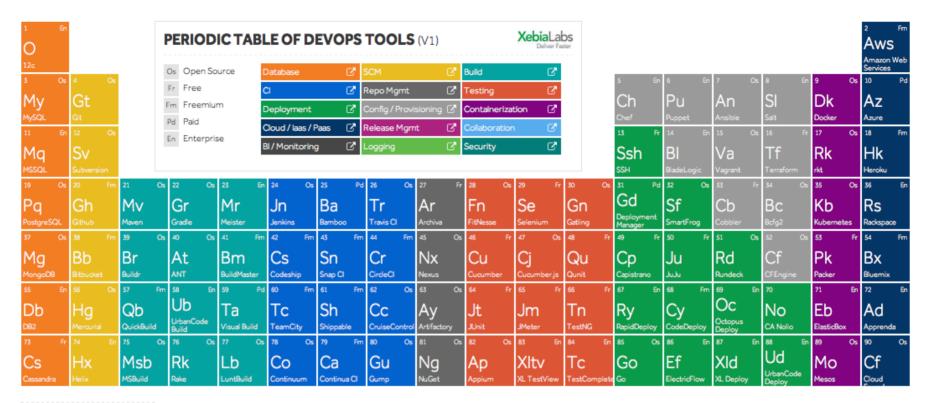
Introduction to Scientific Software Deployment and Development

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Goal of this session:

"Promote the *tools*the professionals are using for **developing** and **deploying** programs,
to make them **correct**, **maintainable**, **shareable**, and **fast**, *efficiently*."

"...to make them **correct** and **maintainable**, ..., *efficiently*"

Paul F. Dubois. 1999. **Ten Good Practices in Scientific Programming**. *Computing in Science and Eng.* 1, 1 (January 1999), 7-11. DOI=10.1109/MCISE.1999.743610 http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/MCISE.1999.743610

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"...to make them **correct** and **maintainable**, ..., *efficiently*"

- Follow programming good practices:
- 1. Write for humans, not for computers
- 2. Use the appropriate language
- 3. Organize for change and make incremental changes
- 4. Follow good coding principles5. Plan for mistakes, automate testing
- 6. Use modern source-code management system
- 7. Document the design and purpose, not the implementation
- 8. Optimize only when it works already9. Debug cleverly

1. Write for humans, not for computers

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"Indeed, the ratio of time spent reading versus writing is well over 10 to 1. We are constantly reading old code as part of the effort to write new code. ...[Therefore,] making it easy to read makes it easier to write."

- Do not be afraid of being too explicit
- Choose names carefully
- Structure your code



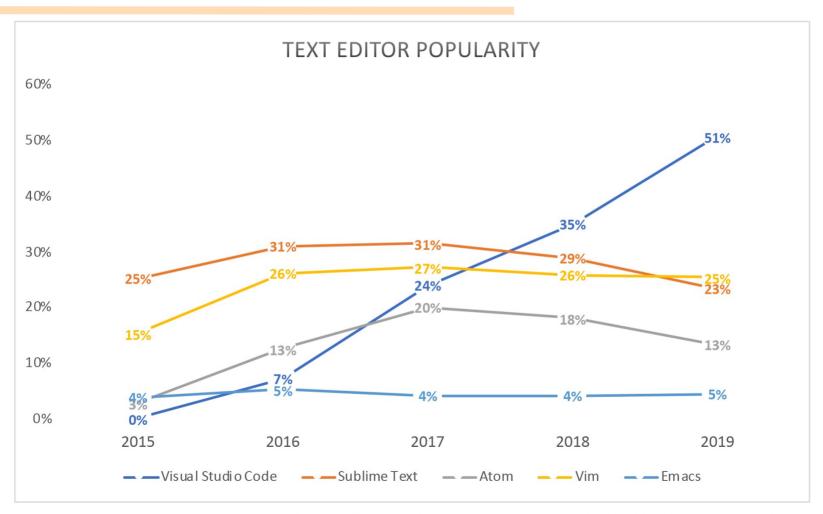
Let the compiler do the writing for the computer

1. Write for humans, not for computers

```
1 for i in range(n):
2    for j in range(m):
3        for k in range(l):
4        temp_value = X[i][j][k] * 12.5
5        new_array[i][j][k] = temp_value + 150
```

VS

1. Write for humans, not for computers (and learn your editor)



2. Use the appropriate language



are all valid choices in a scientific context.

