

Linux @ CERN

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- CERN Linux Service
 - Status
- CERN CentOS 7 Community
 - Community build system
 - Special Interest Groups
 - Status
- Questions



Production OS

- Scientific Linux CERN 5
 - 5.11 latest release
 - No new minor version planned
- Scientific Linux CERN 6
 - Version 6.7 released August 2015
- CERN CentOS 7
 - Version 7.1 released April 2015
- RHEL 5 / RHEL 6 / RHEL 7 / RHEV
 - Licences = ~ 670
 - **Extended Update Support** licences

- linuxsoft.cern.ch
 - Packages distribution server / aims2 / koji
 - What's new ?
 - mash/mock upgrades
 - moving from mrepo to reposync for mirrors.
 - Investigation for docker/cloud image creation in koji. (based on our CentOS CBS experience)
- zfs on linux 0.6.5.2 rebuilt (Storage team / Filer service)
 - SLC6 since May 2015
 - CC7 since October 2015
 - Same policy as openafs ; kmod rebuilt for new kernels, new version recompiled for last 3 kernels.

- New project : Puppet on the desktop
 - Replacing legacy - Quattor - tools for desktop/workstation configuration with Puppet. (around 6000 machines)
 - Provide same functionalities as existing tools lcm. (more info “man lcm”)
 - Masterless puppet.
 - Reuse existing modules if possible.
 - Requirement phase ; existing solution ? masterless experience ?
 - HEPiX feedback appreciated :
 - linux-users@cern.ch

What is it ? A reminder

- CentOS 7 upstream rpms (very same packages released by CentOS team, no CERN specific customization),
- CERN Linux team provides additional software through CERN and CERNONLY repositories,
- CERN CentOS 7 updates are staged,
- CERN CentOS 7 includes the 'yum-autoupdate',
- <http://linux.web.cern.ch/linux/centos7/>
- CERN CentOS 7 “**production**” version is based on RHEL 7.1 and was released in April 2015.

Community build service

- Koji installation at <http://cbs.centos.org>
- Used by all Special Interest Group
 - Build from SRPM
 - Build from git.centos.org
 - Image Factory for cloud/docker/atomic images
- Planned :
 - Integration with FAS (self service certificate / ACL / group mgmt).
- Management tools available for the community :
<https://git.centos.org/summary/?r=sig-core/cbs-tools.git>

- Cloud SIG
 - Released Openstack kilo in May 2015
<http://cern.ch/go/p6GG>
 - CERN backported Openstack juno for el6
<http://cern.ch/go/QQq8>
- Software Collections SIG (SCLo)
 - Release planned for week 42
 - Rebuild Red Hat SCL for el6 and el7
 - + Community SCL (e.g: vagrant)
- Virt SIG
 - qemu-kvm-ev rebuild from RHEV
 - Release planned for week 42

- Atomic SIG
 - Latest version 7.20151001 (5th October 2015)
 - Announcement <http://cern.ch/go/7dgK>
 - Project details <http://www.projectatomic.io/>
 - Atomic Host image follows the upstream Red Hat Enterprise Linux Atomic Host cadence.
 - After sources are released, they are rebuilt and included in new images.
 - Little interest/requests in the Scientific Community so far
 - HEPiX feedback appreciated



- Alternative ARCH SIG
 - CentOS 7 i386
 - Beta available but not released yet
 - CERN has not been involved in testing but relies on it for building biarch package on CC7
 - CentOS 7 AARCH64
 - Alpha candidate available since May
 - Hardware received at CERN (MP30), but extensive tests did not start yet.
- More SIGs information:
<https://wiki.centos.org/SpecialInterestGroup/>

What we still appreciated

- <http://bugs.centos.org>
 - Early bug detection.
 - Red Hat bugzilla entries when upstream bugs.
- Collaboration with many projects around SIGs: RDO, ceph, scl, epel etc...
- ALT ARCH SIG saved us a lot of time ; we can concentrate on testing hardware only.



Where we would like to see improvements :

- Better integration with EPEL.
- SIGs roadmaps ; better communication for final users, better release management process.
- More external (non Red Hat) contributors.



QUESTIONS ?

<http://cern.ch/linux>

Thank you !

BACKUP - GIGABYTE MP30



- AppliedMicro® X-Gene1® processor
- 8 x UDIMM ECC DDR3 DIMM slots
- 2 x 10GbE SFP+ LAN ports
- 2 x GbE LAN ports (Marvell® 88E1512)
- 4 x SATA III 6Gb/s
- 1 x USB 2.0 header
- Aspeed® AST2400 remote management controller