put together technology document with group. Meeting with IBM on Thursday. Work on Design Document with Group.

C. Fall Week 8

1) Leon Leighton:

a) This week: Finished work on tech review. Had conference call with IBM.

b) Next week: Continue work on user stories and design document.

2) Derek Wong:

a) This week: Completed my 3 piece of technology for the tech document. Had a meeting with IBM on Thursday. Met with group to compile all of our parts together into one document. Discuss with group about design document.

b) Next week: Work on my part for the design document. Meet with group to merge our parts together.

D. Fall Week 9

1) Leon Leighton:

a) This week: Review requirements for design document.

b) Next week: Write design document. Start on Progress Report and presentation.

2) Derek Wong:

a) This week: Go over design documents with group.

b) Next week: Split design document work with group. Start on design document. Start on progress report. Meeting with IBM.

E. Fall Week 10

1) Leon Leighton:

a) This week: Finished work on design document.

b) Next week: Finish and turn in Fall Progress Report.

2) Derek Wong:

a) This week: Finish up design document.

b) Next week: Start on Progress Report.

F. Winter Week 1

1) Leon Leighton:

a) This week: Worked on scheduling. Cancelled weekly call with IBM due to time conflict with a class. Continued to read about Ansible.

b) Next week: Work with OSL to setup testing environment. Begin work on Ansible playbook for Jenkins installation.

2) Thomas Olson:

a) This week: First week of term; getting readjusted with everything.

b) Next week: Meet with group; sort out scheduling for the regular meetings for the rest of term.

3) Derek Wong:

a) This week: Canceled Meeting with IBM. Review documents.

b) Next week: Have a meeting with group and talk over the project.

G. Winter Week 2

1) Leon Leighton:

a) This week: Scheduled new conference call date/times with IBM for winter term. Continued to read about Ansible.

b) Next week: Work with OSL to setup testing environment. Continue work on Ansible playbook for Jenkins.

2) Thomas Olson:

a) This week: Established time and day for bi-weekly meetings with IBM and OSL.

b) Next week: Bi-weekly meeting with IBM and OSL; work with group on documents.

3) Derek Wong:

a) This week: Set up meeting times with TA and IBM. Discussed about how we are beginning our project.

b) Next week: Plan out our project and schedules. Split up Group work.

H. Winter Week 3

1) Leon Leighton:

a) This week: Created Ubuntu VM on OSL's OpenPower OpenStack cluster. Did proof of concept install of Jenkins with Ansible. Had conference call with IBM. Discussed CIAAS and travis file compatability

b) Next week: Work on updating Design Document. Clarify with IBM which parts of previous work (such as CIAAS) that they may want us to use.

2) Derek Wong:

a) This week: Meeting with TA to discuss about alpha stage of our project. Meeting with IBM discussing where we are at with our project. Set up group meeting time for next week.

b) Next week: Revise design document to better fit requirements. Work on alpha stage of project.

I. Winter Week 4

1) Leon Leighton:

a) This week: Received clarification from client on direction of project. There was some confusion on whether we were to implement our own solution or try to put in to production a solution that was already being worked on. Client indicated that we could pursue our own solution.

b) Next week: Finish configuring Jenkins with basic plugins and go over configuration options.

2) Derek Wong:

a) This week: Group meeting. Sent email to our client to clarify some information.

b) Next week: Take a look at jenkins plugin and go over configuration for jenkins.

J. Winter Week 5

1) Leon Leighton:

a) This week: Finished initial work on getting Ansible to install Jenkins and plugins. Configured Jenkins to allow the creation of jobs. Had conference call with IBM. We discussed the need for more communication from us to students to our client.

b) Next week: Finish revisions of all documents. Updating as needed. Finish progress report.

2) Derek Wong:

a) This week: Have VM set up with jenkins install with group. Added plugins to jenkins. Conference call with IBM discussing about progress and what needs to be done.

b) Next week: Finish updating document with group. Meet up with group to complete progress report.

K. Winter Week 6

1) Leon Leighton:

- a) *This week:* Primarily worked on midterm progress report and presentation.
- b) *Next week:* Start work on configuring Jenkins to do builds in separate VMs/containers. Work on putting configurations done through Jenkins interface into Ansible.

L. Winter Week 7

1) Leon Leighton:

- a) *This week:* Enabled building Jenkins jobs in Docker containers.

- Used docker-plugin in Jenkins
- Used ppc64le/ubuntu as base image for Docker container

Had conference call with IBM. Received clarifications on suggestion to create a backlog of issues that we pull from for weekly focus. Also received some ideas about where to look for Ansible configurations.

- b) *Next week:* Will focus on getting configurations that have been done in Jenkins interface into Docker.

2) Derek Wong:

- a) *This week:* Conference call with IBM. They gave us suggestions on what to do next, such as creating a backlog of issues, which is essentially small tasks for us to do

- b) *Next week:* Create "issues" and start working on them.

M. Winter Week 8

1) Leon Leighton:

- a) *This week:* Researched ways to add configuration to Ansible.

- b) *Next week:* Continue to work to put configuration in Ansible that is currently only in Jenkins

N. Winter Week 9

1) Leon Leighton:

- a) *This week:* Moved more of configuration that had been done directly in Jenkins to Ansible. Had conference call with client.

- b) *Next week:* Based on conference call I am going to focus on the security of our project. Also, work on end of term progress report, presentation, and draft of poster.

2) Derek Wong:

- a) *This week:* Conference call with IBM. Research how to integrate TravisCI yml file into our service.
- b) *Next week:* Work on progress report, presentation. Meet with group to create a draft of our poster.

O. Spring Week 1

1) Leon Leighton:

- a) *This week:* Conference call with IBM. Travis compatibility no longer a priority. Created private network on OpenStack for Docker and build VMs.
- b) *Next week:* Create Docker and VM images for use in builds. Configure Matrix authorization.

2) Derek Wong:

- a) *This week:* Conference call with IBM. Installed Embeddable Build Status Plugin and Build Monitor Plugin to Jenkins. Set-up Email-Notification Plugin.
- b) *Next week:* Look for a new task to work on in the back log.

P. Spring Week 2

1) Leon Leighton:

- a) *This week:* Configured Matrix Authorization for Admin users. Created virtual machine image for use in builds. Test build now works in VM.
- b) *Next week:* Configured Matrix Authorization for normal users. Additional VM images and test builds.

Q. Spring Week 3

1) Leon Leighton:

- a) *This week:* Worked on configuring Matrix Authorization.
- b) *Next week:* Work on Poster. Clean up Ansible code.

R. Spring Week 4

1) Leon Leighton:

- a) *This week:* Worked on poster. Began review of Ansible for code pull on May 1.
- b) *Next week:* (Weekend) Make sure all code is in repo and updated. Begin work on landing page for project. Install TLS cert.

