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# **Continuous Packaging is also mandatory for DevOps**

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# Introducing myself

- Software engineering and Unices since 1988:
  - Mostly Configuration Management Systems (CMS), Build systems, quality tools, on multiple commercial Unix systems
  - Discovered Open Source & Linux (OSL) & made first contributions in 1993
  - Full time on OSL since 1995, first as HP reseller then @HP
- Currently:
  - OSL Technology **Strategist**, EMEA EG Innovation Solution Center aka HP/Intel Solution Center, Grenoble
  - HP OSL **Advocate** and Converged Infrastructure **Ambassador**
  - WW Linux Community Lead for the HP **Open Source Profession**
  - POSS conference, OpenStack.fr and AFUL **board member**. Conferences at WW level at LinuxCon, Linux.conf.au, ...
  - MondoRescue, Project-Builder.org, UUWL and PUSK **Project Lead**
  - LinuxCOE, mrepo, tellico, rinse, fossology, collectl, Ironic **contributor**
  - FOSSBazaar/SPDX and OSL **Governance** enthusiast
  - Mandriva, Mageia, Fedora **packager**
- And also:
  - Amateur singer (Alto / Tenor), recorder player since 1976 and Choir **director** since 1987, CD collector (6000+), Concerts, Photography



# DevOps approach: A continuous delivery pipeline

## Change in

- Executable code
- Configuration
- Infra / environment
- Data
- Monitoring
- ...



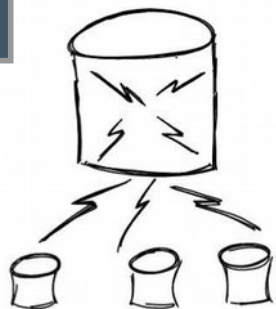
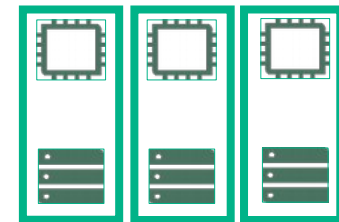
Version controlled  
Peer reviewed

Automated tests (lots)  
Gates (automated / manual)

Automated deployment  
Continuous Packaging

Feedback loop (monitoring)

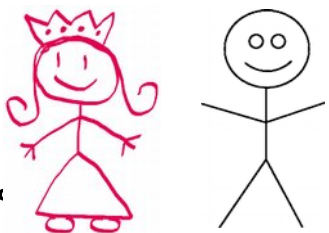
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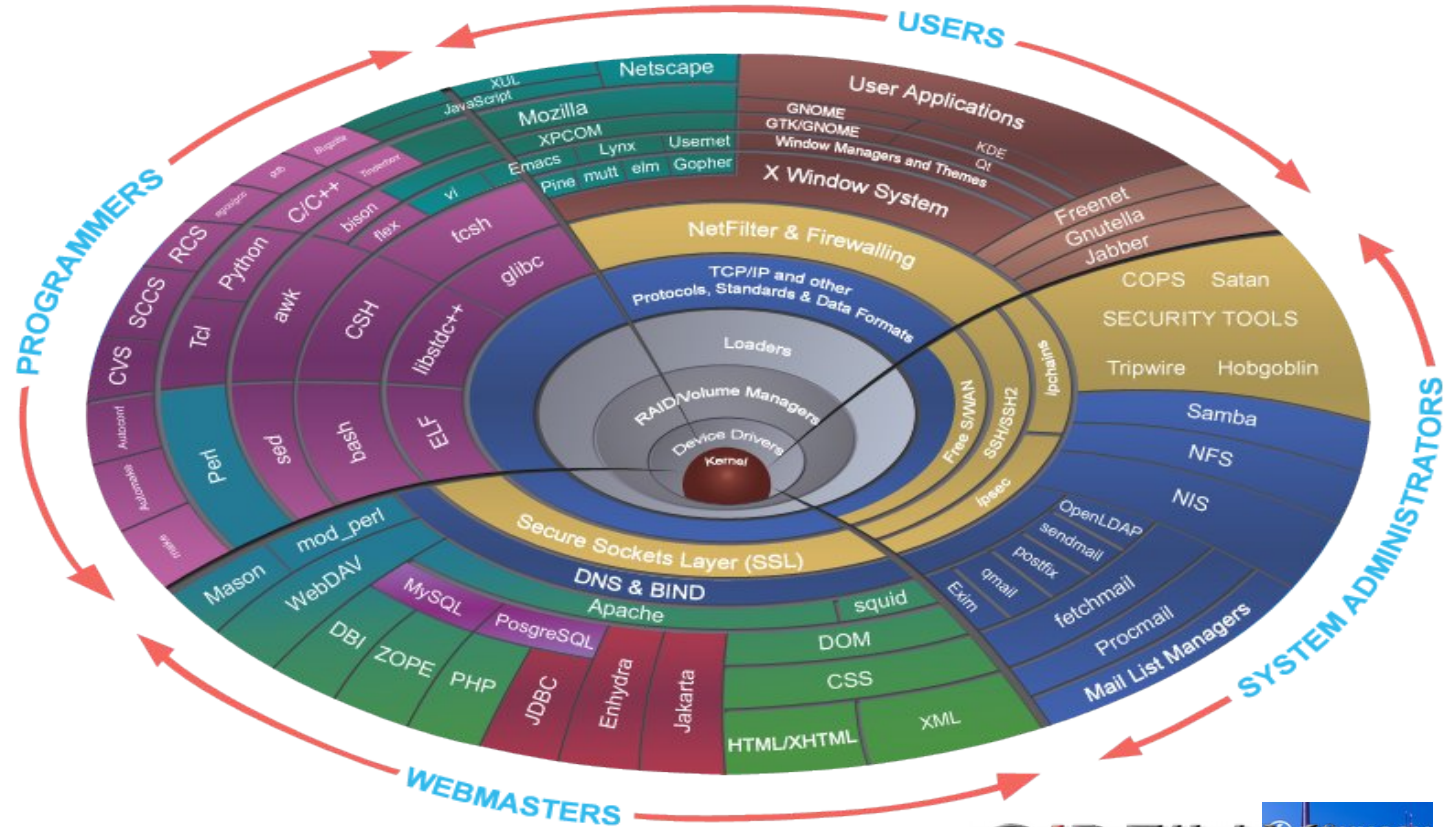




