

# **BaTLaB**

## ***A Continuous-Integration Facility***

***Building Communities for SISI Workshop  
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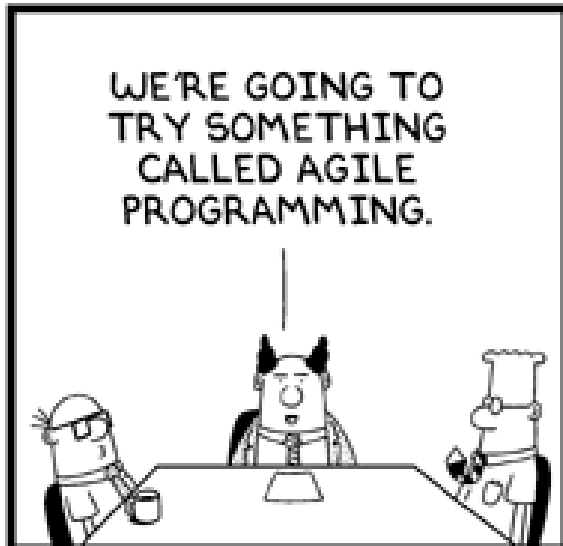
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# Today's Overview of BaTLab

- What
- Why
- How
- Experience
- Coming next
- Get started



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# What: 10,000 foot view

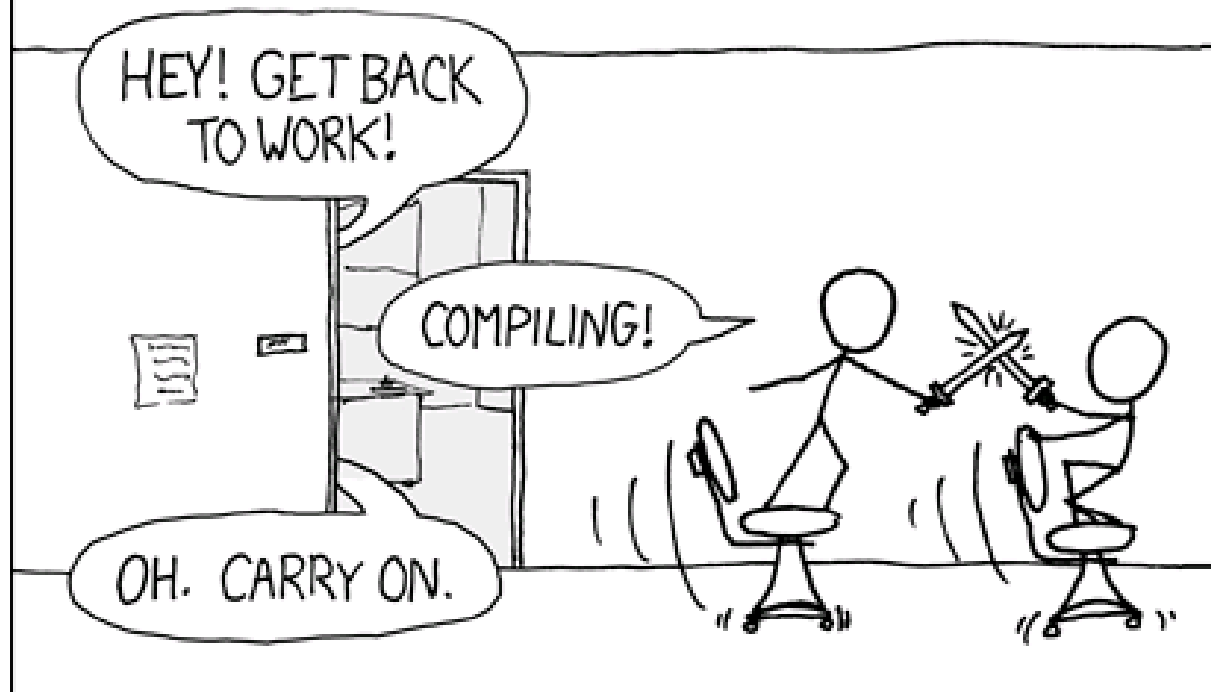
## Build and Test Lab = BaTLab

- Lab Infrastructure
  - many different platforms, professionally managed
- Lab Software = Metronome
  - Performs regular builds and/or tests
  - User specifies source location (ex: web server, CVS, SVN, git, ...), platforms to use, declares what to build or test
  - Results stored in RDBMS, reports visible via a web portal



# Why?

THE #1 PROGRAMMER EXCUSE  
FOR LEGITIMATELY SLACKING OFF:  
"MY CODE'S COMPILING."