2. Use the appropriate language

What they have in common:

- Computation efficiency concern
- Optimized libraries available for linear algebra, signal processing, learning, etc.
- Support for parallel computing
- Extensions/libraries for using GPUs
 - 26 Oct Olivier Mattelaer, "Introduction to Object-Oriented programming with C++"

 26 Oct Olivier Mattelaer, "Introduction to C programming language"

 21 Oct Damien François, "Introduction to parallel computing"

 21 Oct Damien François, "Introduction to scripting and interpreted languages (Python, R, Octave)"

 21 Oct Pierre-Yves Barriat, "Introduction to structured programming with Fortran"

 20 Oct Bernard Van Renterghem, "Introduction to compilers and compiling, and optimized libraries"

 20 Oct Bernard Van Renterghem, "Introduction to modules and software on a CÉCI cluster"

2. Use the appropriate language



"Functional programming"

Very close to mathematical formulation

Imposes constraints that make code less prone to bugs and easier to make parallel

Not very popular in HPC (yet)

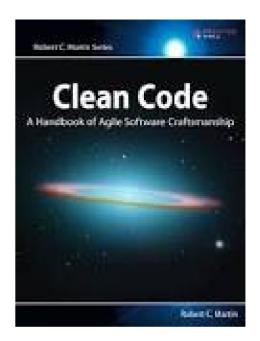
3. Organize for change and make incremental changes

- Scientific software specifications are always changing
- Work from working state to another working state
- Document the changes and why they were made
- (And sometimes restart from scratch)

Keyword: **modularity:** small independent interchangeable building blocks (e.g. functions)

4. Follow good coding principles

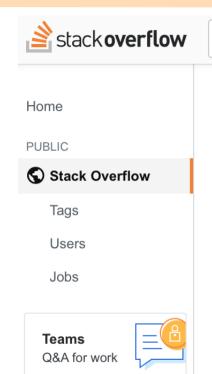
- Don't repeat yourself (DRY)
- Keep it simple, Stupid (KISS)
- One level of abstraction
- Single responsibility principle
- Separation of concern
- Avoid premature optimization
- Follow style guidelines
- Many others...



Bill Mitchell View profile More options Sep 26 1991, 1:57 am In article <5...@ksr.com> j...@ksr.com (John F. Woods) writes:

[...] Always code as if the guy who ends up maintaining your code will be a violent psychopath who knows where you live. Code for readability.

Damn right!



Learn More

```
What is the "-->" operator in C++?
```



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Search...

After reading <u>Hidden Features and Dark Corners of C++/STL</u> on comp.lang.c++.moderated, I was completely surprised that the following snippet compiled and worked in both Visual Studio 2008 and G++ 4.4.



Here's the code:

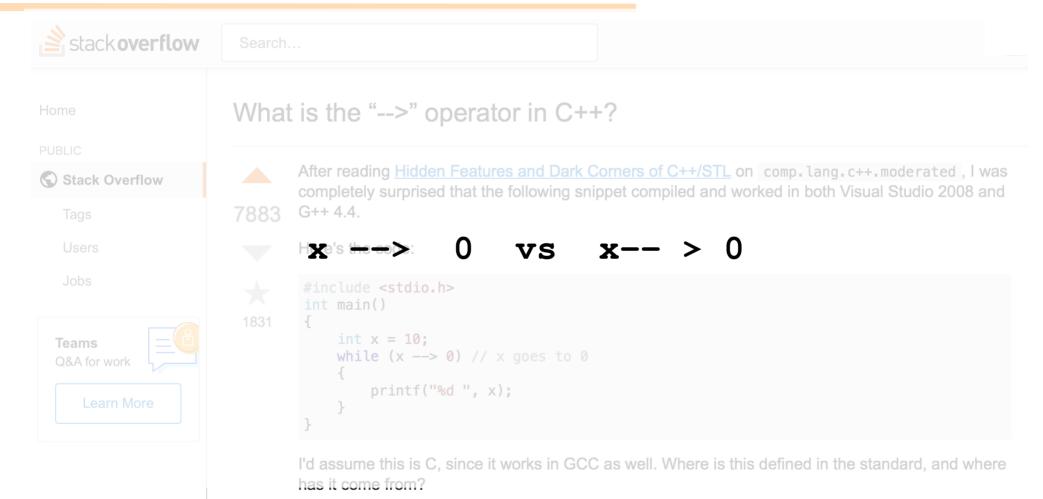


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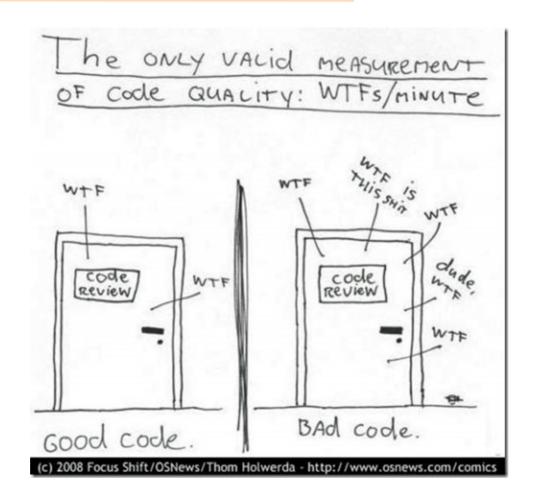
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
 int x = 10;
 while (x --> 0) // x goes to 0
 {
 printf("%d ", x);
 }
}

