Continuous integration with Github Actions, Gitlab pipelines and ci.inria.fr

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Tentative for a map of continuous integration platforms

Github Actions

- A platform for github-hosted projects, providing runners for Linux, MacOS and Windows.
- File-based workflow specification:

.github/workflows/*.yml.

A command-line tool, act is available for running workflows locally (or from other continuous integration platforms):

https://github.com/nektos/act

Very easy to extend (new reusable actions can

Gitlab Pipelines

- Continuous integration system integrated in Gitlab. gitlab.inria.fr provides shared docker runners, ci.inria.fr can host user-maintained VMs, and self-hosted gitlab runners can be registered.
- File-based workflow specification: .gitlab.yml
 .A command-line
 tool, gitlab-ci-local is available for running
 workflows locally
 (or from other continuous integration

ci.inria.fr

- A cloud of virtual machines dedicated for continuous integration:
 VMs are created and maintained by the users.
 Linux, Windows and
 MacOS VMs are supported, but MacOS VMs are quite fragile for the moment (but we are working on it!).
- Provides yet another continuous integration system, Jenkins, and a part of it can be configured by a file-based workflow specification: