

# **Buildbot Documentation**

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This is the Buildbot documentation for Buildbot version 2.7.0.

If you are evaluating Buildbot and would like to get started quickly, start with the *Tutorial*. Regular users of Buildbot should consult the *Manual*, and those wishing to modify Buildbot directly will want to be familiar with the *Developer's Documentation*.

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# CHAPTER 1

# **Buildbot Tutorial**

Contents:

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# 1.1 First Run

#### 1.1.1 Goal

This tutorial will take you from zero to running your first buildbot master and worker as quickly as possible, without changing the default configuration.

This tutorial is all about instant gratification and the five minute experience: in five minutes we want to convince you that this project works, and that you should seriously consider spending time learning the system. In this tutorial no configuration or code changes are done.

This tutorial assumes that you are running Unix, but might be adaptable to Windows.

Thanks to virtualenv (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/virtualenv), installing buildbot in a standalone environment is very easy. For those more familiar with Docker (https://docker.com), there also exists a *docker version of these instructions*.

You should be able to cut and paste each shell block from this tutorial directly into a terminal.

#### 1.1.2 Simple introduction to BuildBot

Before trying to run BuildBot it's helpful to know what BuildBot is.

BuildBot is a continuous integration framework written in Python. It consists of a master daemon and potentially many worker daemons that usually run on other machines. The master daemon runs a web server that allows the end user to start new builds and to control the behaviour of the BuildBot instance. The master also distributes builds to the workers. The worker daemons connect to the master daemon and execute builds whenever master tells them to do so.

In this tutorial we will run a single master and a single worker on the same machine.

A more throughout explanation can be found in the *manual section* of the Buildbot documentation.

#### 1.1.3 Getting ready

There are many ways to get the code on your machine. We will use the easiest one: via pip in a virtualenv (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/virtualenv). It has the advantage of not polluting your operating system, as everything will be contained in the virtualenv.

To make this work, you will need the following installed:

- Python (https://www.python.org/) and the development packages for it
- virtualenv (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/virtualenv)

Preferably, use your distribution package manager to install these.

You will also need a working Internet connection, as virtualenv and pip will need to download other projects from the Internet. The master and builder daemons will need to be able to connect to github.com via HTTPS to fetch the repo we're testing; if you need to use a proxy for this ensure that either the HTTPS\_PROXY or ALL\_PROXY environment variable is set to your proxy, e.g., by executing export HTTPS\_PROXY=http://localhost:9080 in the shell before starting each daemon.

Note: Buildbot does not require root access. Run the commands in this tutorial as a normal, unprivileged user.

#### 1.1.4 Creating a master

The first necessary step is to create a virtualenv for our master. We will also use a separate directory to demonstrate the distinction between a master and worker:

```
mkdir -p ~/tmp/bb-master
cd ~/tmp/bb-master
```

On Python 3:

```
python3 -m venv sandbox
source sandbox/bin/activate
```

Now that we are ready, we need to install buildbot:

```
pip install --upgrade pip
pip install 'buildbot[bundle]'
```

Now that buildbot is installed, it's time to create the master:

buildbot create-master master

Buildbot's activity is controlled by a configuration file. Buildbot by default uses configuration from file at master. cfg. Buildbot comes with a sample configuration file named master.cfg.sample. We will use the sample configuration file unchanged:

mv master/master.cfg.sample master/master.cfg

Finally, start the master:

buildbot start master

You will now see some log information from the master in this terminal. It should end with lines like these:

```
2014-11-01 15:52:55+0100 [-] BuildMaster is running
The buildmaster appears to have (re)started correctly.
```

From now on, feel free to visit the web status page running on the port 8010: http://localhost:8010/

Our master now needs (at least) a worker to execute its commands. For that, head on to the next section!

#### 1.1.5 Creating a worker

The worker will be executing the commands sent by the master. In this tutorial, we are using the buildbot/helloworld project as an example. As a consequence of this, your worker will need access to the git (https://git-scm.com/) command in order to checkout some code. Be sure that it is installed, or the builds will fail.

Same as we did for our master, we will create a virtualenv for our worker next to the other one. It would however be completely ok to do this on another computer - as long as the *worker* computer is able to connect to the *master* one:

```
mkdir -p ~/tmp/bb-worker
cd ~/tmp/bb-worker
```

#### On Python 2:

```
virtualenv --no-site-packages sandbox
source sandbox/bin/activate
```

#### On Python 3:

```
python3 -m venv sandbox
source sandbox/bin/activate
```

Install the buildbot-worker command:

```
pip install --upgrade pip
pip install buildbot-worker
# required for `runtests` build
pip install setuptools-trial
```

Now, create the worker:

buildbot-worker create-worker worker localhost example-worker pass

Note: If you decided to create this from another computer, you should replace localhost with the name of the computer where your master is running.

The username (example-worker), and password (pass) should be the same as those in master/master.cfg; verify this is the case by looking at the section for c['workers']:

cat ../bb-master/master.cfg

And finally, start the worker:

buildbot-worker start worker

Check the worker's output. It should end with lines like these:

```
2014-11-01 15:56:51+0100 [-] Connecting to localhost:9989
2014-11-01 15:56:51+0100 [Broker,client] message from master: attached
The worker appears to have (re)started correctly.
```

Meanwhile, from the other terminal, in the master log (twisted.log in the master directory), you should see lines like these:

```
2014-11-01 15:56:51+0100 [Broker,1,127.0.0.1] worker 'example-worker' attaching from.

→IPv4Address(TCP, '127.0.0.1', 54015)

2014-11-01 15:56:51+0100 [Broker,1,127.0.0.1] Got workerinfo from 'example-worker'

2014-11-01 15:56:51+0100 [-] bot attached
```

You should now be able to go to http://localhost:8010, where you will see a web page similar to:

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NAVIGATION		
Home	ñ	
Grid View	ŵ	Welcome to buildbot
Waterfall View		0 builds running currently
Console View	0	0 recent builds
> Builds	<b>0</b> °	
About	0	
Settings	t‡î	

Click on "Builds" at the left to open the submenu and then Builders (http://localhost:8010/#/builders) to see that the worker you just started (identified by the green bubble) has connected to the master:

Hello World CI	Ŧ	Hello World CI	Builds / Builders				
NAVIGATION							
Home	ñ	Builder Name	Builds	<b>O</b> Tags	Workers		
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Console View	0						
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Your master is now quietly waiting for new commits to hello-world. This doesn't happen very often though. In the next section, we'll see how to manually start a build.

We just wanted to get you to dip your toes in the water. It's easy to take your first steps, but this is about as far as we can go without touching the configuration.

You've got a taste now, but you're probably curious for more. Let's step it up a little in the second tutorial by changing the configuration and doing an actual build. Continue on to *A Quick Tour*.

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## 1.2 First Buildbot run with Docker

**Note:** Docker can be tricky to get working correctly if you haven't used it before. If you're having trouble, first determine whether it is a Buildbot issue or a Docker issue by running:

docker run ubuntu:12.04 apt-get update

If that fails, look for help with your Docker install. On the other hand, if that succeeds, then you may have better luck getting help from members of the Buildbot community.

Docker (https://www.docker.com) is a tool that makes building and deploying custom environments a breeze. It uses lightweight linux containers (LXC) and performs quickly, making it a great instrument for the testing community. The next section includes a Docker pre-flight check. If it takes more that 3 minutes to get the 'Success' message for you, try the Buildbot pip-based *first run* instead.

#### 1.2.1 Current Docker dependencies

- Linux system, with at least kernel 3.8 and AUFS support. For example, Standard Ubuntu, Debian and Arch systems.
- Packages: lxc, iptables, ca-certificates, and bzip2 packages.
- Local clock on time or slightly in the future for proper SSL communication.
- This tutorial uses docker-compose to run a master, a worker, and a postgresql database server

#### 1.2.2 Installation

- Use the Docker installation instructions (https://docs.docker.com/engine/installation/) for your operating system.
- Make sure you install docker-compose. As root or inside a virtualenv, run:

pip install docker-compose

• Test docker is happy in your environment:

```
sudo docker run -i busybox /bin/echo Success
```

## 1.2.3 Building and running Buildbot

```
# clone the example repository
git clone --depth 1 https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-docker-example-config
# Build the Buildbot container (it will take a few minutes to download packages)
cd buildbot-docker-example-config/simple
docker-compose up
```

You should now be able to go to http://localhost:8010 and see a web page similar to:

Hello World CI	Ŧ	Hello World CI Home
Home	ñ	
Grid View	æ	Welcome to buildbot
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## 1.2.4 Overview of the docker-compose configuration

This docker-compose configuration is made as a basis for what you would put in production

- · Separated containers for each component
- A solid database backend with postgresql

- A buildbot master that exposes its configuration to the docker host
- · A buildbot worker that can be cloned in order to add additional power
- Containers are linked together so that the only port exposed to external is the web server
- The default master container is based on Alpine linux for minimal footprint
- The default worker container is based on more widely known Ubuntu distribution, as this is the container you want to customize.
- Download the config from a tarball accessible via a web server

## 1.2.5 Playing with your Buildbot containers

If you've come this far, you have a Buildbot environment that you can freely experiment with.

In order to modify the configuration, you need to fork the project on github https://github.com/buildbot/ buildbot-docker-example-config Then you can clone your own fork, and start the docker-compose again.

To modify your config, edit the master.cfg file, commit your changes, and push to your fork. You can use the command buildbot check-config in order to make sure the config is valid before the push. You will need to change docker-compose.yml the variable BUILDBOT\_CONFIG\_URL in order to point to your github fork.

The BUILDBOT\_CONFIG\_URL may point to a .tar.gz file accessible from HTTP. Several git servers like github can generate that tarball automatically from the master branch of a git repository If the BUILDBOT\_CONFIG\_URL does not end with .tar.gz, it is considered to be the URL to a master.cfg file accessible from HTTP.

#### 1.2.6 Customize your Worker container

It is advised to customize you worker container in order to suit your project's build dependencies and need. An example DockerFile is available which the buildbot community uses for its own CI purposes:

https://github.com/buildbot/metabbotcfg/blob/nine/docker/metaworker/Dockerfile

## 1.2.7 Multi-master

A multi-master environment can be setup using the multimaster/docker-compose.yml file in the example repository

# Build the Buildbot container (it will take a few minutes to download packages) cd buildbot-dockerexample-config/simple docker-compose up -d docker-compose scale buildbot=4

## 1.2.8 Going forward

You've got a taste now, but you're probably curious for more. Let's step it up a little in the second tutorial by changing the configuration and doing an actual build. Continue on to *A Quick Tour*.

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# 1.3 A Quick Tour

#### 1.3.1 Goal

This tutorial will expand on the *First Run* tutorial by taking a quick tour around some of the features of buildbot that are hinted at in the comments in the sample configuration. We will simply change parts of the default configuration and explain the activated features.

As a part of this tutorial, we will make buildbot do a few actual builds.

This section will teach you how to:

- make simple configuration changes and activate them
- deal with configuration errors
- force builds
- enable and control the IRC bot
- enable ssh debugging
- add a 'try' scheduler

## 1.3.2 Setting Project Name and URL

Let's start simple by looking at where you would customize the buildbot's project name and URL.

We continue where we left off in the First Run tutorial.

Open a new terminal, go to the directory you created master in, activate the same virtualenv instance you created before, and open the master configuration file with an editor (here *\$EDITOR* is your editor of choice like vim, gedit, or emacs):

```
cd ~/tmp/bb-master
source sandbox/bin/activate
$EDITOR master/master.cfg
```

Now, look for the section marked PROJECT IDENTITY which reads:

```
####### PROJECT IDENTITY
# the 'title' string will appear at the top of this buildbot installation's
# home pages (linked to the 'titleURL').
c['title'] = "Hello World CI"
c['titleURL'] = "https://buildbot.github.io/hello-world/"
```

If you want, you can change either of these links to anything you want to see what happens when you change them.

After making a change go into the terminal and type:

buildbot reconfig master

You will see a handful of lines of output from the master log, much like this:

```
2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] loading configuration from /home/dustin/tmp/buildbot/

→master/master.cfg

2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] configuration update started
```

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```
2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] builder runtests is unchanged
2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] removing IStatusReceiver <WebStatus on port tcp:8010 at.
\rightarrow0x2aee368>
2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] (TCP Port 8010 Closed)
2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] Stopping factory <buildbot.status.web.baseweb.
↔RotateLogSite instance at 0x2e36638>
2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] adding IStatusReceiver <WebStatus on port tcp:8010 at...
→0x2c2d950>
2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] RotateLogSite starting on 8010
2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] Starting factory <buildbot.status.web.baseweb.
→RotateLogSite instance at 0x2e36e18>
2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] Setting up http.log rotating 10 files of 10000000 bytes_
→each
2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] WebStatus using (/home/dustin/tmp/buildbot/master/public_
→html)
2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] removing 0 old schedulers, updating 0, and adding 0
2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] adding 1 new changesources, removing 1
2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] gitpoller: using workdir '/home/dustin/tmp/buildbot/
→master/gitpoller-workdir'
2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] GitPoller repository already exists
2011-12-04 10:11:09-0600 [-] configuration update complete
Reconfiguration appears to have completed successfully.
```

The important lines are the ones telling you that it is loading the new configuration at the top, and the one at the bottom saying that the update is complete.

Now, if you go back to the waterfall page (http://localhost:8010/#/waterfall), you will see that the project's name is whatever you may have changed it to and when you click on the URL of the project name at the bottom of the page it should take you to the link you put in the configuration.

#### **1.3.3 Configuration Errors**

It is very common to make a mistake when configuring buildbot, so you might as well see now what happens in that case and what you can do to fix the error.

Open up the config again and introduce a syntax error by removing the first single quote in the two lines you changed, so they read:

```
c[title'] = "Hello World CI"
c[titleURL'] = "https://buildbot.github.io/hello-world/"
```

This creates a Python SyntaxError. Now go ahead and reconfig the buildmaster:

buildbot reconfig master

This time, the output looks like:

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```
File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/twisted/internet/defer.py",
\rightarrow line 1274, in unwindGenerator
            return _inlineCallbacks(None, gen, Deferred())
          File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/twisted/internet/defer.py",
→line 1128, in _inlineCallbacks
            result = g.send(result)
          File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/buildbot/master.py", line 289,...
→in doReconfig
           self.configFileName)
        --- <exception caught here> ---
         File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/buildbot/config.py", line 156,
⇔in loadConfig
            exec f in localDict
       exceptions.SyntaxError: EOL while scanning string literal (master.cfg, line...
→103)
2015-08-14 18:40:46+0000 [-] error while parsing config file: EOL while scanning_
→string literal (master.cfg, line 103) (traceback in logfile)
2015-08-14 18:40:46+0000 [-] reconfig aborted without making any changes
Reconfiguration failed. Please inspect the master.cfg file for errors,
correct them, then try 'buildbot reconfig' again.
```

This time, it's clear that there was a mistake in the configuration. Luckily, the Buildbot master will ignore the wrong configuration and keep running with the previous configuration.

The message is clear enough, so open the configuration again, fix the error, and reconfig the master.

## 1.3.4 Your First Build

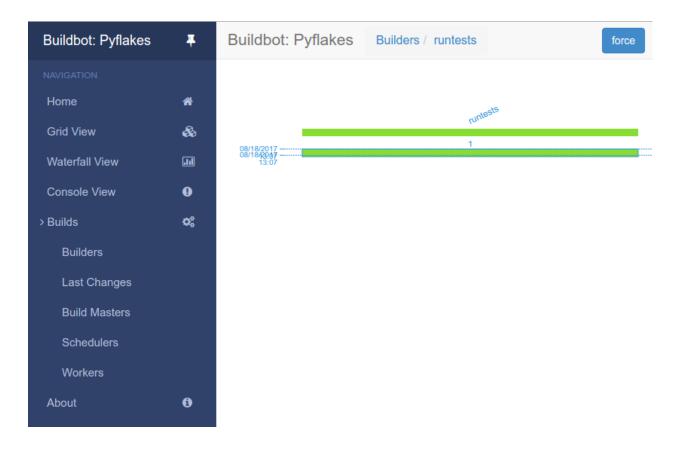
By now you're probably thinking: "All this time spent and still not done a single build? What was the name of this project again?"

On the Builders (http://localhost:8010/#/builders) page, click on the runtests link. You'll see a builder page, and a blue "force" button that will bring up the following dialog box:

Bui	dbot: Pvflakes	Buildbot: Pvflakes Builders / runtests	force
NAV	force		
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Co	reason	force build	- 11
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	Project:	Reposito	- 11
	Branch:	Revision	- 11
			- 11
		Cancel Start Buil	

Click *Start Build* - there's no need to fill in any of the fields in this case. Next, click on view in waterfall (http://localhost:8010/#/waterfall?show=runtests).

You will now see:



## 1.3.5 Enabling the IRC Bot

Buildbot includes an IRC bot that you can tell to join a channel and control to report on the status of buildbot.

Note: Security Note

Please note that any user having access to your irc channel or can send the private message to the bot will be able to create or stop builds bug #3377 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3377).

First, start an IRC client of your choice, connect to irc.freenode.net and join an empty channel. In this example we will use #buildbot-test, so go join that channel. (*Note: please do not join the main buildbot channel!*)

Edit master.cfg and look for the BUILDBOT SERVICES section. At the end of that section add the lines:

Reconfigure the build master then do:

grep -i irc master/twistd.log

The log output should contain a line like this:

```
2016-11-13 15:53:06+0100 [-] Starting factory <buildbot.reporters.irc.

→IrcStatusFactory instance at 0x7ff2b4b72710>

2016-11-13 15:53:19+0100 [IrcStatusBot,client] <buildbot.reporters.irc.IrcStatusBot_

→object at 0x7ff2b5075750>: I have joined #buildbot-test
```

You should see the bot now joining in your IRC client. In your IRC channel, type:

bbtest: commands

to get a list of the commands the bot supports.

Let's tell the bot to notify certain events, to learn which EVENTS we can notify on:

bbtest: help notify

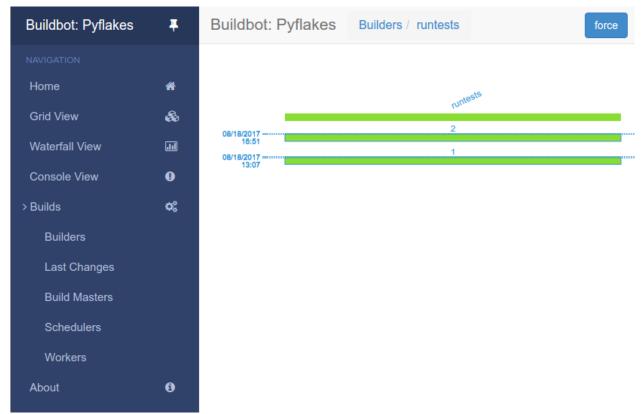
Now let's set some event notifications:

```
<@lsblakk> bbtest: notify on started finished failure
< bbtest> The following events are being notified: ['started', 'failure', 'finished']
```

Now, go back to the web interface and force another build. Alternatively, ask the bot to force a build:

```
<@lsblakk> bbtest: force build --codebase= runtests
< bbtest> build #1 of runtests started
< bbtest> Hey! build runtests #1 is complete: Success [finished]
```

You can also see the new builds in the web interface.



The full documentation is available at *IRC*.

## 1.3.6 Setting Authorized Web Users

The default configuration allows everyone to perform any task like creating or stopping builds via the web interface. To restrict this to a user, look for:

and append:

```
c['www']['authz'] = util.Authz(
    allowRules = [
        util.AnyEndpointMatcher(role="admins")
    ],
    roleMatchers = [
        util.RolesFromUsername(roles=['admins'], usernames=['Alice'])
    ]
)
c['www']['auth'] = util.UserPasswordAuth([('Alice', 'Password1')])
```

For more details, see Authentication plugins.

#### 1.3.7 Debugging with Manhole

You can do some debugging by using manhole, an interactive Python shell. It exposes full access to the buildmaster's account (including the ability to modify and delete files), so it should not be enabled with a weak or easily guessable password.

To use this you will need to install an additional package or two to your virtualenv:

```
cd ~/tmp/bb-master
source sandbox/bin/activate
pip install -U pip
pip install cryptography pyasn1
```

You will also need to generate an SSH host key for the Manhole server.

```
mkdir -p /data/ssh_host_keys
ckeygen -t rsa -f /data/ssh_host_keys/ssh_host_rsa_key
```

In your master.cfg find:

c = BuildmasterConfig = {}

Insert the following to enable debugging mode with manhole:

After restarting the master, you can ssh into the master and get an interactive Python shell:

```
ssh -p1234 admin@127.0.0.1
# enter passwd at prompt
```

**Note:** The pyasn1-0.1.1 release has a bug which results in an exception similar to this on startup:

exceptions.TypeError: argument 2 must be long, not int

If you see this, the temporary solution is to install the previous version of pyasn1:

pip install pyasn1-0.0.13b

If you wanted to check which workers are connected and what builders those workers are assigned to you could do:

```
>>> master.workers.workers
{'example-worker', current builders: runtests>}
```

Objects can be explored in more depth using dir(x) or the helper function show(x).

#### 1.3.8 Adding a 'try' scheduler

Buildbot includes a way for developers to submit patches for testing without committing them to the source code control system. (This is really handy for projects that support several operating systems or architectures.)

To set this up, add the following lines to master.cfg:

Then you can submit changes using the try command.

Let's try this out by making a one-line change to hello-world, say, to make it trace the tree by default:

```
git clone https://github.com/buildbot/hello-world.git hello-world-git
cd hello-world-git/hello
$EDITOR __init__.py
# change 'return "hello " + who' on line 6 to 'return "greets " + who'
```

Then run buildbot's try command as follows:

This will do git diff for you and send the resulting patch to the server for build and test against the latest sources from Git.

Now go back to the waterfall (http://localhost:8010/#/waterfall) page, click on the runtests link, and scroll down. You should see that another build has been started with your change (and stdout for the tests should be chock-full of parse trees as a result). The "Reason" for the job will be listed as "try' job", and the blamelist will be empty.

To make yourself show up as the author of the change, use the --who=emailaddr option on buildbot try to pass your email address.

To make a description of the change show up, use the --properties=comment="this is a comment" option on buildbot try.

To use ssh instead of a private username/password database, see *Try\_Jobdir*.

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# **1.4 Further Reading**

See the following user-contributed tutorials for other highlights and ideas:

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#### 1.4.1 Buildbot in 5 minutes - a user-contributed tutorial

#### (Ok, maybe 10.)

Buildbot is really an excellent piece of software, however it can be a bit confusing for a newcomer (like me when I first started looking at it). Typically, at first sight it looks like a bunch of complicated concepts that make no sense and whose relationships with each other are unclear. After some time and some reread, it all slowly starts to be more and more meaningful, until you finally say "oh!" and things start to make sense. Once you get there, you realize that the documentation is great, but only if you already know what it's about.

This is what happened to me, at least. Here I'm going to (try to) explain things in a way that would have helped me more as a newcomer. The approach I'm taking is more or less the reverse of that used by the documentation, that is, I'm going to start from the components that do the actual work (the builders) and go up the chain from there up to change sources. I hope purists will forgive this unorthodoxy. Here I'm trying to clarify the concepts only, and will not go into the details of each object or property; the documentation explains those quite well.

#### Installation

I won't cover the installation; both Buildbot master and worker are available as packages for the major distributions, and in any case the instructions in the official documentation are fine. This document will refer to Buildbot 0.8.5 which was current at the time of writing, but hopefully the concepts are not too different in other versions. All the code shown is of course python code, and has to be included in the master.cfg master configuration file.

We won't cover the basic things such as how to define the workers, project names, or other administrative information that is contained in that file; for that, again the official documentation is fine.

#### **Builders: the workhorses**

Since Buildbot is a tool whose goal is the automation of software builds, it makes sense to me to start from where we tell Buildbot how to build our software: the *builder* (or builders, since there can be more than one).

Simply put, a builder is an element that is in charge of performing some action or sequence of actions, normally something related to building software (for example, checking out the source, or make all), but it can also run arbitrary commands.

A builder is configured with a list of workers that it can use to carry out its task. The other fundamental piece of information that a builder needs is, of course, the list of things it has to do (which will normally run on the chosen worker). In Buildbot, this list of things is represented as a BuildFactory object, which is essentially a sequence of steps, each one defining a certain operation or command.

Enough talk, let's see an example. For this example, we are going to assume that our super software project can be built using a simple make all, and there is another target make packages that creates rpm, deb and tgz packages

of the binaries. In the real world things are usually more complex (for example there may be a configure step, or multiple targets), but the concepts are the same; it will just be a matter of adding more steps to a builder, or creating multiple builders, although sometimes the resulting builders can be quite complex.

So to perform a manual build of our project we would type this from the command line (assuming we are at the root of the local copy of the repository):

```
$ make clean  # clean remnants of previous builds
...
$ svn update
...
$ make all
...
$ make packages
...
# optional but included in the example: copy packages to some central machine
$ scp packages/*.rpm packages/*.deb packages/*.tgz someuser@somehost:/repository
...
```

Here we're assuming the repository is SVN, but again the concepts are the same with git, mercurial or any other VCS.

Now, to automate this, we create a builder where each step is one of the commands we typed above. A step can be a shell command object, or a dedicated object that checks out the source code (there are various types for different repositories, see the docs for more info), or yet something else:

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps, util
# first, let's create the individual step objects
# step 1: make clean; this fails if the worker has no local copy, but
# is harmless and will only happen the first time
makeclean = steps.ShellCommand(name="make clean",
                               command=["make", "clean"],
                               description="make clean")
# step 2: svn update (here updates trunk, see the docs for more
# on how to update a branch, or make it more generic).
checkout = steps.SVN(baseURL='svn://myrepo/projects/coolproject/trunk',
                     mode="update",
                     username="foo"
                     password="bar",
                     haltOnFailure=True)
# step 3: make all
makeall = steps.ShellCommand(name="make all",
                             command=["make", "all"],
                             haltOnFailure=True,
                             description="make all")
# step 4: make packages
makepackages = steps.ShellCommand(name="make packages",
                                  command=["make", "packages"],
                                  haltOnFailure=True,
                                  description="make packages")
# step 5: upload packages to central server. This needs passwordless ssh
# from the worker to the server (set it up in advance as part of worker setup)
uploadpackages = steps.ShellCommand(name="upload packages",
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```
description="upload packages",
                                    command="scp packages/*.rpm packages/*.deb,

→packages/*.tgz someuser@somehost:/repository",
                                    haltOnFailure=True)
# create the build factory and add the steps to it
f_simplebuild = util.BuildFactory()
f_simplebuild.addStep(makeclean)
f_simplebuild.addStep(checkout)
f_simplebuild.addStep(makeall)
f_simplebuild.addStep(makepackages)
f_simplebuild.addStep(uploadpackages)
# finally, declare the list of builders. In this case, we only have one builder
c['builders'] = [
    util.BuilderConfig(name="simplebuild", workernames=['worker1', 'worker2', 'worker3

→ '], factory=f_simplebuild)

]
```

So our builder is called simplebuild and can run on either of worker1, worker2 and worker3. If our repository has other branches besides trunk, we could create another one or more builders to build them; in the example, only the checkout step would be different, in that it would need to check out the specific branch. Depending on how exactly those branches have to be built, the shell commands may be recycled, or new ones would have to be created if they are different in the branch. You get the idea. The important thing is that all the builders be named differently and all be added to the c['builders'] value (as can be seen above, it is a list of BuilderConfig objects).

Of course the type and number of steps will vary depending on the goal; for example, to just check that a commit doesn't break the build, we could include just up to the make all step. Or we could have a builder that performs a more thorough test by also doing make test or other targets. You get the idea. Note that at each step except the very first we use haltOnFailure=True because it would not make sense to execute a step if the previous one failed (ok, it wouldn't be needed for the last step, but it's harmless and protects us if one day we add another step after it).

#### Schedulers

Now this is all nice and dandy, but who tells the builder (or builders) to run, and when? This is the job of the *scheduler*, which is a fancy name for an element that waits for some event to happen, and when it does, based on that information decides whether and when to run a builder (and which one or ones). There can be more than one scheduler. I'm being purposely vague here because the possibilities are almost endless and highly dependent on the actual setup, build purposes, source repository layout and other elements.

So a scheduler needs to be configured with two main pieces of information: on one hand, which events to react to, and on the other hand, which builder or builders to trigger when those events are detected. (It's more complex than that, but if you understand this, you can get the rest of the details from the docs).

A simple type of scheduler may be a periodic scheduler: when a configurable amount of time has passed, run a certain builder (or builders). In our example, that's how we would trigger a build every hour:

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```
# define the available schedulers
c['schedulers'] = [hourlyscheduler]
```

That's it. Every hour this hourly scheduler will run the simplebuild builder. If we have more than one builder that we want to run every hour, we can just add them to the builderNames list when defining the scheduler and they will all be run. Or since multiple scheduler are allowed, other schedulers can be defined and added to c['schedulers'] in the same way.

Other types of schedulers exist; in particular, there are schedulers that can be more dynamic than the periodic one. The typical dynamic scheduler is one that learns about changes in a source repository (generally because some developer checks in some change), and triggers one or more builders in response to those changes. Let's assume for now that the scheduler "magically" learns about changes in the repository (more about this later); here's how we would define it:

This scheduler receives changes happening to the repository, and among all of them, pays attention to those happening in "trunk" (that's what branch=None means). In other words, it filters the changes to react only to those it's interested in. When such changes are detected, and the tree has been quiet for 5 minutes (300 seconds), it runs the simplebuild builder. The treeStableTimer helps in those situations where commits tend to happen in bursts, which would otherwise result in multiple build requests queuing up.

What if we want to act on two branches (say, trunk and 7.2)? First we create two builders, one for each branch (see the builders paragraph above), then we create two dynamic schedulers:

The syntax of the change filter is VCS-dependent (above is for SVN), but again once the idea is clear, the documentation has all the details. Another feature of the scheduler is that it can be told which changes, within those it's paying attention to, are important and which are not. For example, there may be a documentation directory in the branch the scheduler is watching, but changes under that directory should not trigger a build of the binary. This finer filtering is implemented by means of the fileIsImportant argument to the scheduler (full details in the docs and - alas - in the sources).

#### **Change sources**

Earlier we said that a dynamic scheduler "magically" learns about changes; the final piece of the puzzle are *change sources*, which are precisely the elements in Buildbot whose task is to detect changes in the repository and communicate them to the schedulers. Note that periodic schedulers don't need a change source, since they only depend on elapsed time; dynamic schedulers, on the other hand, do need a change source.

A change source is generally configured with information about a source repository (which is where changes happen); a change source can watch changes at different levels in the hierarchy of the repository, so for example it is possible to watch the whole repository or a subset of it, or just a single branch. This determines the extent of the information that is passed down to the schedulers.

There are many ways a change source can learn about changes; it can periodically poll the repository for changes, or the VCS can be configured (for example through hook scripts triggered by commits) to push changes into the change source. While these two methods are probably the most common, they are not the only possibilities; it is possible for example to have a change source detect changes by parsing some email sent to a mailing list when a commit happens, and yet other methods exist. The manual again has the details.

To complete our example, here's a change source that polls a SVN repository every 2 minutes:

This poller watches the whole "coolproject" section of the repository, so it will detect changes in all the branches. We could have said:

repourl = "svn://myrepo/projects/coolproject/trunk"

or:

repourl = "svn://myrepo/projects/coolproject/branches/7.2"

to watch only a specific branch.

To watch another project, you need to create another change source – and you need to filter changes by project. For instance, when you add a change source watching project 'superproject' to the above example, you need to change:

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)	

else coolproject will be built when there's a change in superproject.

Since we're watching more than one branch, we need a method to tell in which branch the change occurred when we detect one. This is what the split\_file argument does, it takes a callable that Buildbot will call to do the job. The split\_file\_branches function, which comes with Buildbot, is designed for exactly this purpose so that's what the example above uses.

And of course this is all SVN-specific, but there are pollers for all the popular VCSs.

But note: if you have many projects, branches, and builders it probably pays to not hardcode all the schedulers and builders in the configuration, but generate them dynamically starting from list of all projects, branches, targets etc. and using loops to generate all possible combinations (or only the needed ones, depending on the specific setup), as explained in the documentation chapter about *Customization*.

#### **Reporters**

Now that the basics are in place, let's go back to the builders, which is where the real work happens. *Reporters* are simply the means Buildbot uses to inform the world about what's happening, that is, how builders are doing. There are many reporters: a mail notifier, an IRC notifier, and others. They are described fairly well in the manual.

One thing I've found useful is the ability to pass a domain name as the lookup argument to a mailNotifier, which allows you to take an unqualified username as it appears in the SVN change and create a valid email address by appending the given domain name to it:

The mail notifier can be customized at will by means of the messageFormatter argument, which is a class that Buildbot calls to format the body of the email, and to which it makes available lots of information about the build. For more details, look into the *Reporters* section of the Buildbot manual.

#### Conclusion

Please note that this article has just scratched the surface; given the complexity of the task of build automation, the possibilities are almost endless. So there's much, much more to say about Buildbot. However, hopefully this is a preparation step before reading the official manual. Had I found an explanation as the one above when I was approaching Buildbot, I'd have had to read the manual just once, rather than multiple times. Hope this can help someone else.

(Thanks to Davide Brini for permission to include this tutorial, derived from one he originally posted at http://backreference.org.)

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# CHAPTER 2

# **Buildbot Manual**

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# 2.1 Introduction

Buildbot is a system to automate the compile/test cycle required by most software projects to validate code changes. By automatically rebuilding and testing the project each time something has changed, build problems are pinpointed quickly, before other developers are inconvenienced by the failure. The guilty developer can be identified and harassed without human intervention. By running the builds on a variety of platforms, developers who do not have the facilities to test their changes everywhere before checkin will at least know shortly afterwards whether they have broken the build or not. Warning counts, lint checks, image size, compile time, and other build parameters can be tracked over time, are more visible, and are therefore easier to improve.

The overall goal is to reduce project breakage and provide a platform to run tests or code-quality checks that are too annoying or pedantic for any human to waste their time with. Developers get immediate (and potentially public) feedback about their changes, encouraging them to be more careful about testing before checkin.

Features:

- run builds on a variety of worker platforms
- arbitrary build process: handles projects using C, Python, whatever
- minimal host requirements: Python and Twisted
- workers can be behind a firewall if they can still do checkout
- status delivery through web page, email, IRC, other protocols
- track builds in progress, provide estimated completion time
- flexible configuration by subclassing generic build process classes
- debug tools to force a new build, submit fake Changes, query worker status
- released under the GPL (https://opensource.org/licenses/gpl-2.0.php)

## 2.1.1 History and Philosophy

The Buildbot was inspired by a similar project built for a development team writing a cross-platform embedded system. The various components of the project were supposed to compile and run on several flavors of unix (linux, solaris, BSD), but individual developers had their own preferences and tended to stick to a single platform. From time to time, incompatibilities would sneak in (some unix platforms want to use string.h, some prefer strings.h), and then the project would compile for some developers but not others. The Buildbot was written to automate the human process of walking into the office, updating a project, compiling (and discovering the breakage), finding the developer at fault, and complaining to them about the problem they had introduced. With multiple platforms it was difficult for developers to do the right thing (compile their potential change on all platforms); the Buildbot offered a way to help.

Another problem was when programmers would change the behavior of a library without warning its users, or change internal aspects that other code was (unfortunately) depending upon. Adding unit tests to the codebase helps here: if an application's unit tests pass despite changes in the libraries it uses, you can have more confidence that the library changes haven't broken anything. Many developers complained that the unit tests were inconvenient or took too long to run: having the Buildbot run them reduces the developer's workload to a minimum.

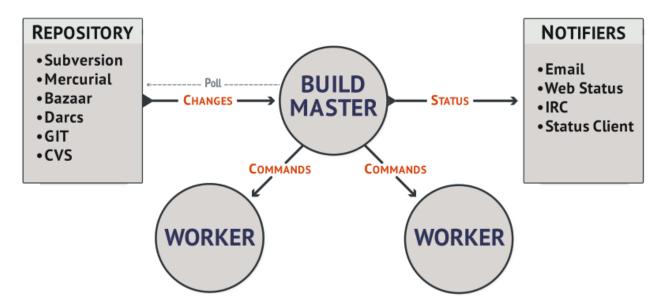
In general, having more visibility into the project is always good, and automation makes it easier for developers to do the right thing. When everyone can see the status of the project, developers are encouraged to keep the project in good working order. Unit tests that aren't run on a regular basis tend to suffer from bitrot just like code does: exercising them on a regular basis helps to keep them functioning and useful.

The current version of the Buildbot is additionally targeted at distributed free-software projects, where resources and platforms are only available when provided by interested volunteers. The workers are designed to require an absolute minimum of configuration, reducing the effort a potential volunteer needs to expend to be able to contribute a new test environment to the project. The goal is for anyone who wishes that a given project would run on their favorite platform should be able to offer that project a worker, running on that platform, where they can verify that their portability code works, and keeps working.

## 2.1.2 System Architecture

The Buildbot consists of a single *buildmaster* and one or more *workers*, connected in a star topology. The buildmaster makes all decisions about what, when, and how to build. It sends commands to be run on the workers, which simply execute the commands and return the results. (certain steps involve more local decision making, where the overhead of sending a lot of commands back and forth would be inappropriate, but in general the buildmaster is responsible for everything).

The buildmaster is usually fed Changes by some sort of version control system (*Change Sources and Changes*), which may cause builds to be run. As the builds are performed, various status messages are produced, which are then sent to any registered *Reporters*.

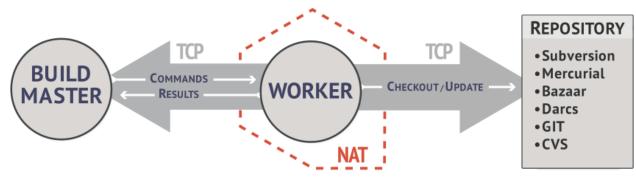


The buildmaster is configured and maintained by the *buildmaster admin*, who is generally the project team member responsible for build process issues. Each worker is maintained by a *worker admin*, who do not need to be quite as involved. Generally workers are run by anyone who has an interest in seeing the project work well on their favorite platform.

#### **Worker Connections**

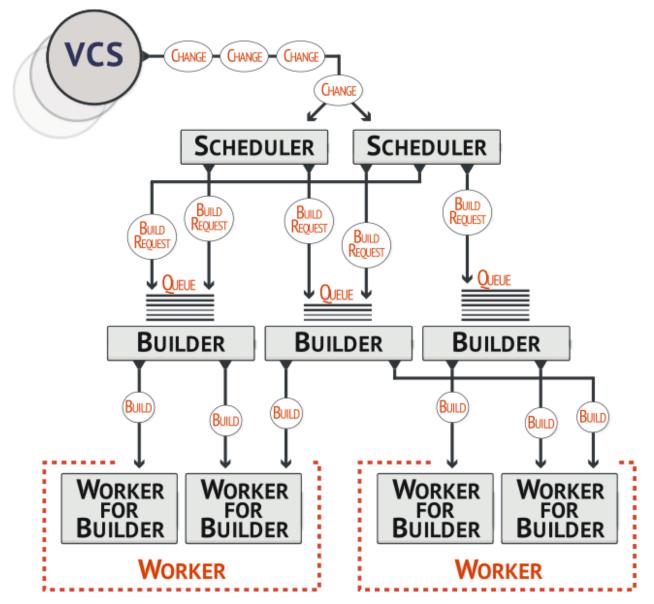
The workers are typically run on a variety of separate machines, at least one per platform of interest. These machines connect to the buildmaster over a TCP connection to a publicly-visible port. As a result, the workers can live behind a NAT box or similar firewalls, as long as they can get to buildmaster. The TCP connections are initiated by the worker and accepted by the buildmaster, but commands and results travel both ways within this connection. The buildmaster is always in charge, so all commands travel exclusively from the buildmaster to the worker.

To perform builds, the workers must typically obtain source code from a CVS/SVN/etc repository. Therefore they must also be able to reach the repository. The buildmaster provides instructions for performing builds, but does not provide the source code itself.



#### **Buildmaster Architecture**

The buildmaster consists of several pieces:



- **Change Sources** Which create a Change object each time something is modified in the VC repository. Most ChangeSources listen for messages from a hook script of some sort. Some sources actively poll the repository on a regular basis. All Changes are fed to the schedulers.
- Schedulers Which decide when builds should be performed. They collect Changes into BuildRequests, which are then queued for delivery to Builders until a worker is available.
- **Builders** Which control exactly *how* each build is performed (with a series of BuildSteps, configured in a BuildFactory). Each Build is run on a single worker.
- Status plugins Which deliver information about the build results through protocols like HTTP, mail, and IRC.

Each Builder is configured with a list of Workers that it will use for its builds. These workers are expected to behave identically: the only reason to use multiple Workers for a single Builder is to provide a measure of load-balancing.

Within a single Worker, each Builder creates its own WorkerForBuilder instance. These WorkerForBuilders operate independently from each other. Each gets its own base directory to work in. It is quite common to have many Builders sharing the same worker. For example, there might be two workers: one

for i386, and a second for PowerPC. There may then be a pair of Builders that do a full compile/test run, one for each architecture, and a lone Builder that creates snapshot source tarballs if the full builders complete successfully. The full builders would each run on a single worker, whereas the tarball creation step might run on either worker (since the platform doesn't matter when creating source tarballs). In this case, the mapping would look like:

```
Builder(full-i386) -> Workers(worker-i386)
Builder(full-ppc) -> Workers(worker-ppc)
Builder(source-tarball) -> Workers(worker-i386, worker-ppc)
```

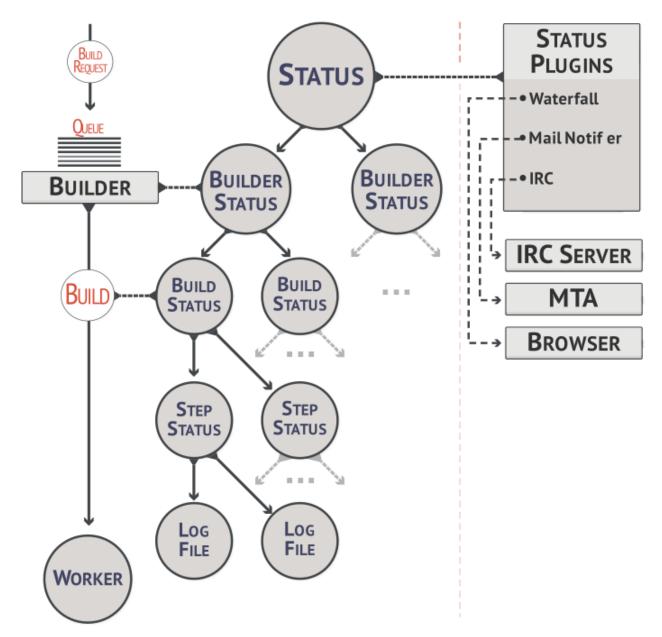
and each Worker would have two WorkerForBuilders inside it, one for a full builder, and a second for the source-tarball builder.

Once a WorkerForBuilder is available, the Builder pulls one or more BuildRequests off its incoming queue. (It may pull more than one if it determines that it can merge the requests together; for example, there may be multiple requests to build the current *HEAD* revision). These requests are merged into a single Build instance, which includes the SourceStamp that describes what exact version of the source code should be used for the build. The Build is then randomly assigned to a free WorkerForBuilder and the build begins.

The behaviour when BuildRequests are merged can be customized, Collapsing Build Requests.

#### **Status Delivery Architecture**

The buildmaster maintains a central Status object, to which various status plugins are connected. Through this Status object, a full hierarchy of build status objects can be obtained.



The configuration file controls which status plugins are active. Each status plugin gets a reference to the top-level Status object. From there they can request information on each Builder, Build, Step, and LogFile. This query-on-demand interface is used by the html.Waterfall plugin to create the main status page each time a web browser hits the main URL.

The status plugins can also subscribe to hear about new Builds as they occur: this is used by the MailNotifier to create new email messages for each recently-completed Build.

The Status object records the status of old builds on disk in the buildmaster's base directory. This allows it to return information about historical builds.

There are also status objects that correspond to Schedulers and Workers. These allow status plugins to report information about upcoming builds, and the online/offline status of each worker.

# 2.1.3 Control Flow

A day in the life of the Buildbot:

- A developer commits some source code changes to the repository. A hook script or commit trigger of some sort sends information about this change to the buildmaster through one of its configured Change Sources. This notification might arrive via email, or over a network connection (either initiated by the buildmaster as it *subscribes* to changes, or by the commit trigger as it pushes Changes towards the buildmaster). The Change contains information about who made the change, what files were modified, which revision contains the change, and any checkin comments.
- The buildmaster distributes this change to all of its configured schedulers. Any important changes cause the tree-stable-timer to be started, and the Change is added to a list of those that will go into a new Build. When the timer expires, a Build is started on each of a set of configured Builders, all compiling/testing the same source code. Unless configured otherwise, all Builds run in parallel on the various workers.
- The Build consists of a series of Steps. Each Step causes some number of commands to be invoked on the remote worker associated with that Builder. The first step is almost always to perform a checkout of the appropriate revision from the same VC system that produced the Change. The rest generally perform a compile and run unit tests. As each Step runs, the worker reports back command output and return status to the buildmaster.
- As the Build runs, status messages like "Build Started", "Step Started", "Build Finished", etc, are published to a collection of Status Targets. One of these targets is usually the HTML Waterfall display, which shows a chronological list of events, and summarizes the results of the most recent build at the top of each column. Developers can periodically check this page to see how their changes have fared. If they see red, they know that they've made a mistake and need to fix it. If they see green, they know that they've done their duty and don't need to worry about their change breaking anything.
- If a MailNotifier status target is active, the completion of a build will cause email to be sent to any developers whose Changes were incorporated into this Build. The MailNotifier can be configured to only send mail upon failing builds, or for builds which have just transitioned from passing to failing. Other status targets can provide similar real-time notification via different communication channels, like IRC.

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# 2.2 Installation

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# 2.2.1 Buildbot Components

Buildbot is shipped in two components: the *buildmaster* (called buildbot for legacy reasons) and the *worker*. The worker component has far fewer requirements, and is more broadly compatible than the buildmaster. You will need to carefully pick the environment in which to run your buildmaster, but the worker should be able to run just about anywhere.

It is possible to install the buildmaster and worker on the same system, although for anything but the smallest installation this arrangement will not be very efficient. Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 2.2.2 Requirements

### **Common Requirements**

At a bare minimum, you'll need the following for both the buildmaster and a worker:

Python: https://www.python.org

Buildbot master works with Python-3.5+. Buildbot worker works with Python 2.7, or Python 3.5+.

**Note:** This should be a "normal" build of Python. Builds of Python with debugging enabled or other unusual build parameters are likely to cause incorrect behavior.

Twisted: http://twistedmatrix.com

Buildbot requires Twisted-17.9.0 or later on the master and the worker. In upcoming versions of Buildbot, a newer Twisted will also be required on the worker. As always, the most recent version is recommended.

Of course, your project's build process will impose additional requirements on the workers. These hosts must have all the tools necessary to compile and test your project's source code.

### Windows Support

Buildbot - both master and worker - runs well natively on Windows. The worker runs well on Cygwin, but because of problems with SQLite on Cygwin, the master does not.

Buildbot's windows testing is limited to the most recent Twisted and Python versions. For best results, use the most recent available versions of these libraries on Windows.

Pywin32: http://sourceforge.net/projects/pywin32/

Twisted requires PyWin32 in order to spawn processes on Windows.

### **Buildmaster Requirements**

Note that all of these requirements aside from SQLite can easily be installed from the Python package repository, PyPI.

sqlite3: http://www.sqlite.org

Buildbot requires a database to store its state, and by default uses SQLite. Version 3.7.0 or higher is recommended, although Buildbot will run down to 3.6.16 – at the risk of "Database is locked" errors. The minimum version is 3.4.0, below which parallel database queries and schema introspection fail.

Please note that Python ships with sqlite3 by default since Python 2.6.

If you configure a different database engine, then SQLite is not required. however note that Buildbot's own unit tests require SQLite.

#### Jinja2: http://jinja.pocoo.org/

Buildbot requires Jinja version 2.1 or higher.

Jinja2 is a general purpose templating language and is used by Buildbot to generate the HTML output.

SQLAlchemy: http://www.sqlalchemy.org/

Buildbot requires SQLAlchemy version 1.1.0 or higher. SQLAlchemy allows Buildbot to build database schemas and queries for a wide variety of database systems.

SQLAlchemy-Migrate: https://sqlalchemy-migrate.readthedocs.io/en/latest/

Buildbot requires SQLAlchemy-Migrate version 0.9.0 or higher. Buildbot uses SQLAlchemy-Migrate to manage schema upgrades from version to version.

Python-Dateutil: http://labix.org/python-dateutil

Buildbot requires Python-Dateutil in version 1.5 or higher (the last version to support Python-2.x). This is a small, pure-Python library.

Autobahn:

The master requires Autobahn version 0.16.0 or higher with Python 2.7.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 2.2.3 Installing the code

### The Buildbot Packages

Buildbot comes in several parts: buildbot (the buildmaster), buildbot-worker (the worker), buildbot-www, and several web plugins such as buildbot-waterfall-view.

The worker and buildmaster can be installed individually or together. The base web (buildbot.www) and web plugins are required to run a master with a web interface (the common configuration).

### Installation From PyPI

The preferred way to install Buildbot is using pip. For the master:

pip install buildbot

and for the worker:

pip install buildbot-worker

When using pip to install instead of distribution specific package managers, e.g. via *apt-get* or *ports*, it is simpler to choose exactly which version one wants to use. It may however be easier to install via distribution specific package mangers but note that they may provide an earlier version than what is available via pip.

If you plan to use TLS or SSL in master configuration (e.g. to fetch resources over HTTPS using twisted.web. client), you need to install Buildbot with tls extras:

```
pip install buildbot[tls]
```

### Installation From Tarballs

Buildbot master and buildbot-worker are installed using the standard Python distutils (http://docs.python.org/library/distutils.html) process. For either component, after unpacking the tarball, the process is:

```
python setup.py build
python setup.py install
```

where the install step may need to be done as root. This will put the bulk of the code in somewhere like /usr/lib/ pythonx.y/site-packages/buildbot. It will also install the **buildbot** command-line tool in /usr/ bin/buildbot.

If the environment variable \$NO\_INSTALL\_REQS is set to 1, then setup.py will not try to install Buildbot's requirements. This is usually only useful when building a Buildbot package.

To test this, shift to a different directory (like /tmp), and run:

```
buildbot --version
# or
buildbot-worker --version
```

If it shows you the versions of Buildbot and Twisted, the install went ok. If it says "no such command" or it gets an ImportError when it tries to load the libraries, then something went wrong. pydoc buildbot is another useful diagnostic tool.

Windows users will find these files in other places. You will need to make sure that Python can find the libraries, and will probably find it convenient to have **buildbot** on your PATH.

### Installation in a Virtualenv

If you cannot or do not wish to install the buildbot into a site-wide location like /usr or /usr/local, you can also install it into the account's home directory or any other location using a tool like virtualenv (http://pypi.python.org/pypi/virtualenv).

# **Running Buildbot's Tests (optional)**

If you wish, you can run the buildbot unit test suite. First, ensure you have the mock (http://pypi.python.org/pypi/mock) Python module installed from PyPI. You must not be using a Python wheels packaged version of Buildbot or have specified the bdist\_wheel command when building. The test suite is not included with the PyPi packaged version. This module is not required for ordinary Buildbot operation - only to run the tests. Note that this is not the same as the Fedora mock package!

You can check with

python -mmock

Then, run the tests:

```
PYTHONPATH=. trial buildbot.test
# or
PYTHONPATH=. trial buildbot_worker.test
```

Nothing should fail, although a few might be skipped.

If any of the tests fail for reasons other than a missing mock, you should stop and investigate the cause before continuing the installation process, as it will probably be easier to track down the bug early. In most cases, the problem is incorrectly installed Python modules or a badly configured PYTHONPATH. This may be a good time to contact the Buildbot developers for help.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 2.2.4 Buildmaster Setup

### Creating a buildmaster

As you learned earlier (*System Architecture*), the buildmaster runs on a central host (usually one that is publicly visible, so everybody can check on the status of the project), and controls all aspects of the buildbot system

You will probably wish to create a separate user account for the buildmaster, perhaps named buildmaster. Do not run the buildmaster as root!

You need to choose a directory for the buildmaster, called the basedir. This directory will be owned by the buildmaster. It will contain configuration, the database, and status information - including logfiles. On a large buildmaster this directory will see a lot of activity, so it should be on a disk with adequate space and speed.

Once you've picked a directory, use the buildbot create-master command to create the directory and populate it with startup files:

buildbot create-master -r basedir

You will need to create a *configuration file* before starting the buildmaster. Most of the rest of this manual is dedicated to explaining how to do this. A sample configuration file is placed in the working directory, named master.cfg. sample, which can be copied to master.cfg and edited to suit your purposes.

(Internal details: This command creates a file named buildbot.tac that contains all the state necessary to create the buildmaster. Twisted has a tool called twistd which can use this .tac file to create and launch a buildmaster instance. Twistd takes care of logging and daemonization (running the program in the background). /usr/bin/buildbot is a front end which runs *twistd* for you.)

Your master will need a database to store the various information about your builds, and its configuration. By default, the sqlite3 backend will be used. This needs no configuration, neither extra software. All information will be stored in the file state.sqlite. Buildbot however supports multiple backends. See *Using A Database Server* for more options.

### **Buildmaster Options**

This section lists options to the create-master command. You can also type buildbot create-master --help for an up-to-the-moment summary.

### --force

This option will allow to re-use an existing directory.

### --no-logrotate

This disables internal worker log management mechanism. With this option worker does not override the default logfile name and its behaviour giving a possibility to control those with command-line options of twistd daemon.

#### --relocatable

This creates a "relocatable" buildbot.tac, which uses relative paths instead of absolute paths, so that the buildmaster directory can be moved about.

#### --config

The name of the configuration file to use. This configuration file need not reside in the buildmaster directory.

--log-size

This is the size in bytes when to rotate the Twisted log files. The default is 10MiB.

### --log-count

This is the number of log rotations to keep around. You can either specify a number or None to keep all twistd.log files around. The default is 10.

--db

The database that the Buildmaster should use. Note that the same value must be added to the configuration file.

# **Upgrading an Existing Buildmaster**

If you have just installed a new version of the Buildbot code, and you have buildmasters that were created using an older version, you'll need to upgrade these buildmasters before you can use them. The upgrade process adds and modifies files in the buildmaster's base directory to make it compatible with the new code.

buildbot upgrade-master basedir

This command will also scan your master.cfg file for incompatibilities (by loading it and printing any errors or deprecation warnings that occur). Each buildbot release tries to be compatible with configurations that worked cleanly (i.e. without deprecation warnings) on the previous release: any functions or classes that are to be removed will first be deprecated in a release, to give you a chance to start using the replacement.

The upgrade-master command is idempotent. It is safe to run it multiple times. After each upgrade of the Buildbot code, you should use upgrade-master on all your buildmasters.

**Warning:** The upgrade-master command may perform database schema modifications. To avoid any data loss or corruption, it should **not** be interrupted. As a safeguard, it ignores all signals except SIGKILL.

In general, Buildbot workers and masters can be upgraded independently, although some new features will not be available, depending on the master and worker versions.

Beyond this general information, read all of the sections below that apply to versions through which you are upgrading.

# **Version-specific Notes**

# Upgrading from Buildbot-0.8.x to Buildbot-0.9.x

See Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0 for a guide to upgrading from 0.8.x to 0.9.x

# Upgrading a Buildmaster to Buildbot-0.7.6

The 0.7.6 release introduced the public\_html/ directory, which contains index.html and other files served by the WebStatus and Waterfall status displays. The upgrade-master command will create these files if they do not already exist. It will not modify existing copies, but it will write a new copy in e.g. index.html.new if the new version differs from the version that already exists.

# Upgrading a Buildmaster to Buildbot-0.8.0

Buildbot-0.8.0 introduces a database backend, which is SQLite by default. The upgrade-master command will automatically create and populate this database with the changes the buildmaster has seen. Note that, as of this release, build history is *not* contained in the database, and is thus not migrated.

# Upgrading into a non-SQLite database

If you are not using sqlite, you will need to add an entry into your master.cfg to reflect the database version you are using. The upgrade process does *not* edit your master.cfg for you. So something like:

```
# for using mysql:
c['db_url'] = 'mysql://bbuser:<password>@localhost/buildbot'
```

Once the parameter has been added, invoke upgrade-master. This will extract the DB url from your configuration file.

```
buildbot upgrade-master
```

See Database Specification for more options to specify a database.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 2.2.5 Worker Setup

### Creating a worker

Typically, you will be adding a worker to an existing buildmaster, to provide additional architecture coverage. The Buildbot administrator will give you several pieces of information necessary to connect to the buildmaster. You should also be somewhat familiar with the project being tested, so you can troubleshoot build problems locally.

The Buildbot exists to make sure that the project's stated how to build it process actually works. To this end, the worker should run in an environment just like that of your regular developers. Typically the project build process is documented somewhere (README, INSTALL, etc), in a document that should mention all library dependencies and contain a basic set of build instructions. This document will be useful as you configure the host and account in which the worker runs.

Here's a good checklist for setting up a worker:

1. Set up the account

It is recommended (although not mandatory) to set up a separate user account for the worker. This account is frequently named buildbot or worker. This serves to isolate your personal working environment from that of the worker's, and helps to minimize the security threat posed by letting possibly-unknown contributors run arbitrary code on your system. The account should have a minimum of fancy init scripts.

2. Install the Buildbot code

Follow the instructions given earlier (*Installing the code*). If you use a separate worker account, and you didn't install the Buildbot code to a shared location, then you will need to install it with --home=~ for each account that needs it.

3. Set up the host

Make sure the host can actually reach the buildmaster. Usually the buildmaster is running a status webserver on the same machine, so simply point your web browser at it and see if you can get there. Install whatever additional packages or libraries the project's INSTALL document advises. (or not: if your worker is supposed to make sure that building without optional libraries still works, then don't install those libraries.) Again, these libraries don't necessarily have to be installed to a site-wide shared location, but they must be available to your build process. Accomplishing this is usually very specific to the build process, so installing them to /usr or /usr/local is usually the best approach.

4. Test the build process

Follow the instructions in the INSTALL document, in the worker's account. Perform a full CVS (or whatever) checkout, configure, make, run tests, etc. Confirm that the build works without manual fussing. If it doesn't work when you do it by hand, it will be unlikely to work when the Buildbot attempts to do it in an automated fashion.

5. Choose a base directory

This should be somewhere in the worker's account, typically named after the project which is being tested. The worker will not touch any file outside of this directory. Something like ~/Buildbot or ~/Workers/fooproject is appropriate.

6. Get the buildmaster host/port, botname, and password

When the Buildbot admin configures the buildmaster to accept and use your worker, they will provide you with the following pieces of information:

- your worker's name
- · the password assigned to your worker
- the hostname and port number of the buildmaster, i.e. http://buildbot.example.org:8007
- 7. Create the worker

Now run the 'worker' command as follows:

buildbot-worker create-worker BASEDIR MASTERHOST:PORT
WORKERNAME PASSWORD

This will create the base directory and a collection of files inside, including the buildbot.tac file that contains all the information you passed to the **buildbot** command.

8. Fill in the hostinfo files

When it first connects, the worker will send a few files up to the buildmaster which describe the host that it is running on. These files are presented on the web status display so that developers have more information to reproduce any test failures that are witnessed by the Buildbot. There are sample files in the info subdirectory of the Buildbot's base directory. You should edit these to correctly describe you and your host.

BASEDIR/info/admin should contain your name and email address. This is the worker admin address, and will be visible from the build status page (so you may wish to munge it a bit if address-harvesting spambots are a concern).

BASEDIR/info/host should be filled with a brief description of the host: OS, version, memory size, CPU speed, versions of relevant libraries installed, and finally the version of the Buildbot code which is running the worker.

The optional *BASEDIR*/info/access\_uri can specify a URI which will connect a user to the machine. Many systems accept ssh://hostname URIs for this purpose.

If you run many workers, you may want to create a single ~worker/info file and share it among all the workers with symlinks.

## **Worker Options**

There are a handful of options you might want to use when creating the worker with the buildbot-worker create-worker <options> DIR <params> command. You can type buildbot-worker create-worker --help for a summary. To use these, just include them on the buildbot-worker create-worker command line, like this

buildbot-worker create-worker --umask=0o22 ~/worker buildmaster.example.org:42012
→{myworkername} {mypasswd}

### --no-logrotate

This disables internal worker log management mechanism. With this option worker does not override the default logfile name and its behaviour giving a possibility to control those with command-line options of twistd daemon.

#### --umask

This is a string (generally an octal representation of an integer) which will cause the worker process' umask value to be set shortly after initialization. The twistd daemonization utility forces the umask to 077 at startup (which means that all files created by the worker or its child processes will be unreadable by any user other than the worker account). If you want build products to be readable by other accounts, you can add --umask=0022 to tell the worker to fix the umask after twistd clobbers it. If you want build products to be *writable* by other accounts too, use --umask=00000, but this is likely to be a security problem.

### --keepalive

This is a number that indicates how frequently keepalive messages should be sent from the worker to the buildmaster, expressed in seconds. The default (600) causes a message to be sent to the buildmaster at least once every 10 minutes. To set this to a lower value, use e.g. --keepalive=120.

If the worker is behind a NAT box or stateful firewall, these messages may help to keep the connection alive: some NAT boxes tend to forget about a connection if it has not been used in a while. When this happens, the buildmaster will think that the worker has disappeared, and builds will time out. Meanwhile the worker will not realize than anything is wrong.

#### --maxdelay

This is a number that indicates the maximum amount of time the worker will wait between connection attempts, expressed in seconds. The default (300) causes the worker to wait at most 5 minutes before trying to connect to the buildmaster again.

#### --maxretries

This is a number that indicates the maximum number of time the worker will make connection attempts. After that amount, the worker process will stop. This option is useful for *Latent Workers* to avoid consuming resources in case of misconfiguration or master failure.

For VM based latent workers, the user is responsible for halting the system when Buildbot worker has exited. This feature is heavily OS dependent, and cannot be managed by Buildbot worker. For example with systemd (https://www.freedesktop.org/software/systemd/man/systemd.service.html), one can add ExecStopPost=shutdown now to the Buildbot worker service unit configuration.

### --log-size

This is the size in bytes when to rotate the Twisted log files.

#### --log-count

This is the number of log rotations to keep around. You can either specify a number or None to keep all twistd.log files around. The default is 10.

### --allow-shutdown

Can also be passed directly to the Worker constructor in buildbot.tac. If set, it allows the worker to initiate a graceful shutdown, meaning that it will ask the master to shut down the worker when the current build, if any, is complete.

Setting allow\_shutdown to file will cause the worker to watch shutdown.stamp in basedir for updates to its mtime. When the mtime changes, the worker will request a graceful shutdown from the master. The file does not need to exist prior to starting the worker.

Setting allow\_shutdown to signal will set up a SIGHUP handler to start a graceful shutdown. When the signal is received, the worker will request a graceful shutdown from the master.

The default value is None, in which case this feature will be disabled.

Both master and worker must be at least version 0.8.3 for this feature to work.

#### --use-tls

Can also be passed directly to the Worker constructor in buildbot.tac. If set, the generated connection string starts with tls instead of with tcp, allowing encrypted connection to the buildmaster. Make sure the worker trusts the buildmasters certificate. If you have an non-authoritative certificate (CA is self-signed) see connection\_string below.

### --delete-leftover-dirs

Can also be passed directly to the Worker constructor in buildbot.tac. If set, unexpected directories in worker base directory will be removed. Otherwise, a warning will be displayed in twistd.log so that you can manually remove them.

### **Other Worker Configuration**

unicode\_encoding This represents the encoding that Buildbot should use when converting unicode commandline arguments into byte strings in order to pass to the operating system when spawning new processes.

The default value is what Python's sys.getfilesystemencoding returns, which on Windows is 'mbcs', on Mac OSX is 'utf-8', and on Unix depends on your locale settings.

If you need a different encoding, this can be changed in your worker's buildbot.tac file by adding a unicode\_encoding argument to the Worker constructor.

# Worker TLS Configuration

tls See --useTls option above as an alternative to setting the conneciton\_string manually.

connection\_string For TLS connections to the master the connection\_string-argument must be used to
 Worker.\_\_init\_\_ function. buildmaster\_host and port must then be None.

connection\_string will be used to create a client endpoint with clientFromString
(https://twistedmatrix.com/documents/current/api/twisted.internet.endpoints.clientFromString.html). An
example of connection\_string is "TLS:buildbot-master.com:9989".

See more about how to formulate the connection string in ConnectionStrings (https://twistedmatrix.com/documents/current/core/howto/endpoints.html).

Example TLS connection string:

Make sure the worker trusts the masters certificate. If you have an non-authoritative certificate (CA is self-signed) the trustRoot parameter can be used.

It must point to a directory with PEM-encoded certificates in files with file ending .pem. For example:

```
$ cat /dir-with-ca-certs/ca.pem
----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----
MIIE9DCCA9ygAwIBAgIJALEqLrC/m1w3MA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBCwUAMIGsMQswCQYD
VQQGEwJaWjELMAkGA1UECBMCUUExEDAOBqNVBAcTB05vd2hlcmUxETAPBqNVBAoT
CEJ1aWxkYm90MRkwFwYDVQQLExBEZXZ1bG9wbWVudCBUZWFtMRQwEgYDVQQDEwtC
dWlsZGJvdCBDQTEQMA4GA1UEKRMHRWFzeVJTQTEoMCYGCSqGSIb3DQEJARYZYnVp
bGRib3RAaW50ZWdyYXRpb24udGVzdDAeFw0xNjA5MDIxMjA5NTJaFw0yNjA4MzEx
MjA5NTJaMIGsMQswCQYDVQQGEwJaWjELMAkGA1UECBMCUUExEDAOBqNVBAcTB05v
d2hlcmUxETAPBqNVBAoTCEJ1aWxkYm90MRkwFwYDVQQLExBEZXZ1bG9wbWVudCBU
ZWFtMRQwEqYDVQQDEwtCdWlsZGJvdCBDQTEQMA4GA1UEKRMHRWFzeVJTQTEoMCYG
CSqGSIb3DQEJARYZYnVpbGRib3RAaW50ZWdyYXRpb24udGVzdDCCASIwDQYJKoZI
hvcNAQEBBQADqqEPADCCAQoCqqEBALJZcC9j4XYBi1fYT/fibY2FRWn6Qh74b1Pq
I7iIde6Sf3DPdh/oqYvZAT+cIlkZdo4v326d0EkuYKcywDvho8UeET6sIYhuHPDW
lRllRet6ylxpbEfxFNvMoEGNhYAP0C6gS2eWEP9LkV2lCuMQtWWzdedjk+efqBjR
Gozaim0lr/5lx7bnVx0oRLAgbI5/9Ukbopansfr+Cp9CpFpbNPGZSmELzC3FPKXK
5tycj8WEqlywlha2/VRnCZfYefB3aAuQqQilLh+QHyhn6hzc26+n5B018QvrMkOX
atKdznMLzJWGxS7UwmDKcsolcMAW+82BZ8nUCBPF3U5PkTL0540CAwEAAaOCARUw
ggERMB0GA1UdDgQWBBT7A/I+MZ1sFFJ9jikYkn51Q3wJ+TCB4QYDVR0jBIHZMIHW
qBT7A/I+MZ1sFFJ9jikYkn51Q3wJ+aGBsqSBrzCBrDELMAkGA1UEBhMCWloxCzAJ
BqNVBAqTA1FBMRAwDqYDVQQHEwdOb3doZXJ1MREwDwYDVQQKEwhCdWlsZGJvdDEZ
MBcGA1UECxMQRGV2ZWxvcG1lbnQqVGVhbTEUMBIGA1UEAxMLQnVpbGRib3QqQ0Ex
EDAOBgNVBCkTB0Vhc31SU0ExKDAmBgkqhkiG9w0BCQEWGWJ1aWxkYm90QGludGVn
cmF0aW9uLnRlc3SCCQCxKi6wv5tcNzAMBqNVHRMEBTADAQH/MA0GCSqGSIb3DQEB
CwUAA4IBAQCJGJVMAmwZRK/mRqm9E0e3s4YGmYT2jwX5IX17XljEy+1cS4huuZW2
33CFpslkT1MN/r8IIZWilxT/lTujHyt4eERGjE1oRVKU8rlTH8WUjFzPIVu7nkte
09abqynAoec8aQukg79NRCY11/E2/WzfnUt3yTgKPfZmzoiN0K+hH4gVlWtrizPA
LaGwoslYYTA6jHNEeMm80QLNf170TmAa7EpeIgVpLRCieI9S3JIG4WYU8fVkeuiU
cB439SdixU4cecVjNfFDpq6JM8N6+DQoYOSNRt9Dy0ioGyx5D41WoIQ+BmXQENa1
gw+XLyejeNTNgLOxf9pbNYMJqxhkTkoE
----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

Using TCP in connection\_string is the equivalent as using the buildmaster\_host and port arguments.

is equivalent to

# **Upgrading an Existing Worker**

### **Version-specific Notes**

During project lifetime worker has transitioned over few states:

1. Before Buildbot version 0.8.1 worker were integral part of buildbot package distribution.

- 2. Starting from Buildbot version 0.8.1 worker were extracted from buildbot package to buildbot-slave package.
- 3. Starting from Buildbot version 0.9.0 the buildbot-slave package was renamed to buildbot-worker.

# Upgrading a Worker to buildbot-slave 0.8.1

Before Buildbot version 0.8.1, the Buildbot master and worker were part of the same distribution. As of version 0.8.1, the worker is a separate distribution.

As of this release, you will need to install buildbot-slave to run a worker.

Any automatic startup scripts that had run buildbot start for previous versions should be changed to run buildslave start instead.

If you are running a version later than 0.8.1, then you can skip the remainder of this section: the upgrade-slave command will take care of this. If you are upgrading directly to 0.8.1, read on.

The existing buildbot.tac for any workers running older versions will need to be edited or replaced. If the loss of cached worker state (e.g., for Source steps in copy mode) is not problematic, the easiest solution is to simply delete the worker directory and re-run buildslave create-slave.

If deleting the worker directory is problematic, the change to buildbot.tac is simple. On line 3, replace:

from buildbot.slave.bot import BuildSlave

with:

```
from buildslave.bot import BuildSlave
```

After this change, the worker should start as usual.

### Upgrading from 0.8.1 to the latest 0.8.\* version of buildbot-slave

If you have just installed a new version of Buildbot-slave, you may need to take some steps to upgrade it. If you are upgrading to version 0.8.2 or later, you can run

buildslave upgrade-slave /path/to/worker/dir

### Upgrading from the latest version of buildbot-slave to buildbot-worker

If the loss of cached worker state (e.g., for Source steps in copy mode) is not problematic, the easiest solution is to simply delete the worker directory and re-run buildbot-worker create-worker.

If deleting the worker directory is problematic, you can change buildbot.tac in the following way:

1. Replace:

from buildslave.bot import BuildSlave

with:

from buildbot\_worker.bot import Worker

2. Replace:

application = service.Application('buildslave')

with:

application = service.Application('buildbot-worker')

3. Replace:

with:

See Transition to "Worker" Terminology for details of changes in version Buildbot 0.9.0.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 2.2.6 Next Steps

### Launching the daemons

Both the buildmaster and the worker run as daemon programs. To launch them, pass the working directory to the **buildbot** and **buildbot-worker** commands, as appropriate:

```
# start a master
buildbot start [ BASEDIR ]
# start a worker
buildbot-worker start [ WORKER_BASEDIR ]
```

The *BASEDIR* is option and can be omitted if the current directory contains the buildbot configuration (the buildbot.tac file).

buildbot start

This command will start the daemon and then return, so normally it will not produce any output. To verify that the programs are indeed running, look for a pair of files named twistd.log and twistd.pid that should be created in the working directory. twistd.pid contains the process ID of the newly-spawned daemon.

When the worker connects to the buildmaster, new directories will start appearing in its base directory. The buildmaster tells the worker to create a directory for each Builder which will be using that worker. All build operations are performed within these directories: CVS checkouts, compiles, and tests.

Once you get everything running, you will want to arrange for the buildbot daemons to be started at boot time. One way is to use **cron**, by putting them in a @reboot crontab entry<sup>1</sup>

```
@reboot buildbot start [ BASEDIR ]
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This @reboot syntax is understood by Vixie cron, which is the flavor usually provided with Linux systems. Other unices may have a cron that doesn't understand @reboot

When you run **crontab** to set this up, remember to do it as the buildmaster or worker account! If you add this to your crontab when running as your regular account (or worse yet, root), then the daemon will run as the wrong user, quite possibly as one with more authority than you intended to provide.

It is important to remember that the environment provided to cron jobs and init scripts can be quite different than your normal runtime. There may be fewer environment variables specified, and the PATH may be shorter than usual. It is a good idea to test out this method of launching the worker by using a cron job with a time in the near future, with the same command, and then check twistd.log to make sure the worker actually started correctly. Common problems here are for /usr/local or ~/bin to not be on your PATH, or for PYTHONPATH to not be set correctly. Sometimes HOME is messed up too. If using systemd to launch **buildbot-worker** it may be a good idea to specify a fixed PATH using the Environment directive, see systemd unit file example (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbotcontrib/blob/master/master/contrib/systemd/worker.service)

Some distributions may include conveniences to make starting buildbot at boot time easy. For instance, with the default buildbot package in Debian-based distributions, you may only need to modify /etc/default/buildbot (see also /etc/init.d/buildbot, which reads the configuration in /etc/default/buildbot).

Buildbot also comes with its own init scripts that provide support for controlling multi-worker and multi-master setups (mostly because they are based on the init script from the Debian package). With a little modification these scripts can be used both on Debian and RHEL-based distributions and may thus prove helpful to package maintainers who are working on buildbot (or those that haven't yet split buildbot into master and worker packages).

```
# install as /etc/default/buildbot-worker
         or /etc/sysconfig/buildbot-worker
#
worker/contrib/init-scripts/buildbot-worker.default
# install as /etc/default/buildmaster
#
          or /etc/sysconfig/buildmaster
master/contrib/init-scripts/buildmaster.default
# install as /etc/init.d/buildbot-worker
worker/contrib/init-scripts/buildbot-worker.init.sh
# install as /etc/init.d/buildmaster
master/contrib/init-scripts/buildmaster.init.sh
# ... and tell sysvinit about them
chkconfig buildmaster reset
# ... or
update-rc.d buildmaster defaults
```

### Launching worker as Windows service

You can find information about installation of Buildbot as Windows service here RunningBuildbotOnWindows (http://trac.buildbot.net/wiki/RunningBuildbotOnWindows). Recent version of Buildbot worker has simplified configuration for Windows service.

```
buildbot_worker_windows_service.exe --user YOURDOMAIN\theusername --password_

→thepassword --startup auto install
```

automatically adds user rights to run Buildbot as service.

# Logfiles

While a buildbot daemon runs, it emits text to a logfile, named twistd.log. A command like tail -f twistd. log is useful to watch the command output as it runs.

The buildmaster will announce any errors with its configuration file in the logfile, so it is a good idea to look at the log at startup time to check for any problems. Most buildmaster activities will cause lines to be added to the log.

### Shutdown

To stop a buildmaster or worker manually, use:

```
buildbot stop [ BASEDIR ]
# or
buildbot-worker stop [ WORKER_BASEDIR ]
```

This simply looks for the twistd.pid file and kills whatever process is identified within.

At system shutdown, all processes are sent a SIGKILL. The buildmaster and worker will respond to this by shutting down normally.

The buildmaster will respond to a SIGHUP by re-reading its config file. Of course, this only works on Unix-like systems with signal support, and won't work on Windows. The following shortcut is available:

buildbot reconfig [ BASEDIR ]

When you update the Buildbot code to a new release, you will need to restart the buildmaster and/or worker before it can take advantage of the new code. You can do a buildbot stop *BASEDIR* and buildbot start *BASEDIR* in quick succession, or you can use the restart shortcut, which does both steps for you:

buildbot restart [ BASEDIR ]

Workers can similarly be restarted with:

buildbot-worker restart [ BASEDIR ]

There are certain configuration changes that are not handled cleanly by buildbot reconfig. If this occurs, buildbot restart is a more robust tool to fully switch over to the new configuration.

buildbot restart may also be used to start a stopped Buildbot instance. This behaviour is useful when writing scripts that stop, start and restart Buildbot.

A worker may also be gracefully shutdown from the web UI. This is useful to shutdown a worker without interrupting any current builds. The buildmaster will wait until the worker has finished all its current builds, and will then tell the worker to shutdown.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 2.3 Concepts

This chapter defines some of the basic concepts that the Buildbot uses. You'll need to understand how the Buildbot sees the world to configure it properly.

# 2.3.1 Source Stamps

Buildbot uses the concept of *source stamp set* to identify exact source code that needs to be built for a certain project. A *source stamp set* is a collection of one or more source stamps.

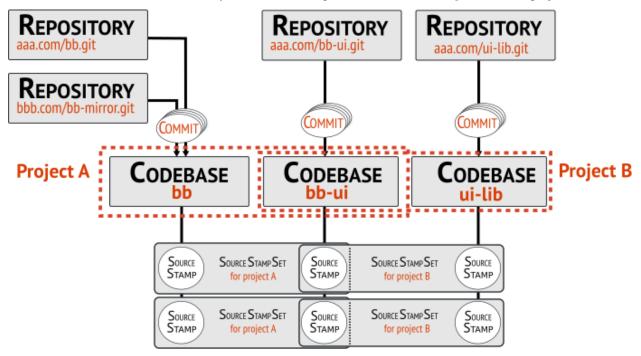
A *source stamp* is a collection of information needed to identify a particular version of code on a certain codebase. This information most often is a revision and possibly a branch.

A *codebase* is a collection of related files and their history tracked as a unit by version control systems. A single codebase may appear in multiple repositories which themselves are identified by URLs. For example, https://github.com/mozilla/mozilla-central and http://hg.mozilla.org/mozilla-release both contain the Firefox codebase, although not exactly the same code.

A *project* corresponds to a set of one or more codebases that together may be built and produce some end artifact. For example, a company may build several applications based on the same core library. The "app" codebase and the "core" codebase are in separate repositories, but are compiled together and constitute a single project. Changes to either codebase should cause a rebuild of the application.

A *revision* is an identifier used by most version control systems to uniquely specify a particular version of the source code. Sometimes in order to do that a revision may make sense only if used in combination with a *branch*.

To sum up the above, to build a project, Buildbot needs to know exactly which version of each codebase it should build. It uses a *source stamp* to do so for each codebase, each of which informs Buildbot that it should use a specific *revision* from that codebase. Collectively these source stamps are called *source stamp set* for each project.



# 2.3.2 Version Control Systems

Buildbot supports a significant number of version control systems, so it treats them abstractly.

For purposes of deciding when to perform builds, Buildbot's change sources monitor repositories, and represent any updates to those repositories as *changes*. These change sources fall broadly into two categories: pollers which periodically check the repository for updates; and hooks, where the repository is configured to notify Buildbot whenever an update occurs. For more information see *Change Sources and Changes* and *How Different VC Systems Specify Sources*.

When it comes time to actually perform a build, a scheduler prepares a source stamp set, as described above, based on its configuration. When the build begins, one or more source steps use the information in the source stamp set to actually check out the source code, using the normal VCS commands.

# 2.3.3 Changes

A *Change* is an abstract way Buildbot uses to represent a single change to the source files performed by a developer. In version control systems that support the notion of atomic check-ins a change represents a changeset or commit.

A Change comprises the following information:

- the developer that is responsible for the change
- the list of files that the change added, removed or modified
- the message of the commit
- the repository, the codebase and the project that the change corresponds to
- the revision and the branch of the commit

# 2.3.4 Scheduling Builds

Each Buildmaster has a set of scheduler objects, each of which gets a copy of every incoming Change. The Schedulers are responsible for deciding when Builds should be run. Some Buildbot installations might have a single scheduler, while others may have several, each for a different purpose.

For example, a *quick* scheduler might exist to give immediate feedback to developers, hoping to catch obvious problems in the code that can be detected quickly. These typically do not run the full test suite, nor do they run on a wide variety of platforms. They also usually do a VC update rather than performing a brand-new checkout each time.

A separate *full* scheduler might run more comprehensive tests, to catch more subtle problems. It might be configured to run after the quick scheduler, to give developers time to commit fixes to bugs caught by the quick scheduler before running the comprehensive tests. This scheduler would also feed multiple Builders.

Many schedulers can be configured to wait a while after seeing a source-code change - this is the *tree stable timer*. The timer allows multiple commits to be "batched" together. This is particularly useful in distributed version control systems, where a developer may push a long sequence of changes all at once. To save resources, it's often desirable only to test the most recent change.

Schedulers can also filter out the changes they are interested in, based on a number of criteria. For example, a scheduler that only builds documentation might skip any changes that do not affect the documentation. Schedulers can also filter on the branch to which a commit was made.

There is some support for configuring dependencies between builds - for example, you may want to build packages only for revisions which pass all of the unit tests. This support is under active development in Buildbot, and is referred to as "build coordination".

Periodic builds (those which are run every N seconds rather than after new Changes arrive) are triggered by a special *Periodic* scheduler.

Each scheduler creates and submits BuildSet objects to the BuildMaster, which is then responsible for making sure the individual BuildRequests are delivered to the target Builders.

Scheduler instances are activated by placing them in the *schedulers* list in the buildmaster config file. Each scheduler must have a unique name.

# 2.3.5 Builds

A Build represents a single compile or test run of a particular version of the source code. A build is comprised of a series of steps. The steps may be arbitrary. For example, for compiled software a build generally consists of the checkout, configure, make, and make check sequence. For interpreted projects like Python modules, a build is generally a checkout followed by an invocation of the bundled test suite.

Builds are created by instances of Builder (see below). A BuildFactory (see below) that is attached to the Builder creates a list of the steps for the new build.

# 2.3.6 BuildSets

A BuildSet represents a set of potentially not yet created Builds that all compile and/or test the same version of the source tree. It tracks whether this set of builds as a whole succeeded or not. The information that is stored in a BuildSet is a set of SourceStamps which define the version of the code to test and a set of Builders which define what builds to create.

# 2.3.7 BuildRequests

A BuildRequest is a request to start a specific build. A BuildRequest consists of the following information:

- the name of the Builder (see below) that will start the build.
- the set of SourceStamps (see above) that specify the version of the source tree to build and/or test.

A BuildRequest may be merged with another BuildRequest if they represent the same version of the source code and the same builder. The user may configure additional restrictions for determining mergeability of build requests.

# 2.3.8 Builders and Build Factories

A Builder is responsible for creating new builds from BuildRequests. Creating a new build is essentially determining the exact steps and other properties of the build and/or test sequence to execute. This is performed by a BuildFactory that is attached to each Builder.

A Builder will attempt to create a Build from a BuildRequest as soon as it is possible, that is, as soon as the associated worker becomes free. When a worker becomes free, the build master will select the oldest BuildRequest that can run on that worker and notify the corresponding Builder to maybe start a build out of it.

Each Builder by default runs completely independently. This means, that a worker that has N builders attached to it, may potentially attempt to run N builds concurrently. This level of concurrency may be controlled by various kinds of *Interlocks*.

At a low level, each builder has its own exclusive directory on the build master and one exclusive directory on each of the workers it is attached to. The directory on the master is used for keeping status information. The directories on the workers are used as a location where the actual checkout, compilation and testing steps happen.

# 2.3.9 Workers

A Worker corresponds to an environment where builds are executed. A single physical machine must run at least one Worker in order for Buildbot to be able to utilize it for running builds. Multiple Workers may run on a single machine to provide different environments that can reuse the same hardware by means of containers or virtual machines.

Each builder is associated with one or more Workers. For example, a builder which is used to perform macOS builds (as opposed to Linux or Windows builds) should naturally be associated with a Mac worker.

If multiple workers are available for any given builder, you will have some measure of redundancy: in case one worker goes offline, the others can still keep the Builder working. In addition, multiple workers will allow multiple simultaneous builds for the same Builder, which might be useful if you have a lot of forced or try builds taking place.

Ideally, each Worker that is configured for a builder should be identical. Otherwise build or test failures will be dependent on which worker the build is ran and this will complicate investigation of failures.

# 2.3.10 Users

Buildbot has a somewhat limited awareness of *users*. It assumes the world consists of a set of developers, each of whom can be described by a couple of simple attributes. These developers make changes to the source code, causing builds which may succeed or fail.

Users also may have different levels of authorization when issuing Buildbot commands, such as forcing a build from the web interface or from an IRC channel.

Each developer is primarily known through the source control system. Each Change object that arrives is tagged with a who field that typically gives the account name (on the repository machine) of the user responsible for that change. This string is displayed on the HTML status pages and in each Build's *blamelist*.

To do more with the User than just refer to them, this username needs to be mapped into an address of some sort. The responsibility for this mapping is left up to the status module which needs the address. In the future, the responsibility for managing users will be transferred to User Objects.

The who fields in git Changes are used to create *User Objects*, which allows for more control and flexibility in how Buildbot manages users.

# **User Objects**

User Objects allow Buildbot to better manage users throughout its various interactions with users (see *Change Sources and Changes* and *Reporters*). The User Objects are stored in the Buildbot database and correlate the various attributes that a user might have: irc, Git, etc.

# Changes

Incoming Changes all have a who attribute attached to them that specifies which developer is responsible for that Change. When a Change is first rendered, the who attribute is parsed and added to the database if it doesn't exist or checked against an existing user. The who attribute is formatted in different ways depending on the version control system that the Change came from.

- git who attributes take the form Full Name <Email>.
- **svn** who attributes are of the form Username.
- hg who attributes are free-form strings, but usually adhere to similar conventions as git attributes (Full Name <Email>).
- **cvs** who attributes are of the form Username.
- darcs who attributes contain an Email and may also include a Full Name like git attributes.

bzr who attributes are free-form strings like hg, and can include a Username, Email, and/or Full Name.

# Tools

For managing users manually, use the buildbot user command, which allows you to add, remove, update, and show various attributes of users in the Buildbot database (see *Command-line Tool*).

# Uses

Correlating the various bits and pieces that Buildbot views as users also means that one attribute of a user can be translated into another. This provides a more complete view of users throughout Buildbot.

One such use is being able to find email addresses based on a set of Builds to notify users through the MailNotifier. This process is explained more clearly in *Email Addresses*.

Another way to utilize *User Objects* is through *UsersAuth* for web authentication. To use *UsersAuth*, you need to set a *bb\_username* and *bb\_password* via the buildbot user command line tool to check against. The password will be encrypted before storing in the database along with other user attributes.

# **Doing Things With Users**

Each change has a single user who is responsible for it. Most builds have a set of changes: the build generally represents the first time these changes have been built and tested by the Buildbot. The build has a *blamelist* that is the union of the users responsible for all the build's changes. If the build was created by a *Try Schedulers* this list will include the submitter of the try job, if known.

The build provides a list of users who are interested in the build – the *interested users*. Usually this is equal to the blamelist, but may also be expanded, e.g., to include the current build sherrif or a module's maintainer.

If desired, the buildbot can notify the interested users until the problem is resolved.

# **Email Addresses**

The *MailNotifier* is a status target which can send email about the results of each build. It accepts a static list of email addresses to which each message should be delivered, but it can also be configured to send mail to the Build's Interested Users. To do this, it needs a way to convert User names into email addresses.

For many VC systems, the User Name is actually an account name on the system which hosts the repository. As such, turning the name into an email address is a simple matter of appending <code>@repositoryhost.com</code>. Some projects use other kinds of mappings (for example the preferred email address may be at project.org despite the repository host being named <code>cvs.project.org</code>), and some VC systems have full separation between the concept of a user and that of an account on the repository host (like Perforce). Some systems (like Git) put a full contact email address in every change.

To convert these names to addresses, the MailNotifier uses an EmailLookup object. This provides a getAddress method which accepts a name and (eventually) returns an address. The default MailNotifier module provides an EmailLookup which simply appends a static string, configurable when the notifier is created. To create more complex behaviors (perhaps using an LDAP lookup, or using finger on a central host to determine a preferred address for the developer), provide a different object as the lookup argument.

If an EmailLookup object isn't given to the MailNotifier, the MailNotifier will try to find emails through *User Objects*. This will work the same as if an EmailLookup object was used if every user in the Build's Interested Users list has an email in the database for them. If a user whose change led to a Build doesn't have an email attribute, that user will not receive an email. If extraRecipients is given, those users are still sent mail when the EmailLookup object is not specified.

In the future, when the Problem mechanism has been set up, the Buildbot will need to send mail to arbitrary Users. It will do this by locating a MailNotifier-like object among all the buildmaster's status targets, and asking it to send messages to various Users. This means the User-to-address mapping only has to be set up once, in your MailNotifier, and every email message the buildbot emits will take advantage of it.

# **IRC Nicknames**

Like MailNotifier, the buildbot.status.words.IRC class provides a status target which can announce the results of each build. It also provides an interactive interface by responding to online queries posted in the channel or sent as private messages.

In the future, the buildbot can be configured to map User names to IRC nicknames, to watch for the recent presence of these nicknames, and to deliver build status messages to the interested parties. Like MailNotifier does for email addresses, the IRC object will have an IRCLookup which is responsible for nicknames. The mapping can be set up statically, or it can be updated by online users themselves (by claiming a username with some kind of buildbot: i am user warner commands).

Once the mapping is established, the rest of the buildbot can ask the IRC object to send messages to various users. It can report on the likelihood that the user saw the given message (based upon how long the user has been inactive on the channel), which might prompt the Problem Hassler logic to send them an email message instead.

These operations and authentication of commands issued by particular nicknames will be implemented in *User Objects*.

# 2.3.11 Build Properties

Each build has a set of Build Properties, which can be used by its build steps to modify their actions.

The properties are represented as a set of key-value pairs. Effectively, a single property is a variable that, once set, can be used by subsequent steps in a build to modify their behaviour. The value of a property can be a number, a string, a list or a dictionary. Lists and dictionaries can contain other lists or dictionaries. Thus, the value of a property could be arbitrarily complex structure.

Properties work pretty much like variables, so they can be used to implement all manner of functionality.

The following are several examples:

- By default, the name of the worker that runs the build is set to the workername property. If there are multiple different workers and the actions of the build depend on the exact worker, some users may decide that it's more convenient to vary the actions depending on the workername property instead of creating separate builders for each worker.
- In most cases the build does not know the exact code revision that will be tested until it checks out the code. This information is only known after a *source step* runs. To give this information to the subsequent steps, the source step records the checked out revision into the got\_revision property.

# 2.3.12 Multiple-Codebase Builds

What if an end-product is composed of code from several codebases? Changes may arrive from different repositories within the tree-stable-timer period. Buildbot will not only use the source-trees that contain changes but also needs the remaining source-trees to build the complete product.

For this reason a *Scheduler* can be configured to base a build on a set of several source-trees that can (partly) be overridden by the information from incoming Changes.

As described *above*, the source for each codebase is identified by a source stamp, containing its repository, branch and revision. A full build set will specify a source stamp set describing the source to use for each codebase.

Configuring all of this takes a coordinated approach. A complete multiple repository configuration consists of:

a codebase generator

Every relevant change arriving from a VC must contain a codebase. This is done by a *codebaseGenerator* that is defined in the configuration. Most generators examine the repository of a change to determine its codebase, using project-specific rules.

#### some schedulers

Each *scheduler* has to be configured with a set of all required codebases to build a product. These codebases indicate the set of required source-trees. In order for the scheduler to be able to produce a complete set for each build, the configuration can give a default repository, branch, and revision for each codebase. When a scheduler must generate a source stamp for a codebase that has received no changes, it applies these default values.

multiple source steps - one for each codebase

A *Builders and Build Factories*'s build factory must include a *source step* for each codebase. Each of the source steps has a codebase attribute which is used to select an appropriate source stamp from the source stamp set for a build. This information comes from the arrived changes or from the scheduler's configured default values.

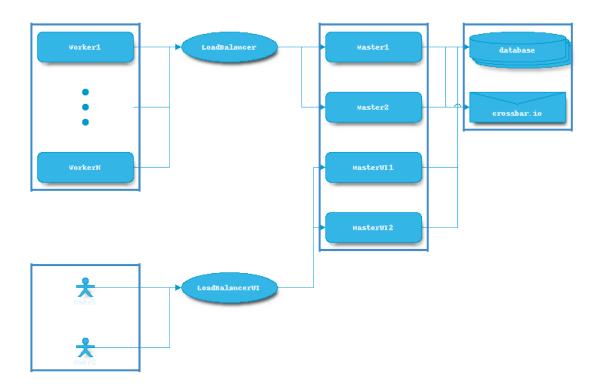
Note: Each *source step* has to have its own workdir set in order for the checkout to be done for each codebase in its own directory.

**Note:** Ensure you specify the codebase within your source step's Interpolate() calls (ex. http://... /svn/%(src:codebase:branch)s). See *Interpolate* for details.

**Warning:** Defining a *codebaseGenerator* that returns non-empty (not '') codebases will change the behavior of all the schedulers.

# 2.3.13 Multimaster

**Warning:** Buildbot Multimaster is considered experimental. There are still some companies using it in production. Don't hesitate to use the mailing lists to share your experience.



Buildbot supports interconnection of several masters. This has to be done through a multi-master enabled message queue backend. As of now the only one supported is wamp and crossbar.io. see *wamp* 

There are then several strategy for introducing multimaster in your buildbot infra. A simple way to say it is by adding the concept of symmetrics and asymmetrics multimaster (like there is SMP and AMP for multi core CPUs)

Symmetric multimaster is when each master share the exact same configuration. They run the same builders, same schedulers, same everything, the only difference is that workers are connected evenly between the masters (by any means (e.g. DNS load balancing, etc.)) Symmetric multimaster is good to use to scale buildbot horizontally.

Asymmetric multimaster is when each master have different configuration. Each master may have a specific responsibility (e.g schedulers, set of builder, UI). This was more how you did in 0.8, also because of its own technical limitations. A nice feature of asymmetric multimaster is that you can have the UI only handled by some masters.

Separating the UI from the controlling will greatly help in the performance of the UI, because badly written Build-Steps?? can stall the reactor for several seconds.

The fanciest configuration would probably be a symmetric configuration for everything but the UI. You would scale the number of UI master according to your number of UI users, and scale the number of engine masters to the number of workers.

Depending on your workload and size of master host, it is probably a good idea to start thinking of multimaster starting from a hundred workers connected.

Multimaster can also be used for high availability, and seamless upgrade of configuration code. Complex configuration indeed requires sometimes to restart the master to reload custom steps or code, or just to upgrade the upstream buildbot version.

In this case, you will implement following procedure:

- Start new master(s) with new code and configuration.
- Send a graceful shutdown to the old master(s).

- New master(s) will start taking the new jobs, while old master(s) will just finish managing the running builds.
- As an old master is finishing the running builds, it will drop the connections from the workers, who will then reconnect automatically, and by the mean of load balancer will get connected to a new master to run new jobs.

As buildbot nine has been designed to allow such procedure, it has not been implemented in production yet as we know. There is probably a new REST api needed in order to graceful shutdown a master, and the details of gracefully dropping the connection to the workers to be sorted out.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 2.4 Secret Management

# 2.4.1 Requirements

Buildbot steps might need secrets to execute their actions. Secrets are used to execute commands or to create authenticated network connections. Secrets may be a SSH key, a password, or a file content like a wgetrc file or a public SSH key. To preserve confidentiality, the secrets values must not be printed or logged in the twisted or steps logs. Secrets must not be stored in the Buildbot configuration (master.cfg), as the source code is usually shared in SCM like git.

# 2.4.2 How to use Buildbot Secret Management

### Secrets and providers

Buildbot implements several providers for secrets retrieval:

- File system based: secrets are written in a file. This is a simple solution for example when secrets are managed by config management system like Ansible Vault.
- Third party backend based: secrets are stored by a specialized software. These solution are usually more secured.

Secrets providers are configured if needed in the master configuration. Multiple providers can be configured at once. The secret manager is a Buildbot service. The secret manager returns the specific provider results related to the providers registered in the configuration.

### How to use secrets in Buildbot

Secret can be used in Buildbot via the IRenderable mechanism. Two IRenderable actually implement secrets. *Interpolate* can be used if you need to mix secrets and other interpolation in the same argument. *Interpolate* can be used if your secret is directly used as a component argument.

### Secret

*Secret* is a simple renderable which directly renders a secret.

Secret("secretName")

### As argument to steps

The following example shows a basic usage of secrets in Buildbot.

Secrets are also interpolated in the build like properties are, and will be used in a command line for example.

### As argument to services

You can use secrets to configure services. All services arguments are not compatible with secrets. See their individual documentation for details.

```
# First we declare that the secrets are stored in a directory of the filesystem
# each file contain one secret identified by the filename
c['secretsProviders'] = [secrets.SecretInAFile(dirname="/path/toSecretsFiles")]
# then for a reporter:
c['services'] = [GitHubStatusPush(token=util.Secret("githubToken"))]
```

### Secrets storages

# SecretInAFile

c['secretsProviders'] = [secrets.SecretInAFile(dirname="/path/toSecretsFiles")]

In the passed directory, every file contains a secret identified by the filename.

e.g: a file user contains the text pa\$\$w0rd.

Arguments:

dirname (required) Absolute path to directory containing the files with a secret.

strip (optional) if True (the default), trailing newlines are removed from the file contents.

# **SecretInVault**

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```
secretsmount="secret",
apiVersion=2
```

Vault secures, stores, and tightly controls access to secrets. Vault presents a unified API to access multiple backends. At the moment Buildbot supports KV v1 and v2 backends via the apiVersion argument.

Buildbot's Vault authentication/authorisation is via a token. The "Initial Root Token", generated on Vault initialization, can be used but has 'root' authorization. Vault policies, and subsequent tokens assigned to them, provide for a more restrictive approach.

In the master configuration, the Vault provider is instantiated through the Buildbot service manager as a secret provider with the Vault server address and the Vault token. The provider SecretInVault allows Buildbot to read secrets in Vault. For more information about Vault please visit: Vault: https://www.vaultproject.io/

### **SecretInPass**

)]

```
c['secretsProviders'] = [secrets.SecretInPass(
            gpgPassphrase="passphrase",
            dirname="/path/to/password/store"
)]
```

Passwords can be stored in a unix password store, encrypted using GPG keys. Buildbot can query secrets via the pass binary found in the PATH of each worker. While pass allows for multiline entries, the secret must be on the first line of each entry. The only caveat is that all passwords Buildbot needs to access have to be encrypted using the same GPG key.

For more information about pass, please visit pass: https://www.passwordstore.org/

Arguments:

gpgPassphrase (optional) Pass phrase to the GPG decryption key, if any

dirname (optional) Absolute path to the password store directory, defaults to ~/.password-store

#### How to populate secrets in a build

To populate secrets in files during a build, 2 steps are used to create and delete the files on the worker. The files will be automatically deleted at the end of the build.

```
f = BuildFactory()
with f.withSecrets(secrets_list):
    f.addStep(step_definition)
```

```
f = BuildFactory()
f.addSteps([list_of_step_definitions], withSecrets=[secrets_list])
```

In both cases the secrets\_list is a list of tuple (secret path, secret value).

The Interpolate class is used to render the value during the build execution.

or

### How to configure a Vault instance

Vault being a very generic system, it can be complex to install for the first time. Here is a simple tutorial to install the minimal Vault to use with Buildbot.

## Use Docker to install Vault

A Docker image is available to help users installing Vault. Without any arguments, the command launches a Docker Vault developer instance, easy to use and test the functions. The developer version is already initialized and unsealed. To launch a Vault server please refer to the VaultDocker (https://hub.docker.com/\_/vault/) documentation:

In a shell:

docker run vault

### Starting the vault instance

Once the Docker image is created, launch a shell terminal on the Docker image:

docker exec -i -t ``docker\_vault\_image\_name`` /bin/sh

Then, export the environment variable VAULT\_ADDR needed to init Vault.

export VAULT\_ADDR='vault.server.adress'

### Writing secrets

By default the official docker instance of Vault is initialized with a mount path of 'secret', a KV v1 secret engine, and a second KV engine (v2) at 'secret/data'. Currently Buildbot is "hard wired" to expect KV v2 engines to reside within this "data" sub path. Provision is made to set a top level path via the "secretsmount" argument: defaults to "secret". To add a new secret:

vault kv put secret/new\_secret\_key value=new\_secret\_value

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# 2.5 Configuration

The following sections describe the configuration of the various Buildbot components. The information available here is sufficient to create basic build and test configurations, and does not assume great familiarity with Python.

In more advanced Buildbot configurations, Buildbot acts as a framework for a continuous-integration application. The next section, *Customization*, describes this approach, with frequent references into the *development documentation*.

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# 2.5.1 Configuring Buildbot

The Buildbot's behavior is defined by the *config file*, which normally lives in the master.cfg file in the buildmaster's base directory (but this can be changed with an option to the **buildbot create-master** command). This file completely specifies which Builders are to be run, which workers they should use, how Changes should be tracked, and where the status information is to be sent. The buildmaster's buildbot.tac file names the base directory; everything else comes from the config file.

A sample config file was installed for you when you created the buildmaster, but you will need to edit it before your Buildbot will do anything useful.

This chapter gives an overview of the format of this file and the various sections in it. You will need to read the later chapters to understand how to fill in each section properly.

# **Config File Format**

The config file is, fundamentally, just a piece of Python code which defines a dictionary named BuildmasterConfig, with a number of keys that are treated specially. You don't need to know Python to do basic configuration, though, you can just copy the syntax of the sample file. If you *are* comfortable writing Python code, however, you can use all the power of a full programming language to achieve more complicated configurations.

The BuildmasterConfig name is the only one which matters: all other names defined during the execution of the file are discarded. When parsing the config file, the Buildmaster generally compares the old configuration with the new one and performs the minimum set of actions necessary to bring the Buildbot up to date: Builders which are not changed are left untouched, and Builders which are modified get to keep their old event history.

The beginning of the master.cfg file typically starts with something like:

BuildmasterConfig = c = {}

Therefore a config key like *change\_source* will usually appear in master.cfg as c['change\_source'].

See cfg for a full list of BuildMasterConfig keys.

# **Basic Python Syntax**

The master configuration file is interpreted as Python, allowing the full flexibility of the language. For the configurations described in this section, a detailed knowledge of Python is not required, but the basic syntax is easily described.

Python comments start with a hash character #, tuples are defined with (parenthesis, pairs), and lists (arrays) are defined with [square, brackets]. Tuples and lists are mostly interchangeable. Dictionaries (data structures which map *keys* to *values*) are defined with curly braces: {'key1': value1, 'key2': value2}. Function calls (and object instantiation) can use named parameters, like steps.ShellCommand(command=["trial", "hello"]).

The config file starts with a series of import statements, which make various kinds of Steps and Status targets available for later use. The main BuildmasterConfig dictionary is created, then it is populated with a variety of keys, described section-by-section in subsequent chapters.

# **Predefined Config File Symbols**

The following symbols are automatically available for use in the configuration file.

**basedir** the base directory for the buildmaster. This string has not been expanded, so it may start with a tilde. It needs to be expanded before use. The config file is located in:

os.path.expanduser(os.path.join(basedir, 'master.cfg'))

\_\_\_\_\_file\_\_ the absolute path of the config file. The config file's directory is located in os.path. dirname(\_\_\_\_\_\_file\_\_\_).

#### **Testing the Config File**

To verify that the config file is well-formed and contains no deprecated or invalid elements, use the checkconfig command, passing it either a master directory or a config file.

```
% buildbot checkconfig master.cfg
Config file is good!
# or
% buildbot checkconfig /tmp/masterdir
Config file is good!
```

If the config file has deprecated features (perhaps because you've upgraded the buildmaster and need to update the config file to match), they will be announced by checkconfig. In this case, the config file will work, but you should really remove the deprecated items and use the recommended replacements instead:

If you have errors in your configuration file, checkconfig will let you know:

```
% buildbot checkconfig master.cfg
Configuration Errors:
c['workers'] must be a list of Worker instances
no workers are configured
builder 'smoketest' uses unknown workers 'linux-002'
```

If the config file is simply broken, that will be caught too:

```
% buildbot checkconfig master.cfg
error while parsing config file:
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "/home/buildbot/master/bin/buildbot", line 4, in <module>
    runner.run()
File "/home/buildbot/master/buildbot/scripts/runner.py", line 1358, in run
    if not doCheckConfig(so):
File "/home/buildbot/master/buildbot/scripts/runner.py", line 1079, in doCheckConfig
    return cl.load(quiet=quiet)
File "/home/buildbot/master/buildbot/scripts/checkconfig.py", line 29, in load
    self.basedir, self.configFileName)
--- <exception caught here> ---
File "/home/buildbot/master/buildbot/config.py", line 147, in loadConfig
   exec f in localDict
exceptions.SyntaxError: invalid syntax (master.cfg, line 52)
Configuration Errors:
error while parsing config file: invalid syntax (master.cfg, line 52) (traceback in_
\rightarrowloqfile)
```

# Loading the Config File

The config file is only read at specific points in time. It is first read when the buildmaster is launched.

Note: If the configuration is invalid, the master will display the errors in the console output, but will not exit.

# Reloading the Config File (reconfig)

If you are on the system hosting the buildmaster, you can send a SIGHUP signal to it: the **buildbot** tool has a shortcut for this:

buildbot reconfig BASEDIR

This command will show you all of the lines from twistd.log that relate to the reconfiguration. If there are any problems during the config-file reload, they will be displayed in these lines.

When reloading the config file, the buildmaster will endeavor to change as little as possible about the running system. For example, although old status targets may be shut down and new ones started up, any status targets that were not changed since the last time the config file was read will be left running and untouched. Likewise any Builders which have not been changed will be left running. If a Builder is modified (say, the build command is changed), this change will apply only for new Builds. Any existing build that is currently running or was already queued will be allowed to finish using the old configuration.

Note that if any lock is renamed, old and new instances of the lock will be completely unrelated in the eyes of the buildmaster. This means that buildmaster will be able to start new builds that would otherwise have waited for the old lock to be released.

**Warning:** Buildbot's reconfiguration system is fragile for a few difficult-to-fix reasons:

- Any modules imported by the configuration file are not automatically reloaded. Python modules such as <a href="https://docs.python.org/3/library/importlib.html">https://docs.python.org/3/library/importlib.html</a> and <a href="https://docs.python.org/3/library/importlib.html">importlib.reload()</a> may help here, but reloading modules is fraught with subtleties and difficult-to-decipher failure cases.
- During the reconfiguration, active internal objects are divorced from the service hierarchy, leading to tracebacks in the web interface and other components. These are ordinarily transient, but with HTTP connection caching (either by the browser or an intervening proxy) they can last for a long time.
- If the new configuration file is invalid, it is possible for Buildbot's internal state to be corrupted, leading to undefined results. When this occurs, it is best to restart the master.
- For more advanced configurations, it is impossible for Buildbot to tell if the configuration for a Builder or Scheduler has changed, and thus the Builder or Scheduler will always be reloaded. This occurs most commonly when a callable is passed as a configuration parameter.

The bbproto project (at https://github.com/dabrahams/bbproto) may help to construct large (multi-file) configurations which can be effectively reloaded and reconfigured.

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# 2.5.2 Global Configuration

The keys in this section affect the operations of the buildmaster globally.

- Database Specification
- MQ Specification
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# **Database Specification**

Buildbot requires a connection to a database to maintain certain state information, such as tracking pending build requests. In the default configuration Buildbot uses a file-based SQLite database, stored in the state.sqlite file of the master's base directory.

**Important:** SQLite3 is perfectly suitable for small setups with a few users. However, it does not scale well with large numbers of builders, workers and users. If you expect your Buildbot to grow over time, it is strongly advised to use a real database server (e.g., MySQL or Postgres).

See the Using A Database Server section for more details.

Override this configuration with the *db\_url* parameter.

Buildbot accepts a database configuration in a dictionary named db. All keys are optional:

```
c['db'] = {
    'db_url' : 'sqlite:///state.sqlite',
}
```

The db\_url key indicates the database engine to use. The format of this parameter is completely documented at http://www.sqlalchemy.org/docs/dialects/, but is generally of the form:

"driver://[username:password@]host:port/database[?args]"

These parameters can be specified directly in the configuration dictionary, as c['db\_url'] and c['db\_poll\_interval'], although this method is deprecated.

The following sections give additional information for particular database backends:

### SQLite

For sqlite databases, since there is no host and port, relative paths are specified with sqlite:/// and absolute paths with sqlite:///. Examples:

c['db\_url'] = "sqlite:///state.sqlite"

SQLite requires no special configuration.

### **MySQL**

c['db\_url'] = "mysql://username:password@example.com/database\_name?max\_idle=300"

The max\_idle argument for MySQL connections is unique to Buildbot, and should be set to something less than the wait\_timeout configured for your server. This controls the SQLAlchemy pool\_recycle parameter, which defaults to no timeout. Setting this parameter ensures that connections are closed and re-opened after the configured amount of idle time. If you see errors such as \_mysql\_exceptions.OperationalError: (2006, 'MySQL server has gone away'), this means your max\_idle setting is probably too high. show global variables like 'wait\_timeout'; will show what the currently configured wait\_timeout is on your MySQL server.

Buildbot requires use\_unique=True and charset=utf8, and will add them automatically, so they do not need to be specified in db\_url.

MySQL defaults to the MyISAM storage engine, but this can be overridden with the storage\_engine URL argument.

### **Postgres**

c['db\_url'] = "postgresql://username:password@hostname/dbname"

PosgreSQL requires no special configuration.

#### **MQ** Specification

Buildbot uses a message-queueing system to handle communication within the master. Messages are used to indicate events within the master, and components that are interested in those events arrange to receive them.

The message queueing implementation is configured as a dictionary in the mq option. The type key describes the type of MQ implementation to be used. Note that the implementation type cannot be changed in a reconfig.

The available implementation types are described in the following sections.

### Simple

```
c['mq'] = {
    'type' : 'simple',
    'debug' : False,
}
```

This is the default MQ implementation. Similar to SQLite, it has no additional software dependencies, but does not support multi-master mode.

Note that this implementation also does not support message persistence across a restart of the master. For example, if a change is received, but the master shuts down before the schedulers can create build requests for it, then those schedulers will not be notified of the change when the master starts again.

The debug key, which defaults to False, can be used to enable logging of every message produced on this master.

### Wamp

**Note:** At the moment, wamp is the only message queue implementation for multimaster. It has been privileged as this is the only message queue that have very solid support for Twisted. Other more common message queue systems like RabbitMQ (using the AMQP protocol) do not have convincing driver for twisted, and this would require to run on threads, which will add an important performance overhead.

```
c['mq'] = {
    'type' : 'wamp',
    'router_url': 'ws://localhost:8080/ws',
    'realm': 'realm1',
    # valid are: none, critical, error, warn, info, debug, trace
    'wamp_debug_level' : 'error'
}
```

This is a MQ implementation using wamp (http://wamp.ws/) protocol. This implementation uses Python Autobahn (http://autobahn.ws) wamp client library, and is fully asynchronous (no use of threads). To use this implementation, you need a wamp router like Crossbar (http://crossbar.io).

Please refer to Crossbar documentation for more details, but the default Crossbar setup will just work with Buildbot, provided you use the example mq configuration above, and start Crossbar with:

```
# of course, you should work in a virtualenv...
pip install crossbar
crossbar init
crossbar start
```

The implementation does not yet support wamp authentication. This MQ allows buildbot to run in multi-master mode.

Note that this implementation also does not support message persistence across a restart of the master. For example, if a change is received, but the master shuts down before the schedulers can create build requests for it, then those schedulers will not be notified of the change when the master starts again.

router\_url (mandatory): points to your router websocket url. Buildbot is only supporting wamp over websocket, which is a sub-protocol of http. SSL is supported using wss:// instead of ws://.

realm (optional, defaults to buildbot): defines the wamp realm to use for your buildbot messages.

wamp\_debug\_level (optional, defaults to error): defines the log level of autobahn.

You must use a router with very reliable connection to the master. If for some reason, the wamp connection is lost, then the master will stop, and should be restarted via a process manager.

### Multi-master mode

See Multimaster for details on the Multi-master mode in Buildbot Nine.

By default, Buildbot makes coherency checks that prevent typo in your master.cfg It makes sure schedulers are not referencing unknown builders, and enforces there is at least one builder.

In the case of a asymmetric multimaster, those coherency checks can be harmful and prevent you to implement what you want. For example you might want to have one master dedicated to the UI, so that a big load generated by builds will not impact page load times.

To enable multi-master mode in this configuration, you will need to set the *multiMaster* option so that buildbot doesn't warn about missing schedulers or builders.

```
# Enable multiMaster mode; disables warnings about unknown builders and
# schedulers
c['multiMaster'] = True
c['db'] = {
    'db_url' : 'mysql://...',
}
c['mq'] = { # Need to enable multimaster aware mq. Wamp is the only option for now.
    'type' : 'wamp',
    'router_url': 'ws://localhost:8080',
    'realm': 'realm1',
    # valid are: none, critical, error, warn, info, debug, trace
    'wamp_debug_level' : 'error'
}
```

### Site Definitions

Three basic settings describe the buildmaster in status reports:

```
c['title'] = "Buildbot"
c['titleURL'] = "http://buildbot.sourceforge.net/"
```

title is a short string that will appear at the top of this buildbot installation's home page (linked to the titleURL).

*titleURL* is a URL string that must end with a slash (/). HTML status displays will show title as a link to *titleURL*. This URL is often used to provide a link from buildbot HTML pages to your project's home page.

The *buildbotURL* string should point to the location where the buildbot's internal web server is visible. This URL must end with a slash (/).

When status notices are sent to users (e.g., by email or over IRC), *buildbotURL* will be used to create a URL to the specific build or problem that they are being notified about.

# Log Handling

```
c['logCompressionMethod'] = 'gz'
c['logMaxSize'] = 1024*1024 # 1M
c['logMaxTailSize'] = 32768
c['logEncoding'] = 'utf-8'
```

The *logCompressionLimit* enables compression of build logs on disk for logs that are bigger than the given size, or disables that completely if set to False. The default value is 4096, which should be a reasonable default on most file systems. This setting has no impact on status plugins, and merely affects the required disk space on the master for build logs.

The *logCompressionMethod* controls what type of compression is used for build logs. The default is 'gz', and the other valid option are 'raw' (no compression), 'gz' or 'lz4' (required lz4 package).

Please find below some stats extracted from 50x "trial Pyflakes" runs (results may differ according to log type).

compression	raw log size	compressed log size	space saving	compression speed
bz2	2.981 MB	0.603 MB	79.77%	3.433 MB/s
gz	2.981 MB	0.568 MB	80.95%	6.604 MB/s
lz4	2.981 MB	0.844 MB	71.68%	77.668 MB/s

Table 1: Space saving details
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The *logMaxSize* parameter sets an upper limit (in bytes) to how large logs from an individual build step can be. The default value is None, meaning no upper limit to the log size. Any output exceeding *logMaxSize* will be truncated, and a message to this effect will be added to the log's HEADER channel.

If *logMaxSize* is set, and the output from a step exceeds the maximum, the *logMaxTailSize* parameter controls how much of the end of the build log will be kept. The effect of setting this parameter is that the log will contain the first *logMaxSize* bytes and the last *logMaxTailSize* bytes of output. Don't set this value too high, as the the tail of the log is kept in memory.

The *logEncoding* parameter specifies the character encoding to use to decode bytestrings provided as logs. It defaults to utf-8, which should work in most cases, but can be overridden if necessary. In extreme cases, a callable can be specified for this parameter. It will be called with byte strings, and should return the corresponding Unicode string.

This setting can be overridden for a single build step with the logEncoding step parameter. It can also be overridden for a single log file by passing the logEncoding parameter to addLog.

# **Data Lifetime**

# Horizons

Previously Buildbot implemented a global configuration for horizons. Now it is implemented as an utility Builder, and shall be configured via *JanitorConfigurator* 

# Caches

```
c['caches'] = {
    'Changes': 100,    # formerly c['changeCacheSize']
    'Builds': 500,    # formerly c['buildCacheSize']
    'chdicts': 100,
```

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```
'BuildRequests' : 10,
'SourceStamps' : 20,
'ssdicts' : 20,
'objectids' : 10,
'usdicts' : 100,
```

The *caches* configuration key contains the configuration for Buildbot's in-memory caches. These caches keep frequently-used objects in memory to avoid unnecessary trips to the database. Caches are divided by object type, and each has a configurable maximum size.

The default size for each cache is 1, except where noted below. A value of 1 allows Buildbot to make a number of optimizations without consuming much memory. Larger, busier installations will likely want to increase these values.

The available caches are:

**Changes** the number of change objects to cache in memory. This should be larger than the number of changes that typically arrive in the span of a few minutes, otherwise your schedulers will be reloading changes from the database every time they run. For distributed version control systems, like Git or Hg, several thousand changes may arrive at once, so setting this parameter to something like 10000 isn't unreasonable.

This parameter is the same as the deprecated global parameter *changeCacheSize*. Its default value is 10.

**Builds** The *buildCacheSize* parameter gives the number of builds for each builder which are cached in memory. This number should be larger than the number of builds required for commonly-used status displays (the waterfall or grid views), so that those displays do not miss the cache on a refresh.

This parameter is the same as the deprecated global parameter buildCacheSize. Its default value is 15.

- chdicts The number of rows from the changes table to cache in memory. This value should be similar to the value for Changes.
- **BuildRequests** The number of BuildRequest objects kept in memory. This number should be higher than the typical number of outstanding build requests. If the master ordinarily finds jobs for BuildRequests immediately, you may set a lower value.
- **SourceStamps** the number of SourceStamp objects kept in memory. This number should generally be similar to the number BuildRequesets.
- **ssdicts** The number of rows from the sourcestamps table to cache in memory. This value should be similar to the value for SourceStamps.
- **objectids** The number of object IDs a means to correlate an object in the Buildbot configuration with an identity in the database-to cache. In this version, object IDs are not looked up often during runtime, so a relatively low value such as 10 is fine.
- **usdicts** The number of rows from the users table to cache in memory. Note that for a given user there will be a row for each attribute that user has.

c['buildCacheSize'] = 15

### **Merging Build Requests**

c['collapseRequests'] = True

This is a global default value for builders' *collapseRequests* parameter, and controls the merging of build requests.

This parameter can be overridden on a per-builder basis. See *Collapsing Build Requests* for the allowed values for this parameter.

## **Prioritizing Builders**

```
def prioritizeBuilders(buildmaster, builders):
    ...
c['prioritizeBuilders'] = prioritizeBuilders
```

By default, buildbot will attempt to start builds on builders in order, beginning with the builder with the oldest pending request. Customize this behavior with the *prioritizeBuilders* configuration key, which takes a callable. See *Builder Priority Functions* for details on this callable.

This parameter controls the order that the build master can start builds, and is useful in situations where there is resource contention between builders, e.g., for a test database. It does not affect the order in which a builder processes the build requests in its queue. For that purpose, see *Prioritizing Builds*.

#### Setting the PB Port for Workers

c['protocols'] = {"pb": {"port": 10000}}

The buildmaster will listen on a TCP port of your choosing for connections from workers. It can also use this port for connections from remote Change Sources, status clients, and debug tools. This port should be visible to the outside world, and you'll need to tell your worker admins about your choice.

It does not matter which port you pick, as long it is externally visible; however, you should probably use something larger than 1024, since most operating systems don't allow non-root processes to bind to low-numbered ports. If your buildmaster is behind a firewall or a NAT box of some sort, you may have to configure your firewall to permit inbound connections to this port.

c['protocols']['pb']['port'] can also be used as a *connection string*, as defined in the ConnectionStrings (https://twistedmatrix.com/documents/current/core/howto/endpoints.html) guide.

This means that you can have the buildmaster listen on a localhost-only port by doing:

c['protocols'] = {"pb": {"port": "tcp:10000:interface=127.0.0.1"}}

This might be useful if you only run workers on the same machine, and they are all configured to contact the buildmaster at localhost:10000.

connection strings can also be used configure workers connecting over TLS. The syntax is then

Please note that IPv6 addresses with : must be escaped with as well as : in paths and in paths. Read more about the *connection strings* format in ConnectionStrings (https://twistedmatrix.com/documents/current/core/howto/endpoints.html) documentation

See also Worker TLS Configuration

## **Defining Global Properties**

The *properties* configuration key defines a dictionary of properties that will be available to all builds started by the buildmaster:

```
c['properties'] = {
    'Widget-version' : '1.2',
    'release-stage' : 'alpha'
}
```

## Manhole

If you set *manhole* to an instance of one of the classes in buildbot.manhole, you can telnet or ssh into the buildmaster and get an interactive Python shell, which may be useful for debugging buildbot internals. It is probably only useful for buildbot developers. It exposes full access to the buildmaster's account (including the ability to modify and delete files), so it should not be enabled with a weak or easily guessable password.

There are three separate Manhole classes. Two of them use SSH, one uses unencrypted telnet. Two of them use a username+password combination to grant access, one of them uses an SSH-style authorized\_keys file which contains a list of ssh public keys.

Note: Using any Manhole requires that cryptography and pyasn1 be installed. These are not part of the normal Buildbot dependencies.

- *manhole.AuthorizedKeysManhole* You construct this with the name of a file that contains one SSH public key per line, just like ~/.ssh/authorized\_keys. If you provide a non-absolute filename, it will be interpreted relative to the buildmaster's base directory. You must also specify a directory which contains an SSH host key for the Manhole server.
- *manhole.PasswordManhole* This one accepts SSH connections but asks for a username and password when authenticating. It accepts only one such pair. You must also specify a directory which contains an SSH host key for the Manhole server.
- *manhole.TelnetManhole* This accepts regular unencrypted telnet connections, and asks for a username/password pair before providing access. Because this username/password is transmitted in the clear, and because Manhole access to the buildmaster is equivalent to granting full shell privileges to both the buildmaster and all the workers (and to all accounts which then run code produced by the workers), it is highly recommended that you use one of the SSH manholes instead.

The Manhole instance can be configured to listen on a specific port. You may wish to have this listening port bind to the loopback interface (sometimes known as *lo0*, *localhost*, or 127.0.0.1) to restrict access to clients which are running on the same host.

To have the Manhole listen on all interfaces, use "tcp:9999" or simply 9999. This port specification uses twisted.application.strports, so you can make it listen on SSL or even UNIX-domain sockets if you want.

Note that using any Manhole requires that the TwistedConch (http://twistedmatrix.com/trac/wiki/TwistedConch) package be installed.

The buildmaster's SSH server will use a different host key than the normal sshd running on a typical unix host. This will cause the ssh client to complain about a *host key mismatch*, because it does not realize there are two separate servers running on the same host. To avoid this, use a clause like the following in your .ssh/config file:

```
Host remotehost-buildbot
HostName remotehost
HostKeyAlias remotehost-buildbot
Port 9999
# use 'user' if you use PasswordManhole and your name is not 'admin'.
# if you use AuthorizedKeysManhole, this probably doesn't matter.
User admin
```

## **Using Manhole**

After you have connected to a manhole instance, you will find yourself at a Python prompt. You have access to two objects: master (the BuildMaster) and status (the master's Status object). Most interesting objects on the master can be reached from these two objects.

To aid in navigation, the show method is defined. It displays the non-method attributes of an object.

A manhole session might look like:

```
>>> show(master)
data attributes of <buildbot.master.BuildMaster instance at 0x7f7a4ab7df38>
                      basedir : '/home/dustin/code/buildbot/t/buildbot/'...
                     botmaster : <type 'instance'>
                buildCacheSize : None
                  buildHorizon : None
                   buildbotURL : http://localhost:8010/
               changeCacheSize : None
                    change_svc : <type 'instance'>
                configFileName : master.cfg
                           db : <class 'buildbot.db.connector.DBConnector'>
                        db_url : sqlite:///state.sqlite
                              . . .
>>> show(master.botmaster.builders['win32'])
data attributes of <Builder ''builder'' at 48963528>
                              . . .
>>> win32 = _
>>> win32.category = 'w32'
```

## **Metrics Options**

c['metrics'] = dict(log\_interval=10, periodic\_interval=10)

*metrics* can be a dictionary that configures various aspects of the metrics subsystem. If *metrics* is None, then metrics collection, logging and reporting will be disabled.

log\_interval determines how often metrics should be logged to twistd.log. It defaults to 60s. If set to 0 or None, then logging of metrics will be disabled. This value can be changed via a reconfig.

periodic\_interval determines how often various non-event based metrics are collected, such as memory usage, uncollectable garbage, reactor delay. This defaults to 10s. If set to 0 or None, then periodic collection of this data is

disabled. This value can also be changed via a reconfig.

Read more about metrics in the *Metrics* section in the developer documentation.

## **Statistics Service**

The Statistics Service (stats service for short) supports for collecting arbitrary data from within a running Buildbot instance and export it do a number of storage backends. Currently, only InfluxDB (https://influxdata.com/time-series-platform/influxdb/) is supported as a storage backend. Also, InfluxDB (or any other storage backend) is not a mandatory dependency. Buildbot can run without it although StatsService will be of no use in such a case. At present, StatsService can keep track of build properties, build times (start, end, duration) and arbitrary data produced inside Buildbot (more on this later).

Example usage:

The services configuration value should be initialized as a list and a StatsService instance should be appended to it as shown in the example above.

## **Statistics Service**

#### class buildbot.statistics.stats\_service.StatsService

This is the main class for statistics service. It is initialized in the master configuration as show in the example above. It takes two arguments:

- **storage\_backends** A list of storage backends (see *Storage Backends*). In the example above, stats. InfluxStorageService is an instance of a storage backend. Each storage backend is an instances of subclasses of statsStorageBase.
- **name** The name of this service.

yieldMetricsValue: This method can be used to send arbitrary data for storage. (See *Using StatsSer*vice.yieldMetricsValue for more information.)

## **Capture Classes**

```
class buildbot.statistics.capture.CaptureProperty
```

Instance of this class declares which properties must be captured and sent to the *Storage Backends*. It takes the following arguments:

builder\_name The name of builder in which the property is recorded.

**property\_name** The name of property needed to be recorded as a statistic.

**callback=None** (Optional) A custom callback function for this class. This callback function should take in two arguments - *build\_properties* (dict) and *property\_name* (str) and return a string that will be sent for storage in the storage backends.

**regex=False** If this is set to True, then the property name can be a regular expression. All properties matching this regular expression will be sent for storage.

#### class buildbot.statistics.capture.CapturePropertyAllBuilders

- Instance of this class declares which properties must be captured on all builders and sent to the *Storage Backends*. It takes the following arguments:
- **property\_name** The name of property needed to be recorded as a statistic.
- **callback=None** (Optional) A custom callback function for this class. This callback function should take in two arguments *build\_properties* (dict) and *property\_name* (str) and return a string that will be sent for storage in the storage backends.
- **regex=False** If this is set to True, then the property name can be a regular expression. All properties matching this regular expression will be sent for storage.

## class buildbot.statistics.capture.CaptureBuildStartTime

Instance of this class declares which builders' start times are to be captured and sent to *Storage Backends*. It takes the following arguments:

builder\_name The name of builder whose times are to be recorded.

- **callback=None** (Optional) A custom callback function for this class. This callback function should take in a Python datetime object and return a string that will be sent for storage in the storage backends.
- **class** buildbot.statistics.capture.**CaptureBuildStartTimeAllBuilders** Instance of this class declares start times of all builders to be captured and sent to *Storage Backends*. It takes the following arguments:
  - **callback=None** (Optional) A custom callback function for this class. This callback function should take in a Python datetime object and return a string that will be sent for storage in the storage backends.
- **class** buildbot.statistics.capture.**CaptureBuildEndTime** Exactly like CaptureBuildStartTime except it declares the builders whose end time is to be recorded. The arguments are same as CaptureBuildStartTime.
- class buildbot.statistics.capture.CaptureBuildEndTimeAllBuilders
   Exactly like CaptureBuildStartTimeAllBuilders except it declares all builders' end time to be
   recorded. The arguments are same as CaptureBuildStartTimeAllBuilders.

## **class** buildbot.statistics.capture.**CaptureBuildDuration** Instance of this class declares the builders whose build durations are to be recorded. It takes the following arguments:

builder\_name The name of builder whose times are to be recorded.

- **callback=None** (Optional) A custom callback function for this class. This callback function should take in two Python datetime objects a start\_time and an end\_time and return a string that will be sent for storage in the storage backends.

#### class buildbot.statistics.capture.CaptureBuildDurationAllBuilders

Instance of this class declares build durations to be recorded for all builders. It takes the following arguments:

- **callback=None** (Optional) A custom callback function for this class. This callback function should take in two Python datetime objects a start\_time and an end\_time and return a string that will be sent for storage in the storage backends.

#### class buildbot.statistics.capture.CaptureData

Instance of this capture class is for capturing arbitrary data that is not stored as build-data. Needs to be used in conjunction with yieldMetricsValue (See *Using StatsService.yieldMetricsValue*). Takes the following arguments:

**data\_name** The name of data to be captured. Same as in yieldMetricsValue.

builder\_name The name of builder whose times are to be recorded.

**callback=None** The callback function for this class. This callback receives the data sent to yieldMetricsValue as post\_data (See *Using StatsService.yieldMetricsValue*). It must return a string that is to be sent to the storage backends for storage.

## class buildbot.statistics.capture.CaptureDataAllBuilders

Instance of this capture class for capturing arbitrary data that is not stored as build-data on all builders. Needs to be used in conjunction with yieldMetricsValue (See *Using StatsService.yieldMetricsValue*). Takes the following arguments:

data\_name The name of data to be captured. Same as in yieldMetricsValue.

**callback=None** The callback function for this class. This callback receives the data sent to yieldMetricsValue as post\_data (See *Using StatsService.yieldMetricsValue*). It must return a string that is to be sent to the storage backends for storage.

#### Using StatsService.yieldMetricsValue

Advanced users can modify BuildSteps to use StatsService.yieldMetricsValue which will send arbitrary data for storage to the StatsService. It takes the following arguments:

**data\_name** The name of the data being sent or storage.

**post\_data** A dictionary of key value pair that is sent for storage. The keys will act as columns in a database and the value is stored under that column.

buildid The integer build id of the current build. Obtainable in all BuildSteps.

Along with using yieldMetricsValue, the user will also need to use the CaptureData capture class. As an example, we can add the following to a build step:

yieldMetricsValue('test\_data\_name', {'some\_data': 'some\_value'}, buildid)

Then, we can add in the master configuration a capture class like this:

captures = [CaptureBuildData('test\_data\_name', 'Builder1')]

Pass this captures list to a storage backend (as shown in the example at the top of this section) for capturing this data.

## **Storage Backends**

Storage backends are responsible for storing any statistics data sent to them. A storage backend will generally be some sort of a database-server running on a machine. (*Note*: This machine may be different from the one running BuildMaster)

Currently, only InfluxDB (https://influxdata.com/time-series-platform/influxdb/) is supported as a storage backend.

**class** buildbot.statistics.storage\_backends.influxdb\_client.**InfluxStorageService** This class is a Buildbot client to the InfluxDB storage backend. InfluxDB (https://influxdata.com/time-seriesplatform/influxdb/) is a distributed, time series database that employs a key-value pair storage system. It requires the following arguments:

**url** The URL where the service is running.

**port** The port on which the service is listening.

user Username of a InfluxDB user.

password Password for user.

**db** The name of database to be used.

**captures** A list of objects of *Capture Classes*. This tells which statistics are to be stored in this storage backend.

**name=None** (Optional) The name of this storage backend.

#### secretsProviders

see Secret Management for details on secret concepts.

Example usage:

c['secretsProviders'] = [ .. ]

secretsProviders is a list of secrets storage. See *Secret Management* to configure an available secret storage provider.

## **BuildbotNetUsageData**

Since buildbot 0.9.0, buildbot has a simple feature which sends usage analysis info to buildbot.net. This is very important for buildbot developers to understand how the community is using the tools. This allows to better prioritize issues, and understand what plugins are actually being used. This will also be a tool to decide whether to keep support for very old tools. For example buildbot contains support for the venerable CVS, but we have no information whether it actually works beyond the unit tests. We rely on the community to test and report issues with the old features.

With BuildbotNetUsageData, we can know exactly what combination of plugins are working together, how much people are customizing plugins, what versions of the main dependencies people run.

We take your privacy very seriously.

BuildbotNetUsageData will never send information specific to your Code or Intellectual Property. No repository url, shell command values, host names, ip address or custom class names. If it does, then this is a bug, please report.

We still need to track unique number for installation. This is done via doing a shal hash of master's hostname, installation path and fqdn. Using a secure hash means there is no way of knowing hostname, path and fqdn given the hash, but still there is a different hash for each master.

You can see exactly what is sent in the master's twisted.log. Usage data is sent every time the master is started.

BuildbotNetUsageData can be configured with 4 values:

- c['buildbotNetUsageData'] = None disables the feature
- c['buildbotNetUsageData'] = 'basic' sends the basic information to buildbot including:
  - versions of buildbot, python and twisted
  - platform information (CPU, OS, distribution, python flavor (i.e CPython vs PyPy))
  - mq and database type (mysql or sqlite?)
  - www plugins usage

 Plugins usages: This counts the number of time each class of buildbot is used in your configuration. This counts workers, builders, steps, schedulers, change sources. If the plugin is subclassed, then it will be prefixed with a >

example of basic report (for the metabuildbot):

```
'versions': {
    'Python': '2.7.6',
    'Twisted': '15.5.0',
    'Buildbot': '0.9.0rc2-176-q5fa9dbf'
},
'platform': {
    'machine': 'x86_64',
    'python_implementation': 'CPython',
   'version': '#140-Ubuntu SMP Mon Jul',
   'processor':
   'x86 64',
    'distro:': ('Ubuntu', '14.04', 'trusty')
    },
'db': 'sqlite',
'mq': 'simple',
'plugins': {
    'buildbot.schedulers.forcesched.ForceScheduler': 2,
    'buildbot.schedulers.triggerable.Triggerable': 1,
    'buildbot.config.BuilderConfig': 4,
    'buildbot.schedulers.basic.AnyBranchScheduler': 2,
    'buildbot.steps.source.git.Git': 4,
    '>>buildbot.steps.trigger.Trigger': 2,
    '>>>buildbot.worker.base.Worker': 4,
    'buildbot.reporters.irc.IRC': 1,
    '>>>buildbot.process.buildstep.LoggingBuildStep': 2},
'www_plugins': ['buildbot_travis', 'waterfall_view']
```

• c['buildbotNetUsageData'] = 'full' sends the basic information plus additional information:

- configuration of each builders: how the steps are arranged together. for example:

```
{
    'builders': [
        ['buildbot.steps.source.git.Git',
        '>>>buildbot.process.buildstep.LoggingBuildStep'],
        ['buildbot.steps.source.git.Git',
        '>>buildbot.steps.source.git.Git',
        '>>>buildbot.process.buildstep.LoggingBuildStep'],
        ['buildbot.steps.source.git.Git',
        '>>>buildbot.steps.source.git.Git',
        '>>buildbot.steps.trigger.Trigger']
]
```

• c['buildbotNetUsageData'] = myCustomFunction. You can also specify exactly what to send using a callback.

The custom function will take the generated data from full report in the form of a dictionary, and return a customized report as a jsonable dictionary. You can use this to filter any information you don't want to disclose. You can use a custom http\_proxy environment variable in order to not send any data while developing your callback.

## **Users Options**

*user\_managers* contains a list of ways to manually manage User Objects within Buildbot (see *User Objects*). Currently implemented is a commandline tool *buildbot user*, described at length in *user*. In the future, a web client will also be able to manage User Objects and their attributes.

As shown above, to enable the *buildbot user* tool, you must initialize a *CommandlineUserManager* instance in your *master.cfg. CommandlineUserManager* instances require the following arguments:

- **username** This is the *username* that will be registered on the PB connection and need to be used when calling *buildbot user*.
- **passwd** This is the *passwd* that will be registered on the PB connection and need to be used when calling *buildbot user*.
- port The PB connection port must be different than c['protocols']['pb']['port'] and be specified when calling buildbot user

## **Input Validation**

```
import re
c['validation'] = {
    'branch' : re.compile(r'^[\w.+/~-]*$'),
    'revision' : re.compile(r'^[\w\.\-\/]*$'),
    'property_name' : re.compile(r'^[\w\.\-\/\~:]*$'),
    'property_value' : re.compile(r'^[\w\.\-\/\~:]*$'),
```

This option configures the validation applied to user inputs of various types. This validation is important since these values are often included in command-line arguments executed on workers. Allowing arbitrary input from untrusted users may raise security concerns.

The keys describe the type of input validated; the values are compiled regular expressions against which the input will be matched. The defaults for each type of input are those given in the example, above.

#### **Revision Links**

The *revlink* parameter is used to create links from revision IDs in the web status to a web-view of your source control system. The parameter's value must be a callable.

By default, Buildbot is configured to generate revlinks for a number of open source hosting platforms.

The callable takes the revision id and repository argument, and should return an URL to the revision. Note that the revision id may not always be in the form you expect, so code defensively. In particular, a revision of "??" may be supplied when no other information is available.

Note that SourceStamps that are not created from version-control changes (e.g., those created by a *Nightly* or *Periodic* scheduler) may have an empty repository string, if the repository is not known to the scheduler.

## **Revision Link Helpers**

Buildbot provides two helpers for generating revision links. buildbot.revlinks.RevlinkMatcher takes a list of regular expressions, and replacement text. The regular expressions should all have the same number of capture groups. The replacement text should have sed-style references to that capture groups (i.e. '1' for the first capture group), and a single '%s' reference, for the revision ID. The repository given is tried against each regular expression in turn. The results are the substituted into the replacement text, along with the revision ID to obtain the revision link.

buildbot.revlinks.RevlinkMultiplexer takes a list of revision link callables, and tries each in turn, returning the first successful match.

## **Codebase Generator**

```
all_repositories = {
    r'https://hg/hg/mailsuite/mailclient': 'mailexe',
    r'https://hg/hg/mailsuite/mapilib': 'mapilib',
    r'https://github.com/mailinc/mailsuite/mailclient': 'mailexe',
    r'https://github.com/mailinc/mailsuite/mapilib': 'mapilib',
    r'https://github.com/mailinc/mailsuite/imaplib': 'imapilib',
    r'https://github.com/mailinc/mailsuite/imaplib': 'imapilib',
    r'https://github.com/mailinc/mailsuite/imaplib': 'imapilib',
    r'https://github.com/mailinc/mailsuite/imaplib': 'imapilib',
    r'https://github.com/mailinc/mailsuite/imaplib': 'imapilib',
    r'https://github.com/mailinc/mailsuite/imaplib': 'imapilib',
    r'https://github.com/mailinc/mailsuite/imaplib': 'imaplib',
    c'icodebaseGenerator(chdict):
    return all_repositories[chdict['repository']]
c['codebaseGenerator'] = codebaseGenerator
```

For any incoming change, the *codebase* is set to '. This codebase value is sufficient if all changes come from the same repository (or clones). If changes come from different repositories, extra processing will be needed to determine the codebase for the incoming change. This codebase will then be a logical name for the combination of repository and or branch etc.

The *codebaseGenerator* accepts a change dictionary as produced by the buildbot.db.changes. ChangesConnectorComponent, with a changeid equal to *None*.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

## 2.5.3 Change Sources and Changes

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A *change source* is the mechanism which is used by Buildbot to get information about new changes in a repository maintained by a Version Control System.

These change sources fall broadly into two categories: pollers which periodically check the repository for updates; and hooks, where the repository is configured to notify Buildbot whenever an update occurs.

A Change is an abstract way that Buildbot uses to represent changes in any of the Version Control Systems it supports. It contains just enough information needed to acquire specific version of the tree when needed. This usually happens as one of the first steps in a Build.

This concept does not map perfectly to every version control system. For example, for CVS Buildbot must guess that version updates made to multiple files within a short time represent a single change.

Changes can be provided by a variety of ChangeSource types, although any given project will typically have only a single ChangeSource active.

## How Different VC Systems Specify Sources

For CVS, the static specifications are *repository* and *module*. In addition to those, each build uses a timestamp (or omits the timestamp to mean *the latest*) and *branch tag* (which defaults to HEAD). These parameters collectively

specify a set of sources from which a build may be performed.

Subversion (http://subversion.tigris.org), combines the repository, module, and branch into a single *Subversion URL* parameter. Within that scope, source checkouts can be specified by a numeric *revision number* (a repository-wide monotonically-increasing marker, such that each transaction that changes the repository is indexed by a different revision number), or a revision timestamp. When branches are used, the repository and module form a static baseURL, while each build has a *revision number* and a *branch* (which defaults to a statically-specified defaultBranch). The baseURL and branch are simply concatenated together to derive the repourl to use for the checkout.

Perforce (http://www.perforce.com/) is similar. The server is specified through a P4PORT parameter. Module and branch are specified in a single depot path, and revisions are depot-wide. When branches are used, the p4base and defaultBranch are concatenated together to produce the depot path.

Bzr (http://bazaar-vcs.org) (which is a descendant of Arch/Bazaar, and is frequently referred to as "Bazaar") has the same sort of repository-vs-workspace model as Arch, but the repository data can either be stored inside the working directory or kept elsewhere (either on the same machine or on an entirely different machine). For the purposes of Buildbot (which never commits changes), the repository is specified with a URL and a revision number.

The most common way to obtain read-only access to a bzr tree is via HTTP, simply by making the repository visible through a web server like Apache. Bzr can also use FTP and SFTP servers, if the worker process has sufficient privileges to access them. Higher performance can be obtained by running a special Bazaar-specific server. None of these matter to the buildbot: the repository URL just has to match the kind of server being used. The repoURL argument provides the location of the repository.

Branches are expressed as subdirectories of the main central repository, which means that if branches are being used, the BZR step is given a baseURL and defaultBranch instead of getting the repoURL argument.

Darcs (http://darcs.net/) doesn't really have the notion of a single master repository. Nor does it really have branches. In Darcs, each working directory is also a repository, and there are operations to push and pull patches from one of these repositories to another. For the Buildbot's purposes, all you need to do is specify the URL of a repository that you want to build from. The worker will then pull the latest patches from that repository and build them. Multiple branches are implemented by using multiple repositories (possibly living on the same server).

Builders which use Darcs therefore have a static repourl which specifies the location of the repository. If branches are being used, the source Step is instead configured with a baseURL and a defaultBranch, and the two strings are simply concatenated together to obtain the repository's URL. Each build then has a specific branch which replaces defaultBranch, or just uses the default one. Instead of a revision number, each build can have a context, which is a string that records all the patches that are present in a given tree (this is the output of darcs changes --context, and is considerably less concise than, e.g. Subversion's revision number, but the patch-reordering flexibility of Darcs makes it impossible to provide a shorter useful specification).

Mercurial (https://www.mercurial-scm.org/) follows a decentralized model, and each repository can have several branches and tags. The source Step is configured with a static repourl which specifies the location of the repository. Branches are configured with the defaultBranch argument. The *revision* is the hash identifier returned by hg identify.

Git (http://git.or.cz/) also follows a decentralized model, and each repository can have several branches and tags. The source Step is configured with a static repourl which specifies the location of the repository. In addition, an optional branch parameter can be specified to check out code from a specific branch instead of the default *master* branch. The *revision* is specified as a SHA1 hash as returned by e.g. git rev-parse. No attempt is made to ensure that the specified revision is actually a subset of the specified branch.

Monotone (http://www.monotone.ca/) is another that follows a decentralized model where each repository can have several branches and tags. The source Step is configured with static repourl and branch parameters, which specifies the location of the repository and the branch to use. The *revision* is specified as a SHA1 hash as returned by e.g. mtn automate select w:. No attempt is made to ensure that the specified revision is actually a subset of the specified branch.

## Comparison

Name	Change	Revision	Branches
CVS	patch [1]	timestamp	unnamed
Subversion	revision	integer	directories
Git	commit	sha1 hash	named refs
Mercurial	changeset	sha1 hash	different repos or (permanently) named commits
Darcs	?	none [2]	different repos
Bazaar	?	?	?
Perforce	?	?	?
BitKeeper	changeset	?	different repos

- [1] note that CVS only tracks patches to individual files. Buildbot tries to recognize coordinated changes to multiple files by correlating change times.
- [2] Darcs does not have a concise way of representing a particular revision of the source.

## **Tree Stability**

Changes tend to arrive at a buildmaster in bursts. In many cases, these bursts of changes are meant to be taken together. For example, a developer may have pushed multiple commits to a DVCS that comprise the same new feature or bugfix. To avoid trying to build every change, Buildbot supports the notion of *tree stability*, by waiting for a burst of changes to finish before starting to schedule builds. This is implemented as a timer, with builds not scheduled until no changes have occurred for the duration of the timer.

## Choosing a Change Source

There are a variety of ChangeSource classes available, some of which are meant to be used in conjunction with other tools to deliver Change events from the VC repository to the buildmaster.

As a quick guide, here is a list of VC systems and the ChangeSources that might be useful with them. Note that some of these modules are in Buildbot's master/contrib (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib) directory, meaning that they have been offered by other users in hopes they may be useful, and might require some additional work to make them functional.

## CVS

- *CVSMaildirSource* (watching mail sent by master/contrib/buildbot\_cvs\_mail.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/buildbot\_cvs\_mail.py) script)
- *PBChangeSource* (listening for connections from buildbot sendchange run in a loginfo script)
- *PBChangeSource* (listening for connections from a long-running master/contrib/viewcvspoll.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/viewcvspoll.py) polling process which examines the ViewCVS database directly)
- Change Hooks in WebStatus

SVN

• *PBChangeSource* (listening for connections from master/contrib/svn\_buildbot.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/master/contrib/svn\_buildbot.py) run in a postcommit script)

- *PBChangeSource* (listening for connections from a long-running master/contrib/svn\_watcher.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/svn\_watcher.py) or master/contrib/svnpoller.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/tree/master/contrib/svnpoller.py) polling process
- SVNCommitEmailMaildirSource (watching for email sent by commit-email.pl)
- *SVNPoller* (polling the SVN repository)
- Change Hooks in WebStatus

#### Darcs

- *PBChangeSource* (listening for connections from master/contrib/darcs\_buildbot.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/master/contrib/darcs\_buildbot.py) in a commit script)
- Change Hooks in WebStatus

#### Mercurial

- Change Hooks in WebStatus (including master/contrib/hgbuildbot.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbotcontrib/tree/master/contrib/hgbuildbot.py), configurable in a changegroup hook)
- BitBucket change hook (specifically designed for BitBucket notifications, but requiring a publicly-accessible WebStatus)
- *HgPoller* (polling a remote Mercurial repository)
- *BitbucketPullrequestPoller* (polling Bitbucket for pull requests)
- Mail-parsing ChangeSources, though there are no ready-to-use recipes

## Bzr (the newer Bazaar)

- *PBChangeSource* (listening for connections from master/contrib/bzr\_buildbot.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/bzr\_buildbot.py) run in a post-change-branch-tip or commit hook)
- *BzrPoller* (polling the Bzr repository)
- Change Hooks in WebStatus

## Git

- *PBChangeSource* (listening for connections from master/contrib/git\_buildbot.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/git\_buildbot.py) run in the post-receive hook)
- *PBChangeSource* (listening for connections from master/contrib/github\_buildbot.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/github\_buildbot.py), which listens for notifications from GitHub)
- Change Hooks in WebStatus
- *GitHub* change hook (specifically designed for GitHub notifications, but requiring a publicly-accessible Web-Status)
- *BitBucket* change hook (specifically designed for BitBucket notifications, but requiring a publicly-accessible WebStatus)
- *GitPoller* (polling a remote Git repository)
- GitHubPullrequestPoller (polling GitHub API for pull requests)
- *BitbucketPullrequestPoller* (polling Bitbucket for pull requests)

## Repo/Gerrit

- Gerrit ChangeSource connects to Gerrit via SSH to get a live stream of changes
- GerritEventLogPoller connects to Gerrit via HTTP with the help of the plugin events-log (https://gerrit.googlesource.com/plugins/events-log/)

## Monotone

• *PBChangeSource* (listening for connections from monotone-buildbot.lua, which is available with Monotone)

All VC systems can be driven by a *PBChangeSource* and the buildbot sendchange tool run from some form of commit script. If you write an email parsing function, they can also all be driven by a suitable *mail-parsing source*. Additionally, handlers for web-based notification (i.e. from GitHub) can be used with WebStatus' change\_hook module. The interface is simple, so adding your own handlers (and sharing!) should be a breeze.

See charc for a full list of change sources.

## **Configuring Change Sources**

The change\_source configuration key holds all active change sources for the configuration.

Most configurations have a single ChangeSource, watching only a single tree, e.g.,

from buildbot.plugins import changes

```
c['change_source'] = changes.PBChangeSource()
```

For more advanced configurations, the parameter can be a list of change sources:

```
source1 = ...
source2 = ...
c['change_source'] = [
      source1, source2
]
```

## **Repository and Project**

ChangeSources will, in general, automatically provide the proper repository attribute for any changes they produce. For systems which operate on URL-like specifiers, this is a repository URL. Other ChangeSources adapt the concept as necessary.

Many ChangeSources allow you to specify a project, as well. This attribute is useful when building from several distinct codebases in the same buildmaster: the project string can serve to differentiate the different codebases. Schedulers can filter on project, so you can configure different builders to run for each project.

## Mail-parsing ChangeSources

Many projects publish information about changes to their source tree by sending an email message out to a mailing list, frequently named *PROJECT*-commits or *PROJECT*-changes. Each message usually contains a description of the change (who made the change, which files were affected) and sometimes a copy of the diff. Humans can subscribe to this list to stay informed about what's happening to the source tree.

The Buildbot can also be subscribed to a *-commits* mailing list, and can trigger builds in response to Changes that it hears about. The buildmaster admin needs to arrange for these email messages to arrive in a place where the buildmaster can find them, and configure the buildmaster to parse the messages correctly. Once that is in place,

the email parser will create Change objects and deliver them to the schedulers (see *Schedulers*) just like any other ChangeSource.

There are two components to setting up an email-based ChangeSource. The first is to route the email messages to the buildmaster, which is done by dropping them into a *maildir*. The second is to actually parse the messages, which is highly dependent upon the tool that was used to create them. Each VC system has a collection of favorite change-emailing tools, and each has a slightly different format, so each has a different parsing function. There is a separate ChangeSource variant for each parsing function.

Once you've chosen a maildir location and a parsing function, create the change source and put it in *change\_source*:

## Subscribing the Buildmaster

The recommended way to install the Buildbot is to create a dedicated account for the buildmaster. If you do this, the account will probably have a distinct email address (perhaps *buildmaster@example.org*). Then just arrange for this account's email to be delivered to a suitable maildir (described in the next section).

If the Buildbot does not have its own account, *extension addresses* can be used to distinguish between email intended for the buildmaster and email intended for the rest of the account. In most modern MTAs, the e.g. *foo@example.org* account has control over every email address at example.org which begins with "foo", such that email addressed to *account-foo@example.org* can be delivered to a different destination than *account-bar@example.org*. qmail does this by using separate .qmail files for the two destinations (.qmail-foo and .qmail-bar, with .qmail controlling the base address and .qmail-default controlling all other extensions). Other MTAs have similar mechanisms.

Thus you can assign an extension address like *foo-buildmaster@example.org* to the buildmaster, and retain *foo@example.org* for your own use.

#### **Using Maildirs**

A *maildir* is a simple directory structure originally developed for qmail that allows safe atomic update without locking. Create a base directory with three subdirectories: new, tmp, and cur. When messages arrive, they are put into a uniquely-named file (using pids, timestamps, and random numbers) in tmp. When the file is complete, it is atomically renamed into new. Eventually the buildmaster notices the file in new, reads and parses the contents, then moves it into cur. A cronjob can be used to delete files in cur at leisure.

Maildirs are frequently created with the maildirmake tool, but a simple mkdir -p ~/MAILDIR/cur, new, tmp is pretty much equivalent.

Many modern MTAs can deliver directly to maildirs. The usual .forward or .procmailrc syntax is to name the base directory with a trailing slash, so something like ~/MAILDIR/. qmail and postfix are maildir-capable MTAs, and procmail is a maildir-capable MDA (Mail Delivery Agent).

Here is an example procmail config, located in ~/.procmailrc:

```
# .procmailrc
# routes incoming mail to appropriate mailboxes
PATH=/usr/bin:/usr/local/bin
MAILDIR=$HOME/Mail
LOGFILE=.procmail_log
```

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```
SHELL=/bin/sh
:0
*
```

If procmail is not setup on a system wide basis, then the following one-line . forward file will invoke it.

```
!/usr/bin/procmail
```

For MTAs which cannot put files into maildirs directly, the *safecat* tool can be executed from a .forward file to accomplish the same thing.

The Buildmaster uses the linux DNotify facility to receive immediate notification when the maildir's new directory has changed. When this facility is not available, it polls the directory for new messages, every 10 seconds by default.

## Parsing Email Change Messages

The second component to setting up an email-based ChangeSource is to parse the actual notices. This is highly dependent upon the VC system and commit script in use.

A couple of common tools used to create these change emails, along with the Buildbot tools to parse them, are:

CVS

```
Buildbot CVS MailNotifier CVSMaildirSource
```

## SVN

svnmailer http://opensource.perlig.de/en/svnmailer/

commit-email.pl SVNCommitEmailMaildirSource

Bzr

Launchpad BzrLaunchpadEmailMaildirSource

Mercurial

NotifyExtension https://www.mercurial-scm.org/wiki/NotifyExtension

Git

post-receive-email http://git.kernel.org/?p=git/git.git;a=blob;f=contrib/hooks/post-receive-email;hb=HEAD

The following sections describe the parsers available for each of these tools.

Most of these parsers accept a prefix= argument, which is used to limit the set of files that the buildmaster pays attention to. This is most useful for systems like CVS and SVN which put multiple projects in a single repository (or use repository names to indicate branches). Each filename that appears in the email is tested against the prefix: if the filename does not start with the prefix, the file is ignored. If the filename *does* start with the prefix, that prefix is stripped from the filename before any further processing is done. Thus the prefix usually ends with a slash.

## **CVSMaildirSource**

class buildbot.changes.mail.CVSMaildirSource

This parser works with the master/contrib/buildbot\_cvs\_mail.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/buildbot\_cvs\_mail.py) script.

The script sends an email containing all the files submitted in one directory. It is invoked by using the CVSROOT/loginfo facility.

The Buildbot's *CVSMaildirSource* knows how to parse these messages and turn them into Change objects. It takes the directory name of the maildir root. For example:

from buildbot.plugins import changes

c['change\_source'] = changes.CVSMaildirSource("/home/buildbot/Mail")

# Configuration of CVS and buildbot\_cvs\_mail.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-cvs\_mail.py)

CVS must be configured to invoke the buildbot\_cvs\_mail.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/buildbot\_cvs\_mail.py) script when files are checked in. This is done via the CVS loginfo configuration file.

To update this, first do:

cvs checkout CVSROOT

cd to the CVSROOT directory and edit the file loginfo, adding a line like:

**Note:** For cvs version 1.12.x, the --path %p option is required. Version 1.11.x and 1.12.x report the directory path differently.

The above example you put the buildbot\_cvs\_mail.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/master/contrib/buildbot\_cvs\_mail.py) script under /cvsroot/CVSROOT. It can be anywhere. Run the script with --help to see all the options. At the very least, the options -e (email) and -P (project) should be specified. The line must end with  $\{sVv\}$ . This is expanded to the files that were modified.

Additional entries can be added to support more modules.

See **buildbot\_cvs\_mail.py** --help for more information on the available options.

#### **SVNCommitEmailMaildirSource**

class buildbot.changes.mail.SVNCommitEmailMaildirSource

SVNCommitEmailMaildirSource parses message sent out by the commit-email.pl script, which is included in the Subversion distribution.

It does not currently handle branches: all of the Change objects that it creates will be associated with the default (i.e. trunk) branch.

```
from buildbot.plugins import changes
```

c['change\_source'] = changes.SVNCommitEmailMaildirSource("~/maildir-buildbot")

## **BzrLaunchpadEmailMaildirSource**

## class buildbot.changes.mail.BzrLaunchpadEmailMaildirSource

*BzrLaunchpadEmailMaildirSource* parses the mails that are sent to addresses that subscribe to branch revision notifications for a bzr branch hosted on Launchpad.

The branch name defaults to lp: Launchpad path. For example lp:~maria-captains/maria/5.1.

If only a single branch is used, the default branch name can be changed by setting defaultBranch.

For multiple branches, pass a dictionary as the value of the branchMap option to map specific repository paths to specific branch names (see example below). The leading lp: prefix of the path is optional.

The prefix option is not supported (it is silently ignored). Use the branchMap and defaultBranch instead to assign changes to branches (and just do not subscribe the Buildbot to branches that are not of interest).

The revision number is obtained from the email text. The bzr revision id is not available in the mails sent by Launchpad. However, it is possible to set the bzr *append\_revisions\_only* option for public shared repositories to avoid new pushes of merges changing the meaning of old revision numbers.

## **PBChangeSource**

## class buildbot.changes.pb.PBChangeSource

*PBChangeSource* actually listens on a TCP port for clients to connect and push change notices *into* the Buildmaster. This is used by the built-in buildbot sendchange notification tool, as well as several version-control hook scripts. This change is also useful for creating new kinds of change sources that work on a *push* model instead of some kind of subscription scheme, for example a script which is run out of an email .forward file. This ChangeSource always runs on the same TCP port as the workers. It shares the same protocol, and in fact shares the same space of "usernames", so you cannot configure a *PBChangeSource* with the same name as a worker.

If you have a publicly accessible worker port, and are using *PBChangeSource*, you must establish a secure username and password for the change source. If your sendchange credentials are known (e.g., the defaults), then your buildmaster is susceptible to injection of arbitrary changes, which (depending on the build factories) could lead to arbitrary code execution on workers.

The *PBChangeSource* is created with the following arguments.

- port which port to listen on. If None (which is the default), it shares the port used for worker connections.
- user The user account that the client program must use to connect. Defaults to change
- **passwd** The password for the connection defaults to changepw. Can be a *Secret*. Do not use this default on a publicly exposed port!
- **prefix** The prefix to be found and stripped from filenames delivered over the connection, defaulting to None. Any filenames which do not start with this prefix will be removed. If all the filenames in a given Change are removed, the that whole Change will be dropped. This string should probably end with a directory separator.

This is useful for changes coming from version control systems that represent branches as parent directories within the repository (like SVN and Perforce). Use a prefix of trunk/ or project/branches/ foobranch/ to only follow one branch and to get correct tree-relative filenames. Without a prefix, the *PBChangeSource* will probably deliver Changes with filenames like trunk/foo.c instead of just foo.c. Of course this also depends upon the tool sending the Changes in (like *buildbot sendchange*) and what filenames it is delivering: that tool may be filtering and stripping prefixes at the sending end.

## For example:

from buildbot.plugins import changes
c['change\_source'] = changes.PBChangeSource(port=9999, user='laura', passwd='fpga')

The following hooks are useful for sending changes to a *PBChangeSource*:

## **Bzr Hook**

Bzr is also written in Python, and the Bzr hook depends on Twisted to send the changes.

To install, put master/contrib/bzr\_buildbot.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbotcontrib/tree/master/master/contrib/bzr\_buildbot.py) in one of your plugins locations a bzr plugins directory (e.g., ~/.bazaar/plugins). Then, in one of your bazaar conf files (e.g., ~/.bazaar/locations.conf), set the location you want to connect with Buildbot with these keys:

- buildbot\_on one of 'commit', 'push, or 'change'. Turns the plugin on to report changes via commit, changes via push, or any changes to the trunk. 'change' is recommended.
- buildbot\_server (required to send to a Buildbot master) the URL of the Buildbot master to which you will connect (as of this writing, the same server and port to which workers connect).
- buildbot\_port (optional, defaults to 9989) the port of the Buildbot master to which you will connect (as of this writing, the same server and port to which workers connect)
- buildbot\_pqm (optional, defaults to not pqm) Normally, the user that commits the revision is the user that is responsible for the change. When run in a pqm (Patch Queue Manager, see https://launchpad.net/pqm) environment, the user that commits is the Patch Queue Manager, and the user that committed the *parent* revision is responsible for the change. To turn on the pqm mode, set this value to any of (case-insensitive) "Yes", "Y", "True", or "T".
- buildbot\_dry\_run (optional, defaults to not a dry run) Normally, the post-commit hook will attempt to communicate with the configured Buildbot server and port. If this parameter is included and any of (case-insensitive) "Yes", "Y", "True", or "T", then the hook will simply print what it would have sent, but not attempt to contact the Buildbot master.
- buildbot\_send\_branch\_name (optional, defaults to not sending the branch name) If your Buildbot's bzr source build step uses a repourl, do *not* turn this on. If your buildbot's bzr build step uses a baseURL, then you may set this value to any of (case-insensitive) "Yes", "Y", "True", or "T" to have the Buildbot master append the branch name to the baseURL.

**Note:** The bzr smart server (as of version 2.2.2) doesn't know how to resolve bzr:// urls into absolute paths so any paths in locations.conf won't match, hence no change notifications will be sent to Buildbot. Setting configuration parameters globally or in-branch might still work. When Buildbot no longer has a hardcoded password, it will be a configuration option here as well.

Here's a simple example that you might have in your ~/.bazaar/locations.conf.

```
[chroot-*:///var/local/myrepo/mybranch]
buildbot_on = change
buildbot server = localhost
```

## **P4Source**

The *P4Source* periodically polls a Perforce (http://www.perforce.com/) depot for changes. It accepts the following arguments:

**p4port** The Perforce server to connect to (as *host:port*).

p4user The Perforce user.

p4passwd The Perforce password.

- **p4base** The base depot path to watch, without the trailing '/...'.
- **p4bin** An optional string parameter. Specify the location of the perforce command line binary (p4). You only need to do this if the perforce binary is not in the path of the Buildbot user. Defaults to *p4*.
- split\_file A function that maps a pathname, without the leading p4base, to a (branch, filename) tuple. The
  default just returns (None, branchfile), which effectively disables branch support. You should supply a
  function which understands your repository structure.
- pollInterval How often to poll, in seconds. Defaults to 600 (10 minutes).
- **project** Set the name of the project to be used for the *P4Source*. This will then be set in any changes generated by the *P4Source*, and can be used in a Change Filter for triggering particular builders.
- **pollAtLaunch** Determines when the first poll occurs. True = immediately on launch, False = wait for one pollInterval (default).
- histmax The maximum number of changes to inspect at a time. If more than this number occur since the last poll, older changes will be silently ignored.
- **encoding** The character encoding of p4's output. This defaults to "utf8", but if your commit messages are in another encoding, specify that here. For example, if you're using Perforce on Windows, you may need to use "cp437" as the encoding if "utf8" generates errors in your master log.
- server\_tz The timezone of the Perforce server, using the usual timezone format (e.g: "Europe/Stockholm")
  in case it's not in UTC.
- **use\_tickets** Set to True to use ticket-based authentication, instead of passwords (but you still need to specify p4passwd).
- ticket\_login\_interval How often to get a new ticket, in seconds, when use\_tickets is enabled. Defaults to 86400 (24 hours).
- **revlink** A function that maps branch and revision to a valid url (e.g. p4web), stored along with the change. This function must be a callable which takes two arguments, the branch and the revision. Defaults to lambda branch, revision: (u'')
- **resolvewho** A function that resolves the Perforce 'user@workspace ('user@workspace)' into a more verbose form, stored as the author of the change. Useful when usernames do not match email addresses and external, client-side lookup is required. This function must be a callable which takes one argument. Defaults to lambda who: (who)

## Example #1

This configuration uses the P4PORT, P4USER, and P4PASSWD specified in the buildmaster's environment. It watches a project in which the branch name is simply the next path component, and the file is all path components after.

## Example #2

Similar to the previous example but also resolves the branch and revision into a valid revlink.

## **SVNPoller**

class buildbot.changes.svnpoller.SVNPoller

The *SVNPoller* is a ChangeSource which periodically polls a Subversion (http://subversion.tigris.org) repository for new revisions, by running the svn log command in a subshell. It can watch a single branch or multiple branches.

SVNPoller accepts the following arguments:

repourl The base URL path to watch, like svn://svn.twistedmatrix.com/svn/Twisted/trunk, or http://divmod.org/svn/Divmo/, or even file:///home/svn/Repository/ProjectA/ branches/1.5/. This must include the access scheme, the location of the repository (both the hostname for remote ones, and any additional directory names necessary to get to the repository), and the sub-path within the repository's virtual filesystem for the project and branch of interest.

The SVNPoller will only pay attention to files inside the subdirectory specified by the complete repourl.

split\_file A function to convert pathnames into (branch, relative\_pathname) tuples. Use this to
explain your repository's branch-naming policy to SVNPoller. This function must accept a single string
(the pathname relative to the repository) and return a two-entry tuple. Directory pathnames always end with
a right slash to distinguish them from files, like trunk/src/, or src/. There are a few utility functions in
buildbot.changes.svnpoller that can be used as a split\_file function; see below for details.

For directories, the relative pathname returned by split\_file should end with a right slash but an empty string is also accepted for the root, like ("branches/1.5.x", "") being converted from "branches/1.5.x/".

The default value always returns (None, path), which indicates that all files are on the trunk.

Subclasses of *SVNPoller* can override the split\_file method instead of using the split\_file= argument.

**project** Set the name of the project to be used for the *SVNPoller*. This will then be set in any changes generated by the *SVNPoller*, and can be used in a *Change Filter* for triggering particular builders.

- **svnuser** An optional string parameter. If set, the option *-user* argument will be added to all **svn** commands. Use this if you have to authenticate to the svn server before you can do **svn info** or **svn log** commands. Can be a *Secret*.
- **svnpasswd** Like svnuser, this will cause a option *-password* argument to be passed to all **svn** commands. Can be a *Secret*.
- **pollInterval** How often to poll, in seconds. Defaults to 600 (checking once every 10 minutes). Lower this if you want the Buildbot to notice changes faster, raise it if you want to reduce the network and CPU load on your svn server. Please be considerate of public SVN repositories by using a large interval when polling them.
- **pollAtLaunch** Determines when the first poll occurs. True = immediately on launch, False = wait for one pollInterval (default).
- histmax The maximum number of changes to inspect at a time. Every pollInterval seconds, the *SVNPoller* asks for the last histmax changes and looks through them for any revisions it does not already know about. If more than histmax revisions have been committed since the last poll, older changes will be silently ignored. Larger values of histmax will cause more time and memory to be consumed on each poll attempt. histmax defaults to 100.
- **svnbin** This controls the **svn** executable to use. If subversion is installed in a weird place on your system (outside of the buildmaster's PATH), use this to tell *SVNPoller* where to find it. The default value of *svn* will almost always be sufficient.
- revlinktmpl This parameter is deprecated in favour of specifying a global revlink option. This parameter allows a link to be provided for each revision (for example, to websvn or viewvc). These links appear anywhere changes are shown, such as on build or change pages. The proper form for this parameter is an URL with the portion that will substitute for a revision number replaced by ''%s''. For example, 'http://myserver/websvn/ revision.php?rev=%s' could be used to cause revision links to be created to a websvn repository viewer.
- **cachepath** If specified, this is a pathname of a cache file that *SVNPoller* will use to store its state between restarts of the master.
- extra\_args If specified, the extra arguments will be added to the svn command args.

Several split file functions are available for common SVN repository layouts. For a poller that is only monitoring trunk, the default split file function is available explicitly as split\_file\_alwaystrunk:

```
from buildbot.plugins import changes, util
c['change_source'] = changes.SVNPoller(
    repourl="svn://svn.twistedmatrix.com/svn/Twisted/trunk",
    split_file=util.svn.split_file_alwaystrunk)
```

For repositories with the /trunk and /branches/BRANCH layout, split\_file\_branches will do the job:

```
from buildbot.plugins import changes, util
c['change_source'] = changes.SVNPoller(
    repourl="https://amanda.svn.sourceforge.net/svnroot/amanda/amanda",
    split_file=util.svn.split_file_branches)
```

When using this splitter the poller will set the project attribute of any changes to the project attribute of the poller.

For repositories with the *PROJECT*/trunk and *PROJECT*/branches/*BRANCH* layout, split\_file\_projects\_branches will do the job:

```
from buildbot.plugins import changes, util
```

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```
c['change_source'] = changes.SVNPoller(
    repourl="https://amanda.svn.sourceforge.net/svnroot/amanda/",
    split_file=util.svn.split_file_projects_branches)
```

When using this splitter the poller will set the project attribute of any changes to the project determined by the splitter.

The *SVNPoller* is highly adaptable to various Subversion layouts. See *Customizing SVNPoller* for details and some common scenarios.

## **Bzr Poller**

If you cannot insert a Bzr hook in the server, you can use the *BzrPoller*. To use it, put master/contrib/bzr\_buildbot.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/master/contrib/bzr\_buildbot.py) somewhere that your Buildbot configuration can import it. Even putting it in the same directory as the master. cfg should work. Install the poller in the Buildbot configuration as with any other change source. Minimally, provide a URL that you want to poll (bzr://, bzr+ssh://, or lp:), making sure the Buildbot user has necessary privileges.

```
# put bzr_buildbot.py file to the same directory as master.cfg
from bzr_buildbot import BzrPoller
c['change_source'] = BzrPoller(
    url='bzr://hostname/my_project',
    poll_interval=300)
```

The BzrPoller parameters are:

**url** The URL to poll.

poll\_interval The number of seconds to wait between polls. Defaults to 10 minutes.

- **branch\_name** Any value to be used as the branch name. Defaults to None, or specify a string, or specify the constants from bzr\_buildbot.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/bzr\_buildbot.py) SHORT or FULL to get the short branch name or full branch address.
- blame\_merge\_author normally, the user that commits the revision is the user that is responsible for the change. When run in a pqm (Patch Queue Manager, see https://launchpad.net/pqm) environment, the user that commits is the Patch Queue Manager, and the user that committed the merged, *parent* revision is responsible for the change. Set this value to True if this is pointed against a PQM-managed branch.

#### GitPoller

If you cannot take advantage of post-receive hooks as provided by master/contrib/git\_buildbot.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/git\_buildbot.py) for example, then you can use the *GitPoller*.

The *GitPoller* periodically fetches from a remote Git repository and processes any changes. It requires its own working directory for operation. The default should be adequate, but it can be overridden via the workdir property.

Note: There can only be a single *GitPoller* pointed at any given repository.

The GitPoller requires Git-1.7 and later. It accepts the following arguments:

branches One of the following:

- a list of the branches to fetch. Non-existing branches are ignored.
- True indicating that all branches should be fetched
- a callable which takes a single argument. It should take a remote refspec (such as 'refs/heads/ master'), and return a boolean indicating whether that branch should be fetched.

branch accepts a single branch name to fetch. Exists for backwards compatibility with old configurations.