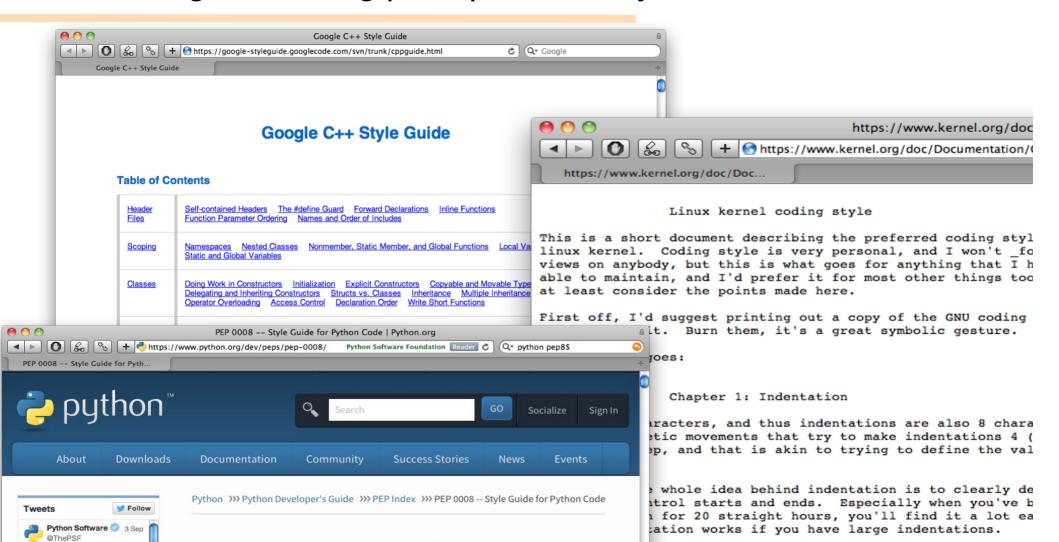
I'd assume this is C, since it works in GCC as well. Where is this defined in the standard, and where has it come from?

https://stackoverflow.com/questions/1642028/what-is-the-operator-in-c



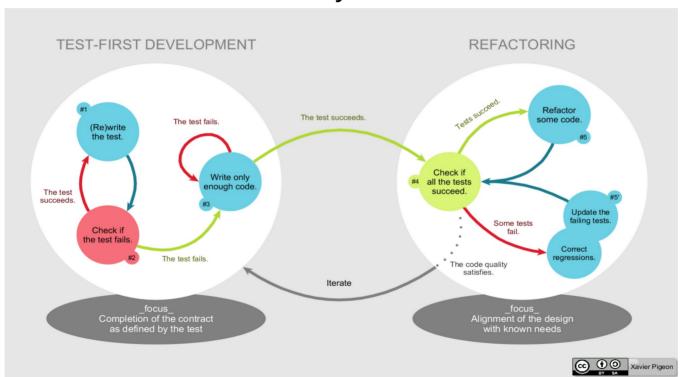
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5. Plan for mistakes, automate testing; Test-driven development

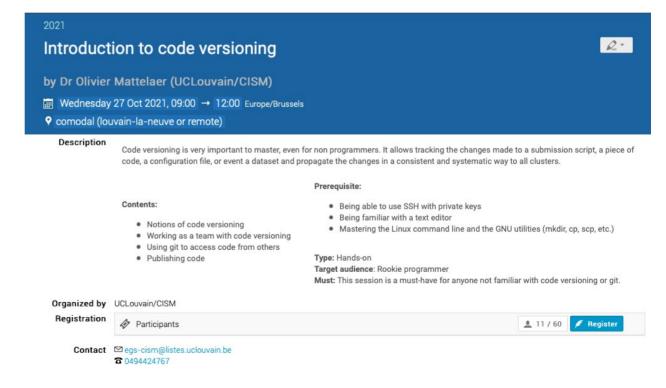
Write the tests before you even write the code



6. Use modern source-code management system



for your code, papers, thesis, etc.