# Basics on packaging

# Linux Distribution : a project in itself

- **Coherent packages set** (1k-30k) taken from upstream projects
- **Package Manager**
- Management tools
- **Installation program**
- Startup scripts
- Specific tools
- **Functional updates**
- **Security updates**
- Community driven or Commercial (HW certification, LTS, support)



# Linux Distributions Time line

1984 – GNU/FSF Project - R. Stallman



1991 - Linux  
L. Torvalds

1992 – SLS – Peter Mc Donald

1993 – Slackware – Patrick Volkerding



1993 – Debian Package

1993 – Red Hat Linux



Marc Ewing

1996 – Debian GNU/Linux



Ian Murdock

1996 – SuSE & Yast – Florian La Roche



1997 – Red Hat Package Manager

Erik Troan & Mark Ewing



1998 – Advanced Packaging Tool

Brian White

2001 – SLES



SUSE Linux Enterprise Server

2002 – RHEL



2003 – Fedora

Warren Togami

2003 – YUM - Seth Vidal



2004 – Ubuntu

Mark Shtuttleworth

2005 – OpenSUSE



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2010 – Mageia

Anne Nicolas



2015 – DNF



# Some definitions

- **Software Package:**

- Application stored with its metadata and build receipt in an archive format.
- Provides dependency information at build and install time



- **Package format:**

- Linux provides multiple format: rpm, deb, tgz, ipkg,...
- Open, based on tool like cpio.
- Associated with distribution families.



- **Package manager:**

- Automates packages installation, upgrade, configuration, and removal in a consistent manner.
- Manages package dependencies to install easily from top of tree



- **Package repository:**

- Storage location from which software packages are retrieved for installation/update
- Manages repository metadata, including dependencies



- **Continuous Packaging:**

- Every software component is managed using software packages
- Package build is done on the fly, as the software is developed





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# Why using packages ?

- **tar.gz** format advantages:
  - Relatively easy to handle
  - Stable
  - Only 2 tools needed (tar and gzip)
  - Can integrate some files for metadata
  
- **tar.gz** format drawbacks :
  - No repository management
  - No dependency management
  - No easy update mechanism
  - No signature support
  - Limited checksum support
  - No package database

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# Why using packages ?

- **RPM/deb** format advantages
  - Stable
  - Binary and source formats available w/ multiarch support
  - Native support for LSB/FHS
  - Provides metadata, build procedure, patches and upstream content
  - Manages installation, upgrade, removal
  - Signature/Checksum support and verification
  - Deployment server availability – Scripted methods
  - Baseline support
  - RPM places everything in the .spec file and supports subpackages
  - RPM Package database available to query metadata
- **RPM/deb** format drawbacks
  - Require appropriate tools but in distro
  - Portability across OSes

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# Building packages and repositories (rpm world)

- **rpmbuild**

- Build src.rpm and arch.rpm packages from the SPEC file
- Take in account config files, cron jobs, init scripts, log rotation, shell config
- *rpmbuild -ba pkg.spec*
- **DO NOT BUILD AS root**

- **Signing RPMs**

- Ensures authenticity of the provider and package integrity
- Requires GPG configuration and macros in \$HOME/.rpmmacros
- *rpm --addsign pkg.src.rpm pkg.arch.rpm*