- pollInterval interval in seconds between polls, default is 10 minutes
- **pollAtLaunch** Determines when the first poll occurs. True = immediately on launch, False = wait for one pollInterval (default).
- **buildPushesWithNoCommits** Determine if a push on a new branch or update of an already known branch with already known commits should trigger a build. This is useful in case you have build steps depending on the name of the branch and you use topic branches for development. When you merge your topic branch into "master" (for instance), a new build will be triggered. (defaults to False).
- gitbin path to the Git binary, defaults to just 'git'
- **category** Set the category to be used for the changes produced by the *GitPoller*. This will then be set in any changes generated by the *GitPoller*, and can be used in a Change Filter for triggering particular builders.
- **project** Set the name of the project to be used for the *GitPoller*. This will then be set in any changes generated by the *GitPoller*, and can be used in a Change Filter for triggering particular builders.
- usetimestamps parse each revision's commit timestamp (default is True), or ignore it in favor of the current time (so recently processed commits appear together in the waterfall page)
- **encoding** Set encoding will be used to parse author's name and commit message. Default encoding is 'utf-8'. This will not be applied to file names since Git will translate non-ascii file names to unreadable escape sequences.
- **workdir** the directory where the poller should keep its local repository. The default is gitpoller\_work. If this is a relative path, it will be interpreted relative to the master's basedir. Multiple Git pollers can share the same directory.
- only\_tags Determines if the GitPoller should poll for new tags in the git repository.
- **sshPrivateKey** (optional) Specifies private SSH key for git to use. This may be either a *Secret* or just a string. This option requires Git-2.3 or later. The master must either have the host in the known hosts file or the host key must be specified via the *sshHostKey* option.
- **sshHostKey (optional)** Specifies public host key to match when authenticating with SSH public key authentication. This may be either a *Secret* or just a string. *sshPrivateKey* must be specified in order to use this option. The host key must be in the form of <*key type*> <*base64-encoded string*>, e.g. *ssh-rsa AAAAB3N*<...>*FAaQ*==.
- sshKnownHosts (optional) Specifies the contents of the SSH known\_hosts file to match when authenticating with SSH public key authentication. This may be either a *Secret* or just a string. *sshPrivateKey* must be specified in order to use this option. *sshHostKey* must not be specified in order to use this option.

A configuration for the Git poller might look like this:

## **HgPoller**

The *HgPoller* periodically pulls a named branch from a remote Mercurial repository and processes any changes. It requires its own working directory for operation, which must be specified via the workdir property.

The *HgPoller* requires a working hg executable, and at least a read-only access to the repository it polls (possibly through ssh keys or by tweaking the hgrc of the system user Buildbot runs as).

The *HgPoller* will not transmit any change if there are several heads on the watched named branch. This is similar (although not identical) to the Mercurial executable behaviour. This exceptional condition is usually the result of a developer mistake, and usually does not last for long. It is reported in logs. If fixed by a later merge, the buildmaster administrator does not have anything to do: that merge will be transmitted, together with the intermediate ones.

The *HgPoller* accepts the following arguments:

name the name of the poller. This must be unique, and defaults to the repourl.

**repourl** the url that describes the remote repository, e.g. http://hg.example.com/projects/myrepo. Any url suitable for hg pull can be specified.

**bookmarks** a list of the bookmarks to monitor.

**branches** a list of the branches to monitor; defaults to ['default'].

**branch** the desired branch to pull. Exists for backwards compatibility with old configurations.

**workdir** the directory where the poller should keep its local repository. It is mandatory for now, although later releases may provide a meaningful default.

It also serves to identify the poller in the buildmaster internal database. Changing it may result in re-processing all changes so far.

Several *HgPoller* instances may share the same workdir for mutualisation of the common history between two different branches, thus easing on local and remote system resources and bandwidth.

If relative, the workdir will be interpreted from the master directory.

- **pollInterval** interval in seconds between polls, default is 10 minutes
- **pollAtLaunch** Determines when the first poll occurs. True = immediately on launch, False = wait for one pollInterval (default).
- hgbin path to the Mercurial binary, defaults to just 'hg'
- **category** Set the category to be used for the changes produced by the *HgPoller*. This will then be set in any changes generated by the *HgPoller*, and can be used in a Change Filter for triggering particular builders.
- **project** Set the name of the project to be used for the *HgPoller*. This will then be set in any changes generated by the *HgPoller*, and can be used in a Change Filter for triggering particular builders.
- **usetimestamps** parse each revision's commit timestamp (default is True), or ignore it in favor of the current time (so recently processed commits appear together in the waterfall page)
- encoding Set encoding will be used to parse author's name and commit message. Default encoding is 'utf-8'.
- **revlink** A function that maps branch and revision to a valid url (e.g. hgweb), stored along with the change. This function must be a callable which takes two arguments, the branch and the revision. Defaults to lambda branch, revision: (u'')

A configuration for the Mercurial poller might look like this:

from buildbot.plugins import changes

c['change\_source'] = changes.HgPoller(repourl='http://hg.example.org/projects/myrepo',

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```
branch='great_new_feature',
workdir='hg-myrepo')
```

## GitHubPullrequestPoller

class buildbot.changes.github.GitHubPullrequestPoller

This *GitHubPullrequestPoller* periodically polls the GitHub API for new or updated pull requests. The *author*, *revision*, *revlink*, *branch* and *files* fields in the recorded changes are populated with information extracted from the pull request. This allows to filter for certain changes in files and create a blamelist based on the authors in the GitHub pull request.

The *GitHubPullrequestPoller* accepts the following arguments:

owner The owner of the GitHub repository. This argument is required.

**repo** The name of the GitHub repository. This argument is required.

- **branches** List of branches to accept as base branch (e.g. master). Defaults to *None* and accepts all branches as base.
- pollInterval Poll interval between polls in seconds. Default is 10 minutes.
- **pollAtLaunch** Whether to poll on startup of the buildbot master. Default is *False* and first poll will occur *pollInterval* seconds after the master start.
- **category** Set the category to be used for the changes produced by the *GitHubPullrequestPoller*. This will then be set in any changes generated by the *GitHubPullrequestPoller*, and can be used in a Change Filter for triggering particular builders.
- **baseURL** GitHub API endpoint. Default is https://api.github.com.
- pullrequest\_filter A callable which takes a dict which contains the decoded JSON object of the GitHub pull request as argument. All fields specified by the GitHub API are accessible. If the callable returns False the pull request is ignored. Default is True which does not filter any pull requests.
- **token** A GitHub API token to execute all requests to the API authenticated. It is strongly recommended to use a API token since it increases GitHub API rate limits significantly.
- **repository\_type** Set which type of repository link will be in the *repository* property. Possible values https, svn, git or svn. This link can then be used in a Source Step to checkout the source.
- magic\_link Set to True if the changes should contain refs/pulls/<PR #>/merge in the branch property and a link to the base repository in the repository property. These properties can be used by the GitHub source to pull from the special branch in the base repository. Default is False.
- github\_property\_whitelist A list of fnmatch expressions which match against the flattened pull request information JSON prefixed with github. For example github.number represents the pull request number. Available entries can be looked up in the GitHub API Documentation or by examining the data returned for a pull request by the API.

## BitbucketPullrequestPoller

class buildbot.changes.bitbucket.BitbucketPullrequestPoller

This polls Bitbucket for *BitbucketPullrequestPoller* periodically new or up-Bitbuckets powerful Request dated pull requests. It uses Pull REST API (https://confluence.atlassian.com/display/BITBUCKET/pullrequests+Resource) to gather the information needed.

The *BitbucketPullrequestPoller* accepts the following arguments:

- owner The owner of the Bitbucket repository. All Bitbucket Urls are of the form https://bitbucket.org/ owner/slug/.
- **slug** The name of the Bitbucket repository.
- **branch** A single branch or a list of branches which should be processed. If it is None (the default) all pull requests are used.
- pollInterval Interval in seconds between polls, default is 10 minutes.
- pollAtLaunch Determines when the first poll occurs. True = immediately on launch, False = wait for one
   pollInterval (default).
- **category** Set the category to be used for the changes produced by the *BitbucketPullrequestPoller*. This will then be set in any changes generated by the *BitbucketPullrequestPoller*, and can be used in a Change Filter for triggering particular builders.
- project Set the name of the project to be used for the BitbucketPullrequestPoller. This will then be set in any changes generated by the BitbucketPullrequestPoller, and can be used in a Change Filter for triggering particular builders.
- pullrequest\_filter A callable which takes one parameter, the decoded Python object of the pull request JSON. If the it returns False the pull request is ignored. It can be used to define custom filters based on the content of the pull request. See the Bitbucket documentation for more information about the format of the response. By default the filter always returns True.
- usetimestamps parse each revision's commit timestamp (default is True), or ignore it in favor of the current time (so recently processed commits appear together in the waterfall page)
- encoding This parameter is deprecated and has no effects. Author's name and commit message are always parsed in 'utf-8'.

A minimal configuration for the Bitbucket pull request poller might look like this:

```
from buildbot.plugins import changes
c['change_source'] = changes.BitbucketPullrequestPoller(
        owner='myname',
        slug='myrepo',
        )
```

Here is a more complex configuration using a pullrequest\_filter. The pull request is only processed if at least 3 people have already approved it:

```
def approve_filter(pr, threshold):
    approves = 0
    for participant in pr['participants']:
        if participant['approved']:
            approves = approves + 1
        if approves < threshold:
            return False
        return True

from buildbot.plugins import changes
c['change_source'] = changes.BitbucketPullrequestPoller(
        owner='myname',
        slug='myrepo',
        branch='mybranch',</pre>
```

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```
project='myproject',
pullrequest_filter=lambda pr : approve_filter(pr,3),
pollInterval=600,
```

**Warning:** Anyone who can create pull requests for the Bitbucket repository can initiate a change, potentially causing the buildmaster to run arbitrary code.

## GerritChangeSource

class buildbot.changes.gerritchangesource.GerritChangeSource

The *GerritChangeSource* class connects to a Gerrit server by its SSH interface and uses its event source mechanism, gerrit stream-events (https://gerrit-documentation.storage.googleapis.com/Documentation/2.2.1/cmd-stream-events.html).

Note that the Gerrit event stream is stateless and any events that occur while buildbot is not connected to Gerrit will be lost. See *GerritEventLogPoller* for a stateful change source.

The *GerritChangeSource* accepts the following arguments:

gerritserver the dns or ip that host the Gerrit ssh server

gerritport the port of the Gerrit ssh server

username the username to use to connect to Gerrit

identity\_file ssh identity file to for authentication (optional). Pay attention to the ssh passphrase

handled\_events event to be handled (optional). By default processes patchset-created and ref-updated

- get\_files Populate the *files* attribute of emitted changes (default *False*). Buildbot will run an extra query command for each handled event to determine the changed files.
- **debug** Print Gerrit event in the log (default *False*). This allows to debug event content, but will eventually fill your logs with useless Gerrit event logs.

By default this class adds a change to the Buildbot system for each of the following events:

- patchset-created A change is proposed for review. Automatic checks like checkpatch.pl can be automatically triggered. Beware of what kind of automatic task you trigger. At this point, no trusted human has reviewed the code, and a patch could be specially crafted by an attacker to compromise your workers.
- **ref-updated** A change has been merged into the repository. Typically, this kind of event can lead to a complete rebuild of the project, and upload binaries to an incremental build results server.

But you can specify how to handle events:

- Any event with change and patchSet will be processed by universal collector by default.
- In case you've specified processing function for the given kind of events, all events of this kind will be processed only by this function, bypassing universal collector.

An example:

from buildbot.plugins import changes

class MyGerritChangeSource(changes.GerritChangeSource):

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```
"""Custom GerritChangeSource
"""
def eventReceived_patchset_created(self, properties, event):
    """Handler events without properties
    """
    properties = {}
    self.addChangeFromEvent(properties, event)
```

This class will populate the property list of the triggered build with the info received from Gerrit server in JSON format.

**Warning:** If you selected GerritChangeSource, you **must** use *Gerrit* source step: the branch property of the change will be *target\_branch/change\_id* and such a ref cannot be resolved, so the *Git* source step would fail.

event.change.branch Branch of the Change event.change.id Change's ID in the Gerrit system (the ChangeId: in commit comments) event.change.number Change's number in Gerrit system event.change.owner.email Change's owner email (owner is first uploader) event.change.owner.name Change's owner name event.change.project Project of the Change event.change.subject Change's subject event.change.url URL of the Change in the Gerrit's web interface event.patchSet.number Patchset's version number event.patchSet.ref Patchset's Gerrit "virtual branch" event.patchSet.revision Patchset's Git commit ID

In case of patchset-created event, these properties will be:

event.patchSet.uploader.email Patchset uploader's email (owner is first uploader)

event.patchSet.uploader.name Patchset uploader's name (owner is first uploader)

event.type Event type (patchset-created)

event.uploader.email Patchset uploader's email

event.uploader.name Patchset uploader's name

In case of ref-updated event, these properties will be:

event.refUpdate.newRev New Git commit ID (after merger)

event.refUpdate.oldRev Previous Git commit ID (before merger)

event.refUpdate.project Project that was updated

event.refUpdate.refName Branch that was updated

event.submitter.email Submitter's email (merger responsible)

event.submitter.name Submitter's name (merger responsible)

event.type Event type (ref-updated)

event.submitter.email Submitter's email (merger responsible)

event.submitter.name Submitter's name (merger responsible)

A configuration for this source might look like:

```
from buildbot.plugins import changes
c['change_source'] = changes.GerritChangeSource(
    "gerrit.example.com",
    "gerrit_user",
    handled_events=["patchset-created", "change-merged"])
```

See master/docs/examples/git\_gerrit.cfg or master/docs/examples/repo\_gerrit.cfg in the Buildbot distribution for a full example setup of Git+Gerrit or Repo+Gerrit of GerritChangeSource.

## GerritEventLogPoller

class buildbot.changes.gerritchangesource.GerritEventLogPoller

The GerritEventLogPoller class is similar to GerritChangeSource but connects to the Gerrit server by its HTTP interface and uses the events-log (https://gerrit.googlesource.com/plugins/events-log/) plugin.

Note that the decision of whether to use *GerritEventLogPoller* and *GerritChangeSource* will depend on your needs. The trade off is:

- 1. *GerritChangeSource* is low-overhead and reacts instantaneously to events, but a broken connection to Gerrit will lead to missed changes
- 2. *GerritEventLogPoller* is subject to polling overhead and reacts only at it's polling rate, but is robust to a broken connection to Gerrit and missed changes will be discovered when a connection is restored.

You can use both at the same time to get the advantages of each. They will coordinate through the database to avoid duplicate changes generated for buildbot.

Note: The GerritEventLogPoller requires either the txrequest or the treq package.

The GerritEventLogPoller accepts the following arguments:

- baseURL the HTTP url where to find Gerrit. If the URL of the events-log endpoint for your server is https://example.com/a/plugins/events-log/events/ then the baseURL is https://example.com/a. Note that /a is included.
- auth a requests authentication configuration. if Gerrit is configured with BasicAuth, then it shall be
   ('login', 'password') if Gerrit is configured with DigestAuth, then it shall be requests.auth.
   HTTPDigestAuth('login', 'password') from the requests module. However, note that usage of
   requests.auth.HTTPDigestAuth is incompatible with treq.

handled\_events event to be handled (optional). By default processes patchset-created and ref-updated

- pollInterval interval in seconds between polls, default is 30 seconds
- **pollAtLaunch** Determines when the first poll occurs. True = immediately on launch (default), False = wait for one pollInterval.
- gitBaseURL The git URL where Gerrit is accessible via git+ssh protocol
- **get\_files** Populate the *files* attribute of emitted changes (default *False*). Buildbot will run an extra query command for each handled event to determine the changed files.

**debug** Print Gerrit event in the log (default *False*). This allows to debug event content, but will eventually fill your logs with useless Gerrit event logs.

The same customization can be done as GerritChangeSource for handling special events.

## GerritChangeFilter

class buildbot.changes.gerritchangesource.GerritChangeFilter

GerritChangeFilter is a ready to use ChangeFilter you can pass to *AnyBranchScheduler* in order to filter changes, to create pre-commit builders or post-commit schedulers. It has the same api as *Change Filter*, except it has additional *eventtype* set of filter (can as well be specified as value, list, regular expression or callable)

An example is following:

```
from buildbot.plugins import schedulers, util
# this scheduler will create builds when a patch is uploaded to gerrit
# but only if it is uploaded to the "main" branch
schedulers.AnyBranchScheduler(name="main-precommit",
                                change_filter=util.GerritChangeFilter(branch="main",
                                                                         eventtype=
\leftrightarrow "patchset-created"),
                                treeStableTimer=15 \times 60,
                                builderNames=["main-precommit"])
# this scheduler will create builds when a patch is merged in the "main" branch
# for post-commit tests
schedulers.AnyBranchScheduler(name="main-postcommit",
                                change_filter=util.GerritChangeFilter("main", "ref-
\leftrightarrowupdated"),
                                treeStableTimer=15*60,
                                builderNames=["main-postcommit"])
```

## **Change Hooks (HTTP Notifications)**

Buildbot already provides a web frontend, and that frontend can easily be used to receive HTTP push notifications of commits from services like GitHub. See *Change Hooks* for more information.

## 2.5.4 Changes

class buildbot.changes.changes.Change

A Change is an abstract way Buildbot uses to represent a single change to the source files performed by a developer. In version control systems that support the notion of atomic check-ins a change represents a changeset or commit. Instances of Change have the following attributes.

## Who

Each Change has a who attribute, which specifies which developer is responsible for the change. This is a string which comes from a namespace controlled by the VC repository. Frequently this means it is a username on the host which runs the repository, but not all VC systems require this. Each StatusNotifier will map the who attribute into something appropriate for their particular means of communication: an email address, an IRC handle, etc.

This who attribute is also parsed and stored into Buildbot's database (see *User Objects*). Currently, only who attributes in Changes from git repositories are translated into user objects, but in the future all incoming Changes will have their who parsed and stored.

## Files

It also has a list of files, which are just the tree-relative filenames of any files that were added, deleted, or modified for this Change. These filenames are used by the fileIsImportant function (in the scheduler) to decide whether it is worth triggering a new build or not, e.g. the function could use the following function to only run a build if a C file were checked in:

```
def has_C_files(change):
    for name in change.files:
        if name.endswith(".c"):
            return True
    return False
```

Certain BuildSteps can also use the list of changed files to run a more targeted series of tests, e.g. the python\_twisted.Trial step can run just the unit tests that provide coverage for the modified .py files instead of running the full test suite.

## Comments

The Change also has a comments attribute, which is a string containing any checkin comments.

## Project

The project attribute of a change or source stamp describes the project to which it corresponds, as a short humanreadable string. This is useful in cases where multiple independent projects are built on the same buildmaster. In such cases, it can be used to control which builds are scheduled for a given commit, and to limit status displays to only one project.

## Repository

This attribute specifies the repository in which this change occurred. In the case of DVCS's, this information may be required to check out the committed source code. However, using the repository from a change has security risks: if Buildbot is configured to blindly trust this information, then it may easily be tricked into building arbitrary source code, potentially compromising the workers and the integrity of subsequent builds.

## Codebase

This attribute specifies the codebase to which this change was made. As described in *source stamps* section, multiple repositories may contain the same codebase. A change's codebase is usually determined by the *codebaseGenerator* configuration. By default the codebase is ''; this value is used automatically for single-codebase configurations.

## Revision

Each Change can have a revision attribute, which describes how to get a tree with a specific state: a tree which includes this Change (and all that came before it) but none that come after it. If this information is unavailable, the revision attribute will be None. These revisions are provided by the ChangeSource.

Revisions are always strings.

CVS revision is the seconds since the epoch as an integer.

SVN revision is the revision number

Darcs revision is a large string, the output of darcs changes --context

Mercurial revision is a short string (a hash ID), the output of hg identify

P4 revision is the transaction number

Git revision is a short string (a SHA1 hash), the output of e.g. git rev-parse

## **Branches**

The Change might also have a branch attribute. This indicates that all of the Change's files are in the same named branch. The schedulers get to decide whether the branch should be built or not.

For VC systems like CVS, Git, Mercurial and Monotone the branch name is unrelated to the filename. (That is, the branch name and the filename inhabit unrelated namespaces.) For SVN, branches are expressed as subdirectories of the repository, so the file's repourl is a combination of some base URL, the branch name, and the filename within the branch. (In a sense, the branch name and the filename inhabit the same namespace.) Darcs branches are subdirectories of a base URL just like SVN.

CVS branch='warner-newfeature', files=['src/foo.c']

SVN branch='branches/warner-newfeature', files=['src/foo.c']

Darcs branch='warner-newfeature', files=['src/foo.c']

*Mercurial* branch='warner-newfeature', files=['src/foo.c']

*Git* branch='warner-newfeature', files=['src/foo.c']

*Monotone* branch='warner-newfeature', files=['src/foo.c']

#### **Change Properties**

A Change may have one or more properties attached to it, usually specified through the Force Build form or *sendchange*. Properties are discussed in detail in the *Build Properties* section.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

## 2.5.5 Schedulers

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Schedulers are responsible for initiating builds on builders.

Some schedulers listen for changes from ChangeSources and generate build sets in response to these changes. Others generate build sets without changes, based on other events in the buildmaster.

## **Configuring Schedulers**

The *schedulers* configuration parameter gives a list of scheduler instances, each of which causes builds to be started on a particular set of Builders. The two basic scheduler classes you are likely to start with are *SingleBranchScheduler* and *Periodic*, but you can write a customized subclass to implement more complicated build scheduling.

Scheduler arguments should always be specified by name (as keyword arguments), to allow for future expansion:

sched = SingleBranchScheduler(name="quick", builderNames=['lin', 'win'])

There are several common arguments for schedulers, although not all are available with all schedulers.

- **name** Each Scheduler must have a unique name. This is used in status displays, and is also available in the build property scheduler.
- **builderNames** This is the set of builders which this scheduler should trigger, specified as a list of names (strings). This can also be an IRenderable object which will render to a list of builder names (or a list of IRenderable that will render to builder names).

Note: When builderNames is rendered, these additional Properties attributes are available:

**master** A reference to the BuildMaster object that owns this scheduler. This can be used to access the data API.

**sourcestamps** The list of sourcestamps that triggered the scheduler.

**changes** The list of changes associated with the sourcestamps.

**files** The list of modified files associated with the changes.

Any property attached to the change(s) that triggered the scheduler will be combined and available when rendering *builderNames*.

Here is a simple example:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util, schedulers
@util.renderer
def builderNames(props):
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```
builders = set()
for f in props.files:
    if f.endswith('.rst'):
        builders.add('check_docs')
    if f.endswith('.c'):
        builders.add('check_code')
    return list(builders)

c['schedulers'] = [
    schedulers.AnyBranchScheduler(
        name='all',
        builderNames=builderNames,
    )
]
```

And a more complex one:

```
import fnmatch
from twisted.internet import defer
from buildbot.plugins import util, schedulers
@util.renderer
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def builderNames(props):
    # If "buildername_pattern" is defined with "buildbot sendchange",
    # check if the builder name matches it.
   pattern = props.getProperty('buildername_pattern')
    # If "builder_tags" is defined with "buildbot sendchange",
    # only schedule builders that have the specified tags.
    tags = props.getProperty('builder_tags')
   builders = []
    for b in (yield props.master.data.get(('builders',))):
        if pattern and not fnmatch.fnmatchcase(b['name'], pattern):
            continue
        if tags and not set(tags.split()).issubset(set(b['tags'])):
            continue
        builders.append(b['name'])
    return builders
c['schedulers'] = [
  schedulers.AnyBranchScheduler(
      name='matrix',
      builderNames=builderNames,
  )
]
```

**properties (optional)** This is a dictionary specifying properties that will be transmitted to all builds started by this scheduler. The owner property may be of particular interest, as its contents (as a list) will be added to the list of "interested users" (*Doing Things With Users*) for each triggered build. For example

```
sched = Scheduler(...,
properties = {
    'owner': ['zorro@example.com', 'silver@example.com']
})
```

**codebases (optional)** Specifies codebase definitions that are used when the scheduler processes data from more than one repository at the same time.

The codebases parameter is only used to fill in missing details about a codebases when scheduling a build. For example, when a change to codebase A occurs, a scheduler must invent a sourcestamp for codebase B. Source steps that specify codebase B as their codebase will use the invented timestamp.

The parameter does not act as a filter on incoming changes - use a change filter for that purpose.

This parameter can be specified in two forms:

- as a list of strings. This is the Simplest form, use it if no special overrides are needed. In this form, just the names of the codebases are listed.
- as a dictionary of dictionaries. In this form, the per-codebase overrides of repository, branch and revision can be specified.

Each codebase definition dictionary is a dictionary with any of the keys: repository, branch, revision. The codebase definitions are combined in a dictionary keyed by the name of the codebase.

- fileIsImportant (optional) A callable which takes one argument, a Change instance, and returns True if the change is worth building, and False if it is not. Unimportant Changes are accumulated until the build is triggered by an important change. The default value of None means that all Changes are important.
- change\_filter (optional) The change filter that will determine which changes are recognized by this scheduler; Change Filters. Note that this is different from fileIsImportant: if the change filter filters out a Change, then it is completely ignored by the scheduler. If a Change is allowed by the change filter, but is deemed unimportant, then it will not cause builds to start, but will be remembered and shown in status displays. The default value of None does not filter any changes at all.
- onlyImportant (optional) A boolean that, when True, only adds important changes to the buildset as specified in the fileIsImportant callable. This means that unimportant changes are ignored the same way a change\_filter filters changes. This defaults to False and only applies when fileIsImportant is given.
- **reason (optional)** A string that will be used as the reason for the triggered build. By default it lists the type and name of the scheduler triggering the build.

The remaining subsections represent a catalog of the available scheduler types. All these schedulers are defined in modules under buildbot.schedulers, and the docstrings there are the best source of documentation on the arguments taken by each one.

#### **Scheduler Resiliency**

In a multi-master configuration, schedulers with the same name can be configured on multiple masters. Only one instance of the scheduler will be active. If that instance becomes inactive, due to its master being shut down or failing, then another instance will become active after a short delay. This provides resiliency in scheduler configurations, so that schedulers are not a single point of failure in a Buildbot infrastructure.

The Data API and web UI display the master on which each scheduler is running.

There is currently no mechanism to control which master's scheduler instance becomes active. The behavior is nondeterministic, based on the timing of polling by inactive schedulers. The failover is non-revertive.

#### **Change Filters**

Several schedulers perform filtering on an incoming set of changes. The filter can most generically be specified as a ChangeFilter. Set up a ChangeFilter like this:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
my_filter = util.ChangeFilter(project_re="^baseproduct/.*", branch="devel")
```

and then add it to a scheduler with the change\_filter parameter:

There are five attributes of changes on which you can filter:

**project** the project string, as defined by the ChangeSource.

**repository** the repository in which this change occurred.

branch the branch on which this change occurred. Note that 'trunk' or 'master' is often denoted by None.

**category** the category, again as defined by the ChangeSource.

codebase the change's codebase.

For each attribute, the filter can look for a single, specific value:

my\_filter = util.ChangeFilter(project='myproject')

or accept any of a set of values:

```
my_filter = util.ChangeFilter(project=['myproject', 'jimsproject'])
```

or apply a regular expression, using the attribute name with a "\_re" suffix:

```
my_filter = util.ChangeFilter(category_re='.*deve.*')
# or, to use regular expression flags:
import re
my_filter = util.ChangeFilter(category_re=re.compile('.*deve.*', re.I))
```

buildbot.www.hooks.github.GitHubEventHandler has a special github\_distinct property that can be used to filter whether or not non-distinct changes should be considered. For example, if a commit is pushed to a branch that is not being watched and then later pushed to a watched branch, by default, this will be recorded as two separate Changes. In order to record a change only the first time the commit appears, you can install a custom ChangeFilter like this:

ChangeFilter(filter\_fn = lambda c: c.properties.getProperty('github\_distinct')

For anything more complicated, define a Python function to recognize the strings you want:

```
def my_branch_fn(branch):
    return branch in branches_to_build and branch not in branches_to_ignore
my_filter = util.ChangeFilter(branch_fn=my_branch_fn)
```

The special argument filter\_fn can be used to specify a function that is given the entire Change object, and returns a boolean.

The entire set of allowed arguments, then, is

project	project_re	project_fn
repository	repository_re	repository_fn
branch	branch_re	branch_fn
category	category_re	category_fn
codebase	codebase_re	codebase_fn
filter_fn		

A Change passes the filter only if *all* arguments are satisfied. If no filter object is given to a scheduler, then all changes will be built (subject to any other restrictions the scheduler enforces).

### **Scheduler Types**

The remaining subsections represent a catalog of the available Scheduler types. All these Schedulers are defined in modules under buildbot.schedulers, and the docstrings there are the best source of documentation on the arguments taken by each one.

### SingleBranchScheduler

This is the original and still most popular scheduler class. It follows exactly one branch, and starts a configurable tree-stable-timer after each change on that branch. When the timer expires, it starts a build on some set of Builders. This scheduler accepts a fileIsImportant function which can be used to ignore some Changes if they do not affect any *important* files.

If treeStableTimer is not set, then this scheduler starts a build for every Change that matches its change\_filter and statsfies fileIsImportant. If treeStableTimer is set, then a build is triggered for each set of Changes which arrive within the configured time, and match the filters.

**Note:** The behavior of this scheduler is undefined, if treeStableTimer is set, and changes from multiple branches, repositories or codebases are accepted by the filter.

Note: The codebases argument will filter out codebases not specified there, but *won't* filter based on the branches specified there.

The arguments to this scheduler are:

name See name scheduler argument.

**builderNames** See *builderNames* scheduler argument.

**properties** (optional) See properties scheduler argument.

codebases (optional): See codebases scheduler argument.

fileIsImportant (optional) See fileIsImportant scheduler argument.

change\_filter (optional) See change\_filter scheduler argument.

onlyImportant (optional) See onlyImportant scheduler argument.

reason (optional) See reason scheduler argument.

**treeStableTimer** The scheduler will wait for this many seconds before starting the build. If new changes are made during this interval, the timer will be restarted, so really the build will be started after a change and then after this many seconds of inactivity.

If treeStableTimer is None, then a separate build is started immediately for each Change.

- **categories** (deprecated; use change\_filter) A list of categories of changes that this scheduler will respond to. If this is specified, then any non-matching changes are ignored.
- **branch** (deprecated; use change\_filter) The scheduler will pay attention to this branch, ignoring Changes that occur on other branches. Setting branch equal to the special value of None means it should only pay attention to the default branch.

Note: None is a keyword, not a string, so write None and not "None".

Example:

In this example, the two *quick* builders are triggered 60 seconds after the tree has been changed. The *full* builds do not run quite so quickly (they wait 5 minutes), so hopefully if the quick builds fail due to a missing file or really simple typo, the developer can discover and fix the problem before the full builds are started. Both schedulers only pay attention to the default branch: any changes on other branches are ignored. Each scheduler triggers a different set of Builders, referenced by name.

**Note:** The old names for this scheduler, buildbot.scheduler.Scheduler and buildbot.schedulers. basic.Scheduler, are deprecated in favor of using buildbot.plugins:

from buildbot.plugins import schedulers

However if you must use a fully qualified name, it is buildbot.schedulers.basic. SingleBranchScheduler.

### AnyBranchScheduler

This scheduler uses a tree-stable-timer like the default one, but uses a separate timer for each branch.

If treeStableTimer is not set, then this scheduler is indistinguishable from *SingleBranchScheduler*. If treeStableTimer is set, then a build is triggered for each set of Changes which arrive within the configured time, and match the filters.

The arguments to this scheduler are:

name See name scheduler argument.

builderNames See builderNames scheduler argument.

properties (optional) See properties scheduler argument.

codebases (optional): See codebases scheduler argument.

fileIsImportant (optional) See fileIsImportant scheduler argument.

change\_filter (optional) See change\_filter scheduler argument.

onlyImportant (optional) See onlyImportant scheduler argument.

reason (optional) See reason scheduler argument.

**treeStableTimer** The scheduler will wait for this many seconds before starting the build. If new changes are made *on the same branch* during this interval, the timer will be restarted.

branches (deprecated; use change\_filter) Changes on branches not specified on this list will be ignored.

**categories** (deprecated; use change\_filter) A list of categories of changes that this scheduler will respond to. If this is specified, then any non-matching changes are ignored.

#### **Dependent Scheduler**

It is common to wind up with one kind of build which should only be performed if the same source code was successfully handled by some other kind of build first. An example might be a packaging step: you might only want to produce .deb or RPM packages from a tree that was known to compile successfully and pass all unit tests. You could put the packaging step in the same Build as the compile and testing steps, but there might be other reasons to not do this (in particular you might have several Builders worth of compiles/tests, but only wish to do the packaging once). Another example is if you want to skip the *full* builds after a failing *quick* build of the same source code. Or, if one Build creates a product (like a compiled library) that is used by some other Builder, you'd want to make sure the consuming Build is run *after* the producing one.

You can use *dependencies* to express this relationship to the Buildbot. There is a special kind of scheduler named *Dependent* that will watch an *upstream* scheduler for builds to complete successfully (on all of its Builders). Each time that happens, the same source code (i.e. the same SourceStamp) will be used to start a new set of builds, on a different set of Builders. This *downstream* scheduler doesn't pay attention to Changes at all. It only pays attention to the upstream scheduler.

If the build fails on any of the Builders in the upstream set, the downstream builds will not fire. Note that, for SourceStamps generated by a *Dependent* scheduler, the revision is None, meaning HEAD. If any changes are committed between the time the upstream scheduler begins its build and the time the dependent scheduler begins its build, then those changes will be included in the downstream build. See the *Triggerable* scheduler for a more flexible dependency mechanism that can avoid this problem.

The keyword arguments to this scheduler are:

name See name scheduler argument.

**builderNames** See *builderNames* scheduler argument.

properties (optional) See properties scheduler argument.

codebases (optional): See codebases scheduler argument.

upstream The upstream scheduler to watch. Note that this is an *instance*, not the name of the scheduler.

Example:

c['schedulers'] = [tests, package]

### **Periodic Scheduler**

This simple scheduler just triggers a build every N seconds.

The arguments to this scheduler are:

**name** See *name* scheduler argument.

builderNames See builderNames scheduler argument.

properties (optional) See properties scheduler argument.

codebases (optional): See codebases scheduler argument.

fileIsImportant (optional) See fileIsImportant scheduler argument.

change\_filter (optional) See change\_filter scheduler argument.

onlyImportant (optional) See onlyImportant scheduler argument.

reason (optional) See reason scheduler argument.

- **createAbsoluteSourceStamps** (optional) This option only has effect when using multiple codebases. When True, it uses the last seen revision for each codebase that does not have a change. When False (the default), codebases without changes will use the revision from the codebases argument.
- onlyIfChanged (optional) If this is True, then builds will not be scheduled at the designated time *unless* the specified branch has seen an important change since the previous build. By default this setting is False.

periodicBuildTimer The time, in seconds, after which to start a build.

Example:

The scheduler in this example just runs the full solaris build once per day. Note that this scheduler only lets you control the time between builds, not the absolute time-of-day of each Build, so this could easily wind up an *evening* or *every afternoon* scheduler depending upon when it was first activated.

## **Nightly Scheduler**

This is highly configurable periodic build scheduler, which triggers a build at particular times of day, week, month, or year. The configuration syntax is very similar to the well-known crontab format, in which you provide values for

minute, hour, day, and month (some of which can be wildcards), and a build is triggered whenever the current time matches the given constraints. This can run a build every night, every morning, every weekend, alternate Thursdays, on your boss's birthday, etc.

Pass some subset of minute, hour, dayOfMonth, month, and dayOfWeek; each may be a single number or a list of valid values. The builds will be triggered whenever the current time matches these values. Wildcards are represented by a '\*' string. All fields default to a wildcard except 'minute', so with no fields this defaults to a build every hour, on the hour. The full list of parameters is:

name See name scheduler argument.

builderNames See builderNames scheduler argument.

properties (optional) See properties scheduler argument.

codebases (optional): See codebases scheduler argument.

fileIsImportant (optional) See fileIsImportant scheduler argument.

change\_filter (optional) See change\_filter scheduler argument.

onlyImportant (optional) See onlyImportant scheduler argument.

reason (optional) See reason scheduler argument.

- **createAbsoluteSourceStamps** (optional) This option only has effect when using multiple codebases. When True, it uses the last seen revision for each codebase that does not have a change. When False (the default), codebases without changes will use the revision from the codebases argument.
- onlyIfChanged (optional) If this is True, then builds will not be scheduled at the designated time *unless* the change filter has accepted an important change since the previous build. The default of this value is False.
- **branch** (optional) (deprecated; use change\_filter and codebases) The branch to build when the time comes, and the branch to filter for if change\_filter is not specified. Remember that a value of None here means the default branch, and will not match other branches!

minute (optional) The minute of the hour on which to start the build. This defaults to 0, meaning an hourly build.

**hour (optional)** The hour of the day on which to start the build, in 24-hour notation. This defaults to \*, meaning every hour.

dayOfMonth (optional) The day of the month to start a build. This defaults to \*, meaning every day.

month (optional) The month in which to start the build, with January = 1. This defaults to \*, meaning every month.

**dayOfWeek** (optional) The day of the week to start a build, with Monday = 0. This defaults to \*, meaning every day of the week.

For example, the following master.cfg clause will cause a build to be started every night at 3:00am:

This scheduler will perform a build each Monday morning at 6:23am and again at 8:23am, but only if someone has committed code in the interim:

```
builderNames=['builder1'],
dayOfWeek=0, hour=[6,8], minute=23,
onlyIfChanged=True))
```

The following runs a build every two hours, using Python's range function:

```
c.schedulers.append(
   timed.Nightly(name='every2hours',
        branch=None, # default branch
        builderNames=['builder1'],
        hour=range(0, 24, 2)))
```

Finally, this example will run only on December 24th:

```
c['schedulers'].append(
   timed.Nightly(name='SleighPreflightCheck',
      branch=None, # default branch
      builderNames=['flying_circuits', 'radar'],
      month=12,
      dayOfMonth=24,
      hour=12,
      minute=0))
```

## **Try Schedulers**

This scheduler allows developers to use the **buildbot try** command to trigger builds of code they have not yet committed. See *try* for complete details.

Two implementations are available: *Try\_Jobdir* and *Try\_Userpass*. The former monitors a job directory, specified by the jobdir parameter, while the latter listens for PB connections on a specific port, and authenticates against userport.

The buildmaster must have a scheduler instance in the config file's *schedulers* list to receive try requests. This lets the administrator control who may initiate these *trial* builds, which branches are eligible for trial builds, and which Builders should be used for them.

The scheduler has various means to accept build requests. All of them enforce more security than the usual buildmaster ports do. Any source code being built can be used to compromise the worker accounts, but in general that code must be checked out from the VC repository first, so only people with commit privileges can get control of the workers. The usual force-build control channels can waste worker time but do not allow arbitrary commands to be executed by people who don't have those commit privileges. However, the source code patch that is provided with the trial build does not have to go through the VC system first, so it is important to make sure these builds cannot be abused by a non-committer to acquire as much control over the workers as a committer has. Ideally, only developers who have commit access to the VC repository would be able to start trial builds, but unfortunately the buildmaster does not, in general, have access to VC system's user list.

As a result, the try scheduler requires a bit more configuration. There are currently two ways to set this up:

jobdir (ssh) This approach creates a command queue directory, called the jobdir, in the buildmaster's working directory. The buildmaster admin sets the ownership and permissions of this directory to only grant write access to the desired set of developers, all of whom must have accounts on the machine. The **buildbot try** command creates a special file containing the source stamp information and drops it in the jobdir, just like a standard maildir. When the buildmaster notices the new file, it unpacks the information inside and starts the builds.

The config file entries used by 'buildbot try' either specify a local queuedir (for which write and mv are used) or a remote one (using scp and ssh).

The advantage of this scheme is that it is quite secure, the disadvantage is that it requires fiddling outside the buildmaster config (to set the permissions on the jobdir correctly). If the buildmaster machine happens to also house the VC repository, then it can be fairly easy to keep the VC userlist in sync with the trial-build userlist. If they are on different machines, this will be much more of a hassle. It may also involve granting developer accounts on a machine that would not otherwise require them.

To implement this, the worker invokes ssh -1 username host buildbot tryserver ARGS, passing the patch contents over stdin. The arguments must include the inlet directory and the revision information.

**user+password** (**PB**) In this approach, each developer gets a username/password pair, which are all listed in the buildmaster's configuration file. When the developer runs **buildbot try**, their machine connects to the buildmaster via PB and authenticates themselves using that username and password, then sends a PB command to start the trial build.

The advantage of this scheme is that the entire configuration is performed inside the buildmaster's config file. The disadvantages are that it is less secure (while the *cred* authentication system does not expose the password in plaintext over the wire, it does not offer most of the other security properties that SSH does). In addition, the buildmaster admin is responsible for maintaining the username/password list, adding and deleting entries as developers come and go.

For example, to set up the *jobdir* style of trial build, using a command queue directory of *MASTERDIR*/jobdir (and assuming that all your project developers were members of the developers unix group), you would first set up that directory:

```
mkdir -p MASTERDIR/jobdir MASTERDIR/jobdir/new MASTERDIR/jobdir/cur MASTERDIR/jobdir/

→tmp

chgrp developers MASTERDIR/jobdir MASTERDIR/jobdir/*

chmod g+rwx,o-rwx MASTERDIR/jobdir MASTERDIR/jobdir/*
```

and then use the following scheduler in the buildmaster's config file:

Note that you must create the jobdir before telling the buildmaster to use this configuration, otherwise you will get an error. Also remember that the buildmaster must be able to read and write to the jobdir as well. Be sure to watch the twistd.log file (*Logfiles*) as you start using the jobdir, to make sure the buildmaster is happy with it.

**Note:** Patches in the jobdir are encoded using netstrings, which place an arbitrary upper limit on patch size of 99999 bytes. If your submitted try jobs are rejected with *BadJobfile*, try increasing this limit with a snippet like this in your *master.cfg*:

```
from twisted.protocols.basic import NetstringReceiver
NetstringReceiver.MAX_LENGTH = 1000000
```

To use the username/password form of authentication, create a Try\_Userpass instance instead. It takes the same builderNames argument as the Try\_Jobdir form, but accepts an additional port argument (to specify the TCP port to listen on) and a userpass list of username/password pairs to accept. Remember to use good passwords for this: the security of the worker accounts depends upon it:

Like most places in the buildbot, the port argument takes a *strports* specification. See twisted.application. strports for details.

### **Triggerable Scheduler**

The *Triggerable* scheduler waits to be triggered by a *Trigger* step (see *Triggering Schedulers*) in another build. That step can optionally wait for the scheduler's builds to complete. This provides two advantages over *Dependent* schedulers. First, the same scheduler can be triggered from multiple builds. Second, the ability to wait for *Triggerable*'s builds to complete provides a form of "subroutine call", where one or more builds can "call" a scheduler to perform some work for them, perhaps on other workers. The *Triggerable* scheduler supports multiple codebases. The scheduler filters out all codebases from *Trigger* steps that are not configured in the scheduler.

The parameters are just the basics:

name See name scheduler argument.

**builderNames** See builderNames scheduler argument.

properties (optional) See properties scheduler argument.

codebases (optional): See codebases scheduler argument.

reason (optional) See reason scheduler argument.

This class is only useful in conjunction with the *Trigger* step. Here is a fully-worked example:

```
from buildbot.plugins import schedulers, util, steps
checkin = schedulers.SingleBranchScheduler(name="checkin",
                                           branch=None,
                                            treeStableTimer=5 \times 60,
                                           builderNames=["checkin"])
nightly = schedulers.Nightly(name='nightly',
                             branch=None,
                             builderNames=['nightly'],
                             hour=3, minute=0)
mktarball = schedulers.Triggerable(name="mktarball", builderNames=["mktarball"])
build = schedulers.Triggerable(name="build-all-platforms",
                               builderNames=["build-all-platforms"])
test = schedulers.Triggerable(name="distributed-test",
                              builderNames=["distributed-test"])
package = schedulers.Triggerable(name="package-all-platforms",
                                 builderNames=["package-all-platforms"])
c['schedulers'] = [mktarball, checkin, nightly, build, test, package]
# on checkin, make a tarball, build it, and test it
checkin_factory = util.BuildFactory()
checkin_factory.addStep(steps.Trigger(schedulerNames=['mktarball'],
```

### NightlyTriggerable Scheduler

class buildbot.schedulers.timed.NightlyTriggerable

The *NightlyTriggerable* scheduler is a mix of the *Nightly* and *Triggerable* schedulers. This scheduler triggers builds at a particular time of day, week, or year, exactly as the *Nightly* scheduler. However, the source stamp set that is used that provided by the last *Trigger* step that targeted this scheduler.

The parameters are just the basics:

**name** See name scheduler argument.

builderNames See builderNames scheduler argument.

properties (optional) See properties scheduler argument.

codebases (optional) See codebases scheduler argument.

reason (optional) See reason scheduler argument.

minute (optional) See Nightly.

hour (optional) See Nightly.

dayOfMonth (optional) See Nightly.

month (optional) See Nightly.

dayOfWeek (optional) See Nightly.

This class is only useful in conjunction with the *Trigger* step. Note that waitForFinish is ignored by *Trigger* steps targeting this scheduler.

Here is a fully-worked example:

```
# on checkin, run tests
checkin_factory = util.BuildFactory([
    steps.Test(),
    steps.Trigger(schedulerNames=['nightly'])
])
# and every night, package the latest successful build
nightly_factory = util.BuildFactory([
    steps.ShellCommand(command=['make', 'package'])
])
```

### ForceScheduler Scheduler

The ForceScheduler scheduler is the way you can configure a force build form in the web UI.

In the /#/builders/:builderid web page, you will see, on the top right of the page, one button for each *ForceScheduler* scheduler that was configured for this builder. If you click on that button, a dialog will let you choose various parameters for requesting a new build.

The Buildbot framework allows you to customize exactly how the build form looks, which builders have a force build form (it might not make sense to force build every builder), and who is allowed to force builds on which builders.

How you do so is by configuring a ForceScheduler, and add it into the list schedulers.

The scheduler takes the following parameters:

**name** See *name scheduler argument*. Force buttons are ordered by this property in the UI (so you can prefix by 01, 02 etc in order to control precisely the order).

builderNames List of builders where the force button should appear. See builderNames scheduler argument.

reason

A *parameter* allowing the user to specify the reason for the build. The default value is a string parameter with a default value "force build".

```
reasonString
```

A string that will be used to create the build reason for the forced build. This string can contain the placeholders % (owner) s and % (reason) s, which represents the value typed into the reason field.

#### username

A *parameter* specifying the username associated with the build (aka owner). The default value is a username parameter.

#### codebases

A list of strings or *CodebaseParameter* specifying the codebases that should be presented. The default is a single codebase with no name (i.e. *codebases=['']*).

#### properties

A list of *parameters*, one for each property. These can be arbitrary parameters, where the parameter's name is taken as the property name, or AnyPropertyParameter, which allows the web user to specify the property name. The default value is an empty list.

#### buttonName

The name of the "submit" button on the resulting force-build form. This defaults to the name of scheduler.

An example may be better than long explanation. What you need in your config file is something like:

```
from buildbot.plugins import schedulers, util
sch = schedulers.ForceScheduler(
    name="force",
   buttonName="pushMe!",
    label="My nice Force form",
   builderNames=["my-builder"],
    codebases=[
        util.CodebaseParameter(
            "",
            label="Main repository",
            # will generate a combo box
            branch=util.ChoiceStringParameter(
                name="branch",
                choices=["master", "hest"],
                default="master"),
            # will generate nothing in the form, but revision, repository,
            # and project are needed by buildbot scheduling system so we
            # need to pass a value ("")
            revision=util.FixedParameter(name="revision", default=""),
            repository=util.FixedParameter(name="repository", default=""),
            project=util.FixedParameter(name="project", default=""),
        ),
    ],
    # will generate a text input
    reason=util.StringParameter(name="reason",
                                 label="reason:",
                                required=True, size=80),
    # in case you don't require authentication this will display
    # input for user to type his name
   username=util.UserNameParameter(label="your name:",
                                    size=80),
    # A completely customized property list.
                                              The name of the
    # property is the name of the parameter
   properties=[
        util.NestedParameter(name="options", label="Build Options", layout="vertical",
→ fields=[
            util.StringParameter(name="pull_url",
                                 label="optionally give a public Git pull url:",
                                 default="", size=80),
            util.BooleanParameter(name="force_build_clean",
                                  label="force a make clean",
                                  default=False)
        ])
    ])
```

This will result in the following UI:

_	buildbot travis	Builders / mv builder	pushMe!
Му	/ nice Force form		
	your name:		
	reason:		
	Main repeation:		
	Main repository		
	branch	master \$	
			- 1
	Build Options		
	optionally give		
	a public Git pull url:		- 11
		□ force a make clean	
		Cancel Start B	uild

# Authorization

The force scheduler uses the web interface's authorization framework to determine which user has the right to force which build. Here is an example of code on how you can define which user has which right:

```
user_mapping = {
   re.compile("project1-builder"): ["project1-maintainer", "john"] ,
    re.compile("project2-builder"): ["project2-maintainer", "jack"],
   re.compile(".*"): ["root"]
def force_auth(user, status):
   global user_mapping
    for r,users in user_mapping.items():
       if r.match(status.name):
           if user in users:
                   return True
   return False
# use authz_cfg in your WebStatus setup
authz_cfg=authz.Authz(
   auth=my_auth,
    forceBuild = force_auth,
)
```

### **ForceScheduler Parameters**

Most of the arguments to *ForceScheduler* are "parameters". Several classes of parameters are available, each describing a different kind of input from a force-build form.

All parameter types have a few common arguments:

name (required)

The name of the parameter. For properties, this will correspond to the name of the property that your parameter will set. The name is also used internally as the identifier for in the HTML form.

label (optional; default is same as name)

The label of the parameter. This is what is displayed to the user.

tablabel (optional; default is same as label)

The label of the tab if this parameter is included into a tab layout NestedParameter. This is what is displayed to the user.

default (optional; default: "")

The default value for the parameter, that is used if there is no user input.

required (optional; default: False)

If this is true, then an error will be shown to user if there is no input in this field

maxsize (optional; default: None)

The maximum size of a field (in bytes). Buildbot will ensure the field sent by the user is not too large.

autopopulate (optional; default: None)

If not None, autopopulate is a dictionary which describes how other parameters are updated if this one changes. This is useful for when you have lots of parameters, and defaults depends on e.g. the branch. This is implemented generically, and all parameters can update others. Beware of infinite loops!

```
c['schedulers'].append(schedulers.ForceScheduler(
name="custom",
builderNames=["runtests"],
buttonName="Start Custom Build",
codebases = [util.CodebaseParameter(
    codebase='', project=None,
    branch=util.ChoiceStringParameter(
        name="branch",
        label="Branch",
        strict=False,
        choices=["master", "dev"],
        autopopulate={
        'master': {
            'build_name': 'build for master branch',
        },
        'dev': {
            'build_name': 'build for dev branch',
        }
        }
))],
properties=[
    util.StringParameter(
        name="build_name",
```

The parameter types are:

### **NestedParameter**

```
NestedParameter(name="options", label="Build options", layout="vertical", fields=[...

→]),
```

This parameter type is a special parameter which contains other parameters. This can be used to group a set of parameters together, and define the layout of your form. You can recursively include NestedParameter into NestedParameter, to build very complex UI.

It adds the following arguments:

layout (optional, default: "vertical")

The layout defines how the fields are placed in the form.

The layouts implemented in the standard web application are:

- simple: fields are displayed one by one without alignment. They take the horizontal space that they need.
- vertical: all fields are displayed vertically, aligned in columns (as per the column attribute of the NestedParameter)
- tabs: Each field gets its own tab (https://getbootstrap.com/components/). This can be used to
  declare complex build forms which won't fit into one screen. The children fields are usually
  other NestedParameters with vertical layout.

columns (optional, accepted values are 1,2,3,4)

The number of columns to use for a *vertical* layout. If omitted, it is set to 1 unless there are more than 3 visible child fields in which case it is set to 2.

# **FixedParameter**

```
FixedParameter(name="branch", default="trunk"),
```

This parameter type will not be shown on the web form, and always generate a property with its default value.

### StringParameter

```
StringParameter(name="pull_url",
    label="optionally give a public Git pull url:",
    default="", size=80)
```

This parameter type will show a single-line text-entry box, and allow the user to enter an arbitrary string. It adds the following arguments:

regex (optional)

A string that will be compiled as a regex, and used to validate the input of this parameter.

size (optional; default: 10)

The width of the input field (in characters).

#### **TextParameter**

```
TextParameter(name="comments",
    label="comments to be displayed to the user of the built binary",
    default="This is a development build", cols=60, rows=5)
```

This parameter type is similar to StringParameter, except that it is represented in the HTML form as a textarea, allowing multi-line input. It adds the StringParameter arguments, this type allows:

```
cols (optional; default: 80)
```

The number of columns the textarea will have.

rows (optional; default: 20)

The number of rows the textarea will have

This class could be subclassed in order to have more customization e.g.

- developer could send a list of Git branches to pull from
- · developer could send a list of Gerrit changes to cherry-pick,
- developer could send a shell script to amend the build.

Beware of security issues anyway.

#### **IntParameter**

This parameter type accepts an integer value using a text-entry box.

### **BooleanParameter**

```
BooleanParameter(name="force_build_clean",
    label="force a make clean", default=False)
```

This type represents a boolean value. It will be presented as a checkbox.

#### **UserNameParameter**

UserNameParameter(label="your name:", size=80)

This parameter type accepts a username. If authentication is active, it will use the authenticated user instead of displaying a text-entry box.

size (optional; default: 10) The width of the input field (in characters).

need\_email (optional; default True) If true, require a full email address rather than arbitrary text.

### **ChoiceStringParameter**

This parameter type lets the user choose between several choices (e.g the list of branches you are supporting, or the test campaign to run). If multiple is false, then its result is a string - one of the choices. If multiple is true, then the result is a list of strings from the choices.

Note that for some use cases, the choices need to be generated dynamically. This can be done via subclassing and overriding the 'getChoices' member function. An example of this is provided by the source for the InheritBuildParameter class.

Its arguments, in addition to the common options, are:

choices

The list of available choices.

strict (optional; default: True)

If true, verify that the user's input is from the list. Note that this only affects the validation of the form request; even if this argument is False, there is no HTML form component available to enter an arbitrary value.

```
multiple
```

If true, then the user may select multiple choices.

Example:

Example of scheduler allowing to choose which worker to run on:

```
forced_worker = buildrequest.properties.getProperty("worker", "*")
   if forced worker == "*":
       return random.choice(workers) if workers else None
   for w in workers:
        if w.worker.workername == forced_worker:
            return w
    return None # worker not yet available
c['builders'] = [
 BuilderConfig(name='mybuild', factory=f, nextWorker=nextWorker,
       workernames=worker_list),
```

## CodebaseParameter

CodebaseParameter(codebase="myrepo")

This is a parameter group to specify a sourcestamp for a given codebase.

codebase

1

The name of the codebase.

branch (optional; default: StringParameter)

A *parameter* specifying the branch to build. The default value is a string parameter.

revision (optional; default: StringParameter)

A *parameter* specifying the revision to build. The default value is a string parameter.

repository (optional; default: StringParameter)

A *parameter* specifying the repository for the build. The default value is a string parameter.

project (optional; default: StringParameter)

A *parameter* specifying the project for the build. The default value is a string parameter.

patch (optional; default: None)

A *PatchParameter* specifying that the user can upload a patch for this codebase.

### **FileParameter**

This parameter allows the user to upload a file to a build. The user can either write some text to a text area, or select a file from the browser. Note that the file is then stored inside a property, so a maxsize of 10 megabytes has been set. You can still override that maxsize if you wish.

#### **PatchParameter**

This parameter allows the user to specify a patch to be applied at the source step. The patch is stored within the sourcestamp, and associated to a codebase. That is why PatchParameter must be set inside a CodebaseParameter.

PatchParameter is actually a NestedParameter composed of following fields:

```
FileParameter('body'),
IntParameter('level', default=1),
StringParameter('author', default=""),
StringParameter('comment', default=""),
StringParameter('subdir', default=".")
```

You can customize any of these fields by overwriting their field name e.g:

```
c['schedulers'] = [
    schedulers.ForceScheduler(
        name="force",
        codebases=[util.CodebaseParameter("foo", patch=util.PatchParameter(
            body=FileParameter('body', maxsize=10000)))], # override the maximum_
    size of a patch to 10k instead of 10M
        builderNames=["testy"])]
```

### **InheritBuildParameter**

**Note:** InheritBuildParameter is not yet ported to data API, and cannot be used with buildbot nine yet(bug #3521 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3521)).

This is a special parameter for inheriting force build properties from another build. The user is presented with a list of compatible builds from which to choose, and all forced-build parameters from the selected build are copied into the new build. The new parameter is:

compatible\_builds

A function to find compatible builds in the build history. This function is given the master Status instance as first argument, and the current builder name as second argument, or None when forcing all builds.

Example:

```
def get compatible builds (status, builder):
    if builder is None: # this is the case for force_build_all
        return ["cannot generate build list here"]
    # find all successful builds in builder1 and builder2
   builds = []
    for builder in ["builder1", "builder2"]:
       builder_status = status.getBuilder(builder)
        for num in range(1,40): # 40 last builds
            b = builder_status.getBuild(-num)
            if not b:
                continue
            if b.getResults() == FAILURE:
                continue
            builds.append(builder+"/"+str(b.getNumber()))
   return builds
# ...
sched = Scheduler(...,
   properties=[
       InheritBuildParameter(
```

```
name="inherit",
label="promote a build for merge",
compatible_builds=get_compatible_builds,
required = True),
])
```

## WorkerChoiceParameter

**Note:** WorkerChoiceParameter is not yet ported to data API, and cannot be used with buildbot nine yet(bug #3521 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3521)).

This parameter allows a scheduler to require that a build is assigned to the chosen worker. The choice is assigned to the *workername* property for the build. The enforceChosenWorker functor must be assigned to the canStartBuild parameter for the Builder.

Example:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
# schedulers:
ForceScheduler(
    # ...
    properties=[
        WorkerChoiceParameter(),
    ]
)
# builders:
BuilderConfig(
    # ...
    canStartBuild=util.enforceChosenWorker,
)
```

#### **AnyPropertyParameter**

This parameter type can only be used in properties, and allows the user to specify both the property name and value in the web form.

This Parameter is here to reimplement old Buildbot behavior, and should be avoided. Stricter parameter name and type should be preferred.

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# 2.5.6 Workers

The workers configuration key specifies a list of known workers. In the common case, each worker is defined by an instance of the *buildbot.worker.Worker* class. It represents a standard, manually started machine that will try to connect to the Buildbot master as a worker. Buildbot also supports "on-demand", or latent, workers, which allow Buildbot to dynamically start and stop worker instances.

- Defining Workers
- Worker Options
- Local Workers
- Latent Workers

### **Defining Workers**

A Worker instance is created with a workername and a workerpassword. These are the same two values that need to be provided to the worker administrator when they create the worker.

The workername must be unique, of course. The password exists to prevent evildoers from interfering with the Buildbot by inserting their own (broken) workers into the system and thus displacing the real ones.

Workers with an unrecognized workername or a non-matching password will be rejected when they attempt to connect, and a message describing the problem will be written to the log file (see *Logfiles*).

A configuration for two workers would look like:

```
from buildbot.plugins import worker
c['workers'] = [
    worker.Worker('bot-solaris', 'solarispasswd'),
    worker.Worker('bot-bsd', 'bsdpasswd'),
]
```

### **Worker Options**

#### **Properties**

Worker objects can also be created with an optional properties argument, a dictionary specifying properties that will be available to any builds performed on this worker. For example:

Worker properties have priority over other sources (Builder, Scheduler, etc.). You may use the defaultProperties parameter that will only be added to *Build Properties* if they are not already set by *another source*:

Worker collects and exposes /etc/os-release fields for :ref:<interpolation *Interpolate-DictStyle>*. These can be used to determine details about the running operating system, such as distribution and version. See https://www.linux.org/docs/man5/os-release.html for details on possible fields. Each field is imported with os\_prefix and in lower case. os\_id, os\_id\_like, os\_version\_id and os\_version\_codename are always set, but can be null.

## **Limiting Concurrency**

The Worker constructor can also take an optional max\_builds parameter to limit the number of builds that it will execute simultaneously:

Note: In Worker For Builders concept only one build from the same builder would run on the worker.

#### Master-Worker TCP Keepalive

By default, the buildmaster sends a simple, non-blocking message to each worker every hour. These keepalives ensure that traffic is flowing over the underlying TCP connection, allowing the system's network stack to detect any problems before a build is started.

The interval can be modified by specifying the interval in seconds using the keepalive\_interval parameter of Worker (defaults to 3600):

The interval can be set to None to disable this functionality altogether.

#### When Workers Go Missing

Sometimes, the workers go away. One very common reason for this is when the worker process is started once (manually) and left running, but then later the machine reboots and the process is not automatically restarted.

If you'd like to have the administrator of the worker (or other people) be notified by email when the worker has been missing for too long, just add the notify\_on\_missing= argument to the Worker definition. This value can be a single email address, or a list of addresses:

By default, this will send email when the worker has been disconnected for more than one hour. Only one email per connection-loss event will be sent. To change the timeout, use missing\_timeout= and give it a number of seconds (the default is 3600).

You can have the buildmaster send email to multiple recipients: just provide a list of addresses instead of a single one:

missing\_timeout=300) # notify after 5 minutes

The email sent this way will use a MailNotifier (see *MailNotifier*) status target, if one is configured. This provides a way for you to control the *from* address of the email, as well as the relayhost (aka *smarthost*) to use as an SMTP server. If no MailNotifier is configured on this buildmaster, the worker-missing emails will be sent using a default configuration.

Note that if you want to have a MailNotifier for worker-missing emails but not for regular build emails, just create one with builders=[], as follows:

#### **Workers States**

]

There are some times when a worker misbehaves because of issues with its configuration. In those cases, you may want to pause the worker, or maybe completely shut it down.

There are three actions that you may take (in the worker's web page Actions dialog)

- *Pause*: If a worker is paused, it won't accept new builds. The action of pausing a worker will not affect any build ongoing.
- *Graceful Shutdown*: If a worker is in graceful shutdown mode, it won't accept new builds, but will finish the current builds. When all of its build are finished, the **buildbot-worker** process will terminate.
- *Force Shutdown*: If a worker is in force shutdown mode, it will terminate immediately, and the build he was currently doing will be put to retry state.

Those actions will put the worker in two states

- *paused*: the worker is paused if it is connected but doesn't accept new builds.
- graceful: the worker is graceful if it doesn't accept new builds, and will shutdown when builds are finished.

A worker might be put to paused state automatically if buildbot detects a misbehavior. This is called the *quarantine timer*.

Quarantine timer is an exponential back-off mechanism for workers. This avoids a misbehaving worker to eat the build queue by quickly finishing builds in EXCEPTION state. When misbehavior is detected, the timer will pause the worker for 10 second, and then that time will double at each misbehavior detection, until the worker finishes a build.

The first case of misbehavior is for a latent worker to not start properly. The second case of misbehavior is for a build to end with an EXCEPTION status.

Worker states are stored in the database, can be queried via REST API and visible in the UI's workers page.

## **Local Workers**

For smaller setups, you may want to just run the workers on the same machine as the master. To simplify the maintenance, you may even want to run them in the same process.

This is what LocalWorker is for. Instead of configuring a worker.Worker, you have to configure a worker. LocalWorker. As the worker is running on the same process, password is not necessary. You can run as many local workers as long as your machine CPU and memory is allowing.

A configuration for two workers would look like:

```
from buildbot.plugins import worker
c['workers'] = [
    worker.LocalWorker('bot1'),
    worker.LocalWorker('bot2'),
]
```

In order to use local workers you need to have buildbot-worker package installed.

## **Latent Workers**

The standard Buildbot model has workers started manually. The previous section described how to configure the master for this approach.

Another approach is to let the Buildbot master start workers when builds are ready, on-demand. Thanks to services such as Amazon Web Services' Elastic Compute Cloud ("AWS EC2"), this is relatively easy to set up, and can be very useful for some situations.

The workers that are started on-demand are called "latent" workers. You can find the list of *Supported Latent Workers* below.

# **Common Options**

The following options are available for all latent workers.

**build\_wait\_timeout** This option allows you to specify how long a latent worker should wait after a build for another build before it shuts down. It defaults to 10 minutes. If this is set to 0 then the worker will be shut down immediately. If it is less than 0 it will be shut down only when shutting down master.

### **Supported Latent Workers**

As of time of writing, Buildbot supports the following latent workers:

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# Amazon Web Services Elastic Compute Cloud ("AWS EC2")

#### class buildbot.worker.ec2.EC2LatentWorker

EC2 (http://aws.amazon.com/ec2/) is a web service that allows you to start virtual machines in an Amazon data center. Please see their website for details, including costs. Using the AWS EC2 latent workers involves getting an EC2 account with AWS and setting up payment; customizing one or more EC2 machine images ("AMIs") on your desired

operating system(s) and publishing them (privately if needed); and configuring the buildbot master to know how to start your customized images for "substantiating" your latent workers.

This document will guide you through setup of a AWS EC2 latent worker:

- Get an AWS EC2 Account
- Create an AMI
- Configure the Master with an EC2LatentWorker
- Volumes
- VPC Support
- Spot instances

### Get an AWS EC2 Account

To start off, to use the AWS EC2 latent worker, you need to get an AWS developer account and sign up for EC2. Although Amazon often changes this process, these instructions should help you get started:

- 1. Go to http://aws.amazon.com/ and click to "Sign Up Now" for an AWS account.
- 2. Once you are logged into your account, you need to sign up for EC2. Instructions for how to do this have changed over time because Amazon changes their website, so the best advice is to hunt for it. After signing up for EC2, it may say it wants you to upload an x.509 cert. You will need this to create images (see below) but it is not technically necessary for the buildbot master configuration.
- 3. You must enter a valid credit card before you will be able to use EC2. Do that under 'Payment Method'.
- 4. Make sure you're signed up for EC2 by going to *Your Account*  $\rightarrow$  *Account Activity* and verifying EC2 is listed.

### **Create an AMI**

Now you need to create an AMI and configure the master. You may need to run through this cycle a few times to get it working, but these instructions should get you started.

Creating an AMI is out of the scope of this document. The EC2 Getting Started Guide (http://docs.amazonwebservices.com/AWSEC2/latest/GettingStartedGuide/) is a good resource for this task. Here are a few additional hints.

- When an instance of the image starts, it needs to automatically start a buildbot worker that connects to your master (to create a buildbot worker, *Creating a worker*; to make a daemon, *Launching the daemons*).
- You may want to make an instance of the buildbot worker, configure it as a standard worker in the master (i.e., not as a latent worker), and test and debug it that way before you turn it into an AMI and convert to a latent worker in the master.
- In order to avoid extra costs in case of master failure, you should configure the worker of the AMI with maxretries option (see *Worker Options*) Also see example systemd unit file example (https://github.com/buildbot/contrib/blob/master/master/contrib/systemd/worker.service)

### Configure the Master with an EC2LatentWorker

Now let's assume you have an AMI that should work with the *EC2LatentWorker*. It's now time to set up your buildbot master configuration.

You will need some information from your AWS account: the *Access Key Id* and the *Secret Access Key*. If you've built the AMI yourself, you probably already are familiar with these values. If you have not, and someone has given you access to an AMI, these hints may help you find the necessary values:

- While logged into your AWS account, find the "Access Identifiers" link (either on the left, or via *Your Account* → *Access Identifiers*.
- On the page, you'll see alphanumeric values for "Your Access Key Id:" and "Your Secret Access Key:". Make a note of these. Later on, we'll call the first one your identifier and the second one your secret\_identifier.

When creating an *EC2LatentWorker* in the buildbot master configuration, the first three arguments are required. The name and password are the first two arguments, and work the same as with normal workers. The next argument specifies the type of the EC2 virtual machine (available options as of this writing include m1.small, m1.large, m1.xlarge, c1.medium, and c1.xlarge; see the EC2 documentation for descriptions of these machines).

Here is the simplest example of configuring an EC2 latent worker. It specifies all necessary remaining values explicitly in the instantiation.

The ami argument specifies the AMI that the master should start. The identifier argument specifies the AWS *Access Key Id*, and the secret\_identifier specifies the AWS *Secret Access Key*. Both the AMI and the account information can be specified in alternate ways.

**Note:** Whoever has your identifier and secret\_identifier values can request AWS work charged to your account, so these values need to be carefully protected. Another way to specify these access keys is to put them in a separate file. Buildbot supports the standard AWS credentials file. You can then make the access privileges stricter for this separate file, and potentially let more people read your main configuration file. If your master is running in EC2, you can also use IAM roles for EC2 to delegate permissions.

keypair\_name and security\_name allow you to specify different names for these AWS EC2 values.

You can make an .aws directory in the home folder of the user running the buildbot master. In that directory, create a file called credentials. The format of the file should be as follows, replacing identifier and secret\_identifier with the credentials obtained before.

```
[default]
aws_access_key_id = identifier
aws_secret_access_key = secret_identifier
```

If you are using IAM roles, no config file is required. Then you can instantiate the worker as follows.

Previous examples used a particular AMI. If the Buildbot master will be deployed in a process-controlled environment, it may be convenient to specify the AMI more flexibly. Rather than specifying an individual AMI, specify one or two AMI filters.

In all cases, the AMI that sorts last by its location (the S3 bucket and manifest name) will be preferred.

One available filter is to specify the acceptable AMI owners, by AWS account number (the 12 digit number, usually rendered in AWS with hyphens like "1234-5678-9012", should be entered as in integer).

The other available filter is to provide a regular expression string that will be matched against each AMI's location (the S3 bucket and manifest name).

```
from buildbot.plugins import worker
bot1 = worker.EC2LatentWorker(
        'bot1', 'sekrit', 'ml.large',
        valid_ami_location_regex=r'buildbot\-.*/image.manifest.xml',
        identifier='publickey',
        secret_identifier='privatekey',
        keypair_name='latent_buildbot_worker',
        security_name='latent_buildbot_worker',
        )
```

The regular expression can specify a group, which will be preferred for the sorting. Only the first group is used; subsequent groups are ignored.

```
from buildbot.plugins import worker
bot1 = worker.EC2LatentWorker(
    'bot1', 'sekrit', 'm1.large',
    valid_ami_location_regex=r'buildbot\-.*\-(.*)/image.manifest.xml',
    identifier='publickey',
    secret_identifier='privatekey',
    keypair_name='latent_buildbot_worker',
    security_name='latent_buildbot_worker',
    )
```

If the group can be cast to an integer, it will be. This allows 10 to sort after 1, for instance.

from buildbot.plugins import worker bot1 = worker.EC2LatentWorker(

```
'botl', 'sekrit', 'ml.large',
valid_ami_location_regex=r'buildbot\-.*\-(\d+)/image.manifest.xml',
identifier='publickey',
secret_identifier='privatekey',
keypair_name='latent_buildbot_worker',
security_name='latent_buildbot_worker',
```

In addition to using the password as a handshake between the master and the worker, you may want to use a firewall to assert that only machines from a specific IP can connect as workers. This is possible with AWS EC2 by using the Elastic IP feature. To configure, generate a Elastic IP in AWS, and then specify it in your configuration using the elastic\_ip argument.

One other way to configure a worker is by settings AWS tags. They can for example be used to have a more restrictive security IAM (http://aws.amazon.com/iam/) policy. To get Buildbot to tag the latent worker specify the tag keys and values in your configuration using the tags argument.

If the worker needs access to additional AWS resources, you can also enable your workers to access them via an EC2 instance profile. To use this capability, you must first create an instance profile separately in AWS. Then specify its name on EC2LatentWorker via instance\_profile\_name.

You may also supply your own boto3.Session object to allow for more flexible session options (ex. cross-account) To use this capability, you must first create a boto3.Session object. Then provide it to EC2LatentWorker via session argument.

The *EC2LatentWorker* supports all other configuration from the standard Worker. The missing\_timeout and notify\_on\_missing specify how long to wait for an EC2 instance to attach before considering the attempt to have failed, and email addresses to alert, respectively. missing\_timeout defaults to 20 minutes.

### Volumes

If you want to attach existing volumes to an ec2 latent worker, use the volumes attribute. This mechanism can be valuable if you want to maintain state on a conceptual worker across multiple start/terminate sequences. volumes expects a list of (volume\_id, mount\_point) tuples to attempt attaching when your instance has been created.

If you want to attach new ephemeral volumes, use the the block\_device\_map attribute. This follows the AWS API syntax, essentially acting as a passthrough. The only distinction is that the volumes default to deleting on termination to avoid leaking volume resources when workers are terminated. See boto documentation for further details.

```
from buildbot.plugins import worker
c['workers'] = [
    worker.EC2LatentWorker('bot1', 'sekrit', 'm1.large',
                           ami='ami-12345',
                           keypair_name='latent_buildbot_worker',
                            security_name='latent_buildbot_worker',
                           block_device_map= [
                              "DeviceName": "/dev/xvdb",
                              "Ebs" : {
                                 "VolumeType": "io1",
                                 "Iops": 1000,
                                 "VolumeSize": 100
                               }
                           ]
                           )
1
```

#### **VPC Support**

If you are managing workers within a VPC, your worker configuration must be modified from above. You must specify the id of the subnet where you want your worker placed. You must also specify security groups created within your VPC as opposed to classic EC2 security groups. This can be done by passing the ids of the vpc security groups. Note, when using a VPC, you can not specify classic EC2 security groups (as specified by security\_name).

```
from buildbot.plugins import worker
c['workers'] = [
    worker.EC2LatentWorker('bot1', 'sekrit', 'm1.large',
```

```
ami='ami-12345',
keypair_name='latent_buildbot_worker',
subnet_id='subnet-12345',
security_group_ids=['sg-12345','sg-67890']
)
```

### **Spot instances**

If you would prefer to use spot instances for running your builds, you can accomplish that by passing in a True value to the spot\_instance parameter to the *EC2LatentWorker* constructor. Additionally, you may want to specify max\_spot\_price and price\_multiplier in order to limit your builds' budget consumption.

This example would attempt to create a m1.large spot instance in the us-west-2b region costing no more than \$0.09/hour. The spot prices for 'Linux/UNIX' spot instances in that region over the last 24 hours will be averaged and multiplied by the price\_multiplier parameter, then a spot request will be sent to Amazon with the above details. If the multiple exceeds the max\_spot\_price, the bid price will be the max\_spot\_price.

Either max\_spot\_price or price\_multiplier, but not both, may be None. If price\_multiplier is None, then no historical price information is retrieved; the bid price is simply the specified max\_spot\_price. If the max\_spot\_price is None, then the multiple of the historical average spot prices is used as the bid price with no limit.

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### Libvirt

class buildbot.worker.libvirt.LibVirtWorker

libvirt (http://www.libvirt.org/) is a virtualization API for interacting with the virtualization capabilities of recent versions of Linux and other OSes. It is LGPL and comes with a stable C API, and Python bindings.

This means we now have an API which when tied to buildbot allows us to have workers that run under Xen, QEMU, KVM, LXC, OpenVZ, User Mode Linux, VirtualBox and VMWare.

The libvirt code in Buildbot was developed against libvirt 0.7.5 on Ubuntu Lucid. It is used with KVM to test Python code on VMs, but obviously isn't limited to that. Each build is run on a new VM, images are temporary and thrown

away after each build.

This document will guide you through setup of a libvirt latent worker:

- Setting up libvirt
- Configuring your base image
- Configuring your Master
- Configuring Master to use libvirt on remote server

#### Setting up libvirt

We won't show you how to set up libvirt as it is quite different on each platform, but there are a few things you should keep in mind.

- If you are using the system libvirt (libvirt and buildbot master are on same server), your buildbot master user will need to be in the libvirtd group.
- If libvirt and buildbot master are on different servers, the user connecting to libvirt over ssh will need to be in the libvirtd group. Also need to setup authorization via ssh-keys (without password prompt).
- If you are using KVM, your buildbot master user will need to be in the KVM group.
- You need to think carefully about your virtual network *first*. Will NAT be enough? What IP will my VMs need to connect to for connecting to the master?

#### Configuring your base image

You need to create a base image for your builds that has everything needed to build your software. You need to configure the base image with a buildbot worker that is configured to connect to the master on boot.

Because this image may need updating a lot, we strongly suggest scripting its creation.

If you want to have multiple workers using the same base image it can be annoying to duplicate the image just to change the buildbot credentials. One option is to use libvirt's DHCP server to allocate an identity to the worker: DHCP sets a hostname, and the worker takes its identity from that.

Doing all this is really beyond the scope of the manual, but there is a vmbuilder (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/libvirt/vmbuilder) script and a network.xml (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/libvirt/network.xml) file to create such a DHCP server in master/contrib/ (https://github.com/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/) (*Contrib Scripts*) that should get you started:

```
sudo apt-get install ubuntu-vm-builder
sudo contrib/libvirt/vmbuilder
```

Should create an ubuntu/ folder with a suitable image in it.

```
virsh net-define contrib/libvirt/network.xml
virsh net-start buildbot-network
```

Should set up a KVM compatible libvirt network for your buildbot VM's to run on.

### **Configuring your Master**

If you want to add a simple on demand VM to your setup, you only need the following. We set the username to minion1, the password to sekrit. The base image is called base\_image and a copy of it will be made for the duration of the VM's life. That copy will be thrown away every time a build is complete.

You can use virt-manager to define minion1 with the correct hardware. If you don't, buildbot won't be able to find a VM to start.

LibVirtWorker accepts the following arguments:

name Both a buildbot username and the name of the virtual machine.

password A password for the buildbot to login to the master with.

connection Connection instance wrapping connection to libvirt.

hd\_image The path to a libvirt disk image, normally in qcow2 format when using KVM.

- **base\_image** If given a base image, buildbot will clone it every time it starts a VM. This means you always have a clean environment to do your build in.
- xml If a VM isn't predefined in virt-manager, then you can instead provide XML like that used with virsh define. The VM will be created automatically when needed, and destroyed when not needed any longer.

Note: The hd\_image and base\_image must be on same machine with buildbot master.

#### Configuring Master to use libvirt on remote server

If you want to use libvirt on remote server configure remote libvirt server and buildbot server following way.

- Define user to connect to remote machine using ssh. Configure connection of such user to remote libvirt server (see https://wiki.libvirt.org/page/SSHSetup) without password prompt.
- 2. Add user to libvirtd group on remote libvirt server sudo usermod -G libvirtd -a <user>.

Configure remote libvirt server:

- 1. Create virtual machine for buildbot and configure it.
- 2. Change virtual machine image file to new name, which will be used as temporary image and deleted after virtual machine stops. Execute command sudo virsh edit <VM name>. In xml file locate devices/disk/ source and change file path to new name. The file must not be exists, it will create via hook script.
- 3. Add hook script to /etc/libvirt/hooks/qemu to recreate VM image each start:

```
#!/usr/bin/python
# Script /etc/libvirt/hooks/qemu
# Don't forget to execute service libvirt-bin restart
```

```
# Also see https://www.libvirt.org/hooks.html
# This script make clean VM for each start using base image
import os
import subprocess
import sys
images_path = '/var/lib/libvirt/images/'
# build-vm - VM name in virsh list --all
# vm_base_image.qcow2 - base image file name, must exist in path /var/lib/libvirt/
⇔images/
# vm_temp_image.gcow2 - temporary image. Must not exist in path /var/lib/libvirt/
→images/, but defined in VM config file
domains = {
   'build-vm' : ['vm_base_image.qcow2', 'vm_temp_image.qcow2'],
}
def delete_image_clone (vir_domain) :
   if vir_domain in domains:
            domain = domains[vir domain]
            os.remove(images_path + domain[1])
def create_image_clone(vir_domain):
   if vir_domain in domains:
            domain = domains[vir_domain]
            cmd = ['/usr/bin/gemu-img', 'create', '-b', images_path + domain[0], '-f
subprocess.call(cmd)
if __name__ == "__main__":
   vir_domain, action = sys.argv[1:3]
   if action in ["prepare"]:
            create_image_clone(vir_domain)
   if action in ["release"]:
            delete_image_clone(vir_domain)
```

Configure buildbot server:

- 1. On buildbot server in virtual environment install libvirt-python package: pip install libvirt-python
- 2. Create worker using remote ssh connection.

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# OpenStack

### class buildbot.worker.openstack.OpenStackLatentWorker

OpenStack (http://openstack.org/) is a series of interconnected components that facilitates managing compute, storage, and network resources in a data center. It is available under the Apache License and has a REST interface along with a Python client.

This document will guide you through setup of an OpenStack latent worker:

- Install dependencies
- Get an Account in an OpenStack cloud
- Create an Image
- Configure the Master with an OpenStackLatentWorker

### **Install dependencies**

OpenStackLatentWorker requires python-novaclient to work, you can install it with pip install python-novaclient.

### Get an Account in an OpenStack cloud

Setting up OpenStack is outside the domain of this document. There are four account details necessary for the Buildbot master to interact with your OpenStack cloud: username, password, a tenant name, and the auth URL to use.

#### **Create an Image**

OpenStack supports a large number of image formats. OpenStack maintains a short list of prebuilt images; if the desired image is not listed, The OpenStack Compute Administration Manual (http://docs.openstack.org/trunk/openstackcompute/admin/content/index.html) is a good resource for creating new images. You need to configure the image with a buildbot worker to connect to the master on boot.

### Configure the Master with an OpenStackLatentWorker

With the configured image in hand, it is time to configure the buildbot master to create OpenStack instances of it. You will need the aforementioned account details. These are the same details set in either environment variables or passed as options to an OpenStack client.

OpenStackLatentWorker accepts the following arguments:

**name** The worker name.

**password** A password for the worker to login to the master with.

**flavor** The flavor ID to use for the instance.

**image** A string containing the image UUID to use for the instance. A callable may instead be passed. It will be passed the list of available images and must return the image to use.

os\_username

os\_password

os\_tenant\_name

os\_user\_domain

os\_project\_domain

- **os\_auth\_url** The OpenStack authentication needed to create and delete instances. These are the same as the environment variables with uppercase names of the arguments.
- **block\_devices** A list of dictionaries. Each dictionary specifies a block device to set up during instance creation. The values support using properties from the build and will be rendered when the instance is started.

Supported keys

uuid (required): The image, snapshot, or volume UUID.

**volume\_size** (optional): Size of the block device in GiB. If not specified, the minimum size in GiB to contain the source will be calculated and used.

device\_name (optional): defaults to vda. The name of the device in the instance; e.g. vda or xda.

source\_type (optional): defaults to image. The origin of the block device. Valid values are image, snapshot, or volume.

destination\_type (optional): defaults to volume. Destination of block device: volume or local.

**delete\_on\_termination** (optional): defaults to True. Controls if the block device will be deleted when the instance terminates.

**boot\_index** (optional): defaults to 0. Integer used for boot order.

- **meta** A dictionary of string key-value pairs to pass to the instance. These will be available under the metadata key from the metadata service.
- **nova\_args** (optional) A dict that will be appended to the arguments when creating a VM. Buildbot uses the Open-Stack Nova version 2 API by default (see client\_version).
- **client\_version** (optional) A string containing the Nova client version to use. Defaults to 2. Supports using 2.X, where X is a micro-version. Use 1.1 for the previous, deprecated, version. If using 1.1, note that an older version of novaclient will be needed so it won't switch to using 2.

**region** (optional) A string specifying region where to instantiate the worker.

Here is the simplest example of configuring an OpenStack latent worker.

```
from buildbot.plugins import worker
c['workers'] = [
   worker.OpenStackLatentWorker('bot2', 'sekrit',
        flavor=1, image='8ac9d4a4-5e03-48b0-acde-77a0345a9ab1',
        os_username='user', os_password='password',
        os_tenant_name='tenant',
        os_auth_url='http://127.0.0.1:35357/v2.0')
]
```

The image argument also supports being given a callable. The callable will be passed the list of available images and must return the image to use. The invocation happens in a separate thread to prevent blocking the build master when interacting with OpenStack.

```
from buildbot.plugins import worker

def find_image(images):
    # Sort oldest to newest.
    def key_fn(x):
        return x.created

    candidate_images = sorted(images, key=key_fn)
    # Return the oldest candidate image.
    return candidate_images[0]

c['workers'] = [
    worker.OpenStackLatentWorker('bot2', 'sekrit',
        flavor=1, image=find_image,
        os_username='user', os_password='password',
        os_tenant_name='tenant',
        os_auth_url='http://127.0.0.1:35357/v2.0')
]
```

The block\_devices argument is minimally manipulated to provide some defaults and passed directly to novaclient. The simplest example is an image that is converted to a volume and the instance boots from that volume. When the instance is destroyed, the volume will be terminated as well.

The nova\_args can be used to specify additional arguments for the novaclient. For example network mappings, which is required if your OpenStack tenancy has more than one network, and default cannot be determined. Please refer to your OpenStack manual whether it wants net-id or net-name.

Other useful parameters are availability\_zone, security\_groups and config\_drive. Refer to Python bindings to the OpenStack Nova API (http://docs.openstack.org/developer/python-novaclient/) for more information. It is found on section Servers, method create.