## Escrow

- Can others outside your environment even build it at all?

## Continuous Integration

- Detect problems early, before expensive to fix
- Ship releases on schedule
- Find problems before users
- Even if code is stable, changes are happening both above and below the application
- Changes in OS, dependencies, user expectations



# Managed Languages

- Write once, run everywhere? (“WORA”)
- Hint: Below shell script produces different results between Red Hat vs Debian vs BSD, even Debian vs Debian...

```
#!/bin/sh  
echo “Is WORA reality?”  
exit -1
```



## WORA reality

- Still sitting on top of heterogeneous OS environments
- Even if all Linux, different distros have:
  - Different interpreter versions (Ex: bash vs dash)
  - Different kernel, libc versions
  - Different compiler versions
  - Different LSB standards (**packaging!**)
  - Different library / modules versions
  - Different packages installed by default



## Build and **TEST!**

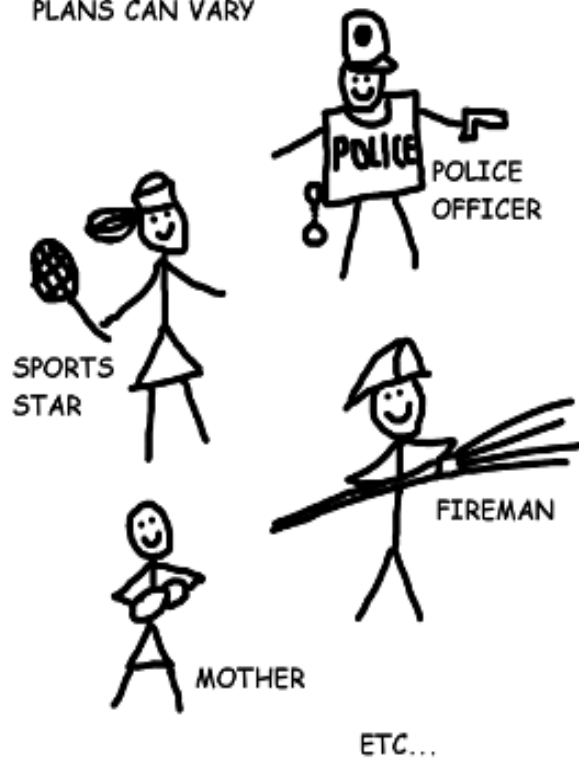
- Regression tests
- Function vs Unit
- Scalability tests
- “Sweep” tests
- Forward and Backwards compatibility
- Cross versioning