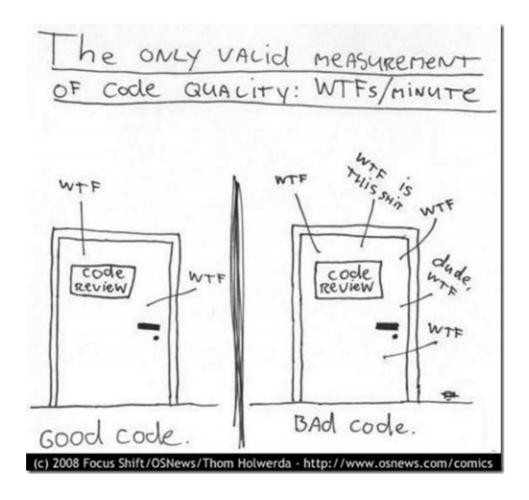
7. Document the purpose and design, not the implementation

```
function res = f(base, num)
% Assign base to res
res = base
% loop from 2 to num
for i=2:num
% multiply current res by base
  res=base*res;
end
```

VS

```
function res = pow(base, num)
% compute base^num by iterative multiply for baseline check
res = base
for i=2:num
    res=res*base;
end
```

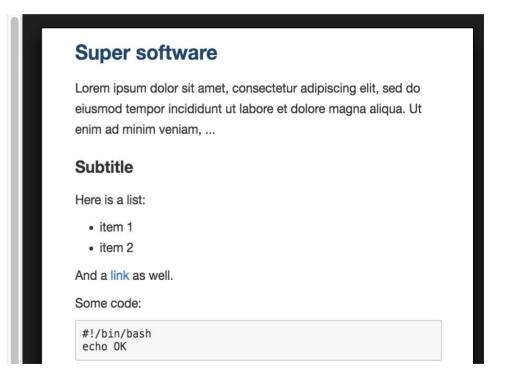
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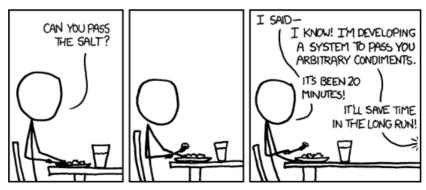


8. Optimize when it works already

Do not try to make it fast when it is not working yet

(I can always make your code faster by commenting out some of it)

 Do not try to make it universal for future needs at the beginning



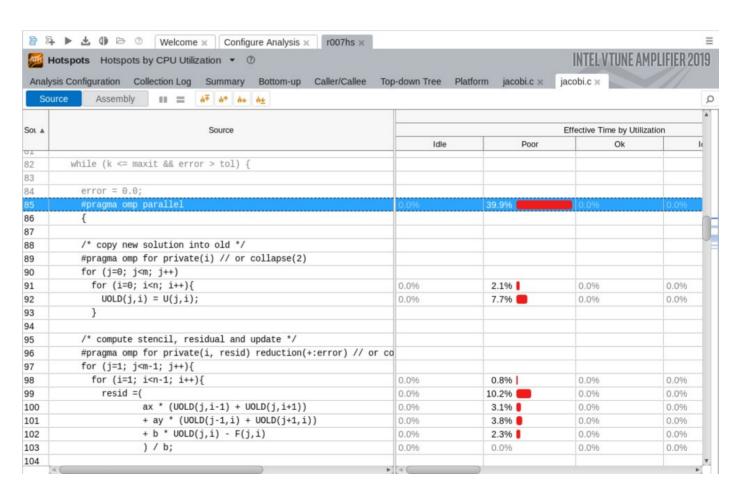
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8. Optimize when it works already