OpenStackLatentWorker supports all other configuration from the standard Worker. The missing\_timeout and notify\_on\_missing specify how long to wait for an OpenStack instance to at-

tach before considering the attempt to have failed and email addresses to alert, respectively. missing\_timeout defaults to 20 minutes.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# **Docker latent worker**

class buildbot.worker.docker.DockerLatentWorker

class buildbot.plugins.worker.DockerLatentWorker

Docker (https://docker.com) is an open-source project that automates the deployment of applications inside software containers. The DockerLatentWorker attempts to instantiate a fresh image for each build to assure consistency of the environment between builds. Each image will be discarded once the worker finished processing the build queue (i.e. becomes idle). See *build\_wait\_timeout* to change this behavior.

This document will guide you through the setup of such workers.

- Docker Installation
- Image Creation
- Reuse same image for different workers
- Master Setup

# **Docker Installation**

An easy way to try Docker is through installation of dedicated Virtual machines. Two of them stands out:

- CoreOS (https://coreos.com/)
- boot2docker (http://boot2docker.io/)

Beside, it is always possible to install Docker next to the buildmaster. Beware that in this case, overall performance will depend on how many builds the computer where you have your buildmaster can handle as everything will happen on the same one.

**Note:** It is not necessary to install Docker in the same environment as your master as we will make use to the Docker API through docker-py (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/docker-py). More in *master setup*.

# CoreOS

CoreOS is targeted at building infrastructure and distributed systems. In order to get the latent worker working with CoreOS, it is necessary to expose the docker socket (https://coreos.com/docs/launching-containers/building/customizing-docker/) outside of the Virtual Machine. If you installed it via Vagrant (https://coreos.com/docs/running-coreos/platforms/vagrant/), it is also necessary to uncomment the following line in your config.rb file:

\$expose\_docker\_tcp=2375

The following command should allow you to confirm that your Docker socket is now available via the network:

```
docker -H tcp://127.0.0.1:2375 ps
```

### boot2docker

boot2docker is one of the fastest ways to boot to Docker. As it is meant to be used from outside of the Virtual Machine, the socket is already exposed. Please follow the installation instructions on how to find the address of your socket.

### **Image Creation**

Our build master will need the name of an image to perform its builds. Each time a new build will be requested, the same base image will be used again and again, actually discarding the result of the previous build. If you need some persistent storage between builds, you can use Volumes.

Each Docker image has a single purpose. Our worker image will be running a buildbot worker.

Docker uses Dockerfiles to describe the steps necessary to build an image. The following example will build a minimal worker. This example is voluntarily simplistic, and should probably not be used in production, see next paragraph.

```
FROM debian:stable
1
   RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y \
2
      python-dev \
3
     python-pip
4
   RUN pip install buildbot-worker
5
   RUN groupadd -r buildbot && useradd -r -g buildbot buildbot
6
   RUN mkdir /worker && chown buildbot:buildbot /worker
7
   # Install your build-dependencies here ...
8
   USER buildbot
9
   WORKDIR /worker
10
   RUN buildbot-worker create-worker . <master-hostname> <workername> <workerpassword>
11
  ENTRYPOINT ["/usr/local/bin/buildbot-worker"]
12
  CMD ["start", "--nodaemon"]
13
```

On line 11, the hostname for your master instance, as well as the worker name and password is setup. Don't forget to replace those values with some valid ones for your project.

It is a good practice to set the ENTRYPOINT to the worker executable, and the CMD to ["start", "--nodaemon"]. This way, no parameter will be required when starting the image.

When your Dockerfile is ready, you can build your first image using the following command (replace *myworkername* with a relevant name for your case):

docker build -t myworkername - < Dockerfile</pre>

#### Reuse same image for different workers

Previous simple example hardcodes the worker name into the dockerfile, which will not work if you want to share your docker image between workers.

You can find in buildbot source code in master/contrib/docker (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/docker) one example configurations:

pythonnode\_worker (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/master/contrib/docker/pythonnode\_worker/)

a worker with Python and node installed, which demonstrate how to reuse the base worker to create variations of build environments. It is based on the official buildbot/buildbot-worker image.

The master setups several environment variables before starting the workers:

BUILDMASTER The address of the master the worker shall connect to

BUILDMASTER\_PORT The port of the master's worker 'pb' protocol.

WORKERNAME The name the worker should use to connect to master

**WORKERPASS** The password the worker should use to connect to master

### **Master Setup**

We will rely on docker-py to connect our master with docker. Now is the time to install it in your master environment.

Before adding the worker to your master configuration, it is possible to validate the previous steps by starting the newly created image interactively. To do this, enter the following lines in a Python prompt where docker-py is installed:

```
>>> import docker
>>> docker_socket = 'tcp://localhost:2375'
>>> client = docker.client.Client(base_url=docker_socket)
>>> worker_image = 'my_project_worker'
>>> container = client.create_container(worker_image)
>>> client.start(container['Id'])
>>> # Optionally examine the logs of the master
>>> client.stop(container['Id'])
>>> client.wait(container['Id'])
0
```

It is now time to add the new worker to the master configuration under workers.

The following example will add a Docker latent worker for docker running at the following address: tcp://localhost:2375, the worker name will be docker, its password: password, and the base image name will be my\_project\_worker:

**password** (mandatory) The worker password part of the *Latent Workers* API. If the password is None, then it will be automatically generated from random number, and transmitted to the container via environment variable.

In addition to the arguments available for any *Latent Workers*, DockerLatentWorker will accept the following extra ones:

**docker\_host** (mandatory) This is the address the master will use to connect with a running Docker instance.

image

This is the name of the image that will be started by the build master. It should start a worker. This option can be a renderable, like *Interpolate*, so that it generates from the build request properties.

command (optional) This will override the command setup during image creation.

volumes (optional) See Setting up Volumes

**dockerfile** (optional if image is given) This is the content of the Dockerfile that will be used to build the specified image if the image is not found by Docker. It should be a multiline string.

Note: In case image and dockerfile are given, no attempt is made to compare the image with the content of the Dockerfile parameter if the image is found.

- **version** (optional, default to the highest version known by docker-py) This will indicates which API version must be used to communicate with Docker.
- **tls** (optional) This allow to use TLS when connecting with the Docker socket. This should be a docker.tls. TLSConfig object. See docker-py's own documentation (https://docker-py.readthedocs.io/en/stable/tls.html) for more details on how to initialise this object.
- **followStartupLogs** (optional, defaults to false) This transfers docker container's log inside master logs during worker startup (before connection). This can be useful to debug worker startup. e.g network issues, etc.
- **masterFQDN** (optional, defaults to socket.getfqdn()) Address of the master the worker should connect to. Use if you master machine does not have proper fqdn. This value is passed to the docker image via environment variable BUILDMASTER
- dictionary **hostconfig** (optional) Extra host configuration parameters passed as а used to HostConfig object. See docker-py's HostConfig documentation create (https://dockerpy.readthedocs.io/en/stable/api.html#docker.api.container.ContainerApiMixin.create host config) for all the supported options.
- autopull (optional, defaults to false) Automatically pulls image if requested image is not on docker host.
- alwaysPull (optional, defaults to false) Always pulls image if autopull is set to true.
- **custom\_context** (optional) Boolean indicating that the user wants to use custom build arguments for the docker environment. Defaults to False.
- **encoding** (optional) String indicating the compression format for the build context. defaults to 'gzip', but 'bzip' can be used as well.
- **buildargs** (optional if custom\_context is True) Dictionary, passes information for the docker to build its environment. Eg. {'DISTRO':'ubuntu', 'RELEASE':'11.11'}. Defaults to None.

# Setting up Volumes

The volume parameter allows to share directory between containers, or between a container and the host system. Refer to Docker documentation for more information about Volumes.

The format of that variable has to be an array of string. Each string specify a volume in the following format: volumename:bindname. The volume name has to be appended with :ro if the volume should be mounted *read-only*.

Note: This is the same format as when specifying volumes on the command line for docker's own -v option.

# Marathon latent worker

Marathon (https://mesosphere.github.io/marathon/) Marathon is a production-grade container orchestration platform for Mesosphere's Data-center Operating System (DC/OS) and Apache Mesos.

Buildbot supports using Marathon (https://mesosphere.github.io/marathon/) to host your latent workers. It requires either txrequests (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/txrequests) or treq (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/treq) to be installed to allow interaction with http server. See HTTPClientService for details.

class buildbot.worker.marathon.MarathonLatentWorker

class buildbot.plugins.worker.MarathonLatentWorker

The MarathonLatentWorker attempts to instantiate a fresh image for each build to assure consistency of the environment between builds. Each image will be discarded once the worker finished processing the build queue (i.e. becomes idle). See *build\_wait\_timeout* to change this behavior.

In addition to the arguments available for any *Latent Workers*, MarathonLatentWorker will accept the following extra ones:

- marathon\_url (mandatory) This is the URL to Marathon (https://mesosphere.github.io/marathon/) server. Its REST API will be used to start docker containers.
- marathon\_auth (optional) This is the optional ('userid', 'password') BasicAuth credential. If txrequests (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/txrequests) is installed, this can be a requests authentication plugin (http://docs.python-requests.org/en/master/user/authentication/).
- **image** (mandatory) This is the name of the image that will be started by the build master. It should start a worker. This option can be a renderable, like *Interpolate*, so that it generates from the build request properties. Images are by pulled from the default docker registry. MarathonLatentWorker does not support starting a worker built from a Dockerfile.
- **masterFQDN** (optional, defaults to socket.getfqdn()) Address of the master the worker should connect to. Use if you master machine does not have proper fqdn. This value is passed to the docker image via environment variable BUILDMASTER

If the value contains a colon (:), then BUILDMASTER and BUILDMASTER\_PORT environment variables will be passed, following scheme: masterFQDN="\$BUILDMASTER:\$BUILDMASTER\_PORT"

marathon\_extra\_config (optional, defaults to {}`) Extra configuration to be passed to Marathon API (http://mesosphere.github.io/marathon/docs/rest-api.html#post-v2-apps). This implementation will setup the minimal configuration to run a worker (docker image, BRIDGED network) It will let the default for everything else, including memory size, volume mounting, etc. This configuration is voluntarily very raw so that it is easy to use new marathon features. This dictionary will be merged into the Buildbot generated config, and recursively override it. See Marathon API (http://mesosphere.github.io/marathon/docs/rest-api.html#post-v2-apps) documentation to learn what to include in this config.

# Kubernetes latent worker

Kubernetes (https://kubernetes.io/) is an open-source system for automating deployment, scaling, and management of containerized applications.

Buildbot supports using Kubernetes (https://kubernetes.io/) to host your latent workers.

class buildbot.worker.kubernetes.KubeLatentWorker

class buildbot.plugins.worker.KubeLatentWorker

The KubeLatentWorker attempts to instantiate a fresh container for each build to assure consistency of the environment between builds Each container will be discarded once the worker finished processing the build queue (i.e. becomes idle). See *build\_wait\_timeout* to change this behavior.

In addition to the arguments available for any *Latent Workers*, KubeLatentWorker will accept the following extra ones:

image (optional, default to buildbot/buildbot-worker) Docker image. Default to the official buildbot image.

namespace (optional) This is the name of the namespace. Default to the current namespace

**kube\_config** (mandatory) This is the object specifying how to connect to the kubernetes cluster. This object must be an instance of abstract class KubeConfigLoaderBase, which have 3 implementations:

- KubeHardcodedConfig
- KubeCtlProxyConfigLoader
- KubeInClusterConfigLoader
- masterFQDN (optional, default to None) Address of the master the worker should connect to. Put the service master service name if you want to place a load-balancer between the workers and the masters. The default behaviour is to compute address IP of the master. This option works out-of-the box inside kubernetes but don't leverage the load-balancing through service. You can pass any callable, such as KubeLatentWorker.get\_fqdn that will set masterFQDN=socket.getfqdn().

For more customization, you can subclass KubeLatentWorker and override following methods. All those methods can optionally return a deferred. All those methods take props object which is a L{IProperties} allowing to get some parameters from the build properties

### createEnvironment(self, props)

This method compute the environment from your properties. Don't forget to first call *super().createEnvironment(props)* to get the base properties necessary to connect to the master.

#### getBuildContainerResources (self, props)

This method compute the *pod resources* part of the container spec (*spec.containers[].resources*. This is important to reserve some CPU and memory for your builds, and to trigger node auto-scaling if needed. You can also limit the CPU and memory for your container.

#### getServicesContainers (self, props)

This method compute a list of containers spec to put alongside the worker container. This is useful for starting services around your build pod, like a database container. All containers within the same pod share the same localhost interface, so you can access the other containers TCP ports very easily.

### Kubernetes config loaders

Kubernetes provides many options to connect to a cluster. It is especially more complicated as some cloud providers use specific methods to connect to their managed kubernetes. Config loaders objects can be shared between Latent-Worker.

There are three options you may use to connect to your clusters.

When running both the master and slaves run on the same Kubernetes cluster, you should use the KubeInClusterConfigLoader. If not, but having a configured kubectl tool available to the build master is an option for you, you should use KubeCtlProxyConfigLoader. If neither of these options is convenient, use KubeHardcodedConfig.

class buildbot.util.kubeclientservice.KubeCtlProxyConfigLoader

class buildbot.plugins.util.KubeCtlProxyConfigLoader

### KubeCtlProxyConfigLoader

With KubeCtlProxyConfigLoader, buildbot will user kubectl proxy to get access to the cluster. This delegates the authentication to the kubectl golang binary, and thus avoid to implement a python version for every authentication scheme that kubernetes provides. kubectl must be available in the PATH, and configured to be able to start pods. While this method is very convenient and easy, it also opens an unauthenticated http access to your cluster via localhost. You must ensure that this is properly secured, and your buildbot master machine is not on a shared multi-user server.

**proxy\_port** (optional defaults to 8001) HTTP port to use.

namespace (optional defaults to "default" default namespace to use if the latent worker do not provide one already.

class buildbot.util.kubeclientservice.KubeHardcodedConfig

class buildbot.plugins.util.KubeHardcodedConfig

#### KubeHardcodedConfig

With KubeHardcodedConfig, you just configure the necessary parameters to connect to the clusters.

master\_url (mandatory) The http url of you kubernetes master. Only http and https protocols are supported

headers (optional) Additional headers to be passed to the HTTP request

**basicAuth** (optional) Basic authorization info to connect to the cluster, as a { 'user': 'username', 'password': 'psw' } dict.

Unlike the headers argument, this argument supports secret providers, e.g.:

basicAuth={'user': 'username', 'password': Secret('k8spassword')}

#### bearerToken (optional)

A bearer token to authenticate to the cluster, as a string. Unlike the headers argument, this argument supports secret providers, e.g:

```
bearerToken=Secret('k8s-token')
```

When using the Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE), a bearer token for the default service account can be had with:

```
gcloud container clusters get-credentials --region [YOURREGION] YOURCLUSTER
kubectl describe sa
kubectl describe secret [SECRET_ID]
```

Where SECRET\_ID is displayed by the describe sa command line. The default service account does not have rights on the cluster (to create/delete pods), which is required by BuildBot's integration. You may give it this right by making it a cluster admin with

```
kubectl create clusterrolebinding service-account-admin \
    --clusterrole=cluster-admin \
    --serviceaccount default:default
```

cert (optional) Client certificate and key to use to authenticate. This only works if txrequests is installed:

```
cert=('/path/to/certificate.crt', '/path/to/certificate.key')
```

**verify** (optional) Path to server certificate authenticate the server:

verify='/path/to/kube\_server\_certificate.crt'

When using the Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE), this certificate is available from the admin console, on the Cluster page. Verify that it is valid (i.e. no copy/paste errors) with openssl verify PATH\_TO\_PEM.

namespace (optional defaults to "default" default namespace to use if the latent worker do not provide one already.

class buildbot.util.kubeclientservice.KubeInClusterConfigLoader

class buildbot.plugins.util.KubeInClusterConfigLoader

#### KubeInClusterConfigLoader

Use KubeInClusterConfigLoader, if your Buildbot master is itself located within the kubernetes cluster. In this case, you would associated a service account to the Buildbot master pod, and KubeInClusterConfigLoader will get the credentials from that.

This config loader takes no arguments.

### **Dangers with Latent Workers**

Any latent worker that interacts with a for-fee service, such as the *EC2LatentWorker*, brings significant risks. As already identified, the configuration will need access to account information that, if obtained by a criminal, can be used to charge services to your account. Also, bugs in the Buildbot software may lead to unnecessary charges. In particular, if the master neglects to shut down an instance for some reason, a virtual machine may be running unnecessarily, charging against your account. Manual and/or automatic (e.g. Nagios with a plugin using a library like boto) double-checking may be appropriate.

A comparatively trivial note is that currently if two instances try to attach to the same latent worker, it is likely that the system will become confused. This should not occur, unless, for instance, you configure a normal worker to connect with the authentication of a latent buildbot. If this situation does occurs, stop all attached instances and restart the master.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 2.5.7 Builder Configuration

- Collapsing Build Requests
- Prioritizing Builds
- Virtual Builders

The *builders* configuration key is a list of objects giving configuration for the Builders. For more information on the function of Builders in Buildbot, see *the Concepts chapter*. The class definition for the builder configuration is in buildbot.config. However there is a much simpler way to use it, so in the configuration file, its use looks like:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
c['builders'] = [
    util.BuilderConfig(name='quick', workernames=['bot1', 'bot2'], factory=f_quick),
    util.BuilderConfig(name='thorough', workername='bot1', factory=f_thorough),
]
```

BuilderConfig takes the following keyword arguments:

name This specifies the Builder's name, which is used in status reports.

workername

- **workernames** These arguments specify the worker or workers that will be used by this Builder. All workers names must appear in the *workers* configuration parameter. Each worker can accommodate multiple builders. The workernames parameter can be a list of names, while workername can specify only one worker.
- **factory** This is a buildbot.process.factory.BuildFactory instance which controls how the build is performed by defining the steps in the build. Full details appear in their own section, *Build Factories*.

Other optional keys may be set on each BuilderConfig:

- **builddir** Specifies the name of a subdirectory of the master's basedir in which everything related to this builder will be stored. This holds build status information. If not set, this parameter defaults to the builder name, with some characters escaped. Each builder must have a unique build directory.
- **workerbuilddir** Specifies the name of a subdirectory (under the worker's configured base directory) in which everything related to this builder will be placed on the worker. This is where checkouts, compiles, and tests are run. If not set, defaults to builddir. If a worker is connected to multiple builders that share the same workerbuilddir, make sure the worker is set to run one build at a time or ensure this is fine to run multiple builds from the same directory simultaneously.
- tags If provided, this is a list of strings that identifies tags for the builder. Status clients can limit themselves to a subset of the available tags. A common use for this is to add new builders to your setup (for a new module, or for a new worker) that do not work correctly yet and allow you to integrate them with the active builders. You can tag these new builders with a test tag, make your main status clients ignore them, and have only private status clients pick them up. As soon as they work, you can move them over to the active tag.
- nextWorker If provided, this is a function that controls which worker will be assigned future jobs. The function is passed three arguments, the Builder object which is assigning a new job, a list of WorkerForBuilder objects and the BuildRequest. The function should return one of the WorkerForBuilder objects, or None if none of the available workers should be used. As an example, for each worker in the list, worker. worker will be a Worker object, and worker.worker.workername is the worker's name. The function can optionally return a Deferred, which should fire with the same results.
- **nextBuild** If provided, this is a function that controls which build request will be handled next. The function is passed two arguments, the Builder object which is assigning a new job, and a list of BuildRequest objects of pending builds. The function should return one of the BuildRequest objects, or None if none of the pending builds should be started. This function can optionally return a Deferred which should fire with the same results.
- **canStartBuild** If provided, this is a function that can veto whether a particular worker should be used for a given build request. The function is passed three arguments: the Builder, a Worker, and a BuildRequest. The function should return True if the combination is acceptable, or False otherwise. This function can optionally return a Deferred which should fire with the same results.

See canStartBuild Functions for a concrete example.

locks A list of Locks (instances of buildbot.locks.WorkerLock or buildbot.locks.MasterLock)
 that should be acquired before starting a Build from this Builder. Alternatively this could be a renderable
 that returns this list depending on properties of related to a build that is just about to be created. This lets

you defer picking the locks to acquire until it is known which Worker a build would get assigned to. The properties available to the renderable include all properties that are set to the build before its first step excluding the properties that come from the build itself and the builddir property that comes from worker. The Locks will be released when the build is complete. Note that this is a list of actual Lock instances, not names. Also note that all Locks must have unique names. See *Interlocks*.

**env** A Builder may be given a dictionary of environment variables in this parameter. The variables are used in *ShellCommand* steps in builds created by this builder. The environment variables will override anything in the worker's environment. Variables passed directly to a ShellCommand will override variables of the same name passed to the Builder.

For example, if you have a pool of identical workers it is often easier to manage variables like PATH from Buildbot rather than manually editing it inside of the workers' environment.

Unlike most builder configuration arguments, this argument can contain renderables.

- **collapseRequests** Specifies how build requests for this builder should be collapsed. See *Collapsing Build Requests*, below.
- **properties** A builder may be given a dictionary of *Build Properties* specific for this builder in this parameter. Those values can be used later on like other properties. *Interpolate*.
- **defaultProperties** Similar to the properties parameter. But defaultProperties will only be added to *Build Properties* if they are not already set by *another source*.
- **description** A builder may be given an arbitrary description, which will show up in the web status on the builder's page.

# **Collapsing Build Requests**

When more than one build request is available for a builder, Buildbot can "collapse" the requests into a single build. This is desirable when build requests arrive more quickly than the available workers can satisfy them, but has the drawback that separate results for each build are not available.

Requests are only candidated for a merge if both requests have exactly the same *codebases*.

This behavior can be controlled globally, using the *collapseRequests* parameter, and on a per-Builder basis, using the collapseRequests argument to the Builder configuration. If collapseRequests is given, it completely overrides the global configuration.

Possible values for both collapseRequests configurations are:

**True** Requests will be collapsed if their sourcestamp are compatible (see below for definition of compatible).

False Requests will never be collapsed.

callable(builder, req1, req2) Requests will be collapsed if the callable returns true. See *Collapse Re*quest Functions for detailed example.

Sourcestamps are compatible if all of the below conditions are met:

- Their codebase, branch, project, and repository attributes match exactly
- Neither source stamp has a patch (e.g., from a try scheduler)
- Either both source stamps are associated with changes, or neither are associated with changes but they have matching revisions.

### **Prioritizing Builds**

The BuilderConfig parameter nextBuild can be use to prioritize build requests within a builder. Note that this is orthogonal to *Prioritizing Builders*, which controls the order in which builders are called on to start their builds. The details of writing such a function are in *Build Priority Functions*.

Such a function can be provided to the BuilderConfig as follows:

```
def pickNextBuild(builder, requests):
    ...
c['builders'] = [
    BuilderConfig(name='test', factory=f,
        nextBuild=pickNextBuild,
        workernames=['worker1', 'worker2', 'worker3', 'worker4']),
]
```

# **Virtual Builders**

*Dynamic Trigger* is a method which allows to trigger the same builder, with different parameters. This method is used by frameworks which store the build config along side the source code like Buildbot\_travis (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot\_travis). The drawback of this method is that it is difficult to extract statistics for similar builds. The standard dashboards are not working well due to the fact that all the builds are on the same builder.

In order to overcome those drawbacks, Buildbot has the concept of virtual builder. If a build has the property virtual\_builder\_name, it will automatically attach to that builder instead of the original builder. That created virtual builder is not attached to any master and is only used for better sorting in the UI and better statistics. The original builder and worker configuration is still used for all other build behaviors.

The virtual builder metadata is configured with the following properties:

- virtual\_builder\_name: The name of the virtual builder.
- virtual\_builder\_description: The description of the virtual builder.
- virtual\_builder\_tags: The tags for the virtual builder.

You can also use virtual builders with *SingleBranchScheduler*. For example if you want to automatically build all branches in your project without having to manually create a new builder each time one is added:

```
c['schedulers'].append(schedulers.SingleBranchScheduler(
    name='myproject-epics',
    change_filter=util.ChangeFilter(branch_re='epics/.*'),
    builderNames=['myproject-epics'],
    properties={
        'virtual_builder_name': util.Interpolate("myproject-%(ss::branch)s")
    }
))
```

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# 2.5.8 Build Factories

Each Builder is equipped with a build factory, which defines the steps used to perform that particular type of build. This factory is created in the configuration file, and attached to a Builder through the factory element of its dictionary.

The steps used by these builds are defined in the next section, Build Steps.

Note: Build factories are used with builders, and are not added directly to the buildmaster configuration dictionary.

- Defining a Build Factory
- Dynamic Build Factories
- Predefined Build Factories

### **Defining a Build Factory**

A BuildFactory defines the steps that every build will follow. Think of it as a glorified script. For example, a build factory which consists of an SVN checkout followed by a make build would be configured as follows:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util, steps
f = util.BuildFactory()
f.addStep(steps.SVN(repourl="http://..", mode="incremental"))
f.addStep(steps.Compile(command=["make", "build"]))
```

This factory would then be attached to one builder (or several, if desired):

```
c['builders'].append(
    BuilderConfig(name='quick', workernames=['bot1', 'bot2'], factory=f))
```

It is also possible to pass a list of steps into the BuildFactory when it is created. Using addStep is usually simpler, but there are cases where it is more convenient to create the list of steps ahead of time, perhaps using some Python tricks to generate the steps.

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps, util
all_steps = [
   steps.CVS(cvsroot=CVSROOT, cvsmodule="project", mode="update"),
   steps.Compile(command=["make", "build"]),
]
f = util.BuildFactory(all_steps)
```

Finally, you can also add a sequence of steps all at once:

f.addSteps(all\_steps)

# **Attributes**

The following attributes can be set on a build factory after it is created, e.g.,

```
f = util.BuildFactory()
f.useProgress = False
```

- **useProgress** (defaults to True): if True, the buildmaster keeps track of how long each step takes, so it can provide estimates of how long future builds will take. If builds are not expected to take a consistent amount of time (such as incremental builds in which a random set of files are recompiled or tested each time), this should be set to False to inhibit progress-tracking.
- **workdir** (defaults to 'build'): workdir given to every build step created by this factory as default. The workdir can be overridden in a build step definition.

If this attribute is set to a string, that string will be used for constructing the workdir (worker base + builder builddir + workdir). The attribute can also be a Python callable, for more complex cases, as described in *Factory Workdir Functions*.

# **Dynamic Build Factories**

In some cases you may not know what commands to run until after you checkout the source tree. For those cases you can dynamically add steps during a build from other steps.

The Build object provides 2 functions to do this:

```
addStepsAfterCurrentStep(self, step_factories) This adds the steps after the step that is cur-
rently executing.
```

addStepsAfterLastStep (self, step\_factories) This adds the steps onto the end of the build.

Both functions only accept as an argument a list of steps to add to the build.

For example lets say you have a script checked in into your source tree called build.sh. When this script is called with the argument --list-stages it outputs a newline separated list of stage names. This can be used to generate at runtime a step for each stage in the build. Each stage is then run in this example using ./build.sh --run-stage <stage name>.

```
from buildbot.plugins import util, steps
from buildbot.process import buildstep, logobserver
from twisted.internet import defer
class GenerateStagesCommand(buildstep.ShellMixin, steps.BuildStep):
    def __init__(self, **kwargs):
       kwargs = self.setupShellMixin(kwargs)
        super().__init__(**kwargs)
        self.observer = logobserver.BufferLogObserver()
        self.addLogObserver('stdio', self.observer)
    def extract_stages(self, stdout):
        stages = []
        for line in stdout.split('\n'):
            stage = str(line.strip())
            if stage:
                stages.append(stage)
        return stages
```

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```
@defer.inlineCallbacks
   def run(self):
        # run './build.sh --list-stages' to generate the list of stages
       cmd = yield self.makeRemoteShellCommand()
       yield self.runCommand(cmd)
        # if the command passes extract the list of stages
        result = cmd.results()
        if result == util.SUCCESS:
            # create a ShellCommand for each stage and add them to the build
            self.build.addStepsAfterCurrentStep([
                steps.ShellCommand(name=stage, command=["./build.sh", "--run-stage",
→stage])
                for stage in self.extract_stages(self.observer.getStdout())
            1)
       return result
f = util.BuildFactory()
f.addStep(steps.Git(repourl=repourl))
f.addStep(GenerateStagesCommand(
   name="Generate build stages",
   command=["./build.sh", "--list-stages"],
   haltOnFailure=True))
```

# **Predefined Build Factories**

Buildbot includes a few predefined build factories that perform common build sequences. In practice, these are rarely used, as every site has slightly different requirements, but the source for these factories may provide examples for implementation of those requirements.

### GNUAutoconf

### class buildbot.process.factory.GNUAutoconf

GNU Autoconf (http://www.gnu.org/software/autoconf/) is a software portability tool, intended to make it possible to write programs in C (and other languages) which will run on a variety of UNIX-like systems. Most GNU software is built using autoconf. It is frequently used in combination with GNU automake. These tools both encourage a build process which usually looks like this:

```
% CONFIG_ENV=foo ./configure --with-flags
% make all
% make check
# make install
```

(except of course the Buildbot always skips the make install part).

The Buildbot's *buildbot.process.factory.GNUAutoconf* factory is designed to build projects which use GNU autoconf and/or automake. The configuration environment variables, the configure flags, and command lines used for the compile and test are all configurable, in general the default values will be suitable.

Example:

Required Arguments:

source This argument must be a step specification tuple that provides a BuildStep to generate the source tree.

**Optional Arguments:** 

- **configure** The command used to configure the tree. Defaults to ./configure. Accepts either a string or a list of shell argv elements.
- **configureEnv** The environment used for the initial configuration step. This accepts a dictionary which will be merged into the worker's normal environment. This is commonly used to provide things like CFLAGS="-O2 -g" (to turn off debug symbols during the compile). Defaults to an empty dictionary.
- **configureFlags** A list of flags to be appended to the argument list of the configure command. This is commonly used to enable or disable specific features of the autoconf-controlled package, like ["--without-x"] to disable windowing support. Defaults to an empty list.
- **reconf** use autoreconf to generate the ./configure file, set to True to use a buildbot default autoreconf command, or define the command for the ShellCommand.
- **compile** this is a shell command or list of argv values which is used to actually compile the tree. It defaults to make all. If set to None, the compile step is skipped.
- test this is a shell command or list of argv values which is used to run the tree's self-tests. It defaults to make check. If set to None, the test step is skipped.
- **distcheck** this is a shell command or list of argv values which is used to run the packaging test. It defaults to make distcheck. If set to None, the test step is skipped.

# **BasicBuildFactory**

# class buildbot.process.factory.BasicBuildFactory

This is a subclass of GNUAutoconf which assumes the source is in CVS, and uses mode='full' and method='clobber' to always build from a clean working copy.

# BasicSVN

class buildbot.process.factory.BasicSVN

This class is similar to QuickBuildFactory, but uses SVN instead of CVS.

# QuickBuildFactory

### class buildbot.process.factory.QuickBuildFactory

The QuickBuildFactory class is a subclass of GNUAutoconf which assumes the source is in CVS, and uses mode='incremental' to get incremental updates.

The difference between a *full build* and a *quick build* is that quick builds are generally done incrementally, starting with the tree where the previous build was performed. That simply means that the source-checkout step should be given a mode='incremental' flag, to do the source update in-place.

In addition to that, this class sets the useProgress flag to False. Incremental builds will (or at least the ought to) compile as few files as necessary, so they will take an unpredictable amount of time to run. Therefore it would be misleading to claim to predict how long the build will take.

This class is probably not of use to new projects.

# **CPAN**

class buildbot.process.factory.CPAN

Most Perl modules available from the CPAN (http://www.cpan.org/) archive use the MakeMaker module to provide configuration, build, and test services. The standard build routine for these modules looks like:

```
% perl Makefile.PL
% make
% make test
# make install
```

(except again Buildbot skips the install step)

Buildbot provides a CPAN factory to compile and test these projects.

Arguments:

**source** (required): A step specification tuple, like that used by GNUAutoconf.

perl A string which specifies the perl executable to use. Defaults to just perl.

### **Distutils**

class buildbot.process.factory.Distutils

Most Python modules use the distutils package to provide configuration and build services. The standard build process looks like:

```
% python ./setup.py build
% python ./setup.py install
```

Unfortunately, although Python provides a standard unit-test framework named unittest, to the best of my knowledge distutils does not provide a standardized target to run such unit tests. (Please let me know if I'm wrong, and I will update this factory.)

The Distutils factory provides support for running the build part of this process. It accepts the same source= parameter as the other build factories.

Arguments:

**source** (required): A step specification tuple, like that used by GNUAutoconf.

python A string which specifies the python executable to use. Defaults to just python.

test Provides a shell command which runs unit tests. This accepts either a string or a list. The default value is None, which disables the test step (since there is no common default command to run unit tests in distutils modules).

# Trial

```
class buildbot.process.factory.Trial
```

Twisted provides a unit test tool named **trial** which provides a few improvements over Python's built-in unittest module. Many Python projects which use Twisted for their networking or application services also use trial for their unit tests. These modules are usually built and tested with something like the following:

```
% python ./setup.py build
% PYTHONPATH=build/lib.linux-i686-2.3 trial -v PROJECTNAME.test
% python ./setup.py install
```

Unfortunately, the build/lib directory into which the built/copied .py files are placed is actually architecturedependent, and I do not yet know of a simple way to calculate its value. For many projects it is sufficient to import their libraries *in place* from the tree's base directory (PYTHONPATH=.).

In addition, the *PROJECTNAME* value where the test files are located is project-dependent: it is usually just the project's top-level library directory, as common practice suggests the unit test files are put in the test sub-module. This value cannot be guessed, the Trial class must be told where to find the test files.

The Trial class provides support for building and testing projects which use distutils and trial. If the test module name is specified, trial will be invoked. The library path used for testing can also be set.

One advantage of trial is that the Buildbot happens to know how to parse trial output, letting it identify which tests passed and which ones failed. The Buildbot can then provide fine-grained reports about how many tests have failed, when individual tests fail when they had been passing previously, etc.

Another feature of trial is that you can give it a series of source .py files, and it will search them for special test-case-name tags that indicate which test cases provide coverage for that file. Trial can then run just the appropriate tests. This is useful for quick builds, where you want to only run the test cases that cover the changed functionality.

### Arguments:

- testpath Provides a directory to add to PYTHONPATH when running the unit tests, if tests are being run. Defaults to . to include the project files in-place. The generated build library is frequently architecture-dependent, but may simply be build/lib for pure-Python modules.
- python which Python executable to use. This list will form the start of the argv array that will launch trial. If you use this, you should set trial to an explicit path (like /usr/bin/trial or ./bin/trial). The parameter defaults to None, which leaves it out entirely (running trial args instead of python ./bin/trial args). Likely values are ['python'], ['python2.2'], or ['python', '-Wall'].
- trial provides the name of the trial command. It is occasionally useful to use an alternate executable, such as trial2.2 which might run the tests under an older version of Python. Defaults to trial.
- trialMode a list of arguments to pass to trial, specifically to set the reporting mode. This defaults to ['--reporter=bwverbose'], which only works for Twisted-2.1.0 and later.
- trialArgs a list of arguments to pass to trial, available to turn on any extra flags you like. Defaults to [].
- **tests** Provides a module name or names which contain the unit tests for this project. Accepts a string, typically *PROJECTNAME*.test, or a list of strings. Defaults to None, indicating that no tests should be run. You must either set this or testChanges.
- **testChanges** if True, ignore the tests parameter and instead ask the Build for all the files that make up the Changes going into this build. Pass these filenames to trial and ask it to look for test-case-name tags, running just the tests necessary to cover the changes.
- recurse If True, tells Trial (with the --recurse argument) to look in all subdirectories for additional test cases.
- **reactor** which reactor to use, like 'gtk' or 'java'. If not provided, the Twisted's usual platform-dependent default is used.
- **randomly** If True, tells Trial (with the --random=0 argument) to run the test cases in random order, which sometimes catches subtle inter-test dependency bugs. Defaults to False.

The step can also take any of the ShellCommand arguments, e.g., haltOnFailure.

Unless one of tests or testChanges are set, the step will generate an exception.

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# 2.5.9 Build Sets

A BuildSet represents a set of Builds that all compile and/or test the same version of the source tree. Usually, these builds are created by multiple Builders and will thus execute different steps.

The BuildSet is tracked as a single unit, which fails if any of the component Builds have failed, and therefore can succeed only if *all* of the component Builds have succeeded. There are two kinds of status notification messages that can be emitted for a BuildSet: the firstFailure type (which fires as soon as we know the BuildSet will fail), and the Finished type (which fires once the BuildSet has completely finished, regardless of whether the overall set passed or failed).

A BuildSet is created with set of one or more *source stamp* tuples of (branch, revision, changes, patch), some of which may be None, and a list of Builders on which it is to be run. They are then given to the BuildMaster, which is responsible for creating a separate BuildRequest for each Builder.

There are a couple of different likely values for the SourceStamp:

- (revision=None, changes=CHANGES, patch=None) This is a SourceStamp used when a series of Changes have triggered a build. The VC step will attempt to check out a tree that contains CHANGES (and any changes that occurred before CHANGES, but not any that occurred after them.)
- (revision=None, changes=None, patch=None) This builds the most recent code on the default branch. This is the sort of SourceStamp that would be used on a Build that was triggered by a user request, or a *Periodic* scheduler. It is also possible to configure the VC Source Step to always check out the latest sources rather than paying attention to the Changes in the SourceStamp, which will result in same behavior as this.
- (branch=BRANCH, revision=None, changes=None, patch=None) This builds the most recent code on the given BRANCH. Again, this is generally triggered by a user request or a *Periodic* scheduler.
- (revision=REV, changes=None, patch=(LEVEL, DIFF, SUBDIR\_ROOT)) This checks out the tree at the given revision REV, then applies a patch (using patch -pLEVEL <DIFF) from inside the relative directory SUBDIR\_ROOT. Item SUBDIR\_ROOT is optional and defaults to the builder working directory. The try command creates this kind of SourceStamp. If patch is None, the patching step is bypassed.

The buildmaster is responsible for turning the BuildSet into a set of BuildRequest objects and queueing them on the appropriate Builders.

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# 2.5.10 Properties

Build properties are a generalized way to provide configuration information to build steps; see *Build Properties* for the conceptual overview of properties.

- Common Build Properties
- Source Stamp Attributes
- Using Properties in Steps

Some build properties come from external sources and are set before the build begins; others are set during the build, and available for later steps. The sources for properties are:

global configuration These properties apply to all builds.

schedulers A scheduler can specify properties that become available to all builds it starts.

*changes* A change can have properties attached to it, supplying extra information gathered by the change source. This is most commonly used with the *sendchange* command.

forced builds The "Force Build" form allows users to specify properties

workers A worker can pass properties on to the builds it performs.

builds A build automatically sets a number of properties on itself.

**builders** A builder can set properties on all the builds it runs.

*steps* The steps of a build can set properties that are available to subsequent steps. In particular, source steps set the *got\_revision* property.

If the same property is supplied in multiple places, the final appearance takes precedence. For example, a property set in a builder configuration will override one supplied by a scheduler.

Properties are stored internally in JSON format, so they are limited to basic types of data: numbers, strings, lists, and dictionaries.

## **Common Build Properties**

The following build properties are set when the build is started, and are available to all steps.

got\_revision This property is set when a Source step checks out the source tree, and provides the revision that was actually obtained from the VC system. In general this should be the same as revision, except for non-absolute sourcestamps, where got\_revision indicates what revision was current when the checkout was performed. This can be used to rebuild the same source code later.

**Note:** For some VC systems (Darcs in particular), the revision is a large string containing newlines, and is not suitable for interpolation into a filename.

For multi-codebase builds (where codebase is not the default ''), this property is a dictionary, keyed by codebase.

- **buildername** This is a string that indicates which Builder the build was a part of. The combination of buildername and buildnumber uniquely identify a build.
- **buildnumber** Each build gets a number, scoped to the Builder (so the first build performed on any given Builder will have a build number of 0). This integer property contains the build's number.

workername This is a string which identifies which worker the build is running on.

scheduler If the build was started from a scheduler, then this property will contain the name of that scheduler.

builddir The absolute path of the base working directory on the worker, of the current builder.

For single codebase builds, where the codebase is '', the following *Source Stamp Attributes* are also available as properties: branch, revision, repository, and project.

### **Source Stamp Attributes**

branch revision repository project codebase

For details of these attributes see *Concepts*.

changes

This attribute is a list of dictionaries representing the changes that make up this sourcestamp.

# **Using Properties in Steps**

For the most part, properties are used to alter the behavior of build steps during a build. This is done by using renderables (objects implementing the IRenderable interface) as step parameters. When the step is started, each such object is rendered using the current values of the build properties, and the resultant rendering is substituted as the actual value of the step parameter.

Buildbot offers several renderable object types covering common cases. It's also possible to create custom renderables.

**Note:** Properties are defined while a build is in progress; their values are not available when the configuration file is parsed. This can sometimes confuse newcomers to Buildbot! In particular, the following is a common error:

```
if Property('release_train') == 'alpha':
    f.addStep(...)
```

This does not work because the value of the property is not available when the *if* statement is executed. However, Python will not detect this as an error - you will just never see the step added to the factory.

You can use renderables in most step parameters. Please file bugs for any parameters which do not accept renderables.

## Property

The simplest renderable is Property, which renders to the value of the property named by its argument:

You can specify a default value by passing a default keyword argument:

The default value is used when the property doesn't exist, or when the value is something Python regards as False. The defaultWhenFalse argument can be set to False to force buildbot to use the default argument only if the parameter is not set:

The default value can be a renderable itself, e.g.,

command=util.Property('command', default=util.Property('default-command'))

## Interpolate

Property can only be used to replace an entire argument: in the example above, it replaces an argument to echo. Often, properties need to be interpolated into strings, instead. The tool for that job is *Interpolate*.

The more common pattern is to use Python dictionary-style string interpolation by using the % (prop:<propname>) s syntax. In this form, the property name goes in the parentheses, as above. A

common mistake is to omit the trailing "s", leading to a rather obscure error from Python ("ValueError: unsupported format character").

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps, util
f.addStep(steps.ShellCommand(
    command=['make',
        util.Interpolate('REVISION=%(prop:got_revision)s'),
        'dist']))
```

This example will result in a make command with an argument like REVISION=12098.

The syntax of dictionary-style interpolation is a selector, followed by a colon, followed by a selector specific key, optionally followed by a colon and a string indicating how to interpret the value produced by the key.

The following selectors are supported.

**prop** The key is the name of a property.

- src The key is a codebase and source stamp attribute, separated by a colon. Note, it is
  %(src:<codebase>:<ssattr>)s syntax, which differs from other selectors.
- **kw** The key refers to a keyword argument passed to Interpolate. Those keyword arguments may be ordinary values or renderables.
- secrets The key refers to a secret provided by a provider declared in secretsProviders.
- worker The key refers to a info item provided by *workers*.

The following ways of interpreting the value are available.

- -replacement If the key exists, substitute its value; otherwise, substitute replacement. replacement may be empty (% (prop:propname:-) s). This is the default.
- ~replacement Like -replacement, but only substitutes the value of the key if it is something Python regards as True. Python considers None, 0, empty lists, and the empty string to be false, so such values will be replaced by replacement.
- +replacement If the key exists, substitute replacement; otherwise, substitute an empty string.

?!sub\_if\_exists!sub\_if\_missing

#? | sub\_if\_true | sub\_if\_false Ternary substitution, depending on either the key being present (with ?, similar to +) or being True (with #?, like ~). Notice that there is a pipe immediately following the question mark *and* between the two substitution alternatives. The character that follows the question mark is used as the delimiter between the two alternatives. In the above examples, it is a pipe, but any character other than ( can be used.

Note: Although these are similar to shell substitutions, no other substitutions are currently supported.

Example:

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps, util
f.addStep(steps.ShellCommand(
    command=[
        'save-build-artifacts-script.sh',
        util.Interpolate('-r %(prop:repository)s'),
        util.Interpolate('-b %(src::branch)s'),
        util.Interpolate('-d %(kw:data)s', data="some extra needed data")
]))
```

Note: We use % (src::branch) s in most of examples, because codebase is empty by default.

Example:

In addition, Interpolate supports using positional string interpolation. Here, %s is used as a placeholder, and the substitutions (which may be renderables), are given as subsequent arguments:

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Note: Like Python, you can use either positional interpolation *or* dictionary-style interpolation, not both. Thus you cannot use a string like Interpolate ("foo-%(src::revision)s-%s", "branch").

### Renderer

While Interpolate can handle many simple cases, and even some common conditionals, more complex cases are best handled with Python code. The renderer decorator creates a renderable object whose rendering is obtained by calling the decorated function when the step it's passed to begins. The function receives an IProperties object, which it can use to examine the values of any and all properties. For example:

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps, util
@util.renderer
def makeCommand(props):
    command = ['make']
    cpus = props.getProperty('CPUs')
    if cpus:
        command.extend(['-j', str(cpus+1)])
    else:
        command.extend(['-j', '2'])
    command.extend([util.Interpolate('%(prop:MAKETARGET)s')])
    return command
f.addStep(steps.ShellCommand(command=makeCommand))
```

You can think of renderer as saying "call this function when the step starts".

Note: Since 0.9.3, renderer can itself return IRenderable objects or containers containing IRenderable.

Optionally, extra arguments may be passed to the rendered function at any time by calling withArgs on the renderable object. The withArgs method accepts \*args and \*\*kwargs arguments which are stored in a new renderable object which is returned. The original renderable object is not modified. Multiple withArgs calls may be chained. The passed \*args and \*\*kwargs parameters are rendered and the results are passed to the rendered function at the time it is itself rendered. For example:

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps, util
@util.renderer
def makeCommand(props, target):
    command = ['make']
    cpus = props.getProperty('CPUs')
    if cpus:
        command.extend(['-j', str(cpus+1)])
    else:
        command.extend(['-j', '2'])
    command.extend([target])
    return command
f.addStep(steps.ShellCommand(command=makeCommand.withArgs('mytarget')))
```

**Note:** The rendering of the renderable object may happen at unexpected times, so it is best to ensure that the passed extra arguments are not changed.

**Note:** Config errors with Renderables may not always be caught via checkconfig

# Transform

Transform is an alternative to renderer. While renderer is useful for creating new renderables, Transform is easier to use when you want to transform or combine the renderings of preexisting ones.

Transform takes a function and any number of positional and keyword arguments. The function must either be a callable object or a renderable producing one. When rendered, a Transform first replaces all of its arguments that are renderables with their renderings, then calls the function, passing it the positional and keyword arguments, and returns the result as its own rendering.

For example, suppose my\_path is a path on the worker, and you want to get it relative to the build directory. You can do it like this:

This works whether my\_path is an ordinary string or a renderable. my\_path\_rel will be a renderable in either case, however.

# FlattenList

If nested list should be flatten for some renderables, FlattenList could be used. For example:

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps, util
f.addStep(steps.ShellCommand(
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```
command=[ 'make' ],
descriptionDone=util.FlattenList([ 'make ', [ 'done' ]])
))
```

descriptionDone would be set to [ 'make', 'done' ] when the ShellCommand executes. This is useful when a list-returning property is used in renderables.

Note: ShellCommand automatically flattens nested lists in its command argument, so there is no need to use FlattenList for it.

# **WithProperties**

**Warning:** This class is deprecated. It is an older version of *Interpolate*. It exists for compatibility with older configs.

The simplest use of this class is with positional string interpolation. Here, %s is used as a placeholder, and property names are given as subsequent arguments:

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps, util
f.addStep(steps.ShellCommand(
    command=["tar", "czf",
        util.WithProperties("build-%s-%s.tar.gz", "branch", "revision"),
        "source"]))
```

If this BuildStep were used in a tree obtained from Git, it would create a tarball with a name like build-master-a7d3a333db708e786edb34b6af646edd8d4d3ad9.tar.gz.

The more common pattern is to use Python dictionary-style string interpolation by using the % (propname) s syntax. In this form, the property name goes in the parentheses, as above. A common mistake is to omit the trailing "s", leading to a rather obscure error from Python ("ValueError: unsupported format character").

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps, util
f.addStep(steps.ShellCommand(
    command=['make',
        util.WithProperties('REVISION=%(got_revision)s'),
        'dist']))
```

This example will result in a make command with an argument like REVISION=12098.

The dictionary-style interpolation supports a number of more advanced syntaxes in the parentheses.

- propname:-replacement If propname exists, substitute its value; otherwise, substitute replacement.
  replacement may be empty (% (propname:-)s)
- propname:~replacement Like propname:-replacement, but only substitutes the value of property
  propname if it is something Python regards as True. Python considers None, 0, empty lists, and the empty
  string to be false, so such values will be replaced by replacement.
- propname:+replacement If propname exists, substitute replacement; otherwise, substitute an empty
   string.

Although these are similar to shell substitutions, no other substitutions are currently supported, and replacement in the above cannot contain more substitutions.

Note: like Python, you can use either positional interpolation *or* dictionary-style interpolation, not both. Thus you cannot use a string like WithProperties ("foo-% (revision) s-%s", "branch").

# **Custom Renderables**

If the options described above are not sufficient, more complex substitutions can be achieved by writing custom renderables.

The IRenderable interface is simple - objects must provide a *getRenderingFor* method. The method should take one argument - an IProperties provider - and should return the rendered value or a deferred firing with one. Pass instances of the class anywhere other renderables are accepted. For example:

```
import time
from buildbot.interfaces import IRenderable
from zope.interface import implementer
@implementer(IRenderable)
class DetermineFoo(object):
    def getRenderingFor(self, props):
        if props.hasProperty('bar'):
            return props['bar']
        elif props.hasProperty('baz'):
            return props['baz']
        return 'qux'
ShellCommand(command=['echo', DetermineFoo()])
```

or, more practically,

```
from buildbot.interfaces import IRenderable
from zope.interface import implementer
from buildbot.plugins import util
@implementer(IRenderable)
class Now(object):
    def getRenderingFor(self, props):
        return time.clock()
ShellCommand(command=['make', util.Interpolate('TIME=%(kw:now)s', now=Now())])
```

This is equivalent to:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
@util.renderer
def now(props):
    return time.clock()
ShellCommand(command=['make', util.Interpolate('TIME=%(kw:now)s', now=now)])
```

Note that a custom renderable must be instantiated (and its constructor can take whatever arguments you'd like), whereas a function decorated with renderer can be used directly.

# **URL** for build

Its common to need to use the URL for the build in a step. For this you can use a special custom renderer as following:

```
from buildbot.plugins import ★
ShellCommand(command=['make', util.Interpolate('BUILDURL=%(kw:url)s', url=util.
→URLForBuild)])
```

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 2.5.11 Build Steps

BuildSteps are usually specified in the buildmaster's configuration file, in a list that goes into the BuildFactory. The BuildStep instances in this list are used as templates to construct new independent copies for each build (so that state can be kept on the BuildStep in one build without affecting a later build). Each BuildFactory can be created with a list of steps, or the factory can be created empty and then steps added to it using the addStep method:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util, steps
f = util.BuildFactory()
f.addSteps([
    steps.SVN(repourl="http://svn.example.org/Trunk/"),
    steps.ShellCommand(command=["make", "all"]),
    steps.ShellCommand(command=["make", "test"])
])
```

The basic behavior for a BuildStep is to:

- run for a while, then stop
- · possibly invoke some RemoteCommands on the attached worker
- possibly produce a set of log files
- finish with a status described by one of four values defined in buildbot.status.builder: SUCCESS, WARNINGS, FAILURE, SKIPPED
- provide a list of short strings to describe the step

The rest of this section describes all the standard BuildStep objects available for use in a Build, and the parameters which can be used to control each. A full list of build steps is available in the step.

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# **Common Parameters**

All BuildSteps accept some common parameters. Some of these control how their individual status affects the overall build. Others are used to specify which *Locks* (see *Interlocks*) should be acquired before allowing the step to run.

Arguments common to all BuildStep subclasses:

**name** the name used to describe the step on the status display. Since 0.9.8, this argument might be renderable.

- haltOnFailure if True, a FAILURE of this build step will cause the build to halt immediately. Steps with alwaysRun=True are still run. Generally speaking, haltOnFailure implies flunkOnFailure (the default for most BuildSteps). In some cases, particularly series of tests, it makes sense to haltOnFailure if something fails early on but not flunkOnFailure. This can be achieved with haltOnFailure=True, flunkOnFailure=False.
- **flunkOnWarnings** when True, a WARNINGS or FAILURE of this build step will mark the overall build as FAILURE. The remaining steps will still be executed.
- **flunkOnFailure** when True, a FAILURE of this build step will mark the overall build as a FAILURE. The remaining steps will still be executed.
- warnOnWarnings when True, a WARNINGS or FAILURE of this build step will mark the overall build as having WARNINGS. The remaining steps will still be executed.
- warnOnFailure when True, a FAILURE of this build step will mark the overall build as having WARNINGS. The remaining steps will still be executed.
- alwaysRun if True, this build step will always be run, even if a previous buildstep with haltOnFailure=True has failed.
- **description** This will be used to describe the command (on the Waterfall display) while the command is still running. It should be a single imperfect-tense verb, like *compiling* or *testing*. The preferred form is a single, short string, but for historical reasons a list of strings is also acceptable.
- **descriptionDone** This will be used to describe the command once it has finished. A simple noun like *compile* or *tests* should be used. Like description, this may either be a string or a list of short strings.

If neither description nor descriptionDone are set, the actual command arguments will be used to construct the description. This may be a bit too wide to fit comfortably on the Waterfall display.

All subclasses of BuildStep will contain the description attributes. Consequently, you could add a *ShellCommand* step like so:

**descriptionSuffix** This is an optional suffix appended to the end of the description (ie, after description and descriptionDone). This can be used to distinguish between build steps that would display the same descriptions in the waterfall. This parameter may be a string, a list of short strings or None.

For example, a builder might use the *Compile* step to build two different codebases. The descriptionSuffix could be set to *projectFoo* and *projectBar*, respectively for each step, which will result in the full descriptions *compiling projectFoo* and *compiling projectBar* to be shown in the waterfall.

- **doStepIf** A step can be configured to only run under certain conditions. To do this, set the step's doStepIf to a boolean value, or to a function that returns a boolean value or Deferred. If the value or function result is false, then the step will return SKIPPED without doing anything. Otherwise, the step will be executed normally. If you set doStepIf to a function, that function should accept one parameter, which will be the BuildStep object itself.
- hideStepIf A step can be optionally hidden from the waterfall and build details web pages. To do this, set the step's hideStepIf to a boolean value, or to a function that takes two parameters – the results and the BuildStep – and returns a boolean value. Steps are always shown while they execute, however after the step has finished, this parameter is evaluated (if a function) and if the value is True, the step is hidden. For example, in order to hide the step if the step has been skipped:

factory.addStep(Foo(..., hideStepIf=lambda results, s: results==SKIPPED))

- **locks** a list of Locks (instances of buildbot.locks.WorkerLock or buildbot.locks.MasterLock) that should be acquired before starting this BuildStep. Alternatively this could be a renderable that returns this list during build execution. This lets you defer picking the locks to acquire until the build step is about to start running. The Locks will be released when the step is complete. Note that this is a list of actual Lock instances, not names. Also note that all Locks must have unique names. See *Interlocks*.
- **logEncoding** The character encoding to use to decode logs produced during the execution of this step. This overrides the default *logEncoding*; see *Log Handling*.
- updateBuildSummaryPolicy The policy to use to propagate the step summary to the build summary. If False, the build summary will never include step summary If True, the build summary will always include step summary If set to a list (e.g. [FAILURE, EXCEPTION]), it will propagate if the step results id is present in that list. If not set or None, the default is computed according to other BuildStep parameters using following algorithm:

```
self.updateBuildSummaryPolicy = [EXCEPTION, RETRY, CANCELLED]
if self.flunkOnFailure or self.haltOnFailure or self.warnOnFailure:
    self.updateBuildSummaryPolicy.append(FAILURE)
if self.warnOnWarnings or self.flunkOnWarnings:
    self.updateBuildSummaryPolicy.append(WARNINGS)
```

Note that in a custom step, if BuildStep.getResultSummary is overridden and setting the build summary, updateBuildSummaryPolicy is ignored and build summary will be used regardless.

### Source Checkout

Caution: Support for the old worker-side source checkout steps was removed in Buildbot-0.9.0.

The old source steps used to be imported like this:

from buildbot.steps.source.oldsource import Git

... Git ...

or:

```
from buildbot.steps.source import Git
```

while new source steps are in separate Python modules for each version-control system and, using the plugin infrastructure are available as:

from buildbot.plugins import steps

... steps.Git ...

# **Common Parameters of source checkout operations**

All source checkout steps accept some common parameters to control how they get the sources and where they should be placed. The remaining per-VC-system parameters are mostly to specify where exactly the sources are coming from.

mode method

These two parameters specify the means by which the source is checked out. mode specifies the type of checkout and method tells about the way to implement it.

The mode parameter a string describing the kind of VC operation that is desired, defaulting to incremental. The options are

- incremental Update the source to the desired revision, but do not remove any other files generated by previous builds. This allows compilers to take advantage of object files from previous builds. This mode is exactly same as the old update mode.
- **full** Update the source, but delete remnants of previous builds. Build steps that follow will need to regenerate all object files.

Methods are specific to the version-control system in question, as they may take advantage of special behaviors in that version-control system that can make checkouts more efficient or reliable.

- **workdir** like all Steps, this indicates the directory where the build will take place. Source Steps are special in that they perform some operations outside of the workdir (like creating the workdir itself).
- alwaysUseLatest if True, bypass the usual behavior of checking out the revision in the source stamp, and always update to the latest revision in the repository instead. If the specific VC system supports branches and a specific branch is specified in the step parameters via branch or defaultBranch parameters then the latest revision on that branch is checked out.
- **retry** If set, this specifies a tuple of (delay, repeats) which means that when a full VC checkout fails, it should be retried up to repeats times, waiting delay seconds between attempts. If you don't provide this, it defaults to None, which means VC operations should not be retried. This is provided to make life easier for workers which are stuck behind poor network connections.
- **repository** The name of this parameter might vary depending on the Source step you are running. The concept explained here is common to all steps and applies to repourl as well as for baseURL (when applicable).

A common idiom is to pass Property ('repository', 'url://default/repo/path') as repository. This grabs the repository from the source stamp of the build. This can be a security issue, if you allow force builds from the web, or have the WebStatus change hooks enabled; as the worker will download code from an arbitrary repository.

- **codebase** This specifies which codebase the source step should use to select the right source stamp. The default codebase value is ''. The codebase must correspond to a codebase assigned by the *codebaseGenerator*. If there is no codebaseGenerator defined in the master then codebase doesn't need to be set, the default value will then match all changes.
- timeout Specifies the timeout for worker-side operations, in seconds. If your repositories are particularly large, then you may need to increase this value from its default of 1200 (20 minutes).
- **logEnviron** If this option is true (the default), then the step's logfile will describe the environment variables on the worker. In situations where the environment is not relevant and is long, it may be easier to set logEnviron=False.
- **env** a dictionary of environment strings which will be added to the child command's environment. The usual property interpolations can be used in environment variable names and values see *Properties*.

### Mercurial

class buildbot.steps.source.mercurial.Mercurial

The Mercurial build step performs a Mercurial (https://www.mercurial-scm.org/) (aka hg) checkout or update.

Branches are available in two modes: dirname, where the name of the branch is a suffix of the name of the repository, or inrepo, which uses Hg's named-branches support. Make sure this setting matches your changehook, if you have that installed.

The Mercurial step takes the following arguments:

**repourl** where the Mercurial source repository is available.

- **defaultBranch** this specifies the name of the branch to use when a Build does not provide one of its own. This will be appended to repourl to create the string that will be passed to the hg clone command. If alwaysUseLatest is True then the branch and revision information that comes with the Build is ignored and branch specified in this parameter is used.
- **branchType** either 'dirname' (default) or 'inrepo' depending on whether the branch name should be appended to the repourl or the branch is a Mercurial named branch and can be found within the repourl.
- **clobberOnBranchChange** boolean, defaults to True. If set and using inrepos branches, clobber the tree at each branch change. Otherwise, just update to the branch.

mode method

Mercurial's incremental mode does not require a method. The full mode has three methods defined:

- **clobber** It removes the build directory entirely then makes full clone from repo. This can be slow as it need to clone whole repository
- **fresh** This remove all other files except those tracked by VCS. First it does **hg purge --all** then pull/update
- **clean** All the files which are tracked by Mercurial and listed ignore files are not deleted. Remaining all other files will be deleted before pull/update. This is equivalent to **hg purge** then pull/update.

# Git

class buildbot.steps.source.git.Git

The Git build step clones or updates a Git (http://git.or.cz/) repository and checks out the specified branch or revision.

**Note:** The Buildbot supports Git version 1.2.0 and later: earlier versions (such as the one shipped in Ubuntu 'Dapper') do not support the **git init** command that the Buildbot uses.

from buildbot.plugins import steps

The Git step takes the following arguments:

**repourl** (**required**) The URL of the upstream Git repository.

**branch** (optional) This specifies the name of the branch or the tag to use when a Build does not provide one of its own. If this parameter is not specified, and the Build does not provide a branch, the default branch of the remote

repository will be used. If alwaysUseLatest is True then the branch and revision information that comes with the Build is ignored and branch specified in this parameter is used.

- **submodules** (optional, default: False) When initializing/updating a Git repository, this tells Buildbot whether to handle Git submodules.
- **shallow** (optional) Instructs Git to attempt shallow clones (--depth 1). The depth defaults to 1 and can be changed by passing an integer instead of True. This option can be used only in full builds with clobber method.
- **reference** (optional) Use the specified string as a path to a reference repository on the local machine. Git will try to grab objects from this path first instead of the main repository, if they exist.
- **origin (optional)** By default, any clone will use the name "origin" as the remote repository (eg, "origin/master"). This renderable option allows that to be configured to an alternate name.
- progress (optional) Passes the (--progress) flag to (git fetch). This solves issues of long fetches being killed due to lack of output, but requires Git 1.7.2 or later. Its value is True on Git 1.7.2 or later.
- retryFetch (optional, default: False) If true, if the git fetch fails then Buildbot retries to fetch again instead of failing the entire source checkout.
- **clobberOnFailure** (optional, default: False) If a fetch or full clone fails we can checkout source removing everything. This way new repository will be cloned. If retry fails it fails the source checkout step.
- mode (optional, default: 'incremental') Specifies whether to clean the build tree or not.

incremental The source is update, but any built files are left untouched.

- full The build tree is clean of any built files. The exact method for doing this is controlled by the method argument.
- **method** (optional, default: fresh when mode is full) Git's incremental mode does not require a method. The full mode has four methods defined:
  - **clobber** It removes the build directory entirely then makes full clone from repo. This can be slow as it need to clone whole repository. To make faster clones enable shallow option. If shallow options is enabled and build request have unknown revision value, then this step fails.
  - fresh This remove all other files except those tracked by Git. First it does git clean -d -f -f
    -x then fetch/checkout to a specified revision(if any). This option is equal to update mode with
    ignore\_ignores=True in old steps.
  - **clean** All the files which are tracked by Git and listed ignore files are not deleted. Remaining all other files will be deleted before fetch/checkout. This is equivalent to **git clean** -**d** -**f** -**f** then fetch. This is equivalent to ignore\_ignores=False in old steps.
  - **copy** This first checkout source into source directory then copy the source directory to build directory then performs the build operation in the copied directory. This way we make fresh builds with very less bandwidth to download source. The behavior of source checkout follows exactly same as incremental. It performs all the incremental checkout behavior in source directory.
- **getDescription (optional)** After checkout, invoke a *git describe* on the revision and save the result in a property; the property's name is either commit-description or commit-description-foo, depending on whether the codebase argument was also provided. The argument should either be a bool or dict, and will change how *git describe* is called:
  - getDescription=False: disables this feature explicitly
  - getDescription=True or empty dict (): Run git describe with no args
  - getDescription={...}: a dict with keys named the same as the Git option. Each key's value can be False or None to explicitly skip that argument.

For the following keys, a value of True appends the same-named Git argument:

- all:-*all*
- always: -always
- contains: -contains
- debug: -debug
- long: -long'
- exact-match: -exact-match
- tags: -tags
- dirty: -dirty

For the following keys, an integer or string value (depending on what Git expects) will set the argument's parameter appropriately. Examples show the key-value pair:

- match=foo: -match foo
- abbrev=7: -abbrev=7
- candidates=7: -candidates=7
- dirty=foo: -dirty=foo

**config (optional)** A dict of Git configuration settings to pass to the remote Git commands.

- **sshPrivateKey** (optional) The private key to use when running Git for fetch operations. The ssh utility must be in the system path in order to use this option. On Windows only Git distribution that embeds MINGW has been tested (as of July 2017 the official distribution is MINGW-based). The worker must either have the host in the known hosts file or the host key must be specified via the *sshHostKey* option.
- **sshHostKey (optional)** Specifies public host key to match when authenticating with SSH public key authentication. This may be either a *Secret* or just a string. *sshPrivateKey* must be specified in order to use this option. The host key must be in the form of <*key type*> <*base64-encoded string*>, e.g. *ssh-rsa AAAAB3N*<...>*FAaQ*==.
- **sshKnownHosts** (optional) Specifies the contents of the SSH known\_hosts file to match when authenticating with SSH public key authentication. This may be either a *Secret* or just a string. *sshPrivateKey* must be specified in order to use this option. *sshHostKey* must not be specified in order to use this option.

# SVN

class buildbot.steps.source.svn.SVN

The *SVN* build step performs a Subversion (http://subversion.tigris.org) checkout or update. There are two basic ways of setting up the checkout step, depending upon whether you are using multiple branches or not.

The *SVN* step should be created with the repourl argument:

repourl (required): this specifies the URL argument that will be given to the svn checkout command. It dictates both where the repository is located and which sub-tree should be extracted. One way to specify the branch is to use Interpolate. For example, if you wanted to check out the trunk repository, you could use repourl=Interpolate("http://svn.example.com/repos/%(src::branch)s"). Alternatively, if you are using a remote Subversion repository which is accessible through HTTP at a URL of http:/ /svn.example.com/repos, and you wanted to check out the trunk/calc sub-tree, you would directly use repourl="http://svn.example.com/repos/trunk/calc" as an argument to your SVN step.

If you are building from multiple branches, then you should create the *SVN* step with the repourl and provide branch information with *Interpolate*:

Alternatively, the repourl argument can be used to create the SVN step without Interpolate:

username (optional): if specified, this will be passed to the svn binary with a --username option.

**password** (optional): if specified, this will be passed to the svn binary with a --password option.

- extra\_args (optional): if specified, an array of strings that will be passed as extra arguments to the svn binary.
- **keep\_on\_purge** (optional): specific files or directories to keep between purges, like some build outputs that can be reused between builds.
- **depth** (optional): Specify depth argument to achieve sparse checkout. Only available if worker has Subversion 1.5 or higher.

If set to empty updates will not pull in any files or subdirectories not already present. If set to files, updates will pull in any files not already present, but not directories. If set to immediates, updates will pull in any files or subdirectories not already present, the new subdirectories will have depth: empty. If set to infinity, updates will pull in any files or subdirectories not already present; the new subdirectories will have depth-infinity. Infinity is equivalent to SVN default update behavior, without specifying any depth argument.

**preferLastChangedRev** (optional): By default, the got\_revision property is set to the repository's global revision ("Revision" in the *svn info* output). Set this parameter to True to have it set to the "Last Changed Rev" instead.

mode method

SVN's incremental mode does not require a method. The full mode has five methods defined:

- clobber It removes the working directory for each build then makes full checkout.
- **fresh** This always always purges local changes before updating. This deletes unversioned files and reverts everything that would appear in a **svn status --no-ignore**. This is equivalent to the old update mode with always\_purge.
- **clean** This is same as fresh except that it deletes all unversioned files generated by **svn status**.
- **copy** This first checkout source into source directory then copy the source directory to build directory then performs the build operation in the copied directory. This way we make fresh builds with very less bandwidth to download source. The behavior of source checkout follows exactly same as incremental. It performs all the incremental checkout behavior in source directory.
- **export** Similar to method='copy', except using svn export to create build directory so that there are no .svn directories in the build directory.

If you are using branches, you must also make sure your ChangeSource will report the correct branch names.

# CVS

class buildbot.steps.source.cvs.CVS

The CVS build step performs a CVS (http://www.nongnu.org/cvs/) checkout or update.

This step takes the following arguments:

- cvsroot (required): specify the CVSROOT value, which points to a CVS repository, probably on a remote machine. For example, if Buildbot was hosted in CVS then the CVSROOT value you would use to get a copy of the Buildbot source code might be :pserver:anonymous@cvs.example.net:/cvsroot/buildbot.
- **cvsmodule** (required): specify the cvs module, which is generally a subdirectory of the CVSROOT. The cvsmodule for the Buildbot source code is buildbot.
- **branch** a string which will be used in a -r argument. This is most useful for specifying a branch to work on. Defaults to HEAD. If alwaysUseLatest is True then the branch and revision information that comes with the Build is ignored and branch specified in this parameter is used.

global\_options a list of flags to be put before the argument checkout in the CVS command.

extra\_options a list of flags to be put after the checkout in the CVS command.

mode method

No method is needed for incremental mode. For full mode, method can take the values shown below. If no value is given, it defaults to fresh.

clobber This specifies to remove the workdir and make a full checkout.

- **fresh** This method first runs cvsdisard in the build directory, then updates it. This requires cvsdiscard which is a part of the cvsutil package.
- **clean** This method is the same as method='fresh', but it runs cvsdiscard --ignore instead of cvsdiscard.
- **copy** This maintains a source directory for source, which it updates copies to the build directory. This allows Buildbot to start with a fresh directory, without downloading the entire repository on every build.
- login Password to use while performing login to the remote CVS server. Default is None meaning that no login needs to be performed.

### Bzr

class buildbot.steps.source.bzr.Bzr

bzr (http://bazaar.canonical.com/en/) is a descendant of Arch/Baz, and is frequently referred to as simply *Bazaar*. The repository-vs-workspace model is similar to Darcs, but it uses a strictly linear sequence of revisions (one history per branch) like Arch. Branches are put in subdirectories. This makes it look very much like Mercurial.

The step takes the following arguments:

**repourl** (required unless baseURL is provided): the URL at which the Bzr source repository is available.

- **baseURL** (required unless repourl is provided): the base repository URL, to which a branch name will be appended. It should probably end in a slash.
- **defaultBranch** (allowed if and only if baseURL is provided): this specifies the name of the branch to use when a Build does not provide one of its own. This will be appended to baseURL to create the string that will be passed to the bar checkout command. If alwaysUseLatest is True then the branch and revision information that comes with the Build is ignored and branch specified in this parameter is used.

mode method

No method is needed for incremental mode. For full mode, method can take the values shown below. If no value is given, it defaults to fresh.

- **clobber** This specifies to remove the workdir and make a full checkout.
- **fresh** This method first runs bzr clean-tree to remove all the unversioned files then update the repo. This remove all unversioned files including those in .bzrignore.
- **clean** This is same as fresh except that it doesn't remove the files mentioned in .bzrginore i.e, by running bzr clean-tree --ignore.
- **copy** A local bzr repository is maintained and the repo is copied to build directory for each build. Before each build the local bzr repo is updated then copied to build for next steps.

### **P4**

class buildbot.steps.source.p4.P4

The P4 build step creates a Perforce (http://www.perforce.com/) client specification and performs an update.

You can specify the client spec in two different ways. You can use the p4base, p4branch, and (optionally) p4extra\_views to build up the viewspec, or you can utilize the p4viewspec to specify the whole viewspec as a set of tuples.

Using p4viewspec will allow you to add lines such as:

```
//depot/branch/mybranch/... //<p4client>/...
-//depot/branch/mybranch/notthisdir/... //<p4client>/notthisdir/...
```

If you specify p4viewspec and any of p4base, p4branch, and/or p4extra\_views you will receive a configuration error exception.

p4base A view into the Perforce depot without branch name or trailing / . . . . Typically //depot/proj.

- **p4branch** (optional): A single string, which is appended to the p4base as follows <p4base>/<p4branch>/... to form the first line in the viewspec
- p4extra\_views (optional): a list of (depotpath, clientpath) tuples containing extra views to be mapped into the client specification. Both will have / . . . appended automatically. The client name and source directory will be prepended to the client path.

**p4viewspec** This will override any p4branch, p4base, and/or p4extra\_views specified. The viewspec will be an array of tuples as follows:

[('//depot/main/','')]

It yields a viewspec with just:

```
//depot/main/... //<p4client>/...
```

**p4viewspec\_suffix** (optional): The p4viewspec lets you customize the client spec for a builder but, as the previous example shows, it automatically adds . . . at the end of each line. If you need to also specify file-level remappings, you can set the p4viewspec\_suffix to None so that nothing is added to your viewspec:

```
[('//depot/main/...', '...'),
 ('-//depot/main/config.xml', 'config.xml'),
 ('//depot/main/config.vancouver.xml', 'config.xml')]
```

It yields a viewspec with:

```
//depot/main/... //<p4client>/...
-//depot/main/config.xml //<p4client/main/config.xml
//depot/main/config.vancouver.xml //<p4client>/main/config.xml
```

Note how, with p4viewspec\_suffix set to None, you need to manually add ... where you need it.

- p4client\_spec\_options (optional): By default, clients are created with the allwrite rmdir options. This
   string lets you change that.
- **p4port** (optional): the *host:port* string describing how to get to the P4 Depot (repository), used as the option *-p* argument for all p4 commands.
- **p4user** (optional): the Perforce user, used as the option -*u* argument to all p4 commands.
- **p4passwd** (optional): the Perforce password, used as the option -*p* argument to all p4 commands.
- p4client (optional): The name of the client to use. In mode='full' and mode='incremental', it's
   particularly important that a unique name is used for each checkout directory to avoid incorrect syn chronization. For this reason, Python percent substitution will be performed on this value to replace
   % (prop:workername) s with the worker name and % (prop:buildername) s with the builder name.
   The default is buildbot\_% (prop:workername) s\_% (prop:buildername) s.
- **p4line\_end** (optional): The type of line ending handling P4 should use. This is added directly to the client spec's LineEnd property. The default is local.
- p4extra\_args (optional): Extra arguments to be added to the P4 command-line for the sync command. So for instance if you want to sync only to populate a Perforce proxy (without actually syncing files to disk), you can do:

```
P4(p4extra_args=['-Zproxyload'], ...)
```

**use\_tickets** Set to True to use ticket-based authentication, instead of passwords (but you still need to specify p4passwd).

### Repo

class buildbot.steps.source.repo.Repo

The Repo build step performs a Repo (http://lwn.net/Articles/304488/) init and sync.

The Repo step takes the following arguments:

- **manifestURL** (required): the URL at which the Repo's manifests source repository is available.
- manifestBranch (optional, defaults to master): the manifest repository branch on which repo will take its manifest. Corresponds to the -b argument to the repo init command.
- manifestFile (optional, defaults to default.xml): the manifest filename. Corresponds to the -m argument to the repo init command.
- **tarball** (optional, defaults to None): the repo tarball used for fast bootstrap. If not present the tarball will be created automatically after first sync. It is a copy of the .repo directory which contains all the Git objects. This feature helps to minimize network usage on very big projects with lots of workers.

The suffix of the tarball determines if the tarball is compressed and which compressor is chosen. Supported suffixes are bz2, gz, lzma, lzop, and pigz.

- jobs (optional, defaults to None): Number of projects to fetch simultaneously while syncing. Passed to repo sync subcommand with "-j".
- **syncAllBranches** (optional, defaults to False): renderable boolean to control whether repo syncs all branches. I.e. repo sync -c
- **depth** (optional, defaults to 0): Depth argument passed to repo init. Specifies the amount of git history to store. A depth of 1 is useful for shallow clones. This can save considerable disk space on very large projects.
- **updateTarballAge** (optional, defaults to "one week"): renderable to control the policy of updating of the tarball given properties. Returns: max age of tarball in seconds, or None, if we want to skip tarball update. The default value should be good trade off on size of the tarball, and update frequency compared to cost of tarball creation
- **repoDownloads** (optional, defaults to None): list of repo download commands to perform at the end of the Repo step each string in the list will be prefixed repo download, and run as is. This means you can include parameter in the string. For example:
  - ["-c project 1234/4"] will cherry-pick patchset 4 of patch 1234 in project project
  - ["-f project 1234/4"] will enforce fast-forward on patchset 4 of patch 1234 in project project

#### class buildbot.steps.source.repo.RepoDownloadsFromProperties

util.repo.DownloadsFromProperties can be used as a renderable of the repoDownload parameter it will look in passed properties for string with following possible format:

- repo download project change\_number/patchset\_number
- project change\_number/patchset\_number
- project/change\_number/patchset\_number

All of these properties will be translated into a **repo download**. This feature allows integrators to build with several pending interdependent changes, which at the moment cannot be described properly in Gerrit, and can only be described by humans.

class buildbot.steps.source.repo.RepoDownloadsFromChangeSource

util.repo.DownloadsFromChangeSource can be used as a renderable of the repoDownload parameter

This rendereable integrates with *GerritChangeSource*, and will automatically use the **repo download** command of repo to download the additional changes introduced by a pending changeset.

Note: You can use the two above Rendereable in conjunction by using the class buildbot.process. properties.FlattenList

For example:

# Gerrit

class buildbot.steps.source.gerrit.Gerrit

*Gerrit* step is exactly like the *Git* step, except that it integrates with *GerritChangeSource*, and will automatically checkout the additional changes.

Gerrit integration can be also triggered using forced build with property named gerrit\_change with values in format change\_number/patchset\_number. This property will be translated into a branch name. This feature allows integrators to build with several pending interdependent changes, which at the moment cannot be described properly in Gerrit, and can only be described by humans.

# GitHub

class buildbot.steps.source.github.GitHub

*GitHub* step is exactly like the *Git* step, except that it will ignore the revision sent by *GitHub* change hook, and rather take the branch if the branch ends with /merge.

This allows to test github pull requests merged directly into the mainline.

GitHub indeed provides refs/origin/pull/NNN/merge on top of refs/origin/pull/NNN/head which is a magic ref that always create a merge commit to the latest version of the mainline (i.e. the target branch for the pull request).

The revision in the GitHub event points to /head is important for the GitHub reporter as this is the revision that will be tagged with a CI status when the build is finished.

If you want to use *Trigger* to create sub tests and want to have the GitHub reporter still update the original revision, make sure you set updateSourceStamp=False in the *Trigger* configuration.

# GitLab

class buildbot.steps.source.gitlab.GitLab

*GitLab* step is exactly like the *Git* step, except that it uses the source repo and branch sent by the *GitLab* change hook when processing merge requests.

When configuring builders, you can use a ChangeFilter with category = "push" to select normal commits, and category = "merge\_request" to select merge requests.

See master/docs/examples/gitlab.cfg in the Buildbot distribution for a tutorial example of integrating Buildbot with GitLab.

**Note:** Your build worker will need access to the source project of the changeset, or it won't be able to check out the source. This means authenticating the build worker via ssh credentials in the usual way, then granting it access [via a

GitLab deploy key or GitLab project membership](https://docs.gitlab.com/ee/ssh/). This needs to be done not only for the main git repo, but also for each fork that wants to be able to submit merge requests against the main repo.

#### Darcs

class buildbot.steps.source.darcs.Darcs

The Darcs build step performs a Darcs (http://darcs.net/) checkout or update.

from buildbot.plugins import steps

Darcs step takes the following arguments:

**repourl** (required): The URL at which the Darcs source repository is available.

mode

(optional): defaults to 'incremental'. Specifies whether to clean the build tree or not.

incremental The source is update, but any built files are left untouched.

- **full** The build tree is clean of any built files. The exact method for doing this is controlled by the method argument.
- **method** (optional): defaults to copy when mode is full. Darcs' incremental mode does not require a method. The full mode has two methods defined:
  - clobber It removes the working directory for each build then makes full checkout.
  - **copy** This first checkout source into source directory then copy the source directory to build directory then performs the build operation in the copied directory. This way we make fresh builds with very less bandwidth to download source. The behavior of source checkout follows exactly same as incremental. It performs all the incremental checkout behavior in source directory.

#### Monotone

class buildbot.steps.source.mtn.Monotone

The Monotone build step performs a Monotone (http://www.monotone.ca/) checkout or update.

Monotone step takes the following arguments:

**repourl** the URL at which the Monotone source repository is available.

- **branch** this specifies the name of the branch to use when a Build does not provide one of its own. If alwaysUseLatest is True then the branch and revision information that comes with the Build is ignored and branch specified in this parameter is used.
- **progress** this is a boolean that has a pull from the repository use --ticker=dot instead of the default --ticker=none.

mode

(optional): defaults to 'incremental'. Specifies whether to clean the build tree or not. In any case, the worker first pulls from the given remote repository to synchronize (or possibly initialize) its local database. The mode and method only affect how the build tree is checked-out or updated from the local database.

incremental The source is update, but any built files are left untouched.

**full** The build tree is clean of any built files. The exact method for doing this is controlled by the method argument. Even in this mode, the revisions already pulled remain in the database and a fresh pull is rarely needed.

```
method
```

(optional): defaults to copy when mode is full. Monotone's incremental mode does not require a method. The full mode has four methods defined:

- clobber It removes the build directory entirely then makes fresh checkout from the database.
- **clean** This remove all other files except those tracked and ignored by Monotone. It will remove all the files that appear in **mtn ls unknown**. Then it will pull from remote and update the working directory.
- **fresh** This remove all other files except those tracked by Monotone. It will remove all the files that appear in **mtn ls ignored** and **mtn ls unknows**. Then pull and update similar to clean
- **copy** This first checkout source into source directory then copy the source directory to build directory then performs the build operation in the copied directory. This way we make fresh builds with very less bandwidth to download source. The behavior of source checkout follows exactly same as incremental. It performs all the incremental checkout behavior in source directory.

## **Other Source operations**

Currently the only non-checkout steps that are related to version control are GitCommit, GitPush and GitTag.

## GitCommit

class buildbot.steps.source.git.GitCommit

The GitCommit build step add files and commit modifications in your local Git (http://git.or.cz/) repository.

The GitCommit step takes the following arguments:

- workdir (required) The path to the local repository to push commits from.
- **messages** (required) List of message that will be created with the commit. Correspond to the -m flag of the git commit command.
- **paths** (required) List of path that will be added to the commit.
- **logEnviron** (optional) If this option is true (the default), then the step's logfile will describe the environment variables on the worker. In situations where the environment is not relevant and is long, it may be easier to set logEnviron=False.
- **env** (optional) A dictionary of environment strings which will be added to the child command's environment. The usual property interpolations can be used in environment variable names and values see *Properties*.
- **timeout** (optional) Specifies the timeout for worker-side operations, in seconds. If your repositories are particularly large, then you may need to increase this value from its default of 1200 (20 minutes).

- config (optional) A dict of git configuration settings to pass to the remote git commands.
- emptyCommits (optional) One of the values disallow (default), create-empty-commit, and ignore. Decides the behavior when there is nothing to be committed. The value disallow will make the buildstep fail. The value create-empty-commit will create an empty commit. The value ignore will create no commit.

## GitPush

class buildbot.steps.source.git.GitPush

The *GitPush* build step pushes new commits to a Git (http://git.or.cz/) repository.

The GitPush step takes the following arguments:

workdir (required) The path to the local repository to push commits from.

repourl (required) The URL of the upstream Git repository.

- **branch** (required) The branch to push. The branch should already exist on the local repository.
- **force** (optional) If True, forces overwrite of refs on the remote repository. Corresponds to the --force flag of the git push command.
- **logEnviron** (optional) If this option is true (the default), then the step's logfile will describe the environment variables on the worker. In situations where the environment is not relevant and is long, it may be easier to set logEnviron=False.
- **env** (optional) A dictionary of environment strings which will be added to the child command's environment. The usual property interpolations can be used in environment variable names and values see *Properties*.
- **timeout** (optional) Specifies the timeout for worker-side operations, in seconds. If your repositories are particularly large, then you may need to increase this value from its default of 1200 (20 minutes).

#### config

(optional) A dict of git configuration settings to pass to the remote git commands.

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sshPrivateKey
```

(optional) The private key to use when running git for fetch operations. The ssh utility must be in the system path in order to use this option. On Windows only git distribution that embeds MINGW has been tested (as of July 2017 the official distribution is MINGW-based). The worker must either have the host in the known hosts file or the host key must be specified via the sshHostKey option.

### sshHostKey

(optional) Specifies public host key to match when authenticating with SSH public key authentication. This may be either a *Secret* or just a string. sshPrivateKey must be specified in order to use this option. The host key must be in the form of <key type> <base64-encoded string>, e.g. ssh-rsa AAAAB3N<...>FAaQ==.

sshKnownHosts (optional) Specifies the contents of the SSH known\_hosts file to match when authenticating with SSH public key authentication. This may be either a *Secret* or just a string. *sshPrivateKey* must be specified in order to use this option. *sshHostKey* must not be specified in order to use this option.

## GitTag

class buildbot.steps.source.git.GitTag

The Git Tag build step create a tag in your local Git (http://git.or.cz/) repository.

The GitTag step takes the following arguments:

workdir (required) The path to the local repository to push commits from.

tagName (required) The name of the tag.