# CARRER PLANNING FOR S/W TESTING

INITIAL CAREER  
PLANS CAN VARY



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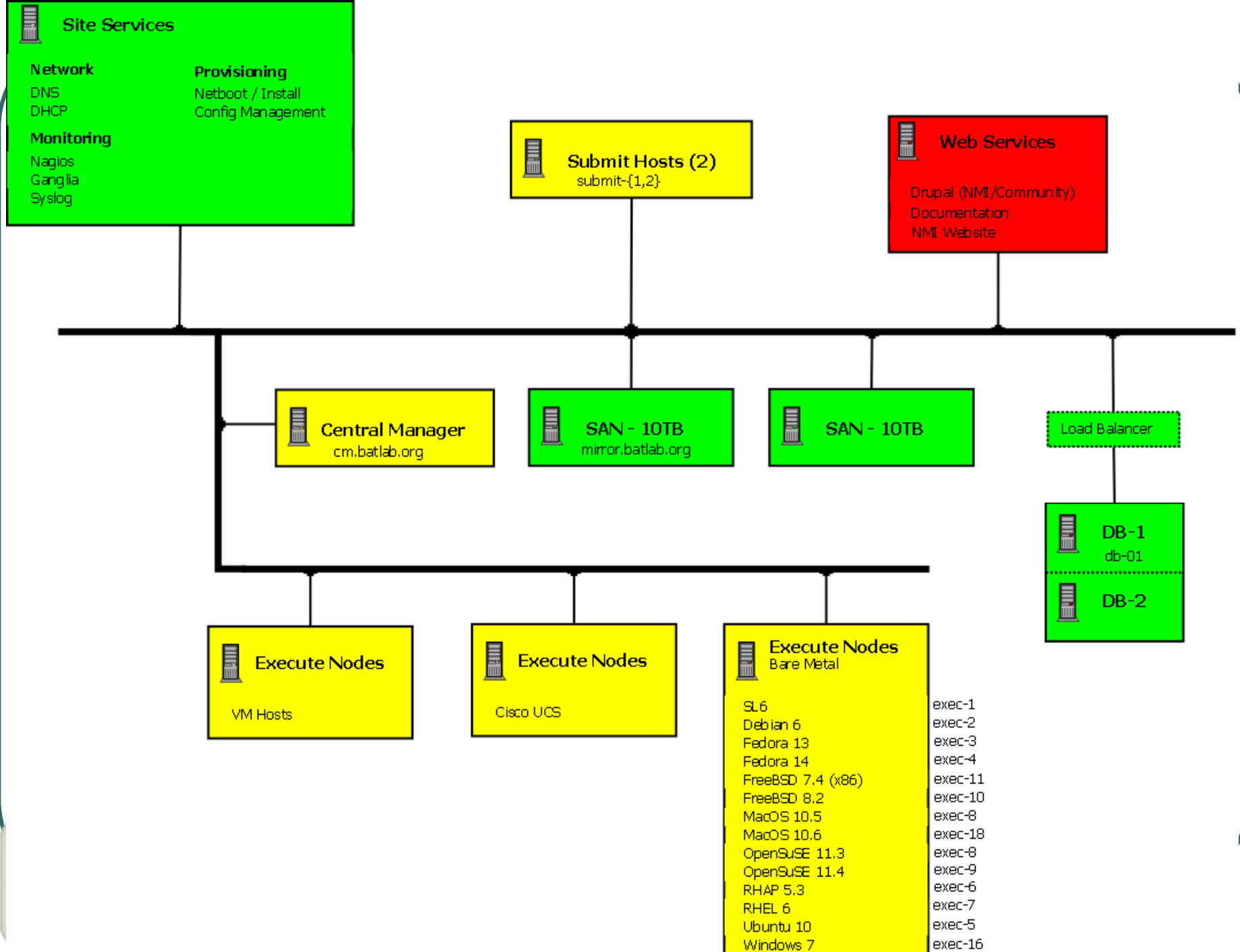
LOST OPPORTUNITIES  
RANDOM COINCIDENCES  
NUMEROUS COMPROMISES  
LUCKY BREAKS  
FAILED ATTEMPTS

THEN YOU CAN BECOME A TESTER



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# BaTLab Infrastructure

- ~50 unique platforms for builds/tests
- Web portal (<http://nmi.cs.wisc.edu>)
- 4 submit hosts
- Database cluster
- Backup server
- Network management (DNS, DHCP, SSL)
- Monitoring (Nagios, Ganglia)
- Internal Infrastructure (Condor, ...)

