The test farm and its evolution

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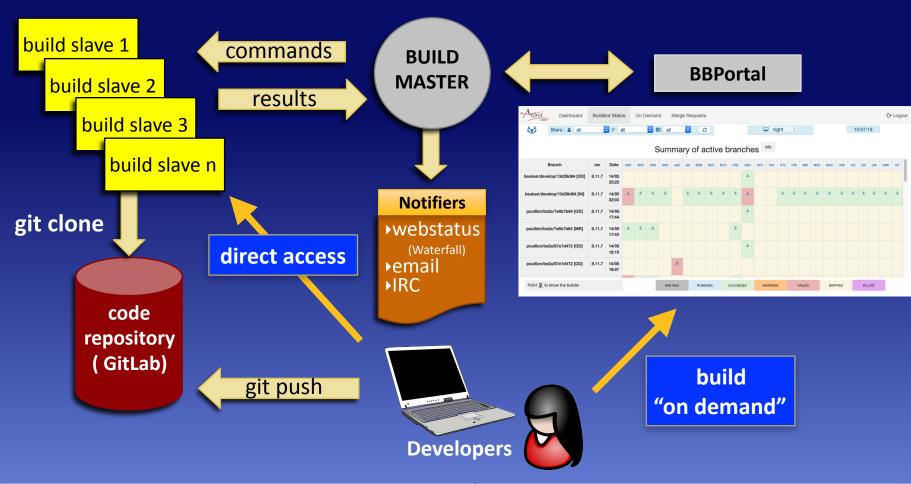
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BuildBot (http://buildbot.net) is a **powerful python framework** that can automate all aspects of the software development cycle (Continuous Integration, Continuous Deployment, Release Management, ...)

It consists of a **buildmaster** and a set of computer (**buildslaves**) connected in a star topology:

- The **buildmaster** is the central point of control : it makes all decisions about what, when, and how to build.
- The **builders** associated to **buildslaves**, are in charge of performing sequence of actions (**buildsteps**) related to building software (checking, configure, make, run tests, ...), but it can also run arbitrary commands (shell command,...).

- During build cycle, status informations are saved and are used to update the status on the web page: "waterfall" (chronological logs of events) or on the BBPortal.
- The completion of a build will cause **email** to be sent to the developer.
- buildbot runs task on demand or when a merge requests are submitted to GitLab



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Name	Brand	CPU / Freq	# cores	RAM	OS	misc
abiref	HP DL360 gen9	Xeon E5-2670v3/ 2.3	2 x 24	32Gb	CentOS 7.6	Ref
atlas	Supermicro	Xeon E5-2623v4/ 2.6	2 x 8	64Gb	CentOS 7.6	
bob	Dell R430	Xeon E5-2603v3/ 1.60	2 x 6	8Gb	Fedora 23	
buda2	SuperMicro	Xeon Silver 4110/ 2.7	2 x 16	16Gb	CentOS 7.6	2xGPU K40c 1xGPU TITAN V
cronos2	HP DL185 G7	AMD Opteron 6276/ 2.3	2 x 16	128Gb	CentOS 7.6	Ref
cronos	HP DL185 G7	AMD Opteron 6276/ 2.3	2 x 16	48Gb	CentOS 7.6	clusterMPI
graphene	Apple MacPro	Xeon E5-2697/ 2.7	1 x 12	64Gb	MacOS X 10.14	
higgs	HP DL 360 G8	Xeon E5-2440/ 2.4	2 x 6	32Gb	Ubuntu 18.04	
ibm8	IBM Power S824	Power8/ 3.0	8	8GB	AIX 7.2	
max2	HP DL185 G7	AMD Opteron 6140/ 2.6	2 x 8	12GB	Slinux 6.10	
ubu	HP DL360 G9	Xeon E5-2670v3/ 2.3	2 x 24	32GB	Ubuntu 16.10	

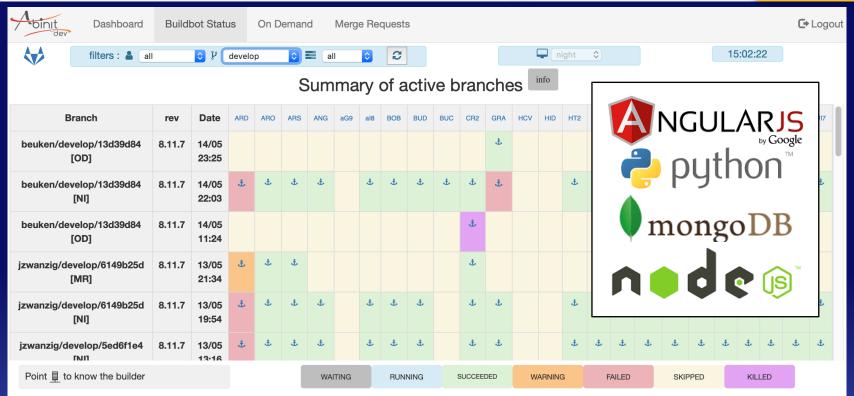
Slaves removed (Desktop): inca, coba2, buda, testf, tikal, petrus, shiva