- **annotated** (optional) If True, create an annotated tag.
- **messages** (optional) List of message that will be created with the annotated tag. Must be set only if annotated parameter is True. Correspond to the -m flag of the git tag command.
- force (optional) If True, forces overwrite of tags on the local repository. Corresponds to the --force flag of the git tag command.
- **logEnviron** (optional) If this option is true (the default), then the step's logfile will describe the environment variables on the worker. In situations where the environment is not relevant and is long, it may be easier to set logEnviron=False.
- **env** (optional) A dictionary of environment strings which will be added to the child command's environment. The usual property interpolations can be used in environment variable names and values see *Properties*.
- timeout (optional) Specifies the timeout for worker-side operations, in seconds. If your repositories are particularly large, then you may need to increase this value from its default of 1200 (20 minutes).

config (optional) A dict of git configuration settings to pass to the remote git commands.

## ShellCommand

Most interesting steps involve executing a process of some sort on the worker. The *ShellCommand* class handles this activity.

Several subclasses of *ShellCommand* are provided as starting points for common build steps.

## **Using ShellCommands**

### class buildbot.steps.shell.ShellCommand

This is a useful base class for just about everything you might want to do during a build (except for the initial source checkout). It runs a single command in a child shell on the worker. All stdout/stderr is recorded into a LogFile. The step usually finishes with a status of FAILURE if the command's exit code is non-zero, otherwise it has a status of SUCCESS.

The preferred way to specify the command is with a list of argv strings, since this allows for spaces in filenames and avoids doing any fragile shell-escaping. You can also specify the command with a single string, in which case the string is given to /bin/sh - c COMMAND for parsing.

On Windows, commands are run via cmd.exe /c which works well. However, if you're running a batch file, the error level does not get propagated correctly unless you add 'call' before your batch file's name: cmd=['call', 'myfile.bat', ...].

The ShellCommand arguments are:

**command** a list of strings (preferred) or single string (discouraged) which specifies the command to be run. A list of strings is preferred because it can be used directly as an argv array. Using a single string (with embedded spaces) requires the worker to pass the string to **/bin/sh** for interpretation, which raises all sorts of difficult questions about how to escape or interpret shell metacharacters.

If command contains nested lists (for example, from a properties substitution), then that list will be flattened before it is executed.

workdir All ShellCommands are run by default in the workdir, which defaults to the build subdirectory of the worker builder's base directory. The absolute path of the workdir will thus be the worker's basedir (set as an option to buildbot-worker create-worker, *Creating a worker*) plus the builder's basedir (set in the builder's builddir key in master.cfg) plus the workdir itself (a class-level attribute of the BuildFactory, defaults to build).

For example:

**env** a dictionary of environment strings which will be added to the child command's environment. For example, to run tests with a different i18n language setting, you might use:

These variable settings will override any existing ones in the worker's environment or the environment specified in the Builder. The exception is PYTHONPATH, which is merged with (actually prepended to) any existing PYTHONPATH setting. The following example will prepend /home/buildbot/lib/python to any existing PYTHONPATH:

To avoid the need of concatenating path together in the master config file, if the value is a list, it will be joined together using the right platform dependent separator.

Those variables support expansion so that if you just want to prepend /home/buildbot/bin to the PATH environment variable, you can do it by putting the value  $\{PATH\}$  at the end of the value like in the example below. Variables that don't exist on the worker will be replaced by "".

Note that environment values must be strings (or lists that are turned into strings). In particular, numeric properties such as buildnumber must be substituted using *Interpolate*.

- want\_stdout if False, stdout from the child process is discarded rather than being sent to the buildmaster for inclusion in the step's LogFile.
- want\_stderr like want\_stdout but for stderr. Note that commands run through a PTY do not have separate
   stdout/stderr streams: both are merged into stdout.
- **usePTY** Should this command be run in a pty? False by default. This option is not available on Windows.

In general, you do not want to use a pseudo-terminal. This is *only* useful for running commands that require a terminal - for example, testing a command-line application that will only accept passwords read from a terminal.

Using a pseudo-terminal brings lots of compatibility problems, and prevents Buildbot from distinguishing the standard error (red) and standard output (black) streams.

In previous versions, the advantage of using a pseudo-terminal was that grandchild processes were more likely to be cleaned up if the build was interrupted or times out. This occurred because using a pseudo-terminal incidentally puts the command into its own process group.

As of Buildbot-0.8.4, all commands are placed in process groups, and thus grandchild processes will be cleaned up properly.

logfiles Sometimes commands will log interesting data to a local file, rather than emitting everything to stdout or stderr. For example, Twisted's trial command (which runs unit tests) only presents summary information to stdout, and puts the rest into a file named\_trial\_temp/test.log. It is often useful to watch these files as the command runs, rather than using /bin/cat to dump their contents afterwards.

The logfiles= argument allows you to collect data from these secondary logfiles in near-real-time, as the step is running. It accepts a dictionary which maps from a local Log name (which is how the log data is presented in the build results) to either a remote filename (interpreted relative to the build's working directory), or a dictionary of options. Each named file will be polled on a regular basis (every couple of seconds) as the build runs, and any new text will be sent over to the buildmaster.

If you provide a dictionary of options instead of a string, you must specify the filename key. You can optionally provide a follow key which is a boolean controlling whether a logfile is followed or concatenated in its entirety. Following is appropriate for logfiles to which the build step will append, where the pre-existing contents are not interesting. The default value for follow is False, which gives the same behavior as just providing a string filename.

The above example will add a log named 'triallog' on the master, based on \_trial\_temp/test.log on the worker.

- **lazylogfiles** If set to True, logfiles will be tracked lazily, meaning that they will only be added when and if something is written to them. This can be used to suppress the display of empty or missing log files. The default is False.
- timeout if the command fails to produce any output for this many seconds, it is assumed to be locked up and will be killed. This defaults to 1200 seconds. Pass None to disable.
- maxTime if the command takes longer than this many seconds, it will be killed. This is disabled by default.
- **logEnviron** If this option is True (the default), then the step's logfile will describe the environment variables on the worker. In situations where the environment is not relevant and is long, it may be easier to set logEnviron=False.

**interruptSignal** If the command should be interrupted (either by buildmaster or timeout etc.), what signal should be sent to the process, specified by name. By default this is "KILL" (9). Specify "TERM" (15) to give the process a chance to cleanup. This functionality requires a 0.8.6 worker or newer.

#### sigtermTime

If set, when interrupting, try to kill the command with SIGTERM and wait for sigtermTime seconds before firing interruptSignal. If None, interruptSignal will be fired immediately on interrupt.

- **initialStdin** If the command expects input on stdin, that can be supplied a a string with this parameter. This value should not be excessively large, as it is handled as a single string throughout Buildbot for example, do not pass the contents of a tarball with this parameter.
- **decodeRC** This is a dictionary that decodes exit codes into results value. For example, {0:SUCCESS, 1:FAILURE, 2:WARNINGS}, will treat the exit code 2 as WARNINGS. The default is to treat just 0 as successful. ({0:SUCCESS}) any exit code not present in the dictionary will be treated as FAILURE

### **Shell Sequence**

Some steps have a specific purpose, but require multiple shell commands to implement them. For example, a build is often configure; make; make install. We have two ways to handle that:

- Create one shell command with all these. To put the logs of each commands in separate logfiles, we need to re-write the script as configure 1> configure\_log; ... and to add these configure\_log files as logfiles argument of the buildstep. This has the drawback of complicating the shell script, and making it harder to maintain as the logfile name is put in different places.
- Create three *ShellCommand* instances, but this loads the build UI unnecessarily.

ShellSequence is a class to execute not one but a sequence of shell commands during a build. It takes as argument a renderable, or list of commands which are *ShellArg* objects. Each such object represents a shell invocation.

The single *ShellSequence* argument aside from the common parameters is:

commands

A list of *ShellArg* objects or a renderable the returns a list of *ShellArg* objects.

All these commands share the same configuration of environment, workdir and pty usage that can be setup the same way as in *ShellCommand*.

class buildbot.steps.shellsequence.ShellArg(self, command=None, logfile=None, haltOnFailure=False, flunkOnWarnings=False, flunkOnFailure=False, warnOnWarnings=False, warnOnFailure=False)

#### **Parameters**

• command - (see the ShellCommand command argument),

• logfile – optional log file name, used as the stdio log of the command

The haltOnFailure, flunkOnWarnings, flunkOnFailure, warnOnWarnings, warnOnFailure parameters drive the execution of the sequence, the same way steps are scheduled in the build. They have the same default values as for buildsteps - see *Common Parameters*.

Any of the arguments to this class can be renderable.

Note that if logfile name does not start with the prefix stdio, that prefix will be set like stdio <logfile>.

The two *ShellSequence* methods below tune the behavior of how the list of shell commands are executed, and can be overridden in subclasses.

class buildbot.steps.shellsequence.ShellSequence

#### shouldRunTheCommand(oneCmd)

**Parameters oneCmd** – a string or a list of strings, as rendered from a *ShellArg* instance's command argument.

Determine whether the command oneCmd should be executed. If shouldRunTheCommand returns False, the result of the command will be recorded as SKIPPED. The default methods skips all empty strings and empty lists.

### getFinalState()

Return the status text of the step in the end. The default value is to set the text describing the execution of the last shell command.

#### runShellSequence(commands):

**Parameters** commands – list of shell args

This method actually runs the shell sequence. The default run method calls runShellSequence, but subclasses can override run to perform other operations, if desired.

### Configure

class buildbot.steps.shell.Configure

This is intended to handle the ./configure step from autoconf-style projects, or the perl Makefile.PL step from perl MakeMaker.pm-style modules. The default command is ./configure but you can change this by providing a command= parameter. The arguments are identical to *ShellCommand*.

from buildbot.plugins import steps

f.addStep(steps.Configure())

#### **CMake**

class buildbot.steps.cmake.CMake

This is intended to handle the **cmake** step for projects that use CMake-based build systems (http://cmake.org).

**Note:** Links below point to the latest CMake documentation. Make sure that you check the documentation for the CMake you use.

In addition to the parameters *ShellCommand* supports, this step accepts the following parameters:

- **path** Either a path to a source directory to (re-)generate a build system for it in the current working directory. Or an existing build directory to re-generate its build system.
- **generator** A build system generator. See cmake-generators(7) (https://cmake.org/cmake/help/latest/manual/cmake-generators.7.html) for available options.
- **definitions** A dictionary that contains parameters that will be converted to -D{name}={value} when passed to CMake. A renderable which renders to a dictionary can also be provided, see *Properties*. Refer to cmake(1) (https://cmake.org/cmake/help/latest/manual/cmake.1.html) for more information.
- **options** A list or a tuple that contains options that will be passed to CMake as is. A renderable which renders to a tuple or list can also be provided, see *Properties*. Refer to cmake(1) (https://cmake.org/cmake/help/latest/manual/cmake.1.html) for more information.

cmake Path to the CMake binary. Default is cmake

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
....
factory.addStep(
    steps.CMake(
        generator='Ninja',
        definitions={
            'CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE': Property('BUILD_TYPE')
        },
        options=[
            '-Wno-dev'
        ]
    )
....
```

## Compile

This is meant to handle compiling or building a project written in C. The default command is make all. When the compilation is finished, the log file is scanned for GCC warning messages, a summary log is created with any problems that were seen, and the step is marked as WARNINGS if any were discovered. Through the WarningCountingShellCommand superclass, the number of warnings is stored in a Build Property named *warnings-count*, which is accumulated over all *Compile* steps (so if two warnings are found in one step, and three are found in another step, the overall build will have a *warnings-count* property of 5). Each step can be optionally given a maximum number of warnings via the maxWarnCount parameter. If this limit is exceeded, the step will be marked as a failure.

The default regular expression used to detect a warning is '.\*warning[: ].\*', which is fairly liberal and may cause false-positives. To use a different regexp, provide a warningPattern= argument, or use a subclass which sets the warningPattern attribute:

The warningPattern= can also be a pre-compiled Python regexp object: this makes it possible to add flags like re.I (to use case-insensitive matching).

Note that the compiled warningPattern will have its match method called, which is subtly different from a search. Your regular expression must match the from the beginning of the line. This means that to look for the word "warning" in the middle of a line, you will need to prepend '.\*' to your regular expression.

The suppressionFile= argument can be specified as the (relative) path of a file inside the workdir defining warnings to be suppressed from the warning counting and log file. The file will be uploaded to the master from the worker before compiling, and any warning matched by a line in the suppression file will be ignored. This is useful to accept certain warnings (e.g. in some special module of the source tree or in cases where the compiler is being particularly stupid), yet still be able to easily detect and fix the introduction of new warnings.

The file must contain one line per pattern of warnings to ignore. Empty lines and lines beginning with # are ignored. Other lines must consist of a regexp matching the file name, followed by a colon (:), followed by a regexp matching the text of the warning. Optionally this may be followed by another colon and a line number range. For example:

```
# Sample warning suppression file
```

```
mi_packrec.c : .*result of 32-bit shift implicitly converted to 64 bits.* : 560-600
DictTabInfo.cpp : .*invalid access to non-static.*
kernel_types.h : .*only defines private constructors and has no friends.* : 51
```

If no line number range is specified, the pattern matches the whole file; if only one number is given it matches only on that line.

The suppressionList= argument can be specified as a list of four-tuples as addition or instead of suppressionFile=. The tuple should be [ FILE-RE, WARNING-RE, START, END ]. If FILE-RE is None, then the suppression applies to any file. START and END can be specified as in suppression file, or None.

The default warningPattern regexp only matches the warning text, so line numbers and file names are ignored. To enable line number and file name matching, provide a different regexp and provide a function (callable) as the argument of warningExtractor=. The function is called with three arguments: the BuildStep object, the line in the log file with the warning, and the SRE\_Match object of the regexp search for warningPattern. It should return a tuple (filename, linenumber, warning\_test). For example:

(Compile.warnExtractFromRegexpGroups is a pre-defined function that returns the filename, linenumber, and text from groups (1,2,3) of the regexp match).

In projects with source files in multiple directories, it is possible to get full path names for file names matched in the suppression file, as long as the build command outputs the names of directories as they are entered into and left again. For this, specify regexps for the arguments directoryEnterPattern= and directoryLeavePattern=. The directoryEnterPattern= regexp should return the name of the directory entered into in the first matched group. The defaults, which are suitable for GNU Make, are these:

```
directoryEnterPattern="make.*: Entering directory [\"`'](.*)['`\"]"
directoryLeavePattern="make.*: Leaving directory"
```

(TODO: this step needs to be extended to look for GCC error messages as well, and collect them into a separate logfile, along with the source code filenames involved).

# Visual C++

These steps are meant to handle compilation using Microsoft compilers. VC++ 6-141 (aka Visual Studio 2003-2015 and VCExpress9) are supported via calling devenv. Msbuild as well as Windows Driver Kit 8 are supported via the

MsBuild4, MsBuild12, MsBuild14 and MsBuild141 steps. These steps will take care of setting up a clean compilation environment, parsing the generated output in real time, and delivering as detailed as possible information about the compilation executed.

All of the classes are in buildbot.steps.vstudio. The available classes are:

- VC6
- VC7
- VC8
- VC9
- VC10
- VC11
- VC12
- VC14
- VC141
- VS2003
- VS2005
- VS2008
- VS2010
- VS2012
- VS2013
- VS2015
- VS2017
- VCExpress9
- MsBuild4
- MsBuild12
- MsBuild14
- MsBuild141

The available constructor arguments are

- **mode** The mode default to rebuild, which means that first all the remaining object files will be cleaned by the compiler. The alternate values are build, where only the updated files will be recompiled, and clean, where the current build files are removed and no compilation occurs.
- projectfile This is a mandatory argument which specifies the project file to be used during the compilation.
- **config** This argument defaults to release an gives to the compiler the configuration to use.
- **installdir** This is the place where the compiler is installed. The default value is compiler specific and is the default place where the compiler is installed.
- **useenv** This boolean parameter, defaulting to False instruct the compiler to use its own settings or the one defined through the environment variables PATH, INCLUDE, and LIB. If any of the INCLUDE or LIB parameter is defined, this parameter automatically switches to True.
- **PATH** This is a list of path to be added to the PATH environment variable. The default value is the one defined in the compiler options.

- **INCLUDE** This is a list of path where the compiler will first look for include files. Then comes the default paths defined in the compiler options.
- **LIB** This is a list of path where the compiler will first look for libraries. Then comes the default path defined in the compiler options.
- arch That one is only available with the class VS2005 (VC8). It gives the target architecture of the built artifact. It defaults to x86 and does not apply to MsBuild4 or MsBuild12. Please see platform below.
- **project** This gives the specific project to build from within a workspace. It defaults to building all projects. This is useful for building cmake generate projects.
- platform This is a mandatory argument for MsBuild4 and MsBuild12 specifying the target platform such as 'Win32', 'x64' or 'Vista Debug'. The last one is an example of driver targets that appear once Windows Driver Kit 8 is installed.

Here is an example on how to drive compilation with Visual Studio 2013:

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
f.addStep(
    steps.VS2013(projectfile="project.sln", config="release",
        arch="x64", mode="build",
            INCLUDE=[r'C:\3rd-party\libmagic\include'],
        LIB=[r'C:\3rd-party\libmagic\lib-x64']))
```

Here is a similar example using "MsBuild12":

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
# Build one project in Release mode for Win32
f.addStep(
    steps.MsBuild12(projectfile="trunk.sln", config="Release", platform="Win32",
    workdir="trunk",
    project="tools\\protoc"))
# Build the entire solution in Debug mode for x64
f.addStep(
    steps.MsBuild12(projectfile="trunk.sln", config='Debug', platform='x64',
    workdir="trunk"))
```

### Cppcheck

This step runs cppcheck, analyse its output, and set the outcome in *Properties*.

from buildbot.plugins import steps
f.addStep(steps.Cppcheck(enable=['all'], inconclusive=True]))

This class adds the following arguments:

- **binary** (Optional, default to cppcheck) Use this if you need to give the full path to the cppcheck binary or if your binary is called differently.
- **source** (Optional, default to ['.']) This is the list of paths for the sources to be checked by this step.
- **enable** (Optional) Use this to give a list of the message classes that should be in cppcheck report. See the cppcheck man page for more information.

**inconclusive** (Optional) Set this to True if you want cppcheck to also report inconclusive results. See the cppcheck man page for more information.

extra\_args (Optional) This is the list of extra arguments to be given to the cppcheck command.

All other arguments are identical to ShellCommand.

### Robocopy

class buildbot.steps.mswin.Robocopy

This step runs robocopy on Windows.

Robocopy (https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc733145.aspx) is available in versions of Windows starting with Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008. For previous versions of Windows, it's available as part of the Windows Server 2003 Resource Kit Tools (https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=17657).

Available constructor arguments are:

**source** The path to the source directory (mandatory).

destination The path to the destination directory (mandatory).

files An array of file names or patterns to copy.

**recursive** Copy files and directories recursively (/E parameter).

**mirror** Mirror the source directory in the destination directory, including removing files that don't exist anymore (/MIR parameter).

**move** Delete the source directory after the copy is complete (/MOVE parameter).

exclude\_files An array of file names or patterns to exclude from the copy (/XF parameter).

**exclude\_dirs** An array of directory names or patterns to exclude from the copy (/XD parameter).

**custom\_opts** An array of custom parameters to pass directly to the robocopy command.

**verbose** Whether to output verbose information (/V /TS /FP parameters).

Note that parameters /TEE /NP will always be appended to the command to signify, respectively, to output logging to the console, use Unicode logging, and not print any percentage progress information for each file.

### Test

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
f.addStep(steps.Test())
```

This is meant to handle unit tests. The default command is **make test**, and the warnOnFailure flag is set. The other arguments are identical to *ShellCommand*.

## TreeSize

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
f.addStep(steps.TreeSize())
```

This is a simple command that uses the **du** tool to measure the size of the code tree. It puts the size (as a count of 1024byte blocks, aka 'KiB' or 'kibibytes') on the step's status text, and sets a build property named tree-size-KiB with the same value. All arguments are identical to *ShellCommand*.

# PerlModuleTest

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
f.addStep(steps.PerlModuleTest())
```

This is a simple command that knows how to run tests of perl modules. It parses the output to determine the number of tests passed and failed and total number executed, saving the results for later query. The command is prove --lib lib -r t, although this can be overridden with the command argument. All other arguments are identical to those for *ShellCommand*.

# MTR (mysql-test-run)

The *MTR* class is a subclass of *Test*. It is used to run test suites using the mysql-test-run program, as used in MySQL, Drizzle, MariaDB, and MySQL storage engine plugins.

The shell command to run the test suite is specified in the same way as for the *Test* class. The *MTR* class will parse the output of running the test suite, and use the count of tests executed so far to provide more accurate completion time estimates. Any test failures that occur during the test are summarized on the Waterfall Display.

Server error logs are added as additional log files, useful to debug test failures.

Optionally, data about the test run and any test failures can be inserted into a database for further analysis and report generation. To use this facility, create an instance of twisted.enterprise.adbapi. ConnectionPool with connections to the database. The necessary tables can be created automatically by setting autoCreateTables to True, or manually using the SQL found in the mtrlogobserver.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/steps/mtrlogobserver.py) source file.

One problem with specifying a database is that each reload of the configuration will get a new instance of ConnectionPool (even if the connection parameters are the same). To avoid that Buildbot thinks the builder configuration has changed because of this, use the steps.mtrlogobserver.EqConnectionPool subclass of ConnectionPool, which implements an equality operation that avoids this problem.

Example use:

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps, util
```

The MTR step's arguments are:

- **textLimit** Maximum number of test failures to show on the waterfall page (to not flood the page in case of a large number of test failures. Defaults to 5.
- testNameLimit Maximum length of test names to show unabbreviated in the waterfall page, to avoid excessive column width. Defaults to 16.
- parallel Value of option -parallel option used for mysql-test-run.pl (number of processes used to run the test suite in parallel). Defaults to 4. This is used to determine the number of server error log files to download from the worker. Specifying a too high value does not hurt (as nonexistent error logs will be ignored), however if using option -parallel value greater than the default it needs to be specified, or some server error logs will be missing.
- **dbpool** An instance of twisted.enterprise.adbapi.ConnectionPool, or None. Defaults to None. If specified, results are inserted into the database using the ConnectionPool.
- **autoCreateTables** Boolean, defaults to False. If True (and dbpool is specified), the necessary database tables will be created automatically if they do not exist already. Alternatively, the tables can be created manually from the SQL statements found in the mtrlogobserver.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/buildbot/steps/mtrlogobserver.py) source file.
- **test\_type** Short string that will be inserted into the database in the row for the test run. Defaults to the empty string, but can be specified to identify different types of test runs.
- **test\_info** Descriptive string that will be inserted into the database in the row for the test run. Defaults to the empty string, but can be specified as a user-readable description of this particular test run.
- mtr\_subdir The subdirectory in which to look for server error log files. Defaults to mysql-test, which is usually correct. Interpolate is supported.

### SubunitShellCommand

class buildbot.steps.subunit.SubunitShellCommand

This buildstep is similar to *ShellCommand*, except that it runs the log content through a subunit filter to extract test and failure counts.

from buildbot.plugins import steps

f.addStep(steps.SubunitShellCommand(command="make test"))

This runs make test and filters it through subunit. The 'tests' and 'test failed' progress metrics will now accumulate test data from the test run.

If failureOnNoTests is True, this step will fail if no test is run. By default failureOnNoTests is False.

### Worker Filesystem Steps

Here are some buildsteps for manipulating the worker's filesystem.

### **FileExists**

This step will assert that a given file exists, failing if it does not. The filename can be specified with a property.

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
```

```
f.addStep(steps.FileExists(file='test_data'))
```

This step requires worker version 0.8.4 or later.

## CopyDirectory

This command copies a directory on the worker.

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
```

f.addStep(steps.CopyDirectory(src="build/data", dest="tmp/data"))

This step requires worker version 0.8.5 or later.

The CopyDirectory step takes the following arguments:

timeout if the copy command fails to produce any output for this many seconds, it is assumed to be locked up and will be killed. This defaults to 120 seconds. Pass None to disable.

maxTime if the command takes longer than this many seconds, it will be killed. This is disabled by default.

### RemoveDirectory

This command recursively deletes a directory on the worker.

from buildbot.plugins import steps

f.addStep(steps.RemoveDirectory(dir="build/build"))

This step requires worker version 0.8.4 or later.

## MakeDirectory

This command creates a directory on the worker.

from buildbot.plugins import steps

```
f.addStep(steps.MakeDirectory(dir="build/build"))
```

This step requires worker version 0.8.5 or later.

### Python BuildSteps

Here are some BuildSteps that are specifically useful for projects implemented in Python.

## **BuildEPYDoc**

class buildbot.steps.python.BuildEPYDoc

epydoc (http://epydoc.sourceforge.net/) is a tool for generating API documentation for Python modules from their docstrings. It reads all the .py files from your source tree, processes the docstrings therein, and creates a large tree of .html files (or a single .pdf file).

The *BuildEPYDoc* step will run **epydoc** to produce this API documentation, and will count the errors and warnings from its output.

You must supply the command line to be used. The default is make epydocs, which assumes that your project has a Makefile with an *epydocs* target. You might wish to use something like epydoc -o apiref source/*PKGNAME* instead. You might also want to add option -pdf to generate a PDF file instead of a large tree of HTML files.

The API docs are generated in-place in the build tree (under the workdir, in the subdirectory controlled by the option -*o* argument). To make them useful, you will probably have to copy them to somewhere they can be read. For example if you have server with configured nginx web server, you can place generated docs to it's public folder with command like rsync -ad apiref/ dev.example.com:~/usr/share/nginx/www/current-apiref/. You might instead want to bundle them into a tarball and publish it in the same place where the generated install tarball is placed.

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
```

```
f.addStep(steps.BuildEPYDoc(command=["epydoc", "-o", "apiref", "source/mypkg"]))
```

# **PyFlakes**

### class buildbot.steps.python.PyFlakes

PyFlakes (https://launchpad.net/pyflakes) is a tool to perform basic static analysis of Python code to look for simple errors, like missing imports and references of undefined names. It is like a fast and simple form of the C lint program. Other tools (like pychecker (http://pychecker.sourceforge.net/)) provide more detailed results but take longer to run.

The *PyFlakes* step will run pyflakes and count the various kinds of errors and warnings it detects.

You must supply the command line to be used. The default is make pyflakes, which assumes you have a top-level Makefile with a pyflakes target. You might want to use something like pyflakes . or pyflakes src.

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
f.addStep(steps.PyFlakes(command=["pyflakes", "src"]))
```

## Sphinx

class buildbot.steps.python.Sphinx

Sphinx (http://sphinx.pocoo.org/) is the Python Documentation Generator. It uses RestructuredText (http://docutils.sourceforge.net/rst.html) as input format.

The *Sphinx* step will run **sphinx-build** or any other program specified in its sphinx argument and count the various warnings and error it detects.

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
```

f.addStep(steps.Sphinx(sphinx\_builddir="\_build"))

This step takes the following arguments:

**sphinx\_builddir** (required) Name of the directory where the documentation will be generated.

sphinx\_sourcedir (optional, defaulting to .), Name the directory where the conf.py file will be found

**sphinx\_builder** (optional) Indicates the builder to use.

sphinx (optional, defaulting to sphinx-build) Indicates the executable to run.

tags (optional) List of tags to pass to sphinx-build

**defines** (optional) Dictionary of defines to overwrite values of the conf.py file.

strict\_warnings (optional) Boolean, defaults to False. Treat all warnings as errors.

**mode** (optional) String, one of full or incremental (the default). If set to full, indicates to Sphinx to rebuild everything without re-using the previous build results.

### **PyLint**

Similarly, the *PyLint* step will run **pylint** and analyze the results.

You must supply the command line to be used. There is no default.

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
```

f.addStep(steps.PyLint(command=["pylint", "src"]))

## Trial

### class buildbot.steps.python\_twisted.Trial

This step runs a unit test suite using trial, a unittest-like testing framework that is a component of Twisted Python. Trial is used to implement Twisted's own unit tests, and is the unittest-framework of choice for many projects that use Twisted internally.

Projects that use trial typically have all their test cases in a 'test' subdirectory of their top-level library directory. For example, for a package petmail, the tests might be in petmail/test/test\_\*.py. More complicated packages (like Twisted itself) may have multiple test directories, like twisted/test/test\_\*.py for the core functionality and twisted/mail/test/test\_\*.py for the email-specific tests.

To run trial tests manually, you run the **trial** executable and tell it where the test cases are located. The most common way of doing this is with a module name. For petmail, this might look like **trial petmail.test**, which would locate all the test\_\*.py files under petmail/test/, running every test case it could find in them. Unlike the unittest.py that comes with Python, it is not necessary to run the test\_foo.py as a script; you always let trial do the importing and running. The step's tests` parameter controls which tests trial will run: it can be a string or a list of strings.

To find the test cases, the Python search path must allow something like import petmail.test to work. For packages that don't use a separate top-level lib directory, PYTHONPATH=. will work, and will use the test cases (and the code they are testing) in-place. PYTHONPATH=build/lib or PYTHONPATH=build/lib.somearch are also useful when you do a python setup.py build step first. The testpath attribute of this class controls what PYTHONPATH is set to before running trial.

Trial has the ability, through the --testmodule flag, to run only the set of test cases named by special test-case-name tags in source files. We can get the list of changed source files from our parent Build and provide them to trial, thus running the minimal set of test cases needed to cover the Changes. This is useful for quick builds, especially in trees with a lot of test cases. The testChanges parameter controls this feature: if set, it will override tests.

The trial executable itself is typically just **trial**, and is typically found in the shell search path. It can be overridden with the trial parameter. This is useful for Twisted's own unittests, which want to use the copy of bin/trial that comes with the sources.

To influence the version of Python being used for the tests, or to add flags to the command, set the python parameter. This can be a string (like python2.2) or a list (like ['python2.3', '-Wall']).

Trial creates and switches into a directory named \_trial\_temp/ before running the tests, and sends the twisted log (which includes all exceptions) to a file named test.log. This file will be pulled up to the master where it can be seen as part of the status output.

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
f.addStep(steps.Trial(tests='petmail.test'))
```

Trial has the ability to run tests on several workers in parallel (beginning with Twisted 12.3.0). Set jobs to the number of workers you want to run. Note that running trial in this way will create multiple log files (named test.N.log, err.N.log and out.N.log starting with N=0) rather than a single test.log.

This step takes the following arguments:

jobs (optional) Number of worker-resident trial workers to use when running the tests. Defaults to 1 worker. Only works with Twisted>=12.3.0.

## **RemovePYCs**

class buildbot.steps.python\_twisted.RemovePYCs

This is a simple built-in step that will remove .pyc files from the workdir. This is useful in builds that update their source (and thus do not automatically delete .pyc files) but where some part of the build process is dynamically searching for Python modules. Notably, trial has a bad habit of finding old test modules.

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
```

f.addStep(steps.RemovePYCs())

## **Transferring Files**

class buildbot.steps.transfer.FileUpload

class buildbot.steps.transfer.FileDownload

Most of the work involved in a build will take place on the worker. But occasionally it is useful to do some work on the buildmaster side. The most basic way to involve the buildmaster is simply to move a file from the worker to the master, or vice versa. There are a pair of steps named *FileUpload* and *FileDownload* to provide this functionality. *FileUpload* moves a file *up to* the master, while *FileDownload* moves a file *down from* the master.

As an example, let's assume that there is a step which produces an HTML file within the source tree that contains some sort of generated project documentation. And let's assume that we run nginx web server on buildmaster host for serving static files. We want to move this file to the buildmaster, into a /usr/share/nginx/www/ directory, so

it can be visible to developers. This file will wind up in the worker-side working directory under the name docs/ reference.html. We want to put it into the master-side /usr/share/nginx/www/ref.html, and add a link to the HTML status to the uploaded file.

The masterdest= argument will be passed to os.path.expanduser, so things like ~ will be expanded properly. Non-absolute paths will be interpreted relative to the buildmaster's base directory. Likewise, the workersrc= argument will be expanded and interpreted relative to the builder's working directory.

Note: The copied file will have the same permissions on the master as on the worker, look at the mode= parameter to set it differently.

To move a file from the master to the worker, use the *FileDownload* command. For example, let's assume that some step requires a configuration file that, for whatever reason, could not be recorded in the source code repository or generated on the worker side:

Like *FileUpload*, the mastersrc= argument is interpreted relative to the buildmaster's base directory, and the workerdest= argument is relative to the builder's working directory. If the worker is running in ~worker, and the builder's builddir is something like tests-i386, then the workdir is going to be ~worker/tests-i386/build, and a workerdest= of foo/bar.html will get put in ~worker/tests-i386/build/foo/bar.html. Both of these commands will create any missing intervening directories.

# **Other Parameters**

The maxsize= argument lets you set a maximum size for the file to be transferred. This may help to avoid surprises: transferring a 100MB coredump when you were expecting to move a 10kB status file might take an awfully long time. The blocksize= argument controls how the file is sent over the network: larger blocksizes are slightly more efficient but also consume more memory on each end, and there is a hard-coded limit of about 640kB.

The mode= argument allows you to control the access permissions of the target file, traditionally expressed as an octal integer. The most common value is probably 0755, which sets the *x* executable bit on the file (useful for shell scripts and the like). The default value for mode= is None, which means the permission bits will default to whatever the umask of the writing process is. The default umask tends to be fairly restrictive, but at least on the worker you can make it less restrictive with a --umask command-line option at creation time (*Worker Options*).

The keepstamp= argument is a boolean that, when True, forces the modified and accessed time of the destination file to match the times of the source file. When False (the default), the modified and accessed times of the destination file are set to the current time on the buildmaster.

The url= argument allows you to specify an url that will be displayed in the HTML status. The title of the url will be the name of the item transferred (directory for DirectoryUpload or file for FileUpload). This allows the user to add a link to the uploaded item if that one is uploaded to an accessible place.

For *FileUpload*, the urlText= argument allows you to specify the url title that will be displayed in the web UI.

## **Transferring Directories**

class buildbot.steps.transfer.DirectoryUpload

To transfer complete directories from the worker to the master, there is a BuildStep named *DirectoryUpload*. It works like *FileUpload*, just for directories. However it does not support the maxsize, blocksize and mode arguments. As an example, let's assume an generated project documentation, which consists of many files (like the output of **doxygen** or **epydoc**). And let's assume that we run nginx web server on buildmaster host for serving static files. We want to move the entire documentation to the buildmaster, into a /usr/share/nginx/www/docs directory, and add a link to the uploaded documentation on the HTML status page. On the worker-side the directory can be found under docs:

The DirectoryUpload step will create all necessary directories and transfers empty directories, too.

The maxsize and blocksize parameters are the same as for *FileUpload*, although note that the size of the transferred data is implementation-dependent, and probably much larger than you expect due to the encoding used (currently tar).

The optional compress argument can be given as 'gz' or 'bz2' to compress the datastream.

**Note:** The permissions on the copied files will be the same on the master as originally on the worker, see option buildbot-worker create-worker --umask to change the default one.

## **Transferring Multiple Files At Once**

class buildbot.steps.transfer.MultipleFileUpload

In addition to the *FileUpload* and *DirectoryUpload* steps there is the *MultipleFileUpload* step for uploading a bunch of files (and directories) in a single BuildStep. The step supports all arguments that are supported by *FileUpload* and *DirectoryUpload*, but instead of a the single workersrc parameter it takes a (plural) workersrcs parameter. This parameter should either be a list, something that can be rendered as a list or a string which will be converted to a list. Additionally it supports the glob parameter if this parameter is set to True all arguments in workersrcs will be parsed through glob and the results will be uploaded to masterdest.:

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
```

The url= parameter, can be used to specify a link to be displayed in the HTML status of the step.

The way URLs are added to the step can be customized by extending the *MultipleFileUpload* class. The *allUploadsDone* method is called after all files have been uploaded and sets the URL. The *uploadDone* method is called once for each uploaded file and can be used to create file-specific links.

```
import os
from buildbot.plugins import steps
class CustomFileUpload(steps.MultipleFileUpload):
    linkTypes = ('.html', '.txt')
   def linkFile(self, basename):
        name, ext = os.path.splitext(basename)
        return ext in self.linkTypes
   def uploadDone(self, result, source, masterdest):
        if self.url:
            basename = os.path.basename(source)
            if self.linkFile(basename):
                self.addURL(self.url + '/' + basename, basename)
   def allUploadsDone(self, result, sources, masterdest):
        if self.url:
            notLinked = [src for src in sources if not self.linkFile(src)]
            numFiles = len(notLinked)
            if numFiles:
                self.addURL(self.url, '... %d more' % numFiles)
```

# **Transferring Strings**

class buildbot.steps.transfer.StringDownload

class buildbot.steps.transfer.JSONStringDownload

class buildbot.steps.transfer.JSONPropertiesDownload

Sometimes it is useful to transfer a calculated value from the master to the worker. Instead of having to create a temporary file and then use FileDownload, you can use one of the string download steps.

StringDownload works just like FileDownload except it takes a single argument, s, representing the string to download instead of a mastersrc argument.

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
buildinfo = {
    'branch': Property('branch'),
    'got_revision': Property('got_revision')
}
f.addStep(steps.JSONStringDownload(buildinfo, workerdest="buildinfo.json"))
```

JSONStringDownload is similar, except it takes an o argument, which must be JSON serializable, and transfers that as a JSON-encoded string to the worker.

from buildbot.plugins import steps

f.addStep(steps.JSONPropertiesDownload(workerdest="build-properties.json"))

*JSONPropertiesDownload* transfers a json-encoded string that represents a dictionary where properties maps to a dictionary of build property name to property value; and sourcestamp represents the build's sourcestamp.

### **Running Commands on the Master**

class buildbot.steps.master.MasterShellCommand

Occasionally, it is useful to execute some task on the master, for example to create a directory, deploy a build result, or trigger some other centralized processing. This is possible, in a limited fashion, with the *MasterShellCommand* step.

This step operates similarly to a regular *ShellCommand*, but executes on the master, instead of the worker. To be clear, the enclosing Build object must still have a worker object, just as for any other step – only, in this step, the worker does not do anything.

In this example, the step renames a tarball based on the day of the week.

Note: By default, this step passes a copy of the buildmaster's environment variables to the subprocess. To pass an explicit environment instead, add an  $env = \{ ... \}$  argument.

Environment variables constructed using the env argument support expansion so that if you just want to prepend /home/buildbot/bin to the PATH environment variable, you can do it by putting the value \${PATH} at the end of the value like in the example below. Variables that don't exist on the master will be replaced by "".

Note that environment values must be strings (or lists that are turned into strings). In particular, numeric properties such as buildnumber must be substituted using *Interpolate*.

workdir (optional) The directory from which the command will be ran.

**interruptSignal** (optional) Signal to use to end the process, if the step is interrupted.

### LogRenderable

class buildbot.steps.master.LogRenderable

This build step takes content which can be renderable and logs it in a pretty-printed format. It can be useful for debugging properties during a build.

## Assert

```
class buildbot.steps.master.Assert
```

This build step takes a Renderable or constant passed in as first argument. It will test if the expression evaluates to True and succeed the step or fail the step otherwise.

### **Setting Properties**

These steps set properties on the master based on information from the worker.

### SetProperty

```
class buildbot.steps.master.SetProperty
```

SetProperty takes two arguments of property and value where the value is to be assigned to the property key. It is usually called with the value argument being specified as a *Interpolate* object which allows the value to be built from other property values:

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps, util
f.addStep(
    steps.SetProperty(
        property="SomeProperty",
        value=util.Interpolate("sch=%(prop:scheduler)s, worker=%(prop:workername)s")
    )
)
```

#### SetProperties step

class buildbot.steps.master.SetProperty

SetProperties takes a dictionary to be turned into build properties.

It is similar to *SetProperty*, and meant to be used with a *Renderer* function or a dictionary of *Interpolate* objects which allows the value to be built from other property values:

```
"""Example borrowed from Julia's master.cfg
https://github.com/staticfloat/julia-buildbot (MIT)"""
from buildbot.plugins import *
@util.renderer
def compute_artifact_filename(props):
    # Get the output of the `make print-BINARYDIST_FILENAME` step
    reported_filename = props.getProperty('artifact_filename')
    # First, see if we got a BINARYDIST_FILENAME output
    if reported_filename[:26] == "BINARYDIST_FILENAME=":
        local_filename = util.Interpolate(reported_filename[26:].strip()+"%(prop:os_
    +pkg_ext)s")
```

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```
else:
        # If not, use non-sf/consistent_distnames naming
        if is_mac(props):
            local_filename = util.Interpolate("contrib/mac/app/Julia-%(prop:version)s-
→% (prop:shortcommit) s.% (prop:os_pkg_ext) s")
        elif is_winnt(props):
            local_filename = util.Interpolate("julia-%(prop:version)s-%(prop:tar_
\rightarrow arch)s.%(prop:os_pkg_ext)s")
        else:
            local_filename = util.Interpolate("julia-%(prop:shortcommit)s-Linux-
↔% (prop:tar_arch) s.% (prop:os_pkg_ext) s")
    # upload_filename always follows sf/consistent_distname rules
   upload filename = util.Interpolate("julia-%(prop:shortcommit)s-%(prop:os_name)s
↔% (prop:bits) s.% (prop:os_pkg_ext) s")
   return {
        "local_filename": local_filename
        "upload_filename": upload_filename
    }
f1.addStep(steps.SetProperties(properties=compute_artifact_filename))
```

# **SetPropertyFromCommand**

class buildbot.steps.shell.SetPropertyFromCommand

This buildstep is similar to *ShellCommand*, except that it captures the output of the command into a property. It is usually used like this:

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
f.addStep(steps.SetPropertyFromCommand(command="uname -a", property="uname"))
```

This runs uname -a and captures its stdout, stripped of leading and trailing whitespace, in the property uname. To avoid stripping, add strip=False.

The property argument can be specified as a *Interpolate* object, allowing the property name to be built from other property values.

Passing includeStdout=False (default True) stops capture from stdout.

Passing includeStderr=True (default False) allows capture from stderr.

The more advanced usage allows you to specify a function to extract properties from the command output. Here you can use regular expressions, string interpolation, or whatever you would like. In this form, <code>extract\_fn</code> should be passed, and not <code>Property</code>. The <code>extract\_fn</code> function is called with three arguments: the exit status of the command, its standard output as a string, and its standard error as a string. It should return a dictionary containing all new properties.

Note that passing in extract\_fn will set includeStderr to True.

```
def glob2list(rc, stdout, stderr):
    jpgs = [l.strip() for l in stdout.split('\n')]
    return {'jpgs': jpgs}
f.addStep(SetPropertyFromCommand(command="ls -1 *.jpg", extract_fn=glob2list))
```

Note that any ordering relationship of the contents of stdout and stderr is lost. For example, given:

```
f.addStep(SetPropertyFromCommand(
    command="echo output1; echo error >&2; echo output2",
    extract_fn=my_extract))
```

Then my\_extract will see stdout="output1\noutput2\n" and stderr="error\n".

Avoid using the extract\_fn form of this step with commands that produce a great deal of output, as the output is buffered in memory until complete.

class buildbot.steps.worker.SetPropertiesFromEnv

#### **SetPropertiesFromEnv**

Buildbot workers (later than version 0.8.3) provide their environment variables to the master on connect. These can be copied into Buildbot properties with the *SetPropertiesFromEnv* step. Pass a variable or list of variables in the variables parameter, then simply use the values as properties in a later step.

Note that on Windows, environment variables are case-insensitive, but Buildbot property names are case sensitive. The property will have exactly the variable name you specify, even if the underlying environment variable is capitalized differently. If, for example, you use <code>variables=['Tmp']</code>, the result will be a property named Tmp, even though the environment variable is displayed as TMP in the Windows GUI.

Note that this step requires that the worker be at least version 0.8.3. For previous versions, no environment variables are available (the worker environment will appear to be empty).

#### **Triggering Schedulers**

class buildbot.steps.trigger.Trigger

The counterpart to the *Triggerable* scheduler is the *Trigger* build step:

The SourceStamps to use for the triggered build are controlled by the arguments updateSourceStamp, alwaysUseLatest, and sourceStamps.

Hyperlinks are added to the build detail web pages for each triggered build.

schedulerNames lists the *Triggerable* schedulers that should be triggered when this step is executed.

**Note:** It is possible, but not advisable, to create a cycle where a build continually triggers itself, because the schedulers are specified by name.

- unimportantSchedulerNames When waitForFinish is True, all schedulers in this list will not cause the trigger step to fail. unimportantSchedulerNames must be a subset of schedulerNames If waitForFinish is False, unimportantSchedulerNames will simply be ignored.
- waitForFinish If True, the step will not finish until all of the builds from the triggered schedulers have finished.

If False (the default) or not given, then the buildstep succeeds immediately after triggering the schedulers.

updateSourceStamp If True (the default), then step updates the source stamps given to the *Triggerable* schedulers to include got\_revision (the revision actually used in this build) as revision (the revision to use in the triggered builds). This is useful to ensure that all of the builds use exactly the same source stamps, even if other Changes have occurred while the build was running.

If False (and neither of the other arguments are specified), then the exact same SourceStamps are used.

- **alwaysUseLatest** If True, then no SourceStamps are given, corresponding to using the latest revisions of the repositories specified in the Source steps. This is useful if the triggered builds use to a different source repository.
- sourceStamps Accepts a list of dictionaries containing the keys branch, revision, repository, project, and optionally patch\_level, patch\_body, patch\_subdir, patch\_author and patch\_comment and creates the corresponding SourceStamps. If only one sourceStamp has to be specified then the argument sourceStamp can be used for a dictionary containing the keys mentioned above. The arguments updateSourceStamp, alwaysUseLatest, and sourceStamp can be specified using properties.
- set\_properties allows control of the properties that are passed to the triggered scheduler. The parameter takes a dictionary mapping property names to values. You may use *Interpolate* here to dynamically construct new property values. For the simple case of copying a property, this might look like:

where Property is an instance of buildbot.process.properties.Property

Note: The copy\_properties parameter, given a list of properties to copy into the new build request, has been deprecated in favor of explicit use of set\_properties.

## **Dynamic Trigger**

Sometimes it is desirable to select which scheduler to trigger, and which properties to set dynamically, at the time of the build. For this purpose, Trigger step supports a method that you can customize in order to override statically defined schedulernames, set\_properties and optionally unimportant.

### buildbot.steps.source.getSchedulersAndProperties()

**Returns** list of dictionaries containing the keys 'sched\_name', 'props\_to\_set' and 'unimportant' optionally via deferred

This method returns a list of dictionaries describing what scheduler to trigger, with which properties and if the scheduler is unimportant. Old style list of tuples is still supported, in which case unimportant is considered False. The properties should already be rendered (ie, concrete value, not objects wrapped by Interpolate or Property). Since this function happens at build-time, the property values are available from the step and can be used to decide what schedulers or properties to use.

With this method, you can also trigger the same scheduler multiple times with different set of properties. The sourcestamp configuration is however the same for each triggered build request.

### **RPM-Related Steps**

These steps work with RPMs and spec files.

### **RpmBuild**

The *RpmBuild* step builds RPMs based on a spec file:

from buildbot.plugins import steps

f.addStep(steps.RpmBuild(specfile="proj.spec", dist='.el5'))

The step takes the following parameters

**specfile** The .spec file to build from

topdir Definition for \_topdir, defaulting to the workdir.

builddir Definition for \_builddir, defaulting to the workdir.

**rpmdir** Definition for \_rpmdir, defaulting to the workdir.

sourcedir Definition for \_sourcedir, defaulting to the workdir.

srcrpmdir Definition for \_srcrpmdir, defaulting to the workdir.

dist Distribution to build, used as the definition for \_dist.

define A dictionary of additional definitions to declare.

autoRelease If true, use the auto-release mechanics.

**vcsRevision** If true, use the version-control revision mechanics. This uses the got\_revision property to determine the revision and define \_revision. Note that this will not work with multi-codebase builds.

### RpmLint

The *RpmLint* step checks for common problems in RPM packages or spec files:

from buildbot.plugins import steps

f.addStep(steps.RpmLint())

The step takes the following parameters

**fileloc** The file or directory to check. In case of a directory, it is recursively searched for RPMs and spec files to check.

config Path to a rpmlint config file. This is passed as the user configuration file if present.

### **Mock Steps**

Mock (http://fedoraproject.org/wiki/Projects/Mock) creates chroots and builds packages in them. It populates the changeroot with a basic system and the packages listed as build requirement. The type of chroot to build is specified with the root parameter. To use mock your Buildbot user must be added to the mock group.

### MockBuildSRPM Step

The MockBuildSRPM step builds a SourceRPM based on a spec file and optionally a source directory:

from buildbot.plugins import steps

f.addStep(steps.MockBuildSRPM(root='default', spec='mypkg.spec'))

The step takes the following parameters

**root** Use chroot configuration defined in /etc/mock/<root>.cfg.

resultdir The directory where the logfiles and the SourceRPM are written to.

**spec** Build the SourceRPM from this spec file.

sources Path to the directory containing the sources, defaulting to ...

Note: It is necessary to pass the resultdir parameter to let the master watch for (and display) changes to build. log, root.log, and state.log.

### MockRebuild Step

The *MockRebuild* step rebuilds a SourceRPM package:

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
```

f.addStep(steps.MockRebuild(root='default', srpm='mypkg-1.0-1.src.rpm'))

The step takes the following parameters

**root** Uses chroot configuration defined in /etc/mock/<root>.cfg.

**resultdir** The directory where the logfiles and the SourceRPM are written to.

**srpm** The path to the SourceRPM to rebuild.

Note: It is necessary to pass the resultdir parameter to let the master watch for (and display) changes to build. log, root.log, and state.log.

#### **Debian Build Steps**

#### DebPbuilder

The *DebPbuilder* step builds Debian packages within a chroot built by **pbuilder**. It populates the chroot with a basic system and the packages listed as build requirement. The type of the chroot to build is specified with the distribution, distribution and mirror parameter. To use pbuilder your Buildbot user must have the right to run **pbuilder** as root using **sudo**.

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
```

```
f.addStep(steps.DebPbuilder())
```

The step takes the following parameters

architecture Architecture to build chroot for.

distribution Name, or nickname, of the distribution. Defaults to 'stable'.

**basetgz** Path of the basetgz to use for building.

**mirror** URL of the mirror used to download the packages from.

**extrapackages** List if packages to install in addition to the base system.

**keyring** Path to a gpg keyring to verify the downloaded packages. This is necessary if you build for a foreign distribution.

**components** Repos to activate for chroot building.

### DebCowbuilder

The DebCowbuilder step is a subclass of DebPbuilder, which use cowbuilder instead of pbuilder.

## **DebLintian**

The *DebLintian* step checks a build .deb for bugs and policy violations. The packages or changes file to test is specified in fileloc

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps, util
f.addStep(steps.DebLintian(fileloc=util.Interpolate("%(prop:deb-changes)s")))
```

### **Miscellaneous BuildSteps**

A number of steps do not fall into any particular category.

## **HLint**

The *HLint* step runs Twisted Lore, a lint-like checker over a set of .xhtml files. Any deviations from recommended style is flagged and put in the output log.

The step looks at the list of changes in the build to determine which files to check - it does not check all files. It specifically excludes any .xhtml files in the top-level sandbox/ directory.

The step takes a single, optional, parameter: python. This specifies the Python executable to use to run Lore.

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
f.addStep(steps.HLint())
```

### MaxQ

MaxQ (http://maxq.tigris.org/) is a web testing tool that allows you to record HTTP sessions and play them back. The *MaxQ* step runs this framework.

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps
f.addStep(steps.MaxQ(testdir='tests/'))
```

The single argument, testdir, specifies where the tests should be run. This directory will be passed to the run\_maxq.py command, and the results analyzed.

## **HTTP Requests**

Using the *HTTPStep* step, it is possible to perform HTTP requests in order to trigger another REST service about the progress of the build.

**Note:** This step requires the txrequests (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/txrequests) and requests (http://python-requests.org) Python libraries.

The parameters are the following:

url (mandatory) The URL where to send the request

method The HTTP method to use (out of POST, GET, PUT, DELETE, HEAD or OPTIONS), default to POST.

params Dictionary of URL parameters to append to the URL.

data The body to attach the request. If a dictionary is provided, form-encoding will take place.

headers Dictionary of headers to send.

**other params** Any other keywords supported by the requests api (http://docs.python-requests.org/en/master/api/#main-interface) can be passed to this step.

**Note:** The entire Buildbot master process shares a single Requests Session object. This has the advantage of supporting connection re-use and other HTTP/1.1 features. However, it also means that any cookies or other state changed by one step will be visible to other steps, causing unexpected results. This behavior may change in future versions.

When the method is known in advance, class with the name of the method can also be used. In this case, it is not necessary to specify the method.

Example:

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# 2.5.12 Interlocks

- Access Modes
- Count
- Scope
- Examples

Until now, we assumed that a master can run builds at any worker whenever needed or desired. Some times, you want to enforce additional constraints on builds. For reasons like limited network bandwidth, old worker machines, or a self-willed data base server, you may want to limit the number of builds (or build steps) that can access a resource.

## Access Modes

The mechanism used by Buildbot is known as the read/write lock<sup>1</sup>. It allows either many readers or a single writer but not a combination of readers and writers. The general lock has been modified and extended for use in Buildbot. Firstly, the general lock allows an infinite number of readers. In Buildbot, we often want to put an upper limit on the number of readers, for example allowing two out of five possible builds at the same time. To do this, the lock counts the number of active readers. Secondly, the terms *read mode* and *write mode* are confusing in Buildbot context. They have been replaced by *counting mode* (since the lock counts them) and *exclusive mode*. As a result of these changes, locks in Buildbot allow a number of builds (up to some fixed number) in counting mode, or they allow one build in exclusive mode.

**Note:** Access modes are specified when a lock is used. That is, it is possible to have a single lock that is used by several workers in counting mode, and several workers in exclusive mode. In fact, this is the strength of the modes: accessing a lock in exclusive mode will prevent all counting-mode accesses.

## Count

Often, not all workers are equal. To allow for this situation, Buildbot allows to have a separate upper limit on the count for each worker. In this way, you can have at most 3 concurrent builds at a fast worker, 2 at a slightly older worker, and 1 at all other workers.

## Scope

The final thing you can specify when you introduce a new lock is its scope. Some constraints are global – they must be enforced over all workers. Other constraints are local to each worker. A *master lock* is used for the global constraints. You can ensure for example that at most one build (of all builds running at all workers) accesses the data base server. With a *worker lock* you can add a limit local to each worker. With such a lock, you can for example enforce an upper limit to the number of active builds at a worker, like above.

## Examples

Time for a few examples. Below a master lock is defined to protect a data base, and a worker lock is created to limit the number of builds at each worker.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Read/write\_lock\_pattern for more information.

db\_lock is defined to be a master lock. The database string is used for uniquely identifying the lock. At the next line, a worker lock called build\_lock is created. It is identified by the worker\_builds string. Since the requirements of the lock are a bit more complicated, two optional arguments are also specified. The maxCount parameter sets the default limit for builds in counting mode to 1. For the worker called 'fast' however, we want to have at most three builds, and for the worker called 'new' the upper limit is two builds running at the same time.

The next step is accessing the locks in builds. Buildbot allows a lock to be used during an entire build (from beginning to end), or only during a single build step. In the latter case, the lock is claimed for use just before the step starts, and released again when the step ends. To prevent deadlocks,<sup>2</sup> it is not possible to claim or release locks at other times.

To use locks, you add them with a locks argument to a build or a step. Each use of a lock is either in counting mode (that is, possibly shared with other builds) or in exclusive mode, and this is indicated with the syntax lock. access (mode), where mode is one of "counting" or "exclusive".

A build or build step proceeds only when it has acquired all locks. If a build or step needs a lot of locks, it may be starved<sup>3</sup> by other builds that need fewer locks.

To illustrate use of locks, a few examples.

```
from buildbot.plugins import util, steps
db_lock = util.MasterLock("database")
build_lock = util.WorkerLock("worker_builds",
                             maxCount=1,
                             maxCountForWorker={'fast': 3, 'new': 2})
f = util.BuildFactory()
f.addStep(steps.SVN(repourl="http://example.org/svn/Trunk"))
f.addStep(steps.ShellCommand(command="make all"))
f.addStep(steps.ShellCommand(command="make test",
                             locks=[db_lock.access('exclusive')]))
b1 = {'name': 'full1', 'workername': 'fast', 'builddir': 'f1', 'factory': f,
       'locks': [build_lock.access('counting')] }
b2 = {'name': 'full2', 'workername': 'new', 'builddir': 'f2', 'factory': f,
       'locks': [build_lock.access('counting')] }
b3 = {'name': 'full3', 'workername': 'old', 'builddir': 'f3', 'factory': f,
       'locks': [build_lock.access('counting')] }
b4 = {'name': 'full4', 'workername': 'other', 'builddir': 'f4', 'factory': f,
       'locks': [build_lock.access('counting')] }
c['builders'] = [b1, b2, b3, b4]
```

Here we have four workers fast, new, old, and other. Each worker performs the same checkout, make, and test

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Deadlock is the situation where two or more workers each hold a lock in exclusive mode, and in addition want to claim the lock held by the other worker exclusively as well. Since locks allow at most one exclusive user, both workers will wait forever.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Starving is the situation that only a few locks are available, and they are immediately grabbed by another build. As a result, it may take a long time before all locks needed by the starved build are free at the same time.

build step sequence. We want to enforce that at most one test step is executed between all workers due to restrictions with the data base server. This is done by adding the locks= parameter with the third step. It takes a list of locks with their access mode. Alternatively, this can take a renderable that returns an list of locks with their access mode.

In this case only the db\_lock is needed. The exclusive access mode is used to ensure there is at most one worker that executes the test step.

In addition to exclusive accessing the data base, we also want workers to stay responsive even under the load of a large number of builds being triggered. For this purpose, the worker lock called build\_lock is defined. Since the restraint holds for entire builds, the lock is specified in the builder with 'locks': [build\_lock.access('counting')].

Note that you will occasionally see lock.access (mode) written as LockAccess (lock, mode). The two are equivalent, but the former is preferred.

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# 2.5.13 Reporters

- MailNotifier
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- BitbucketServerStatusPush
- BitbucketServerPRCommentPush
- BitbucketStatusPush
- GitLabStatusPush
- HipchatStatusPush
  - Json object spec
- GerritVerifyStatusPush
- ZulipStatusPush

- Json object spec

The Buildmaster has a variety of ways to present build status to various users. Each such delivery method is a *Reporter Target* object in the configuration's services list. To add reporter targets, you just append more objects to this list:

Most reporter objects take a tags= argument, which can contain a list of tag names: in this case, it will only show status for Builders that contains the named tags.

### Note: Implementation Note

Each of these objects should be a service.BuildbotService which will be attached to the BuildMaster object when the configuration is processed.

The remainder of this section describes each built-in reporters. A full list of reporters is available in the reporter.

## **MailNotifier**

### class buildbot.reporters.mail.MailNotifier

The Buildbot can send email when builds finish. The most common use of this is to tell developers when their change has caused the build to fail. It is also quite common to send a message to a mailing list (usually named *builds* or similar) about every build.

The MailNotifier reporter is used to accomplish this. You configure it by specifying who mail should be sent to, under what circumstances mail should be sent, and how to deliver the mail. It can be configured to only send out mail for certain builders, and only send messages when the build fails, or when the builder transitions from success to failure. It can also be configured to include various build logs in each message.

If a proper lookup function is configured, the message will be sent to the "interested users" list (*Doing Things With Users*), which includes all developers who made changes in the build. By default, however, Buildbot does not know how to construct an email addressed based on the information from the version control system. See the lookup argument, below, for more information.

You can add additional, statically-configured, recipients with the extraRecipients argument. You can also add interested users by setting the owners build property to a list of users in the scheduler constructor (*Configuring Schedulers*).

Each MailNotifier sends mail to a single set of recipients. To send different kinds of mail to different recipients, use multiple MailNotifiers. TODO: or subclass MailNotifier and override getRecipients()

The following simple example will send an email upon the completion of each build, to just those developers whose Changes were included in the build. The email contains a description of the Build, its results, and URLs where more information can be obtained.

To get a simple one-message-per-build (say, for a mailing list), use the following form instead. This form does not send mail to individual developers (and thus does not need the lookup= argument, explained below), instead it only ever sends mail to the *extra recipients* named in the arguments:

If your SMTP host requires authentication before it allows you to send emails, this can also be done by specifying smtpUser and smtpPassword:

**Note:** If for some reasons you are not able to send a notification with TLS enabled and specified user name and password, you might want to use master/contrib/check\_smtp.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/contrib/tree/master/contrib/check\_smtp.py) to see if it works at all.

If you want to require Transport Layer Security (TLS), then you can also set useTls:

**Note:** If you see twisted.mail.smtp.TLSRequiredError exceptions in the log while using TLS, this can be due *either* to the server not supporting TLS or to a missing PyOpenSSL (http://pyopenssl.sourceforge.net/) package on the BuildMaster system.

In some cases it is desirable to have different information then what is provided in a standard MailNotifier message. For this purpose MailNotifier provides the argument messageFormatter (an instance of MessageFormatter) which allows for the creation of messages with unique content.

For example, if only short emails are desired (e.g., for delivery to phones):

Another example of a function delivering a customized html email is given below:

```
from buildbot.plugins import reporters
template=u'''\
<h4>Build status: {{ summary }}</h4>
Worker used: {{ workername }}
{% for step in build['steps'] %}
 {{ step['name'] }}: {{ step['results'] }}
{% endfor %}
<b> -- The Buildbot</b>
1.1.1
mn = reporters.MailNotifier(fromaddr="buildbot@example.org",
                           sendToInterestedUsers=False,
                           mode=('failing',),
                           extraRecipients=['listaddr@example.org'],
                           messageFormatter=reporters.MessageFormatter(
                               template=template, template_type='html',
                               wantProperties=True, wantSteps=True))
```

### **MailNotifier arguments**

**fromaddr** The email address to be used in the 'From' header.

- sendToInterestedUsers (boolean). If True (the default), send mail to all of the Interested Users. Interested Users are authors of changes and users from the owners build property. Override MailNotifier getResponsibleUsersForBuild method to change that. If False, only send mail to the extraRecipients list.
- extraRecipients (list of strings). A list of email addresses to which messages should be sent (in addition to the InterestedUsers list, which includes any developers who made Changes that went into this build). It is a good idea to create a small mailing list and deliver to that, then let subscribers come and go as they please.
- subject (string). A string to be used as the subject line of the message. % (builder) s will be replaced with the name of the builder which provoked the message.
- mode Mode is a list of strings; however there are two strings which can be used as shortcuts instead of the full lists. The possible shortcuts are:
  - all Always send mail about builds. Equivalent to (change, failing, passing, problem, warnings, exception).

warnings Equivalent to (warnings, failing).

Set these shortcuts as actual strings in the configuration:

```
from buildbot.plugins import reporters
mn = reporters.MailNotifier(fromaddr="buildbot@example.org",
                            mode="warnings")
c['services'].append(mn)
```

(list of strings). A combination of:

**cancelled** Send mail about builds which were cancelled.

change Send mail about builds which change status.

failing Send mail about builds which fail.

passing Send mail about builds which succeed.

problem Send mail about a build which failed when the previous build has passed.

warnings Send mail about builds which generate warnings.

**exception** Send mail about builds which generate exceptions.

Defaults to (failing, passing, warnings).

- **builders** (list of strings). A list of builder names for which mail should be sent. Defaults to None (send mail for all builds). Use either builders or tags, but not both.
- tags (list of strings). A list of tag names to serve status information for. Defaults to None (all tags). Use either builders or tags, but not both.
- **schedulers** (list of strings). A list of scheduler names to serve status information for. Defaults to None (all schedulers).
- branches (list of strings). A list of branch names to serve status information for. Defaults to None (all branches).
- addLogs (boolean). If True, include all build logs as attachments to the messages. These can be quite large. This can also be set to a list of log names, to send a subset of the logs. Defaults to False.
- **addPatch** (boolean). If True, include the patch content if a patch was present. Patches are usually used on a Try server. Defaults to True.
- **buildSetSummary** (boolean). If True, send a single summary email consisting of the concatenation of all build completion messages rather than a completion message for each build. Defaults to False.
- relayhost (string). The host to which the outbound SMTP connection should be made. Defaults to 'localhost'
- **smtpPort** (int). The port that will be used on outbound SMTP connections. Defaults to 25.
- **useTls** (boolean). When this argument is True (default is False) MailNotifier requires that STARTTLS encryption is used for the connection with the relayhost. Authentication is required for STARTTLS so the arguments smtpUser and smtpPassword must also be specified.
- **useSmtps** (boolean). When this argument is True (default is False) MailNotifier connects to relayhost over an encrypted SSL/TLS connection. This configuration is typically used over port 465.
- smtpUser (string). The user name to use when authenticating with the relayhost. Can be a Secret.
- smtpPassword (string). The password that will be used when authenticating with the relayhost. Can be a
   Secret.
- **lookup** (implementer of IEmailLookup). Object which provides IEmailLookup, which is responsible for mapping User names (which come from the VC system) into valid email addresses.

If the argument is not provided, the MailNotifier will attempt to build the sendToInterestedUsers from the authors of the Changes that led to the Build via *User Objects*. If the author of one of the Build's Changes has an email address stored, it will added to the recipients list. With this method, owners are still added to the recipients. Note that, in the current implementation of user objects, email addresses are not stored; as a result, unless you have specifically added email addresses to the user database, this functionality is unlikely to actually send any emails.

Most of the time you can use a simple Domain instance. As a shortcut, you can pass as string: this will be treated as if you had provided Domain(str). For example, lookup='example.com' will allow mail to be sent to all developers whose SVN usernames match their example.com account names. See master/buildbot/reporters/mail.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/reporters/mail.py) for more details.

Regardless of the setting of lookup, MailNotifier will also send mail to addresses in the extraRecipients list.

- **messageFormatter** This is an optional instance of the reporters.MessageFormatter class that can be used to generate a custom mail message. This class uses the Jinja2 (http://jinja.pocoo.org/docs/dev/templates/) templating language to generate the body and optionally the subject of the mails. Templates can either be given inline (as string), or read from the filesystem.
- **extraHeaders** (dictionary). A dictionary containing key/value pairs of extra headers to add to sent e-mails. Both the keys and the values may be a *Interpolate* instance.
- watchedWorkers This is a list of names of workers, which should be watched. In case a worker get missing, a notification is sent. The value of watchedWorkers can also be set to *all* (default) or None. You also need to specify email address to which the notification is sent in the worker configuration.
- messageFormatterMissingWorker This is an optional instance of the reporters. messageFormatterMissingWorker class that can be used to generate a custom mail message for missing workers. This class uses the Jinja2 (http://jinja.pocoo.org/docs/dev/templates/) templating language to generate the body and optionally the subject of the mails. Templates can either be given inline (as string), or read from the filesystem.
- **dumpMailsToLog** If set to True, all completely formatted mails will be dumped to the log before being sent. This can be useful to debug problems with your mail provider. Be sure to only turn this on if you really need it, especially if you attach logs to emails. This can dump sensitive information to logs, and make them very large.

## MessageFormatter arguments

The easiest way to use the messageFormatter parameter is to create a new instance of the reporters. MessageFormatter class. The constructor to that class takes the following arguments:

- **template\_dir** This is the directory that is used to look for the various templates.
- template\_filename This is the name of the file in the template\_dir directory that will be used to generate
   the body of the mail. It defaults to default\_mail.txt.
- **template** If this parameter is set, this parameter indicates the content of the template used to generate the body of the mail as string.
- template\_type This indicates the type of the generated template. Use either 'plain' (the default) or 'html'.
- subject\_filename This is the name of the file in the template\_dir directory that contains the content of the
   subject of the mail.
- **subject** Alternatively, this is the content of the subject of the mail as string.
- **ctx** This is an extension of the standard context that will be given to the templates. Use this to add content to the templates that is otherwise not available.

Alternatively, you can subclass MessageFormatter and override the *buildAdditionalContext* in order to grab more context from the data API.

#### buildAdditionalContext (master, ctx)

#### **Parameters**

- **master** the master object
- **ctx** the context dictionary to enhance

**Returns** optionally deferred

default implementation will add self.ctx into the current template context

wantProperties This parameter (defaults to True) will extend the content of the given build object with the Properties from the build.

- wantSteps This parameter (defaults to False) will extend the content of the given build object with information about the steps of the build. Use it only when necessary as this increases the overhead in term of CPU and memory on the master.
- wantLogs This parameter (defaults to False) will extend the content of the steps of the given build object with the full Logs of each steps from the build. This requires wantSteps to be True. Use it only when mandatory as this increases the overhead in term of CPU and memory on the master greatly.

As a help to those writing Jinja2 templates the following table describes how to get some useful pieces of information from the various data objects:

Name of the builder that generated this event {{ buildername }}

Title of the BuildMaster {{ projects }}

MailNotifier mode {{ mode }} (a combination of change, failing, passing, problem, warnings, exception, all)

URL to build page {{ build\_url }}

URL to Buildbot main page {{ buildbot\_url }}

Status of the build as string. This require extending the context of the Formatter via the ctx parameter with: ctx=dict(statuses=util.Results).

```
{{ statuses[results] }}
```

Build text {{ build['state\_string'] }}

Mapping of property names to (values, source) {{ build['properties'] }}

For instance the build reason (from a forced build) {{ build['properties']['reason'][0] }}

Worker name { { workername } }

List of responsible users {{ blamelist | join(', ') }}

#### MessageFormatterMissingWorkers arguments

The easiest way to use the messageFormatterMissingWorkers parameter is to create a new instance of the reporters.MessageFormatterMissingWorkers class.

The constructor to that class takes the same arguments as MessageFormatter, minus wantLogs, wantProperties, wantSteps.

The default ctx for the missing worker email is made of:

buildbot\_title The Buildbot title as per c['title'] from the master.cfg

buildbot\_url The Buildbot title as per c['title'] from the master.cfg

**worker** The worker object as defined in the REST api plus two attributes:

**notify** List of emails to be notified for this worker.

**last\_connection** String describing the approximate the time of last connection for this worker.

### **Pushover Notifications**

class buildbot.reporters.pushover.PushoverNotifier

Apart of sending mail, Buildbot can send Pushover (https://pushover.net/) notifications. It can be used by administrators to receive an instant message to an iPhone or an Android device if a build fails. The PushoverNotifier reporter is used to accomplish this. Its configuration is very similar to the mail notifications, however—due to the notification size constrains—the logs and patches cannot be attached.

To use this reporter, you need to generate and application on the Pushover website https://pushover.net/apps/ and provide your user key and the API token.

The following simple example will send a Pushover notification upon the completion of each build. The notification contains a description of the Build, its results, and URLs where more information can be obtained. The user\_key and api\_token values should be replaced with proper ones obtained from the Pushover website for your application.

```
from buildbot.plugins import reporters
pn = reporters.PushoverNotifier(user_key="1234", api_token='abcd')
c['services'].append(pn)
```

This notifier supports parameters subject, mode. builders. schedulers. tags, branches, buildSetSummary, messageFormatter, watchedWorkers, and messageFormatterMissingWorker from the mail notifier. See above for their explanation. However, watchedWorkers defaults to None.

The following additional parameters are accepted by this class:

**user\_key** The user key from the Pushover website. It is used to identify the notification recipient. Can be a *Secret*.

api\_token API token for a custom application from the Pushover website. Can be a Secret.

**priorities** Dictionary of Pushover notification priorities. The keys of the dictionary can be change, failing, passing, warnings, exception and are equivalent to the mode strings. The values are integers between -2...2, specifying notification priority. In case a mode is missing from this dictionary, the default value of 0 is used.

otherParams Other parameters send to Pushover API. Check https://pushover.net/api/ for their list.

## **Pushjet Notifications**

class buildbot.reporters.pushover.PushjetNotifier

Pushjet (https://pushjet.io/) is another instant notification service, similar to *Pushover*. To use this reporter, you need to generate a Pushjet service and provide its secret.

The parameters subject, mode, builders, tags, schedulers, branches, buildSetSummary, messageFormatter, watchedWorkers, and messageFormatterMissingWorker are common with *mail* and *Pushover* notifier.

The Pushjet specific parameters are:

- **secret** This is a secret token for your Pushjet service. See http://docs.pushjet.io/docs/creating-a-new-service to learn how to create a new Pushjet service and get its secret token. Can be a *Secret*.
- **levels** Dictionary of Pushjet notification levels. The keys of the dictionary can be change, failing, passing, warnings, exception and are equivalent to the mode strings. The values are integers between 0...5, specifying notification priority. In case a mode is missing from this dictionary, the default value set by Pushover is used.

base\_url Base URL for custom Pushjet instances. Defaults to https://api.pushjet.io.

## **IRC Bot**

The *IRC* reporter creates an IRC bot which will attach to certain channels and be available for status queries. It can also be asked to announce builds as they occur, or be told to shut up.

The IRC Bot in buildbot nine, is mostly a rewrite, and not all functionality has been ported yet. Patches are very welcome for restoring the full functionality.

The following parameters are accepted by this class:

**host** (mandatory) The IRC server address to connect to.

nick (mandatory) The name this bot will use on the IRC server.

- channels (mandatory) This is a list of channels to join on the IRC server. Each channel can be a string (e.g.
  #buildbot), or a dictionary {'channel': '#buildbot', 'password': 'secret'} if each
  channel requires a different password. A global password can be set with the password parameter.
- pm\_to\_nicks (optional) This is a list of person to contact on the IRC server.
- authz (optional) Authentication list for commands. It must be a dictionary with command names or tuples of command names as keys. There are two special command names: '' (empty string) meaning any harmless command and '!' for dangerous commands (currently force, stop, and shutdown). The dictionary values are either True of False (which allows or deny commands for everybody) or a list of nicknames authorized to issue specified commands. By default, harmless commands are allowed for everybody and the dangerous ones are prohibited.

A sample authz parameter may look as follows:

```
authz=(
   'version': True,
   '': ['alice', 'bob'],
   ('force', 'stop'): ['alice'],
)
```

Anybody will be able to run the version command, *alice* and *bob* will be allowed to run any safe command and *alice* will also have the right to force and stop builds.

This parameter replaces older allowForce and allowShutdown, which are deprecated as they were considered a security risk.

**Note:** The authorization is purely nick-based, so it only makes sense if the specified nicks are registered to the IRC server.

- port (optional, default to 6667) The port to connect to on the IRC server.
- **tags** (optional) When set, this bot will only communicate about builders containing those tags. (tags functionality is not yet ported)
- **password** (optional) The global password used to register the bot to the IRC server. If provided, it will be sent to Nickserv to claim the nickname: some IRC servers will not allow clients to send private messages until they have logged in with a password. Can be a *Secret*.
- **notify\_events** (optional) A list or set of events to be notified on the IRC channels. At the moment, irc bot can listen to build 'start' and 'finish' events. It can also notify about missing workers and their return. This parameter can be changed during run-time by sending the notify command to the bot. Note however, that at the buildbot restart or reconfig the notifications listed here will be turned on for the specified channel and nicks. On the other hand, removing events from this parameters will not automatically stop notifications for them (you need to turn them off for every channel with the notify command).
- **noticeOnChannel** (optional, disabled by default) Whether to send notices rather than messages when communicating with a channel.
- **showBlameList** (optional, disabled by default) Whether or not to display the blame list for failed builds. (blame list functionality is not ported yet)
- **useRevisions** (optional, disabled by default) Whether or not to display the revision leading to the build the messages are about. (useRevisions functionality is not ported yet)
- **useSSL** (optional, disabled by default) Whether or not to use SSL when connecting to the IRC server. Note that this option requires PyOpenSSL (http://pyopenssl.sourceforge.net/).
- **lostDelay** (optional) Delay to wait before reconnecting to the server when the connection has been lost.
- failedDelay (optional) Delay to wait before reconnecting to the IRC server when the connection failed.
- **useColors** (optional, enabled by default) The bot can add color to some of its messages. You might turn it off by setting this parameter to False.

The following parameters are deprecated. You must not use them if you use the new authz parameter.

#### Note: Security Note

Please note that any user having access to your irc channel or can PM the bot will be able to create or stop builds bug #3377 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3377). Use authz to give explicit list of nicks who are allowed to do this.

allowForce (deprecated, disabled by default) This allow all users to force and stop builds via this bot.

allowShutdown (deprecated, disabled by default) This allow all users to shutdown the master.

To use the service, you address messages at the Buildbot, either normally (botnickname: status) or with private messages (/msg botnickname status). The Buildbot will respond in kind.

If you issue a command that is currently not available, the Buildbot will respond with an error message. If the noticeOnChannel=True option was used, error messages will be sent as channel notices instead of messaging.

Some of the commands currently available:

list builders Emit a list of all configured builders

status BUILDER Announce the status of a specific Builder: what it is doing right now.

status all Announce the status of all Builders

watch BUILDER If the given Builder is currently running, wait until the Build is finished and then announce the results.

- last BUILDER Return the results of the last build to run on the given Builder.
- **notify on | off | list EVENT** Report events relating to builds. If the command is issued as a private message, then the report will be sent back as a private message to the user who issued the command. Otherwise, the report will be sent to the channel. Available events to be notified are:
  - started A build has started.
  - **finished** A build has finished.
  - success A build finished successfully.
  - failure A build failed.
  - **exception** A build generated and exception.
  - cancelled A build was cancelled.
  - problem The previous build result was success or warnings, but this one ended with failure or exception.
  - **recovery** This is the opposite of problem: the previous build result was failure or exception and this one ended with success or warnings.
  - **worse** A build state was worse than the previous one (so e.g. it ended with warnings and the previous one was successful).
  - better A build state was better than the previous one.
  - **worker** A worker is missing. A notification is also send when the previously reported missing worker connects again.

By default this command can be executed by anybody. However, consider limiting it with authz, as enabling notifications in huge number of channels or private chats can cause some problems with your buildbot efficiency.

help COMMAND Describe a command. Use help commands to get a list of known commands.

**source** Announce the URL of the Buildbot's home page.

**version** Announce the version of this Buildbot.

Additionally, the config file may specify default notification options as shown in the example earlier.

If explicitly allowed in the authz config, some additional commands will be available:

- join CHANNEL Join the given IRC channel
- leave CHANNEL Leave the given IRC channel
- force build [--codebase=CODEBASE] [--branch=BRANCH] [--revision=REVISION] [--props=PROP1=V Tell the given Builder to start a build of the latest code. The user requesting the build and REASON are recorded in the Build status. The Buildbot will announce the build's status when it finishes.The user can specify a branch and/or revision with the optional parameters --branch=BRANCH and --revision=REVISION. The user can also give a list of properties with --props=PROP1=VAL1, PROP2=VAL2...
- **stop build BUILDER REASON** Terminate any running build in the given Builder. *REASON* will be added to the build status to explain why it was stopped. You might use this if you committed a bug, corrected it right away, and don't want to wait for the first build (which is destined to fail) to complete before starting the second (hopefully fixed) build.
- shutdown ARG Control the shutdown process of the Buildbot master. Available arguments are:

check Check if the Buildbot master is running or shutting down

start Start clean shutdown

**stop** Stop clean shutdown

now Shutdown immediately without waiting for the builders to finish

If the *tags* is set (see the tags option in *Builder Configuration*) changes related to only builders belonging to those tags of builders will be sent to the channel.

If the *useRevisions* option is set to *True*, the IRC bot will send status messages that replace the build number with a list of revisions that are contained in that build. So instead of seeing *build #253 of*..., you would see something like *build containing revisions* [a87b2c4]. Revisions that are stored as hashes are shortened to 7 characters in length, as multiple revisions can be contained in one build and may exceed the IRC message length limit.

Two additional arguments can be set to control how fast the IRC bot tries to reconnect when it encounters connection issues. lostDelay is the number of seconds the bot will wait to reconnect when the connection is lost, where as failedDelay is the number of seconds until the bot tries to reconnect when the connection failed. lostDelay defaults to a random number between 1 and 5, while failedDelay defaults to a random one between 45 and 60. Setting random defaults like this means multiple IRC bots are less likely to deny each other by flooding the server.

## **Telegram Bot**

Buildbot offers a bot, similar to the *IRC* for Telegram mobile and desktop messaging app. The bot can notify users and groups about build events, respond to status queries, or force and stop builds on request (if allowed to).

In order to use this reporter, you must first speak to BotFather (https://telegram.me/botfather) and create a new telegram bot (https://core.telegram.org/bots#creating-a-new-bot). A quick step-by-step procedure is as follows:

- 1. Start a chat with BotFather (https://telegram.me/botfather).
- 2. Type /newbot.
- 3. Enter a display name for your bot. It can be any string.
- 4. Enter a unique username for your bot. Usernames are 5-32 characters long and are case insensitive, but may only include Latin characters, numbers, and underscores. Your bot's username must end in *bot*, e.g. *MyBuildBot* or *MyBuildbotBot*.
- 5. You will be presented with a token for your bot. Save it, as you will need it for *TelegramBot* configuration.
- 6. Optionally, you may type / setcommands, select the username of your new bot and paste the following text:

```
commands - list available commands
force - force a build
getid - get user and chat ID
hello - say hello
help - give help for a command or one of it's arguments
last - list last build status for a builder
list - list configured builders or workers
nay - forget the current command
notify - notify me about build events
shutdown - shutdown the buildbot master
source - the source code for buildbot
status - list status of a builder (or all builders)
stop - stop a running build
version - show buildbot version
watch - announce the completion of an active build
```

If you do this, Telegram will provide hints about your bot commands.

7. If you want, you can set a custom picture and description for your bot.

After setting up the bot in Telegram, you should configure it in Buildbot.

The following parameters are accepted by this class:

bot\_token (mandatory) Bot token given by BotFather.

- **bot\_username** (optional) This should be set to the the bot unique username defined in BotFather. If this parameter is missing, it will be retrieved from the Telegram server. However, in case of the connection problems, configuration of the Buildbot will be interrupted. For this reason it is advised to set this parameter to the correct value.
- chat\_ids (optional) List of chats IDs to send notifications specified in the notify\_events parameter. For channels it should have form @channelusername and for private chats and groups it should be a numeric ID. To get it, talk to your bot or add it to a Telegram group and issue /getid command.

Note: In order to receive notification from the bot, you need to talk to it first (and hit the /start button) or add it to the group chat.

authz (optional) Authentication list for commands. It must be a dictionary with command names (without slashes) or tuples of command names as keys. There are two special command names: '' (empty string) meaning any harmless command and '!' for dangerous commands (currently /force, /stop, and /shutdown). The dictionary values are either True of False (which allows or deny commands for everybody) or a list of numeric IDs authorized to issue specified commands. By default, harmless commands are allowed for everybody and the dangerous ones are prohibited.

A sample authz parameter may look as follows:

```
authz=(
    'getid': True,
    '': [123456, 789012],
    ('force', 'stop'): [123456],
)
```

Anybody will be able to run the getid command, users with IDs 123456 and 789012 will be allowed to run any safe command and the user with ID 123456 will also have the right to force and stop builds.

- **tags** (optional) When set, this bot will only communicate about builders containing those tags. (tags functionality is not yet implemented)
- notify\_events (optional) A list or set of events to be notified on the Telegram chats. Telegram bot can listen to build 'start' and 'finish' events. It can also notify about missing workers and their return. This parameter can be changed during run-time by sending the /notify command to the bot. Note however, that at the buildbot restart or reconfig the notifications listed here will be turned on for the specified chats. On the other hand,

removing events from this parameters will not automatically stop notifications for them (you need to turn them off for every channel with the /notify command).

- **showBlameList** (optional, disabled by default) Whether or not to display the blame list for failed builds. (blame list functionality is not yet implemented)
- **useRevisions** (optional, disabled by default) Whether or not to display the revision leading to the build the messages are about. (useRevisions functionality is not yet implemented)
- useWebhook (optional, disabled by default) By default this bot receives messages from Telegram through polling. You can configure it to use a web-hook, which may be more efficient. However, this requires the web frontend of the Buildbot to be configured and accessible through HTTPS (not HTTP) on a public IP and port number 443, 80, 88, or 8443. Furthermore, the Buildbot configuration option buildbotURL must be correctly set. If you are using HTTP authentication, please ensure that the location buildbotURL/telegrambot\_token (e.g. https://buildbot.example.com/telegram123456:secret) is accessible by everybody.
- **certificate** (optional) A content of your server SSL certificate. This is necessary if the access to the Buildbot web interface is through HTTPS protocol with self-signed certificate and userWebhook is set to True.
- **pollTimeout** (optional) The time the bot should wait for Telegram to respond to polling using long polling (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Push\_technology#Long\_polling).
- **retryDelay** (optional) The delay the bot should wait before attempting to retry communication in case of no connection.

To use the service, you sent Telegram commands (messages starting with a slash) to the bot. In most cases you do not need to add any parameters; the bot will ask you about the details.

Some of the commands currently available:

- /getid Get ID of the user and group. This is useful to find the numeric IDs, which should be put in authz and chat\_ids configuration parameters.
- **/list** Emit a list of all configured builders, workers or recent changes.
- /status Announce the status of all builders.
- /watch You will be presented with a list of builders that are currently running. You can select any of them to be notified when the build finishes..
- **/last** Return the results of the last builds on every builder.
- **/notify** Report events relating to builds. If the command is issued as a private message, then the report will be sent back as a private message to the user who issued the command. Otherwise, the report will be sent to the group chat. Available events to be notified are:

started A build has started.

finished A build has finished.

**success** A build finished successfully.

failure A build failed.

**exception** A build generated and exception.

cancelled A build was cancelled.

- problem The previous build result was success or warnings, but this one ended with failure or exception.
- **recovery** This is the opposite of problem: the previous build result was failure or exception and this one ended with success or warnings.
- **worse** A build state was worse than the previous one (so e.g. it ended with warnings and the previous one was successful).

- **better** A build state was better than the previous one.
- **worker** A worker is missing. A notification is also send when the previously reported missing worker connects again.

By default this command can be executed by anybody. However, consider limiting it with authz, as enabling notifications in huge number of chats (of any kind) can cause some problems with your buildbot efficiency.

- **/help** Show short help for the commands.
- /commands List all available commands. If you explicitly type /commands botfather, the bot will respond with a list of commands with short descriptions, to be provided to BotFather.
- **/source** Announce the URL of the Buildbot's home page.
- /version Announce the version of this Buildbot.
- If explicitly allowed in the authz config, some additional commands will be available:
- **/force** Force a build. The bot will read configuration from every configured *ForceScheduler* and present you with the build parameters you can change. If you set all the required parameters, you will be given an option to start the build.
- /stop Stop a build. If there are any active builds, you will be presented with options to stop them.
- **/shutdown** Control the shutdown process of the Buildbot master. You will be presented with options to start a graceful shutdown, stop it or to shutdown immediately.

If you are in the middle of the conversation with the bot (e.g. it has just asked you a question), you can always stop the current command with a command /nay.

If the *tags* is set (see the tags option in *Builder Configuration*) changes related to only builders belonging to those tags of builders will be sent to the channel.

If the *useRevisions* option is set to *True*, the IRC bot will send status messages that replace the build number with a list of revisions that are contained in that build. So instead of seeing *build #253 of*..., you would see something like *build containing revisions a87b2c4*. Revisions that are stored as hashes are shortened to 7 characters in length, as multiple revisions can be contained in one build and may result in too long messages.

## GerritStatusPush

class buildbot.status.status\_gerrit.GerritStatusPush

*GerritStatusPush* sends review of the Change back to the Gerrit server, optionally also sending a message when a build is started. GerritStatusPush can send a separate review for each build that completes, or a single review summarizing the results for all of the builds.

**class GerritStatusPush** (server, username, reviewCB, startCB, port, reviewArg, startArg, summaryCB, summaryArg, identity\_file, builders, notify...)

- server (string) Gerrit SSH server's address to use for push event notifications.
- **username** (*string*) Gerrit SSH server's username.
- identity\_file (optional) Gerrit SSH identity file.
- **port** (*int*) (optional) Gerrit SSH server's port (default: 29418)
- **reviewCB** (optional) Called each time a build finishes. Build properties are available. Can be a deferred.

• **reviewArg** – (optional) argument passed to the review callback.

If reviewCB callback is specified, it must return a message and optionally labels. If no message is specified, nothing will be sent to Gerrit. It should return a dictionary:

For example:

```
def gerritReviewCB(builderName, build, result, master, arg):
    if result == util.RETRY:
        return dict()

    message = "Buildbot finished compiling your patchset\n"
    message += "on configuration: %s\n" % builderName
    message += "The result is: %s\n" % util.Results[result].upper()

    if arg:
        message += "\nFor more details visit:\n"
        message += build['url'] + "\n"

    if result == util.SUCCESS:
        verified = 1
    else:
        verified = -1

    return dict(message=message, labels={'Verified': verified})
```

Which require an extra import in the config:

from buildbot.plugins import util

- **startCB** (optional) Called each time a build is started. Build properties are available. Can be a deferred.
- **startArg** (optional) argument passed to the start callback.

If startCB is specified, it must return a message and optionally labels. If no message is specified, nothing will be sent to Gerrit. It should return a dictionary:

For example:

```
def gerritStartCB(builderName, build, arg):
    message = "Buildbot started compiling your patchset\n"
    message += "on configuration: %s\n" % builderName
    message += "See your build here: %s" % build['url']
    return dict(message=message)
```

• **summaryCB** – (optional) Called each time a buildset finishes. Each build in the buildset has properties available. Can be a deferred.

• **summaryArg** – (optional) argument passed to the summary callback.

If summaryCB callback is specified, it must return a message and optionally labels. If no message is specified, nothing will be sent to Gerrit. The message and labels should be a summary of all the builds within the buildset. It should return a dictionary:

```
For example:
```

```
def gerritSummaryCB(buildInfoList, results, status, arg):
    success = False
    failure = False
   msgs = []
    for buildInfo in buildInfoList:
       msg = "Builder %(name)s %(resultText)s (%(text)s)" %,
→buildInfo
        link = buildInfo.get('url', None)
        if link:
           msg += " - " + link
        else:
           msg += "."
        msgs.append(msg)
        if buildInfo['result'] == util.SUCCESS:
            success = True
        else:
            failure = True
    if success and not failure:
        verified = 1
    else:
        verified = -1
    return dict(message='\n\n'.join(msgs),
                labels={
                    'Verified': verified
                })
```

- **builders** (optional) list of builders to send results for. This method allows to filter results for a specific set of builder. By default, or if builders is None, then no filtering is performed.
- **notify** (optional) control who gets notified by Gerrit once the status is posted. The possible values for *notify* can be found in your version of the Gerrit documentation for the *gerrit review* command.
- wantSteps (optional, defaults to False) Extends the given build object with information about steps of the build. Use it only when necessary as this increases the overhead in term of CPU and memory on the master.
- wantLogs (optional, default to False) Extends the steps of the given build object with the full logs of the build. This requires wantSteps to be True. Use it only when mandatory

as this increases the overhead in term of CPU and memory on the master greatly.

Note: By default, a single summary review is sent; that is, a default summaryCB is provided, but no reviewCB or startCB.

Note: If reviewCB or summaryCB do not return any labels, only a message will be pushed to the Gerrit server.

#### See also:

master/docs/examples/git\_gerrit.cfg (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/docs/examples/git\_gerrit.cfg) and master/docs/examples/repo\_gerrit.cfg (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/docs/examples/repo\_gerrit.cfg) in the Buildbot distribution provide a full example setup of Git+Gerrit or Repo+Gerrit of *GerritStatusPush*.

#### **HttpStatusPush**

```
from buildbot.plugins import reporters
sp = reporters.HttpStatusPush(serverUrl="http://example.com/submit")
c['services'].append(sp)
```

*HttpStatusPush* builds on StatusPush and sends HTTP requests to serverUrl, with all the items jsonencoded. It is useful to create a status front end outside of Buildbot for better scalability.

It requires either txrequests (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/txrequests) or treq (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/treq) to be installed to allow interaction with http server.

**Note:** The json data object sent is completely different from the one that was generated by 0.8.x buildbot. It is indeed generated using data api.

**class** HttpStatusPush (serverUrl, user=None, password=None, auth=None, format\_fn=None, builders=None, wantProperties=False, wantSteps=False, wantPrevious-Build=False, wantLogs=False, debug=None, verify=None)

- **serverUrl** (*string*) the url where to do the http post
- user (string) the BasicAuth user to post as
- **password** (*string*) the BasicAuth user's password (can be a Secret).
- **auth** the authentication method to use. Refer to the documentation of the requests library for more information.
- **format\_fn** (*function*) a function that takes the build as parameter and returns a dictionary to be pushed to the server (as json).
- **builders** (*list*) only send update for specified builders
- wantProperties (boolean) include 'properties' in the build dictionary
- wantSteps (boolean) include 'steps' in the build dictionary
- wantLogs (boolean) include 'logs' in the steps dictionaries. This needs wantSteps=True. This dumps the *full* content of logs and may consume lots of memory and CPU depending on the log size.

- wantPreviousBuild (boolean) include 'prev\_build' in the build dictionary
- debug (boolean) logs every requests and their response
- **verify** (*boolean*) disable ssl verification for the case you use temporary self signed certificates
- **skipEncoding** (*boolean*) disables encoding of json data to bytes before pushing to server

### Json object spec

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The default json object sent is a build object augmented with some more data as follow.

