Avocado: Open Source Testing Made Easy LinuxCon North America, 2015



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Agenda

- What is Avocado?
- Architecture
- Features
- Demo
- Roadmap

Who we are

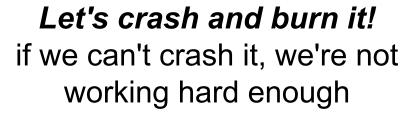
- Virtualization Test Team @ Red Hat
- We develop testing tools for KVM and Libvirt
- We maintain Autotest and virt-test
- The experience with those prompted us to imagine what the next generation of testing tools would look like

Without further ado...

- Avocado is a set of tools and libraries to perform automated testing on linux platforms
- Developed to reconcile the needs of different teams involved in software development: QE and Development

Testing tools: QE vs. Development







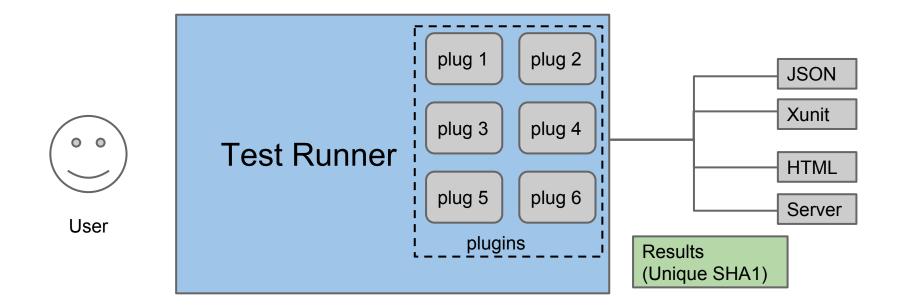
In code we trust (Works For Me)
we write good code – and keep
getting better at it

Avocado: A new testing toolbox

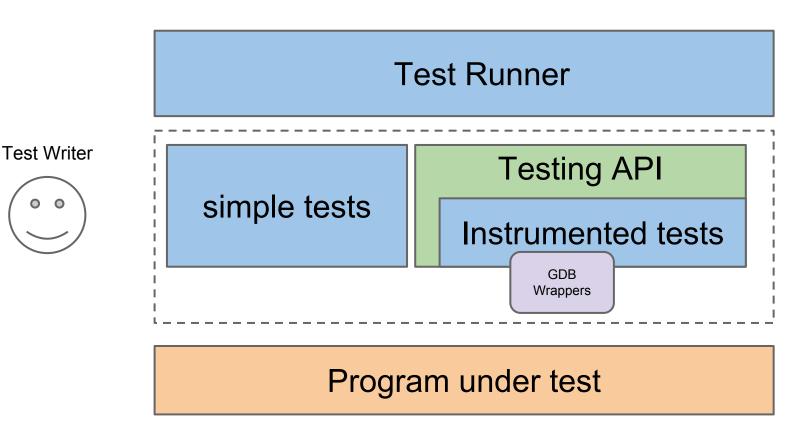
Testing should be fun and simple:

- Start with a test runner, with optional features helpful for debugging and development
- Add more building blocks (plugins) as you need more features
- Don't restrict test development choices Use any language you want (you get benefits from using test APIs though)
- The same test runner is used in the infrastructure that runs
 Cl jobs the test grid

Avocado For Users



Avocado For Test Writers



Multiplexer

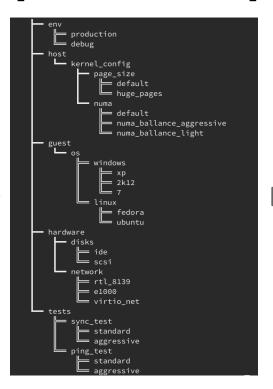
- In virt testing, we have large test matrixes
 - Disk formats
 - NICs
 - Guest OS
 - Host OS
- The multiplexer is a mechanism of describing a test matrix in a compact way
- YAML based
- Allows the use of filters to reduce the scope of the matrix

Multiplexer - simple example

```
bread: !mux
    italian:
        bread: Italian
                                          Variants generated:
    nine grain wheat:
                                          Variant 1: /bread/italian,/topping/american,/filling/roast beef
        bread: Nine grain wheat
                                          Variant 2: /bread/italian,/topping/american,/filling/tuna
topping: !mux
                                          Variant 3: /bread/italian,/topping/monterey cheddar,/filling/roast beef
    american:
                                          Variant 4: /bread/italian,/topping/monterey cheddar,/filling/tuna
                                          Variant 5: /bread/nine grain wheat,/topping/american,/filling/roast beef
       topping: American
    monterey cheddar:
                                          Variant 6: /bread/nine grain wheat,/topping/american,/filling/tuna
       topping: Monterey cheddar
                                          Variant 7: /bread/nine grain wheat,/topping/monterey cheddar,
                                          /filling/roast beef
filling: !mux
                                          Variant 8: /bread/nine grain wheat,/topping/monterey cheddar,/filling/tuna
    roast beef:
       filling: Roast Beef
    tuna:
       filling: Tuna
```

