



Continuous Integration



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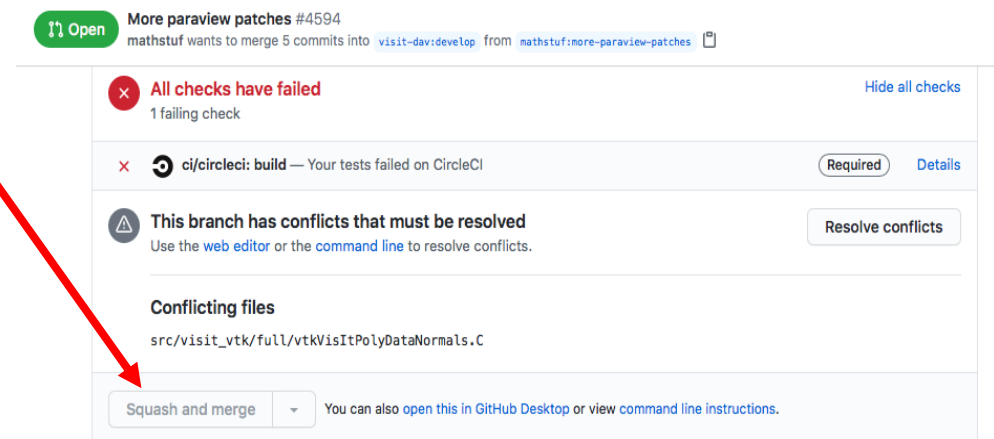


What is Continuous Integration (CI) *Testing*

- Testing
 - Focused, critical functionality (infrastructure), fast, independent, orthogonal, complete, ...
 - Existing test suites often require re-design/refactoring for CI
- Integration
 - Changes across key branches merged & tested to ensure the “whole” still works
 - Develop, develop, develop, merge, merge, merge, test, test, test...NO!
 - Develop, merge, test, develop, merge, test, develop, merge, test...YES!
- Continuous
 - Changes tested every commit and/or pull-request (like auto-correct)
- CI generally implies a lot of automation

Automated Testing vs. Continuous Integration (CI) Testing

- **Automated Testing:** Software that automatically performs tests and reliably detects and reports anomalous behaviors/outcomes.
 - Examples: Auto-test, CTest/CDash, nightly testing, `make check`
 - Potential issues: change attribution, timeliness of results, multiple branches of development
- **Continuous Integration (CI):** automated testing performed at high frequency and fine granularity aimed at *preventing* code changes from breaking key branches of development (e.g. *main*)
 - Example: Disabled/enabled “Merge Pull Request” button on GitHub
 - Potential issues: extreme automation, test granularity, coverage, 3rd-party services/resources



Examples...

Automated Nightly Testing Dashboard Lives “next to” your development work


Results of Visit Regression Test (pascal,trunk,serial)

Test suite run started at 2020:07:09:22:49:46.
(Click on table header to sort)

Index	Category	Test File	Status	Runtime (sec)
243	rendering	ospray.py	Unacceptable	5.0
273	simulation	batch.py	Unacceptable	38.0
24	databases	chgcarr.py	Succeeded With Skips	11.0
32	databases	exodus.py	Succeeded With Skips	14.0
66	databases	silos.py	Succeeded With Skips	50.0
67	databases	silos_altdriver.py	Succeeded With Skips	87.0
75	databases	xdmf.py	Succeeded With Skips	14.0
109	hybrid	merge_tree.py	Succeeded With Skips	11.0
136	meshtype	emptydomains.py	Succeeded With Skips	7.0
256	rendering	view.py	Succeeded With Skips	17.0
275	simulation	curve.py	Succeeded With Skips	8.0
281	simulation	life.py	Succeeded With Skips	8.0
296	simulation	zerocopy.py	Succeeded With Skips	32.0
0	databases	ANALYZE.py	Succeeded	10.0
1	databases	ANSYS.py	Succeeded	9.0
2	databases	CGNS.py	Succeeded	11.0
3	databases	Cale.py	Succeeded	6.0
4	databases	Chombo.py	Succeeded	7.0
5	databases	EnSight.py	Succeeded	9.0
6	databases	FITS.py	Succeeded	8.0
7	databases	Fluent.py	Succeeded	7.0
8	databases	GDAL.py	Succeeded	20.0
9	databases	NASTRAN.py	Succeeded	15.0


CI Testing Lives embedded in your development work


Add more commits by pushing to the `exodus-patch-1` branch on `exodus/chromium-dashboard`.