```
"url": "http://yourbot/path/to/build",
    "<build data api values>": "[...]",
    "buildset": "<buildset data api values>",
    "builder": "<builder data api values>",
    "buildrequest": "<buildrequest data api values>"
```

If you want another format, don't hesitate to use the format\_fn parameter to customize the payload. The build parameter given to that function is of type *build*, optionally enhanced with properties, steps, and logs information.

### GitHubStatusPush

class buildbot.reporters.github.GitHubStatusPush

GitHubStatusPush publishes a build status using GitHub Status API (http://developer.github.com/v3/repos/statuses).

It requires txrequests (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/txrequests) package to allow interaction with GitHub REST API.

It is configured with at least a GitHub API token.

You can create a token from you own GitHub - Profile - Applications - Register new application (https://github.com/settings/applications) or use an external tool to generate one.

**class GitHubStatusPush** (token, startDescription=None, endDescription=None, context=None, baseURL=None, verbose=False, builders=None)

- token (*string*) token used for authentication. (can be a *Secret*)
- string startDescription (rendereable) Custom start message (default: 'Build started.')
- string endDescription (*rendereable*) Custom end message (default: 'Build done.')
- **string context** (*rendereable*) Passed to GitHub to differentiate between statuses. A static string can be passed or Interpolate for dynamic substitution. The default context is *buildbot/%(prop:buildername)s*.
- **baseURL** (*string*) specify the github api endpoint if you work with GitHub Enterprise
- verbose (boolean) if True, logs a message for each successful status push
- **builders** (*list*) only send update for specified builders

## GitHubCommentPush

class buildbot.reporters.github.GitHubCommentPush

GitHubCommentPush publishes a comment on a PR using GitHub Review Comments API (https://developer.github.com/v3/pulls/comments/).

It requires txrequests (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/txrequests) package to allow interaction with GitHub REST API.

It is configured with at least a GitHub API token. By default, it will only comment at the end of a build unless a startDescription is provided.

You can create a token from you own GitHub - Profile - Applications - Register new application (https://github.com/settings/applications) or use an external tool to generate one.

**class GitHubCommentPush** (token, startDescription=None, endDescription=None, baseURL=None, verbose=False, builders=None)

- token (*string*) token used for authentication. (can be a *Secret*)
- string startDescription (rendereable) Custom start message (default: None)
- string endDescription (*rendereable*) Custom end message (default: 'Build done.')
- **baseURL** (*string*) specify the github api endpoint if you work with GitHub Enterprise
- verbose (boolean) if True, logs a message for each successful status push

- builders (list) only send update for specified builders
- **verify** (*boolean*) disable ssl verification for the case you use temporary self signed certificates
- **debug** (*boolean*) logs every requests and their response

**Returns** string for comment, must be less than 65536 bytes.

Here's a complete example of posting build results as a github comment:

```
@util.renderer
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def getresults(props):
   all_logs=[]
   master = props.master
   steps = yield props.master.data.get(('builders', props.getProperty('buildername'),
for step in steps:
       if step['results'] == util.Results.index('failure'):
           logs = yield master.data.get(("steps", step['stepid'], 'logs'))
           for 1 in logs:
               all_logs.append('Step : {0} Result : {1}'.format(step['name'], util.
→Results[step['results']]))
               all_logs.append('```')
               l['stepname'] = step['name']
               l['content'] = yield master.data.get(("logs", l['logid'], 'contents'))
               step_logs = l['content']['content'].split('\n')
               include = False
               for i, sl in enumerate(step_logs):
                   all_logs.append(sl[1:])
               all_logs.append('```')
   return '\n'.join(all_logs)
gc = GitHubCommentPush(token='githubAPIToken',
                     endDescription=getresults,
                      context=Interpolate('buildbot/%(prop:buildername)s'))
c['services'].append(gc)
```

## **BitbucketServerStatusPush**

class buildbot.reporters.BitbucketServer.BitbucketServerStatusPush

*BitbucketServerStatusPush* publishes build status using BitbucketServer Build Integration REST API (https://developer.atlassian.com/static/rest/bitbucket-server/5.1.0/bitbucket-build-rest.html#idm46185565214672). The build status is published to a specific commit SHA in Bitbucket Server. It tracks the last build for each builderName for each commit built.

Specifically, it follows the Updating build status for commits (https://developer.atlassian.com/stash/docs/latest/how-tos/updating-build-status-for-commits.html) document.

It requires txrequests (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/txrequests) package to allow interaction with Bitbucket Server REST API.

It uses HTTP Basic AUTH. As a result, we recommend you use https in your base\_url rather than http.

class BitbucketServerStatusPush (base\_url, user, password, key=None, statusName=None, start-Description=None, endDescription=None, verbose=False, builders=None)

#### Parameters

- **base\_url** (*string*) The base url of the Bitbucket Server host, up to and optionally including the first / of the path.
- **user** (*string*) The Bitbucket Server user to post as. (can be a *Secret*)
- password (string) The Bitbucket Server user's password. (can be a Secret)
- **string key** (*renderable*) Passed to Bitbucket Server to differentiate between statuses. A static string can be passed or Interpolate for dynamic substitution. The default key is %(*prop:buildername*)s.
- string statusName (*renderable*) The name that is displayed for this status. The default name is nothing, so Bitbucket Server will use the key parameter.
- string startDescription (renderable) Custom start message (default: 'Build started.')
- string endDescription (*renderable*) Custom end message (default: 'Build done.')
- verbose (boolean) If True, logs a message for each successful status push.
- **builders** (*list*) Only send update for specified builders.
- **verify** (*boolean*) disable ssl verification for the case you use temporary self signed certificates
- **debug** (*boolean*) logs every requests and their response

### **BitbucketServerPRCommentPush**

class buildbot.reporters.BitbucketServer.BitbucketServerPRCommentPush

BitbucketServerPRCommentPush publishes a comment on a PR using Bitbucket Server REST API (https://developer.atlassian.com/static/rest/bitbucket-server/5.0.1/bitbucket-rest.html#idm45993793481168).

### BitBucketServerPRCommentPush(base\_url, user, password, messageFormatter=None, verbose=False

- **base\_url** (*string*) The base url of the Bitbucket server host
- user (string) The Bitbucket server user to post as. (can be a Secret)
- password (string) The Bitbucket server user's password. (can be a Secret)

- **messageFormatter** This is an optional instance of MessageFormatter that can be used to generate a custom comment.
- verbose (boolean) If True, logs a message for each successful status push.
- debug (boolean) logs every requests and their response
- **verify** (*boolean*) disable ssl verification for the case you use temporary self signed certificates
- mode (*list*) A list of strings which will determine the build status that will be reported. The values could be change, failing, passing, problem, warnings or exception. There are two shortcuts:
  - **all** Equivalent to (change, failing, passing, problem, warnings, exception)
  - warnings Equivalent to (warnings, failing).
- **tags** (*list*) A list of tag names to serve status information for. Defaults to None (all tags). Use either builders or tags, but not both.
- **builders** (*list*) Only send update for specified builders. Defaults to None (all builders). Use either builders or tags, but not both
- **schedulers** (*list*) A list of scheduler names to serve status information for. Defaults to None (all schedulers).
- **branches** (*list*) A list of branch names to serve status information for. Defaults to None (all branches).
- **buildSetSummary** (*boolean*) If true, post a comment when a build set is finished with all build completion messages in it, instead of doing it for each separate build.

Note: This reporter depends on the Bitbucket server hook to get the pull request url.

## **BitbucketStatusPush**

class buildbot.reporters.bitbucket.BitbucketStatusPush

```
from buildbot.plugins import reporters
bs = reporters.BitbucketStatusPush('oauth_key', 'oauth_secret')
c['services'].append(bs)
```

*BitbucketStatusPush* publishes build status using Bitbucket Build Status API (https://confluence.atlassian.com/bitbucket/buildstatus-resource-779295267.html). The build status is published to a specific commit SHA in Bitbucket. It tracks the last build for each builderName for each commit built.

It requires txrequests (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/txrequests) package to allow interaction with the Bitbucket REST and OAuth APIs.

It uses OAuth 2.x to authenticate with Bitbucket. To enable this, you need to go to your Bitbucket Settings -> OAuth page. Click "Add consumer". Give the new consumer a name, eg 'buildbot', and put in any URL as the callback (this is needed for Oauth 2.x but is not used by this reporter, eg 'http://localhost:8010/callback'). Give the consumer Repositories:Write access. After creating the consumer, you will then be able to see the OAuth key and secret.

**class BitbucketStatusPush** (oauth\_key, oauth\_secret, base\_url='https://api.bitbucket.org/2.0/repositories', oauth\_url='https://bitbucket.org/site/oauth2/access\_token', builders=None)

### Parameters

- **oauth\_key** (*string*) The OAuth consumer key. (can be a *Secret*)
- oauth\_secret (string) The OAuth consumer secret. (can be a Secret)
- base\_url (string) Bitbucket's Build Status API URL
- oauth\_url (string) Bitbucket's OAuth API URL
- builders (list) only send update for specified builders
- **verify** (*boolean*) disable ssl verification for the case you use temporary self signed certificates
- **debug** (*boolean*) logs every requests and their response

## GitLabStatusPush

```
class buildbot.reporters.gitlab.GitLabStatusPush
```

*GitLabStatusPush* publishes build status using GitLab Commit Status API (http://doc.gitlab.com/ce/api/commits.html#commit-status). The build status is published to a specific commit SHA in GitLab.

It requires txrequests (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/txrequests) package to allow interaction with GitLab Commit Status API.

It uses private token auth, and the token owner is required to have at least developer access to each repository. As a result, we recommend you use https in your base\_url rather than http.

**class GitLabStatusPush** (token, startDescription=None, endDescription=None, context=None, baseURL=None, verbose=False)

- **token** (*string*) Private token of user permitted to update status for commits. (can be a *Secret*)
- **startDescription** (*string*) Description used when build starts
- endDescription (string) Description used when build ends
- **context** (*string*) Name of your build system, eg. continuous-integration/buildbot
- **baseURL** (*string*) the base url of the GitLab host, up to and optionally including the first / of the path. Do not include /api/
- **verbose** (*string*) Be more verbose
- **verify** (*boolean*) disable ssl verification for the case you use temporary self signed certificates
- **debug** (*boolean*) logs every requests and their response

## **HipchatStatusPush**

class buildbot.reporters.hipchat.HipchatStatusPush

HipchatStatusPush publishes a custom message using Hipchat API v2 (https://www.hipchat.com/docs/apiv2). The message is published to a user and/or room in Hipchat,

It requires txrequests (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/txrequests) package to allow interaction with Hipchat API.

It uses API token auth, and the token owner is required to have at least message/notification access to each destination.

```
HipchatStatusPush(auth_token, endpoint="https://api.hipchat.com",
builder_room_map=None, builder_user_map=None,
wantProperties=False, wantSteps=False, wantPreviousBuild=False, wantLogs=False)
```

**Parameters** 

- **auth\_token** (*string*) Private API token with access to the "Send Message" and "Send Notification" scopes. (can be a *Secret*)
- endpoint (*string*) (optional) URL of your Hipchat server. Defaults to https://api. hipchat.com
- **builder\_room\_map** (*dictionary*) (optional) If specified, will forward events about a builder (based on name) to the corresponding room ID.
- **builder\_user\_map** (*dictionary*) (optional) If specified, will forward events about a builder (based on name) to the corresponding user ID.
- wantProperties (boolean) (optional) include 'properties' in the build dictionary
- wantSteps (boolean) (optional) include 'steps' in the build dictionary
- wantLogs (*boolean*) (optional) include 'logs' in the steps dictionaries. This needs wantSteps=True. This dumps the *full* content of logs.
- wantPreviousBuild (*boolean*) (optional) include 'prev\_build' in the build dictionary
- **verify** (*boolean*) disable ssl verification for the case you use temporary self signed certificates
- debug (boolean) logs every requests and their response

Note: No message will be sent if the message is empty or there is no destination found.

Note: If a builder name appears in both the room and user map, the same message will be sent to both destinations.

### Json object spec

The default json object contains the minimal required parameters to send a message to Hipchat.

If you require different parameters, the Hipchat reporter utilizes the template design pattern and will call *getRecipientList getMessage getExtraParams* before sending a message. This allows you to easily override the default implementation for those methods. All of those methods can be deferred.

#### Method signatures:

getRecipientList (self, build, event\_name)

### Parameters

- build A Build object
- event\_name (*string*) the name of the event trigger for this invocation. either 'new' or 'finished'

### **Returns** Deferred

The deferred should return a dictionary containing the key(s) 'id\_or\_email' for a private user message and/or 'room\_id\_or\_name' for room notifications.

#### getMessage (self, build, event\_name)

### Parameters

- build A Build object
- event\_name (*string*) the name of the event trigger for this invocation. either 'new' or 'finished'

#### **Returns** Deferred

The deferred should return a string to send to Hipchat.

### getExtraParams (self, build, event\_name)

### Parameters

- build A Build object
- event\_name (*string*) the name of the event trigger for this invocation. either 'new' or 'finished'

### Returns Deferred

The deferred should return a dictionary containing any extra parameters you wish to include in your JSON POST request that the Hipchat API can consume.

Here's a complete example:

```
class MyHipchatStatusPush(HipChatStatusPush):
    name = "MyHipchatStatusPush"
    # send all messages to the same room
    def getRecipientList(self, build, event_name):
        return {
            'room_id_or_name': 'AllBuildNotifications'
        }
```

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```
# only send notifications on finished events
def getMessage(self, build, event_name):
    event_messages = {
        'finished': 'Build finished.'
    }
    return event_messages.get(event_name, '')
# color notifications based on the build result
# and alert room on build failure
def getExtraParams(self, build, event_name):
    result = {}
    if event_name == 'finished':
        result['color'] = 'green' if build['results'] == 0 else 'red'
        result['notify'] = (build['results'] != 0)
    return result
```

### GerritVerifyStatusPush

#### class buildbot.status.status\_gerrit\_verify\_status.GerritVerifyStatusPush

GerritVerifyStatusPush sends a verify status to Gerrit using the verify-status (https://gerrit.googlesource.com/plugins/verify-status) Gerrit plugin.

It is an alternate method to GerritStatusPush, which uses the SSH API to send reviews.

The verify-status (https://gerrit.googlesource.com/plugins/verify-status) plugin allows several CI statuses to be sent for the same change, and display them separately in the Gerrit UI.

Most parameters are renderables

```
GerritVerifyStatusPush(
baseURL, auth,
startDescription="Build started.", endDescription="Build done.",
verification_name=Interpolate("%(prop:buildername)s"), abstain=False, category=None, report
verbose=False, **kwargs)
```

- **baseURL** (*string*) Gerrit HTTP base URL
- **auth** (*string*) a requests authentication configuration. (can be a *Secret*) if Gerrit is configured with BasicAuth, then it shall be ('login', 'password') if Gerrit is configured with DigestAuth, then it shall be requests.auth. HTTPDigestAuth('login', 'password') from the requests module.
- **string startDescription** (*renderable*) the comment sent when the build is starting.
- **string endDescription** (*renderable*) the comment sent when the build is finishing.
- **string verification\_name** (*renderable*) the name of the job displayed in the Gerrit UI.
- **boolean abstain** (*renderable*) whether this results should be counted as voting.
- boolean category (renderable) Category of the build.
- boolean reporter (renderable) The user that verified this build

- verbose (boolean) Whether to log every requests.
- **builders** (*list*) only send update for specified builders
- **verify** (*boolean*) disable ssl verification for the case you use temporary self signed certificates
- **debug** (boolean) logs every requests and their response

This reporter is integrated with GerritChangeSource, and will update changes detected by this change source.

This reporter can also send reports for changes triggered manually provided that there is a property in the build named gerrit\_changes, containing the list of changes that were tested. This property must be a list of dictionaries, containing change\_id and revision\_id keys, as defined in the revision endpoints of the Gerrit documentation (https://gerrit-review.googlesource.com/Documentation/rest-api-changes.html#revision-endpoints)

## ZulipStatusPush

```
class buildbot.reporters.zulip.ZulipStatusPush
```

ZulipStatusPush sends build status using The Zulip API (https://zulipchat.com/api/). The build status is sent to a user as a private message or in a stream in Zulip,

class ZulipStatusPush (endpoint, token, stream=None)

### Parameters

- endpoint (*string*) URL of your Zulip server.
- token (string) Private API token
- **stream** (*string*) The stream in which the build status is to be sent. Defaults to None

Note: A private message is sent if stream is set to None.

## Json object spec

The json object sent contains the following build status values.

```
"event": "new/finished",
"buildid": "<buildid>",
"buildername": "<builder name>",
"url": "<URL to the build>",
"project": "name of the project",
"timestamp": "<timestamp at start/finish>"
```

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

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## 2.5.14 Web Server

Note: As of Buildbot 0.9.0, the built-in web server replaces the old WebStatus plugin.

Buildbot contains a built-in web server. This server is configured with the www configuration key, which specifies a dictionary with the following keys:

- port The TCP port on which to serve requests. It might be an integer or any string accepted by serverFromString (https://twistedmatrix.com/documents/current/api/twisted.internet.endpoints.html#serverFromString) (ex: "tcp: 8010:interface=127.0.0.1" to listen on another interface). Note that SSL is not supported. To host Buildbot with SSL, use an HTTP proxy such as lighttpd, nginx, or Apache. If this is None, the default, then the master will not implement a web server.
- json\_cache\_seconds The number of seconds into the future at which an HTTP API response should expire.
- **rest\_minimum\_version** The minimum supported REST API version. Any versions less than this value will not be available. This can be used to ensure that no clients are depending on API versions that will soon be removed from Buildbot.
- plugins This key gives a dictionary of additional UI plugins to load, along with configuration for those plugins. These plugins must be separately installed in the Python environment, e.g., pip install buildbot-waterfall-view. See UI plugins For example:

```
c['www'] = {
    'plugins': {'waterfall_view': True}
}
```

**default\_page** Configure the default landing page of the web server, for example to forward directly to another plugin, for example:

```
c['www']['default_page'] = 'console'
```

- **debug** If true, then debugging information will be output to the browser. This is best set to false (the default) on production systems, to avoid the possibility of information leakage.
- allowed\_origins This gives a list of origins which are allowed to access the Buildbot API (including control via JSONRPC 2.0). It implements cross-origin request sharing (CORS), allowing pages at origins other than the Buildbot UI to use the API. Each origin is interpreted as filename match expression, with ? matching one character and \* matching anything. Thus ['\*'] will match all origins, and ['https://\*.buildbot.net'] will match secure sites under buildbot.net. The Buildbot UI will operate correctly without this parameter; it is only useful for allowing access from other web applications.
- auth Authentication module to use for the web server. See Authentication plugins.
- **avatar\_methods** List of methods that can be used to get avatar pictures to use for the web server. By default, buildbot uses Gravatar to get images associated with each users, if you want to disable this you can just specify empty list:

For use of corporate pictures, you can use LdapUserInfo, which can also acts as an avatar provider. See *Authentication plugins*.

**logfileName** Filename used for http access logs, relative to the master directory. If set to None or the empty string, the content of the logs will land in the main twisted.log log file. (Default to http.log)

- logRotateLength The amount of bytes after which the http.log file will be rotated. (Default to the same
  value as for the twisted.log file, set in buildbot.tac)
- **maxRotatedFiles** The amount of log files that will be kept when rotating (Default to the same value as for the twisted.log file, set in buildbot.tac)
- **versions** Custom component versions that you'd like to display on the About page. Buildbot will automatically prepend the versions of Python, twisted and buildbot itself to the list.

versions should be a list of tuples. for example:

```
c['www'] = {
    # ...
    'versions': [
        ('master.cfg', '0.1'),
        ('OS', 'Ubuntu 14.04'),
    ]
}
```

The first element of a tuple stands for the name of the component, the second stands for the corresponding version.

**custom\_templates\_dir** This directory will be parsed for custom angularJS templates to replace the one of the original website templates. You can use this to slightly customize buildbot look for your project, but to add any logic, you will need to create a full-blown plugin. if the directory string is relative, it will be joined to the master's basedir. Buildbot uses the jade file format natively (which has been renamed to 'pug' in the nodejs ecosystem), but you can also use html format if you prefer.

Either \*.jade files or \*.html files can be used, and will be used to override templates with the same name in the UI. On the regular nodejs UI build system, we use nodejs's pug module to compile jade into html. For custom\_templates, we use the pyjade interpreter to parse the jade templates, before sending them to the UI.pip install pyjade is be required to use jade templates. You can also override plugin's directives, but they have to be in another directory, corresponding to the plugin's name in its package.json. For example:

```
# replace the template whose source is in:
# www/base/src/app/builders/build/build.tpl.jade
build.jade # here we use a jade (aka pug) file
# replace the template whose source is in
# www/console_view/src/module/view/builders-header/console.tpl.jade
console_view/console.html # here we use html format
```

Known differences between nodejs's pug and pyjade:

 quotes in attributes are not quoted. https://github.com/syrusakbary/pyjade/issues/132 This means you should use double quotes for attributes e.g: tr(ng-repeat="br in buildrequests | orderBy:'-submitted\_at'")

change\_hook\_dialects See Change Hooks.

cookie\_expiration\_time

This allows to define the timeout of the session cookie. Should be a datetime.timedelta (https://docs.python.org/2/library/datetime.html#timedelta-objects). Default is one week.

```
import datetime
c['www'] = {
    # ...
    'cookie_expiration_time': datetime.timedelta(weeks=2)
}
```

ui\_default\_config

Settings in the settings page are stored per browser. This configuration parameter allows to override the default settings for all your users. If a user already have changed a value from the default, this will have no effect to him/her. The settings page in the UI will tell you what to insert in your master.cfg to reproduce the configuration you have in your own browser. Example use:

```
c['www']['ui_default_config'] = {
    'Builders.buildFetchLimit': 500,
    'Workers.showWorkerBuilders': True,
}
```

Note: The *buildbotURL* configuration value gives the base URL that all masters will use to generate links. The *www* configuration gives the settings for the webserver. In simple cases, the buildbotURL contains the hostname and port of the master, e.g., http://master.example.com:8010/. In more complex cases, with multiple masters, web proxies, or load balancers, the correspondence may be less obvious.

## **UI plugins**

## Waterfall View

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Waterfall shows the whole buildbot activity in vertical time line. Builds are represented with boxes whose height vary according to their duration. Builds are sorted by builders in the horizontal axes, which allows you to see how builders are scheduled together.

```
pip install buildbot-waterfall-view
c['www'] = {
    'plugins': {'waterfall_view': True}
```

**Note:** Waterfall is the emblematic view of Buildbot Eight. It allowed to see the whole Buildbot activity very quickly. Waterfall however had big scalability issues, and larger installs had to disable the page in order to avoid tens of seconds master hang because of a big waterfall page rendering. The whole Buildbot Eight internal status API has been tailored in order to make Waterfall possible. This is not the case anymore with Buildbot Nine, which has a more generic and scalable *Data API* and *REST API*. This is the reason why Waterfall does not display the steps details anymore. However nothing is impossible. We could make a specific REST api available to generate all the data needed for waterfall on the server. Please step-in if you want to help improve Waterfall view.

### **Console View**

Console view shows the whole buildbot activity arranged by changes as discovered by *Change Sources and Changes* vertically and builders horizontally. If a builder has no build in the current time range, it will not be displayed. If no change is available for a build, then it will generate a fake change according to the got\_revision property.

Console view will also group the builders by tags. When there are several tags defined per builders, it will first group the builders by the tag that is defined for most builders. Then given those builders, it will group them again in another tag cluster. In order to keep the UI usable, you have to keep your tags short!

```
pip install buildbot-console-view

c['www'] = {
    'plugins': {'console_view': True}
}
```

**Note:** Nine's Console View is the equivalent of Buildbot Eight's Console and tgrid views. Unlike Waterfall, we think it is now feature equivalent and even better, with its live update capabilities. Please submit an issue if you think there is an issue displaying your data, with screen shots of what happen and suggestion on what to improve.

## **Grid View**

Grid view shows the whole buildbot activity arranged by builders vertically and changes horizontally. It is equivalent to Buildbot Eight's grid view.

By default, changes on all branches are displayed but only one branch may be filtered by the user. Builders can also be filtered by tags. This feature is similar to the one in the builder list.

```
pip install buildbot-grid-view
c['www'] = {
    'plugins': {'grid_view': True}
}
```

### **Badges**

Buildbot badges plugin produces an image in SVG or PNG format with information about the last build for the given builder name. PNG generation is based on the CAIRO (https://www.cairographics.org/) SVG engine, it requires a bit more CPU to generate.

```
pip install buildbot-badges
c['www'] = {
    'plugins': {'badges': {}}
}
```

You can the access your builder's badges using urls like <a href="http://statlebotuRL>/badges/statlebotuRL>/badges/statlebotuRL>.svg">http://statlebotuRL>/badges/statlebotuRL>/badges/statlebotuRL>.svg</a>. The default templates are very much configurable via the following options.

```
{
    "left_pad" : 5,
    "left_text": "Build Status", # text on the left part of the image
    "left_color": "#555", # color of the left part of the image
    "right_pad" : 5,
    "border_radius" : 5, #Border Radius on flat and plastic badges
    "style": "plastic", # style of the template availables are "flat", "flat-square",
    "plastic"
    "template_name": "{style}.svg.j2", # name of the template
    "font_face": "DejaVu Sans",
    "font_size": 11,
```

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```
"color_scheme": {  # color to be used for right part of the image
   "exception": "#007ec6", # blue
   "failure": "#e05d44",
                            # red
   "retry": "#007ec6",
                           # blue
   "running": "#007ec6",
                            # blue
   "skipped": "a4a61d",
                            # yellowgreen
   "success": "#4c1",
                            # brightgreen
                         # lightgrey
"
   "unknown": "#9f9f9f",
   "warnings": "#dfb317"
                           # yellow
}
```

Those options can be configured either using the plugin configuration:

```
c['www'] = {
    'plugins': {'badges': {"left_color": "#222"}}
}
```

Or via the URL arguments like <a href="http://statlebotuRL>/badges/statl

## The badgeio template

A badges template was developed to standardize upon a consistent "look and feel" across the usage of multiple CI/CD solutions; eg: use of Buildbot, Codecov.io, and Travis-CI. An example is shown below.

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}

To ensure the correct "look and feel", the following Buildbot configuration is needed:

```
c['www'] = {
    'plugins': {'badges': {"left_pad": 0, "right_pad": 0, "border_radius": 3, "style
    +": "badgeio"}}
}
```

**Note:** It is highly recommended to use only with SVG.

#### Authentication plugins

By default, Buildbot does not require people to authenticate in order to access control features in the web UI. To secure Buildbot, you will need to configure an authentication plugin.

**Note:** To secure the Buildbot web interface, authorization rules must be provided via the 'authz' configuration. If you simply wish to lock down a Buildbot instance so that only read only access is permitted, you can restrict access to control endpoints to an unpopulated 'admin' role. For example:

**Note:** As of Buildbot 0.9.4, user session is managed via a JWT (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JSON\_Web\_Token) token, using HS256 (https://pyjwt.readthedocs.io/en/latest/algorithms.html) algorithm. The session secret is stored in the database in the object\_state table with name column being session\_secret. Please make sure appropriate access restriction is made to this database table.

Authentication plugins are implemented as classes, and passed as the auth parameter to www.

The available classes are described here:

```
class buildbot.www.auth.NoAuth
This class is the default authentication plugin, which disables authentication
```

```
class buildbot.www.auth.UserPasswordAuth(users)
```

```
Parameters users - list of ("user", "password") tuples, or a dictionary of {"user":
    "password", ..}
```

Simple username/password authentication using a list of user/password tuples provided in the configuration file.

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
c['www'] = {
    # ...
    'auth': util.UserPasswordAuth({"homer": "doh!"}),
}
```

#### class buildbot.www.auth.CustomAuth

This authentication class means to be overridden with a custom check\_credentials method that gets username and password as arguments and check if the user can login. You may use it e.g. to check the credentials against an external database or file.

```
from buildbot.plugins import util

class MyAuth(util.CustomAuth):
    def check_credentials(self, user, password):
        if user == 'snow' and password == 'white':
            return True
        else:
            return False

from buildbot.plugins import util
c['www']['auth'] = MyAuth()
```

class buildbot.www.auth.HTPasswdAuth(passwdFile)

Parameters passwdFile - An . htpasswd file to read

This class implements simple username/password authentication against a standard .htpasswd file.

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
c['www'] = {
    # ...
    'auth': util.HTPasswdAuth("my_htpasswd"),
}
```

class buildbot.www.oauth2.GoogleAuth(clientId, clientSecret)

#### Parameters

• clientId – The client ID of your buildbot application

• clientSecret – The client secret of your buildbot application

This class implements an authentication with Google (https://developers.google.com/accounts/docs/OAuth2) single sign-on. You can look at the Google (https://developers.google.com/accounts/docs/OAuth2) oauth2 documentation on how to register your Buildbot instance to the Google systems. The developer console will give you the two parameters you have to give to GoogleAuth

Register your Buildbot instance with the BUILDBOT\_URL/auth/login url as the allowed redirect URI.

Example:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
c['www'] = {
    # ...
    'auth': util.GoogleAuth("clientid", "clientsecret"),
}
```

in order to use this module, you need to install the Python requests module

```
pip install requests
```

class buildbot.www.oauth2.GitHubAuth(clientId, clientSecret)

param clientId The client ID of your buildbot application

param clientSecret The client secret of your buildbot application

param serverURL The server URL if this is a GitHub Enterprise server.

- **param apiVersion** The GitHub API version to use. One of 3 or 4 (V3/REST or V4/GraphQL). Default=3.
- **param getTeamsMembership** When True fetch all team memberships for each or the organizations the user belongs to. The teams will be included in the user's groups as org-name/team-name.
- **param debug** When True and using apiVersion=4 show some additional log calls with the GraphQL queries and responses for debugging purposes.

This class implements an authentication with GitHub (http://developer.github.com/v3/oauth\_authorizations/) single sign-on. It functions almost identically to the *GoogleAuth* class.

Register your Buildbot instance with the BUILDBOT\_URL/auth/login url as the allowed redirect URI.

The user's email-address (for e.g. authorization) is set to the "primary" address set by the user in GitHub. When using group-based authorization, the user's groups are equal to the names of the GitHub organizations the user is a member of.

Example:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
c['www'] = {
    # ...
    'auth': util.GitHubAuth("clientid", "clientsecret"),
}
```

Example for Enterprise GitHub:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
c['www'] = {
    # ...
```

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```
'auth': util.GitHubAuth("clientid", "clientsecret", "https://git.corp.

→mycompany.com"),
}
```

An example on fetching team membership could be:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
c['www'] = {
    # ...
    'auth': util.GitHubAuth("clientid", "clientsecret", apiVersion=4,__
    •getTeamsMembership=True),
    'authz': util.Authz(
        allowRules=[
            util.AnyControlEndpointMatcher(role="core-developers"),
        ],
        roleMatchers=[
            util.RolesFromGroups(groupPrefix='buildbot/')
        ]
        )
}
```

If the buildbot organization had two teams, for example, 'core-developers' and 'contributors', with the above example, any user belonging to those teams would be granted the roles matching those team names.

class buildbot.www.oauth2.GitLabAuth(instanceUri, clientId, clientSecret)

#### **Parameters**

- instanceUri The URI of your GitLab instance
- clientId The client ID of your buildbot application
- clientSecret The client secret of your buildbot application

This class implements an authentication with GitLab (http://doc.gitlab.com/ce/integration/oauth\_provider.html) single sign-on. It functions almost identically to the *GoogleAuth* class.

Register your Buildbot instance with the BUILDBOT\_URL/auth/login url as the allowed redirect URI.

Example:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
c['www'] = {
    # ...
    'auth': util.GitLabAuth("https://gitlab.com", "clientid", "clientsecret"),
}
```

class buildbot.www.oauth2.BitbucketAuth(clientId, clientSecret)

#### Parameters

- clientId The client ID of your buildbot application
- clientSecret The client secret of your buildbot application

This class implements an authentication with Bitbucket (https://confluence.atlassian.com/bitbucket/oauth-on-bitbucket-cloud-238027431.html) single sign-on. It functions almost identically to the *GoogleAuth* class.

Register your Buildbot instance with the BUILDBOT\_URL/auth/login url as the allowed redirect URI.

Example:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
c['www'] = {
    # ...
    'auth': util.BitbucketAuth("clientid", "clientsecret"),
}
```

class buildbot.www.auth.RemoteUserAuth

#### **Parameters**

- header header to use to get the username (defaults to REMOTE\_USER)
- headerRegex regular expression to get the username from header value (defaults to "(?P<username>[^ @]+)@(?P<realm>[^ @]+)"). Note that your at least need to specify a ?P<username> regular expression named group.
- userInfoProvider user info provider; see User Information

If the Buildbot UI is served through a reverse proxy that supports HTTP-based authentication (like apache or lightpd), it's possible to to tell Buildbot to trust the web server and get the username from th request headers.

Administrator must make sure that it's impossible to get access to Buildbot using other way than through frontend. Usually this means that Buildbot should listen for incoming connections only on localhost (or on some firewall-protected port). The reverse proxy must require HTTP authentication to access Buildbot pages (using any source for credentials, such as htpasswd, PAM, LDAP, Kerberos).

Example:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
c['www'] = {
    # ...
    'auth': util.RemoteUserAuth(),
}
```

A corresponding Apache configuration example

```
<Location "/">
       AuthType Kerberos
       AuthName "Buildbot login via Kerberos"
       KrbMethodNegotiate On
       KrbMethodK5Passwd On
       KrbAuthRealms <<YOUR CORP REALMS>>
       KrbVerifyKDC off
       KrbServiceName Any
       Krb5KeyTab /etc/krb5/krb5.keytab
       KrbSaveCredentials Off
       require valid-user
       Order allow, deny
       Satisfy Any
       #] SSO
       RewriteEngine On
       RewriteCond %{LA-U:REMOTE_USER} (.+)$
       RewriteRule . - [E=RU:%1,NS]
       RequestHeader set REMOTE_USER %{RU}e
</Location>
```

The advantage of this sort of authentication is that it is uses a proven and fast implementation for authentication. The problem is that the only information that is passed to Buildbot is the username, and there is no way to pass any other information like user email, user groups, etc. That information can be very useful to the mailstatus plugin, or for authorization processes. See *User Information* for a mechanism to supply that information.

#### **User Information**

For authentication mechanisms which cannot provide complete information about a user, Buildbot needs another way to get user data. This is useful both for authentication (to fetch more data about the logged-in user) and for avatars (to fetch data about other users).

This extra information is provided by, appropriately enough, user info providers. These can be passed to *RemoteUserAuth* and as an element of avatar\_methods.

This can also be passed to oauth2 authentication plugins. In this case the username provided by oauth2 will be used, and all other information will be taken from ldap (Full Name, email, and groups):

Currently only one provider is available:

```
class buildbot.ldapuserinfo.LdapUserInfo(uri, bindUser, bindPw, accountBase, account
Pattern, groupBase=None, groupMemberPat-
tern=None, groupName=None, accountFull-
Name, accountEmail, avatarPattern=None,
avatarData=None, accountExtraFields=None)
```

#### **Parameters**

- uri uri of the ldap server
- **bindUser** username of the ldap account that is used to get the infos for other users (usually a "faceless" account)
- **bindPw** password of the bindUser
- **accountBase** the base dn (distinguished name)of the user database
- **accountPattern** the pattern for searching in the account database. This must contain the % (username) s string, which is replaced by the searched username
- **accountFullName** the name of the field in account ldap database where the full user name is to be found.
- **accountEmail** the name of the field in account ldap database where the user email is to be found.
- **groupBase** the base dn of the groups database.
- groupMemberPattern the pattern for searching in the group database. This must contain the % (dn) s string, which is replaced by the searched username's dn
- **groupName** the name of the field in groups ldap database where the group name is to be found.
- **avatarPattern** the pattern for searching avatars from emails in the account database. This must contain the % (email) s string, which is replaced by the searched email
- **avatarData** the name of the field in groups ldap database where the avatar picture is to be found. This field is supposed to contain the raw picture, format is automatically detected from jpeg, png or git.
- accountExtraFields extra fields to extracts for use with the authorization policies.

If one of the three optional groups parameters is supplied, then all of them become mandatory. If none is supplied, the retrieved user info has an empty list of groups.

Example:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
# this configuration works for MS Active Directory ldap implementation
# we use it for user info, and avatars
userInfoProvider = util.LdapUserInfo(
   uri='ldap://ldap.mycompany.com:3268',
   bindUser='ldap_user',
   bindPw='p4$$wd',
   accountBase='dc=corp, dc=mycompany, dc=com',
   groupBase='dc=corp, dc=mycompany, dc=com',
   accountPattern='(&(objectClass=person)(sAMAccountName=%(username)s))',
   accountFullName='displayName',
   accountEmail='mail',
   groupMemberPattern='(& (objectClass=group) (member=%(dn)s))',
   groupName='cn',
   avatarPattern='(& (objectClass=person) (mail=% (email)s))',
   avatarData='thumbnailPhoto',
c['www'] = dict(port=PORT, allowed_origins=["*"],
                url=c['buildbotURL'],
                auth=util.RemoteUserAuth(userInfoProvider=userInfoProvider),
                avatar_methods=[userInfoProvider,
                                util.AvatarGravatar()])
```

Note: In order to use this module, you need to install the ldap3 module:

pip install ldap3

In the case of oauth2 authentications, you have to pass the userInfoProvider as keyword argument:

#### **Reverse Proxy Configuration**

It is usually better to put buildbot behind a reverse proxy in production.

- Provides automatic gzip compression
- Provides SSL support with a widely used implementation
- Provides support for http/2 or spdy for fast parallel REST api access from the browser

Reverse proxy however might be problematic for websocket, you have to configure it specifically to pass web socket requests. Here is an nginx configuration that is known to work (nginx 1.6.2):

```
server {
       # Enable SSL and http2
       listen 443 ssl http2 default_server;
       server_name yourdomain.com;
       root html;
       index index.html index.htm;
       ssl on:
       ssl_certificate /etc/nginx/ssl/server.cer;
       ssl_certificate_key /etc/nginx/ssl/server.key;
        # put a one day session timeout for websockets to stay longer
       ssl_session_cache
                          shared:SSL:10m;
       ssl_session_timeout 1440m;
        # please consult latest nginx documentation for current secure encryption.
→settings
       ssl_protocols ..
       ssl_ciphers ..
       ssl_prefer_server_ciphers
                                    on;
        #
       # force https
       add_header Strict-Transport-Security "max-age=31536000; includeSubdomains;";
        spdy_headers_comp 5;
       proxy_set_header HOST $host;
       proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
       proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
       proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto $scheme;
       proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Server $host;
       proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Host $host;
       # you could use / if you use domain based proxy instead of path based proxy
       location /buildbot/ {
           proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:5000/;
        }
        location /buildbot/sse/ {
            # proxy buffering will prevent sse to work
           proxy_buffering off;
           proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:5000/sse/;
        }
        # required for websocket
       location /buildbot/ws {
           proxy_http_version 1.1;
           proxy_set_header Upgrade $http_upgrade;
           proxy_set_header Connection "upgrade";
           proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:5000/ws;
            # raise the proxy timeout for the websocket
           proxy_read_timeout 6000s;
        }
```

To run with Apache2, you'll need mod\_proxy\_wstunnel (https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/mod/mod\_proxy\_wstunnel.html) in addition to mod\_proxy\_http (https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/mod/mod\_proxy\_http.html). Serving HTTPS (mod\_ssl (https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/mod/mod\_ssl.html)) is advised to prevent issues with enterprise proxies

(see Server Sent Events), even if you don't need the encryption itself.

Here is a configuration that is known to work (Apache 2.4.10 / Debian 8, Apache 2.4.25 / Debian 9, Apache 2.4.6 / CentOS 7), directly at the top of the domain.

If you want to add access control directives, just put them in a <Location />.

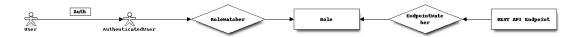
```
<VirtualHost *:443>
   ServerName buildbot.example
   ServerAdmin webmaster@buildbot.example
    # replace with actual port of your Buildbot master
   ProxyPass /ws ws://127.0.0.1:8020/ws
   ProxyPassReverse /ws ws://127.0.0.1:8020/ws
   ProxyPass / http://127.0.0.1:8020/
   ProxyPassReverse / http://127.0.0.1:8020/
   SetEnvIf X-Url-Scheme https HTTPS=1
   ProxyPreserveHost On
   SSLEngine on
   SSLCertificateFile /path/to/cert.pem
   SSLCertificateKeyFile /path/to/cert.key
    # check Apache2 documentation for current safe SSL settings
    # This is actually the Debian 8 default at the time of this writing:
   SSLProtocol all -SSLv3
</VirtualHost>
```

## Authorization rules

The authorization framework in Buildbot is very generic and flexible. Drawback is that it is not very obvious for newcomers. The 'simple' example will however allow you to easily start by implementing an admins-have-all-rights setup.

Please carefully read the following documentation to understand how to setup authorization in Buildbot.

Authorization framework is tightly coupled to the REST API. Authorization framework only works for HTTP, not for other means of interaction like IRC or try scheduler. It allows or denies access to the REST APIs according to rules.



• Roles is a label that you give to a user.

It is similar but different to the usual notion of group:

- A user can have several roles, and a role can be given to several users.
- Role is an application specific notion, while group is more organization specific notion.
- Groups are given by the auth plugin, e.g ldap, github, and are not always in the precise control of the buildbot admins.
- Roles can be dynamically assigned, according to the context. For example, there is the owner role, which can be given to a user for a build that he is at the origin, so that he can stop or rebuild only builds of his own.

- Endpoint matchers associate role requirements to REST API endpoints. The default policy is allow in case no matcher matches (see below why)
- Role matchers associate authenticated users to roles.

### **Authz Configuration**

class buildbot.www.authz.Authz(allowRules=[], roleMatcher=[], strings-Matcher=util.fnmatchStrMatcher)

#### Parameters

- **allowRules** List of EndpointMatcherBase processed in order for each endpoint grant request.
- roleMatcher List of RoleMatchers
- **stringsMatcher** Selects algorithm used to make strings comparison (used to compare roles and builder names). can be util.fnmatchStrMatcher or util. reStrMatcher from from buildbot.plugins import util

Authz needs to be configured in c['www']['authz']

#### **Endpoint matchers**

Endpoint matchers are responsible for creating rules to match REST endpoints, and requiring roles for them. Endpoint matchers are processed in the order they are configured. The first rule matching an endpoint will prevent further rules from being checked. To continue checking other rules when the result is *deny*, set *defaultDeny=False*. If no endpoint matcher matches, then the access is granted.

One can implement the default deny policy by putting an AnyEndpointMatcher with nonexistent role in the end of the list. Please note that this will deny all REST apis, and most of the UI do not implement proper access denied message in case of such error.

The following sequence is implemented by each EndpointMatcher class.

- · Check whether the requested endpoint is supported by this matcher
- Get necessary info from data api, and decides whether it matches.
- Look if the users has the required role.

Several endpoints matchers are currently implemented. If you need a very complex setup, you may need to implement your own endpoint matchers. In this case, you can look at the source code for detailed examples on how to write endpoint matchers.

class buildbot.www.authz.endpointmatchers.EndpointMatcherBase(role, default-Deny=True)

### Parameters

- **role** The role which grants access to this endpoint. List of roles is not supported, but a fnmatch expression can be provided to match several roles.
- **defaultDeny** The role matcher algorithm will stop if this value is true, and if the endpoint matched.

This is the base endpoint matcher. Its arguments are inherited by all the other endpoint matchers.

class buildbot.www.authz.endpointmatchers.AnyEndpointMatcher(role)

**Parameters role** – The role which grants access to any endpoint.

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AnyEndpointMatcher grants all rights to people with given role (usually "admins")

class buildbot.www.authz.endpointmatchers.AnyControlEndpointMatcher(role)

Parameters role – The role which grants access to any control endpoint.

AnyControlEndpointMatcher grants control rights to people with given role (usually "admins") This endpoint matcher is matches current and future control endpoints. You need to add this in the end of your configuration to make sure it is future proof.

class buildbot.www.authz.endpointmatchers.ForceBuildEndpointMatcher(builder,

#### Parameters

- **builder** name of the builder.
- **role** The role needed to get access to such endpoints.

ForceBuildEndpointMatcher grants right to force builds.

class buildbot.www.authz.endpointmatchers.StopBuildEndpointMatcher(builder,

#### Parameters

- **builder** name of the builder.
- **role** The role needed to get access to such endpoints.

StopBuildEndpointMatcher grants rights to stop builds.

class buildbot.www.authz.endpointmatchers.RebuildBuildEndpointMatcher(builder,

#### **Parameters**

- **builder** name of the builder.
- **role** The role needed to get access to such endpoints.

RebuildBuildEndpointMatcher grants rights to rebuild builds.

class buildbot.www.authz.endpointmatchers.EnableSchedulerEndpointMatcher (builder,

Parameters

- **builder** name of the builder.
- **role** The role needed to get access to such endpoints.

EnableSchedulerEndpointMatcher grants rights to enable and disable schedulers via the UI.

### **Role matchers**

Role matchers are responsible for creating rules to match people and grant them roles. You can grant roles from groups information provided by the Auth plugins, or if you prefer directly to people's email.

class buildbot.www.authz.roles.RolesFromGroups(groupPrefix)

Parameters groupPrefix – prefix to remove from each group

RolesFromGroups grants roles from the groups of the user. If a user has group buildbot-admin, and groupPrefix is buildbot-, then user will be granted the role 'admin'

ex:

```
roleMatchers=[
   util.RolesFromGroups(groupPrefix="buildbot-")
]
```

class buildbot.www.authz.roles.RolesFromEmails (roledict)

Parameters roledict - dictionary with key=role, and value=list of email strings

RolesFromEmails grants roles to users according to the hardcoded emails.

ex:

```
roleMatchers=[
  util.RolesFromEmails(admins=["my@email.com"])
]
```

class buildbot.www.authz.roles.RolesFromDomain(roledict)

Parameters roledict - dictionary with key=role, and value=list of domain strings

RolesFromDomain grants roles to users according to their email domains. If a user tried to login with email foo@gmail.com, then user will be granted the role 'admins'.

ex:

```
roleMatchers=[
   util.RolesFromDomain(admins=["gmail.com"])
]
```

class buildbot.www.authz.roles.RolesFromOwner(roledict)

Parameters roledict – dictionary with key=role, and value=list of email strings

RolesFromOwner grants a given role when property owner matches the email of the user

ex:

```
roleMatchers=[
    RolesFromOwner(role="owner")
]
```

class buildbot.www.authz.roles.RolesFromUsername(roles, usernames)

**Parameters** 

- **roles** roles to assign when the username matches.
- **usernames** list of usernames that have the roles.

RolesFromUsername grants the given roles when the username property is within the list of usernames.

ex:

```
roleMatchers=[
    RolesFromUsername(roles=["admins"], usernames=["root"]),
    RolesFromUsername(roles=["developers", "integrators"], usernames=["Alice",
    ""Bob"])
]
```

### **Example Configs**

Simple config which allows admin people to control everything, but allow anonymous to look at build results:

```
from buildbot.plugins import *
authz = util.Authz(
    allowRules=[
        util.AnyControlEndpointMatcher(role="admins"),
    ],
    roleMatchers=[
        util.RolesFromEmails(admins=["my@email.com"])
    ]
)
auth=util.UserPasswordAuth({'my@email.com': 'mypass'})
c['www']['auth'] = auth
c['www']['authz'] = authz
```

More complex config with separation per branch:

```
from buildbot.plugins import *
authz = util.Authz(
   stringsMatcher=util.fnmatchStrMatcher, # simple matcher with '*' glob character
    # stringsMatcher = util.reStrMatcher, # if you prefer regular expressions
   allowRules=[
        # admins can do anything,
        # defaultDeny=False: if user does not have the admin role, we continue_
⇔parsing rules
       util.AnyEndpointMatcher(role="admins", defaultDeny=False),
        util.StopBuildEndpointMatcher(role="owner"),
        # *-try groups can start "try" builds
        util.ForceBuildEndpointMatcher(builder="try", role="*-try"),
        # *-mergers groups can start "merge" builds
       util.ForceBuildEndpointMatcher(builder="merge", role="*-mergers"),
        # *-releasers groups can start "release" builds
        util.ForceBuildEndpointMatcher(builder="release", role="*-releasers"),
        # if future Buildbot implement new control, we are safe with this last rule
       util.AnyControlEndpointMatcher(role="admins")
    ],
    roleMatchers=[
        RolesFromGroups(groupPrefix="buildbot-"),
        RolesFromEmails(admins=["homer@springfieldplant.com"],
                        reaper-try=["007@mi6.uk"]),
        # role owner is granted when property owner matches the email of the user
        RolesFromOwner(role="owner")
    1
c['www']['authz'] = authz
```

Using GitHub authentication and allowing access to control endpoints for users in the "Buildbot" organization:

```
from buildbot.plugins import *
authz = util.Authz(
    allowRules=[
    util.AnyControlEndpointMatcher(role="BuildBot")
```

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```
],
roleMatchers=[
   util.RolesFromGroups()
]
auth=util.GitHubAuth('CLIENT_ID', 'CLIENT_SECRET')
c['www']['auth'] = auth
c['www']['authz'] = authz
```

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

## 2.5.15 Change Hooks

The /change\_hook url is a magic URL which will accept HTTP requests and translate them into changes for buildbot. Implementations (such as a trivial json-based endpoint and a GitHub implementation) can be found in master/buildbot/www/hooks (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/buildbot/www/hooks). The format of the url is /change\_hook/DIALECT where DIALECT is a package within the hooks directory. Change\_hook is disabled by default and each DIALECT has to be enabled separately, for security reasons

An example www configuration line which enables change\_hook and two DIALECTS:

```
c['www'] = dict(
    change_hook_dialects={
        'base': True,
        'somehook': {'option1':True,
            'option2':False},
    },
)
```

Within the www config dictionary arguments, the change\_hook key enables/disables the module and change\_hook\_dialects whitelists DIALECTs where the keys are the module names and the values are optional arguments which will be passed to the hooks.

The master/contrib/post\_build\_request.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/contrib/tree/master/master/contrib/post\_build\_request.ps script allows for the submission of an arbitrary change request. Run **post\_build\_request.py --help** for more information. The base dialect must be enabled for this to work.

### **Change Hooks Auth**

By default change hook URL is not protected. Some hooks implement their own authentication method. Other requires the generic method to be secured.

To protect URL against unauthorized access you may use change\_hook\_auth option.

Note: This method uses HTTP BasicAuth, it implies the use of SSL via *Reverse Proxy Configuration* in order to be fully secured.

create a file changehook . passwd with content:

user:password

change\_hook\_auth should be a list of ICredentialsChecker. See the details of available options in Twisted documentation (https://twistedmatrix.com/documents/current/core/howto/cred.html).

#### **Mercurial hook**

The Mercurial hook uses the base dialect:

```
c['www'] = dict(
    ...,
    change_hook_dialects={'base': True},
)
```

Once this is configured on your buildmaster add the following hook on your server-side Mercurial repository's hgrc:

```
[hooks]
changegroup.buildbot = python:/path/to/hgbuildbot.py:hook
```

You'll find master/contrib/hgbuildbot.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/hgbuildbot.py), and its inline documentation, in the buildbot-contrib (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/.././) repository.

#### **GitHub hook**

Note: There is standalone HTTP server available for receiving GitHub notiа fications master/contrib/github\_buildbot.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbotwell: as contrib/tree/master/contrib/github\_buildbot.py). This script may be useful in cases where you cannot expose the WebStatus for public consumption. Alternatively, you can setup a reverse proxy Reverse Proxy Configuration

The GitHub hook has the following parameters:

secret (default None) Secret token to use to validate payloads.

- strict (default False) If the hook must be strict regarding valid payloads. If the value is False (default), the signature will only be checked if a secret is specified and a signature was supplied with the payload. If the value is True, a secret must be provided, and payloads without signature will be ignored.
- **codebase** (**default** *None*) The codebase value to include with created changes. If the value is a function (or any other callable), it will be called with the GitHub event payload as argument and the function must return the codebase value to use for the event.
- class (default None) A class to be used for processing incoming payloads. If the value is None (default), the default class - buildbot.www.hooks.github.GitHubEventHandler - will be used. The default class handles ping, push and pull\_request events only. If you'd like to handle other events (see Event Types & Payloads (https://developer.github.com/v3/activity/events/types/) for more information), you'd need to subclass GitHubEventHandler and add handler methods for the corresponding events. For example, if you'd like to handle blah events, your code should look something like this:

```
from buildbot.www.hooks.github import GitHubEventHandler
class MyBlahHandler(GitHubEventHandler):
    def handle_blah(self, payload):
        # Do some magic here
        return [], 'git'
```

skips (default [r'\[ \*skip \*ci \*\]', r'\[ \*ci \*skip \*\]']) A list of regex pattern makes buildbot ignore the push event. For instance, if user push 3 commits and the commit message of branch head contains a key string [ci skip], buildbot will ignore this push event.

If you want to disable the skip checking, please set it to [].

- github\_api\_endpoint (default https://api.github.com) If you have a self-host GitHub Enterprise installation, please set this url properly.
- token If your GitHub or GitHub Enterprise instance does not allow anonymous communication, you need to provide an access token. Instructions can be found here <a href="https://help.github.com/articles/creating-a-personal-access-token-for-the-command-line/">https://help.github.com/articles/creating-a-personal-access-token-for-the-command-line/</a>
- pullrequest\_ref (default merge) Remote ref to test if a pull request is sent to the endpoint. See the GitHub
  developer manual for possible values for pull requests. (e.g. head)

The simplest way to use GitHub hook is as follows:

```
c['www'] = dict(
      change_hook_dialects={'github': {}},
```

Having added this line, you should add a webhook for your GitHub project (see Creating Webhooks page at GitHub (https://developer.github.com/webhooks/creating/)). The parameters are:

Payload URL This URL should point to /change\_hook/github relative to the root of the web status. For example, if the base URL is http://builds.example.com/buildbot, then point GitHub to http:/ /builds.example.com/buildbot/change\_hook/github. To specify a project associated to the repository, append ?project=name to the URL.

Content Type Specify application/x-www-form-urlencoded or application/json.

Secret Any value. If you provide a non-empty value (recommended), make sure that your hook is configured to use it:

```
c['www'] = dict(
    ...,
    change_hook_dialects={
        'github': {
            'secret': 'MY-SECRET',
        },
    },
```

Which events would you like to trigger this webhook? Click - Let me select individual events, then select Push and Pull request - other kind of events are not currently supported.

And then press the Add Webhook button.

Github hook creates 3 kinds of changes, distinguishable by their category field:

• None: This change is a push to a branch. Use util.ChangeFilter(category=None, repository="http://github.com/<org>/<project>")

- 'pull': This change is from a pull-request creation or update. Use util. ChangeFilter(category='pull', repository="http://github.com/<org>/<project>") In this case, the *GitHub* step must be used instead of the standard *Git* in order to be able to pull GitHub's magic refs. With this method, the *GitHub* step will always checkout the branch merged with latest master. This allows to test the result of the merge instead of just the source branch. Note that you can use the *GitHub* for all categories of event.

**Warning:** Pull requests against every branch will trigger the webhook; the base branch name will be in the basename property of the build.

**Warning:** The incoming HTTP requests for this hook are not authenticated by default. Anyone who can access the web server can "fake" a request from GitHub, potentially causing the buildmaster to run arbitrary code.

To protect URL against unauthorized access you should use *Change Hooks Auth* option. Then change the the Payload URL of your GitHub webhook to https://user:password@builds.example.com/bbot/ change\_hook/github.

## **BitBucket hook**

The BitBucket hook is as simple as GitHub one and it takes no options.

When this is setup you should add a *POST* service pointing to /change\_hook/bitbucket relative to the root of the web status. For example, it the grid URL is http://builds.example.com/bbot/grid, then point BitBucket to http://builds.example.com/change\_hook/bitbucket. To specify a project associated to the repository, append ?project=name to the URL.

that there is HTTP server available Note а standalone for receiving BitBucket notifimaster/contrib/bitbucket buildbot.pv (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbotcations. as well: contrib/tree/master/contrib/bitbucket\_buildbot.py). This script may be useful in cases where you cannot expose the WebStatus for public consumption.

**Warning:** As in the previous case, the incoming HTTP requests for this hook are not authenticated by default. Anyone who can access the web status can "fake" a request from BitBucket, potentially causing the buildmaster to run arbitrary code.

To protect URL against unauthorized access you should use *Change Hooks Auth* option. Then, create a BitBucket service hook (see https://confluence.atlassian.com/display/BITBUCKET/POST+Service+Management) with a WebHook URL like https://user:password@builds.example.com/bbot/change\_hook/bitbucket.

Note that as before, not using change\_hook\_auth can expose you to security risks.

### **Bitbucket Cloud hook**

```
c['www'] = dict(
    ...,
    change_hook_dialects={'bitbucketcloud': {}},
)
```

When this is setup you should add a webhook pointing to /change\_hook/bitbucketcloud relative to the root of the web status.

According to the type of the event, the change category is set to push, pull-created, pull-rejected, pull-updated, pull-fulfilled or ref-deleted.

The Bitbucket Cloud hook may have the following optional parameters:

**codebase** (default *None*) The codebase value to include with changes or a callable object that will be passed the payload in order to get it.

**Warning:** The incoming HTTP requests for this hook are not authenticated by default. Anyone who can access the web server can "fake" a request from Bitbucket Cloud, potentially causing the buildmaster to run arbitrary code

### **Bitbucket Server hook**

```
c['www'] = dict(
    ...,
    change_hook_dialects={'bitbucketserver': {}},
)
```

When this is setup you should add a webhook pointing to /change\_hook/bitbucketserver relative to the root of the web status.

According to the type of the event, the change category is set to push, pull-created, pull-rejected, pull-updated, pull-fulfilled or ref-deleted.

The Bitbucket Server hook may have the following optional parameters:

**codebase** (**default** *None*) The codebase value to include with changes or a callable object that will be passed the payload in order to get it.

**Warning:** The incoming HTTP requests for this hook are not authenticated by default. Anyone who can access the web server can "fake" a request from Bitbucket Server, potentially causing the buildmaster to run arbitrary code

**Note:** This hook requires the *bitbucket-webhooks* plugin (see https://marketplace.atlassian.com/plugins/nl.topicus. bitbucket.bitbucket-webhooks/server/overview).

### **Poller hook**

The poller hook allows you to use GET or POST requests to trigger polling. One advantage of this is your buildbot instance can poll at launch (using the pollAtLaunch flag) to get changes that happened while it was down, but then you can still use a commit hook to get fast notification of new changes.

Suppose you have a poller configured like this:

```
c['change_source'] = SVNPoller(
    repourl="https://amanda.svn.sourceforge.net/svnroot/amanda/amanda",
    split_file=split_file_branches,
    pollInterval=24*60*60,
    pollAtLaunch=True,
)
```

And you configure your WebStatus to enable this hook:

```
c['www'] = dict(...,
    change_hook_dialects={'poller': True},
```

Then you will be able to trigger a poll of the SVN repository by poking the /change\_hook/poller URL from a commit hook like this:

```
curl -s -F poller=https://amanda.svn.sourceforge.net/svnroot/amanda/amanda \
    http://yourbuildbot/change_hook/poller
```

If no poller argument is provided then the hook will trigger polling of all polling change sources.

You can restrict which pollers the webhook has access to using the allowed option:

### GitLab hook

```
c['www'] = dict(...,
    change_hook_dialects={
        'gitlab' : {
            'secret': '...',
        },
    },
```

The GitLab hook has the following parameters:

secret (default None) Secret token to use to validate payloads.

When this is setup you should add a *POST* service pointing to /change\_hook/gitlab relative to the root of the web status. For example, if the grid URL is http://builds.example.com/bbot/grid, then point GitLab to http://builds.example.com/change\_hook/gitlab. The project and/or codebase can also be passed in the URL by appending ?project=name or ?codebase=foo to the URL. These parameters will be passed along to the scheduler.

**Note:** To handle merge requests from forks properly, it's easiest to use a GitLab source step rather than a Git source step.

Note: Your Git or GitLab step must be configured with a git@ repourl, not a https: one, else the change from the

webhook will not trigger a build.

**Warning:** As in the previous case, the incoming HTTP requests for this hook are not authenticated by default. Anyone who can access the web status can "fake" a request from your GitLab server, potentially causing the buildmaster to run arbitrary code.

Warning: When applicable, you need to permit access to internal/local networks. See https://docs.gitlab.com/ee/security/webhooks.html for details.

To protect URL against unauthorized access you should either

- set secret token in the configuration above, then set it in the GitLab service hook declaration, or
- use the *Change Hooks Auth* option. Then, create a GitLab service hook (see https://your.gitlab. server/help/web\_hooks) with a WebHook URL like https://user:password@builds. example.com/bbot/change\_hook/gitlab.

Note that as before, not using change\_hook\_auth can expose you to security risks.

#### **Gitorious Hook**

The Gitorious hook is as simple as GitHub one and it also takes no options.

When this is setup you should add a *POST* service pointing to /change\_hook/gitorious relative to the root of the web status. For example, it the grid URL is http://builds.example.com/bbot/grid, then point Gitorious to http://builds.example.com/change\_hook/gitorious.

**Warning:** As in the previous case, the incoming HTTP requests for this hook are not authenticated by default. Anyone who can access the web status can "fake" a request from your Gitorious server, potentially causing the buildmaster to run arbitrary code.

To protect URL against unauthorized access you should use *Change Hooks Auth* option. Then, create a Gitorious web hook with a WebHook URL like https://user:password@builds.example.com/bbot/ change\_hook/gitorious.

Note that as before, not using change\_hook\_auth can expose you to security risks.

**Note:** Web hooks are only available for local Gitorious installations, since this feature is not offered as part of Gitorious.org yet.

#### **Custom Hooks**

Custom hooks are supported via the *Plugin Infrastructure in Buildbot* mechanism. You can subclass any of the available hook handler class available in buildbot.www.hooks and register it in the plugin system, via a custom

python module. For convenience, you ca also use the generic option custom\_class e.g:

```
from buildbot.plugins import webhooks
class CustomBase(webhooks.base):
    def getChanges(self, request):
        args = request.args
        chdict = dict(
                      revision=args.get(b'revision'),
                      repository=args.get(b'repository'),
                      project=args.get(b'project'),
                      codebase=args.get(b'codebase'))
        return ([chdict], None)
c['www'] = dict(...,
    change_hook_dialects={
        'base' : {
            'custom_class': CustomBase,
        },
    },
```

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## 2.5.16 Custom Services

For advanced users or plugins writers, the 'services' key is available, and holds a list of *buildbot.util. service.BuildbotService*. As this feature for advanced users, it is described in the developer section of the manual.

This section will grow as soon as ready-to-use services are created.

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## 2.5.17 DbConfig

DbConfig is an utility for master.cfg to get easy to use key/value storage in the Buildbot database

DbConfig can get and store any json-able object to the db for use by other masters or separate UI plugins to edit them.

The design is voluntary simplistic, the focus is on the easy use rather than efficiency. A separate db connection is created each time get () or set () is called.

Example:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util, worker
c = BuildmasterConfig = {}
c['db_url'] = 'mysql://username:password@mysqlserver/buildbot'
dbConfig = util.DbConfig(BuildmasterConfig, basedir)
workers = dbConfig.get("workers")
c['workers'] = [
```

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#### class DbConfig

\_\_\_init\_\_\_ (BuildmasterConfig, basedir)

#### Parameters

- **BuildmasterConfig** the BuildmasterConfig, where db\_url is already configured
- **basedir** basedir global variable of the master.cfg run environment. SQLite urls are relative to this dir

get (name, default=MarkerClass)

#### **Parameters**

- **name** the name of the config variable to retrieve
- **default** in case the config variable has not been set yet, default is returned if defined, else KeyError is raised

#### set (name, value)

#### Parameters

- **name** the name of the config variable to be set
- **value** the value of the config variable to be set

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## 2.5.18 Configurators

For advanced users or plugins writers, the configurators key is available, and holds a list of buildbot. interfaces.IConfigurator. Configurators will run after the master.cfg has been processed, and will modify the config dictionary. Configurator implementers should make sure that they are interoperable with each other, which means carefully modifying the config to avoid overriding a setting already made by the user or by another configurator. Configurators are run (thus prioritized) in the order of the configurators list.

### **JanitorConfigurator**

Buildbot stores historical information in its database. In a large installation, these can quickly consume disk space, yet in many cases developers never consult this historical information.

*JanitorConfigurator* creates a builder and *Nightly* scheduler which will regularly remove old information. At the moment it only supports cleaning of logs, but it will contain more features as we implement them.

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
from datetime import timedelta
# configure a janitor which will delete all logs older than one month,
# and will run on sundays at noon
c['configurators'] = [util.JanitorConfigurator(
    logHorizon=timedelta(weeks=4),
    hour=12,
    dayOfWeek=6
)]
```

Parameters for JanitorConfigurator are:

logHorizon a timedelta object describing the minimum time for which the log data should be maintained

hour, dayOfWeek,... Arguments given to the *Nightly* scheduler which is backing the *JanitorConfigurator*. Determines when the cleanup will be done. With this, you can configure it daily, weekly or even hourly if you wish. You probably want to schedule it when Buildbot is less loaded.

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# 2.6 Customization

For advanced users, Buildbot acts as a framework supporting a customized build application. For the most part, such configurations consist of subclasses set up for use in a regular Buildbot configuration file.

This chapter describes some of the more common idioms in advanced Buildbot configurations.

At the moment, this chapter is an unordered set of suggestions:

- Programmatic Configuration Generation
- Collapse Request Functions
- Builder Priority Functions
- Build Priority Functions
- canStartBuild Functions
- Customizing SVNPoller
  - PROJECT/BRANCHNAME/FILEPATH repositories
  - BRANCHNAME/PROJECT/FILEPATH repositories
- Writing Change Sources
  - Writing a Notification-based Change Source
  - Writing a Change Poller
- Writing a New Latent Worker Implementation
  - AbstractLatentWorker
- Custom Build Classes

- Factory Workdir Functions
- Writing New BuildSteps
  - Writing BuildStep Constructors
  - Step Execution Process
  - Running Commands
  - Updating Status Strings
  - About Logfiles
  - Writing Log Files
  - Reading Logfiles
  - Adding LogObservers
  - Using Properties
  - Using Statistics
  - BuildStep URLs
  - Discovering files
- Writing Dashboards with Flask or Bottle
- A Somewhat Whimsical Example (or "It's now customized, how do I deploy it?")
  - Inclusion in the master.cfgfile
  - Python file somewhere on the system
  - Install this code into a standard Python library directory
  - Distribute a Buildbot Plug-In
  - Submit the code for inclusion in the Buildbot distribution
  - Summary

If you'd like to clean it up, fork the project on GitHub and get started!

## 2.6.1 Programmatic Configuration Generation

Bearing in mind that master.cfg is a Python file, large configurations can be shortened considerably by judicious use of Python loops. For example, the following will generate a builder for each of a range of supported versions of Python:

Next step would be the loading of pythons list from a .yaml/.ini file.

### 2.6.2 Collapse Request Functions

The logic Buildbot uses to decide which build request can be merged can be customized by providing a Python function (a callable) instead of True or False described in *Collapsing Build Requests*.

Arguments for the callable are:

master pointer to the master object, which can be used to make additional data api calls via master.data.get

builder dictionary of type builder

**req1** dictionary of type buildrequest

req2 dictionary of type buildrequest

**Warning:** The number of invocations of the callable is proportional to the square of the request queue length, so a long-running callable may cause undesirable delays when the queue length grows.

It should return true if the requests can be merged, and False otherwise. For example:

```
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def collapseRequests(master, builder, req1, req2):
    "any requests with the same branch can be merged"
    # get the buildsets for each buildrequest
    selfBuildset , otherBuildset = yield defer.gatherResults([
       master.data.get(('buildsets', req1['buildsetid'])),
       master.data.get(('buildsets', req2['buildsetid']))
        1)
    selfSourcestamps = selfBuildset['sourcestamps']
   otherSourcestamps = otherBuildset['sourcestamps']
   if len(selfSourcestamps) != len(otherSourcestamps):
        return False
    for selfSourcestamp, otherSourcestamp in zip(selfSourcestamps, otherSourcestamps):
        if selfSourcestamp['branch'] != otherSourcestamp['branch']:
            return False
    return True
c['collapseRequests'] = collapseRequests
```

In many cases, the details of the sourcestamp and buildrequest are important.

In the following example, only *buildrequest* with the same "reason" are merged; thus developers forcing builds for different reasons will see distinct builds.

Note the use of the buildrequest.BuildRequest.canBeCollapsed method to access the source stamp compatibility algorithm:

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```
if canBeCollapsed and req1.reason == req2.reason:
    return True
    else:
        return False
c['collapseRequests'] = collapseRequests
```

Another common example is to prevent collapsing of requests coming from a *Trigger* step. *Trigger* step can indeed be used in order to implement parallel testing of the same source.

Buildrequests will all have the same sourcestamp, but probably different properties, and shall not be collapsed.

Note: In most of the cases, just setting collapseRequests=False for triggered builders will do the trick.

In other cases, parent\_buildid from buildset can be used:

If it's necessary to perform some extended operation to determine whether two requests can be merged, then the collapseRequests callable may return its result via Deferred.

**Warning:** Again, the number of invocations of the callable is proportional to the square of the request queue length, so a long-running callable may cause undesirable delays when the queue length grows.

For example:

```
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def collapseRequests(master, builder, req1, req2):
    info1, info2 = yield defer.gatherResults([
        getMergeInfo(req1),
        getMergeInfo(req2),
    ])
    return info1 == info2
c['collapseRequests'] = collapseRequests
```

## 2.6.3 Builder Priority Functions

The *prioritizeBuilders* configuration key specifies a function which is called with two arguments: a BuildMaster and a list of Builder objects. It should return a list of the same Builder objects, in the de-

sired order. It may also remove items from the list if builds should not be started on those builders. If necessary, this function can return its results via a Deferred (it is called with maybeDeferred).

A simple prioritizeBuilders implementation might look like this:

```
def prioritizeBuilders(buildmaster, builders):
    """Prioritize builders. 'finalRelease' builds have the highest
    priority, so they should be built before running tests, or
    creating builds."""
    builderPriorities = {
        "finalRelease": 0,
        "test": 1,
        "build": 2,
    }
    builders.sort(key=lambda b: builderPriorities.get(b.name, 0))
    return builders
c['prioritizeBuilders'] = prioritizeBuilders
```

If the change frequency is higher than the turn-around of the builders, the following approach might be helpful:

```
def prioritizeBuilders(buildmaster, builders):
    """Prioritize builders. First, prioritize inactive builders.
    Second, consider the last time a job was completed (no job is infinite past).
    Third, consider the time the oldest request has been queued.
    This provides a simple round-robin scheme that works with collapsed builds."""
    def isBuilding(b):
        return bool(b.building) or bool(b.old_building)
    builders.sort(key = lambda b: (isBuilding(b), b.getNewestCompleteTime(), b.
    -getOldestRequestTime()))
    return builders
c['prioritizeBuilders'] = prioritizeBuilders
```

## 2.6.4 Build Priority Functions

When a builder has multiple pending build requests, it uses a nextBuild function to decide which build it should start first. This function is given two parameters: the Builder, and a list of BuildRequest objects representing pending build requests.

A simple function to prioritize release builds over other builds might look like this:

```
def nextBuild(bldr, requests):
    for r in requests:
        if r.source.branch == 'release':
            return r
    return r
```

If some non-immediate result must be calculated, the nextBuild function can also return a Deferred:

```
def nextBuild(bldr, requests):
    d = get_request_priorities(requests)
    def pick(priorities):
        if requests:
            return sorted(zip(priorities, requests))[0][1]
```

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d.addCallback(pick) return d

The nextBuild function is passed as parameter to BuilderConfig:

```
... BuilderConfig(..., nextBuild=nextBuild, ...) ...
```

## 2.6.5 canStartBuild Functions

Sometimes, you cannot know in advance what workers to assign to a BuilderConfig. For example, you might need to check for the existence of a file on a worker before running a build on it. It is possible to do that by setting the canStartBuild callback.