S. Spring Week 5

1) Leon Leighton:

- a) This week:* Ansible code review.
- b) Next week:* Install TLS cert. Redirect landing page to HTTPS.

T. Spring Week 6

1) Leon Leighton:

- a) This week:* Installed TLS certificate for web page. Rebuilt Docker container with additional options to resolve build issues. Completed first draft of Demo for Expo. Began work on Midterm Progress Report.
- b) Next week:* Finish Midterm Progress Report. Proxy connection to Jenkins interface through Apache for TLS support. Continue to troubleshoot build issues in Docker. EXPO!!! (Friday)

U. Spring Week 7

1) Leon Leighton:

- a) This week:* Finished and turned in our Spring Midterm Progress Report. Attended the Engineering Expo and explained our project to both industry representatives and members of the OSU and Corvallis community.
- b) Next week:* Apache to Jenkins reverse proxy. PR to change OSL's powerdev request form to include information about project and allow access to be requested.

V. Post Engineering Expo

1) Leon Leighton:

If you were to redo the project from Fall term, what would you tell yourself?

Focus on the project workflow. Set deadlines and meet them. Use a task management system from the beginning. Set aside time in the Fall to make sure everyone on the project has a basic understanding of all the technical areas. Always communicate with team members and client.

What's the biggest skill you've learned?

Something that we didn't do terribly well in the beginning, but I think got better at as we went. Being able to see what tasks need to be done from the goals that are set, and then breaking up tasks into individual assignments to meet those goals.

What skills do you see yourself using in the future?

Technical: Ansible and configuration management in general.

Non-technical: Project coordination. Working with teammates.

What did you like about the project, and what did you not?

I enjoyed being part of a project that will continue after I am done with it. I liked that I got to use Ansible as a configuration management system since I had not used it before.

I did not like the way that Jenkins is configured. I also did not enjoy the near constant coordination problems.

What did you learn from your teammates?

Everyone has strengths and weaknesses. Understanding what those are and how to plan with those in mind is an important part of working together.

If you were the client for this project, would you be satisfied with the work done?

I would be satisfied with the work that was done while feeling that more could have been accomplished.

If your project were to be continued next year, what do you think needs to be working on?

There are a variety of ways that the build containers and virtual machines could be configured. A more thorough understanding of the needs of projects with regard to building and testing could guide a group to making a number of preconfigured containers and VMs that projects could take advantage of rather than having to specify what needs to be installed in the job configuration.

2) *Thomas Olson:*

If you were to redo the project from Fall term, what would you tell yourself?

Start early; communicate often. Because we needed to use Agile, but the class was designed for Waterfall, we couldn't do the necessary testing for Agile until Winter, putting our documentation a good bit behind where it should've been. We probably would've done better if we utilized IBM's willingness to help to its fullest potential.

What's the biggest skill you've learned?

How to communicate directly and effectively. This includes knowing when and how to ask for assistance and how to ask questions in a simple and lucid manner.

What skills do you see yourself using in the future?

Probably the project management and communication skills, more than anything else.

What did you like about the project, and what did you not?

I liked that it was different from what the other projects were, as we were developing a service more than a product, and how it was quite different from what we had experienced in classes. On the flip-side, I didn't like how the project had almost nothing in common with the majority of the technical classes I had taken, leaving me without a foundation of relevant knowledge.

What did you learn from your teammates?

The best way to have a project succeed is to leverage the strengths of each teammate to account for their weaknesses, instead of trying to arbitrarily divide the work up without regards to who is good at what.

If you were the client for this project, would you be satisfied with the work done?

I would consider it sufficient for a service that is going to be transitioned to another team for further development and support.

If your project were to be continued next year, what do you think needs to be working on?

Testing, testing, testing. The system could use some stress and scalability testing. It could also do for testing more and more intense builds with more complicated build procedures.

3) *Derek Wong:*

If you were to redo the project from Fall term, what would you tell yourself? If I could redo the project from Fall term I would start my project earlier and have a detailed plan of what we need to do. One of the key problems we ran into was splitting up work between my team members. We didn't have a good workflow and things got done slow because of it. During winter term, our client suggested us to come up with a list of task to accomplish and that workflow was much better than the one we previously had.

What's the biggest skill you've learned? What skills do you see yourself using in the future? I learned a lot about communication and teamwork. It is very valuable life skill that I can apply to anywhere in the future. In a development team, having good communication is what gets work done and having a good workflow. Having a well defined plan of goals and milestone can greatly improve efficiency. I will be applying all the skills I learned in my future job as a software developer. I also learned a lot of Jenkins as well. Jenkins is used by many development team because continuous integration is a very useful tool in developing software.

What did you like about the project, and what did you not? I liked that our project involves Jenkins because my previous job was using this and I could easily relate to it. I also got to learn more about what it does. I didn't like that our project didn't involve much coding because that was what I was hoping to do from the start.

What did you learn from your teammates? I learned new technologies from my teammates that I didn't know existed, such as ansible and openstack.

If you were the client for this project, would you be satisfied with the work done? I would be satisfied with the work done. We have a functional continuous integration system which is what the goal of this project is. There can be more improvements made, but what we have now is sufficient.

If your project were to be continued next year, what do you think needs to be working on? There can be more testing done to our system and just general refinement. We could add more features or just have a more secure system.

IX. POSTER

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Project Introduction and Background

Open Source software projects are often designed to work on as broad a range of hardware architectures as possible. The users of Open Source software want the flexibility to consider a variety of hardware solutions in order to take advantage of different capabilities and to avoid vendor lock-in in the future. To support their users, Open Source software projects spend their time and resources on adding support for new architectures as they become available.


The introduction of IBM's POWER8 architecture broadened the range of possible solutions available to the end users of Open Source software. This creates a need for Open Source projects to ensure that their software builds and functions correctly on POWER8. Open Source software projects often use Continuous Integration (CI) systems to build and test their software. CI enables these projects to validate their software after each change, ensuring that it continues to work as expected.

Technology

- IBM POWER8 OpenStack Cluster




- Jenkins



- Ansible - <https://www.ansible.com/>

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POWER8 Continuous Integration

Automated Build and Test Infrastructure for POWER8 Linux

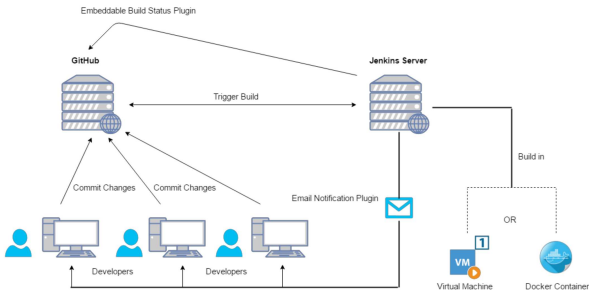


Figure 1: This is a flowchart of our service.