Name	Compiler	MPI	MATH	misc
abiref_gnu_5.3_openmpi	GNU 5.3	Open MPI 1.10.2	OpenBLAS	Reference
abiref_gnu_5.3_serial	GNU 5.3		OpenBLAS	Reference
abiref_nag_6.2_openmpi	NAG 6.2	Open MPI 2.1.2	OpenBLAS	
atlas_intel_18.0_openmpi	INTEL 18.0		MKL18/FFTW3	
bob_gnu_5.3_openmp	GNU 5.3		ATLAS	OpenMP n=2
buda2_gnu_8.2_mpich3	GNU 8.2	MPICH 3.2.1	MKL17/FFTW3	
cronos2_gnu_7.4_paral	GNU 7.4	Open MPI 3.1.3	MKL18/FFTW3	Ref for tparal
graphene_gnu_8.3_macports	GNU 8.3	Open MPI 3.0.1	OpenBLAS	MacPorts
higgs_intel_19.0_serial	INTEL 19.0		MKL19/FFTW3	
higgs_gnu_7.3_triqs2	GNU 7.3	MPICH 3.2.1	Netlib	triqs 2.x
ibm8_ibm_15.1_serial	IBM 15.1		Netlib	XLF
max2_gnu_5.3_mpich	GNU 5.3	MPICH 3.2.1	ACML 6	memory leak
max2_gnu_5.3_dep	GNU 5.3	MPICH 3.2.1	ACML 6	dependency
ubu_gnu_5.3_openmpi	GNU 5.3	Open MPI 1.8.8	MKL11/FFTW3	NetCDF4/HDF5
ubu_intel_13.1_openmpi	INTEL 13.1	Open MPI 1.6.5	MKL11/FFTW3	
ubu_intel_15.0_mpich	INTEL 15.0	MPICH 3.2.1	MKL11//FFTW3	
ubu_intel_16.0_mpich	INTEL 16.0	MPICH 3.2.1	MKL11//FFTW3	
ubu_intel_16.0_openmp	INTEL 16.0		MKL11//FFTW3	OpenMP n=2 / dfti
ubu_intel_17.0_openmpi	INTEL 17.0	Open MPI 2.1	MKL11//FFTW3	NetCDF4/HDF5

Name	Compiler	MPI	MATH	misc	nightly			
abiref_gnu_5.3_debug	GNU 5.3				yes			
 tests less used options (e.g. omp, exports, cclock) tests robodoc tests parents checks the html links (in site/) checks 15 abirules ("defined but not used", "Unused variable", "Unused dummy argument",) checks 10 buildsys ("check-build-examples", "check-cpp-options",) tests the "Build system" (e.g. make distcheck) 								
buda2_gnu_8.3_cuda	GNU 8.3	Open MPI 3.1.4	MKL 2017		yes			
build with MAGMA 1.5 & MKL & CUDA 6.5tested with NVIDIA GPU 2 x K40c (Kepler) + TITAN V (Volta)								
higgs_gnu_7.3_cov	GNU 7.3	MPICH 3.2.1	MKL11/FFTW3		no			
 generation of a code coverage report (-fprofile-arcs -ftest-coverage) 								
atlas_gnu_9.1_openmpi GNU 9.1 Open MPI 4.0.1 OpenBLAS no								

- GCC 4.X "deprecated"
- All Fallbacks are external

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Execution time of build+tests on nightly builders

Actual load of buildbot slaves

info

Host	abiref	atlas	bob	buda2	cronos2	graphene	higgs	ibm8	max2	ubu
#cpu	48	16	12	32	32	24	24	16	16	48
Load	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.22	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.05	0.02	0.00

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List of future developments on software infrastructure :

- End of Life for Python 2.7 is coming in 2019
 - Buildbot is dropping support for Python 2.7
 ToDo: upgrade buildbot v0.8.12 -> v2.3.0
 - Python update on all slaves (OS, virtualenv, miniconda3, ...)
- End of Life for AngularJS v1.5
 - BBPortal is built on AngularJS v1.5
 Can try to update to v1.7 (but Long Term Support through June 30, 2021)
 ToDo: evaluate several frameworks: Angular.js vs React.js vs Vue.js

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List of future improvements of the test farm:

- Add a builder "HPC"
 - Running tests on CECI clusters requires the use of the batch: asynchronous ToDo: finish up the hpc tests
- Need tests to check scalapack code
- Keep watch automatically on :
 - excluded tests
 - code coverage results
 - evolution of test execution times

ToDo: put status on Dashboard?

Future evolution of the hardware infrastructure :

- ThunderX2® Arm-based Processor with promising technology for HPC
 - ARM team with the help of the CEA has already compiled ABINIT 8.10.1 (ARM compiler)
 - ThunderX2®CN99XX is expensive

ToDo: evaluate the processor on the cloud if it exists