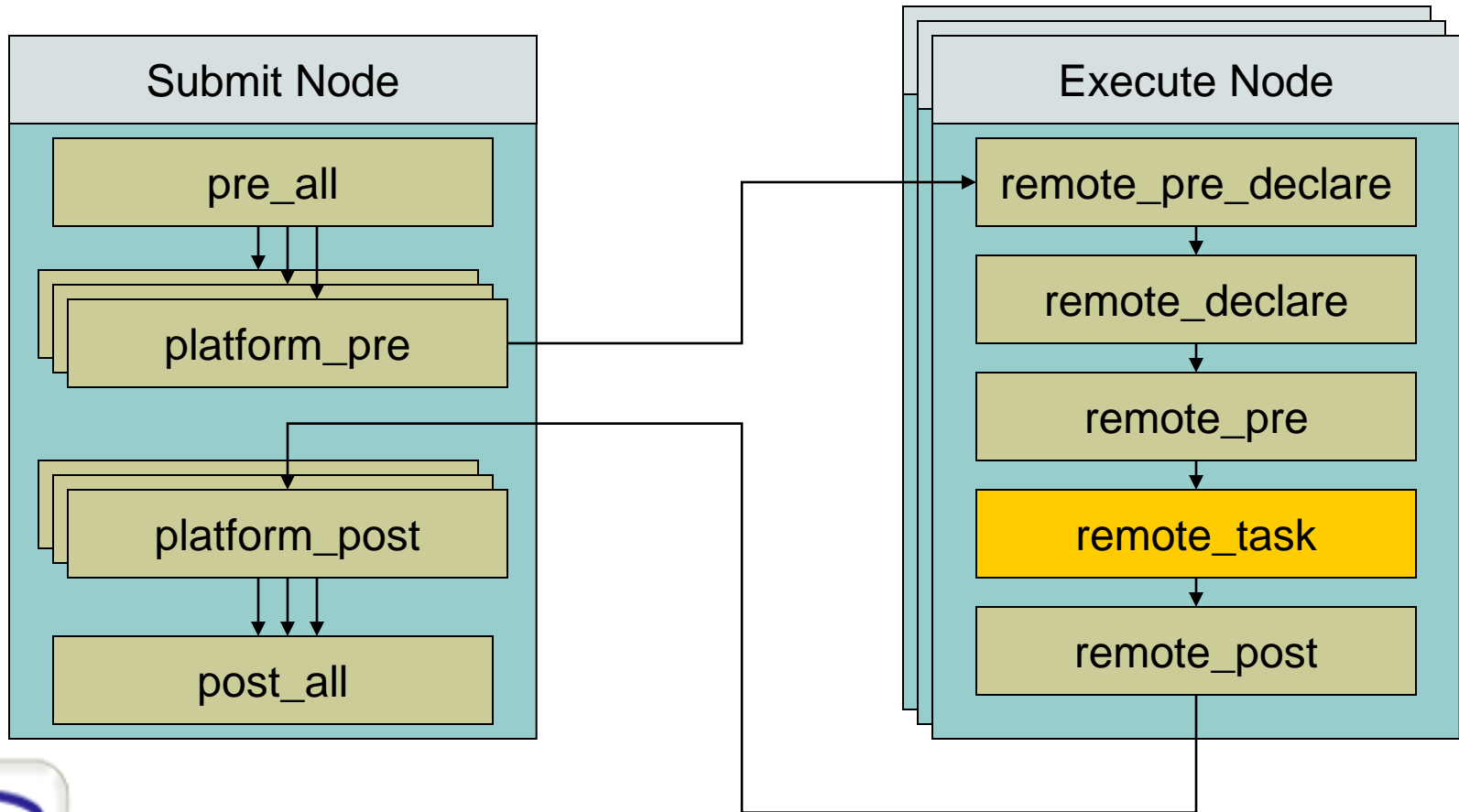


# How?

- Get a BaTLab account
- Create Metronome “glue” scripts
- Submit Metronome build or test jobs



# Metronome Framework for callouts to glue scripts



# Metronome Submit File

- `run_type = build`
- `remote_task = hello`
- `inputs = hello.input`
- `platforms = x86_64_winnt_6.1, \`  
`x86_64_deb_6.0, x86_64_rhap_6.1`



# Metronome Input File

- method = scp
- scp\_file = me@mymachine:/path/to/hello



# Metronome Command Line

- `$ nmi_submit hello.submit`

Global ID:    long\_global\_id

Run Directory: /path/to/run/directory

All jobs submitted. Waiting for monitor to get Run ID from database.....