Use a profiler



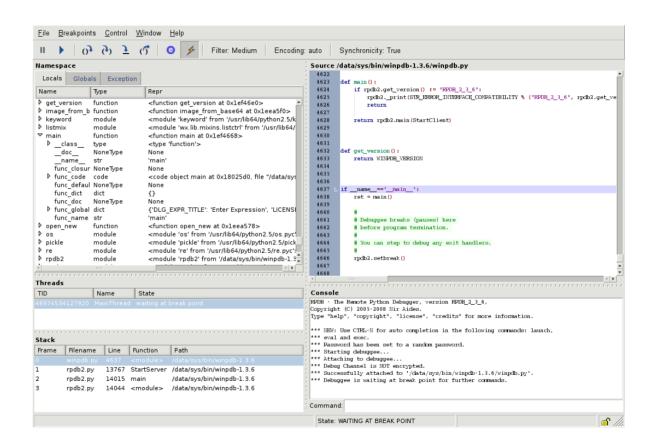
Incorporate benchmarks in your tests



9. Debug cleverly

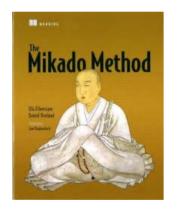
Use a debugger

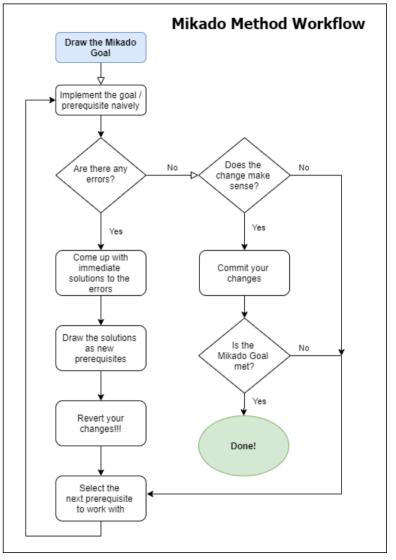




9. Debug cleverly

Use a method



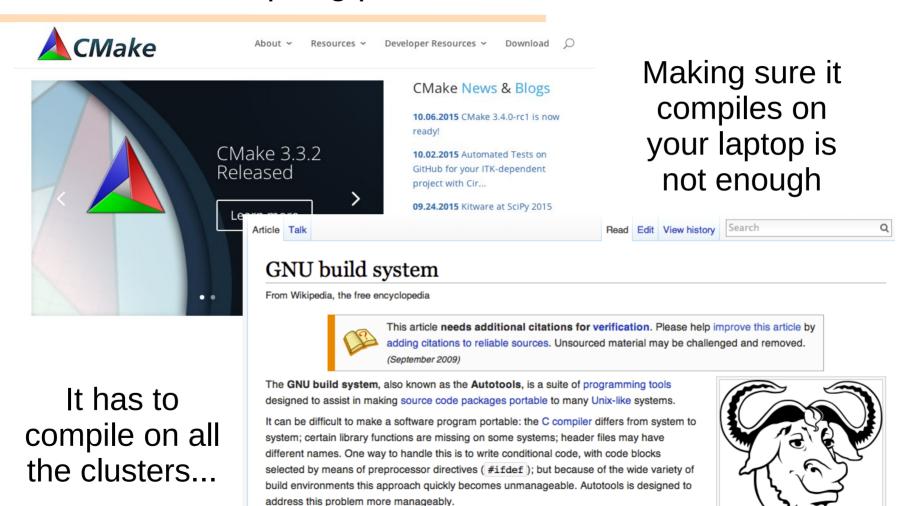


The Mikado Method, O. Ellnestam & D. Brolund, Manning, 2014

"... to make them ... **shareable** ..., *efficiently*"

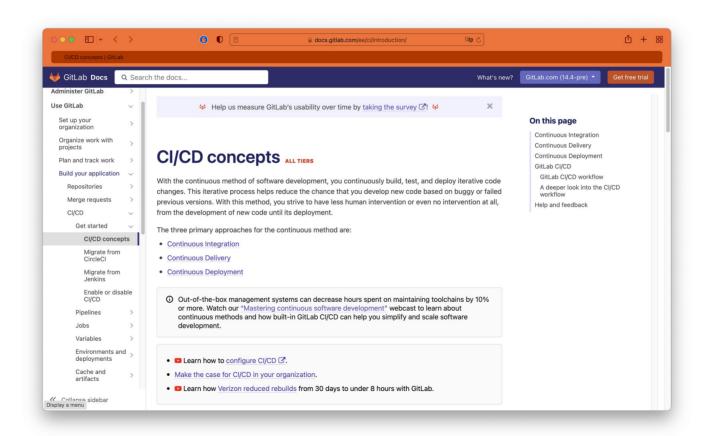
- 1. Automate the compiling process
- 2. Learn about containers
- 3. License your code

1. Automate the compiling process



Autotools is part of the GNU toolchain and is widely used in many free software and open

1. Automate the compiling process



2. Learn about containers





Singularity is a container solution for HPC. Containers help with reproducibility as they nicely package software and data dependencies, along with libraries that are needed. It allows users to install and run software that required root access to be installed on clusters where they only have regular user permissions. The rationale is to perform all the software installation in a container image (a kind of lightweight virtual machine, that can use a different Linux distribution than the one on the compute nodes!) on a machine where you have root access and then transfer and run that image on the machine on which you do not have root access. Images can be built from recipes shared by others, and from recipes made for Docker, the leader container solution outside the HPC world.



- · Container concepts and benefits
- Starting a Singularity container on the cluster
- · Accessing the cluster filesystems
- · Building a container image from a recipe
- Building a container image from scratch
- Singularity hub

Contents

Prerequisite:

- Being able to use SSH with private keys
- · Being familiar with a text editor
- Mastering the Linux command line and the GNU utilities (mkdir, cp. scp. etc.)
- Basic knowledge of Linux system administration

Type: Hands-on

Target audience: Advanced user

Must: This session is a must-have for anyone dealing with software that only installs on Ubuntu...