Project Description

This project is focused on providing an easy to use, public, Cloud-based, POWER8 CI infrastructure for Open Source projects in order to increase the ability of these projects to build and test their software on POWER8. We created a POWER8 CI system to lower the cost and effort needed for Open Source software developers to ensure that their software runs on POWER8.

- POWER8 Cluster running OpenStack
- Hosted at OSU Open Source Lab (OSL)
- Uses Jenkins automation software
- Uses both Linux virtual machines and Docker containers
- Uses GitHub credentials for authentication
- Open Source project
 - Located @ GitHub:

<https://github.com/Project-35/power8ci>

Project Team 35



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Figure 2: The infrastructure of our system.

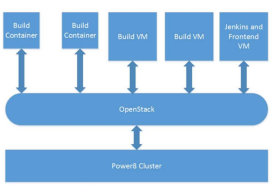


Figure 3: This is the Jenkins web interface.

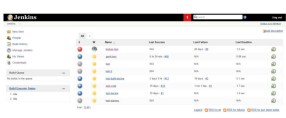


Figure 4: This is an overview of our system.

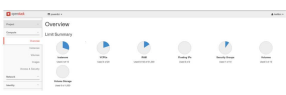


Fig. 1. Engineering Expo Poster

X. PROJECT DOCUMENTATION

A. Requirements

- POWER8 OpenStack Cluster
 - Used both for hosting Jenkins and for launching build VMs
- One VM on the OpenStack cluster to act as the Jenkins master
 - This is the primary target for the Ansible playbook
 - Python installed
 - Tested with Ubuntu 16.04 ppc64le and Python 2.7.12
- (At least) One Docker host VM on the OpenStack cluster
 - This should have Docker installed and listening on a tcp port
- An OpenStack snapshot of a VM for your builds.
 - This allows you to create multiple VMs with different configurations
- A Docker image
 - We use one modified from ppc64le/ubuntu:16.04 ppc64le/ubuntu:16.04
- A host computer from which to run the Ansible playbook
 - Ansible version ≥ 2.3
- GitHub
 - Used for both authentication, and as the source for code

B. Infrastructure Diagram

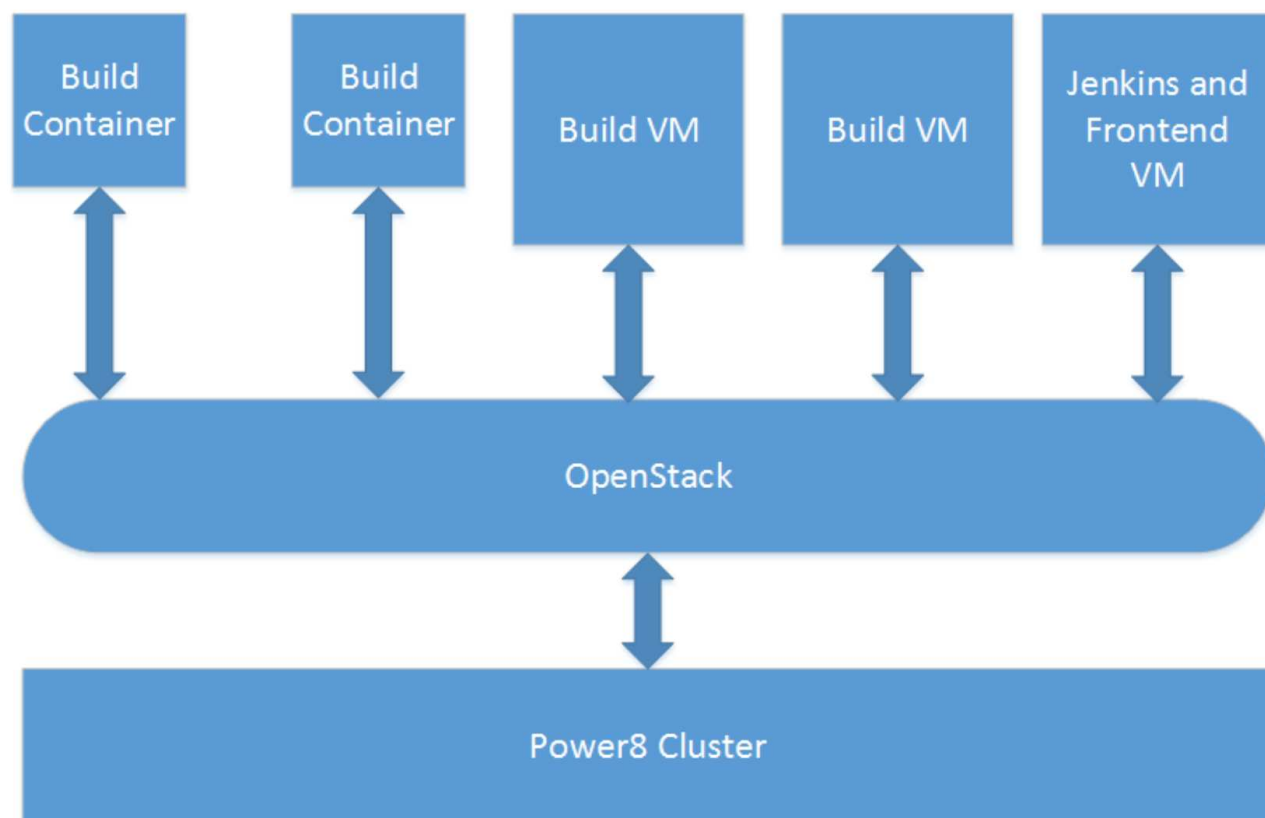


Fig. 2. POWER8 CI Infrastructure Diagram

C. Installation

First, clone our repo. Then you will need to go to GitHub and register a new OAuth application. You can find this under your account or organization by going to Settings → OAuth applications. Select the "Register a new application" button and fill in your information. We use a `secret.yml` file that is not committed to GitHub to keep these in. Create that file in `roles/jenkins/vars/` with the following content:

```

oauth:
  clientid: '<your clientid from GitHub>'
  clientsecret: '<your clientsecret from GitHub>'
  
```

You will also want to get a GitHub token for your admin user. Go to your users Settings page and click on Personal access tokens. Add that to the same `secret.yml` file as above:

```

my_jenkins_params:
  url_username: '<your admin user's GitHub username>'
  