Run ID:       16116

<http://submit-1.batlab.org/nmi/results/details?runID=16116>


















<b>Description:</b>	-	<b>GID:</b>	tlmiller_submit-1.batlab.org_1317846932_17230
<b>User:</b>	tlmiller	<b>Run Type:</b>	BUILD
<b>Project:</b>	-	<b>Project Version:</b>	-
<b>Component:</b>	-	<b>Component Version:</b>	-
<b>Start:</b>	2011-10-05 20:35:32	<b>Finish:</b>	2011-10-05 20:39:36
<b>Submission Host:</b>	submit-1.batlab.org	<b>Duration:</b>	00:04:04
<b>Result:</b>	<b>Succeeded</b>	<b>Run Directory:</b>	/nmi-runs/tlmiller/2011/10/tlmiller_submit-1.batlab.org_1317846932_17230
<b>Archived:</b>	Yes	search for <a href="#">runs using this build</a>   <a href="#">summarize</a> its test results	














Tasks in run 16116. [\[refresh cache\]](#) (every 5 · 10 · 15 · 20 seconds)

		Result	Platform	Name	Host
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### local

Result	Output	Name	Host	Start	Duration
 	 	 	 	 	 
<b>Succeeded</b>	 -	fetch.hello.input	submit-1	2011-10-05 20:35:45	00:00:07
<b>Succeeded</b>	- -	common.put	submit-1	2011-10-05 20:39:40	00:00:11

### [x86 64 deb 6.0](#) (2 complete tasks)

Result	Output	Name	Host	Start	Duration
 	 	 	 	 	 
<b>Succeeded</b>	- -	platform_job		2011-10-05 20:36:31	00:01:48
<b>Succeeded</b>	 -	remote_task	exec-14	2011-10-05 20:37:42	00:00:07

# Building CMake: Run Spec

- `run_type = build`
- `remote_task = build.sh`
- `inputs = build.scp, cmake.git`
- `platforms = x86_64_deb_6.0, x86_64_rhap_6.1`



# Building CMake: Input Specs

- method = scp
- scp\_file = /path/to/build.sh
- method = git
- git\_repo = git://cmake.org/cmake.git
- git\_path = CMake



# Building CMake: Build Script

- `cd Cmake`
- `./bootstrap --prefix=`pwd`/../install \`
  - `&& make \`
  - `&& make install \`
  - `&& cd .. \`
  - `&& tar -c -z -f ./results.tar.gz ./install`
- `exit $?`



# Building CMake: command line

- `nmi_submit /path/to/cmake.run-spec`
  - Global ID
  - Run Directory
  - Run ID
  - Status URL



# Experience



# Condor Before Batlab

- Either Windows or Linux on desktop
- No Irix, AIX, oddball Linux, Solaris, etc. etc.
- Weeks before release
  - Try to build by hand on each platform
  - Try to fix porting issues introduced weeks earlier
  - Run some tests by hand
- Took weeks just to get a set of binaries
  - Time to fix a bug goes up 10x further away found



# First steps

- With Batlab, nightly build on all ports
- Bugs found within 24 hours
  - Usually fixed within 24 – 72 hours
    - Still 24 hour latency on all platforms
    - Test failures much harder to debug than build
- Test failures found within 24 hours
  - Unless masked by build failures (problem)
- Developer one-off ‘workspace builds’
  - Much better than before, but still lots of steps





# Web portal snapshot

Green build/test here at 10 am

## Continuous Builds

Continuous blacklist: x86\_64\_rhap\_5.3-updated

Days:

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Click here to find out

What happened here?



# What happened?

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# Whom to blame?