3. License your code: Why?

Commercial reason :

- you want to make money out of it forbid distribution
 - forbid reverse engineering

Scientific reason :

- you want to it to be used and get citations
 - you need to allow usage, and/or modification, etc.
 - you require others to cite your work
- you want to protect yourself from liability claims

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3. License your code: finding help



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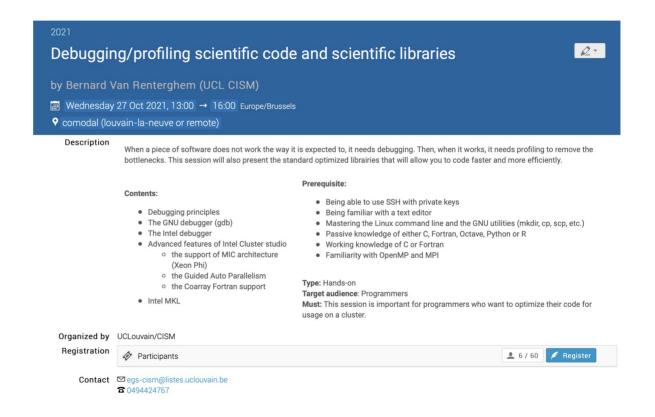
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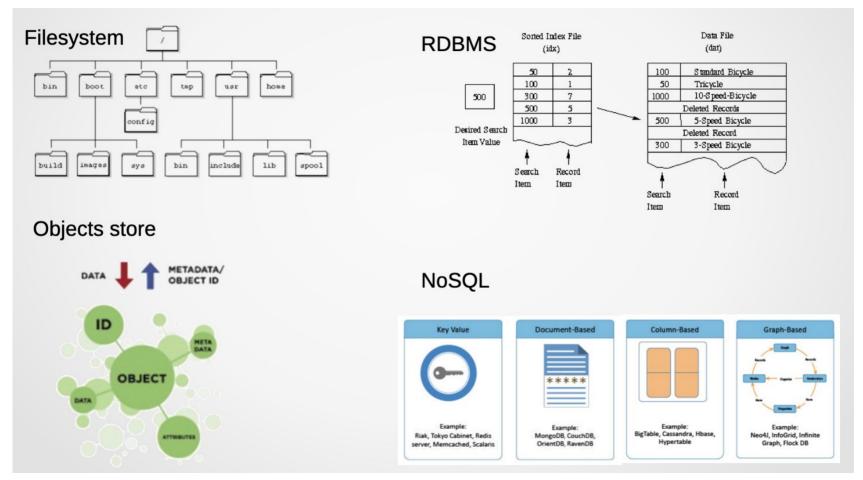
"... to make them ... **fast** ..., *efficiently*"

- 1. Use optimized libraries
- 2. Choose the right storage system
- 3. Think parallel from the start
- 4. Integrate checkpoint/restart from the start

1. Use optimized libraries



2. Choose the right storage system



3. Think parallel from the start

- 1. Identify data flows and independent tasks
- 2. Make data decomposition easy
- 3. Make work decomposition easy

```
begin=0, end=10
data = [(x1,y1), (x2,y2), ..., (x10,y10)]
for i = 1 .. 10
    s[i] = ( data[xi] + data[yi] )
    ss[i] = ( data[xi]^2 + data[yi]^2 )
end
end

begin=0, end=10
data = [(x1,y1), (x2,y2), ..., (x10,y10)]
for i = begin .. end
    s[i] = ( data[xi] + data[yi] )
end
for i = begin .. end
    ss[i] = ( data[xi]^2 + data[yi]^2 )
end
```

3. Think parallel from the start

- 10 Nov Orian Louant, "Directive Based Parallel programming on GPU"
- 10 Nov Olivier Mattelaer, "Parallel programming on GPU with CUDA"
- 09 Nov Orian Louant, "Parallel programming with OpenMP"
- 29 Oct Orian Louant, "Parallel programming with MPI (Part II)"
- 29 Oct Orian Louant, "Parallel programming with MPI (Part I)"

4. Integrate checkpoint/restart from the start

1. Allow starting from a non-initial state

2. Save variables to disk frequently

```
if exists(i) and exists(res)
    begin=load(i)
    res=load(res)

else
    begin = 1
end=10

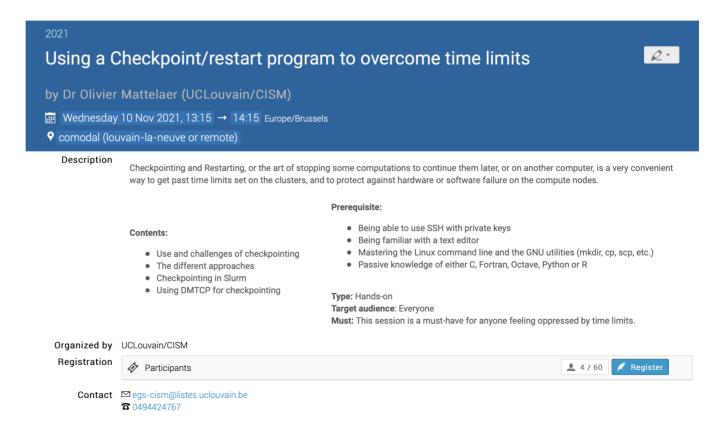
data = [(x1,y1), (x2,y2), ..., (x10,y10)]
for i = 1 .. 10
    res[i] = ( data[xi]^2 + data[yi]^2 )
end

end

res[i] = ( data[xi]^2 + data[yi]^2 )
    save(res, i)
end
```

4. Integrate checkpoint/restart from the start

Because sometimes your code will not be fast enough....

