Significant performance improvements

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- Originally it required 1 ms from 10 s application run
- Used rarely
- No significant difference for users

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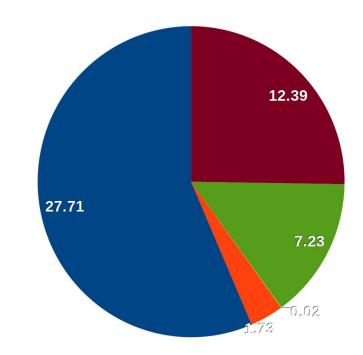
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• Reduce application load time from 10 to 5 seconds

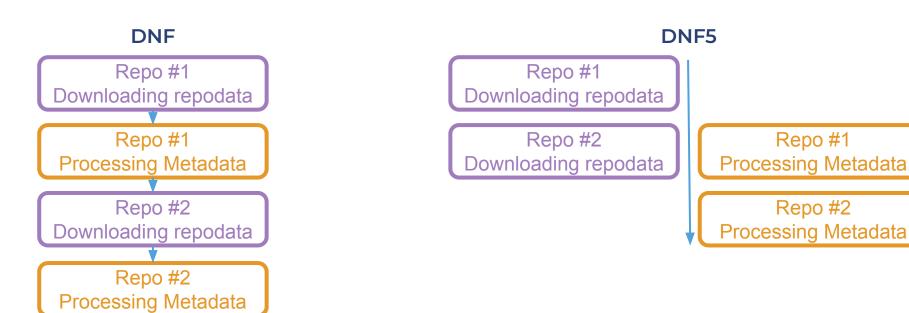
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- Resolving SPEC
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Performance improvement - Loading of repositories



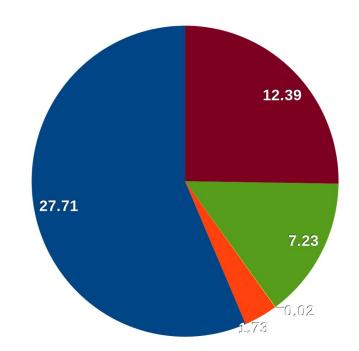
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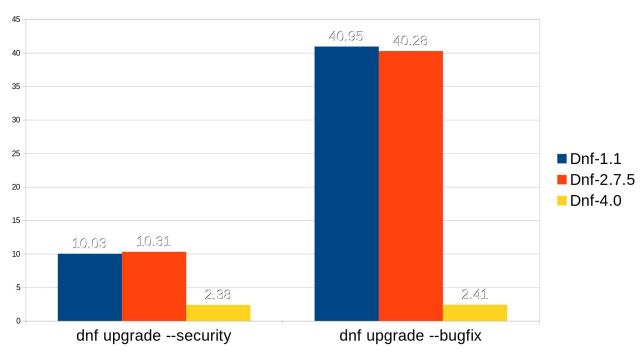
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- User reports
 - Bugzilla
 - GitHub Issue
 - Jira
 - o ...
- Comparison to similar applications
 - o DNF to YUM, ZYPPER