Here is an example that checks if there is a  $\forall m$  property set for the build request. If it is set, it checks if a file named after it exists in the /opt/ $\forall m$  folder. If the file does not exist on the given worker, refuse to run the build to force the master to select another worker.

```
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def canStartBuild(builder, wfb, request):
    vm = request.properties.get('vm', builder.config.properties.get('vm'))
    if vm:
        args = {'file': os.path.join('/opt/vm', vm)}
        cmd = RemoteCommand('stat', args, stdioLogName=None)
        cmd.worker = wfb.worker
        res = yield cmd.run(None, wfb.worker.conn, builder.name)
        if res.rc != 0:
            return False
    return True
```

Here is a more complete example that checks if a worker is fit to start a build. If the load average is higher than the number of CPU cores or if there is less than 2GB of free memory, refuse to run the build on that worker. Also, put that worker in quarantine to make sure no other builds are scheduled on it for a while. Otherwise, let the build start on that worker.

```
class FakeBuild(object):
   properties = Properties()
class FakeStep(object):
   build = FakeBuild()
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def shell(command, worker, builder):
    args = {
        'command': command,
        'logEnviron': False,
        'workdir': worker.worker_basedir,
        'want_stdout': False,
        'want_stderr': False,
    }
    cmd = RemoteCommand('shell', args, stdioLogName=None)
    cmd.worker = worker
   yield cmd.run(FakeStep(), worker.conn, builder.name)
    return cmd.rc
```

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```
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def canStartBuild(builder, wfb, request):
    # check that load is not too high
   rc = yield shell(
        'test "$(cut -d. -f1 /proc/loadavg)" -le "$(nproc)"',
       wfb.worker, builder)
   if rc != 0:
       log.msg('loadavg is too high to take new builds',
                system=repr(wfb.worker))
        wfb.worker.putInQuarantine()
        return False
    # check there is enough free memory
    sed_expr = r's/^MemAvailable:[[:space:]]+([0-9]+)[[:space:]]+kB$/\1/p'
    rc = yield shell(
        'test "$(sed -nre \'%s\' /proc/meminfo)" -gt 2000000' % sed_expr,
        wfb.worker, builder)
    if rc != 0:
        log.msg('not enough free memory to take new builds',
                system=repr(wfb.worker))
        wfb.worker.putInQuarantine()
        return False
    # The build may now proceed.
    #
    # Prevent this worker from taking any other build while this one is
    # starting for 2 min. This leaves time for the build to start consuming
    # resources (disk, memory, cpu). When the quarantine is over, if the
    # same worker is subject to start another build, the above checks will
    # better reflect the actual state of the worker.
   wfb.worker.quarantine_timeout = 120
   wfb.worker.putInQuarantine()
    # This does not take the worker out of quarantine, it only resets the
    # timeout value to default.
   wfb.worker.resetQuarantine()
    return True
```

You can extend these examples using any remote command described in the Master-Worker API.

# 2.6.6 Customizing SVNPoller

Each source file that is tracked by a Subversion repository has a fully-qualified SVN URL in the following form: (*REPOURL*) (*PROJECT-plus-BRANCH*) (*FILEPATH*). When you create the *SVNPoller*, you give it a repourl value that includes all of the *REPOURL* and possibly some portion of the *PROJECT-plus-BRANCH* string. The *SVNPoller* is responsible for producing Changes that contain a branch name and a *FILEPATH* (which is relative to the top of a checked-out tree). The details of how these strings are split up depend upon how your repository names its branches.

#### PROJECT/BRANCHNAME/FILEPATH repositories

One common layout is to have all the various projects that share a repository get a single top-level directory each, with branches, tags, and trunk subdirectories:

```
amanda/trunk
/branches/3_2
/3_3
/tags/3_2_1
/3_2_2
/3_3_0
```

To set up a *SVNPoller* that watches the Amanda trunk (and nothing else), we would use the following, using the default split\_file:

```
from buildbot.plugins import changes
c['change_source'] = changes.SVNPoller(
    repourl="https://svn.amanda.sourceforge.net/svnroot/amanda/amanda/trunk")
```

In this case, every Change that our *SVNPoller* produces will have its branch attribute set to None, to indicate that the Change is on the trunk. No other sub-projects or branches will be tracked.

If we want our ChangeSource to follow multiple branches, we have to do two things. First we have to change our repourl= argument to watch more than just amanda/trunk. We will set it to amanda so that we'll see both the trunk and all the branches. Second, we have to tell *SVNPoller* how to split the (*PROJECT-plus-BRANCH*) (*FILEPATH*) strings it gets from the repository out into (*BRANCH*) and (*FILEPATH*).

We do the latter by providing a split\_file function. This function is responsible for splitting something like branches/3\_3/common-src/amanda.h into branch='branches/3\_3' and filepath='common-src/amanda.h'. The function is always given a string that names a file relative to the subdirectory pointed to by the *SVNPoller*'s repourl= argument. It is expected to return a dictionary with at least the path key. The splitter may optionally set branch, project and repository. For backwards compatibility it may return a tuple of (branchname, path). It may also return None to indicate that the file is of no interest.

**Note:** The function should return branches/3\_3 rather than just 3\_3 because the SVN checkout step, will append the branch name to the baseURL, which requires that we keep the branches component in there. Other VC schemes use a different approach towards branches and may not require this artifact.

If your repository uses this same {PROJECT}/{BRANCH}/{FILEPATH} naming scheme, the following function will work:

In fact, this is the definition of the provided split\_file\_branches function. So to have our Twisted-watching *SVNPoller* follow multiple branches, we would use this:

Changes for all sorts of branches (with names like "branches/1.5.x", and None to indicate the trunk) will be delivered to the Schedulers. Each Scheduler is then free to use or ignore each branch as it sees fit.

If you have multiple projects in the same repository your split function can attach a project name to the Change to help the Scheduler filter out unwanted changes:

```
from buildbot.plugins import util
def split_file_projects_branches(path):
    if not "/" in path:
        return None
    project, path = path.split("/", 1)
    f = util.svn.split_file_branches(path)
    if f:
        info = dict(project=project, path=f[1])
        if f[0]:
            info['branch'] = f[0]
        return info
    return f
```

Again, this is provided by default. To use it you would do this:

```
from buildbot.plugins import changes, util
c['change_source'] = changes.SVNPoller(
   repourl="https://svn.amanda.sourceforge.net/svnroot/amanda/",
   split_file=util.svn.split_file_projects_branches)
```

Note here that we are monitoring at the root of the repository, and that within that repository is a amanda subdirectory which in turn has trunk and branches. It is that amanda subdirectory whose name becomes the project field of the Change.

#### BRANCHNAME/PROJECT/FILEPATH repositories

Another common way to organize a Subversion repository is to put the branch name at the top, and the projects underneath. This is especially frequent when there are a number of related sub-projects that all get released in a group.

For example, Divmod.org hosts a project named *Nevow* as well as one named *Quotient*. In a checked-out Nevow tree there is a directory named *formless* that contains a Python source file named webform.py. This repository is accessible via webdav (and thus uses an *http:* scheme) through the divmod.org hostname. There are many branches in this repository, and they use a ({BRANCHNAME})/({PROJECT}) naming policy.

The fully-qualified SVN URL for the trunk version of webform.py is http://divmod.org/svn/Divmod/ trunk/Nevow/formless/webform.py. The 1.5.x branch version of this file would have a URL of http:// divmod.org/svn/Divmod/branches/1.5.x/Nevow/formless/webform.py. The whole Nevow trunk would be checked out with http://divmod.org/svn/Divmod/trunk/Nevow, while the Quotient trunk would be checked out using http://divmod.org/svn/Divmod/trunk/Quotient.

Now suppose we want to have an *SVNPoller* that only cares about the Nevow trunk. This case looks just like the *PROJECT/BRANCH* layout described earlier:

```
from buildbot.plugins import changes
c['change_source'] = changes.SVNPoller("http://divmod.org/svn/Divmod/trunk/Nevow")
```

But what happens when we want to track multiple Nevow branches? We have to point our repourl= high enough to see all those branches, but we also don't want to include Quotient changes (since we're only building Nevow). To accomplish this, we must rely upon the split\_file function to help us tell the difference between files that belong to Nevow and those that belong to Quotient, as well as figuring out which branch each one is on.

The my\_file\_splitter function will be called with repository-relative pathnames like:

- trunk/Nevow/formless/webform.py This is a Nevow file, on the trunk. We want the Change that includes this to see a filename of formless/webform.py, and a branch of None
- branches/1.5.x/Nevow/formless/webform.py This is a Nevow file, on a branch. We want to get branch='branches/1.5.x' and filename='formless/webform.py'.
- trunk/Quotient/setup.py This is a Quotient file, so we want to ignore it by having my\_file\_splitter
   return None.

branches/1.5.x/Quotient/setup.py This is also a Quotient file, which should be ignored.

The following definition for my\_file\_splitter will do the job:

```
def my_file_splitter(path):
    pieces = path.split('/')
    if pieces[0] == 'trunk':
        branch = None
        pieces.pop(0) # remove 'trunk'
    elif pieces[0] == 'branches':
        pieces.pop(0) # remove 'branches'
        # grab branch name
        branch = 'branches/' + pieces.pop(0)
    else:
        return None # something weird
    projectname = pieces.pop(0)
    if projectname != 'Nevow':
        return None # wrong project
    return dict(branch=branch, path='/'.join(pieces))
```

If you later decide you want to get changes for Quotient as well you could replace the last 3 lines with simply:

return dict(project=projectname, branch=branch, path='/'.join(pieces))

# 2.6.7 Writing Change Sources

For some version-control systems, making Buildbot aware of new changes can be a challenge. If the pre-supplied classes in *Change Sources and Changes* are not sufficient, then you will need to write your own.

There are three approaches, one of which is not even a change source. The first option is to write a change source that exposes some service to which the version control system can "push" changes. This can be more complicated, since it requires implementing a new service, but delivers changes to Buildbot immediately on commit.

The second option is often preferable to the first: implement a notification service in an external process (perhaps one that is started directly by the version control system, or by an email server) and delivers changes to Buildbot via *PBChangeSource*. This section does not describe this particular approach, since it requires no customization within the buildmaster process.

The third option is to write a change source which polls for changes - repeatedly connecting to an external service to check for new changes. This works well in many cases, but can produce a high load on the version control system if polling is too frequent, and can take too long to notice changes if the polling is not frequent enough.

### Writing a Notification-based Change Source

A custom change source must implement buildbot.interfaces.IChangeSource.

The easiest way to do this is to subclass *buildbot.changes.base.ChangeSource*, implementing the describe method to describe the instance. ChangeSource is a Twisted service, so you will need to implement the startService and stopService methods to control the means by which your change source receives notifications.

When the class does receive a change, it should call self.master.data.updates.addChange(..) to submit it to the buildmaster. This method shares the same parameters as master.db.changes.addChange, so consult the API documentation for that function for details on the available arguments.

You will probably also want to set compare\_attrs to the list of object attributes which Buildbot will use to compare one change source to another when reconfiguring. During reconfiguration, if the new change source is different from the old, then the old will be stopped and the new started.

### Writing a Change Poller

Polling is a very common means of seeking changes, so Buildbot supplies a utility parent class to make it easier. A poller should subclass *buildbot.changes.base.PollingChangeSource*, which is a subclass of *ChangeSource*. This subclass implements the Service methods, and calls the poll method according to the pollInterval and pollAtLaunch options. The poll method should return a Deferred to signal its completion.

Aside from the service methods, the other concerns in the previous section apply here, too.

## 2.6.8 Writing a New Latent Worker Implementation

Writing a new latent worker should only require subclassing buildbot.worker.AbstractLatentWorker and implementing start\_instance and stop\_instance at a minimum.

### AbstractLatentWorker

#### class buildbot.worker.AbstractLatentWorker

This class is the base class of all latent workers and implements some common functionality. A custom worker should only need to override *start\_instance* and *stop\_instance* methods.

See buildbot.worker.ec2.EC2LatentWorker for an example.

Additionally, *builds\_may\_be\_incompatible* and *isCompatibleWithBuild* members must be overridden if some qualities of the new instances is determined dynamically according to the properties of an incoming build. An example a build may require a certain Docker image or amount of allocated memory. Overriding these members ensures that builds aren't ran on incompatible workers that have already been started.

#### start\_instance(self)

This method is responsible for starting instance that will try to connect with this master. A deferred should be returned. Any problems should use an errback. The callback value can be None, or can be an iterable of short strings to include in the "substantiate success" status message, such as identifying the instance that started. Buildbot will ensure that a single worker will never have its start\_instance called before any previous calls to start\_instance or stop\_instance finish. Additionally, for each start\_instance call, exactly one corresponding call to stop\_instance will be done eventually.

#### stop\_instance(self, fast=False)

This method is responsible for shutting down instance. A deferred should be returned. If fast is True then the function should call back as soon as it is safe to do so, as, for example, the master may be shutting down. The value returned by the callback is ignored. Buildbot will ensure that a single worker will never have its stop\_instance called before any previous calls to stop\_instance finish. During master shutdown any pending calls to start\_instance or stop\_instance will be waited upon finish.

#### builds\_may\_be\_incompatible

Determines if new instances have qualities dependent on the build. If True, the master will call isCompatibleWithBuild to determine whether new builds are compatible with the started instance. Unnecessarily setting builds\_may\_be\_incompatible to True may result in unnecessary overhead when processing the builds. By default, this is False.

## isCompatibleWithBuild(self, build\_props)

This method determines whether a started instance is compatible with the build that is about to be started. build\_props is the properties of the build that are known before the build has been started. A build may be incompatible with already started instance if, for example, it requests a different amount of memory or a different Docker image. A deferred should be returned, whose callback should return True if build is compatible and False otherwise. The method may be called when the instance is not yet started and should indicate compatible build in that case. In the default implementation the callback returns True.

## 2.6.9 Custom Build Classes

The standard BuildFactory object creates Build objects by default. These Builds will each execute a collection of BuildSteps in a fixed sequence. Each step can affect the results of the build, but in general there is little intelligence to tie the different steps together.

By setting the factory's buildClass attribute to a different class, you can instantiate a different build class. This might be useful, for example, to create a build class that dynamically determines which steps to run. The skeleton of such a project would look like:

```
class DynamicBuild(Build):
    # override some methods
    ...
f = factory.BuildFactory()
f.buildClass = DynamicBuild
f.addStep(...)
```

## 2.6.10 Factory Workdir Functions

**Note:** While factory workdir function is still supported, it is better to just use the fact that workdir is a renderables attribute of every steps. A Renderable has access to much more contextual information, and also can return a deferred. So you could say build\_factory.workdir = util.Interpolate("%(src:repository)s to achieve similar goal.

It is sometimes helpful to have a build's workdir determined at runtime based on the parameters of the build. To accomplish this, set the workdir attribute of the build factory to a callable. That callable will be invoked with the list of SourceStamp for the build, and should return the appropriate workdir. Note that the value must be returned immediately - Deferreds are not supported.

This can be useful, for example, in scenarios with multiple repositories submitting changes to Buildbot. In this case you likely will want to have a dedicated workdir per repository, since otherwise a sourcing step with mode = "update" will fail as a workdir with a working copy of repository A can't be "updated" for changes from a repository B. Here is an example how you can achieve workdir-per-repo:

```
def workdir(source_stamps):
    return hashlib.md5(source_stamps[0].repository).hexdigest()[:8]
build_factory = factory.BuildFactory()
build_factory.workdir = workdir
build_factory.addStep(Git(mode="update"))
# ...
builders.append ({'name': 'mybuilder',
                'workername': 'mybuilder',
                'builddir': 'mybuilder',
                'factory': build_factory})
```

The end result is a set of workdirs like

Repol => <worker-base>/mybuilder/a78890ba Repo2 => <worker-base>/mybuilder/0823ba88

You could make the workdir function compute other paths, based on parts of the repo URL in the sourcestamp, or lookup in a lookup table based on repo URL. As long as there is a permanent 1:1 mapping between repos and workdir, this will work.

## 2.6.11 Writing New BuildSteps

**Warning:** The API of writing custom build steps has changed significantly in Buildbot-0.9.0. See *New-Style Build Steps in Buildbot 0.9.0* for details about what has changed since pre 0.9.0 releases. This section documents new-style steps.

While it is a good idea to keep your build process self-contained in the source code tree, sometimes it is convenient to put more intelligence into your Buildbot configuration. One way to do this is to write a custom *BuildStep*. Once written, this Step can be used in the master.cfg file.

The best reason for writing a custom BuildStep is to better parse the results of the command being run. For example, a *BuildStep* that knows about JUnit could look at the logfiles to determine which tests had been run, how many passed and how many failed, and then report more detailed information than a simple rc==0 -based *good/bad* decision.

Buildbot has acquired a large fleet of build steps, and sports a number of knobs and hooks to make steps easier to write. This section may seem a bit overwhelming, but most custom steps will only need to apply one or two of the techniques outlined here.

For complete documentation of the build step interfaces, see BuildSteps.

## Writing BuildStep Constructors

Build steps act as their own factories, so their constructors are a bit more complex than necessary. The configuration file instantiates a *BuildStep* object, but the step configuration must be re-used for multiple builds, so Buildbot needs some way to create more steps.

Consider the use of a BuildStep in master.cfg:

f.addStep(MyStep(someopt="stuff", anotheropt=1))

This creates a single instance of class MyStep. However, Buildbot needs a new object each time the step is executed. An instance of *BuildStep* remembers how it was constructed, and can create copies of itself. When writing a new step class, then, keep in mind are that you cannot do anything "interesting" in the constructor – limit yourself to checking and storing arguments.

It is customary to call the parent class's constructor with all otherwise-unspecified keyword arguments. Keep a \*\*kwargs argument on the end of your options, and pass that up to the parent class's constructor.

The whole thing looks like this:

```
class Frobnify(LoggingBuildStep):
    def __init__(self,
            frob_what="frobee",
            frob_how_many=None,
            frob_how=None,
            **kwargs):
        # check
        if frob_how_many is None:
            raise TypeError ("Frobnify argument how_many is required")
        # override a parent option
        kwargs['parentOpt'] = 'xyz'
        # call parent
        super().__init__(**kwargs)
        # set Frobnify attributes
        self.frob what = frob what
        self.frob_how_many = how_many
        self.frob_how = frob_how
class FastFrobnify(Frobnify):
    def __init__(self,
            speed=5,
            **kwargs):
        super().__init__(**kwargs)
        self.speed = speed
```

### **Step Execution Process**

A step's execution occurs in its *run* method. When this method returns (more accurately, when the Deferred it returns fires), the step is complete. The method's result must be an integer, giving the result of the step. Any other output from the step (logfiles, status strings, URLs, etc.) is the responsibility of the *run* method.

The *ShellCommand* class implements this run method, and in most cases steps subclassing ShellCommand simply implement some of the subsidiary methods that its run method calls.

## **Running Commands**

To spawn a command in the worker, create a *RemoteCommand* instance in your step's run method and run it with runCommand:

```
cmd = RemoteCommand(args)
d = self.runCommand(cmd)
```

The CommandMixin class offers a simple interface to several common worker-side commands.

For the much more common task of running a shell command on the worker, use ShellMixin. This class provides a method to handle the myriad constructor arguments related to shell commands, as well as a method to create new *RemoteCommand* instances. This mixin is the recommended method of implementing custom shell-based steps. The older pattern of subclassing ShellCommand is no longer recommended.

A simple example of a step using the shell mixin is:

```
class RunCleanup(buildstep.ShellMixin, buildstep.BuildStep):
    def __init__ (self, cleanupScript='./cleanup.sh', **kwargs):
        self.cleanupScript = cleanupScript
        kwarqs = self.setupShellMixin(kwarqs, prohibitArqs=['command'])
        super().__init__(**kwargs)
    @defer.inlineCallbacks
    def run(self):
        cmd = yield self.makeRemoteShellCommand(
                command=[self.cleanupScript])
        vield self.runCommand(cmd)
        if cmd.didFail():
            cmd = yield self.makeRemoteShellCommand(
                    command=[self.cleanupScript, '--force'],
                    logEnviron=False)
            yield self.runCommand(cmd)
        return cmd.results()
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def run(self):
    cmd = RemoteCommand(args)
    log = yield self.addLog('output')
    cmd.useLog(log, closeWhenFinished=True)
    yield self.runCommand(cmd)
```

## **Updating Status Strings**

Each step can summarize its current status in a very short string. For example, a compile step might display the file being compiled. This information can be helpful users eager to see their build finish.

Similarly, a build has a set of short strings collected from its steps summarizing the overall state of the build. Useful information here might include the number of tests run, but probably not the results of a make clean step.

As a step runs, Buildbot calls its *getCurrentSummary* method as necessary to get the step's current status. "As necessary" is determined by calls to *buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep.updateSummary*. Your step should call this method every time the status summary may have changed. Buildbot will take care of rate-limiting summary updates.

When the step is complete, Buildbot calls its *getResultSummary* method to get a final summary of the step along with a summary for the build.

#### **About Logfiles**

Each BuildStep has a collection of log files. Each one has a short name, like *stdio* or *warnings*. Each log file contains an arbitrary amount of text, usually the contents of some output file generated during a build or test step, or a record of everything that was printed to stdout/stderr during the execution of some command.

Each can contain multiple *channels*, generally limited to three basic ones: stdout, stderr, and *headers*. For example, when a shell command runs, it writes a few lines to the headers channel to indicate the exact argv strings being run, which directory the command is being executed in, and the contents of the current environment variables. Then, as the command runs, it adds a lot of stdout and stderr messages. When the command finishes, a final *header* line is added with the exit code of the process.

Status display plugins can format these different channels in different ways. For example, the web page shows log files as text/html, with header lines in blue text, stdout in black, and stderr in red. A different URL is available which provides a text/plain format, in which stdout and stderr are collapsed together, and header lines are stripped completely. This latter option makes it easy to save the results to a file and run **grep** or whatever against the output.

#### Writing Log Files

Most commonly, logfiles come from commands run on the worker. Internally, these are configured by supplying the *RemoteCommand* instance with log files via the useLog method:

```
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def run(self):
    ...
    log = yield self.addLog('stdio')
    cmd.useLog(log, closeWhenFinished=True, 'stdio')
    yield self.runCommand(cmd)
```

The name passed to useLog must match that configured in the command. In this case, stdio is the default.

If the log file was already added by another part of the step, it can be retrieved with getLog:

stdioLog = self.getLog('stdio')

Less frequently, some master-side processing produces a log file. If this log file is short and easily stored in memory, this is as simple as a call to *addCompleteLog*:

Note that the log contents must be a unicode string.

Longer logfiles can be constructed line-by-line using the add methods of the log file:

```
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def run(self):
    ...
    updates = yield self.addLog('updates')
    while True:
        ...
        yield updates.addStdout(some_update)
```

Again, note that the log input must be a unicode string.

Finally, *addHTMLLog* is similar to *addCompleteLog*, but the resulting log will be tagged as containing HTML. The web UI will display the contents of the log using the browser.

The logfiles= argument to *ShellCommand* and its subclasses creates new log files and fills them in realtime by asking the worker to watch a actual file on disk. The worker will look for additions in the target file and report them back to the BuildStep. These additions will be added to the log file by calling addStdout.

All log files can be used as the source of a *LogObserver* just like the normal stdio LogFile. In fact, it's possible for one *LogObserver* to observe a logfile created by another.

### **Reading Logfiles**

For the most part, Buildbot tries to avoid loading the contents of a log file into memory as a single string. For large log files on a busy master, this behavior can quickly consume a great deal of memory.

Instead, steps should implement a LogObserver to examine log files one chunk or line at a time.

For commands which only produce a small quantity of output, *RemoteCommand* will collect the command's stdout into its *stdout* attribute if given the collectStdout=True constructor argument.

### Adding LogObservers

Most shell commands emit messages to stdout or stderr as they operate, especially if you ask them nicely with a option *-verbose* flag of some sort. They may also write text to a log file while they run. Your BuildStep can watch this output as it arrives, to keep track of how much progress the command has made or to process log output for later summarization.

To accomplish this, you will need to attach a *LogObserver* to the log. This observer is given all text as it is emitted from the command, and has the opportunity to parse that output incrementally.

There are a number of pre-built *LogObserver* classes that you can choose from (defined in *buildbot.process. buildstep*, and of course you can subclass them to add further customization. The LogLineObserver class handles the grunt work of buffering and scanning for end-of-line delimiters, allowing your parser to operate on complete stdout/stderr lines.

For example, let's take a look at the TrialTestCaseCounter, which is used by the *Trial* step to count test cases as they are run. As Trial executes, it emits lines like the following:

```
buildbot.test.test_config.ConfigTest.testDebugPassword ... [OK]
buildbot.test.test_config.ConfigTest.testEmpty ... [OK]
buildbot.test.test_config.ConfigTest.testIRC ... [FAIL]
buildbot.test.test_config.ConfigTest.testLocks ... [OK]
```

When the tests are finished, trial emits a long line of ===== and then some lines which summarize the tests that failed. We want to avoid parsing these trailing lines, because their format is less well-defined than the *[OK]* lines.

A simple version of the parser for this output looks like this. The full version is in master/buildbot/steps/python\_twisted.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/buildbot/steps/python\_twisted.py).

```
from buildbot.plugins import util

class TrialTestCaseCounter(util.LogLineObserver):
    _line_re = re.compile(r'^([\w\.]+) \.\.\ \[([^\]]+)\]$')
    numTests = 0
    finished = False
```

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```
def outLineReceived(self, line):
    if self.finished:
        return
    if line.startswith("=" * 40):
        self.finished = True
        return

    m = self._line_re.search(line.strip())
    if m:
        testname, result = m.groups()
        self.numTests += 1
        self.step.setProgress('tests', self.numTests)
```

This parser only pays attention to stdout, since that's where trial writes the progress lines. It has a mode flag named finished to ignore everything after the ==== marker, and a scary-looking regular expression to match each line while hopefully ignoring other messages that might get displayed as the test runs.

Each time it identifies a test has been completed, it increments its counter and delivers the new progress value to the step with self.step.setProgress. This helps Buildbot to determine the ETA for the step.

To connect this parser into the *Trial* build step, Trial.\_\_init\_\_ ends with the following clause:

```
# this counter will feed Progress along the 'test cases' metric
counter = TrialTestCaseCounter()
self.addLogObserver('stdio', counter)
self.progressMetrics += ('tests',)
```

This creates a TrialTestCaseCounter and tells the step that the counter wants to watch the stdio log. The observer is automatically given a reference to the step in its step attribute.

### **Using Properties**

In custom BuildSteps, you can get and set the build properties with the *getProperty* and *setProperty* methods. Each takes a string for the name of the property, and returns or accepts an arbitrary JSON-able (lists, dicts, strings, and numbers) object. For example:

```
class MakeTarball(ShellCommand):
    def start(self):
        if self.getProperty("os") == "win":
            self.setCommand([ ... ]) # windows-only command
        else:
            self.setCommand([ ... ]) # equivalent for other systems
        super().start()
```

Remember that properties set in a step may not be available until the next step begins. In particular, any Property or Interpolate instances for the current step are interpolated before the step starts, so they cannot use the value of any properties determined in that step.

### **Using Statistics**

Statistics can be generated for each step, and then summarized across all steps in a build. For example, a test step might set its warnings statistic to the number of warnings observed. The build could then sum the warnings on all steps to get a total number of warnings.

Statistics are set and retrieved with the *setStatistic* and *getStatistic* methods. The *hasStatistic* method determines whether a statistic exists.

The Build method getSummaryStatistic can be used to aggregate over all steps in a Build.

### **BuildStep URLs**

Each BuildStep has a collection of *links*. Each has a name and a target URL. The web display displays clickable links for each link, making them a useful way to point to extra information about a step. For example, a step that uploads a build result to an external service might include a link to the uploaded file.

To set one of these links, the BuildStep should call the *addURL* method with the name of the link and the target URL. Multiple URLs can be set. For example:

```
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def run(self):
    ... # create and upload report to coverage server
    url = 'http://coverage.example.com/reports/%s' % reportname
    yield self.addURL('coverage', url)
```

This also works from log observers, which is helpful for instance if the build output points to an external page such as a detailed log file. The following example parses output of *poudriere*, a tool for building packages on the FreeBSD operating system.

Example output:

Log observer implementation:

```
c = BuildmasterConfig = {}
c['titleURL'] = 'https://my-buildbot.example.com/'
# ...
class PoudriereLogLinkObserver (util.LogLineObserver) :
   _regex = re.compile(
        r'Logs: /usr/local/poudriere/data/logs/bulk/([-_/0-9A-Za-z]+)$')
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self._finished = False
   def outLineReceived(self, line):
        # Short-circuit if URL already found
        if self._finished:
            return
        m = self._regex.search(line.rstrip())
        if m:
            self._finished = True
            # Let's assume local directory /usr/local/poudriere/data/logs/bulk
            # is available as https://my-buildbot.example.com/poudriere/logs
            poudriere_ui_url = c['titleURL'] + 'poudriere/logs/' + m.group(1)
```

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```
# Add URLs for build overview page and for per-package log files
self.step.addURL('Poudriere build web interface', poudriere_ui_url)
self.step.addURL('Poudriere logs', poudriere_ui_url + '/logs/')
```

### **Discovering files**

When implementing a BuildStep it may be necessary to know about files that are created during the build. There are a few worker commands that can be used to find files on the worker and test for the existence (and type) of files and directories.

The worker provides the following file-discovery related commands:

- *stat* calls os.stat for a file in the worker's build directory. This can be used to check if a known file exists and whether it is a regular file, directory or symbolic link.
- *listdir* calls os.listdir for a directory on the worker. It can be used to obtain a list of files that are present in a directory on the worker.
- glob calls glob.glob on the worker, with a given shell-style pattern containing wildcards.

For example, we could use stat to check if a given path exists and contains \*.pyc files. If the path does not exist (or anything fails) we mark the step as failed; if the path exists but is not a directory, we mark the step as having "warnings".

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps, util
from buildbot.interfaces import WorkerTooOldError
import stat
class MyBuildStep(steps.BuildStep):
    def __init__ (self, dirname, **kwargs):
        super().__init__(**kwargs)
        self.dirname = dirname
    def start(self):
        # make sure the worker knows about stat
        workerver = (self.workerVersion('stat'),
                    self.workerVersion('glob'))
        if not all(workerver):
            raise WorkerTooOldError('need stat and glob')
        cmd = buildstep.RemoteCommand('stat', {'file': self.dirname})
        d = self.runCommand(cmd)
        d.addCallback(lambda res: self.evaluateStat(cmd))
        d.addErrback(self.failed)
        return d
    def evaluateStat(self, cmd):
        if cmd.didFail():
            self.step_status.setText(["File not found."])
            self.finished(util.FAILURE)
            return
        s = cmd.updates["stat"][-1]
        if not stat.S_ISDIR(s[stat.ST_MODE]):
            self.step_status.setText(["'tis not a directory"])
```

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```
self.finished(util.WARNINGS)
        return
    cmd = buildstep.RemoteCommand('glob', {'path': self.dirname + '/*.pyc'})
    d = self.runCommand(cmd)
    d.addCallback(lambda res: self.evaluateGlob(cmd))
    d.addErrback(self.failed)
    return d
def evaluateGlob(self, cmd):
    if cmd.didFail():
        self.step_status.setText(["Glob failed."])
        self.finished(util.FAILURE)
        return
    files = cmd.updates["files"][-1]
    if len(files):
        self.step_status.setText(["Found pycs"]+files)
    else:
        self.step_status.setText(["No pycs found"])
    self.finished(util.SUCCESS)
```

For more information on the available commands, see Master-Worker API.

### Todo: Step Progress BuildStepFailed

# 2.6.12 Writing Dashboards with Flask (http://flask.pocoo.org/) or Bottle (https://bottlepy.org/docs/dev/)

Buildbot Nine UI is written in Javascript. This allows it to be reactive and real time, but comes at a price of a fair complexity. Sometimes, you need a dashboard displaying your build results in your own manner but learning AngularJS for that is just too much.

There is a Buildbot plugin which allows to write a server side generated dashboard, and integrate it in the UI.

```
# This needs buildbot and buildbot_www >= 0.9.5
pip install buildbot_wsgi_dashboards flask
```

- This plugin can use any WSGI compatible web framework, Flask (http://flask.pocoo.org/) is a very common one, Bottle (https://bottlepy.org/docs/dev/) is another popular option.
- The application needs to implement a /index.html route, which will render the html code representing the dashboard.
- The application framework runs in a thread outside of Twisted. No need to worry about Twisted and asynchronous code. You can use python-requests (http://docs.python-requests.org/en/master/) or any library from the python ecosystem to access other servers.
- You could use HTTP in order to access Buildbot *REST API*, but you can also use the *Data API*, via the provided synchronous wrapper.
  - buildbot\_api.dataGet(path, filters=None, fields=None, order=None, limit=None, offse
    Parameters
    - path (tuple) A tuple of path elements representing the API path to fetch.
       Numbers can be passed as strings or integers.

- filters result spec filters
- fields result spec fields
- order result spec order
- limit result spec limit
- offset result spec offset

 $Raises \ \textit{InvalidPathError}$ 

Returns a resource or list, or None

This is a blocking wrapper to master.data.get as described in *Data API*. The available paths are described in the *REST API*, as well as the nature of return values depending on the kind of data that is fetched. Path can be either the REST path e.g. "builders/2/builds/4" or tuple e.g. ("builders", 2, "builds", 4). The latter form being more convenient if some path parts are coming from variables. The *Data API* and *REST API* are functionally equivalent except:

- Data API does not have HTTP connection overhead.

- Data API does not enforce authorization rules.

buildbot\_api.dataGet is accessible via the WSGI application object passed to wsgi\_dashboards plugin (as per the example).

- That html code output of the server runs inside AngularJS application.
  - It will use the CSS of the AngularJS application (including the Bootstrap (http://getbootstrap.com/css/) CSS base). You can use custom style-sheet with a standard style tag within your html. Custom CSS will be shared with the whole Buildbot application once your dashboard is loaded. So you should make sure your custom CSS rules only apply to your dashboard (e.g. by having a specific class for your dashboard's main div)
  - It can use some of the AngularJS directives defined by Buildbot UI (currently only buildsummary is usable).
  - It has full access to the application JS context.

Here is an example of code that you can use in your master.cfg to create a simple dashboard:

```
import os
from flask import Flask
from flask import render_template
from buildbot.process.results import statusToString
mydashboardapp = Flask('test', root_path=os.path.dirname(__file__))
# this allows to work on the template without having to restart Buildbot
mydashboardapp.config['TEMPLATES_AUTO_RELOAD'] = True
@mydashboardapp.route("/index.html")
def main():
    # This code fetches build data from the data api, and give it to the
    # template
   builders = mydashboardapp.buildbot_api.dataGet("/builders")
   builds = mydashboardapp.buildbot_api.dataGet("/builds", limit=20)
    # properties are actually not used in the template example, but this is
    # how you get more properties
    for build in builds:
        build['properties'] = mydashboardapp.buildbot_api.dataGet(
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```
("builds", build['buildid'], "properties"))
        build['results_text'] = statusToString(build['results'])
    graph_data = [
        {'x': 1, 'y': 100},
        {'x': 2, 'y': 200},
        {'x': 3, 'y': 300},
        {'x': 4, 'y': 0},
        {'x': 5, 'y': 100},
        {'x': 6, 'y': 200},
        {'x': 7, 'y': 300},
        {'x': 8, 'y': 0},
        {'x': 9, 'y': 100},
        {'x': 10, 'y': 200},
    1
    \ensuremath{\texttt{\#}} mydashboard.html is a template inside the template directory
    return render_template('mydashboard.html', builders=builders, builds=builds,
                            graph_data=graph_data)
# Here we assume c['www']['plugins'] has already be created earlier.
# Please see the web server documentation to understand how to configure
# the other parts.
c['www']['plugins']['wsgi_dashboards'] = [ # This is a list of dashboards, you can,
⇔create several
   {
        'name': 'mydashboard', # as used in URLs
        'caption': 'My Dashboard', # Title displayed in the UI'
        'app': mydashboardapp,
        # priority of the dashboard in the left menu (lower is higher in the
        # menu)
        'order': 5,
        # An available icon list can be found at http://fontawesome.io/icons/. Double-
\hookrightarrow check the
        # buildbot about dashboard for the installed version of Font Awesome as the
⇔published icons
        # may include more recently additions.
        'icon': 'area-chart'
    }
]
```

Then you need a templates/mydashboard.html file near your master.cfg.

This template is a standard Jinja (http://jinja.pocoo.org/) template which is the default templating engine of Flask (http://flask.pocoo.org/).

```
<div class="container mydashboard">
	<style>
	/* only modify th from this dashboard! */
	.mydashboard table th {
		font-size 24pt;
	}
	</style>
	<!-- Create a table of builds organised by builders in columns -->
```

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```
<!-- Generate the table header with name of builders -->
           {% for builder in builders %}
           >
                {{builder.name}}
           {% endfor %}
       {% for build in builds %}
       >
           {% for builder in builders %}
           \langle t,h \rangle
               <!-- If this build is from this builderid, then we render it in this...
→cell -->
               {% if build.builderid == builder.builderid %}
               <!-- for representing a build, you can choose one of those three_
←forms -->
                   <!-- 1) We use buildbot internal CSS styles display our builds, \_
\rightarrow with links to the standard UI -->
                        <a class="badge-status badge results_{{build.results_text |...
upper}}" href="#/builders/{{build.builderid}}/builds/{{build.number}}">
                           {{build.number}}
                        </a>
                    <!-- 2) The buildsummary directive is very powerful and will.
→display steps, sub-builds, logs, urls. -->
                      <buildsummary buildid="{{build.buildid}}" condensed="1"/>
                    <!-- 3) If you need something lighter, there is the build sticker.
→directive -->
                       <buildsticker buildid="{{build.buildid}}"/>
                   <!-- Note that those two directives will make additional HTTP.
\rightarrowrequests from the browser in order to fetch the necessary data they need to be
↔rendered. -->
              {% endif %}
           {% endfor %}
       {% endfor %}
   <!-- Example of line chart using Chart.js -->
   <canvas id="myChart" width="400" height="400"></canvas>
       <script>
       // We use Chart.js for rendering a chart, we first have to download it from_
→internet
       // (will be cached by the browser)
       $.getScript("https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/Chart.js/2.5.0/Chart.
→bundle.min.js",
       // See http://www.chartjs.org/docs/ for more details
       function createChart() {
           var scatterChart = new Chart("myChart", {
           type: 'line',
           data: {
               datasets: [{
                   label: 'Github statistics',
                    // Here the data from the python is passed to the javascript via_
\rightarrowtojson and safe jinja filters
                   // http://flask.pocoo.org/docs/0.12/templating/#standard-filters
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# 2.6.13 A Somewhat Whimsical Example (or "It's now customized, how do I deploy it?")

Let's say that we've got some snazzy new unit-test framework called Framboozle. It's the hottest thing since sliced bread. It slices, it dices, it runs unit tests like there's no tomorrow. Plus if your unit tests fail, you can use its name for a Web 2.1 startup company, make millions of dollars, and hire engineers to fix the bugs for you, while you spend your afternoons lazily hang-gliding along a scenic pacific beach, blissfully unconcerned about the state of your tests.<sup>1</sup>

To run a Framboozle-enabled test suite, you just run the 'framboozler' command from the top of your source code tree. The 'framboozler' command emits a bunch of stuff to stdout, but the most interesting bit is that it emits the line "FNURRRGH!" every time it finishes running a test case You'd like to have a test-case counting LogObserver that watches for these lines and counts them, because counting them will help the buildbot more accurately calculate how long the build will take, and this will let you know exactly how long you can sneak out of the office for your hang-gliding lessons without anyone noticing that you're gone.

This will involve writing a new BuildStep (probably named "Framboozle") which inherits from *ShellCommand*. The BuildStep class definition itself will look something like this:

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps, util

class FNURRGHCounter(util.LogLineObserver):
    numTests = 0
    def outLineReceived(self, line):
        if "FNURRRGH!" in line:
            self.numTests += 1
            self.step.setProgress('tests', self.numTests)

class Framboozle(steps.ShellCommand):
    command = ["framboozler"]

    def __init__(self, **kwargs):
        super().__init__(**kwargs)  # always upcall!
        counter = FNURRRGHCounter()
        self.addLogObserver('stdio', counter)
        self.progressMetrics += ('tests',)
```

So that's the code that we want to wind up using. How do we actually deploy it?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> framboozle.com is still available. Remember, I get 10% :).

You have a number of different options:

- Inclusion in the master.cfgfile
- Python file somewhere on the system
- Install this code into a standard Python library directory
- Distribute a Buildbot Plug-In
- Submit the code for inclusion in the Buildbot distribution
- Summary

### Inclusion in the master.cfg file

The simplest technique is to simply put the step class definitions in your master.cfg file, somewhere before the BuildFactory definition where you actually use it in a clause like:

```
f = BuildFactory()
f.addStep(SVN(repourl="stuff"))
f.addStep(Framboozle())
```

Remember that master.cfg is secretly just a Python program with one job: populating the BuildmasterConfig dictionary. And Python programs are allowed to define as many classes as they like. So you can define classes and use them in the same file, just as long as the class is defined before some other code tries to use it.

This is easy, and it keeps the point of definition very close to the point of use, and whoever replaces you after that unfortunate hang-gliding accident will appreciate being able to easily figure out what the heck this stupid "Framboozle" step is doing anyways. The downside is that every time you reload the config file, the Framboozle class will get redefined, which means that the buildmaster will think that you've reconfigured all the Builders that use it, even though nothing changed. Bleh.

#### Python file somewhere on the system

Instead, we can put this code in a separate file, and import it into the master.cfg file just like we would the normal buildsteps like *ShellCommand* and *SVN*.

Create a directory named ~/lib/python, put the step class definitions in ~/lib/python/framboozle.py, and run your buildmaster using:

PYTHONPATH=~/lib/python buildbot start MASTERDIR

or use the Makefile.buildbot to control the way buildbot start works. Or add something like this to something like your ~/.bashrc or ~/.bash\_profile or ~/.cshrc:

export PYTHONPATH=~/lib/python

Once we've done this, our master.cfg can look like:

```
from framboozle import Framboozle
f = BuildFactory()
f.addStep(SVN(repourl="stuff"))
f.addStep(Framboozle())
```

or:

```
import framboozle
f = BuildFactory()
f.addStep(SVN(repourl="stuff"))
f.addStep(framboozle.Framboozle())
```

(check out the Python docs for details about how import and from A import B work).

What we've done here is to tell Python that every time it handles an "import" statement for some named module, it should look in our ~/lib/python/ for that module before it looks anywhere else. After our directories, it will try in a bunch of standard directories too (including the one where buildbot is installed). By setting the PYTHONPATH environment variable, you can add directories to the front of this search list.

Python knows that once it "import"s a file, it doesn't need to re-import it again. This means that reconfiguring the buildmaster (with buildbot reconfig, for example) won't make it think the Framboozle class has changed every time, so the Builders that use it will not be spuriously restarted. On the other hand, you either have to start your buildmaster in a slightly weird way, or you have to modify your environment to set the PYTHONPATH variable.

### Install this code into a standard Python library directory

Find out what your Python's standard include path is by asking it:

```
80:warner@luther% python
Python 2.4.4c0 (#2, Oct 2 2006, 00:57:46)
[GCC 4.1.2 20060928 (prerelease) (Debian 4.1.1-15)] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> import sys
>>> import pprint
>>> pprint.pprint(sys.path)
['',
 '/usr/lib/python24.zip',
 '/usr/lib/python2.4',
 '/usr/lib/python2.4/plat-linux2',
 '/usr/lib/python2.4/lib-tk',
 '/usr/lib/python2.4/lib-dynload',
 '/usr/local/lib/python2.4/site-packages',
 '/usr/lib/python2.4/site-packages',
 '/usr/lib/python2.4/site-packages/Numeric',
 '/var/lib/python-support/python2.4',
 '/usr/lib/site-python']
```

In this case, putting the code into /usr/local/lib/python2.4/site-packages/framboozle.py would work just fine. We can use the same master.cfg import framboozle statement as in Option 2. By putting it in a standard include directory (instead of the decidedly non-standard ~/lib/python), we don't even have to set PYTHONPATH to anything special. The downside is that you probably have to be root to write to one of those standard include directories.

# Distribute a Buildbot Plug-In

First of all, you must prepare a Python package (if you do not know what that is, please check *How to package Buildbot plugins*, where you can find a couple of pointers to tutorials).

When you have a package, you will have a special file called setup.py. This file needs to be updated to include a pointer to your new step:

```
setup(
    ...
    entry_points = {
        '...,
        'buildbot.steps': [
            'Framboozle = framboozle:Framboozle'
        ]
    },
    ...
)
```

Where:

- buildbot.steps is the kind of plugin you offer (more information about possible kinds you can find in *How* to package Buildbot plugins)
- framboozle:Framboozle consists of two parts: framboozle is the name of the Python module where to look for Framboozle class, which implements the plugin
- Framboozle is the name of the plugin.

This will allow users of your plugin to use it just like any other Buildbot plugins:

from buildbot.plugins import steps

```
... steps.Framboozle ...
```

Now you can upload it to PyPI (http://pypi.python.org/) where other people can download it from and use in their build systems. Once again, the information about how to prepare and upload a package to PyPI (http://pypi.python.org/) can be found in tutorials listed in *How to package Buildbot plugins*.

### Submit the code for inclusion in the Buildbot distribution

Make a fork of buildbot on http://github.com/buildbot/buildbot or post a patch in a bug at http://trac.buildbot.net/. In either case, post a note about your patch to the mailing list, so others can provide feedback and, eventually, commit it.

When it's committed to the master, the usage is the same as in the previous approach:

```
from buildbot.plugins import steps, util
...
f = util.BuildFactory()
f.addStep(steps.SVN(repourl="stuff"))
f.addStep(steps.Framboozle())
...
```

And then you don't even have to install framboozle.py anywhere on your system, since it will ship with Buildbot. You don't have to be root, you don't have to set PYTHONPATH. But you do have to make a good case for Framboozle being worth going into the main distribution, you'll probably have to provide docs and some unit test cases, you'll need to figure out what kind of beer the author likes (IPA's and Stouts for Dustin), and then you'll have to wait until the next release. But in some environments, all this is easier than getting root on your buildmaster box, so the tradeoffs may actually be worth it.

### Summary

Putting the code in master.cfg (1) makes it available to that buildmaster instance. Putting it in a file in a personal library directory (2) makes it available for any buildmasters you might be running. Putting it in a file in a system-wide shared

library directory (3) makes it available for any buildmasters that anyone on that system might be running. Getting it into the buildbot's upstream repository (4) makes it available for any buildmasters that anyone in the world might be running. It's all a matter of how widely you want to deploy that new class.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 2.7 Command-line Tool

This section describes command-line tools available after buildbot installation.

The two main command-line tools are **buildbot** and **buildbot-worker**. The former handles a Buildbot master and the former handles a Buildbot worker.

Every command-line tool has a list of global options and a set of commands which have their own options. One can run these tools in the following way:

buildbot [global options] command [command options] buildbot-worker [global options] command [command options]

The buildbot command is used on the master, while buildbot-worker is used on the worker. Global options are the same for both tools which perform the following actions:

help	Print general help about available commands and global options and exit. All subsequent arguments are ignored.	
verbose	Set verbose output.	
version	Print current buildbot version and exit. All subsequent arguments are ignored.	
can get help on any command by specifying $belp$ as a command option:		

You can get help on any command by specifying --help as a command option:

buildbot command --help

You can also use manual pages for buildbot and buildbot-worker for quick reference on command-line options.

The remainder of this section describes each buildbot command. See cmdline for a full list.

# 2.7.1 buildbot

The buildbot command-line tool can be used to start or stop a buildmaster or buildbot, and to interact with a running buildmaster. Some of its subcommands are intended for buildmaster admins, while some are for developers who are editing the code that the buildbot is monitoring.

### **Administrator Tools**

The following **buildbot** sub-commands are intended for buildmaster administrators:

#### create-master

buildbot create-master -r {BASEDIR}

This creates a new directory and populates it with files that allow it to be used as a buildmaster's base directory.

You will usually want to use the option -r option to create a relocatable buildbot.tac. This allows you to move the master directory without editing this file.

#### upgrade-master

buildbot upgrade-master {BASEDIR}

This upgrades a previously created buildmaster's base directory for a new version of buildbot master source code. This will copy the web server static files, and potentially upgrade the db.

#### start

buildbot start [--nodaemon] {BASEDIR}

This starts a buildmaster which was already created in the given base directory. The daemon is launched in the background, with events logged to a file named twistd.log.

The option *–nodaemon* option instructs Buildbot to skip daemonizing. The process will start in the foreground. It will only return to the command-line when it is stopped.

### restart

```
buildbot restart [--nodaemon] {BASEDIR}
```

Restart the buildmaster. This is equivalent to stop followed by start The option *-nodaemon* option has the same meaning as for start.

### stop

buildbot stop {BASEDIR}

This terminates the daemon (either buildmaster or worker) running in the given directory. The --clean option shuts down the buildmaster cleanly. With --no-wait option buildbot stop command will send buildmaster shutdown signal and will immediately exit, not waiting for complete buildmaster shutdown.

### sighup

```
buildbot sighup {BASEDIR}
```

This sends a SIGHUP to the buildmaster running in the given directory, which causes it to re-read its master.cfg file.

### checkconfig

buildbot checkconfig {BASEDIR|CONFIG\_FILE}

This checks if the buildmaster configuration is well-formed and contains no deprecated or invalid elements. If no arguments are used or the base directory is passed as the argument the config file specified in buildbot.tac is checked. If the argument is the path to a config file then it will be checked without using the buildbot.tac file.

### cleanupdb

buildbot cleanupdb {BASEDIR|CONFIG\_FILE} [-q]

This command is frontend for various database maintenance jobs:

• optimiselogs: This optimization groups logs into bigger chunks to apply higher level of compression.

### **Developer Tools**

These tools are provided for use by the developers who are working on the code that the buildbot is monitoring.

### try

This lets a developer to ask the question What would happen if I committed this patch right now?. It runs the unit test suite (across multiple build platforms) on the developer's current code, allowing them to make sure they will not break the tree when they finally commit their changes.

The buildbot try command is meant to be run from within a developer's local tree, and starts by figuring out the base revision of that tree (what revision was current the last time the tree was updated), and a patch that can be applied to that revision of the tree to make it match the developer's copy. This (revision, patch) pair is then sent to the buildmaster, which runs a build with that SourceStamp. If you want, the tool will emit status messages as the builds run, and will not terminate until the first failure has been detected (or the last success).

There is an alternate form which accepts a pre-made patch file (typically the output of a command like **svn diff**). This --diff form does not require a local tree to run from. See *try* -diff concerning the --diff command option.

For this command to work, several pieces must be in place: the *Try\_Jobdir* or :*Try\_Userpass*, as well as some client-side configuration.

### Locating the master

The **try** command needs to be told how to connect to the try scheduler, and must know which of the authentication approaches described above is in use by the buildmaster. You specify the approach by using --connect=ssh or --connect=pb (or try\_connect = 'ssh' or try\_connect = 'pb' in .buildbot/options).

For the PB approach, the command must be given a option *-master* argument (in the form *HOST:PORT*) that points to TCP port that you picked in the Try\_Userpass scheduler. It also takes a option *-username* and option *-passwd* pair of arguments that match one of the entries in the buildmaster's userpass list. These arguments can also be provided as try\_master, try\_username, and try\_password entries in the .buildbot/options file.

For the SSH approach, the command must be given option *-host* and option *-username*, to get to the buildmaster host. It must also be given option *-jobdir*, which points to the inlet directory configured above. The jobdir can be relative to the user's home directory, but most of the time you will use an explicit path like *~buildbot/project/trydir*. These arguments can be provided in .buildbot/options as try\_host, try\_username, try\_password, and try\_jobdir.

If you need to use something different from the default ssh command for connecting to the remote system, you can use -ssh command line option or try\_ssh in the configuration file.

The SSH approach also provides a option *-buildbotbin* argument to allow specification of the buildbot binary to run on the buildmaster. This is useful in the case where buildbot is installed in a *virtualenv* on the buildmaster host, or in other circumstances where the buildbot command is not on the path of the user given by option *-username*. The option *-buildbotbin* argument can be provided in .buildbot/options as try\_buildbotbin

The following command line arguments are deprecated, but retained for backward compatibility:

tryhost	is replaced by option <i>-host</i>
trydir	is replaced by option -jobdir
master	is replaced by option -masterstatus

Likewise, the following .buildbot/options file entries are deprecated, but retained for backward compatibility:

- try\_dir is replaced by try\_jobdir
- masterstatus is replaced by try\_masterstatus

### Waiting for results

If you provide the option *-wait* option (or try\_wait = True in .buildbot/options), the buildbot try command will wait until your changes have either been proven good or bad before exiting. Unless you use the option *-quiet* option (or try\_quiet=True), it will emit a progress message every 60 seconds until the builds have completed.

The SSH connection method does not support waiting for results.

### **Choosing the Builders**

A trial build is performed on multiple Builders at the same time, and the developer gets to choose which Builders are used (limited to a set selected by the buildmaster admin with the TryScheduler's builderNames= argument). The set you choose will depend upon what your goals are: if you are concerned about cross-platform compatibility, you should use multiple Builders, one from each platform of interest. You might use just one builder if that platform has libraries or other facilities that allow better test coverage than what you can accomplish on your own machine, or faster test runs.

The set of Builders to use can be specified with multiple option *-builder* arguments on the command line. It can also be specified with a single try\_builders option in .buildbot/options that uses a list of strings to specify all the Builder names:

try\_builders = ["full-OSX", "full-win32", "full-linux"]

If you are using the PB approach, you can get the names of the builders that are configured for the try scheduler using the get-builder-names argument:

buildbot try --get-builder-names --connect=pb --master=... --username=... --passwd=...

### Specifying the VC system

The **try** command also needs to know how to take the developer's current tree and extract the (revision, patch) source-stamp pair. Each VC system uses a different process, so you start by telling the **try** command which VC

system you are using, with an argument like option -vc=cvs or option -vc=git. This can also be provided as try\_vc in .buildbot/options.

The following names are recognized: bzr cvs darcs hg git mtn p4 svn

### Finding the top of the tree

Some VC systems (notably CVS and SVN) track each directory more-or-less independently, which means the **try** command needs to move up to the top of the project tree before it will be able to construct a proper full-tree patch. To accomplish this, the **try** command will crawl up through the parent directories until it finds a marker file. The default name for this marker file is .buildbot-top, so when you are using CVS or SVN you should touch . buildbot-top from the top of your tree before running **buildbot try**. Alternatively, you can use a filename like ChangeLog or README, since many projects put one of these files in their top-most directory (and nowhere else). To set this filename, use --topfile=ChangeLog, or set it in the options file with try\_topfile = 'ChangeLog'.

You can also manually set the top of the tree with --topdir=~/trees/mytree, or try\_topdir = '~/ trees/mytree'. If you use try\_topdir, in a .buildbot/options file, you will need a separate options file for each tree you use, so it may be more convenient to use the try\_topfile approach instead.

Other VC systems which work on full projects instead of individual directories (Darcs, Mercurial, Git, Monotone) do not require **try** to know the top directory, so the option *-try-topfile* and option *-try-topdir* arguments will be ignored.

If the try command cannot find the top directory, it will abort with an error message.

The following command line arguments are deprecated, but retained for backward compatibility:

- --try-topdir is replaced by option -topdir
- --try-topfile is replaced by option -topfile

### Determining the branch name

Some VC systems record the branch information in a way that try can locate it. For the others, if you are using something other than the default branch, you will have to tell the buildbot which branch your tree is using. You can do this with either the option *-branch* argument, or a try\_branch entry in the .buildbot/options file.

### Determining the revision and patch

Each VC system has a separate approach for determining the tree's base revision and computing a patch.

- **CVS try** pretends that the tree is up to date. It converts the current time into a option -*D* time specification, uses it as the base revision, and computes the diff between the upstream tree as of that point in time versus the current contents. This works, more or less, but requires that the local clock be in reasonably good sync with the repository.
- **SVN try** does a **svn status** -u to find the latest repository revision number (emitted on the last line in the Status against revision: *NN* message). It then performs an svn diff -r*NN* to find out how your tree differs from the repository version, and sends the resulting patch to the buildmaster. If your tree is not up to date, this will result in the try tree being created with the latest revision, then *backwards* patches applied to bring it back to the version you actually checked out (plus your actual code changes), but this will still result in the correct tree being used for the build.
- bzr try does a bzr revision-info to find the base revision, then a bzr diff -r\$base.. to obtain the
   patch.

- Mercurial hg parents --template '{node}\n' emits the full revision id (as opposed to the common 12char truncated) which is a SHA1 hash of the current revision's contents. This is used as the base revision. hg diff then provides the patch relative to that revision. For try to work, your working directory must only have patches that are available from the same remotely-available repository that the build process' source. Mercurial will use.
- **Perforce try** does a p4 changes -m1 ... to determine the latest changelist and implicitly assumes that the local tree is synced to this revision. This is followed by a p4 diff -du to obtain the patch. A p4 patch differs slightly from a normal diff. It contains full depot paths and must be converted to paths relative to the branch top. To convert the following restriction is imposed. The p4base (see *P4Source*) is assumed to be //depot
- **Darcs try** does a darcs changes --context to find the list of all patches back to and including the last tag that was made. This text file (plus the location of a repository that contains all these patches) is sufficient to re-create the tree. Therefore the contents of this context file *are* the revision stamp for a Darcs-controlled source tree. It then does a darcs diff -u to compute the patch relative to that revision.
- Git git branch -v lists all the branches available in the local repository along with the revision ID it points to and a short summary of the last commit. The line containing the currently checked out branch begins with "\*" (star and space) while all the others start with "" (two spaces). try scans for this line and extracts the branch name and revision from it. Then it generates a diff against the base revision.

**Todo:** I'm not sure if this actually works the way it's intended since the extracted base revision might not actually exist in the upstream repository. Perhaps we need to add a –remote option to specify the remote tracking branch to generate a diff against.

Monotone mtn automate get\_base\_revision\_id emits the full revision id which is a SHA1 hash of the current revision's contents. This is used as the base revision. mtn diff then provides the patch relative to that revision. For try to work, your working directory must only have patches that are available from the same remotely-available repository that the build process' source.Monotone will use.

### patch information

You can provide the option -who=dev to designate who is running the try build. This will add the dev to the Reason field on the try build's status web page. You can also set try\_who = dev in the .buildbot/options file. Note that option -who=dev will not work on version 0.8.3 or earlier masters.

Similarly, option *-comment=COMMENT* will specify the comment for the patch, which is also displayed in the patch information. The corresponding config-file option is try\_comment.

### **Sending properties**

You can set properties to send with your change using either the option *-property=key=value* option, which sets a single property, or the option *-properties=key1=value1,key2=value2...* option, which sets multiple comma-separated properties. Either of these can be specified multiple times. Note that the option *-properties* option uses commas to split on properties, so if your property value itself contains a comma, you'll need to use the option *-property* option to set it.

### try –diff

Sometimes you might have a patch from someone else that you want to submit to the buildbot. For example, a user may have created a patch to fix some specific bug and sent it to you by email. You've inspected the patch and suspect

that it might do the job (and have at least confirmed that it doesn't do anything evil). Now you want to test it out.

One approach would be to check out a new local tree, apply the patch, run your local tests, then use buildbot try to run the tests on other platforms. An alternate approach is to use the buildbot try --diff form to have the buildbot test the patch without using a local tree.

This form takes a option -diff argument which points to a file that contains the patch you want to apply. By default this patch will be applied to the TRUNK revision, but if you give the optional option -baserev argument, a tree of the given revision will be used as a starting point instead of TRUNK.

You can also use buildbot try --diff=- to read the patch from stdin.

Each patch has a patchlevel associated with it. This indicates the number of slashes (and preceding pathnames) that should be stripped before applying the diff. This exactly corresponds to the option -p or option -strip argument to the **patch** utility. By default buildbot try --diff uses a patchlevel of 0, but you can override this with the option -p argument.

When you use option -diff, you do not need to use any of the other options that relate to a local tree, specifically option -vc, option -try-topfile, or option -try-topdir. These options will be ignored. Of course you must still specify how to get to the buildmaster (with option -connect, option -tryhost, etc).

### **Other Tools**

These tools are generally used by buildmaster administrators.

### sendchange

This command is used to tell the buildmaster about source changes. It is intended to be used from within a commit script, installed on the VC server. It requires that you have a PBChangeSource (*PBChangeSource*) running in the buildmaster (by being set in c['change\_source']).

The option *-auth* option specifies the credentials to use to connect to the master, in the form user:pass. If the password is omitted, then sendchange will prompt for it. If both are omitted, the old default (username "change" and password "changepw") will be used. Note that this password is well-known, and should not be used on an internet-accessible port.

The option *-master* and option *-username* arguments can also be given in the options file (see *.buildbot config directory*). There are other (optional) arguments which can influence the Change that gets submitted:

branch	(or option branch) This provides the (string) branch specifier. If omitted, it defaults to None, indicating the default branch. All files included in this Change must be on the same branch.
category	(or option category) This provides the (string) category specifier. If omitted, it defaults to None, indicating no category. The category property can be used by schedulers to filter what changes they listen to.
project	(or option project) This provides the (string) project to which this change applies, and defaults to ". The project can be used by schedulers to decide which builders should respond to a particular change.
repository	(or option repository) This provides the repository from which this change came, and defaults to ''.
revision	This provides a revision specifier, appropriate to the VC system in use.

revision_file	This provides a filename which will be opened and the contents used as the re- vision specifier. This is specifically for Darcs, which uses the output of darcs changescontext as a revision specifier. This context file can be a couple of kilobytes long, spanning a couple lines per patch, and would be a hassle to pass as a command-line argument.
property	This parameter is used to set a property on the Change generated by sendchange. Properties are specified as a <i>name</i> : <i>value</i> pair, separated by a colon. You may specify many properties by passing this parameter multiple times.
comments	This provides the change comments as a single argument. You may want to use option $-logfile$ instead.
logfile	This instructs the tool to read the change comments from the given file. If you use – as the filename, the tool will read the change comments from stdin.
encoding	Specifies the character encoding for all other parameters, defaulting to <code>'utf8'</code> .
vc	Specifies which VC system the Change is coming from, one of: cvs, svn, darcs, hg, bzr, git, mtn, or p4. Defaults to None.

### user

Note that in order to use this command, you need to configure a *CommandlineUserManager* instance in your *master.cfg* file, which is explained in *Users Options*.

This command allows you to manage users in buildbot's database. No extra requirements are needed to use this command, aside from the Buildmaster running. For details on how Buildbot manages users, see *Users*.

master	The <b>user</b> command can be run virtually anywhere provided a location of the running buildmaster. The option <i>-master</i> argument is of the form <i>MASTERHOST:PORT</i> .
username	PB connection authentication that should match the arguments to Command-lineUserManager.
passwd	PB connection authentication that should match the arguments to Command-lineUserManager.
ор	There are four supported values for the option <i>-op</i> argument: add, update, remove, and get. Each are described in full in the following sections.
bb_username	Used with the option $-op=update$ option, this sets the user's username for web authentication in the database. It requires option $-bb_password$ to be set along with it.
bb_password	Also used with the option $-op=update$ option, this sets the password portion of a user's web authentication credentials into the database. The password is first encrypted prior to storage for security reasons.
ids	When working with users, you need to be able to refer to them by unique iden- tifiers to find particular users in the database. The option $-ids$ option lets you specify a comma separated list of these identifiers for use with the <b>user</b> com- mand.
	The option $-ids$ option is used only when using option $-op=remove$ or option $-op=get$ .

Users are known in buildbot as a collection of attributes tied together by some unique identifier (see *Users*). These attributes are specified in the form {TYPE}={VALUE} when using the option *-info* option. These {TYPE}={VALUE} pairs are specified in a comma separated list, so for example:

--info=svn=jdoe,git='John Doe <joe@example.com>'

The option -info option can be specified multiple times in the **user** command, as each specified option will be interpreted as a new user. Note that option -info is only used with option -op=add or with option -op=update, and whenever you use option -op=update you need to specify the identifier of the user you want to update. This is done by prepending the option -info arguments with {ID:}. If we were to update 'jschmo' from the previous example, it would look like this:

--info=jdoe:git='Joe Doe <joe@example.com>'

Note that option *-master*, option *-username*, option *-passwd*, and option *-op* are always required to issue the **user** command.

The option *-master*, option *-username*, and option *-passwd* options can be specified in the option file with keywords user\_master, user\_username, and user\_passwd, respectively. If user\_master is not specified, then option *-master* from the options file will be used instead.

Below are examples of how each command should look. Whenever a **user** command is successful, results will be shown to whoever issued the command.

For option *-op=add*:

--info

```
buildbot user --master={MASTERHOST} --op=add \
    --username={USER} --passwd={USERPW} \
    --info={TYPE}={VALUE},...
```

For option *–op=update*:

```
buildbot user --master={MASTERHOST} --op=update \
    --username={USER} --passwd={USERPW} \
    --info={ID}:{TYPE}={VALUE},...
```

For option *–op=remove*:

```
buildbot user --master={MASTERHOST} --op=remove \
    --username={USER} --passwd={USERPW} \
    --ids={ID1}, {ID2},...
```

For option *-op=get*:

```
buildbot user --master={MASTERHOST} --op=get \
    --username={USER} --passwd={USERPW} \
    --ids={ID1}, {ID2},...
```

A note on option -op=update: when updating the option  $-bb\_username$  and option  $-bb\_password$ , the option -info doesn't need to have additional {TYPE} = {VALUE} pairs to update and can just take the {ID} portion.

### .buildbot config directory

Many of the **buildbot** tools must be told how to contact the buildmaster that they interact with. This specification can be provided as a command-line argument, but most of the time it will be easier to set them in an options file. The **buildbot** command will look for a special directory named .buildbot, starting from the current directory (where the command was run) and crawling upwards, eventually looking in the user's home directory. It will look for a file named options in this directory, and will evaluate it as a Python script, looking for certain names to be set. You can just put simple name = 'value' pairs in this file to set the options.

For a description of the names used in this file, please see the documentation for the individual **buildbot** subcommands. The following is a brief sample of what this file's contents could be.

```
# for status-reading tools
masterstatus = 'buildbot.example.org:12345'
# for 'sendchange' or the debug port
master = 'buildbot.example.org:18990'
```

Note carefully that the names in the options file usually do not match the command-line option name.

- **master** Equivalent to option *-master* for *sendchange*. It is the location of the pb.PBChangeSource for `sendchange.
- username Equivalent to option *-username* for the *sendchange* command.
- **branch** Equivalent to option *–branch* for the *sendchange* command.
- category Equivalent to option -category for the sendchange command.
- **try\_connect** Equivalent to option *-connect*, this specifies how the *try* command should deliver its request to the buildmaster. The currently accepted values are ssh and pb.
- try\_builders Equivalent to option -builders, specifies which builders should be used for the try build.

**try\_vc** Equivalent to option -vc for try, this specifies the version control system being used.

**try\_branch** Equivalent to option *-branch*, this indicates that the current tree is on a non-trunk branch.

try\_topdir

**try\_topfile** Use try\_topdir, equivalent to option *-try-topdir*, to explicitly indicate the top of your working tree, or try\_topfile, equivalent to option *-try-topfile* to name a file that will only be found in that top-most directory.

try\_host

try\_username

try\_dir When try\_connect is ssh, the command will use try\_host for option -tryhost, try\_username
for option -username, and try\_dir for option -trydir. Apologies for the confusing presence and absence of
'try'.

try\_username

try\_password

try\_master Similarly, when try\_connect is pb, the command will pay attention to try\_username for option -username, try\_password for option -passwd, and try\_master for option -master.

try\_wait

masterstatus try\_wait and masterstatus (equivalent to option -wait and master, respectively) are used
 to ask the try command to wait for the requested build to complete.

# 2.7.2 worker

**buildbot-worker** command-line tool is used for worker management only and does not provide any additional functionality. One can create, start, stop and restart the worker.

### create-worker

This creates a new directory and populates it with files that let it be used as a worker's base directory. You must provide several arguments, which are used to create the initial buildbot.tac file.

The option -*r* option is advisable here, just like for create-master.

buildbot-worker create-worker -r {BASEDIR} {MASTERHOST}: {PORT} {WORKERNAME} {PASSWORD}

The create-worker options are described in Worker Options.

### start

This starts a worker which was already created in the given base directory. The daemon is launched in the background, with events logged to a file named twistd.log.

buildbot-worker start [--nodaemon] BASEDIR

The option *–nodaemon* option instructs Buildbot to skip daemonizing. The process will start in the foreground. It will only return to the command-line when it is stopped.

### restart

buildbot-worker restart [--nodaemon] BASEDIR

This restarts a worker which is already running. It is equivalent to a stop followed by a start.

The option -nodaemon option has the same meaning as for start.

#### stop

This terminates the daemon worker running in the given directory.

buildbot stop BASEDIR

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 2.8 Resources

The Buildbot home page is http://buildbot.net/.

For configuration questions and general discussion, please use the buildbot-devel mailing list. The subscription instructions and archives are available at https://lists.buildbot.net/pipermail/devel/

The #buildbot channel on Freenode's IRC servers hosts development discussion, and often folks are available to answer questions there, as well.

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# 2.9 Optimization

If you're feeling your Buildbot is running a bit slow, here are some tricks that may help you, but use them at your own risk.

# 2.9.1 Properties load speedup

For example, if most of your build properties are strings, you can gain an approx. 30% speedup if you put this snippet of code inside your master.cfg file:

```
def speedup_json_loads():
    import json, re
    original_decode = json._default_decoder.decode
    my_regexp = re.compile(r'^\[\"([^"]*)\",\s+\"([^"]*)\"\]$')
    def decode_with_re(str, *args, **kw):
        m = my_regexp.match(str)
        try:
            return list(m.groups())
        except Exception:
            return original_decode(str, *args, **kw)
        json._default_decoder.decode = decode_with_re
        speedup_json_loads()
```

It patches json decoder so that it would first try to extract a value from JSON that is a list of two strings (which is the case for a property being a string), and would fallback to general JSON decoder on any error.

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# 2.10 Plugin Infrastructure in Buildbot

New in version 0.8.11.

Plugin infrastructure in Buildbot allows easy use of components that are not part of the core. It also allows unified access to components that are included in the core.

The following snippet

```
from buildbot.plugins import kind
... kind.ComponentClass ...
```

allows to use a component of kind kind. Available kinds are:

worker workers, described in Workers

changes change source, described in Change Sources and Changes

schedulers schedulers, described in Schedulers

steps build steps, described in Build Steps

reporters reporters (or reporter targets), described in Reporters

util utility classes. For example, *BuilderConfig*, *Build Factories*, *ChangeFilter* and *Locks* are accessible through util.

Web interface plugins are not used directly: as described in *web server configuration* section, they are listed in the corresponding section of the web server configuration dictionary.

**Note:** If you are not very familiar with Python and you need to use different kinds of components, start your master.cfg file with:

from buildbot.plugins import \*

As a result, all listed above components will be available for use. This is what sample master.cfg file uses.

# 2.10.1 Finding Plugins

Buildbot maintains a list of plugins at https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/wiki/PluginList.

# 2.10.2 Developing Plugins

*Distribute a Buildbot Plug-In* contains all necessary information for you to develop new plugins. Please edit https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/wiki/PluginList to add a link to your plugin!

# 2.10.3 Plugins of note

Plugins were introduced in Buildbot-0.8.11, so as of this writing, only components that are bundled with Buildbot are available as plugins.

If you have an idea/need about extending Buildbot, head to *How to package Buildbot plugins*, create your own plugins and let the world know how Buildbot can be made even more useful.

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# 2.11 Deployment

This page aims at describing the common pitfalls and best practices when deploying buildbot.

- Using A Database Server
- Maintenance

Troubleshooting

# 2.11.1 Using A Database Server

Buildbot uses the sqlite3 database backend by default.

**Important:** SQLite3 is perfectly suitable for small setups with a few users. However, it does not scale well with large numbers of builders, workers and users. If you expect your Buildbot to grow over time, it is strongly advised to use a real database server (e.g., MySQL or Postgres).

If you want to use a database server as the database backend for your Buildbot, use option *buildbot create-master –db* to specify the *connection string* for the database, and make sure that the same URL appears in the db\_url of the *db* parameter in your configuration file.

### Server Setup Example

Installing and configuring a database server can be complex. Here is a minimalist example on how to install and configure a PostgreSQL server for your Buildbot on a recent Ubuntu system.

**Note:** To install PostgreSQL on Ubuntu, you need root access. There are other ways to do it without root access (e.g. docker, build from source, etc.) but outside the scope of this example.

First, let's install the server with apt-get:

```
$ sudo apt-get update
Hit:1 http://fr.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic InRelease
Hit:2 http://fr.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-security InRelease
Hit:3 http://fr.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-updates InRelease
Reading package lists... Done
$ sudo apt-get install postgresql
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
 libpq5 postgresgl-10 postgresgl-client-10 postgresgl-client-common postgresgl-
⇔common ssl-cert
Suggested packages:
 postgresql-doc locales-all postgresql-doc-10 libjson-perl openssl-blacklist
Recommended packages:
 svsstat
The following NEW packages will be installed:
 libpq5 postgresql postgresql-10 postgresql-client-10 postgresql-client-common_
→postgresql-common ssl-cert
0 upgraded, 7 newly installed, 0 to remove and 132 not upgraded.
Need to get 5,010 kB of archives.
After this operation, 19.7 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 http://fr.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-security/main amd64 libpq5 amd64 10.
↔8-0ubuntu0.18.04.1 [107 kB]
Get:2 http://fr.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/main amd64 postgresgl-client-common.
→all 190 [29.5 kB]
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```
Setting up postgresgl-10 (10.8-Oubuntu0.18.04.1) ...
Creating new PostgreSQL cluster 10/main ...
/usr/lib/postgresql/10/bin/initdb -D /var/lib/postgresql/10/main --auth-local peer --
→auth-host md5
The files belonging to this database system will be owned by user "postgres".
This user must also own the server process.
The database cluster will be initialized with locale "en_US.UTF-8".
The default database encoding has accordingly been set to "UTF8".
The default text search configuration will be set to "english".
Data page checksums are disabled.
fixing permissions on existing directory /var/lib/postgresgl/10/main ... ok
creating subdirectories ... ok
selecting default max_connections ... 100
selecting default shared_buffers ... 128MB
selecting dynamic shared memory implementation ... posix
creating configuration files ... ok
running bootstrap script ... ok
performing post-bootstrap initialization ... ok
syncing data to disk ... ok
Success. You can now start the database server using:
    /usr/lib/postgresql/10/bin/pg_ctl -D /var/lib/postgresql/10/main -l logfile start
Ver Cluster Port Status Owner Data directory
                                                             Log file
10 main
          5432 down postgres /var/lib/postgresql/10/main /var/log/postgresql/
⇔postgresgl-10-main.log
update-alternatives: using /usr/share/postgresql/10/man/man1/postmaster.1.gz to.
→provide /usr/share/man/man1/postmaster.1.gz (postmaster.1.gz) in auto mode
Setting up postgresql (10+190) ...
Processing triggers for systemd (237-3ubuntu10.13) ...
$ sudo systemctl status postgresql@10-main.service
postgresql@10-main.service - PostgreSQL Cluster 10-main
  Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/postgresql@.service; indirect; vendor preset:_
⇔enabled)
  Active: active (running) since Wed 2019-05-29 11:33:40 CEST; 3min 1s ago
Main PID: 24749 (postgres)
   Tasks: 7 (limit: 4915)
  CGroup: /system.slice/system-postgresql.slice/postgresql@10-main.service
           -24749 /usr/lib/postgresql/10/bin/postgres -D /var/lib/postgresql/10/main.
↔-c config_file=/etc/postgresql/10/main/postgresql.conf
            -24751 postgres: 10/main: checkpointer process
           -24752 postgres: 10/main: writer process
            -24753 postgres: 10/main: wal writer process
            -24754 postgres: 10/main: autovacuum launcher process
           -24755 postgres: 10/main: stats collector process
           -24756 postgres: 10/main: bgworker: logical replication launcher
May 29 11:33:38 ubuntu1804 systemd[1]: Starting PostgreSQL Cluster 10-main...
May 29 11:33:40 ubuntu1804 systemd[1]: Started PostgreSQL Cluster 10-main.
```

Once the server is installed, create a user and associated database for your Buildbot.

```
$ sudo su - postgres
postgres$ createuser -P buildbot
Enter password for new role: bulldb0t
Enter it again: bulldb0t
postgres$ createdb -O buildbot buildbot
postgres$ exit
```

After which, you can configure a proper SQLAlchemy (http://www.sqlalchemy.org/) URL:

c['db'] = {'db\_url': 'postgresql://buildbot:bulldb0t@127.0.0.1/buildbot'}

And initialize the database tables with the following command:

```
$ buildbot upgrade-master
checking basedir
checking for running master
checking master.cfg
upgrading basedir
creating master.cfg.sample
upgrading database (postgresql://buildbot:xxxx@127.0.0.1/buildbot)
upgrade complete
```

### **Additional Requirements**

Depending on the selected database, further Python packages will be required. Consult the SQLAlchemy (http://www.sqlalchemy.org/) dialect list for a full description. The most common choice for MySQL is mysqlclient (https://github.com/PyMySQL/mysqlclient-python). Any reasonably recent version should suffice.

The most common choice for Postgres is Psycopg (http://initd.org/psycopg/) Any reasonably recent version should suffice.

# 2.11.2 Maintenance

The buildmaster can be configured to send out email notifications when a worker has been offline for a while. Be sure to configure the buildmaster with a contact email address for each worker so these notifications are sent to someone who can bring it back online.

If you find you can no longer provide a worker to the project, please let the project admins know, so they can put out a call for a replacement.

The Buildbot records status and logs output continually, each time a build is performed. The status tends to be small, but the build logs can become quite large. Each build and log are recorded in a separate file, arranged hierarchically under the buildmaster's base directory. To prevent these files from growing without bound, you should periodically delete old build logs. A simple cron job to delete anything older than, say, two weeks should do the job. The only trick is to leave the buildbot.tac and other support files alone, for which **find**'s -mindepth argument helps skip everything in the top directory. You can use something like the following (assuming builds are stored in ./builds/ directory):

```
@weekly cd BASEDIR && find . -mindepth 2 i-path './builds/*' \
    -prune -o -type f -mtime +14 -exec rm {} \;
@weekly cd BASEDIR && find twistd.log* -mtime +14 -exec rm {} \;
```

Alternatively, you can configure a maximum number of old logs to be kept using the --log-count command line option when running buildbot-worker create-worker or buildbot create-master.

# 2.11.3 Troubleshooting

Here are a few hints on diagnosing common problems.

# Starting the worker

Cron jobs are typically run with a minimal shell (/bin/sh, not /bin/bash), and tilde expansion is not always performed in such commands. You may want to use explicit paths, because the PATH is usually quite short and doesn't include anything set by your shell's startup scripts (.profile, .bashrc, etc). If you've installed buildbot (or other Python libraries) to an unusual location, you may need to add a PYTHONPATH specification (note that Python will do tilde-expansion on PYTHONPATH elements by itself). Sometimes it is safer to fully-specify everything:

```
@reboot PYTHONPATH=~/lib/python /usr/local/bin/buildbot \
    start /usr/home/buildbot/basedir
```

Take the time to get the <code>@reboot</code> job set up. Otherwise, things will work fine for a while, but the first power outage or system reboot you have will stop the worker with nothing but the cries of sorrowful developers to remind you that it has gone away.

### Connecting to the buildmaster

If the worker cannot connect to the buildmaster, the reason should be described in the twistd.log logfile. Some common problems are an incorrect master hostname or port number, or a mistyped bot name or password. If the worker loses the connection to the master, it is supposed to attempt to reconnect with an exponentially-increasing backoff. Each attempt (and the time of the next attempt) will be logged. If you get impatient, just manually stop and re-start the worker.

When the buildmaster is restarted, all workers will be disconnected, and will attempt to reconnect as usual. The reconnect time will depend upon how long the buildmaster is offline (i.e. how far up the exponential backoff curve the workers have travelled). Again, buildbot-worker restart *BASEDIR* will speed up the process.

# **Contrib Scripts**

While some features of Buildbot are included in the distribution, others are only available in master/contrib/ (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/master/contrib/) in the buildbot-contrib source directory. The latest versions of such scripts are available at master/contrib (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib).

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# 2.12 Upgrading

This section describes the process of upgrading from old versions of Buildbot.

Upgrades between multiple major versions at a time are not supported. To do so, first upgrade to the last version before the major version bump. Then fix any deprecation warnings, migrate off APIs removed in the next major version. And finally, perform the upgrade to the next major version.

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# 2.12.1 Upgrading to Buildbot 2.0

Upgrading a Buildbot instance from 1.x to 2.0 may require some work to achieve. The primary changes are removal of deprecated APIs and removal of Python 2.7 support.

The recommended upgrade procedure is as follows:

- Upgrade to the last released BuildBot version in 1.x series.
- Remove usage of the deprecated APIs. All usages of deprecated APIs threw a deprecation warning at the point of use. If the code does not emit deprecation warnings, it's in a good shape in this regard.
- Upgrade master to Python 3. Note that 1.x series has some bugs in Python 3 support, so any Python-related issues encountered in this step are relatively harmless as they will be fixed after upgrading to 2.0.
- Upgrade to Buildbot 2.0.
- (Optional) Upgrade to newest Buildbot 2.x. The newest point release will contain bug fixes and functionality improvements. Note that BuildBot 2.3.0 drops support for Internet Explorer 11 and some other old browsers.

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# 2.12.2 Upgrading to Buildbot 1.0

Upgrading a Buildbot instance from 0.9.x to 1.0 does not require any changes in the master configuration. Despite the major version bump, Buildbot 1.0 does not have major difference with the 0.9 series. 1.0.0 is rather the mark of API stability.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 2.12.3 Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0

Upgrading a Buildbot instance from 0.8.x to 0.9.x may require a number of changes to the master configuration. Those changes are summarized here. If you are starting fresh with 0.9.0 or later, you can safely skip this section.

First important note is that Buildbot does not support an upgrade of a 0.8.x instance to 0.9.x. Notably the build data and logs will not be accessible anymore if you upgraded, thus the database migration scripts have been dropped.

You should not pip upgrade -U buildbot, but rather start from a clean virtualenv aside from your old master. You can keep your old master instance to serve the old build status.

Buildbot is now composed of several Python packages and Javascript UI, and the easiest way to install it is to run the following command within a virtualenv:

pip install 'buildbot[bundle]'

### **Config File Syntax**

In preparation for compatibility with Python 3, Buildbot configuration files no longer allow the print statement:

print "foo"

To fix, simply enclose the print arguments in parentheses:

```
print("foo")
```

### **Plugins**

Although plugin support was available in 0.8.12, its use is now highly recommended. Instead of importing modules directly in master.cfg, import the plugin kind from buildbot.plugins:

from buildbot.plugins import steps

Then access the plugin itself as an attribute:

steps.SetProperty(...)

See Plugin Infrastructure in Buildbot for more information.

### Web Status

The most prominent change is that the existing WebStatus class is now gone, replaced by the new www functionality.

Thus an html.WebStatus entry in c['status'] should be removed and replaced with configuration in c['www']`. For example, replace:

```
from buildbot.status import html
c['status'].append(html.WebStatus(http_port=8010, allowForce=True)
```

with:

See *www* for more information.

### **Status Classes**

Where in 0.8.x most of the data about a build was available synchronously, it must now be fetched dynamically using the *Data API*. All classes under the Python package buildbot.status should be considered deprecated. Many have already been removed, and the remainder have limited functionality. Any custom code which refers to these classes must be rewritten to use the Data API. Avoid the temptation to reach into the Buildbot source code to find other useful-looking methods!

Common uses of the status API are:

- getBuild in a custom renderable
- MailNotifier message formatters (see below for upgrade hints)
- doStepIf functions on steps

Import paths for several classes under the buildbot.status package but which remain useful have changed. Most of these are now available as plugins (see above), but for the remainder, consult the source code.

### **BuildRequest Merging**

Buildbot 0.9.x has replaced the old concept of request merging (mergeRequests) with a more flexible requestcollapsing mechanism. See *collapseRequests* for more information.

### **Status Reporters**

In fact, the whole c['status'] configuration parameter is gone.

Many of the status listeners used in the status hierarchy in 0.8.x have been replaced with "reporters" that are available as buildbot plugins. However, note that not all status listeners have yet been ported. See the release notes for details.

Including the "status" key in the configuration object will cause a configuration error. All reporters should be included in c['services'] as described in *Reporters*.

The available reporters as of 0.9.0 are

- MailNotifier
- IRC
- *HttpStatusPush*
- GerritStatusPush
- *GitHubStatusPush* (replaces buildbot.status.github.GitHubStatus)

See the reporter index for the full, current list.

A few notes on changes to the configuration of these reporters:

- *MailNotifier* argument messageFormatter should now be a buildbot.reporters.message. MessageFormatter, due to the removal of the status classes (see above), such formatters must be reimplemented using the Data API.
- MailNotifier argument previousBuildGetter is not supported anymore
- MailNotifier no longer forces SSL 3.0 when useTls is true.
- *GerritStatusPush* callbacks slightly changed signature, and include a master reference instead of a status reference.
- GitHubStatusPush now accepts a context parameter to be passed to the GitHub Status API.
- buildbot.status.builder.Results and the constants buildbot.status.results.SUCCESS should be imported from the *buildbot.process.results* module instead.

### Steps

Buildbot-0.8.9 introduced "new-style steps", with an asynchronous run method. In the remaining 0.8.x releases, use of new-style and old-style steps were supported side-by-side. In 0.9.x, old-style steps are emulated using a collection of hacks to allow asynchronous calls to be called from synchronous code. This emulation is imperfect, and you are strongly encouraged to rewrite any custom steps as *New-Style Build Steps in Buildbot 0.9.0*.

Note that new-style steps now "push" their status when it changes, so the describe method no longer exists.

### **Identifiers**

Many strings in Buildbot must now be identifiers. Identifiers are designed to fit easily and unambiguously into URLs, AMQP routes, and the like. An "identifier" is a nonempty unicode string of limited length, containing only UTF-8 alphanumeric characters along with – (dash) and \_ (underscore), and not beginning with a digit

Unfortunately, many existing names do not fit this pattern.

The following fields are identifiers:

- worker name (50-character)
- builder name (70-character)
- step name (50-character)

### Serving static files

Since version 0.9.0 Buildbot doesn't use and don't serve master's public\_html directory. You need to use third-party HTTP server for serving static files.

### Transition to "worker" terminology

Since version 0.9.0 of Buildbot "slave"-based terminology is deprecated in favor of "worker"-based terminology.

All identifiers, messages and documentation were updated to use "worker" instead of "slave". Old API names are still available in Buildbot versions from 0.9.0 to 1.8.0, but deprecated. The support for old API names has been removed in Buildbot version 2.0.0. To upgrade pre-0.9.0 Buildbot installation a two-stage upgrade is recommended. First, upgrade to Buildbot version 1.8.0, then fix all deprecation warnings and finally upgrade to Buildbot version 2.x.y.

For details about changed API and how to control generated warnings see *Transition to "worker" terminology in BuildBot 0.9.0*.

### **Other Config Settings**

The default master.cfg file contains some new changes, which you should look over:

- c['protocols'] = { 'pb': { 'port': 9989} } (the default port used by the workers)
- Waterfall View: requires installation (pip install buildbot-waterfall-view) and configuration (c['www'] = { ..., 'plugins': {'waterfall\_view': {}}).

### **Build History**

There is no support for importing build history from 0.8.x (where the history was stored on-disk in pickle files) into 0.9.x (where it is stored in the database).

### Data LifeTime

Buildbot Nine data being implemented fully in an SQL database, the buildHorizon feature had to be reworked. Instead of being number-of-things based, it is now time based. This makes more sense from a user perspective but makes it harder to predict the database average size. Please be careful to provision enough disk space for your database.

The old c['logHorizon'] way of configuring is not supported anymore. See *JanitorConfigurator* to learn how to configure. A new \_\_Janitor builder will be created to help keep an eye on the cleanup activities.

### **More Information**

For minor changes not mentioned here, consult the release notes for the versions over which you are upgrading.

Buildbot-0.9.0 represents several years' work, and as such we may have missed potential migration issues.

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# 2.12.4 New-Style Build Steps in Buildbot 0.9.0

In Buildbot-0.9.0, many operations performed by BuildStep subclasses return a Deferred. As a result, custom build steps which call these methods will need to be rewritten.

Buildbot-0.8.9 supports old-style steps natively, while new-style steps are emulated. Buildbot-0.9.0 supports new-style steps natively, while old-style steps are emulated. Later versions of Buildbot will not support old-style steps at all. All custom steps should be rewritten in the new style as soon as possible.

Buildbot distinguishes new-style from old-style steps by the presence of a *run* method. If this method is present, then the step is a new-style step.

### **Summary of Changes**

- New-style steps have a run method that is simpler to implement than the old start method.
- Many methods are now asynchronous (return Deferreds), as they perform operations on the database.
- Logs are now implemented by a completely different class. This class supports the same log-writing methods (addStderr and so on), although they are now asynchronous. However, it does not support log-reading methods such as getText. It was never advisable to handle logs as enormous strings. New-style steps should, instead, use a LogObserver or (in Buildbot-0.9.0) fetch log lines bit by bit using the data API.
- *buildbot.process.buildstep.LoggingBuildStep* is deprecated and cannot be used in new-style steps. Mix in buildbot.process.buildstep.ShellMixin instead.
- Step strings, derived by parameters like description, descriptionDone, and descriptionSuffix, are no longer treated as lists. For backward compatibility, the parameters may still be given as lists, but will be joined with spaces during execution (using *join\_list*).

### **Backward Compatibility**

Some hacks are in place to support old-style steps. These hacks are only activated when an old-style step is detected. Support for old-style steps will be dropped soon after Buildbot-0.9.0 is released.

- The Deferreds from all asynchronous methods invoked during step execution are gathered internally. The step is not considered finished until all such Deferreds have fired, and is marked EXCEPTION if any fail. For logfiles, this is accomplished by means of a synchronous wrapper class.
- Logfile data is available while the step is still in memory. This means that logs returned from step.getLog have the expected methods getText, readlines and so on.
- ShellCommand subclasses implicitly gather all stdio output in memory and provide it to the createSummary method.

### **Rewriting** start

If your custom buildstep implements the start method, then rename that method to run and set it up to return a Deferred, either explicitly or via inlineCallbacks. The value of the Deferred should be the result of the step (one of the codes in *buildbot.process.results*), or a Twisted failure instance to complete the step as EXCEPTION. The new run method should *not* call self.finished or self.failed, instead signalling the same via Deferred.

