



Meeting of the Technical Steering Committee (TSC) Board

Wednesday, March 13th, 2019
11:00am ET

Meeting Logistics

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Agenda

- Reminder on upcoming submission deadlines:
 - PEARC'19 (Feb 19) - submitted on Feb 27 (thank you Derek!)
 - SC'19 BoF (July 31)
- Review cycle #8
- 1.3.7 release status
- Mentorship program

Review cycle #8

Component Name	# of Reviewers	# of accepts	# of rejects	Avg. Priority
OpenXDMod	2	0	2	
OSU MPI Benchmarks	5	5	0	8.0

- No ambiguity with osu micro-benchmarks
 - will add this as new component for backlog
 - would propose to remove the osu mpi benchmark binaries that are currently only packaged with mv2 and build them for all MPI stacks and expose via standard modules ("osumb")
- Issues with OpenXDMod
 - don't have all reviews yet, discussion spurred by use of non-open source license software: Highcharts
 - do see they distribute an rpm for centos on their github site
 - I looked at it and it does embed highcharts

Current 1.3.7 Release Status

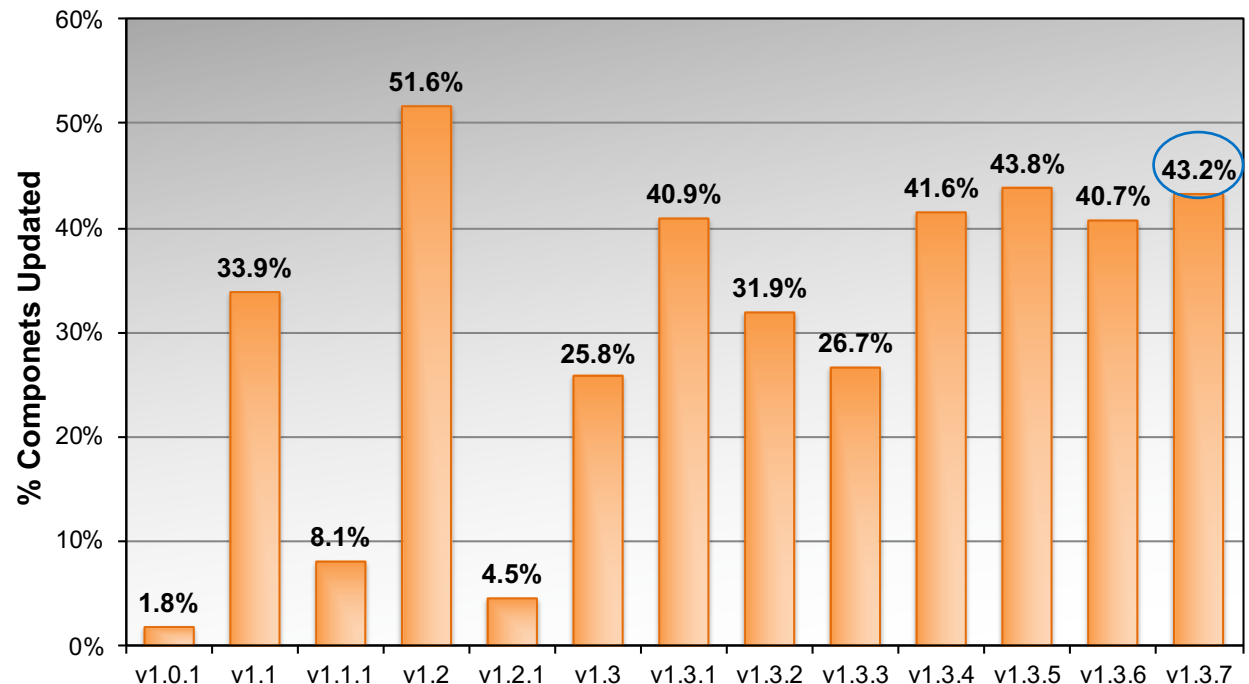
- Getting close to finalizing 1.3.7 release (goal is to have it out before this weekend)

CI Results Snapshot

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Current 1.3.7 Release Status

- This update targets newer OS releases
 - CentOS 7.6
 - SLES 12 SP4
- Similar amount of component version updates that we've seen in last several releases



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Some notable updates and comments:

- Singularity 2.x -> 3.1.0 (big change, now requires "go"). CLI syntax changes
- pbspro 18.x -> 19.x
- slurm 17.x-> 18.x
- MPICH 3.2 -> 3.3
 - this is the new version discussed at TSC meeting earlier this year
 - started initial work with enabling newer ch4 interface
 - discovered job launch under SLURM did not work
 - singletons executed on head node also broken
 - reverted to ch3 based build (patch cherry-picked from upstream to re-enable slurm job launch)

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Some notable updates and comments:

- Some issues/changes observed with newer Intel MPI (2019.x)
 - singleton execution not working out of the box (see example discussion at <https://software.intel.com/en-us/forums/intel-clusters-and-hpc-technology/topic/799716>)
 - observed in our CI environment with IB testing
 - resolved with **export FI_PROVIDER=sockets**
 - will highlight in release notes so admins can update env if necessary
 - job launch behavior under SLURM changed
 - `mpiexec.hydra -bootstrap slurm` no longer works
 - updated prun to use alternate job launch mechanism which does work:
`srun --mpi=pmi2`
 - backtested change with previous impi versions (2017.x, 2018.x)
 - directory layout changed again for libs and headers
 - affects packages like TAU

Mentorship Program

- At recent governing board meeting, an interest was expressed in starting/supporting a mentorship program for OpenHPC
- Likely technical in nature:
 - include some level of funding support for the students
 - would require oversight and participation from members of TSC
- Potential items:
 - work on backlog of new component additions
 - help with latest ongoing release
 - create example "How do I enable or setup XXXXX" documents
 - Jupyter notebooks under resource manager
 - LDAP
 - build community app using ohpc dev tools with spack/easybuild
 - cloud recipes
 - install/execute ML tools
 - etc....?
- Was asked to get thoughts and feedback from TSC:
 - are folks favorable of such a program?
 - interest in volunteering?
 - recruiting?
 - practical aspects - can we do something this year (e.g. to possibly highlight at SC)?