```

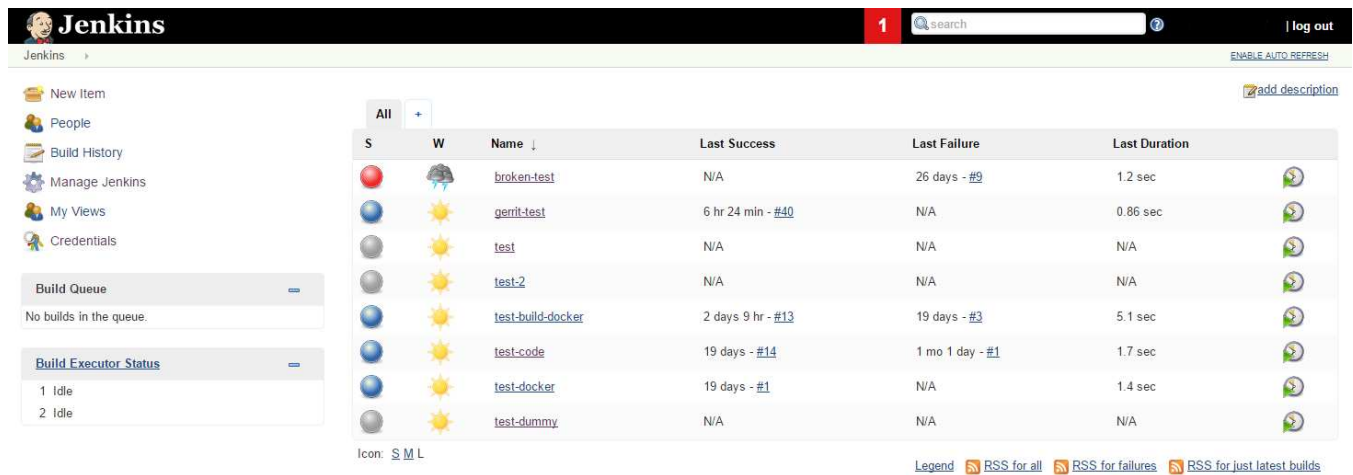
```
url_password: <your GitHub token>
url: < Your Jenkins url -- http://jenkins.example:8080>
```

Next, edit the hosts file and group_vars/jenkins to replace power-ci.osuosl.org with your VM's IP address or hostname.

Now run the Ansible playbook. You will need your ssh key for your OpenStack VM.

```
ansible-playbook -i hosts jenkins.yml --private-key=<your ssh key>
```

D. Jenkins Interface



The screenshot shows the Jenkins web interface. The top navigation bar includes the Jenkins logo, a search bar, and a 'log out' link. The left sidebar contains links for 'New Item', 'People', 'Build History', 'Manage Jenkins', 'My Views', and 'Credentials'. Below these are sections for 'Build Queue' (showing 'No builds in the queue.') and 'Build Executor Status' (showing '1 Idle' and '2 Idle'). The main content area displays a table of builds with columns: S (Status), W (Web icon), Name, Last Success, Last Failure, and Last Duration. The table lists several builds, including 'broken-test', 'gerrit-test', 'test', 'test-2', 'test-build-docker', 'test-code', 'test-docker', and 'test-dummy'. At the bottom, there is a legend for RSS feeds: 'RSS for all', 'RSS for failures', and 'RSS for just latest builds'.

| S | W | Name | Last Success | Last Failure | Last Duration |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | | broken-test | N/A | 26 days - #9 | 1.2 sec |
| | | gerrit-test | 6 hr 24 min - #40 | N/A | 0.86 sec |
| | | test | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | | test-2 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | | test-build-docker | 2 days 9 hr - #13 | 19 days - #3 | 5.1 sec |
| | | test-code | 19 days - #14 | 1 mo 1 day - #1 | 1.7 sec |
| | | test-docker | 19 days - #1 | N/A | 1.4 sec |
| | | test-dummy | N/A | N/A | N/A |

Fig. 3. Jenkins Interface

E. Configuration

You should now be able to login to the Jenkins interface and configure the OpenStack Cloud Plugin. Go to Manage Jenkins → Configure System. You can also label your Docker Image(s) and Build VMs so that you can specify the specific platform for individual builds.

F. Workflow

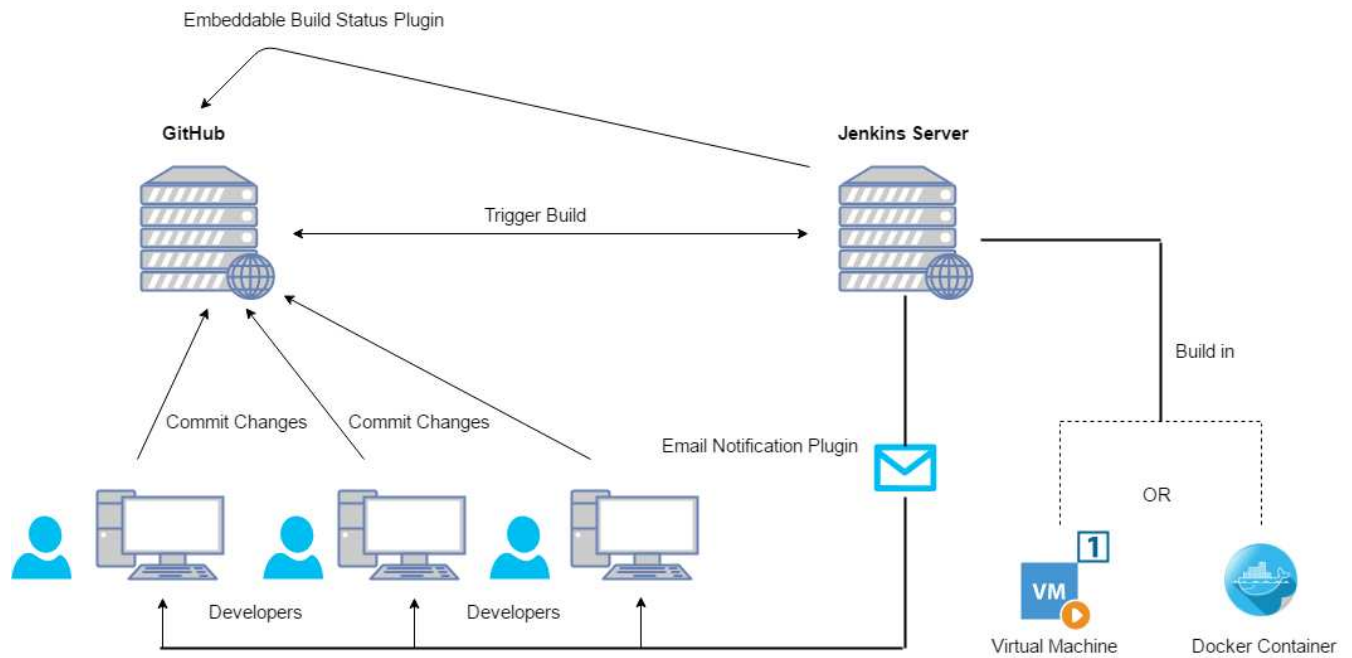


Fig. 4. POWER8 CI Workflow Diagram

XI. LEARNING NEW TECHNOLOGIES

In learning new technologies we primarily relied upon web resources. For our main technologies of Jenkins, OpenStack, Docker, and Ansible we used the documentation on their main web pages.