✓ All checks have passed [Hide all checks](#)

2 successful checks


✓  **Lighthouse** — Passed. New Lighthouse score would be 100/100. [Details](#)

✓  **continuous-integration/travis-ci/pr** — The Travis CI build passed [Details](#)

✓ **This branch has no conflicts with the base branch**
Merging can be performed automatically.

Merge pull request

You can also [open this in GitHub Desktop](#) or view [command line instructions](#).

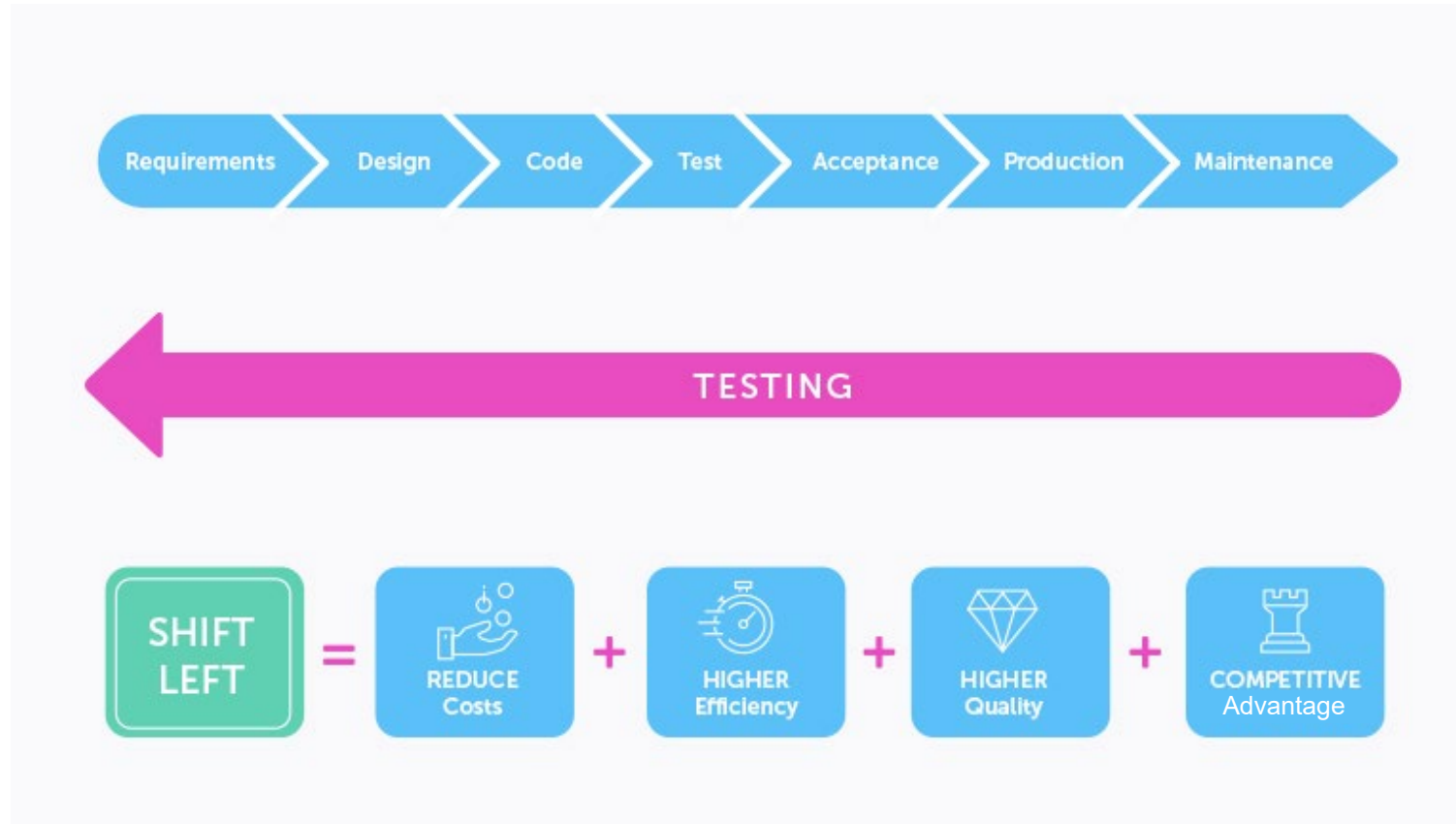


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CI Testing is one part of the “Shift Left” movement in DevOps



What can make CI Difficult

Common situations

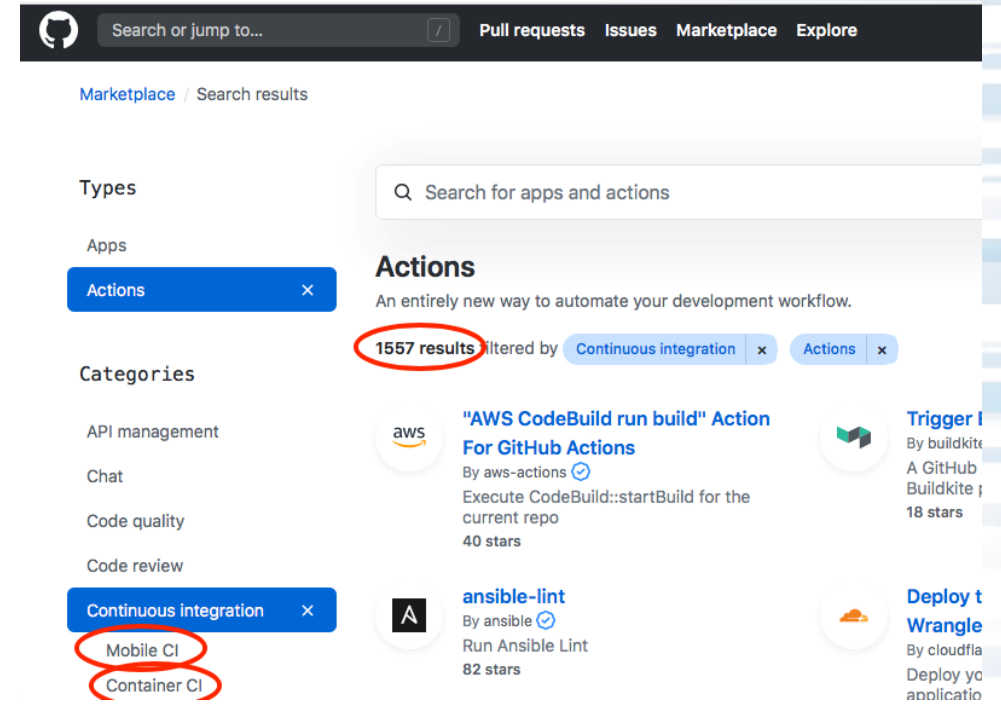
- Just getting started
 - Many technologies/choices; often in the "cloud"
 - Solution: start small, simple, build up
- Developing suitable tests
 - Many project's existing tests not suitable for CI
 - Solution: Simplify/refactor and/or sub-setting test suite
- Ensuring sufficient coverage
 - Some changes to code never get tested
 - Solution: tools to measure it, enforce always increasing

Advanced situations

- Defining failure for *many* configurations
 - Bit-for-bit (exact) match vs. fuzzy match
 - Solution: absolute/relative tolerances → AI/ML
- Numerous 3rd party libraries (TPLs)
 - Compiling takes too long
 - Solution: cache pre-built TPLs, containers
- Performance testing
 - Avoid time-, space-, scaling-performance degradation
 - Solution: Perf. instrumentation and *scheduled* testing

CI Resources (Where do jobs run?)