- **rpmlint**

- Check rpm package common errors wrt distribution policies
- *rpmlint pkg.src.rpm pkg.arch.rpm*

- **createrepo**

- Separate command (not a yum option)
- Create a yum repository from a directory with packages
- *createrepo .*

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# Packaging best practices

## •Have a working installation procedure

- Use configure if possible or language build tools (setup.py, Makefile.PL, ...)
- Have a file based install working targeting /usr/local
- Use variables for all target directories (/etc, /usr/share, /usr/bin, /usr/lib, ...)
- Script the build and install phases if necessary to share between various tools

## • Know your package deliverables

- Know what you want to deliver and where, what is optional. Package accordingly
- Know your external dependencies
- No source components should have their own separated packages
- Avoid including other projects code inline. Use dependency or re-package separately if fork needed.
- Generate repositories to ease your consumers' life
- Decide on a license

## •A delivery is a tree of packages

- Increasing number of packages reduces build time on the long run
- Increase complexity at package definition, not at install time, thanks to package managers
- Decide whether you want meta-packages (prj-all, prj-net, prj-tape, prj-data, ...)



# Basics on [project-builder.org](https://project-builder.org)

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**What is project-builder.org's goal ?**

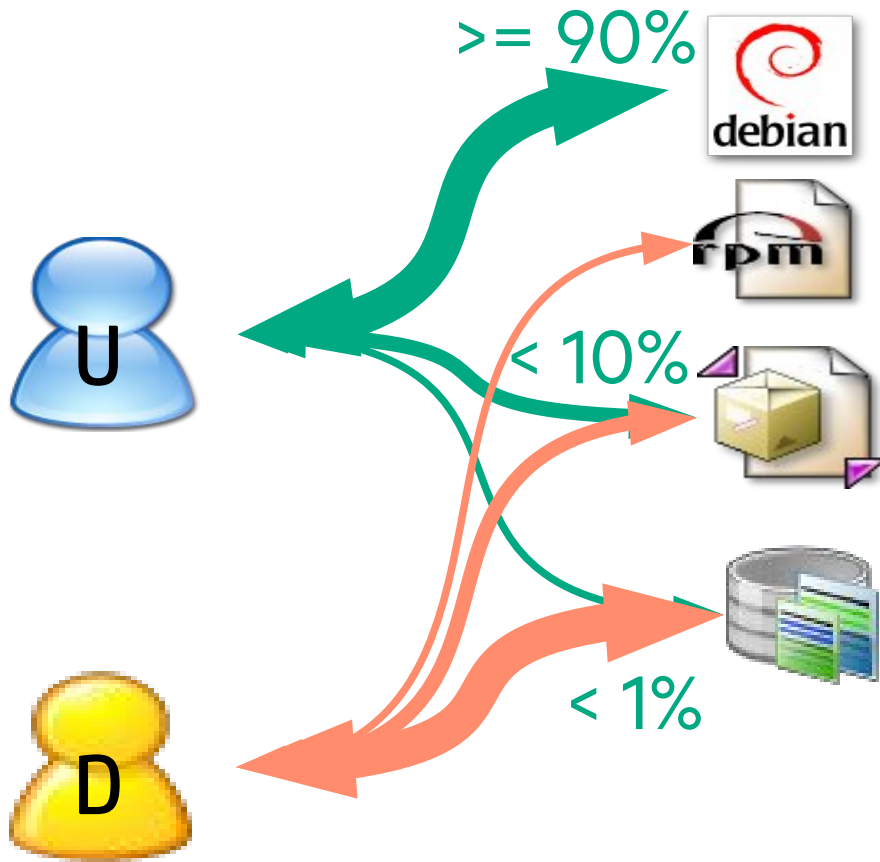
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## What is project-builder.org's itch ?

Make **my** life  
easier with regards to  
packaging **my** software

# Users / Sysadmins want packaged software



- Ease of use: GUI, CLI
- Distribution compliance
- Integration with deployment tools
- Lag between SW and Pkg availability
- Test of alpha/beta/VCS SW
- Too many:
  - distributions,
  - versions,
  - package formats,
  - tools to generate packages
  - tools to manage repositories



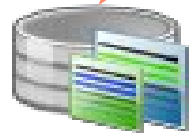
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# Upstream benefits from Continuous packaging

- Packaging should be a **project concern** as well as coding, testing, installing, .... especially for smaller projects
- Packaging as your **only** way of **delivery** (not a dream)  
Minimal overhead, maximum benefit:
  - Consistency and reproducibility for devs and users
  - Distribution & deployment server integration,
  - Improved deployment without risk of screwing up the system
- Packaging as a **marketing** activity for the upstream project. Easy way to extend your user base, and improve your community relationship and is a “competitive advantage”.
- New mantra: “**Package early, package always**”
- THE SOLUTION IS INDEED **CONTINUOUS PACKAGING** (whatever the tool)