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Performance measurement

```
class Timer(object):
                                                                Usage in code:
 def __init__(self, msg=""):
   self.msg = msg
                                                                with Timer(msg="fill_sack"):
   self.start = 0
                                                                        base.fill_sack(load_system_repo=True)
 def __enter__(self):
   self.start = time.time()
   return self
 def __exit__(self, *args):
   end = time.time()
   secs = end - self.start
   msecs = secs * 1000 # millisecs
   print('{}: Elapsed time: {} ms'.format(self.msg, msecs))
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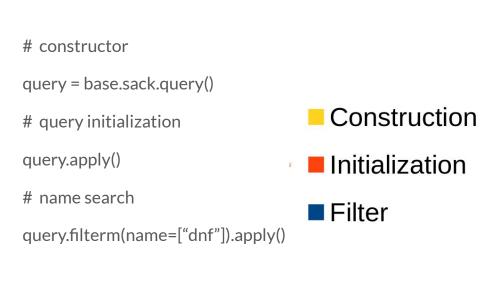
Performance improvements - workflow

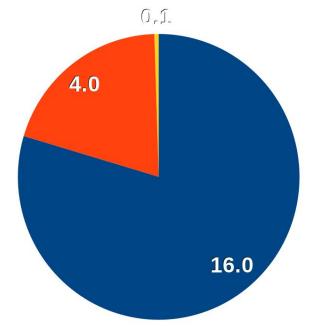
Potential

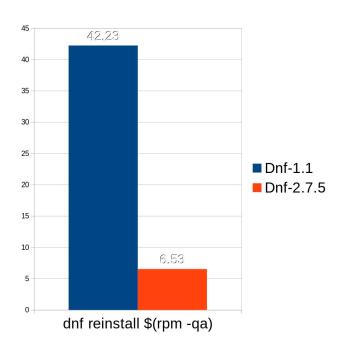
Analyze

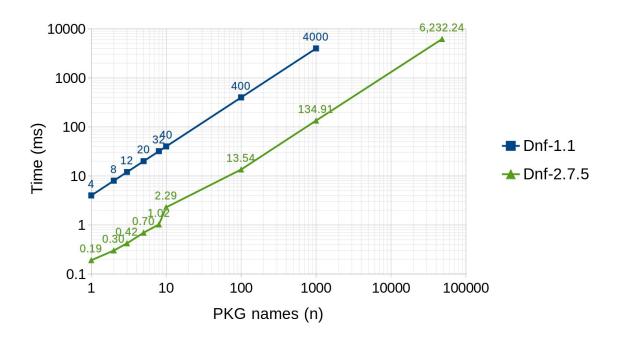
Solution

Test



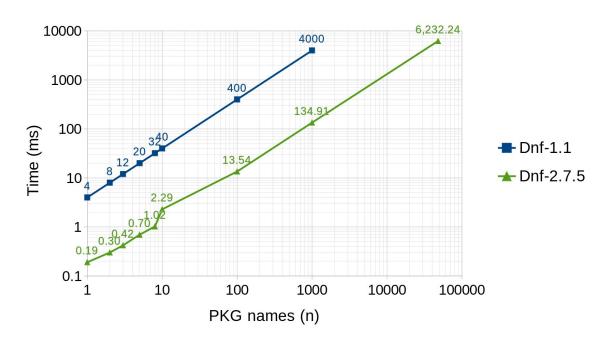






Name queries - New requirements

- Additional queries for each run of DNF
- Arguments > 10 000
- No significant impact on DNF performance

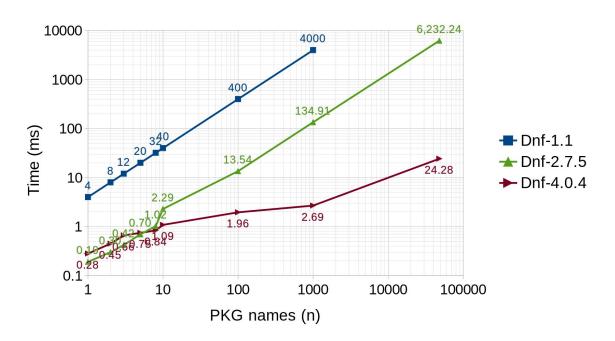


Binary search

Search x = 91						
Test 48 < x (True)						
Test 88 < x (True)						
Test 91 < x (False)						

1	5	15	34	48	69	74	88	91	98
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Test 91 == x (True)



Best Practise vs. Performance

The same process, different, requirements

=> different implementation

Example: String formatting ("dnf-0:4.0.1-1.f31.noarch")

name = "dnf"

epoch = "0"

version = "4.0.1"

release = "1.f31"

arch = "noarch"

Python example:

pattern = "{{}-{}:{}-{}:}}"

pattern.format(name, epoch, version, release, arch)

Summary

- Work efficiently
- Prioritise users needs
- Look for the best potential
- Analyze
- Trade resources wisely
- Present results