- <https://jenkins.io/doc/>
- <https://docs.openstack.org/>
- <http://docs.ansible.com/>
- <https://docs.docker.com/>

In addition, our project relied heavily on various Jenkins plugins and their documentation.

- <https://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/Openstack+Cloud+Plugin>
- <https://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/CloudBees+Docker+Build+and+Publish+plugin>
- <https://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/Docker+Plugin>
- <https://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/Job+Restrictions+Plugin>
- <https://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/Embeddable+Build+Status+Plugin>
- <https://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/Email-ext+plugin>
- <https://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/GitHub+OAuth+Plugin>
- <https://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/Build+Monitor+Plugin>

We also found Stack Exchange to be useful for finding solutions to errors that we encountered.

- <https://stackexchange.com/>

When configuring Jenkins to run behind Apache, both the Apache documentation and the Jenkins wiki were useful.

- <https://httpd.apache.org/docs/>
- <https://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/Running+Jenkins+behind+Apache>

In addition to these online resources, we also were able to speak to people at IBM such as our client Gerrit Huizenga and Amit Ghatwal who assisted with the Docker configuration and with testing. We also had help from the Open Source Lab where the project is hosted. The OSL Director Lance Albertson gave us feedback on the use of OpenStack, and Ken Lett, the Senior Software Engineer, assisted with our understanding of Ansible.

XII. WHAT WE LEARNED FROM CAPSTONE

A. Leon Leighton

Going through this Capstone project has taught me quite a few things. On the technical side, I learned about setting up services in a cloud environment and gained at least a beginners understanding of Ansible. I also learned a great deal about configuring Jenkins.

However, most of what I learned was not technical. I have learned a great deal about the need to understand the strengths and weaknesses of ones teammates and the importance of dividing up tasks with those strengths and weaknesses in mind. I have also learned how absolutely vital good communication is both within a project and with a client. Scheduling is also something that can be difficult, particularly when everyone has different schedules, but I have learned that it is important to get scheduling problems resolved quickly in order to prevent delays in working on a project.

If I could do it all over I would focus on making better use of the resources available to me. As a student it is sometimes useful to struggle alone to understand a concept or solve a problem. But as a member of a team trying to accomplish a goal it is better to utilize every resource available to meet the goal in a timely manner. I would also try to divide up tasks and responsibilities in such a way that one person does not frequently block others from getting their work done.

B. Thomas Olson

I didn't learn a lot of technical information. Some stuff about Jenkins, some about Ansible and some about OpenStack. However, I did learn a good amount of non-technical information. In particular, how to communicate more effectively and the importance of communicating often. I found out that project work can be fairly demanding and very stressful, especially when there's a large amount of documentation needed and tight deadlines that must be met. I saw first-hand how much more effective a team is when the members get together and work with one another instead of trying to work on their own.

There are a few things I would do differently if I were to do this project all over again:

The first, by far, is to disregard being told to do development in Winter term and just start it in Fall term. The fact of the matter is that our client wanted us to do Agile, and Agile requires rapid prototyping instead of big design up-front. Without being able to effectively test our ideas and present prototypes until Winter term, but still having to do our documentation in an Agile-esque way, we really didn't have a firm sense of what our design was until halfway through Winter term, setting us back a fair bit behind schedule. By the time Fall term was over, we had essentially wasted our and the client's time trying to do Agile development without actually doing the parts that make Agile effective.

The second thing I'd do differently is try and organize regular times for the team to meet together for working. In one four-to-six-hour session as a group, we'd get more done than we would in two or three weeks combined. We also would run into problems when working apart that we wouldn't communicate effectively with each other and oftentimes failed to leverage each team member's individual strengths to their fullest.

Third, I would try to have the work distributed more evenly. One of the issues with this project was how it had a really bad positive feedback loop that encouraged one person to do far more work than anyone else. The inter-connectedness of all the parts of the project combined with the steep learning curve of Ansible to put us in a situation where once one person has a firm grasp of part of the project, it was a lot simpler to just have them do most of the work instead of trying to get every group member on equal footing regarding the nitty-gritty of the project. This is incredibly unfair to that one person and I would try to prevent that from occurring again.

Finally, the last thing I would do differently is engage more often with the client. On some level, we did a good job squandering the help IBM offered us by not requesting help when we needed it and by trying to solve problems on our own instead of asking IBM questions.

C. Derek Wong

Throughout this project I've learned many technical and non-technical skills. This project introduced me to continuous integration which many software development team uses. Our project was to create a continuous integration for IBM's POWER8 machine and the technologies used were: OpenStack, Jenkins, and Ansible. I learned a little about OpenStack and its ability to create VMs and Docker Containers. As for Jenkins, I already had prior knowledge of this technology from an internship I had before. For Ansible, I learned about the "Playbook" which was what we used to install our system and all the add-ons we had and the configurations as well. From working on this project, I learned that having a well defined workflow is really important. It provides a structure of how task can be accomplished and it makes it easier to divide work amongst team members. Sharing schedule with team members and having a deadline for each task or just milestone in general is really useful in project management. I learned that working in teams, communication is the most important. It is really hard to work on a team project if we can't communicate with our group members or what task is each person is working on. If I could do this project all over again, I would begin the project more early and have a well defined workflow. In the beginning, I was confused and I didn't know where to start and had to rely on my group members to guide me. I would look into my project earlier and try to do more research and learn more about it so I had a good grasp of what I needed to do when our group began to work on the project.

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XIII. APPENDIX 1 – ESSENTIAL CODE

Below are portions of our Ansible playbook.