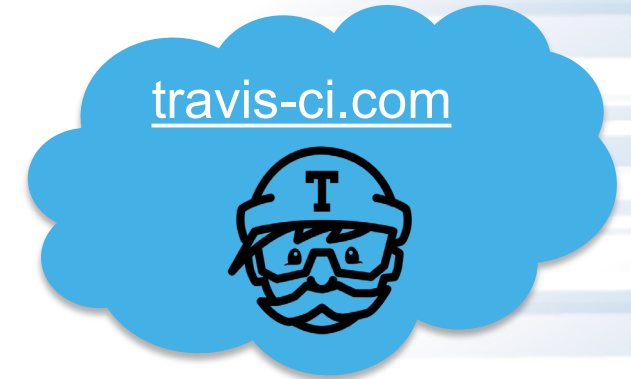
- Free Cloud Resources (many free on GitHub, BitBucket, GitLab, etc.)
 - Travis-CI, Circle-CI, AppVeyor, Azure Pipelines,...
 - All launch a VM (Linux variants, Windows and OSX)
 - Constrained in time/size, config. (e.g. GPU type/count)
 - Not always suitable for large, HPC projects due to need for longer than usual time to run
- Site-local Resources
 - Examples: Bamboo @ LLNL, Jenkins @ ANL, Travis+CDash @ NERSC, etc.
 - ECP Program: GitLab-CI @ ANL, LANL, LLNL, NERSC, ORNL, SNL
- Create your own by setting up resources/services



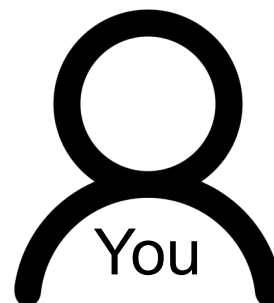
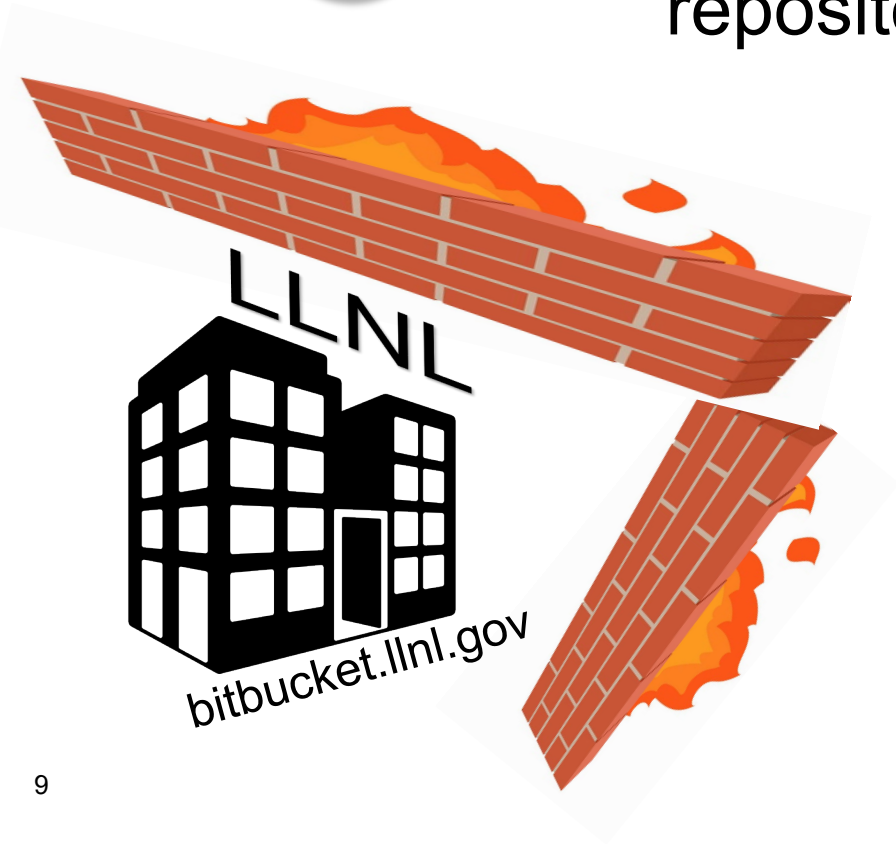
Examples...