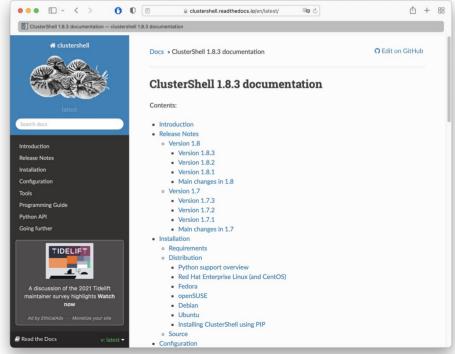


" ..., efficiently"

- 1. Perform "multi-host" SSH
- 2. Master configuration management
- 3. Use terminal multiplexing
- 4. Install software like a boss
- 5. BACKUPS!

1. Perform "multi-host" SSH

```
clush -Bw lemaitre3,hercules,nic5,dragon2 "emacs --version"
dragon2, hercules, lemaitre3 (3)
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clush -Bw lemaitre3, hercules, nic5, dragon2 "scontrol version"
dragon2.lemaitre3 (2)
slurm 20.02.7
 hercules
slurm 20.02.6
nic5
slurm 20.02.3
>> clush -w lemaitre3, hercules, nic5, dragon2 "squeue -tPD | wc -l"
nic5: 1420
 lemaitre3: 288
dragon2: 145
 hercules: 102
```



https://clustershell.readthedocs.io/en/latest/

2. Master configuration management



```
ansible -i lemaitre3,nic5 'all' -m lineinfile -a "dest=myfile line='Contents' create=true"
nic5 | CHANGED => {
        "ansible_facts": {
             "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/libexec/platform-python"
        },
        "backup": "",
        "changed": true,
        "msg": "line added"
}
lemaitre3 | SUCCESS => {
        "ansible_facts": {
             "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/bin/python"
        },
        "backup": "",
        "changed": false,
        "msg": ""
}
```

2. Master configuration management

```
cat inventory playbook.yml myfile
       File: inventory
       [all]
       lemaitre3 short_name="lm3"
       nic5
                short name="nic5"
       File: playbook.yml
      - hosts:
          lemaitre3
          - nic5
        tasks:
          - name: Upload templated file
            template: src=myfile dest=. mode=700
      File: myfile
       This cluster's short name is {{ short_name }}
```



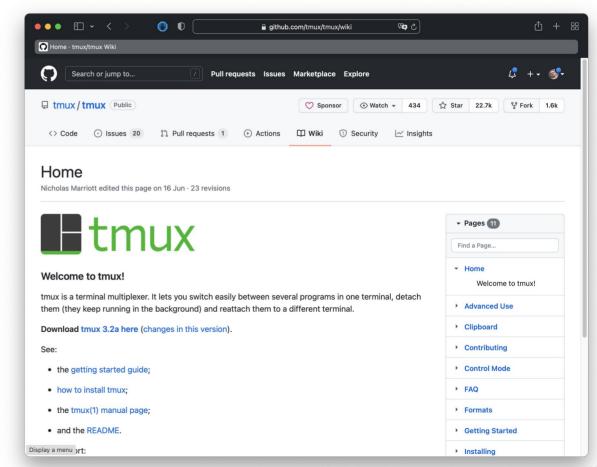
2. Master configuration management

```
ansible-playbook -i inventory playbook.yml --diff
ok: [lemaitre3]
-- before: ./mvfile
+++ after: /Users/dfrancois/.ansible/tmp/ansible-local-40594k4ng0g9g/tmpd689k7ap/myfile
@ -1 +1 @@
-Contents
+This cluster's short name is nic5
changed: [nic5]
 -- before: ./myfile
+++ after: /Users/dfrancois/.ansible/tmp/ansible-local-40594k4ng0q9q/tmpa5narr9m/myfile
@@ -1 +1 @@
 -Contents
+This cluster's short name is lm3
changed: [lemaitre3]
lemaitre3
                     : ok=2
                                      unreachable=0
                                                    failed=0
                                                             skipped=0
                                                                       rescued=0
                                                                                 ianored=0
nic5
                     : ok=2
                            changed=1
                                                   failed=0
                                                            skipped=0
                                      unreachable=0
                                                                       rescued=0
                                                                                 ignored=0
clush -w lemaitre3, nic5 "cat myfile"
nic5: This cluster's short name is nic5
 lemaitre3: This cluster's short name is lm3
```



