



TESTING THE OS IN A CONSISTENT & COMFORTABLE WAY

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introduction

WE

Who are we?

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YOU

Who are you?

- Any Fedora packagers here?
- Have you used tmt before?
- Heard about the fmf format?
- Already using the Testing Farm?
- Any experience with Packit?

AGENDA

What's the plan?

- Short introduction about tmt & Testing Farm
- Hands on!
 - Enable tests using tmt on your components/packages
 - Or use the [sandbox](#) repo for experimenting
 - Please, ask questions any time
- What's new since the last devconf?
- Plans for the near and far future

TEST MANAGEMENT TOOL

What is it and why was it created?

- Command line tool
 - User-friendly way to work with tests
- Metadata specification
 - Human-readable, concise config
 - L0 = core (summary, description, tag...)
 - L1 = tests (test, require, duration...)
 - L2 = plans (group tests, define environment)
 - L3 = stories (track implementation, test & doc coverage)

FREEDOM FOR TESTS

- Tests do not need to rely on the internal infrastructure
- No dependency on a particular test case management system (TCMS)
- Stored **inside git** repositories, convenient to make open source
- Easier cooperation between upstream and downstream
- Test code **can be shared** across repositories without duplication
- Integration testing across components made easy

COMFORT FOR USERS

- All test metadata can be stored inside a single git repository
 - Using the fmf format with **inheritance** and **elasticity**
 - Simple, human-readable configuration
- **Consistent** configuration across
 - Packit GitHub/GitLab, Fedora CI, CentOS Stream, RHEL CI
- Execute tests according to your preferences
 - Virtual machine? Container? A physical server? Local host?
 - Sure, no problem!
- Easier cooperation between developer and QE on test code
 - Easy to **reproduce issues** revealed by CI

TESTING FARM

An open-source Testing System as a Service

- A flavor of SaaS with a focus on executing automated tests against VMs, bare-metal machines and containers.
- Deployed in hybrid cloud, can run tests against multiple infrastructure clouds
- Provides a single public HTTP API endpoint: api.dev.testing-farm.io
- Supports hardware requirements, infrastructure agnostic, failover / Artemis
- Multiple environments per request, plans parallelization
- Reproducer steps for tmt to easily investigate test failures

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get started

LINKS

A couple of useful links

- tmt docs
 - tmt.readthedocs.io
 - [tmt cheat sheet](#)
 - [the guide](#)
- fmf docs
 - fmf.readthedocs.io
- fedora quick start guide
 - docs.fedoraproject.org/en-US/ci/tmt
- packit & testing farm
 - packit.dev/testing-farm

INSTALL

Install tmt on your laptop. Try core/full package, selected provision plugins.

```
# basic features, executing tests on localhost
sudo dnf install -y tmt

# choose your preferred provision plugins
sudo dnf install -y tmt-provision-virtual
sudo dnf install -y tmt-provision-container

# all available subpackages including all dependencies
sudo dnf install -y tmt-all
```

See the documentation for other [installation](#) options.

TEST REPOSITORY

Check out the repository to store your tests

- Enable the Packit service for your repo
 - github.com/marketplace/packit-as-a-service
- Add a simple .packit.yaml to your repo
 - packit.dev/docs/configuration
- Or use the workshop sandbox for experimenting
 - github.com/teemtee/workshop

INITIALIZE

Initialize a metadata tree

```
# Initialize the tree with sample metadata  
tmt init --template mini
```

```
> tree -a
```

```
.  
├── .fmf  
│   ├── version  
│   └── plans  
│       └── example.fmf
```

SMOKE

Let's look at the created test and execute it in different environments

```
summary: Basic smoke test
execute:
    script: did --help
```

```
# Run it locally
tmt run --all provision --how local
```

```
# Run it in a VM (requires tmt-provision-virtual subpackage)
tmt run
tmt run --all provision --how virtual --image fedora-34
```

MULTIPLE TESTS

Execute multiple tests inside a single plan using discover step

```
# create a new test using the beakerlib shell framework  
tmt test create --template beakerlib /tests/smoke
```

```
# example test metadata  
summary: A simple test  
test: ./test.sh  
framework: beakerlib
```

```
# create a new plan using the base template  
tmt plan create --template base /plans/basic
```


PLAN STEPS

Separate steps for each test stage, multiple methods

```
discover:
  how: fmf
provision:
  how: container
  image: fedora:fresh
prepare:
  how: install
  package: did
execute:
  how: tmt
```