# Continuous Packaging Architecture

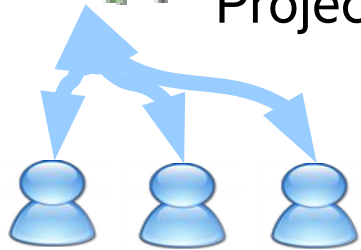
Packagers



Build + metadata



Project



Developers

Local Build Server



KVM

docker

VM or VE Build

Local build



RM Build

Farm

(may host VMs)



Remote build



Project  
Repository



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# Goals

- Project-builder main goal: help **package continuously** being **agnostic**
  - **VCS agnostic:** no VCS but guys it's 21<sup>st</sup> century now, SVN, CVS, Mercurial, GIT and GIT/SVN, SVK...
  - **OS agnostic:** Linux: RPM, deb, ebuild, slack based, ... 150+ distro tuples made and counting – repositories for yum, urpmi, apt. Solaris pkg. HP-UX sd in roadmap
  - **Build environment agnostic:** local, VM (QEMU, KVM...), VE (chroot, Docker, rpmbootstrap, rinse, mock, debootstrap...), RM (build farm)
  - **No project impact:** preserves the md5sum of the delivered upstream sources. Can be completely external to the upstream project.
  - Avoids duplication of code and metadata
  - THE SOLUTION IS INDEED **CONTINUOUS PACKAGING** (with project-builder.org !)

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# DEMONSTRATION

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# Goodies

- **Project-builder provides additional goodies**
  - Easy VMs/VEs/RMs installation/setup. Updates not mandatory.
  - Macro system with perl variables to avoid duplication of metadata
  - Skeleton generation to help starting
  - Manages package delivery up to your repository (ssh based) with repository management (yum, apt, urpmi)
  - Integration of tests in the process
  - Manages patches/additional sources when not upstream
  - Checks validity of packages built (lintian, rpmlint)
  - Easy creation of new versions for upstream management
  - Manages website delivery, announces on mailing-lists

# Docker containers Management



- **Phase 0** (img tag: d-v-a) - `newve`
  - Local Image Creation (debootstrap/rpmbotstrap)
  - Reuse Image from Docker Trusted or Local Registry
- **Phase 1** (img tag: d-v-a-pb) - `(sbx2|)setupve`
  - adds pb tools and build account
- **Phase 2** (img tag: d-v-a-pb-proj) - `prepve`
  - adds project build dependencies
- **Phase 3** (container) - `build2ve`
  - Build project in the Docker container



Minimal OS Image



Image + pb tools



Image Proj1 deps



Image Proj2 deps



Proj1 container



Proj2 container

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# DEMONSTRATION

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## To be done

- Support for libvirt, virsh, openstack API, LXC (?)
- Other CMS (Bazaar, ...) only when/if needed
- Other VMs (VMWare, Xen, ...) only when/if needed
- Multiple delivery means – usage of ansible ?
- Look at interactions with Buildbot
- Config-Model for configuration file management
- REST API and Web Interface would be nice.

Any contributor ?



# Learn Project-Builder.org

- Start with the **Lab** (63 pages) at <http://www.project-builder.org>
- Use **man** (pb, pb.conf + 8 ProjectBuilder::\* man pages)
- Use the **mailing-lists** pb-announce and pb-devel at <http://www.mondorescue.org/sympa>
- Use **examples** from <http://trac.project-builder.org/browser/projects/>
- Use **blog article** for Docker from

<https://brunocornec.wordpress.com/2015/11/25/project-builder-org-0-12-7-is-out-and-0-13-1-will-be-soon/>



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## Lab – Project-Builder.org

### Lab Contents

This lab purpose is to install and use Project-Builder.org to produce packages for native and non-native Operating System, as well as experiencing the Continuous Packaging concept.

### Lab Writer and Trainer

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## Web Resources

Project-Builder.org Web sites:

- <http://www.project-builder.org>
- <http://trac.project-builder.org>

Projects using project-builder.org:

- <http://www.project-builder.org> (of course :-)
- <http://www.mondorescue.org>
- <http://www.fossology.org>
- <http://www.linuxcoe.org>

## Related tools

[Project-Builder.org](http://www.project-builder.org) is mostly suited for upstream projects wanting to package their applications

Distributions provide each their build tools

- SuSE: Open Build Service (Multi distro, Web based, BaaS)
- Fedora (Koji)
- Mandriva/Mageia (Youri, mgarepo...)

Other complementary tools:

- Buildbot
- Parallel::ForkManager, DBI, DB::SQLite, File::MimeInfo, Mail::Sendmail

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”Changes are never easy to make.  
There is comfort and safety in tradition, but  
change must come, no matter how painful or  
expensive it may be.”

*Bill Hewlett*