3. Use terminal multiplexing

Do not let SSH disconnections harm your workflow (and much more)



https://github.com/tmux/tmux/wiki

4. Install software like a boss

```
▶[dfr@lemaitre3 ~]$ eb --search emacs
== found valid index for /usr/easybuild/easyconfigs, so using it...
== found valid index for /usr/easybuild/easyconfigs, so using it...
 * /usr/easybuild/easyconfigs/e/Emacs/Emacs-24.3-GCC-4.8.3-bare.eb
 * /usr/easybuild/easyconfigs/e/Emacs/Emacs-24.3-GCC-4.8.3.eb
 * /usr/easybuild/easyconfigs/e/Emacs/Emacs-24.4-GCC-4.9.2.eb
 * /usr/easybuild/easyconfigs/e/Emacs/Emacs-24.5-GCC-4.9.3-2.25.eb
 * /usr/easybuild/easyconfigs/e/Emacs/Emacs-25.1-foss-2016a.eb
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EasyBuild EasyBuild @PyPi docs @GitHub

EasyBuild: building software with ease.

EasyBuild is a software build and installation framework that allows you to manage (scientific) software on High Performance Computing (HPC) systems in an efficient way.

Latest news

- 20150902 EasyBuild v2.3.0 is available
- 20150622 10th EasyBuild/Lmod hackathon @ Austin (before SC15)
- 20150315 ISC'15 BoF "Getting Scientific Software Installed" accepted
- 20141104 Revamped documentation @ easybuild.readthedocs.org
- 20141020 pre-print of HUST-14 workshop paper available

Documentation

Read the fine manual (RTFM!) at http://easybuild.readthedocs.org/.

Getting started

The recommended way of installing EasyBuild is via the documented bootstrap procedure. You should configure EasyBuild to behave as you prefer, subsequently.

5. BACKUPS!!!

3-2-1 Backup Rule



Maintain at least 3 copies of your data

Keep 2 copies stored at separate locations

Store at least 1 copy at an off-site location

5. BACKUPS!!!



This was:

"A short catalog of *tools*the professionals are using for **developing** and **deploying** programs,
to make them **correct**, **maintainable**, **shareable**, and **fast**, *efficiently*."

We discussed:

- good practices
- important choices
- useful tools
- practical references

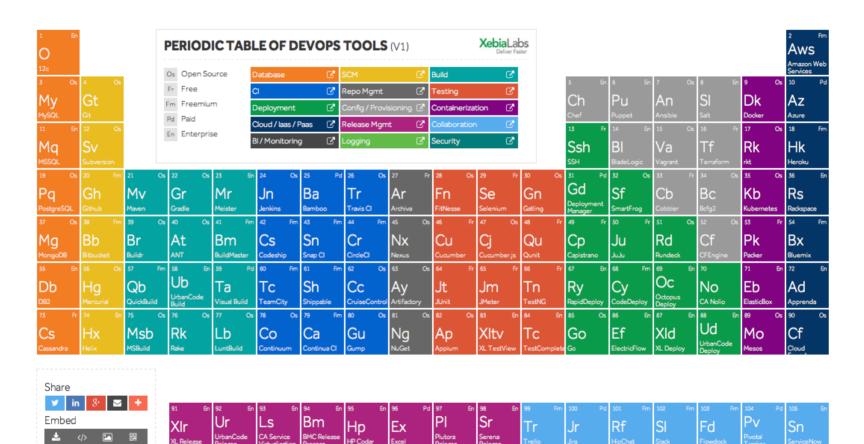
The "Phillip test" (by Philip Guo)

12 simple questions ordered by 'difficulty' measures quality of organization for research programming

If you do not score at least a 7 there is room for improvement using the tools presented here

- 1. Do you have reliable ways of taking, organizing, and reflecting on notes as you're working?
- 2. Do you have reliable to-do lists for your projects?
- 3. Do you write scripts to automate repetitive tasks?
- 4. Are your scripts, data sets, and notes backed up on another computer?
- 5. Can you quickly identify errors and inconsistencies in your raw data sets?
- 6. Can you write scripts to acquire and merge together data from different sources and in different formats?
- 7. Do you use version control for your scripts?
- 8. If you show analysis results to a colleague and they offer a suggestion for improvement, can you adjust your script, rerun it, and produce updated results within an hour?
- 9. Do you use assert statements and test cases to sanity check the outputs of your analyses?
- 10. Can you re-generate any intermediate data set from the original raw data by running a series of scripts?
- 11. Can you re-generate all of the figures and tables in your research paper by running a single command?
- 12. If you got hit by a bus, can one of your lab-mates resume your research where you left off with less than a week of delay?

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