We're building the GNU system!

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the "GNU system",

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- protect & enhance computing freedom
- improve integration of GNU software, consistency
- improve workflow among GNU hackers & users

Dependable. Hackable. Liberating.

Dependable.

per-user, transactional package installation etc.

```
alice@foo$ guix package --install=gcc
alice@foo$ guix gc --references 'which gcc'
<u>/gnu/store/...-glibc-2.19</u>
/gnu/store/...-gcc-4.9.1
                      demo!
bob@foo$ guix package --install=gcc-4.7.3
bob@foo$ guix gc --references 'which gcc'
/gnu/store/...-glibc-2.17
/gnu/store/...-gcc-4.7.3
```

transparent binary/source deployment

```
alice@foo$ guix package --install=emacs
The following package will be installed:
    emacs-24.3 out /gnu/store/...-emacs-24.3
The following files will be downloaded:
    /gnu/store/...-emacs-24.3
    /gnu/store/...-libxpm-3.5.10
    /gnu/store/...-libxext-1.3.1
    /gnu/store/...-libxaw-1.0.11
```

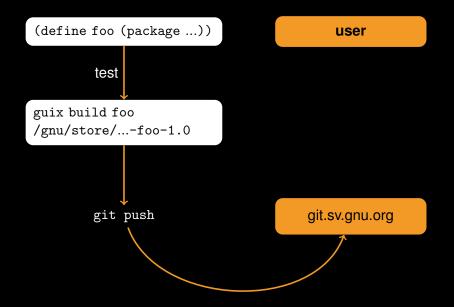
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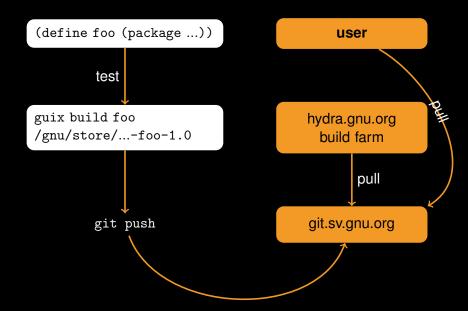
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   /gnu/store/...-emacs-24.3.drv
   /gnu/store/...-libxpm-3.5.10.drv
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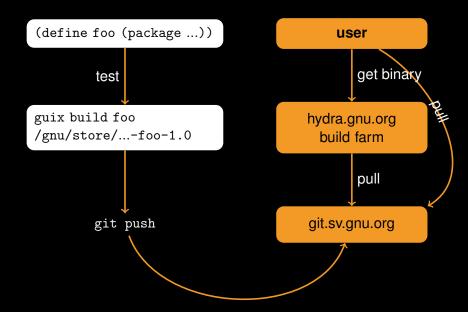
(define foo (package ...))

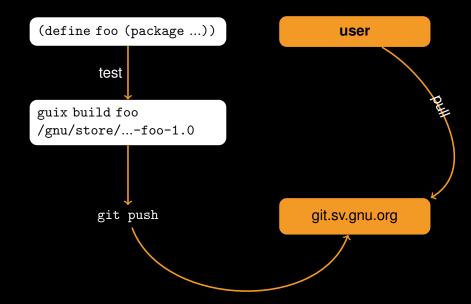
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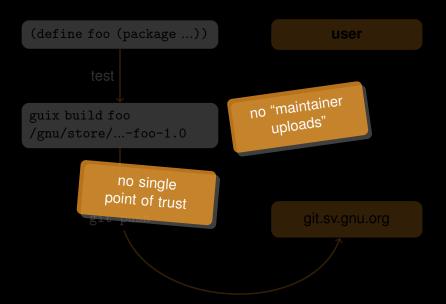












does this binary correspond

to that source?

\$ guix build guile

isolated build: chroot, separate name spaces, etc.

```
$ guix build guile
/gnu/store/ h2g4sc09h4...-guile-2.0.9

hash of all the dependencies
```

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/gnu/store/ h2g4sc09h4... -guile-2.0.9