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### condor.git

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**2 days ago** **add cygwin\bin to the front of the path in remote\_pre for windows**

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add cygwin\bin to the front of the path in remote\_pre for windows  
tests in NMI to force cygwin perl to be used to run batch\_test.pl.  
===VersionHistory:None===

*Condor is a specialized workload management system for compute-intensive jobs.*



# Back in business

Yell at Erik here

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Test fixed here



# “Hourly builds” on three platforms

- Builds and esp tests fall behind
  - Soln: `JobPrio == Qdate`
- Dramatically improved # of green nightly builds – almost always, except for late pushes
  - Lesson learned – more build per day, better



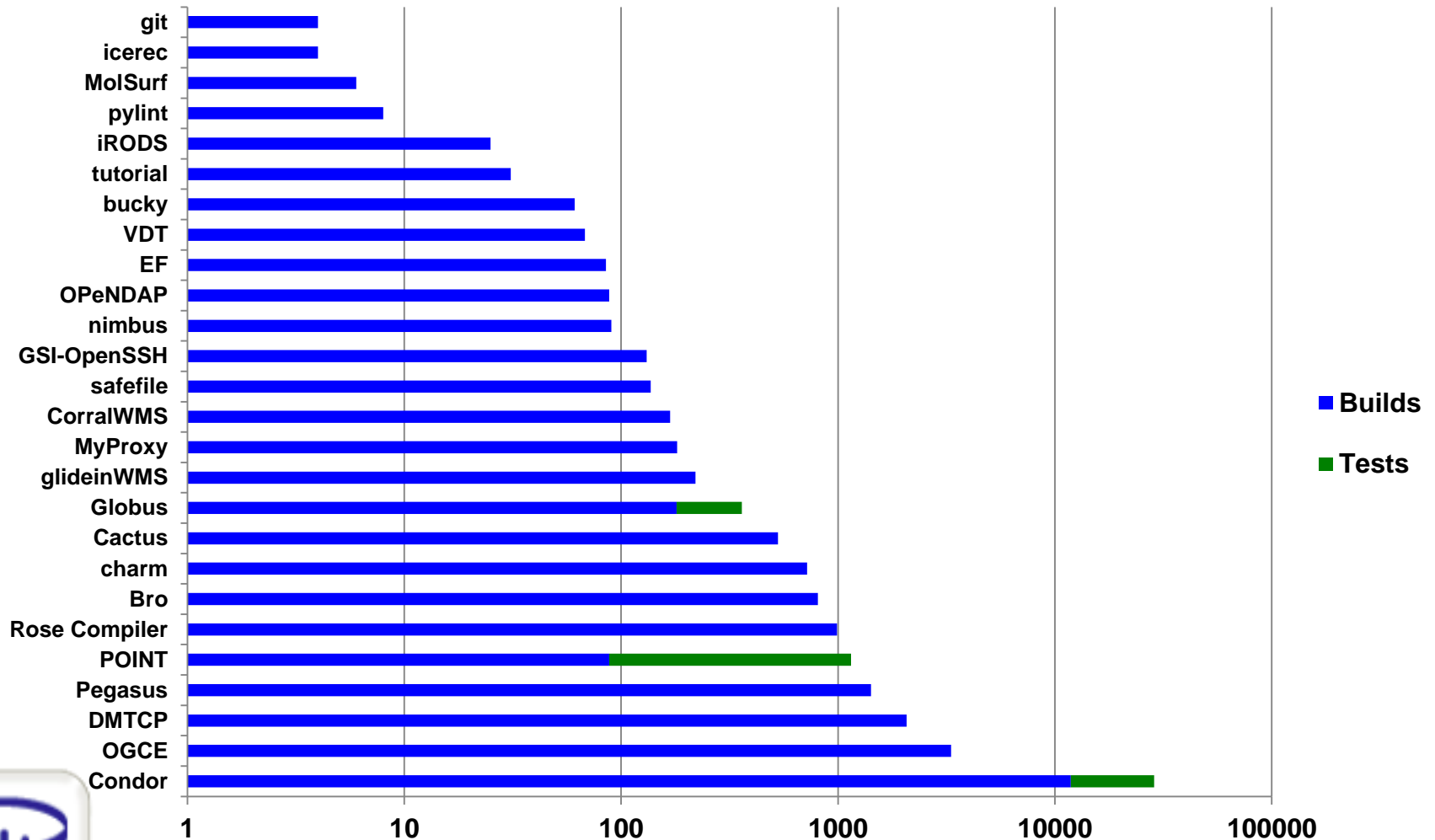
## Average Condor month...