Your code repository

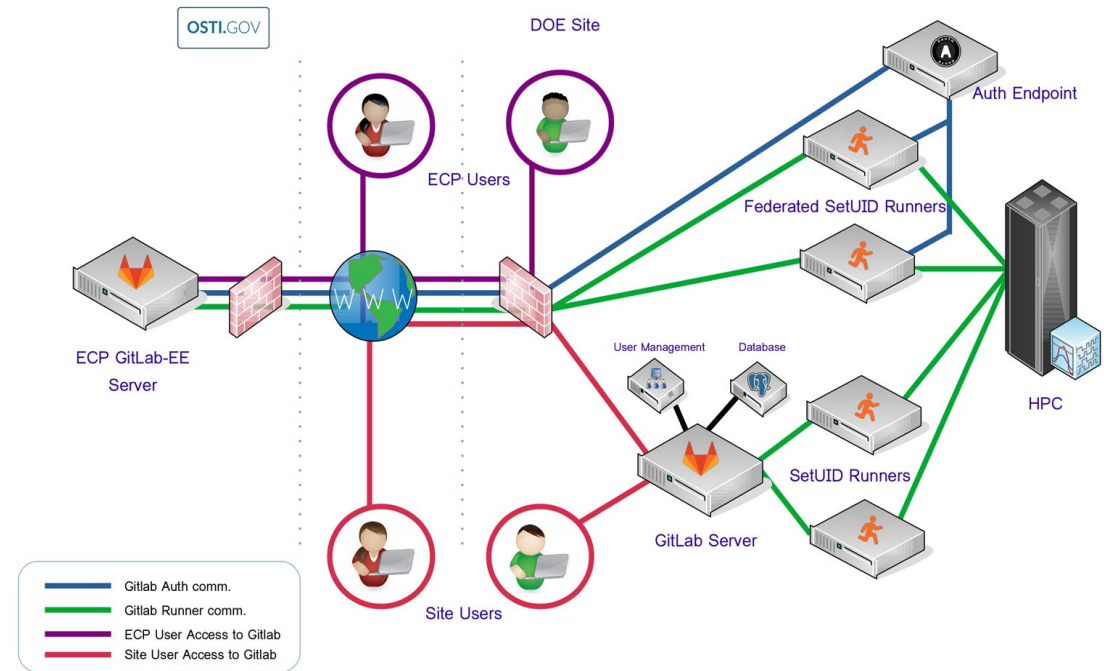


Your CI Resources



ECP CI Resources

- ECP investing in GitLab for complex-wide CI
- Non-GitLab projects *mirror* into GitLab
- Complex-wide Federation via OSTI
 - Many hurdles still to overcome
 - Manual federation possible...but non-trivial
- Documentation and on-boarding help
 - <https://ecp-ci.gitlab.io>
 - email me, miller86@llnl.gov for on-boarding contacts





Getting started with CI

- What *configuration* is most important?
 - Examples: gcc, icc, xlc? MPI-2 or MPI-3? Python 2, 3 or 2 & 3?
- What *functionality* is most important?
 - Examples: vanilla numerical kernels? OpenMP kernels? GPU kernels? All of these?
- Good candidates...
 - A “hello world” example for your project
 - Once you’ve got the basics working, its easy to build up from there










https://github.com/betterscientificsoftware/hello-numerical-world

Add more commits by pushing to the `markcmiller86-patch-3` branch on `markcmiller86/hello-numerical-world`.



**Some checks were not successful**
1 failing and 3 successful checks

[Hide all checks](#)

	 codecov/patch — 0.00% of diff hit (target 51.60%)	Details
	 Travis CI - Branch Successful in 20s — Build Passed	Details
	 Travis CI - Pull Request Successful in 21s — Build Passed	Details
	 codecov/project — 72.43% (+20.83%) compared to 1307815	Details
	This branch has no conflicts with the base branch Merging can be performed automatically.	

