



Building and releasing perfSONAR

perfSONAR behind the scenes

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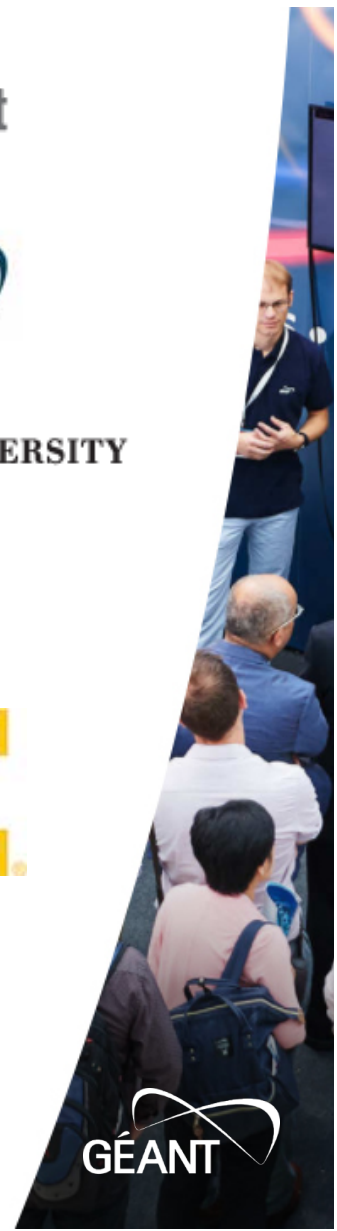
perfSONAR behind the scenes

- Development team
- Source Code
 - Languages
 - Management
 - Git branching model
- Package builds
 - CentOS
 - Debian and Ubuntu
- Continuous Integration

perfSONAR
powered

perfSONAR development team

- About 15 persons involved
- But only 5 FTE
- Each partner organisation is contributing 1 FTE
- GÉANT project:
 - CARnet: 1
 - DFN / Uni Erlangen: 1
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 - GRENA: 2
 - Jisc: 1
 - PSNC: 2
- Development, but also support and documentation writing



perfSONAR Source Code

- Lots of different programming languages:
 - Perl
 - Python
 - SQL and DB programming
 - Bash
 - Javascript
 - But also Java and even NodeJS
- Why? Because different people and long history!
- About 15 years of development



Source Code Management

- Git repositories
 - Hosted in a neutral and maintenance free space:
<https://github.com/perfSONAR/>
 - One repository per piece of software (set of packages)
- Issue tracker
- Integrated wiki for developers documentation
- Scrum / Kanban board (ZenHub)



Git branching model

- One branch for each release
- Usually only 2 concurrent release at the same time:
 - Major: 4.2
 - Bug fix: 4.1.7
- Easier to deal with bug fix on current release while developing next point release
- Topic branch for feature development, merged into release beach when ready



Package builds: CentOS

- RPM
 - Makefiles
 - RPM spec files
- Built and released for CentOS 7
- One architecture: x86_64
- Developers can build on Vagrant machines
 - Shared VM config



Package builds: Debian and Ubuntu

- .deb and usual Debian packaging files
- Built on Debian 9 (Stretch)
 - Using Vagrant VM too
- 4.1
 - for Debian 8 and 9 and Ubuntu 14, 16 and 18
 - 5 architectures
- 4.2
 - will be for Debian 9 and Ubuntu 16 and 18
 - Aiming at 6 architectures (ppc64el)



Debian and Ubuntu builds: some numbers

- 32 source packages
 - Including backported dependencies
- 161 binary packages
- One build machine with 22 build environments
- Takes 2 to 3 hours to build all Debian packages



Continuous Integration

- Building for each commit on the release branch
- Can then be deployed on Dev test mesh
- Aiming at building before merging into release branch
- Setup in Jenkins with link to GitHub
- Repositories:
 - snapshot/nightly: latest builds
 - staging: collect all packages before release
 - release: the actual packages you install
 - One pair of snapshot/staging repo per supported release
 - patch-snapshot and patch-staging
 - minor-snapshot and minor-staging



Preparing a Release

- First tested by developers on dev test mesh
 - Try to have as many different nodes as possible
 - OS, pS version, toolkit/testpoint
- Beta release for users
 - Tested for a few weeks
 - Correcting all pending and newly found bugs
 - Incrementally releasing corrected packages
- Release Candidate (RC)
 - Have 2 weeks without issue before final release
 - As many as needed



Thank you

Any questions?

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