$ guix gc --references /gnu/store/...-guile-2.0.9
/gnu/store/4j183jgzaac...-glibc-2.17
/gnu/store/iplay43cg58...-libunistring-0.9.3
/gnu/store/47p47v92cj9...-libffi-3.0.9
/gnu/store/drkwck2j965...-gmp-5.0.5
...
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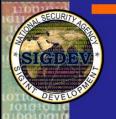
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/gnu/store/47p47v92cj9...-libffi-3.0.9
/gnu/store/drkwck2js(nearly); bjt-identical for everyone
...
```



The Hacking Process

- 1. (R)econnaissance
- 2. (I)nfection
- 3. (C)ommand And Control
- 4. (E)xfiltration



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do not trust a single binary provider

4. (E)xfiltration

through Decentralization

Deterministic Builds: Integrity

Mike Perry

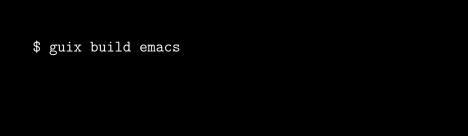
cool features for GNU maintainers

looking for latest release of GNU gettext...

\$ guix package -i gettext

note: using 0.18.3 but 0.19.2 is available upstream

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--with-source=ftp://alpha.gnu.../emacs-24.3.92.tar.xz

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pre-release testing in a pristine environment

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Newsgroups: gmane.comp.gnu.libunistring.bugs
To: bug-libunistring@gnu.org
Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2014 16:36:06 +0900 (2 days, 7 hours, 44 minutes ago*

)
User-Agent: Gnus/5.13 (Gnus v5.13) Emacs/24.4.50 (gnu/linux)
Xref: news.gmane.org gmane.comp.gnu.libunistring.bugs:114

Hello,
As some of you might know, I'll be taking care of the library for now (co-maintainers are welcome). Before applying big changes such as updating to the latest Unicode standard, I thought it would be a good
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http://alpha.gnu.org/gnu/libunistring/libunistring-0.9.4-rcl.tar.gz

I applied a couple of minor build fixes, but if you find anything else which should be included in the release, please report to the list.

idea to make a new release from the current git master.

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From: Daiki Ueno <ueno@gnu.org>

Regards, --Daiki Ueno

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```
(use-modules (guix) (gnu))
(package (inherit
          (car (find-packages-by-name "libunistring")))
  (version "0.9.4rc1")
  (source (origin
            (method url-fetch)
            (uri "http://.../libunistring-0.9.4-rc1.tar.gz")
            (sha256 (base32 "14pi90...")))))
$ guix build -e '(load "libunistring-rc.scm")'
The following derivations will be built:
   /gnu/store/...-libunistring-0.9.4rc1.drv
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but does, say, Guile work with the RC?

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(use-modules (gnu packages guile) (guix)
             (srfi srfi-1))
(package (inherit guile-2.0)
  ;; Replace the stable libunistring with the RC
  ;; in Guile's dependencies.
  (inputs '(("libunistring"
               ,(primitive-load "libunistring-rc.scm"))
            ,@(alist-delete "libunistring"
                             (package-inputs guile-2.0)))))
$ guix build -e '(load "guile-libunistring.scm")'
The following derivations will be built:
   /gnu/store/...-guile-2.0.11.drv
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Hackable.

The truth is that Lisp is not the right language for any particular problem. Rather, Lisp encourages one to attack a new problem by implementing new languages tailored to that problem.

- Abelson & Sussman, 1987

```
(define hello
 (package
   (name "hello")
   (version "2.8")
   (source (origin
            (method url-fetch)
            (uri (string-append
                  "mirror://gnu/.../hello-" version
                  ".tar.gz"))
            (sha256 (base32 "Owqd...dz6"))))
   (build-system gnu-build-system)
   (synopsis "Hello, GNU world: An example GNU package")
   (description "Produce a friendly greeting.")
   (home-page "http://www.gnu.org/software/hello/")
   (license gpl3+)))
```

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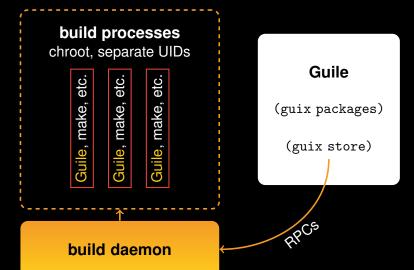
Guile

(guix packages)

(guix store)

build daemon

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```
(use-modules (guix) (gnu packages base))
,enter-store-monad
(interned-file "README")
=> "/gnu/store/rwmzi9jlj77a7bq5kyiy2abdqznr3f02-README"
(gexp->derivation "list-files"
 #~(symlink (string Emacs +
                                     ils "/bin/ls")
             #$out puGeiser demo!
=> #<derivation "/gnu/store/
                                     st-files.drv" ...>
(package->derivation hello)
=> #<derivation "/gnu/store/xyz...-hello-2.8.drv ...>
(built-derivations (list drv))
... daemon builds/downloads package on our behalf...
=> #t
```

copy fields from hello except for version and source

```
(define (static-package p)
  ;; Return a statically-linked variant of P.
  (package (inherit p)
    (arguments
        '(#:configure-flags '("--disable-shared"))
```

,@(package-arguments p)))))

"LDFLAGS=-static")

and now, the operating system

```
(define my-config
  (operating-system
  (host-name "gnubox")
  (timezone "Europe/Paris")
  (locale "en_US.UTF-8")
  (bootloader (grub-configuration (device "/dev/sdX")))
  (file-systems (cons (file-system
                         (mount-point "/") ...)
                       %base-file-systems))
  (users (list (user-account
                  (name "ludo") (group "users")
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                 #:extra-modules '("usb-storage.ko")))
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```
$ guix system build os-config.scm
/gnu/store/lq5kbp84kl9q9ncbk578wa7x5x0lrl3f-system
$ guix system vm os-config
/gnu/store/yan79p9k83dwk5yd6jgmhpjh0nxalfn6-run-vm.sh
# guix system init os-config /mnt
...
demo!
# guix system reconfigure os-config
```

PID 1 is GNU dmd!

```
# deco status dmd
Started: (term-tty1 term-tty2 nscd syslog)
```

Stopped: ()

deco stop nscd
Service nscd has been stopped

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- written in Guile Scheme
- dynamic, extensible, etc.

extra coolness



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- help the Hurd & libc
- but! GNU regain harmony! on GNU/Hurd
- (Debian's version does build...)



scneme

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bigloo	4.1a	Bigloo, an efficient Scheme compiler	http://www-sop.inria.fr/indes /fp/Bigloo/	GPL 2+
chicken	4.8.0.3	R5RS Scheme implementation that compiles native code via C	http://www.call-cc.org/	Modified BSD
guile	1.8.8	Scheme implementation intended especially for extensions	http://www.gnu.org/software/guile/	LGPL 2.0+
guile	2.0.9	Scheme implementation intended especially for	http://www.gnu.org/software/guile/	LGPL 3+





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guile	2.0.11	out, debug	out	→				
guile	2.0.11	out, debug	out	*				
guile-cairo	1.4.1	out	_	÷				
guile-lib	0.2.2	out	_	÷				
guile-reader-for	0.6	out	_	÷				
guile-reader-for	0.6	out	_	>				
guile-static-stri	2.0.11	out	_	→				
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guile-wm	1.0	out	out	→				
guile-xcb	1.3	out	_	→				
mcron	1.0.8	out	_	*				
mit-scheme	9.1.1	out	out	*				
racket	5.3.4	out	_	→				
scheme48	1.9	out	_	→				
skribilo	0.9.2	out	_	→ •				
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Version
                    : 2.0.11
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Synopsis
                    : Scheme imp
                                       guix.el!
y for extensions
Outputs:
             Delete
  out
    Installed path:
      /gnu/store/h8d3hinaiwmvxbhk9g9b67s0bw7v8d3r-guile-2.0.
٠11
    Dependencies:
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ng-0.9.3
      /gnu/store/j2ainmhcgcb5hgcganywdzci84dns5lf-libtool-2.
4.2
      /gnu/store/lfgzbha6s711hynxdcj0xcd4l17582sy-libgc-7.4.
<u>• 0</u>
      /qnu/store/84xqp874r7a65alwvl11g6znvk90812n-qmp-6.0.0a
             Install
  debua
Location
                      gnu/packages/guile.scm:110:2
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                                                 (Guix-Info) 16:44
        *Guix Package Info*
                                Top (1,0)
Quit
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                     https://github.com/alezost/guix.el
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embed DSLs!

Lively!

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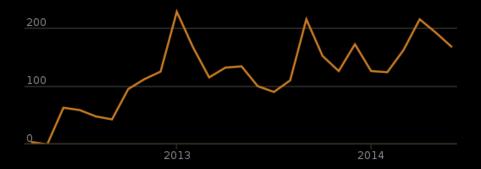
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status

- full-featured package manager
- 900 packages, 3 platforms
- standalone distro! (alpha)
- binaries built & served at http://hydra.gnu.org
- tooling: auto-update, sync descriptions with GNU, etc.
- ▶ I10n: 7 languages!

Commits per Month



In a Nutshell, GNU Guix...

- ... has had 3,403 commits made by 25 contributors representing 55,086 lines of code
- ... is mostly written in Scheme with a very well-commented source code
- ... has a young, but established codebase maintained by a large development team with stable Y-O-Y commits
- ... took an estimated 14 years of effort (COCOMO model) starting with its first commit in April, 2012 ending with its most recent commit 27 days ago

thanks for the code, reports, ideas, and translations!

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- 9. your idea here

your help needed!

- install the distribution
- use it, report bugs, add packages
- ▶ help with the infrastructure + admin
- share your ideas!



credits

- ► GNU Guix logo, GFDL, http://gnu.org/s/guix/graphics
- ► NSA SIGDEV slide, http://www.heise.de/ct/artikel/ NSA-GCHQ-The-HACIENDA-Program-for-Internet-Colonization-229 html
- dog food, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File: Kibbles_How_Others_See_Me.jpg
- commit stats & project summary, http://www.ohloh.net/p/gnuguix

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