- Performed over 170 commits to the codebase
- Modified over 350 source code files
- Changed over 8,500 lines of code (Condor source code written at UW-Madison as of June 2011 now sits at about 922,422 lines of code)
- Compiled about 2,500 builds of the code for testing purposes
- Ran about 930,000 regression tests (both functional and unit)

➔ Release a new version



# Usage by Project, last 90 days



# Usage by Platform, last 90 days

## 58 Unique Platforms (all x86 64 bit unless noted)

### 12 Platforms with more than 1000 builds and tests

rhap\_5, x86\_rhas\_3, x86\_winnt\_5.1, opensuse\_11.4-updated, rhap\_5.3-updated, deb\_5.0, x86\_deb\_5.0, x86\_rhap\_5, rhas\_3, rhap\_6.1-updated, deb\_6.0-updated, ubuntu\_10.04, rhas\_4

### 29 Platforms with more than 100 builds and tests

rhap\_5.2, macos\_10.5-updated, opensuse\_11.3-updated, rhap\_5.3, fedora\_14-updated, x86\_rhas\_4, x86\_ubuntu\_10.04, freebsd\_8.2-updated, sol\_5.10, unmanaged-x86\_rhap\_5, sles\_9, sol\_5.11, fedora\_12-updated, x86\_freebsd\_7.4-updated, macos\_10.6-updated, x86\_macos\_10.4, macos\_10.6, fedora\_13-updated, fedora\_13, fedora\_11, sl\_5.5, fedora\_12, x86\_suse\_10.2, ia64\_rhas\_3, ia64\_sles\_9, x86\_suse\_10.0, ubuntu\_8.04.3, rhap\_6.0-updated, x86\_deb\_4.0

### 6 Platforms with more than 10 builds and tests

ppc64\_sles\_9, ppc\_macos\_10.4, x86\_sles\_9, ppc\_aix\_5.3, sun4u\_sol\_5.10, x86\_macos\_10.5-updated

### 10 Platforms with less than 10 builds and tests

sun4u\_sol\_5.9, x86\_winnt\_6.0, ppc\_aix\_5.2-pl5, ps3\_fedora\_9, winnt\_5.1, x86\_deb\_6.0-updated, sl\_6.0-updated, opensuse\_tumbleweed-u, x86\_rhap\_6.1-updated, fedora\_14





# Coming “Real Soon Now”™

- New BaTLab.
- Leveraging UCS.
- Evolving to offer other tools.
- Customized result presentation.



# “RSN”™: New BaTLab

- Following shift users’ shift in focus to native packaging.
- New hardware, new platforms.
  - Service level designations.
  - Regular, controlled update schedule.
  - Empirical but rigorous package selection, derived by building common software.



## **“RSN”™: UCS**

- A Cisco product that permits dynamic bare-metal provisioning, on-the-fly creation of virtual lans.
- Will allow us to provide physical hardware for virtual machine testing without compromising our network or statically partitioning it.



# “RSN”™: Tool Evolution

- Metronome: continuous integration.
- Koji & Mock: native (RPM) packaging.
  - Use Lab resources without using Metronome.
  - Testing this capability with the VDT.
  - Interface specific to packaging.
  - Can already run as root.



# “RSN”™: Custom Dashboards

- Custom dashboard loved by developers
  - Organized by source code branch
  - Visual representation of the continuous tests
  - Don't even see anything unrelated
- but imposes its own maintenance costs, and can't be shared with other projects
- Solution: collaborate with Metronome to rewrite and generate a toolkit.



**What do YOU want?**



# Getting Started

- Fill out a form, get an account and get rollin!
  - <http://nmi.cs.wisc.edu/>
  - Click “How do I get started -> “Complete this form to request an account”
- Mailing Lists
  - [nmi-users@cs.wisc.edu](mailto:nmi-users@cs.wisc.edu)
  - [uw-nmi-announce@cs.wisc.edu](mailto:uw-nmi-announce@cs.wisc.edu)
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