Listing 1. Ansible Host file

```
[jenkins]
power-ci.osuosl.org  ansible_python_interpreter =/usr/bin/python2.7
```

Listing 2. Ansible Jenkins Playbook

```
— name: Install and configure Jenkins
  hosts: jenkins
  roles :
    — geerlingguy.jenkins
    — jenkins
    — web
  remote_user: ubuntu
  become: yes
  vars_files :
— group_vars/jenkins
```

Listing 3. Ansible Apache Playbook

```
— name: Install and configure Apache
  hosts: jenkins
  roles :
    — web
  remote_user: ubuntu
become: yes
```

Listing 4. Playbook Variables

```
jenkins_hostname: power-ci.osuosl.org
jenkins_url_prefix : "/jenkins"
```

Listing 5. Jenkins Task

```
— name: Include Secret Variables
  include_vars : secret.yml

— name: Create Plugin Directory
  file : path=/var/lib/jenkins/plugins state=directory

— name: Install Build Monitor Plugin
```

```
jenkins_plugin :
  name: build-monitor-plugin
  params: "{{_my_jenkins_params_}}"

- name: Install Matrix Authorization Plugin
jenkins_plugin :
  name: matrix-auth
  params: "{{_my_jenkins_params_}}"

- name: Install Docker-Build-Publish Plugin
jenkins_plugin :
  name: docker-build-publish
  params: "{{_my_jenkins_params_}}"

- name: Install Docker Plugin
jenkins_plugin :
  name: docker-plugin
  params: "{{_my_jenkins_params_}}"

- name: Install Email Notification Plugin
jenkins_plugin :
  name: emailext-template
  params: "{{_my_jenkins_params_}}"

- name: Install Embeddable Build Status Plugin
jenkins_plugin :
  name: embeddable-build-status
  params: "{{_my_jenkins_params_}}"

- name: Install GitHub Branch Source Plugin
jenkins_plugin :
  name: github-branch-source
  params: "{{_my_jenkins_params_}}"

- name: Install Multibranch Plugin
jenkins_plugin :
  name: workflow-multibranch
```

```
params: "{{my_jenkins_params_}}"
```

– name: Install GitHub OAuth Plugin

```
jenkins_plugin :
```

```
name: github-oauth
```

```
params: "{{my_jenkins_params_}}"
```

– name: Install GitHub Plugin

```
jenkins_plugin :
```

```
name: github
```

```
params: "{{my_jenkins_params_}}"
```

– name: Install Job Restrictions Plugin

```
jenkins_plugin :
```

```
name: job-restrictions
```

```
params: "{{my_jenkins_params_}}"
```

– name: Install OpenStack Cloud Plugin

```
jenkins_plugin :
```

```
name: openstack-cloud
```

```
params: "{{my_jenkins_params_}}"
```

– name: Configure GitHub OAuth Plugin in Jenkins

```
template: >
```

```
src=./roles/jenkins/templates/config-oauth.groovy.j2
```

```
dest=/var/lib/jenkins/init.groovy.d/config-oauth.groovy
```

```
owner=jenkins
```

```
group=jenkins
```

– name: Configure Docker in Jenkins

```
template: >
```

```
src=./roles/jenkins/templates/config-docker.groovy.j2
```

```
dest=/var/lib/jenkins/init.groovy.d/config-docker.groovy
```

```
owner=jenkins
```

```
group=jenkins
```

– name: Install Email config


```
copy: src=hudson.tasks.Mailer.xml dest=/var/lib/jenkins/ mode=0644
```

```
— name: Restart Jenkins
```

```
service :
```

```
name: jenkins
```

```
state : restarted
```

Listing 6. Template for configuring authentication

```
import hudson.security.*
import jenkins.model.*
import org.jenkinsci.plugins.GithubAuthorizationStrategy
import hudson.security.AuthorizationStrategy
import hudson.security.SecurityRealm
import org.jenkinsci.plugins.GithubSecurityRealm
import hudson.security.ProjectMatrixAuthorizationStrategy
import hudson.security.csrf.DefaultCrumbIssuer

Jenkins.instance.crumbIssuer = new DefaultCrumbIssuer(true)

// Authenticatin
String githubWebUri = 'https://github.com'
String githubApiUri = 'https://api.github.com'
String clientID = '{{oauth.clientid}}'
String clientSecret = '{{oauth.clientsecret}}'
String oauthScopes = 'read:org'
SecurityRealm github_realm = new GithubSecurityRealm(githubWebUri, githubApiUri, clientID, clientSecret,
    oauthScopes)

//check for equality, no need to modify the runtime if no settings changed
if(!github_realm.equals(Jenkins.instance.getSecurityRealm())) {
    Jenkins.instance.setSecurityRealm(github_realm)
    Jenkins.instance.save()
}

// Authorization
class BuildPermission {
    static buildNewAccessList(userOrGroup, permissions) {
        def newPermissionsMap = [:]
        permissions.each {
```

```

        newPermissionsMap.put(Permission.fromId(it), userOrGroup)
    }
    return newPermissionsMap
}
}

```

```
auth_strategy = new hudson.security . ProjectMatrixAuthorizationStrategy ()
```

```

authenticatedPermissions = [ "hudson.model.Hudson.Read" ]
authenticated = BuildPermission.buildNewAccessList("authenticated", authenticatedPermissions )
authenticated .each { p, u -> auth_strategy.add(p, u) }

```

```

adminPermissions = [
    "com.cloudbees.plugins.credentials.CredentialsProvider.Create",
    "com.cloudbees.plugins.credentials.CredentialsProvider.Delete",
    "com.cloudbees.plugins.credentials.CredentialsProvider.ManageDomains",
    "com.cloudbees.plugins.credentials.CredentialsProvider.Update",
    "com.cloudbees.plugins.credentials.CredentialsProvider.View",
    "hudson.model.Computer.Build",
    "hudson.model.Computer.Configure",
    "hudson.model.Computer.Connect",
    "hudson.model.Computer.Create",
    "hudson.model.Computer.Delete",
    "hudson.model.Computer.Disconnect",
    // "hudson.model.Computer.Provision",
    "hudson.model.Hudson.Administer",
    "hudson.model.Hudson.Read",
    "hudson.model.Item.Build",
    "hudson.model.Item.Cancel",
    "hudson.model.Item.Configure",
    "hudson.model.Item.Create",
    "hudson.model.Item.Delete",
    "hudson.model.Item.Discover",
    "hudson.model.Item.Read",
    "hudson.model.Item.ViewStatus",
    "hudson.model.Item.Workspace",
    "hudson.model.Run.Delete",
    "hudson.model.Run.Update",

```

```

    "hudson.model.View.Configure",
    "hudson.model.View.Create",
    "hudson.model.View.Delete",
    "hudson.model.View.Read"
  ]
  {% for aduser in admins %}
  admin = BuildPermission.buildNewAccessList("{}{{aduser.}}", adminPermissions)
  admin.each { p, u -> auth_strategy.add(p, u) }
  {% endfor %}

  userPermissions = [
    "hudson.model.Item.Build",
    "hudson.model.Item.Cancel",
    "hudson.model.Item.Configure",
    "hudson.model.Item.Create",
    "hudson.model.Item.Delete",
    "hudson.model.Item.Discover",
    "hudson.model.Item.Read",
    "hudson.model.Item.ViewStatus",
    "hudson.model.Item.Workspace"
  ]
  {% for nuser in normal_users %}
  user = BuildPermission.buildNewAccessList("{}{{nuser.}}", userPermissions)
  user.each { p, u -> auth_strategy.add(p, u) }
  {% endfor %}

  //check for equality , no need to modify the runtime if no settings changed
  if (! auth_strategy . equals ( Jenkins . instance . getAuthorizationStrategy ( ))) {
    Jenkins . instance . setAuthorizationStrategy ( auth_strategy )
    Jenkins . instance . save ()
  }
}