Merge pull request

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Getting started with CI:

Setting up CI

Service	Interface	
Travis	repo YAML file [& repo scripts]	/.travis.yml in root of repo
GitLab	Web page configurator + repo YAML file [& repo scripts]	/.gitlab-ci.yml in root of repo
Bamboo	Web page configurator + repo scripts	
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Example .travis.yml file (also doing coverage analysis)

```
1  language: c++
2
3  compiler:
4    - gcc
5
6  script:
7    - make CXXFLAGS=--coverage LDFLAGS="--coverage -lm" check_all
8
9  after_success:
10    - bash <(curl -s https://codecov.io/bash)
```

Getting started with CI:

Keywords specific to service being used

**Example .travis.yml file
(also doing coverage analysis)**

Specify environment

Commands to run

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```

travis-ci.com

Travis CI Dashboard

Search all repositories

My Repositories Running (1/2) +

- spack/spack # 47315
Duration: 14 sec
- mfem/mfem # 8441
Duration: 1 hr 38 min 44 sec
Finished: 2 hours ago
- markcmiller86/hello-numerical-world # 7
Duration: 19 sec
Finished: 3 hours ago
- beterscientificsoftware/Trust # 2
Duration: 26 sec
Finished: 20 hours ago
- LLNL/MACSIo # 152
Duration: 1 min 24 sec
Finished: 2 days ago
- beterscientificsoftware/bssw # 83
Duration: 32 sec
Finished: 13 days ago
- spack/spack-tutorial # 125
Duration: 1 min 17 sec
Finished: 26 days ago
- LLNL/lor
- LLNL/FASTMath4
- beterscientificsoftware/bssw

markcmiller86 / hello-numerical-world

Current Branches Build History Pull Requests

main fix error threshold

Commit 26d69cd
Compare d24c2f3...26d69cd
Branch main

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Compiler: gcc C++
AMD64

Job log View config

```
1 Worker information
6
7 Build system information
158
159
160 $ git clone --depth=50 --branch=main https://github.com/markcmiller86/hello-numerical-world
170
171 $ export TRAVIS_COMPILER=gcc
172 $ export CXX=${CXX:-g++}
173 $ export CXX_FOR_BUILD=${CXX_FOR_BUILD:-g++}
174 $ export CC=${CC:-gcc}
175 $ export CC_FOR_BUILD=${CC_FOR_BUILD:-gcc}
176 $ gcc --version
177 gcc (Ubuntu 5.4.0-6ubuntu1-16.04.11) 5.4.0 20160609
178 Copyright (C) 2015 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
179 This is free software; see the source for copying conditions. There is NO
180 warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
181
182 $ make CXXFLAGS=-coverage LDFLAGS=-coverage -lm check
183 g++ -c --coverage heat.C -o heat.o
184 g++ -c --coverage utils.C -o utils.o
185 g++ -c --coverage args.C -o args.o
186 g++ -c --coverage exact.C -o exact.o
187 g++ -c --coverage ftcs.C -o ftcs.o
188 g++ -c --coverage upwind15.C -o upwind15.o
189 g++ -c --coverage crankn.C -o crankn.o
190 g++ -o heat heat.o utils.o args.o exact.o ftcs.o upwind15.o crankn.o --coverage -lm -lm
```

codecov.io

gh markcmiller86 hello-numerical-world Docs Support Blog

fix error threshold

markcmiller86 3 hours ago ✓ CI Passed

26d69cd main d24c2f3

51.60%

Files	Coverage
Double.H	65.63%
args.C	82.05%
crankn.C	0.00%
exact.C	0.00%
ftcs.C	100.00%
heat.C	73.81%
upwind15.C	0.00%
utils.C	49.35%
Project Totals (8 files)	51.60%

CALECULATING

After Hours Hands-on Lesson

(Video demo to be uploaded to YouTube)



- Follow QR code to [GitHub repository](#)
- Fork the repo
- Create .travis.yml
- Submit Pull Request (PR)
- Increase coverage
 - Change 'check' to "check_all"
- Update the PR
- Extra credit...fail PR if coverage drops
 - Hint: read codecov.io docs