DISCOVER

Discover what tests would be run

```
tmt run discover
```

```
# select plan
```

```
tmt run plan --name upstream discover
```

```
# verbose
```

```
tmt run plan --name upstream discover -v
```

```
# debug
```

```
tmt run plan --name upstream discover -vd
```

```
tmt run plan --name upstream discover -vdd
```

```
tmt run plan --name upstream discover -vddd
```

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minimize test maintenance

CONSISTENT CONFIG

Learn one syntax, use everywhere

Upstream / GitHub / GitLab

Fedora

```
summary:
  Run integration tests with tmt
discover:
  how: fmf
  url: https://github.com/teemtee/tmt
  filter: 'tier: 1, 2'
prepare:
  how: install
  package: tmt-all
```

CentOS Stream

```
summary:
  Run integration tests with tmt
discover:
  how: fmf
  url: https://github.com/teemtee/tmt
  filter: 'tier: 1, 2'
prepare:
  how: install
  package: tmt-all
```

RHEL

```
summary:
  Run integration tests with tmt
discover:
  how: fmf
  url: https://github.com/teemtee/tmt
  filter: 'tier: 1, 2'
prepare:
  how: install
  package: tmt-all
```

```
summary:
  Run all tier 1-3 tests
discover:
  how: fmf
  filter: "tier: 1,2,3"
prepare:
  how: install
  package: tmt-all
```


REMOTE DISCOVER

Share test code across repositories

```
# Fetch all tests from the default branch
discover:
  how: fmf
  url: https://github.com/teemtee/tmt

# Select subset of tests from given commit
discover:
  how: fmf
  url: https://github.com/teemtee/tmt
  ref: f524fef
  filter: "tier:1"
```

MULTIPLE PHASES

Fetch tests from multiple remote repositories

```
discover:
- name: upstream
  how: fmf
  url: https://github.com/teemtee/tmt
- name: fedora
  how: fmf
  url: https://src.fedoraproject.org/rpms/tmt/
```

IMPORT PLAN

Fetch the whole plan config from a remote repository

```
plan:
  import:
    url: https://github.com/teemtee/tests
    name: /plans/polarion
```

DIST GIT SOURCE

Extract tests from the package sources

- Available for all dist-git repositories
- Patch application not supported yet

```
discover:  
  how: fmf  
  dist-git-source: true
```

DYNAMIC REF

Choose the right branch based on the given context

```
discover:
  how: fmf
  url: https://github.com/teemtee/repo
  ref: "@.tmtnref"

# dynamic reference rules
ref: main
adjust:
  - when: distro == centos-stream-9
    ref: rhel-9
  - when: distro == fedora
    ref: fedora
```

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execute tests easily

RUN TESTS

Execute tests, choose your preferred environment

```
# run all tests in a vim  
tmt run
```

```
# run selected plan  
tmt run plan --name smoke
```

```
# run in a container  
tmt run --all plan -n smoke provision --how container  
tmt run ... --image fedora:fresh
```

```
# run it on your laptop (if you feel safe)  
tmt run --all plan -n smoke provision --how local
```

DEBUG TEST CODE

Fast way to re-execute modified test code

```
# run all steps until test execution
tmt run --until execute

# repeat test execution as needed
tmt run --last execute --force

# log in to the guest to adjust what's needed
tmt run --last login

# apply test code changes, execute again
tmt run --last discover --force execute --force
```

MIGRATE

Migrate an old Beaker/STI test to tmt

- A couple of examples documented to help with migration from STI
 - [How do I migrate STI tests to tmt?](#)
- Easy conversion of old Beaker Makefiles thanks to import:

```
# including tcms integration  
tmt test import
```

```
# process just the Makefile  
tmt test import --no-nitrate
```

MORE

A couple more useful commands

```
# check run status  
tmt status
```

```
# clean runs, guests, images  
tmt clean
```

```
# verify config against the specification  
tmt lint
```

```
# track implementation, test and docs coverage  
tmt stories
```

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news & plans

NEWS

What's new since last year?

- parallel execution & guest topology for multihost testing
- discover: dist-git-source, dynamic ref
- provision: beaker, artemis, improved testcloud
- execute: upgrade, custom results
- report: reportportal, polarion
- finish: workdir pruning
- export: plans, polarion
- import: remote plans, polarion
- other: improved linting, hardware specification extended

FUTURE

What's ahead of us?

- Next steps
 - Documentation cleanup, extend the guide
 - Continue towards the full Multihost test support
 - Improve test debugging and usability (aliases, wizard mode)
 - Bring tmt reproducer & Testing Farm environment closer to identical
- How to get involved?
 - Submit [bugs and ideas](#) for improvement
 - Pick a [good first issue](#) and create pull request
 - Join the [#tmt](#) channel on Slack to discuss the design



thank you!