Multiplexer - complex example

```
env: !mux
   production:
      malloc_perturb: no
      gcc flags: -03
      malloc_perturb: yes
      gcc_flags: -g
host:
   kernel config:
       page_size: !mux
           default:
           huge pages:
               huge_pages: yes
       numa: !mux
           default:
           numa_ballance_aggressive:
               numa balancing: 1
               numa balancing migrate deferred: 32
               numa_balancing_scan_size_mb: 512
           numa ballance light:
               numa_balancing: 1
               numa_balancing_migrate_deferred: 8
               numa balancing scan size mb: 32
guest:
   os: !mux
       windows: !mux
           os_type: windows
               win: xp
           2k12:
               win: 7
 examples/tests/multiplextest.py.data/multiplextest.yaml" 73L, 1699C
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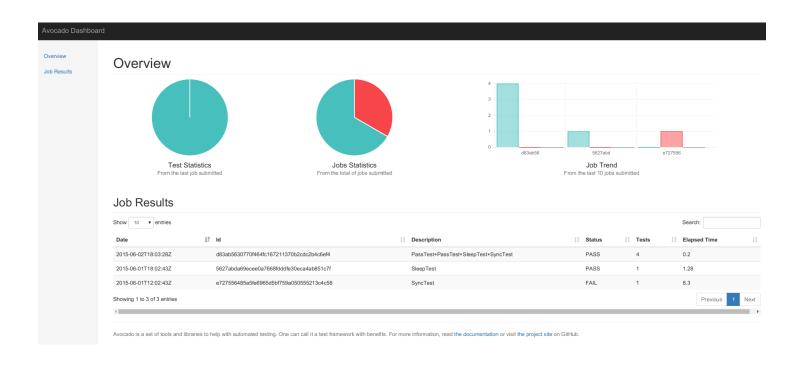
1440 variants

73 line YAML file

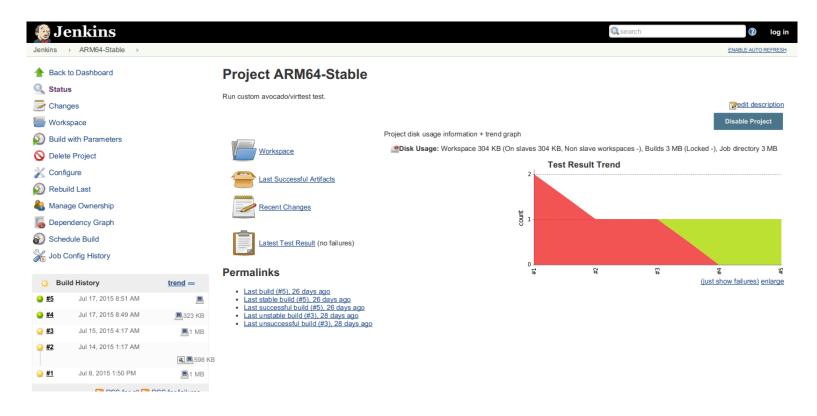
Tree representation

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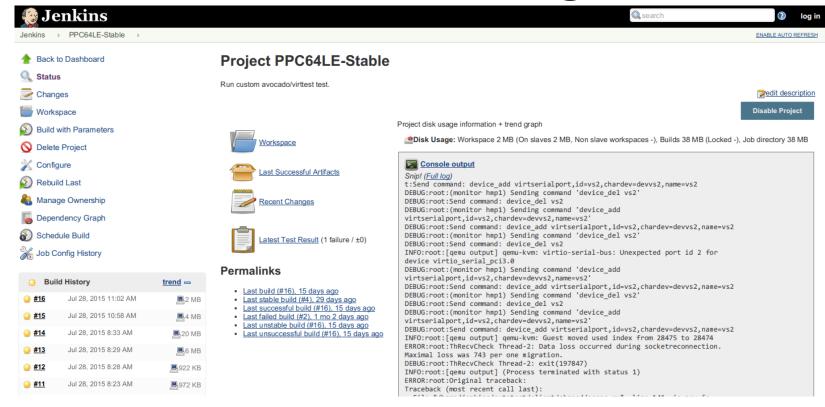
Avocado Dashboard



Real world: Jenkins Integration



Real World: Jenkins Integration



Avocado: Future

- More external contributions
- Improve virtualization support
- Integrate with more CI tools and provisioning tools
- Avocado server reports and REST tools
- Component isolation (automated bisection)
- ... You decide!

Resources

- Main website
 - http://avocado-framework.github.io/
- Documentation
 - http://avocado-framework.readthedocs.org/en/latest/
- COPR repo
 - https://copr.fedoraproject.org/coprs/lmr/Autotest/