```

Listing 7. Web Task

```

— name: Install Apache
  apt: name=apache2 state=present

— name: Install index.html
  copy: src=index.html dest=/var/www/html/index.html mode=0664

```

- name: Install power-ci Apache config
 - copy: src=power-ci.conf dest=/etc/apache2/sites-available/power-ci.conf mode=0644

- name: Link power-ci Apache config to sites-enabled
 - file :
 - src : /etc/apache2/sites-available/power-ci.conf
 - dest : /etc/apache2/sites-enabled/power-ci.conf
 - owner: root
 - group: root
 - state : link

- name: Enable Apache
 - systemd: name=apache2 enabled=yes state=restarted

XIV. APPENDIX 2 - PROJECT TRACKING

IBM tracked status of the project on a spreadsheet that was updated based on email status updates and conference calls.

| Owner - OSU | Priority | Status | Ticket # | Project | Item | Status | Due Date (proposed) | Legend | | | | |
|--------------------|----------|--------|----------|---------|--|--|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------|----------|--|
| | | | | | | | | Priority -> | <- High | <- Med | <- Lower | |
| | | | | | | | | Status -> | <- Bad | <- Neutral | <- Good | |
| Stan | | | | | Meeting Minutes | 5/24 - Checkpoint Call - Attendees: OSU - Lee, Derek, and Lance, Thomas sick, and IBM - Wayne and Stan., Gerrit at OpenPOWER Developer Congress. Lee shared some more details about Expo. At least one person watched the entire demo. Virtual Reality and Security projects that were adjacent to their booth overshadowed their booth a little, but still reasonable traffic. Team met Keith Brown. Stan discussed IBM expectations and focus for remaining weeks. Lee stepped everyone through each of the Active and Backlog | | | | | | |
| Lee, Thomas, Derek | | | | | Results from previous week & Discussion | 5/24 - Gerrit stated/asked "I am out of office currently and will need more time to respond to everything else in here but could you elaborate on "I think it went well"? Any details, interest, your comparison to other projects, types of questions you got, etc.?" 5/24 - Lee shared "We attended the Engineering Expo on Friday. I think it went well, and most of last week was spent in preparation for that. We also have Jenkins running behind Apache now, so everything is covered by the TLS certificate and accessible over HTTPS. What I would like to get a feel for is where we should be focused for the rest of the term. We have some obvious stuff that still needs to be done like modifying the powerdev hosting form (and I have no excuse for why that isn't done yet), and we have several writing assignments for | | | | | | |
| Lee, Thomas, Derek | | | | | Plan for next week | 5/24 - Lee shared "Backlog: Onboarding (powerdev form) Three writing assignments due June 2 Team and self assessment due June 13 Final report due June 13" 5/17 - Lee shared "Currently working on getting the Apache reverse proxy working and preparing for expo." 5/10 - Lee shared " This week, as a group, we will be primarily focused on our Progress report and presentation which is due May 15. Backlog: Jenkins running behind Apache TLS. Extend form at osuosl.org/services/powerdev to provide | | | | | | |
| Lee, Thomas, Derek | | | backlog | | Landing page needs to be developed for CI power-ci.osuosl.org | 5/24 - Proxy all done. Will be adding more documentation to CI page. 5/17 - Lee shared that he made some progress setting up proxy, but ran into a problem with github. Need to setup URL | | | | | | |

Fig. 5. Project Tracking 1

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| Lance and team | | | backlog | | Extend form at osuosl.org/services/powerdev to provide onboarding for CI | 5/24 - Still needs to be done. Will work more closely with Lance. Target 5/31. 5/17 - Still need to do this. Hope to have done by Expo on Friday. 5/10 - Lee will create PR to do this. To get done in next week and a half. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lee, Thomas, Derek | | | Active | Doing a demo | 4/5 - Gerrit suggested the students also create a 5 min demo of the capabilities of their system using something like "recordmydesktop" or the like. This would help make sure all the components of the system were working properly. | 5/24 - Someone did watch the whole demo. Will talk to Lance to see if additional work is needed on the demo. 5/17 - Don't expect to have time to improve demo for Expo, but hope to enhance after Expo to make self sufficient for possible posting on the landing page. | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | backlog | Testing & Review | 4/26 - Create a more complex Jenkins job to validate end to end. | 5/24 - All current tests are passing. Will work on getting more. Lance will suggest some projects to try. Need more IBM projects to use as well. 5/17 - Thomas helped Lee debug the "cd" problem. Now both of Amit's jobs passed. When asked "What additional testing is planned?" Lee responded desire to do. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thomas | | | Backlog | Cleanup | cleanup mechanism (cron job ?, maybe Jenkins has something) | 5/24 - No progress. 5/17 - No progress. 5/10 - Thomas still monitoring how long Jenkins will hold log for previous build. Try to close up this week. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lee, Thomas, Derek | | | Backlog | | Final report | 5/24 - Lee indicated "Three writing assignments due June 2 Team and self assessment due June 13 Final report due June 13" 5/17 - Lee indicated they will learn next week what additional written materials will be required in addition to the final report. 5/10 - Gerrit suggested that the team do something equivalent to an "Agile Sprint Retrospective" which includes: 1) what went well, 2) what to do differently in the future, 3) what to stop doing. Kevin indicated this is exactly what is expected as part of the Final Report. | 6/16/17? (Finals week, spring term) | | | | | | | | | |

