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Achieving High Performance In Mercurial

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Mercurial is a distributed revision control system designed for performance and
scalability. Although written in Python, it is faster than most other revision
control tools. This paper discusses the techniques used in Mercurial to achieve such
high performance, and compares its performance on common operations with three other
revision control systems: CVS, Subversion, and Perforce. It also introduces some
novel software development techniques that are made possible by Mercurial's high
performance.

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