Fig. 6. Project Tracking 2

| Owner - OSU | Priority | Status | Ticket # | Project | Item | Status | Due Date (proposed) | Legend | | | |
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| Lee, Thomas, Derek | | | | | Engineering Expo | 5/17 - Team feels they are ready for Expo. 5/10 - Main item left is to improve the demo based on feedback. Gerrit recommended team talk to Kirsten about what other Capstone projects have done. Will do. | 5/19/17 | | | | |
| Lee | | | | Jenkins slaves & Multiple VMs on OpenStack | dynamically create containers as Jenkins slaves via OpenStack | 5/10 - Keeping this open since still have a failure. 5/3 - Configured but may change due to testing, if necessary. 4/26 - Lee is still configuring the plugin to | | | | | |
| Lee | | | | TLS | TLS (make CSR for InCommons, OSU) | 5/17 - Tracking with landing page item. 5/10 - From Lee "TLS enabled on the web site, but do not yet have Jenkins running" | | | | | |
| Derek / Ricardo | | | | Travis Integration | 2/27 - Begin research on TravisCI compatibility 4/5 - Gerrit shared at beginning of call that is Travis item was lower priority since a separate Travis project to use OSU resources soon. 3/29 - Gerrit indicated it would be good if Ricardo could review this item as well. 3/29 - Thomas shared that Ricardo indicated additional work may be needed and no testing has been done yet. 3/15 - Derek indicated he picked up Travis work that Ricardo and team had done at UNICAMP. Considers this item done at this point. Should Ricardo review? | | | | | | |
| Lee, Thomas, Derek | | | | | 1.0 Level Release | 5/3 - 1.0 release done. 4/26 - Gerrit suggested the students create a tag for their 1.0 version so easy for professors to find that version, but also allowing for updates as needed after 1.0 version. | 5/15/17 (Monday prior to Expo) | | | | |
| Thomas | | | | Active | Build artifacts | 4/26 - This item done. 4/19 - Thomas still working on this. Restrict users to run jobs in VM or container. 4/12 - Thomas may still be working on this. 4/5 - Thomas concerned about using sudo without a password. User has all or no permissions. Gerrit suggested looking at /etc/sudoers to see what can be done. 3/29 - Thomas indicated he had seen information that Priya shared about handling artifacts and would work on getting that implemented. | | | | | |
| Lee / Derek / Thomas | | | | Active | Draft Expo Poster | 4/28 - Gerrit approved V4 poster. 4/26 - Gerrit and Stan provided some feedback. Also good discussion during the call to consider. 4/26 - Team provided updated draft. 4/19 - Updated poster expected next week. Final IBM approval needed by 4/28. 4/19 - Stan provided some input for poster. 4/18 - Gerrit provided specific suggestions for the poster. 4/17 - Lee provided draft pptx and pdf and indicated "I'm sure there are ways that it can be improved :) Any suggestions are | | | | | |
| Lee / Ricardo | | | | Active | Ansible | Getting current configuration into Ansible 4/19 - No feedback from Ricardo yet on this item. Lee will reach out to him directly. 3/29 - Lee indicated he had talked with Ken about putting more stuff into Ansible. 3/15 - Lee considers this done. Gerrit asks that Ricardo do a small review. 3/10 - Lee focused on Ansible this last week | | | | | |
| Lee | | | | Active | Addressing any Security Concerns | 4/19 - Lee got user level permissions for using Matrix Auth working. Amit to test this out. Do we need to allow users to access a VM running a job real time? Probably not needed. Users would primarily use logs and replicate locally, if needed. 4/12 - Github auth plugin, don't give users too much permission. Get one external person (Amit) to set up one external job and get their feedback. 4/5 - Lee/Lance have discussed. OpenStack has specific rules to be followed. Gerrit mentioned public vs. private networks. | | | | | |
| Derek | | | | Backlog | Reporting status back to user/GitHub | 4/19 - Derek indicates done. 4/12 - Where should email replies go to? If automated emails, then emails go to no-reply @ /dev/null. 4/5 - Derek implemented several plugins, but not email. However, Gerrit shared that normal usage model is that an build is automatically kicked off after each submitted fix and when the build is complete or errors out, an email is set to | | | | | |
| Lee | | | | Active | Build in VMs | 4/19 - Lee considers this done. 4/12 - Lee - Main work is creating the base images. Lee put a note in Slack on this subject. 4/5 - Thomas asked "Are their projects they can use to test their system?" Gerrit indicated he would work with Amit to get | | | | | |
| | | | | Backlog | Domain Name | 3/29 - Done power-closure.org 2/27 - Added | | | | | |

Fig. 7. Project Tracking 3

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| Lee, Thomas, Derek | | | | Beta Level Release | 3/29 - Done. 3/15 - Lee indicated they did a demo for their TA on Monday 3/13. 2/24 - Lee agreed that approach Gerrit suggested to determine and track Tasks is a good idea and his team will work to develop that. That will help the overall team | 3/20/2017 (Finals week, winter term) | | | | | | | | | |
| Lee, Thomas, Derek | | | | Winter progress report | 3/29 - Done. 3/15 - Lee shared they are still working on this item due Fri 3/24. 2/22 - Lee provided this report for Gerrit's signature which is a good summary of their current progress, future work, and problems & solutions encountered thus far. | 3/20/17 (Finals week, winter term) | | | | | | | | | |
| Lee, Thomas, Derek | | | | Alpha Level Release | 2/13 - Lee shared the following weekly plan "We think we have something that can serve as our alpha level release. It allows logging in with GitHub and creating a Jenkins job. Obviously a lot to do, but as far as serving as a proof of concept, I think it does the job. Is there anything else you would like to see for the alpha? You can log in with your GitHub credentials here: http://140.211.168.153:8080/ For the rest of this week, we will be mostly focused on getting documents in order and | 2/17/17 (Week 6, winter term) | | | | | | | | | |
| Leon, Thomas, Derek | | | | Design Document | 12/1 - Lee indicated date was changed to 12/2. Will have basic requirements, components to be used, with further clarification of scope. | 12/2/16 | | | | | | | | | |
| Leon, Thomas, Derek | | | | Fall progress report | | 12/7/16 | | | | | | | | | |
| Leon, Thomas, Derek | | | | Technical Review What's out there? Why choose what a particular resource? | 11/17 - Gerrit provided his feedback on Technical review (i.e. more emphasis on containers and Ubuntu vs. CentOS). 11/17 - Lee provided Technical review to Gerrit and IBM team. 11/3 - Gerrit and Ricardo have input for the Technical Review phase when OSU students are ready. 10/20 - Kevin shared that the 3rd milestone for the students is to perform a thorough technical review of available technologies, resources, etc. to help with the implementation of this project which is due by Thanksgiving. Gerrit shared that he has lots of resources to provide assistance during this phase. | Done | | | | | | | | | |
| Leon, Thomas, Derek | | | | Requirements Document | 11/3 - Team shared they hope to have a next draft by Tuesday 11/8. Gerrit shared his desire to use a newer IEEE template that supports Agile methodologies. 11/3 - Gerrit shared that the students had provided a requirements document and that he had provided some feedback. 10/20 - Kevin shared that the 2nd milestone for the students is to develop a requirements document due 10/28 with a goal of providing a preliminary draft early in w/o 10/24. | Done | | | | | | | | | |
| Leon, Thomas, Derek | | | CS 461 - CS Senior | Problem Statement | 10/17/16 - Problem statement reviewed/approved by Gerrit. | Done | | | | | | | | | |
| Gerrit / IBM | | | | Blog about presence of this project https://www.ibm.com/blogs/systems/help-ibm-oregon-state-university-strengthen-open-source-power/ | 11/17 - Gerrit has done a blog under Terri Vornig's name. Stan to get with Nicki to determine where. (power.org, developer.ibm.com/linuxpower) 10/20 - Gerrit shared that IBM will be blogging about the existence of this project in order to attract other potential open source contributors to it an appropriate time in the future. | Oct/Nov? | | | | | | | | | |

Fig. 8. Project Tracking 4