For example, the following old-style start method :

```
def start(self): ## old style
  cmd = remotecommand.RemoteCommand('stat', {'file': self.file })
  d = self.runCommand(cmd)
  d.addCallback(lambda res: self.convertResult(cmd))
  d.addErrback(self.failed)
```

Becomes :

```
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def run(self): ## new style
    cmd = remotecommand.RemoteCommand('stat', {'file': self.file })
    yield self.runCommand(cmd)
    return self.convertResult(cmd)
```

### **Newly Asynchronous Methods**

The following methods now return a Deferred:

- buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep.addLog
- log.addStdout
- log.addStderr
- log.addHeader
- log.finish (see "Log Objects", below)
- buildbot.process.remotecommand.RemoteCommand.addStdout
- buildbot.process.remotecommand.RemoteCommand.addStderr
- buildbot.process.remotecommand.RemoteCommand.addHeader
- buildbot.process.remotecommand.RemoteCommand.addToLog
- buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep.addCompleteLog
- buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep.addHTMLLog
- buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep.addURL

Any custom code in a new-style step that calls these methods must handle the resulting Deferred. In some cases, that means that the calling method's signature will change. For example :

```
def summarize(self): ## old-style
  for m in self.MESSAGES:
    if counts[m]:
        self.addCompleteLog(m, "".join(summaries[m]))
        self.setProperty("count-%s" % m, counts[m], "counter")
```

Is a synchronous function, not returning a Deferred. However, when converted to a new-style test, it must handle Deferreds from the methods it calls, so it must be asynchronous. Syntactically, inlineCallbacks makes the change fairly simple:

```
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def summarize(self): ## new-style
  for m in self.MESSAGES:
    if counts[m]:
        yield self.addCompleteLog(m, "".join(summaries[m]))
        self.setProperty("count-%s" % m, counts[m], "counter")
```

However, this method's callers must now handle the Deferred that it returns. All methods that can be overridden in custom steps can return a Deferred.

### **Properties**

Good news! The API for properties is the same synchronous API as was available in old-style steps. Properties are handled synchronously during the build, and persisted to the database at completion of each step.

### Log Objects

Old steps had two ways of interacting with logfiles, both of which have changed.

The first is writing to logs while a step is executing. When using *addCompleteLog* or *addHTMLLog*, this is straightforward, except that in new-style steps these methods return a Deferred.

The second method is via *buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep.addLog*. In new-style steps, the returned object (via Deferred) has the following methods to add log content:

- addStdout
- addStderr
- addHeader
- finish

All of these methods now return Deferreds. None of the old log-reading methods are available on this object:

- hasContents
- getText
- readLines
- getTextWithHeaders
- getChunks

If your step uses such methods, consider using a *LogObserver* instead, or using the Data API to get the required data.

The undocumented and unused subscribeConsumer method of logfiles has also been removed.

The *subscribe* method now takes a callable, rather than an instance, and does not support catchup. This method was primarily used by *LogObserver*, the implementation of which has been modified accordingly. Any other uses of the subscribe method should be refactored to use a *LogObserver*.

### **Status Strings**

The self.step\_status.setText and setText2 methods have been removed. Similarly, the \_describe and describe methods are not used in new-style steps. In fact, steps no longer set their status directly.

Instead, steps call buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep.updateSummary whenever the status may have changed. This method calls getCurrentSummary or getResultSummary as appropriate and update displays of the step's status. Steps override the latter two methods to provide appropriate summaries.

### **Statistics**

Support for statistics has been moved to the BuildStep and Build objects. Calls to self.step\_status. setStatistic should be rewritten as self.setStatistic.

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### 2.12.5 Transition to "worker" terminology in BuildBot 0.9.0

Since version 0.9.0 of Buildbot "slave"-based terminology is deprecated in favor of "worker"-based terminology.

API change is done in backward compatible way, so old "slave"-containing classes, functions and attributes are still available and can be used. Old API support will be removed in the future versions of Buildbot.

Rename of API introduced in beta versions of Buildbot 0.9.0 done without providing fallback. See release notes for the list of breaking changes of private interfaces. The fallbacks have been removed in Buildbot version 2.0.0.

### Old names fallback settings

Use of obsolete names will raise Python warnings with category buildbot.worker\_transition. DeprecatedWorkerAPIWarning. By default these warnings are printed in the application log. This behaviour can be changed by setting appropriate Python warnings settings via Python's warnings module:

```
import warnings
from buildbot.worker_transition import DeprecatedWorkerAPIWarning
# Treat old-name usage as errors:
warnings.simplefilter("error", DeprecatedWorkerAPIWarning)
```

See Python's warnings module documentation for complete list of available actions, in particular warnings can be disabled using "ignore" action.

It's recommended to configure warnings inside buildbot.tac, before using any other Buildbot classes.

### **Changed API**

In general "Slave" and "Buildslave" parts in identifiers and messages were replaced with "Worker"; "SlaveBuilder" with "WorkerForBuilder".

Below is the list of changed API (use of old names from this list will work). Note that some of these symbols are not included in Buildbot's public API. Compatibility is provided as a convenience to those using the private symbols anyway.

Old name	New nai
buildbot.interfaces.IBuildSlave	IWorke
buildbot.interfaces.NoSlaveError(private)	left as is,
buildbot.interfaces.BuildSlaveTooOldError	Worker
buildbot.interfaces.LatentBuildSlaveFailedToSubstantiate(private)	Latent
buildbot.interfaces.ILatentBuildSlave	ILaten
<pre>buildbot.interfaces.ISlaveStatus (will be removed in 0.9.x)</pre>	IWorke
buildbot.buildslave module with all contents	buildb
buildbot.buildslave.AbstractBuildSlave	buildb
buildbot.buildslave.AbstractBuildSlave.slavename(private)	buildb
buildbot.buildslave.AbstractLatentBuildSlave	buildb
buildbot.buildslave.BuildSlave	buildb
buildbot.buildslave.ec2	buildb
buildbot.buildslave.ec2.EC2LatentBuildSlave	buildb
buildbot.buildslave.libvirt	buildb
buildbot.buildslave.libvirt.LibVirtSlave	buildb
buildbot.buildslave.openstack	buildb
buildbot.buildslave.openstack.OpenStackLatentBuildSlave	buildb
buildbot.config.MasterConfig.slaves	worker
buildbot.config.BuilderConfig constructor keyword argument slavename was renamed to	worker
buildbot.config.BuilderConfig constructor keyword argument slavenames was renamed to	worker
buildbot.config.BuilderConfig constructor keyword argument slavebuilddir was renamed to	worker
buildbot.config.BuilderConfig constructor keyword argument nextSlave was renamed to	nextWo
buildbot.config.BuilderConfig.slavenames	worker
buildbot.config.BuilderConfig.slavebuilddir	worker
buildbot.config.BuilderConfig.nextSlave	nextWo
buildbot.process.slavebuilder	buildb
buildbot.process.slavebuilder.AbstractSlaveBuilder	buildb
buildbot.process.slavebuilder.AbstractSlaveBuilder.slave	buildb
buildbot.process.slavebuilder.SlaveBuilder	buildb
buildbot.process.slavebuilder.LatentSlaveBuilder	buildb
buildbot.process.build.Build.getSlaveName	getWor
buildbot.process.build.Build.slavename	worker
buildbot.process.builder.enforceChosenSlave	enforc
buildbot.process.builder.Builder.canStartWithSlavebuilder	canSta
buildbot.process.builder.Builder.attaching_slaves	attach
buildbot.process.builder.Builder.slaves	worker
buildbot.process.builder.Builder.addLatentSlave	addLat
buildbot.process.builder.Builder.getAvailableSlaves	getAva
buildbot.schedulers.forcesched.BuildslaveChoiceParameter	Worker
buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep.buildslave	buildb
buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep.setBuildSlave	buildb
buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep.slaveVersion	buildb
buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep.slaveVersionIsOlderThan	buildb
buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep.checkSlaveHasCommand	buildb
buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep.getSlaveName	buildb
buildbot.locks.SlaveLock	buildb
buildbot.locks.SlaveLock.maxCountForSlave	buildb
	maxCou
buildbot.locks.SlaveLock constructor argument maxCountForSlave was renamed	
buildbot.steps.slave	buildb
buildbot.steps.slave.SlaveBuildStep	buildb

### Table 2 – continued from

Old name	New nan
buildbot.steps.slave.CompositeStepMixin.getFileContentFromSlave	buildbo
buildbot.steps.transfer.FileUpload.slavesrc	worker
buildbot.steps.transfer.FileUpload constructor argument slavesrc was renamed to	worker
buildbot.steps.transfer.DirectoryUpload.slavesrc	worker
buildbot.steps.transfer.DirectoryUpload constructor argument slavesrc was renamed to	worker
buildbot.steps.transfer.MultipleFileUpload.slavesrcs	worker
buildbot.steps.transfer.MultipleFileUpload constructor argument slavesrcs was renamed to	worker
buildbot.steps.transfer.FileDownload.slavedest	worker
buildbot.steps.transfer.FileDownload constructor argument slavedest was renamed to	worker
buildbot.steps.transfer.StringDownload.slavedest	worker
buildbot.steps.transfer.StringDownload constructor argument slavedest was renamed to	worker
buildbot.steps.transfer.JSONStringDownload.slavedest	worker
buildbot.steps.transfer.JSONStringDownload constructor argument slavedest was renamed to	worker
buildbot.steps.transfer.JSONPropertiesDownload.slavedest	worker
buildbot.steps.transfer.JSONPropertiesDownload constructor argument slavedest was renamed to	worker
buildbot.process.remotecommand.RemoteCommand.buildslave	worker

### **Plugins**

buildbot.buildslave entry point was renamed to buildbot.worker, new plugins should be updated accordingly.

Plugins that use old buildbot.buildslave entry point are still available in the configuration file in the same way, as they were in versions prior 0.9.0:

```
from buildbot.plugins import buildslave # deprecated, use "worker" instead
w = buildslave.ThirdPartyWorker()
```

But also they available using new namespace inside configuration file, so its recommended to use buildbot. plugins.worker name even if plugin uses old entry points:

```
from buildbot.plugins import worker
# ThirdPartyWorker can be defined in using `buildbot.buildslave` entry
# point, this still will work.
w = worker.ThirdPartyWorker()
```

#### Other changes:

- buildbot.plugins.util.BuildslaveChoiceParameter is deprecated in favor of WorkerChoiceParameter.
- buildbot.plugins.util.enforceChosenSlave is deprecated in favor of enforceChosenWorker.
- buildbot.plugins.util.SlaveLock is deprecated in favor of WorkerLock.

### BuildmasterConfig changes

- c['slaves'] was replaced with c['workers']. Use of c['slaves'] will work, but is considered deprecated, and will be removed in the future versions of Buildbot.
- Configuration key c['slavePortnum'] is deprecated in favor of c['protocols']['pb']['port'].

#### **Docker latent worker changes**

In addition to class being renamed, environment variables that are set inside container SLAVENAME and SLAVEPASS were renamed to WORKERNAME and WORKERPASS accordingly. Old environment variable are still available, but are deprecated and will be removed in the future.

#### EC2 latent worker changes

Use of default values of keypair\_name and security\_name constructor arguments of buildbot.worker. ec2.EC2LatentWorker is deprecated. Please specify them explicitly.

#### steps.slave.SetPropertiesFromEnv changes

In addition to buildbot.steps.slave module being renamed to buildbot.steps.worker, default source value for SetPropertiesFromEnv was changed from "SlaveEnvironment" to "WorkerEnvironment".

#### Local worker changes

Working directory for local workers were changed from master-basedir/slaves/name to master-basedir/workers/name.

#### Worker Manager changes

slave\_config function argument was renamed to worker\_config.

#### **Properties**

• slavename property is deprecated in favor of workername property. Render of deprecated property will produce warning.

buildbot.worker.AbstractWorker (previously buildbot.buildslave. AbstractBuildSlave) slavename property source were changed from BuildSlave to Worker (deprecated)

AbstractWorker now sets workername property with source Worker which should be used.

#### **Metrics**

- buildbot.process.metrics.AttachedSlavesWatcher was renamed to buildbot.process. metrics.AttachedWorkersWatcher.
- buildbot.worker.manager.WorkerManager.name (previously buildbot.buildslave. manager.BuildslaveManager.name) metric measurement class name changed from BuildslaveManager to WorkerManager
- buildbot.worker.manager.WorkerManager.managed\_services\_name (previously buildbot.buildslave.manager.BuildslaveManager.managed\_services\_name`) metric measurement managed service name changed from ``buildslaves to workers

Renamed events:

Old name	New name
AbstractBuildSlave.attached_slaves	AbstractWorker.attached_workers
BotMaster.attached_slaves	BotMaster.attached_workers
BotMaster.slaveLost()	BotMaster.workerLost()
BotMaster.getBuildersForSlave()	BotMaster.getBuildersForWorker()
AttachedSlavesWatcher	AttachedWorkersWatcher
attached_slaves	attached_workers

### Database

Schema changes:

Old name	New name
buildslaves table	workers
builds.buildslaveid (not ForeignKey) column	workerid (now ForeignKey)
configured_buildslaves table	configured_workers
<pre>configured_buildslaves.buildslaveid (ForeignKey)</pre>	workerid
column	
connected_buildslaves table	connected_workers
<pre>connected_buildslaves.buildslaveid (ForeignKey)</pre>	workerid
column	
buildslaves_name index	workers_name
configured_slaves_buildmasterid index	configured_workers_buildmasteric
configured_slaves_slaves index	configured_workers_workers
configured_slaves_identity index	configured_workers_identity
connected_slaves_masterid index	connected_workers_masterid
connected_slaves_slaves index	connected_workers_workers
connected_slaves_identity index	connected_workers_identity
builds_buildslaveid index	builds_workerid

List of database-related changes in API (fallback for old API is provided):

Old name	New name
buildbot.db.buildslaves	workers
buildbot.db.buildslaves.	buildbot.db.workers.
BuildslavesConnectorComponent	WorkersConnectorComponent
buildbot.db.buildslaves.	buildbot.db.workers.
BuildslavesConnectorComponent.	WorkersConnectorComponent.
getBuildslaves (rewritten in nine)	getWorkers
buildbot.db.connector.DBConnector.	buildbot.db.connector.
buildslaves	DBConnector.workers

### usePTY changes

usePTY default value has been changed from slave-config to None (use of slave-config will still work, but discouraged).

#### buildbot-worker

buildbot-slave package has been renamed to buildbot-worker.

buildbot-worker has backward incompatible changes and requires buildmaster >= 0.9.0b8. buildbot-slave from 0.8.x will work with both 0.8.x and 0.9.x versions of buildmaster, so there is no need to upgrade currently deployed buildbot-slaves during switch from 0.8.x to 0.9.x.

	master 0.8.x	master 0.9.x
buildbot-slave	yes	yes
buildbot-worker	no	yes

buildbot-worker doesn't support worker-side specification of usePTY (with --usepty command line switch of buildbot-worker create-worker), you need to specify this option on master side.

getSlaveInfo remote command was renamed to getWorkerInfo in buildbot-worker.

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# CHAPTER 3

# **Buildbot Development**

This chapter is the official repository for the collected wisdom of the Buildbot hackers. It is intended both for developers writing patches that will be included in Buildbot itself, and for advanced users who wish to customize Buildbot.

Note that any API that is not documented in the official Buildbot documentation is considered internal and subject to change. If you would like in to be officially exposed, open a bug report on the *Buildbot Github project* <*https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues>*.

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# 3.1 Development Quick-start

Buildbot is a python based application. It tries very hard to follow the python best practices, and to make is easy to dive into the code.

In order to develop Buildbot you need just a python environment and possibly some native packages in strippeddown setups. The most up to date list in the docker file we use to manage our CI (MetaBBotDockerFile (https://github.com/buildbot/metabbotcfg/blob/nine/docker/metaworker/Dockerfile)).

If you are completely new to python, the best is to first follow the tutorials that would come when you type "python virtualenv for dummies" in your favorite search engine.

### 3.1.1 Create a Buildbot Python Environment

Buildbot uses Twisted trial (http://twistedmatrix.com/trac/wiki/TwistedTrial) to run its test suite.

Following is a quick shell session to put you on the right track, including running the test suite.

```
# the usual buildbot development bootstrap with git and virtualenv
git clone https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot
cd buildbot
```

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```
# run a helper script which creates the virtualenv for development.
# Virtualenv allows to install python packages without affecting
# other parts of the system
make virtualenv
# Activate the virtualenv.
# After this you should see (.venv) in your shell prompt
. .venv/bin/activate
# now we run the test suite
trial buildbot
# using all CPU cores within the system helps to speed everything up
trial -j16 buildbot
# find all tests that talk about mail
trial -n --reporter=bwverbose buildbot | grep mail
# run only one test module
trial buildbot.test.unit.test_reporters_mail
# you can also skip the virtualenv activation using make
make trial
# and pass options using TRIALOPTS
make trial TRIALOPTS='-j16 buildbot'
# or test with a specific Python version
make trial VENV_PY_VERSION=/usr/local/bin/python3
```

### 3.1.2 Create a JavaScript Frontend Environment

This section describes how to get set up quickly to hack on the JavaScript UI. It does not assume familiarity with Python, although a Python installation is required, as well as virtualenv. You will also need NodeJS, and yarn installed.

### **Prerequisites**

Note: Buildbot UI requires at least node 4 or newer and yarn.

• Install LTS release of node.js.

http://nodejs.org/ is a good start for Windows and OSX.

For modern Linux distributions you can often simply install distribution-provided node version, if it's recent enough. You can use yarn from the same source. The below method has been tested on Ubuntu 18.04 and should work on recent enough Debian.

sudo apt install nodejs yarn

In other cases, use https://deb.nodesource.com.

#### Hacking the Buildbot JavaScript

To effectively develop Buildbot JavaScript, you'll need a running Buildmaster, configured to operate out of the source directory.

Follow Create a Buildbot Python Environment as a prerequisite.

This should have created and enabled virtualenv Python environment.

Next, install the Buildbot-WWW and Buildbot python packages using --editable mode, which means that they should execute from the source directory.

make frontend

This will fetch a number of python dependencies from pypi, the Python package repository and also a number of node.js dependencies that are used for building the web application. Then the actual frontend code will be built with artifacts stored in the source directory, e.g. www/base/buildbot\_www/static. Finally, the built python packages will be installed to virtualenv environment as --editable packages. This means that the webserver will load resources from www/base/buildbot\_www/static.

Now you'll need to create a master instance. For a bit more detail, see the Buildbot tutorial (First Run).

```
mkdir test-master
buildbot create-master test-master
mv test-master/master.cfg.sample test-master/master.cfg
buildbot start test-master
```

If all goes well, the master will start up and begin running in the background. During make frontend the www frontend was built using production mode, so everything is minified and hard to debug. However, the frontend was installed as a editable python package, so all changes in the artifacts (e.g. www/base/buildbot\_www/static) in the source directories will be observed in the browser. Thus we can rebuild the JavaScript resources manually using development settings, so they are not minified and easier to debug.

This can be done by running the following in e.g. www/base directory:

yarn run build-dev

The above rebuilds the resources only once, after each change you need to refresh the built resources. The actual commands that are ran are stored in the package.json file under the scripts key.

To avoid the need to type the above command after each change, you can use the following:

yarn run dev

This will watch files for changes and reload automatically.

To run unit tests, do the following:

yarn run test

To run unit tests within all frontend packages within Buildbot, do the following at the root of the project:

make frontend\_tests

Note: You need to have Chrome-based browser installed in order to run unit tests in the default configuration.

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# 3.2 Submitting Pull Requests

As Buildbot is used by software developers, it tends to receive a significant number of patches. The most effective way to make sure your patch gets noticed and merged is to submit it via GitHub. This assumes some familiarity with git, but not too much. Note that GitHub has some great Git guides (http://github.com/guides) to get you started.

### 3.2.1 Guidelines

- Pull requests should be based on the latest development code, not on the most recent release. That is, you should check out the *master* branch and develop on top of it.
- Final pull requests should include code changes, relevant documentation changes, and relevant unit tests. Any patch longer than a few lines which does not have documentation or tests is unlikely to be merged as is. The developers will most likely ask to add documentation or tests.
- Individual commits should, to the extent possible, be single-purpose. Please do not lump all of the changes you made to get Buildbot working the way you like into a single commit.
- Pull requests must pass all tests that run against the GitHub pull requests. See *Local testing cheat sheet* for instructions of how to launch various tests locally.
- Python code in Buildbot uses four-space indentations, with no tabs. Lines should be wrapped before the 100th column.
- Pull requests must reliably pass all tests. Buildbot does not tolerate "flaky" tests. If you have trouble with tests that fail without any of your changes applied, get in touch with the developers for help.
- Pull requests that add features or change existing behavior should include a brief description in the release notes. See the master/buildbot/newsfragments directory and read the README.txt (https://github.com/buildbot/blob/master/master/buildbot/newsfragments/README.txt) file therein.
- Git commit messages form the "ChangeLog" for Buildbot, and as such should be as descriptive as possible.
- Backward and forward compatibility is important to Buildbot. Try to minimize the effect of your patch on existing users.

### Additional suggestions

The Buildbot developers are quite busy, and it can take a while to review a patch. While the following are not required, they will make things easier for you and the developers:

- Make a distinct pull request, on a distinct branch in your repository, for each unrelated change. Some pull request may get merged immediately, while others will require revision, and this can get very confusing in a single branch.
- Smaller, incremental commits are better than one large commit, as they can be considered on their own merits. It's OK for a commit to add code that is unused (except for tests, of course) until a subsequent commit is applied.
- If an individual change is complex or large, it makes sense to create an unpolished PR at first to gather feedback. When the Buildbot developers confirm that the presented pull request is the way to go, it can be polished as a second step.

• Git history is the primary means by which Buildbot establishes authorship. Be careful to credit others for their work, if you include it in your code.

### 3.2.2 How to create a pull request

**Note:** See this github guide (https://help.github.com/en/articles/fork-a-repo) which offers a more generic description of this process.

- Sign up for a free account at http://github.com, if you don't already have one.
- Go to http://github.com/buildbot/buildbot and click "fork". This will create your own public copy of the latest Buildbot source.
- Clone your forked repository on your local machine, so you can do your changes. GitHub will display a link titled "Your Clone URL". Click this link to see instructions for cloning your URL. It's something like:

```
git clone git@github.com:myusername/buildbot.git
cd buildbot
```

• Locally, create a new branch based on the *master* branch:

git checkout -b myfixes origin/master

- Hack mercilessly. If you're a git aficionado, you can make a neat and pretty commit sequence; otherwise, just get it done. Don't forget to add new test cases and any necessary documentation.
- Test your changes. See *Local testing cheat sheet* for instructions of how to launch various tests locally.
- Commit. For this step it's best to use a GUI for Git. See this list (https://git-scm.com/downloads/guis) of known Git GUIs. If you only want to use the shell, do the following:

```
git add $files_that_matter
git commit
```

• When you're confident that everything is as it should be, push your changes back to your repository on GitHub, effectively making them public.

git push origin myfixes

- Now all that's left is to let the Buildbot developers know that you have patches awaiting their attention. In your web browser, go to your repository (you may have to hit "reload") and choose your new branch from the "all branches" menu.
- Double-check that you're on your branch, and not on a particular commit. The current URL should end in the name of your patch, not in a SHA1 hash.
- Click "Pull Request"
- Double-check that the base branch is "buildbot/buildbot@master". If your repository is a fork of the buildbot/buildbot repository, this should already be the case.
- Fill out the details and send away!

### 3.2.3 Local testing cheat sheet

This section details how to locally run the test suites that are run by Buildbot during each PR. Not all test suites have been documented so far, only these that fail most often. Before each of the commands detailed below, a virtualenv must be setup as described in *Create a Buildbot Python Environment*:

```
make virtualenv
. .venv/bin/activate
```

If you see weird test results after changing branches of the repository, remove the *.venv* directory and repeat above again. Note that *pip install -r < file>.txt* only needs to be run once at the beginning of your testing session.

#### Master unit tests

Tests in this category run the Python unit tests for the master. These tests are represented by **bb/trial**/ test names in the Buildbot CI. To run locally, execute the following:

```
pip install -r requirements-ci.txt
trial -j8 buildbot # change -j parameter to fit the number of cores you have
```

#### Worker unit tests

Tests in this category run the Python unit tests for the worker. These tests are represented by **bb/trial\_worker/** test names in the Buildbot CI. To run locally, execute the following:

```
pip install -r requirements-ciworker.txt
trial buildbot_worker
```

#### Linter checks

Tests in this category run simple syntax and style checks on the Python code. These tests are represented by **bb/pylint/** and **bb/flake8/** test names in the Buildbot CI. To run locally, execute the following:

```
pip install -r requirements-ci.txt
make pylint
make flake8
```

If you see spell check errors, but your words are perfectly correct, then you may need to add these words to a whitelist at common/code\_spelling\_ignore\_words.txt.

#### isort

Tests in this category sort the imports in the Python code. These tests are represented by **bb/isort/** test names in the Buildbot CI. To run locally, execute the following:

```
pip install -r requirements-ci.txt
isort
```

### **Documentation**

This test builds the documentation. It is represented by **bb/docs/** test names in the Buildbot CI. To run locally, execute the following:

```
pip install -r requirements-ci.txt
pip install -r requirements-cidocs.txt
make docs
```

If you see spell check errors, but your words are perfectly correct, then you may need to add these words to a whitelist at master/docs/spelling\_wordlist.txt.

#### End-to-end tests

Tests in this category run the end-to-end tests by launching a full Buildbot instance, clicking on buttons on the web UI and testing the results. It is represented by **bb/smokes/** test names in the Buildbot CI. The tests are sometimes unstable: if you didn't change the front end code and see a failure then it's most likely an instability. To run locally, install a Chrome-compatible browser and execute the following:

```
pip install -r requirements-ci.txt
make tarballs
./common/smokedist.sh whl
```

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## 3.3 General Documents

This section gives some general information about Buildbot development.

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### 3.3.1 Master Organization

Buildbot makes heavy use of Twisted Python's support for services - software modules that can be started and stopped dynamically. Buildbot adds the ability to reconfigure such services, too - see *Reconfiguration*. Twisted arranges services into trees; the following section describes the service tree on a running master.

#### **BuildMaster Object**

The hierarchy begins with the master, a buildbot.master.BuildMaster instance. Most other services contain a reference to this object in their master attribute, and in general the appropriate way to access other objects or services is to begin with self.master and navigate from there.

The master has a number of useful attributes:

master.metrics A buildbot.process.metrics.MetricLogObserver instance that handles tracking
 and reporting on master metrics.

- master.pbmanager A buildbot.pbmanager.PBManager instance that handles incoming PB connections, potentially on multiple ports, and dispatching those connections to appropriate components based on the supplied username.
- **master.workers** A *buildbot.worker.manager.WorkerManager* instance that provides wrapper around multiple master-worker protocols(e.g. PB) to unify calls for them from higher level code
- master.change\_svc A buildbot.changes.manager.ChangeManager instance that manages the active change sources, as well as the stream of changes received from those sources. All active change sources are child services of this instance.
- master.botmaster A buildbot.process.botmaster.BotMaster instance that manages all of the workers and builders as child services.

The botmaster acts as the parent service for a buildbot.process.botmaster. BuildRequestDistributor instance (at master.botmaster.brd) as well as all active workers (buildbot.worker.AbstractWorker instances) and builders (buildbot.process.builder. Builder instances).

- master.scheduler\_manager A buildbot.schedulers.manager.SchedulerManager instance
  that manages the active schedulers. All active schedulers are child services of this instance.
- master.user\_manager A buildbot.process.users.manager.UserManagerManager instance
  that manages access to users. All active user managers are child services of this instance.
- **master.db** A buildbot.db.connector.DBConnector instance that manages access to the buildbot database. See *Database* for more information.
- master.status A buildbot.status.master.Status instance that provides access to all status data. This
  instance is also the service parent for all status listeners.
- **master.masterid** This is the ID for this master, from the masters table. It is used in the database and messages to uniquely identify this master.

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### 3.3.2 Buildbot Coding Style

### **Documentation**

Buildbot strongly encourages developers to document the methods, behavior, and usage of classes that users might interact with. However, this documentation should be in .rst files under master/docs/developer, rather than in docstrings within the code. For private methods or where code deserves some kind of explanatory preface, use comments instead of a docstring. While some docstrings remain within the code, these should be migrated to documentation files and removed as the code is modified.

Within the reStructuredText files, write with each English sentence on its own line. While this does not affect the generated output, it makes git diffs between versions of the documentation easier to read, as they are not obscured by changes due to re-wrapping. This convention is not followed everywhere, but we are slowly migrating documentation from the old (wrapped) style as we update it.

### **Symbol Names**

Buildbot follows PEP8 (https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/) regarding the formatting of symbol names. Because Buildbot uses Twisted so heavily, and Twisted uses interCaps, this is not very consistently applied throughout the codebase.

The single exception to PEP8 is in naming of functions and methods. That is, you should spell methods and functions with the first character in lower-case, and the first letter of subsequent words capitalized, e.g., compareToOther or getChangesGreaterThan.

Symbols used as parameters to functions used in configuration files should use underscores.

In summary, then:

Symbol Type	Format
Methods	interCaps
Functions	interCaps
Function Arguments	under_scores
API method Arguments	interCaps
Classes	InitialCaps
Variables	under_scores
Constants	ALL_CAPS

### **Twisted Idioms**

Programming with Twisted Python can be daunting. But sticking to a few well-defined patterns can help avoid surprises.

### **Prefer to Return Deferreds**

If you're writing a method that doesn't currently block, but could conceivably block sometime in the future, return a Deferred and document that it does so. Just about anything might block - even getters and setters!

### Helpful Twisted Classes

Twisted has some useful, but little-known classes. Brief descriptions follow, but you should consult the API documentation or source code for the full details.

- twisted.internet.task.LoopingCall Calls an asynchronous function repeatedly at set intervals. Note that this will stop looping if the function fails. In general, you will want to wrap the function to capture and log errors.
- twisted.application.internet.TimerService Similar to t.i.t.LoopingCall, but implemented as a service that will automatically start and stop the function calls when the service starts and stops. See the warning about failing functions for t.i.t.LoopingCall.

### **Sequences of Operations**

Especially in Buildbot, we're often faced with executing a sequence of operations, many of which may block.

In all cases where this occurs, there is a danger of pre-emption, so exercise the same caution you would if writing a threaded application.

For simple cases, you can use nested callback functions. For more complex cases, inlineCallbacks is appropriate. In all cases, please prefer maintainability and readability over performance.

#### **Nested Callbacks**

First, an admonition: do not create extra class methods that represent the continuations of the first:

```
def myMethod(self):
    d = ...
    d.addCallback(self._myMethod_2) # BAD!
def _myMethod_2(self, res): # BAD!
    ...
```

Invariably, this extra method gets separated from its parent as the code evolves, and the result is completely unreadable. Instead, include all of the code for a particular function or method within the same indented block, using nested functions:

```
def getRevInfo(revname):
    # for example only! See above a better implementation with inlineCallbacks
   results = {}
   d = defer.succeed(None)
   def rev_parse(_): # note use of '_' to quietly indicate an ignored parameter
        return utils.getProcessOutput(git, [ 'rev-parse', revname ])
   d.addCallback(rev_parse)
   def parse_rev_parse(res):
        results['rev'] = res.strip()
       return utils.getProcessOutput(git, [ 'log', '-1', '--format=%s%n%b', results[
\leftrightarrow 'rev'] ])
   d.addCallback(parse_rev_parse)
   def parse_log(res):
       results['comments'] = res.strip()
   d.addCallback(parse_log)
   def set_results(_):
        return results
   d.addCallback(set_results)
   return d
```

it is usually best to make the first operation occur within a callback, as the deferred machinery will then handle any exceptions as a failure in the outer Deferred. As a shortcut, d.addCallback works as a decorator:

```
d = defer.succeed(None)
@d.addCallback
def rev_parse(_): # note use of '_' to quietly indicate an ignored parameter
    return utils.getProcessOutput(git, [ 'rev-parse', revname ])
```

**Note:** d.addCallback is not really a decorator as it does not return a modified function. As a result in previous code, rev\_parse value is actually the Deferred. In general the inlineCallbacks method is preferred inside new code as it keeps the code easier to read. As a general rule of thumb, when you need more than 2 callbacks in the same method, it's time to switch it to inlineCallbacks. This would be for example the case for previous getRevInfo. See this discussion (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/pull/2523) with Twisted experts for more information.

Be careful with local variables. For example, if parse\_rev\_parse, above, merely assigned rev = res. strip(), then that variable would be local to parse\_rev\_parse and not available in set\_results. Mutable variables (dicts and lists) at the outer function level are appropriate for this purpose.

Note: do not try to build a loop in this style by chaining multiple Deferreds! Unbounded chaining can result in stack overflows, at least on older versions of Twisted. Use inlineCallbacks instead.

In most of the cases if you need more than two callbacks in a method, it is more readable and maintainable to use inlineCallbacks.

### inlineCallbacks

twisted.internet.defer.inlineCallbacks is a great help to writing code that makes a lot of asynchronous calls, particularly if those calls are made in loop or conditionals. Refer to the Twisted documentation for the details, but the style within Buildbot is as follows:

```
from twisted.internet import defer
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def mymethod(self, x, y):
    xval = yield getSomething(x)
    for z in (yield getZValues()):
        y += z
    if xval > 10:
        return xval + y
    self.someOtherMethod()
```

The key points to notice here:

- Always import defer as a module, not the names within it.
- Use the decorator form of inlineCallbacks.
- In most cases, the result of a yield expression should be assigned to a variable. It can be used in a larger expression, but remember that Python requires that you enclose the expression in its own set of parentheses.
- Python does not permit returning a value from a generator, so statements like return xval + y are invalid. Instead, yield the result of defer.returnValue. Although this function does cause an immediate function exit, for clarity follow it with a bare return, as in the example, unless it is the last statement in a function.

The great advantage of inlineCallbacks is that it allows you to use all of the usual Pythonic control structures in their natural form. In particular, it is easy to represent a loop, or even nested loops, in this style without losing any readability.

Note that code using deferredGenerator is no longer acceptable in Buildbot.

The previous getRevInfo example implementation should rather be written as:

```
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def getRevInfo(revname):
    results = {}
    res = yield utils.getProcessOutput(git, [ 'rev-parse', revname ])
    results['rev'] = res.strip()
    res = yield utils.getProcessOutput(git, [ 'log', '-1', '--format=%s%n%b', results[
    ·'rev'] ])
    results['comments'] = res.strip()
    return results
```

#### Locking

Remember that asynchronous programming does not free you from the need to worry about concurrency issues. Particularly if you are executing a sequence of operations, each time you wait for a Deferred, arbitrary other actions can take place.

In general, you should try to perform actions atomically, but for the rare situations that require synchronization, the following might be useful:

- twisted.internet.defer.DeferredLock
- buildbot.util.misc.deferredLocked

#### **Joining Sequences**

It's often the case that you'll want to perform multiple operations in parallel, and rejoin the results at the end. For this purpose, you'll want to use a DeferredList (http://twistedmatrix.com/documents/current/api/twisted.internet.defer.DeferredList.html) :

```
def getRevInfo(revname):
    results = {}
    finished = dict(rev_parse=False, log=False)
   rev_parse_d = utils.getProcessOutput(git, [ 'rev-parse', revname ])
   def parse_rev_parse(res):
       return res.strip()
   rev_parse_d.addCallback(parse_rev_parse)
   log_d = utils.getProcessOutput(git, [ 'log', '-1', '--format=%s%n%b', results['rev
def parse_log(res):
        return res.strip()
    log_d.addCallback(parse_log)
   d = defer.DeferredList([rev_parse_d, log_d], consumeErrors=1,_
\rightarrow fireOnFirstErrback=1)
   def handle_results(results):
        return dict(rev=results[0][1], log=results[1][1])
   d.addCallback(handle_results)
    return d
```

Here the deferred list will wait for both rev\_parse\_d and log\_d to fire, or for one of them to fail. You may attach callbacks and errbacks to a DeferredList just as for a deferred.

#### Functions running outside of the main thread

It is very important in Twisted to be able to distinguish functions that runs in the main thread and functions that don't, as reactors and deferreds can only be used in the main thread. To make this distinction clearer, every functions meant to be started in a secondary thread must be prefixed with  $thd_{-}$ .

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### 3.3.3 Buildbot's Test Suite

Buildbot's master tests are under buildbot.test, buildbot-worker package tests are under buildbot\_worker.test. Tests for the workers are similar to the master, although in some cases helpful functionality on the master is not re-implemented on the worker.

### **Quick-Start**

Buildbot uses Twisted trial (http://twistedmatrix.com/trac/wiki/TwistedTrial) to run its test suite. Following is a quick shell session to put you on the right track.

```
# the usual buildbot development bootstrap with git and virtualenv
git clone https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot
cd buildbot
# helper script which creates the virtualenv for development
make virtualenv
. .venv/bin/activate
# now we run the test suite
trial buildbot
# find all tests that talk about mail
trial -n --reporter=bwverbose buildbot | grep mail
# run only one test module
trial buildbot.test.unit.test_reporters_mail
```

### Suites

Tests are divided into a few suites:

- Unit tests (buildbot.test.unit) these follow unit-testing practices and attempt to maximally isolate the system under test. Unit tests are the main mechanism of achieving test coverage, and all new code should be well-covered by corresponding unit tests.
  - Interface tests are a special type of unit tests, and are found in the same directory and often the same file. In many cases, Buildbot has multiple implementations of the same interface at least one "real" implementation and a fake implementation used in unit testing. The interface tests ensure that these implementations all meet the same standards. This ensures consistency between implementations, and also ensures that the unit tests are testing against realistic fakes.
- Integration tests (buildbot.test.integration) these test combinations of multiple units. Of necessity, integration tests are incomplete they cannot test every condition; difficult to maintain they tend to be complex and touch a lot of code; and slow they usually require considerable setup and execute a lot of code. As such, use of integration tests is limited to a few, broad tests to act as a failsafe for the unit and interface tests.
- Regression tests (buildbot.test.regressions) these test to prevent re-occurrence of historical bugs. In most cases, a regression is better tested by a test in the other suites, or unlike to recur, so this suite tends to be small.
- Fuzz tests (buildbot.test.fuzz) these tests run for a long time and apply randomization to try to reproduce rare or unusual failures. The Buildbot project does not currently have a framework to run fuzz tests regularly.

#### **Unit Tests**

Every code module should have corresponding unit tests. This is not currently true of Buildbot, due to a large body of legacy code, but is a goal of the project. All new code must meet this requirement.

Unit modules are be named test after the package or class they test, replacing buildbot\_. omitting the For example, test\_schedulers\_timed\_Periodic.py with and (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/test/unit/test\_schedulers\_timed\_Periodic.py) tests the Periodic class in master/buildbot/schedulers/timed.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/buildbot/schedule Modules with only one class, or a few trivial classes, can be tested in a single test module. For more complex situations, prefer to use multiple test modules.

Unit tests using renderables require special handling. The following example shows how the same test would be written with the 'param' parameter and with the same parameter as a renderable.:

```
def test_param(self):
    f = self.ConcreteClass(param='val')
    self.assertEqual(f.param, 'val')
```

When the parameter is renderable, you need to instantiate the Class before you can you renderables:

#### **Interface Tests**

Interface tests exist to verify that multiple implementations of an interface meet the same requirements. Note that the name 'interface' should not be confused with the sparse use of Zope Interfaces in the Buildbot code - in this context, an interface is any boundary between testable units.

Ideally, all interfaces, both public and private, should be tested. Certainly, any *public* interfaces need interface tests.

Interface tests are most often found in files named for the "real" implementation, e.g., test\_db\_changes.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/test/unit/test\_db\_changes.py). When there is ambiguity, test modules should be named after the interface they are testing. Interface tests have the following form:

```
from buildbot.test.util import interfaces
from twistd.trial import unittest
class Tests(interfaces.InterfaceTests):
    # define methods that must be overridden per implementation
    def someSetupMethod(self):
        raise NotImplementedError
    # method signature tests
    def test_signature_someMethod(self):
        @self.assertArgSpecMatches(self.systemUnderTest.someMethod)
        def someMethod(self, arg1, arg2):
```

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```
pass
# tests that all implementations must pass
def test_something(self):
    pass # ...
class RealTests(Tests):
    # tests that only *real* implementations must pass
def test_something_else(self):
    pass # ...
```

All of the test methods are defined here, segregated into tests that all implementations must pass, and tests that the fake implementation is not expected to pass. The test\_signature\_someMethod test above illustrates the buildbot.test.util.interfaces.assertArgSpecMatches decorator, which can be used to compare the argument specification of a callable with a reference signature conveniently written as a nested function. Wherever possible, prefer to add tests to the Tests class, even if this means testing one method (e.g., setFoo) in terms of another (e.g., getFoo).

The assertArgSpecMatches method can take multiple methods to test; it will check each one in turn.

At the bottom of the test module, a subclass is created for each implementation, implementing the setup methods that were stubbed out in the parent classes:

```
class TestFakeThing(unittest.TestCase, Tests):
    def someSetupMethod(self):
        pass # ...
class TestRealThing(unittest.TestCase, RealTests):
    def someSetupMethod(self):
        pass # ...
```

For implementations which require optional software, such as an AMQP server, this is the appropriate place to signal that tests should be skipped when their prerequisites are not available.

### **Integration Tests**

Integration test modules test several units at once, including their interactions. In general, they serve as a catch-all for failures and bugs that were not detected by the unit and interface tests. As such, they should not aim to be exhaustive, but merely representative.

Integration tests are very difficult to maintain if they reach into the internals of any part of Buildbot. Where possible, try to use the same means as a user would to set up, run, and check the results of an integration test. That may mean writing a master.cfg to be parsed, and checking the results by examining the database (or fake DB API) afterward.

#### **Regression Tests**

Regression tests are even more rare in Buildbot than integration tests. In many cases, a regression test is not necessary – either the test is better-suited as a unit or interface test, or the failure is so specific that a test will never fail again.

Regression tests tend to be closely tied to the code in which the error occurred. When that code is refactored, the regression test generally becomes obsolete, and is deleted.

### **Fuzz Tests**

Fuzz tests generally run for a fixed amount of time, running randomized tests against a system. They do not run at all during normal runs of the Buildbot tests, unless BUILDBOT\_FUZZ is defined. This is accomplished with something like the following at the end of each test module:

```
if 'BUILDBOT_FUZZ' not in os.environ:
    del LRUCacheFuzzer
```

### **Mixins**

Buildbot provides a number of purpose-specific mixin classes in master/buildbot/util (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/util). These generally define a set of utility functions as well as setUpXxx and tearDownXxx methods. These methods should be called explicitly from your subclass's setUp and tearDown methods. Note that some of these methods return Deferreds, which should be handled properly by the caller.

### Fakes

Buildbot provides a number of pre-defined fake implementations of internal interfaces, in master/buildbot/test/fake (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/test/fake). These are designed to be used in unit tests to limit the scope of the test. For example, the fake DB API eliminates the need to create a real database when testing code that uses the DB API, and isolates bugs in the system under test from bugs in the real DB implementation.

The danger of using fakes is that the fake interface and the real interface can differ. The interface tests exist to solve this problem. All fakes should be fully tested in an integration test, so that the fakes pass the same tests as the "real" thing. It is particularly important that the method signatures be compared.

### **Type Validation**

The master/buildbot/test/util/validation.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/buildbot/test/util/validation.py) provides a set of classes and definitions for validating Buildbot data types. It supports four types of data:

- DB API dictionaries, as returned from the getXxx methods,
- Data API dictionaries, as returned from get,
- Data API messages, and
- Simple data types.

These are validated from elsewhere in the codebase with calls to

- verifyDbDict(testcase, type, value),
- verifyData(testcase, type, options, value),
- verifyMessage(testcase, routingKey, message), and
- verifyType(testcase, name, value, validator).

respectively. The testcase argument is used to fail the test case if the validation does not succeed. For DB dictionaries and data dictionaries, the type identifies the expected data type. For messages, the type is determined from the first element of the routing key.

All messages sent with the fake MQ implementation are automatically validated using verifyMessage. The verifyType method is used to validate simple types, e.g.,

validation.verifyType(self, 'param1', param1, validation.StringValidator())

In any case, if testcase is None, then the functions will raise an AssertionError on failure.

#### Validator Classes

A validator is an instance of the Validator class. Its validate method is a generator function that takes a name and an object to validate. It yields error messages describing any deviations of object from the designated data type. The name argument is used to make such messages more helpful.

A number of validators are supplied for basic types. A few classes deserve special mention:

- NoneOk wraps another validator, allowing the object to be None.
- Any will match any object without error.
- IdentifierValidator will match identifiers; see identifier.
- DictValidator takes key names as keyword arguments, with the values giving validators for each key. The optionalNames argument is a list of keys which may be omitted without error.
- SourcedPropertiesValidator matches dictionaries with (value, source) keys, the representation used for properties in the data API.
- MessageValidator validates messages. It checks that the routing key is a tuple of strings. The first tuple element gives the message type. The last tuple element is the event, and must be a member of the events set. The remaining "middle" tuple elements must match the message values identified by keyFields. The messageValidator should be a DictValidator configured to check the message body. This validator's validate method is called with a tuple (routingKey, message).
- Selector allows different validators to be selected based on matching functions. Its add method takes a matching function, which should return a boolean, and a validator to use if the matching function returns true. If the matching function is None, it is used as a default. This class is used for message and data validation.

#### **Defining Validators**

DB validators are defined in the dbdict dictionary, e.g.,

```
dbdict['foodict'] = DictValidator(
    id=IntValidator(),
    name=StringValidator(),
    ...
)
```

Data validators are Selector validators, where the selector is the options passed to verifyData.

```
data['foo'] = Selector()
data['foo'].add(lambda opts : opt.get('fanciness') > 10,
    DictValidator(
        fooid=IntValidator(),
        name=StringValidator(),
        ...
))
```

Similarly, message validators are Selector validators, where the selector is the routing key. The underlying validator should be a MessageValidator.

```
message['foo'] = Selector()
message['foo'].add(lambda rk : rk[-1] == 'new',
    MessageValidator(
        keyFields=['fooid'],
        events=['new', 'complete'],
        messageValidator=DictValidator(
        fooid=IntValidator(),
        name=StringValidator(),
        ...
))))
```

### **Good Tests**

Bad tests are worse than no tests at all, since they waste developers' time wondering "was that a spurious failure?" or "what the heck is this test trying to do?" Buildbot needs good tests. So what makes a good test?

### **Independent of Time**

Tests that depend on wall time will fail. As a bonus, they run very slowly. Do not use reactor.callLater to wait "long enough" for something to happen.

For testing things that themselves depend on time, consider using twisted.internet.tasks.Clock. This may mean passing a clock instance to the code under test, and propagating that instance as necessary to ensure that all of the code using callLater uses it. Refactoring code for testability is difficult, but worthwhile.

For testing things that do not depend on time, but for which you cannot detect the "end" of an operation: add a way to detect the end of the operation!

### **Clean Code**

Make your tests readable. This is no place to skimp on comments! Others will attempt to learn about the expected behavior of your class by reading the tests. As a side note, if you use a Deferred chain in your test, write the callbacks as nested functions, rather than using methods with funny names:

```
def testSomething(self):
    d = doThisFirst()
    def andThisNext(res):
        pass # ...
    d.addCallback(andThisNext)
    return d
```

This isolates the entire test into one indented block. It is OK to add methods for common functionality, but give them real names and explain in detail what they do.

### **Good Name**

Test method names should follow the pattern test\_METHOD\_CONDITION where METHOD is the method being tested, and CONDITION is the condition under which it's tested. Since we can't always test a single method, this is not a hard-and-fast rule.

### **Assert Only One Thing**

Where practical, each test should have a single assertion. This may require a little bit of work to get several related pieces of information into a single Python object for comparison. The problem with multiple assertions is that, if the first assertion fails, the remainder are not tested. The test results then do not tell the entire story.

### **Prefer Fakes to Mocks**

Mock objects are too "compliant", and this often masks errors in the system under test. For example, a mis-spelled method name on a mock object will not raise an exception.

Where possible, use one of the pre-written fake objects (see *Fakes*) instead of a mock object. Fakes themselves should be well-tested using interface tests.

Where they are appropriate, Mock objects can be constructed easily using the aptly-named mock (http://www.voidspace.org.uk/python/mock/) module, which is a requirement for Buildbot's tests.

### **Small Tests**

The shorter each test is, the better. Test as little code as possible in each test.

It is fine, and in fact encouraged, to write the code under test in such a way as to facilitate this. As an illustrative example, if you are testing a new Step subclass, but your tests require instantiating a BuildMaster, you're probably doing something wrong!

This also applies to test modules. Several short, easily-digested test modules are preferred over a 1000-line monster.

#### Isolation

Each test should be maximally independent of other tests. Do not leave files laying around after your test has finished, and do not assume that some other test has run beforehand. It's fine to use caching techniques to avoid repeated, lengthy setup times.

### **Be Correct**

Tests should be as robust as possible, which at a basic level means using the available frameworks correctly. All Deferreds should have callbacks and be chained properly. Error conditions should be checked properly. Race conditions should not exist (see *Independent of Time*, above).

### **Be Helpful**

Note that tests will pass most of the time, but the moment when they are most useful is when they fail.

When the test fails, it should produce output that is helpful to the person chasing it down. This is particularly important when the tests are run remotely, in which case the person chasing down the bug does not have access to the system on which the test fails. A test which fails sporadically with no more information than "AssertionFailed" is a prime candidate for deletion if the error isn't obvious. Making the error obvious also includes adding comments describing the ways a test might fail.

### **Keeping State**

Python does not allow assignment to anything but the innermost local scope or the global scope with the global keyword. This presents a problem when creating nested functions:

```
def test_localVariable(self):
    cb_called = False
    def cb():
        cb_called = True
    cb()
        self.assertTrue(cb_called) # will fail!
```

The cb\_called = True assigns to a *different variable* than cb\_called = False. In production code, it's usually best to work around such problems, but in tests this is often the clearest way to express the behavior under test.

The solution is to change something in a common mutable object. While a simple list can serve as such a mutable object, this leads to code that is hard to read. Instead, use State:

```
from buildbot.test.state import State

def test_localVariable(self):
    state = State(cb_called=False)
    def cb():
        state.cb_called = True
    cb()
    self.assertTrue(state.cb_called) # passes
```

This is almost as readable as the first example, but it actually works.

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### 3.3.4 Configuration

Wherever possible, Buildbot components should access configuration information as needed from the canonical source, master.config, which is an instance of *MasterConfig*. For example, components should not keep a copy of the buildbotURL locally, as this value may change throughout the lifetime of the master.

Components which need to be notified of changes in the configuration should be implemented as services, subclassing *ReconfigurableServiceMixin*, as described in *Reconfiguration*.

#### class buildbot.config.MasterConfig

The master object makes much of the configuration available from an object named master.config. Configuration is stored as attributes of this object. Where possible, other Buildbot components should access this configuration directly and not cache the configuration values anywhere else. This avoids the need to ensure that update-from-configuration methods are called on a reconfig.

Aside from validating the configuration, this class handles any backward-compatibility issues - renamed parameters, type changes, and so on - removing those concerns from other parts of Buildbot.

This class may be instantiated directly, creating an entirely default configuration, or via *FileLoader*. *loadConfig*, which will load the configuration from a config file.

The following attributes are available from this class, representing the current configuration. This includes a number of global parameters:

#### title

The title of this buildmaster, from *title*.

#### titleURL

The URL corresponding to the title, from *titleURL*.

#### buildbotURL

The URL of this buildmaster, for use in constructing WebStatus URLs; from buildbotURL.

#### logCompressionLimit

The current log compression limit, from *logCompressionLimit*.

#### logCompressionMethod

The current log compression method, from *logCompressionMethod*.

### logMaxSize

The current log maximum size, from *logMaxSize*.

#### logMaxTailSize

The current log maximum size, from *logMaxTailSize*.

#### logEncoding

The encoding to expect when logs are provided as bytestrings, from *logEncoding*.

#### properties

A Properties instance containing global properties, from *properties*.

#### collapseRequests

A callable, or True or False, describing how to collapse requests; from *collapseRequests*.

#### prioritizeBuilders

A callable, or None, used to prioritize builders; from *prioritizeBuilders*.

#### codebaseGenerator

A callable, or None, used to determine the codebase from an incoming *Change*, from codebaseGenerator

#### protocols

The per-protocol port specification for worker connections. Based on protocols.

#### multiMaster

If true, then this master is part of a cluster; based on *multiMaster*.

#### manhole

The manhole instance to use, or None; from *manhole*.

The remaining attributes contain compound configuration structures, usually dictionaries:

#### validation

Validation regular expressions, a dictionary from *validation*. It is safe to assume that all expected keys are present.

#### db

Database specification, a dictionary with key *db\_url*. It is safe to assume that this key is present.

#### metrics

The metrics configuration from *metrics*, or an empty dictionary by default.

#### caches

The cache configuration, from *caches* as well as the deprecated *buildCacheSize* and *changeCacheSize* parameters.

The keys Builds and Caches are always available; other keys should use config.caches. get(cachename, 1).

#### schedulers

The dictionary of scheduler instances, by name, from *schedulers*.

#### builders

The list of *BuilderConfig* instances from *builders*. Builders specified as dictionaries in the configuration file are converted to instances.

#### workers

The list of Worker instances from workers.

### change\_sources

The list of IChangeSource providers from *change\_source*.

#### user\_managers

The list of user managers providers from *user\_managers*.

www

The web server configuration from www. The keys port and url are always available.

#### services

The list of additional plugin services

classmethod loadFromDict(config\_dict, filename)

#### Parameters

- **config\_dict** (*dict*) The dictionary containing the configuration to load.
- **filename** (*string*) The filename to use when reporting errors.

**Returns** new *MasterConfig* instance

Load the configuration from the given dictionary.

Loading of the configuration file is generally triggered by the master, using the following class:

#### class buildbot.config.FileLoader

\_\_\_init\_\_\_(basedir, filename)

#### **Parameters**

- **basedir** (*string*) directory to which config is relative
- **filename** (*string*) the configuration file to load

The filename is treated as relative to the basedir, if it is not absolute.

#### loadConfig(basedir, filename)

**Returns** new *MasterConfig* instance

Load the configuration in the given file. Aside from syntax errors, this will also detect a number of semantic errors such as multiple schedulers with the same name.

buildbot.config.loadConfigDict(basedir, filename)

#### Parameters

- **basedir** (*string*) directory to which config is relative
- **filename** (*string*) the configuration file to load

Raises ConfigErrors if any errors occur

Returns dict The BuildmasterConfig dictionary.

Load the configuration dictionary in the given file.

The filename is treated as relative to the basedir, if it is not absolute.

### **Builder Configuration**

#### **class** buildbot.config.**BuilderConfig**([keyword args])

This class parameterizes configuration of builders; see *Builder Configuration* for its arguments. The constructor checks for errors and applies defaults, and sets the properties described here. Most are simply copied from the constructor argument of the same name.

Users may subclass this class to add defaults, for example.

#### name

The builder's name.

#### factory

The builder's factory.

#### workernames

The builder's worker names (a list, regardless of whether the names were specified with workername or workernames).

#### builddir

The builder's builddir.

#### workerbuilddir

The builder's worker-side builddir.

#### category

The builder's category.

#### nextWorker

The builder's nextWorker callable.

#### nextBuild

The builder's nextBuild callable.

#### canStartBuild

The builder's canStartBuild callable.

#### locks

The builder's locks.

#### env

The builder's environment variables.

#### properties

The builder's properties, as a dictionary.

#### collapseRequests

The builder's collapseRequests callable.

#### description

The builder's description, displayed in the web status.

### **Error Handling**

If any errors are encountered while loading the configuration *buildbot.config.error* should be called. This can occur both in the configuration-loading code, and in the constructors of any objects that are instantiated in the

configuration - change sources, workers, schedulers, build steps, and so on.

buildbot.config.error(error)

Parameters error – error to report

**Raises** *ConfigErrors* if called at build-time

This function reports a configuration error. If a config file is being loaded, then the function merely records the error, and allows the rest of the configuration to be loaded. At any other time, it raises *ConfigErrors*. This is done so all config errors can be reported, rather than just the first.

**exception** buildbot.config.**ConfigErrors** ([*errors*])

Parameters errors (list) – errors to report

This exception represents errors in the configuration. It supports reporting multiple errors to the user simultaneously, e.g., when several consistency checks fail.

errors

A list of detected errors, each given as a string.

addError (msg)

**Parameters msg**(*string*) – the message to add

Add another error message to the (presumably not-yet-raised) exception.

### 3.3.5 Configuration in AngularJS

The AngularJS frontend often needs access to the local master configuration. This is accomplished automatically by converting various pieces of the master configuration to a dictionary.

The *IConfigured* interface represents a way to convert any object into a JSON-able dictionary.

class buildbot.interfaces.IConfigured

Providers of this interface provide a method to get their configuration as a dictionary:

#### getConfigDict()

returns object

Return the configuration of this object. Note that despite the name, the return value may not be a dictionary.

Any object can be "cast" to an *IConfigured* provider. The getConfigDict method for basic Python objects simply returns the value.

IConfigured(someObject).getConfigDict()

#### class buildbot.util.ConfiguredMixin

This class is a basic implementation of *IConfigured*. Its *getConfigDict* method simply returns the instance's name attribute.

name

Each object configured must have a name attribute.

getConfigDict(self)

Returns object

Return a config dictionary representing this object.

All of this is used by to serve /config.js to the JavaScript frontend.

### Reconfiguration

When the buildmaster receives a signal to begin a reconfig, it re-reads the configuration file, generating a new *MasterConfig* instance, and then notifies all of its child services via the reconfig mechanism described below. The master ensures that at most one reconfiguration is taking place at any time.

See Master Organization for the structure of the Buildbot service tree.

To simplify initialization, a reconfiguration is performed immediately on master startup. As a result, services only need to implement their configuration handling once, and can use startService for initialization.

See below for instructions on implementing configuration of common types of components in Buildbot.

**Note:** Because Buildbot uses a pure-Python configuration file, it is not possible to support all forms of reconfiguration. In particular, when the configuration includes custom subclasses or modules, reconfiguration can turn up some surprising behaviors due to the dynamic nature of Python. The reconfig support in Buildbot is intended for "intermediate" uses of the software, where there are fewer surprises.

### **Reconfigurable Services**

Instances which need to be notified of a change in configuration should be implemented as Twisted services, and mix in the *ReconfigurableServiceMixin* class, overriding the *reconfigServiceWithBuildbotConfig* method.

class buildbot.config.ReconfigurableServiceMixin

#### reconfigServiceWithBuildbotConfig(new\_config)

**Parameters new\_config** (*MasterConfig*) – **new** master configuration

#### Returns Deferred

This method notifies the service that it should make any changes necessary to adapt to the new configuration values given.

This method will be called automatically after a service is started.

It is generally too late at this point to roll back the reconfiguration, so if possible any errors should be detected in the *MasterConfig* implementation. Errors are handled as best as possible and communicated back to the top level invocation, but such errors may leave the master in an inconsistent state. *ConfigErrors* exceptions will be displayed appropriately to the user on startup.

Subclasses should always call the parent class's implementation. For MultiService instances, this will call any child services' reconfigService methods, as appropriate. This will be done sequentially, such that the Deferred from one service must fire before the next service is reconfigured.

#### priority

Child services are reconfigured in order of decreasing priority. The default priority is 128, so a service that must be reconfigured before others should be given a higher priority.

### **Change Sources**

When reconfiguring, there is no method by which Buildbot can determine that a new *ChangeSource* represents the same source as an existing *ChangeSource*, but with different configuration parameters. As a result, the change

source manager compares the lists of existing and new change sources using equality, stops any existing sources that are not in the new list, and starts any new change sources that do not already exist.

*ChangeSource* inherits *ComparableMixin*, so change sources are compared based on the attributes described in their compare\_attrs.

If a change source does not make reference to any global configuration parameters, then there is no need to inherit *ReconfigurableServiceMixin*, as a simple comparison and startService and stopService will be sufficient.

If the change source does make reference to global values, e.g., as default values for its parameters, then it must inherit *ReconfigurableServiceMixin* to support the case where the global values change.

### Schedulers

Schedulers have names, so Buildbot can determine whether a scheduler has been added, removed, or changed during a reconfig. Old schedulers will be stopped, new schedulers will be started, and both new and existing schedulers will see a call to reconfigService, if such a method exists. For backward compatibility, schedulers which do not support reconfiguration will be stopped, and the new scheduler started, when their configuration changes.

If, during a reconfiguration, a new and old scheduler's fully qualified class names differ, then the old class will be stopped and the new class started. This supports the case when a user changes, for example, a *Nightly* scheduler to a *Periodic* scheduler without changing the name.

Because Buildbot uses *BaseScheduler* instances directly in the configuration file, a reconfigured scheduler must extract its new configuration information from another instance of itself.

### **Custom Subclasses**

Custom subclasses are most often defined directly in the configuration file, or in a Python module that is reloaded with reload every time the configuration is loaded. Because of the dynamic nature of Python, this creates a new object representing the subclass every time the configuration is loaded – even if the class definition has not changed.

Note that if a scheduler's class changes in a reconfig, but the scheduler's name does not, it will still be treated as a reconfiguration of the existing scheduler. This means that implementation changes in custom scheduler subclasses will not be activated with a reconfig. This behavior avoids stopping and starting such schedulers on every reconfig, but can make development difficult.

One workaround for this is to change the name of the scheduler before each reconfig - this will cause the old scheduler to be stopped, and the new scheduler (with the new name and class) to be started.

### Workers

Similar to schedulers, workers are specified by name, so new and old configurations are first compared by name, and any workers to be added or removed are noted. Workers for which the fully-qualified class name has changed are also added and removed. All workers have their reconfigService method called.

This method takes care of the basic worker attributes, including changing the PB registration if necessary. Any subclasses that add configuration parameters should override reconfigService and update those parameters. As with Schedulers, because the AbstractWorker instance is given directly in the configuration, on reconfig instances must extract the configuration from a new instance.

#### **User Managers**

Since user managers are rarely used, and their purpose is unclear, they are always stopped and re-started on every reconfig. This may change in figure versions.

#### **Status Receivers**

At every reconfig, all status listeners are stopped and new versions started.

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### 3.3.6 Writing Schedulers

Buildbot schedulers are the process objects responsible for requesting builds.

Schedulers are free to decide when to request builds, and to define the parameters of the builds. Many schedulers (e.g., *SingleBranchScheduler*) request builds in response to changes from change sources. Others, such as *Nightly*, request builds at specific times. Still others, like *ForceScheduler*, *Try\_Jobdir*, or *Triggerable*, respond to external inputs.

Each scheduler has a unique name, and within a Buildbot cluster, can be active on at most one master. If a scheduler is configured on multiple masters, it will be inactive on all but one master. This provides a form of non-revertive failover for schedulers: if an active scheduler's master fails, an inactive instance of that scheduler on another master will become active.

### **API Stability**

Until Buildbot reaches version 1.0.0, API stability is not guaranteed. The instructions in this document may change incompatibly until that time.

#### Implementing A Scheduler

A scheduler is a subclass of *BaseScheduler*.

The constructor's arguments form the scheduler's configuration. The first two arguments are name and builderNames, and are positional. The remaining arguments are keyword arguments, and the subclass's constructor should accept \*\*kwargs to pass on to the parent class along with the positional arguments.

```
class MyScheduler(base.BaseScheduler):
    def __init__ (self, name, builderNames, arg1=None, arg2=None, **kwargs):
        super().__init__ (name, builderNames, **kwargs)
        self.arg1 = arg1
        self.arg2 = arg2
```

Schedulers are Twisted services, so they can implement startService and stopService. However, it is more common for scheduler subclasses to override startActivity and stopActivity instead. See below.

### **Consuming Changes**

A scheduler that needs to be notified of new changes should call *startConsumingChanges* when it becomes active. Change consumption will automatically stop when the scheduler becomes inactive.

Once consumption has started, the *gotChange* method is invoked for each new change. The scheduler is free to do whatever it likes in this method.

### **Adding Buildsets**

To add a new buildset, subclasses should call one of the parent-class methods with the prefix addBuildsetFor. These methods call addBuildset after applying behaviors common to all schedulers

Any of these methods can be called at any time.

### **Handling Reconfiguration**

When the configuration for a scheduler changes, Buildbot deactivates, stops and removes the old scheduler, then adds, starts, and maybe activates the new scheduler. Buildbot determines whether a scheduler has changed by subclassing *ComparableMixin*. See the documentation for class for an explanation of the compare\_attrs attribute.

**Note:** In a future version, schedulers will be converted to handle reconfiguration as reconfigurable services, and will no longer require compare\_attrs to be set.

### **Becoming Active and Inactive**

An inactive scheduler should not do anything that might interfere with an active scheduler of the same name.

Simple schedulers can consult the active attribute to determine whether the scheduler is active.

Most schedulers, however, will implement the activate method to begin any processing expected of an active scheduler. That may involve calling *startConsumingChanges*, beginning a LoopingCall, or subscribing to messages.

Any processing begun by the activate method, or by an active scheduler, should be stopped by the deactivate method. The deactivate method's Deferred should not fire until such processing has completely stopped. Schedulers must up-call the parent class's activate and deactivate methods!

### **Keeping State**

The *BaseScheduler* class provides *getState* and *setState* methods to get and set state values for the scheduler. Active scheduler instances should use these functions to store persistent scheduler state, such that if they fail or become inactive, other instances can pick up where they leave off. A scheduler can cache its state locally, only calling getState when it first becomes active. However, it is best to keep the state as up-to-date as possible, by calling setState any time the state changes. This prevents loss of state from an unexpected master failure.

Note that the state-related methods do not use locks of any sort. It is up to the caller to ensure that no race conditions exist between getting and setting state. Generally, it is sufficient to rely on there being only one running instance of a scheduler, and cache state in memory.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

### 3.3.7 Utilities

Several small utilities are available at the top-level *buildbot.util* package.

```
buildbot.util.naturalSort (list)
```

**Parameters** list – list of strings

Returns sorted strings

This function sorts strings "naturally", with embedded numbers sorted numerically. This ordering is good for objects which might have a numeric suffix, e.g., winworker1, winworker2

```
buildbot.util.formatInterval(interval)
```

**Parameters** interval – duration in seconds

**Returns** human-readable (English) equivalent

This function will return a human-readable string describing a length of time, given a number of seconds.

#### class buildbot.util.ComparableMixin

This mixin class adds comparability to a subclass. Use it like this:

```
class Widget(FactoryProduct, ComparableMixin):
    compare_attrs = ( 'radius', 'thickness' )
    # ...
```

Any attributes not in compare\_attrs will not be considered when comparing objects. This is used to implement Buildbot's reconfig logic, where a comparison between the new and existing objects is used to determine whether the new object should replace the existing object. If the comparison shows the objects to be equivalent, then the old object is left in place. If they differ, the old object is removed from the buildmaster and the new object added.

For use in configuration objects (schedulers, changesources, etc.), include any attributes which are set in the constructor based on the user's configuration. Be sure to also include the superclass's list, e.g.:

```
class MyScheduler(base.BaseScheduler):
    compare_attrs = base.BaseScheduler.compare_attrs + ('arg1', 'arg2')
```

A point to note is that the compare\_attrs list is cumulative; that is, when a subclass also has a compare\_attrs and the parent class has a compare\_attrs, the subclass' compare\_attrs also includes the parent class' compare\_attrs.

This class also implements the buildbot.interfaces.IConfigured interface. The configuration is automatically generated, being the dict of all compare\_attrs.

buildbot.util.safeTranslate(str)

**Parameters** str – input string

**Returns** safe version of the input

This function will filter out some inappropriate characters for filenames; it is suitable for adapting strings from the configuration for use as filenames. It is not suitable for use with strings from untrusted sources.

buildbot.util.epoch2datetime(epoch)

**Parameters** epoch – an epoch time (integer)

Returns equivalent datetime object

Convert a UNIX epoch timestamp to a Python datetime object, in the UTC timezone. Note that timestamps specify UTC time (modulo leap seconds and a few other minor details). If the argument is None, returns None.

buildbot.util.datetime2epoch(datetime)

Parameters datetime – a datetime object

**Returns** equivalent epoch time (integer)

Convert an arbitrary Python datetime object into a UNIX epoch timestamp. If the argument is None, returns None.

buildbot.util.UTC

A datetime.tzinfo subclass representing UTC time. A similar class has finally been added to Python in version 3.2, but the implementation is simple enough to include here. This is mostly used in tests to create timezone-aware datetime objects in UTC:

dt = datetime.datetime(1978, 6, 15, 12, 31, 15, tzinfo=UTC)

buildbot.util.diffSets(old, new)

#### **Parameters**

- **old** (set or iterable) **old** set
- new(set or iterable) new set

**Returns** a tuple, (removed, added)

This function compares two sets of objects, returning elements that were added and elements that were removed. This is largely a convenience function for reconfiguring services.

buildbot.util.makeList(input)

Parameters input – a thing

Returns a list of zero or more things

This function is intended to support the many places in Buildbot where the user can specify either a string or a list of strings, but the implementation wishes to always consider lists. It converts any string to a single-element list, None to an empty list, and any iterable to a list. Input lists are copied, avoiding aliasing issues.

```
buildbot.util.now()
```

Returns epoch time (integer)

Return the current time, using either reactor.seconds or time.time().

buildbot.util.flatten(list[, types])

Parameters

- list potentially nested list
- **types** An optional iterable of the types to flatten. By default, if unspecified, this flattens both lists and tuples

Returns flat list

Flatten nested lists into a list containing no other lists. For example:

```
>>> flatten([ [ 1, 2 ], 3, [ [ 4 ], 5 ] ])
[ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ]
```

Both lists and tuples are looked at by default.

buildbot.util.flattened\_iterator(list[, types])

### Parameters

- **list** potentially nested list
- **types** An optional iterable of the types to flatten. By default, if unspecified, this flattens both lists and tuples.

**Returns** iterator over every element that isn't in types

Returns a generator that doesn't yield any lists/tuples. For example:

buildbot.util.none\_or\_str(obj)

Parameters obj – input value

Returns string or None

If obj is not None, return its string representation.

# bytes2unicode(bytestr, encoding='utf-8', errors='strict'):

### **Parameters**

- bytestr bytes
- encoding unicode encoding to pass to str.encode, default utf-8.
- errors error handler to pass to str.encode, default strict.

#### **Returns** string as unicode

This function is intended to convert bytes to unicode for user convenience. If given a bytestring, it returns the string decoded using encoding. If given a unicode string, it returns it directly.

### string2boolean(str):

Parameters str - string

# Raises KeyError -

Returns boolean

This function converts a string to a boolean. It is intended to be liberal in what it accepts: case-insensitive, "true", "on", "yes", "1", etc. It raises KeyError if the value is not recognized.

### toJson(obj):

Parameters obj – object

Returns UNIX epoch timestamp

This function is a helper for json.dump, that allows to convert non-json able objects to json. For now it supports converting datetime.datetime objects to unix timestamp.

### buildbot.util.NotABranch

This is a sentinel value used to indicate that no branch is specified. It is necessary since schedulers and change sources consider None a valid name for a branch. This is generally used as a default value in a method signature, and then tested against with is:

if branch is NotABranch: pass # ...

# buildbot.util.in\_reactor(fn)

This decorator will cause the wrapped function to be run in the Twisted reactor, with the reactor stopped when the function completes. It returns the result of the wrapped function. If the wrapped function fails, its traceback will be printed, the reactor halted, and None returned.

### buildbot.util.asyncSleep(secs, reactor=None)

Yield a deferred that will fire with no result after secs seconds. This is the asynchronous equivalent to time. sleep, and can be useful in tests. In case a custom reactor is used, the reactor parameter may be set. By default, twisted.internet.reactor is used.

buildbot.util.stripUrlPassword(url)

# Parameters url - a URL

Returns URL with any password component replaced with xxxx

Sanitize a URL; use this before logging or displaying a DB URL.

### buildbot.util.join\_list(maybe\_list)

Parameters maybe\_list - list, tuple, byte string, or unicode

### Returns unicode

If maybe\_list is a list or tuple, join it with spaces, casting any strings into unicode using bytes2unicode. This is useful for configuration parameters that may be strings or lists of strings.

### Notifier():

This is a helper for firing multiple deferreds with the same result.

```
buildbot.util.wait()
```

Return a deferred that will fire when when the notifier is notified.

```
buildbot.util.notify(value)
```

Fire all the outstanding deferreds with the given value.

### buildbot.util.giturlparse(url)

Parameters url – a git url

**Returns** a GitUrl with results of parsed url

This function is intended to help various components to parse git urls. It helps to find the <owner>/<repo> of a git repository url coming from a change, in order to call urls. owner and repo is a common scheme for identifying git repository between various git hosting services like GitHub, GitLab, BitBucket, etc. Each service have their own naming for similar things, but we choose to use the GitHub naming as a de-facto standard. To simplify implementation, the parser is accepting invalid urls, but it should always parse valid urls correctly. The unit tests in test\_util\_giturlparse.py is the references of what the parser is accepting. Please feel free to update the parser and unit tests

Example use:

```
from buildbot.util import giturlparse
repourl = giturlparse(sourcestamp['repository'])
```

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```
repoOwner = repourl.owner
repoName = repourl.repo
```

# GitUrl():

buildbot.util.**proto** The protocol of the url

buildbot.util.user
The user of the url (as in user@domain)

```
buildbot.util.domain
The domain part of the url
```

buildbot.util.**port** The optional port of the url

```
buildbot.util.owner
```

The owner of the repository (in case of GitLab might be a nested group, i.e contain /, e.g repo/subrepo/subsubrepo)

```
buildbot.util.repo
```

The owner of the repository (in case of GitLab might be a nested group, i.e contain /)

# buildbot.util.lru

### LRUCache(miss\_fn, max\_size=50):

### Parameters

- **miss\_fn** function to call, with key as parameter, for cache misses. The function should return the value associated with the key argument, or None if there is no value associated with the key.
- **max\_size** maximum number of objects in the cache.

This is a simple least-recently-used cache. When the cache grows beyond the maximum size, the least-recently used items will be automatically removed from the cache.

This cache is designed to control memory usage by minimizing duplication of objects, while avoiding unnecessary re-fetching of the same rows from the database.

All values are also stored in a weak valued dictionary, even after they have expired from the cache. This allows values that are used elsewhere in Buildbot to "stick" in the cache in case they are needed by another component. Weak references cannot be used for some types, so these types are not compatible with this class. Note that dictionaries can be weakly referenced if they are an instance of a subclass of dict.

If the result of the miss\_fn is None, then the value is not cached; this is intended to avoid caching negative results.

This is based on Raymond Hettinger's implementation (http://code.activestate.com/recipes/498245-lru-and-lfu-cache-decorators/), licensed under the PSF license, which is GPL-compatible.

```
buildbot.util.lru.hits cache hits so far
```

```
buildbot.util.lru.refhits
      cache misses found in the weak ref dictionary, so far
```

buildbot.util.lru.**misses** cache misses leading to re-fetches, so far

buildbot.util.lru.max\_size
 maximum allowed size of the cache

buildbot.util.lru.get(key, \*\*miss\_fn\_kwargs)

### **Parameters**

- key cache key
- miss\_fn\_kwargs keyword arguments to the miss\_fn

### Returns value via Deferred

Fetch a value from the cache by key, invoking miss\_fn(key, \*\*miss\_fn\_kwargs) if the key is not in the cache.

Any additional keyword arguments are passed to the miss\_fn as keyword arguments; these can supply additional information relating to the key. It is up to the caller to ensure that this information is functionally identical for each key value: if the key is already in the cache, the miss\_fn will not be invoked, even if the keyword arguments differ.

buildbot.util.lru.put (key, value)

# Parameters

- **key** key at which to place the value
- **value** value to place there

Add the given key and value into the cache. The purpose of this method is to insert a new value into the cache *without* invoking the miss\_fn (e.g., to avoid unnecessary overhead).

```
buildbot.util.lru.inv()
```

Check invariants on the cache. This is intended for debugging purposes.

# AsyncLRUCache(miss\_fn, max\_size=50):

### Parameters

- **miss\_fn** This is the same as the miss\_fn for class LRUCache, with the difference that this function *must* return a Deferred.
- max\_size maximum number of objects in the cache.

This class has the same functional interface as LRUCache, but asynchronous locking is used to ensure that in the common case of multiple concurrent requests for the same key, only one fetch is performed.

# buildbot.util.bbcollections

This package provides a few useful collection objects.

**Note:** This module used to be named collections, but without absolute imports (**PEP 328** (https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0328)), this precluded using the standard library's collections module.

### class buildbot.util.bbcollections.defaultdict

This is a clone of the Python collections.defaultdict for use in Python-2.4. In later versions, this is simply a reference to the built-in *defaultdict*, so Buildbot code can simply use buildbot.util. collections.defaultdict everywhere.

### class buildbot.util.bbcollections.KeyedSets

This is a collection of named sets. In principal, it contains an empty set for every name, and you can add things to sets, discard things from sets, and so on.

```
>>> ks = KeyedSets()
>>> ks['tim']
                                # get a named set
set([])
>>> ks.add('tim', 'friendly') # add an element to a set
>>> ks.add('tim', 'dexterous')
>>> ks['tim']
set(['friendly', 'dexterous'])
>>> 'tim' in ks
                               # membership testing
True
>>> 'ron' in ks
False
>>> ks.discard('tim', 'friendly') # discard set element
>>> ks.pop('tim')
                       # return set and reset to empty
set(['dexterous'])
>>> ks['tim']
set([])
```

This class is careful to conserve memory space - empty sets do not occupy any space.

### buildbot.util.eventual

This function provides a simple way to say "please do this later". For example

```
from buildbot.util.eventual import eventually
def do_what_I_say(what, where):
    # ...
    return d
eventually(do_what_I_say, "clean up", "your bedroom")
```

The package defines "later" as "next time the reactor has control", so this is a good way to avoid long loops that block other activity in the reactor.

buildbot.util.eventual.eventually(cb, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

### **Parameters**

- cb callable to invoke later
- args args to pass to cb
- kwargs kwargs to pass to cb

Invoke the callable cb in a later reactor turn.

Callables given to *eventually* are guaranteed to be called in the same order as the calls to *eventually* – writing eventually (a); eventually (b) guarantees that a will be called before b.

Any exceptions that occur in the callable will be logged with log.err(). If you really want to ignore them, provide a callable that catches those exceptions.

This function returns None. If you care to know when the callable was run, be sure to provide a callable that notifies somebody.

buildbot.util.eventual.fireEventually(value=None)

**Parameters value** – value with which the Deferred should fire

# Returns Deferred

This function returns a Deferred which will fire in a later reactor turn, after the current call stack has been completed, and after all other Deferreds previously scheduled with *eventually*. The returned Deferred will never fail.

buildbot.util.eventual.flushEventualQueue()

# Returns Deferred

This returns a Deferred which fires when the eventual-send queue is finally empty. This is useful for tests and other circumstances where it is useful to know that "later" has arrived.

# buildbot.util.debounce

It's often necessary to perform some action in response to a particular type of event. For example, steps need to update their status after updates arrive from the worker. However, when many events arrive in quick succession, it's more efficient to only perform the action once, after the last event has occurred.

The debounce.method (wait) decorator is the tool for the job.

buildbot.util.debounce.method(wait)

### Parameters

- wait time to wait before invoking, in seconds
- **get\_reactor** A callable that takes the underlying instance and returns the reactor to use. Defaults to instance.master.reactor.

Returns a decorator that debounces the underlying method. The underlying method must take no arguments (except self).

For each call to the decorated method, the underlying method will be invoked at least once within *wait* seconds (plus the time the method takes to execute). Calls are "debounced" during that time, meaning that multiple calls to the decorated method will result in a single invocation.

Note: This functionality is similar to Underscore's debounce, except that the Underscore method resets its timer on every call.

The decorated method is an instance of *Debouncer*, allowing it to be started and stopped. This is useful when the method is a part of a Buildbot service: call method.start() from startService and method. stop() from stopService, handling its Deferred appropriately.

class buildbot.util.debounce.Debouncer

### stop()

### Returns Deferred

Stop the debouncer. While the debouncer is stopped, calls to the decorated method will be ignored. If a call is pending when stop is called, that call will occur immediately. When the Deferred that stop returns fires, the underlying method is not executing.

start()

Start the debouncer. This reverses the effects of stop. This method can be called on a started debouncer without issues.

### buildbot.util.poll

Many Buildbot services perform some periodic, asynchronous operation. Change sources, for example, contact the repositories they monitor on a regular basis. The tricky bit is, the periodic operation must complete before the service stops.

The <code>@poll.method</code> decorator makes this behavior easy and reliable.

buildbot.util.poll.method()

This decorator replaces the decorated method with a *Poller* instance configured to call the decorated method periodically. The poller is initially stopped, so periodic calls will not begin until its start method is called. The start polling interval is specified when the poller is started.

If the decorated method fails or raises an exception, the Poller logs the error and re-schedules the call for the next interval.

If a previous invocation of the method has not completed when the interval expires, then the next invocation is skipped and the interval timer starts again.

A common idiom is to call start and stop from startService and stopService:

```
class WatchThings(object):
    @poll.method
    def watch(self):
        d = self.beginCheckingSomething()
        return d
    def startService(self):
        self.watch.start(interval=self.pollingInterval, now=False)
    def stopService(self):
        return self.watch.stop()
```

```
class buildbot.util.poll.Poller
```

start (interval=N, now=False)

# Parameters

- interval time, in seconds, between invocations
- **now** if true, call the decorated method immediately on startup.

Start the poller.

# stop()

Returns Deferred

Stop the poller. The returned Deferred fires when the decorated method is complete.

\_\_call\_\_()

Force a call to the decorated method now. If the decorated method is currently running, another call will begin as soon as it completes.

# buildbot.util.maildir

Several Buildbot components make use of maildirs (http://www.courier-mta.org/maildir.html) to hand off messages between components. On the receiving end, there's a need to watch a maildir for incoming messages and trigger some

action when one arrives.

class buildbot.util.maildir.MaildirService(basedir)

param basedir (optional) base directory of the maildir

A *MaildirService* instance watches a maildir for new messages. It should be a child service of some MultiService instance. When running, this class uses the linux dirwatcher API (if available) or polls for new files in the 'new' maildir subdirectory. When it discovers a new message, it invokes its *messageReceived* method.

To use this class, subclass it and implement a more interesting messageReceived function.

setBasedir(basedir)

Parameters basedir - base directory of the maildir

If no basedir is provided to the constructor, this method must be used to set the basedir before the service starts.

messageReceived (filename)

Parameters filename – unqualified filename of the new message

This method is called with the short filename of the new message. The full name of the new file can be obtained with os.path.join(maildir, 'new', filename). The method is un-implemented in the *MaildirService* class, and must be implemented in subclasses.

moveToCurDir (filename)

Parameters filename – unqualified filename of the new message

Returns open file object

Call this from *messageReceived* to start processing the message; this moves the message file to the 'cur' directory and returns an open file handle for it.

# buildbot.util.misc

```
buildbot.util.misc.deferredLocked(lock)
```

**Parameters lock** – a twisted.internet.defer.DeferredLock instance or a string naming an instance attribute containing one

This is a decorator to wrap an event-driven method (one returning a Deferred) in an acquire/release pair of a designated DeferredLock. For simple functions with a static lock, this is as easy as:

```
someLock = defer.DeferredLock()
@util.deferredLocked(someLock)
def someLockedFunction():
    # ..
    return d
```

For class methods which must access a lock that is an instance attribute, the lock can be specified by a string, which will be dynamically resolved to the specific instance at runtime:

```
def __init__(self):
    self.someLock = defer.DeferredLock()
@util.deferredLocked('someLock')
def someLockedFunction():
```

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# .. return d

buildbot.util.misc.cancelAfter(seconds, deferred)

### Parameters

- **seconds** timeout in seconds
- **deferred** deferred to cancel after timeout expires

Returns the deferred passed to the function

Cancel the given deferred after the given time has elapsed, if it has not already been fired. When this occurs, the deferred's errback will be fired with a twisted.internet.defer.CancelledError failure.

### buildbot.util.netstrings

Similar to maildirs, netstrings (http://cr.yp.to/proto/netstrings.txt) are used occasionally in Buildbot to encode data for interchange. While Twisted supports a basic netstring receiver protocol, it does not have a simple way to apply that to a non-network situation.

### class buildbot.util.netstrings.NetstringParser

This class parses strings piece by piece, either collecting the accumulated strings or invoking a callback for each one.

### feed (data)

Parameters data - a portion of netstring-formatted data

Raises twisted.protocols.basic.NetstringParseError

Add arbitrarily-sized data to the incoming-data buffer. Any complete netstrings will trigger a call to the stringReceived method.

Note that this method (like the Twisted class it is based on) cannot detect a trailing partial netstring at EOF - the data will be silently ignored.

### stringReceived(string):

**Parameters string** – the decoded string

This method is called for each decoded string as soon as it is read completely. The default implementation appends the string to the *strings* attribute, but subclasses can do anything.

### strings

The strings decoded so far, if stringReceived is not overridden.

# buildbot.util.sautils

This module contains a few utilities that are not included with SQLAlchemy.

class buildbot.util.sautils.InsertFromSelect(table, select)

### Parameters

- **table** table into which insert should be performed
- **select** select query from which data should be drawn

This class is taken directly from SQLAlchemy's compiler.html (http://www.sqlalchemy.org/docs/core/compiler.html#compiling-sub-elements-of-a-custom-expression-construct), and allows a Pythonic representation of INSERT INTO ... SELECT ... queries.

buildbot.util.sautils.sa\_version()

Return a 3-tuple representing the SQLAlchemy version. Note that older versions that did not have a  $\_version\_$  attribute are represented by (0, 0, 0).

### buildbot.util.pathmatch

### class buildbot.util.pathmatch.Matcher

This class implements the path-matching algorithm used by the data API.

Patterns are tuples of strings, with strings beginning with a colon (:) denoting variables. A character can precede the colon to indicate the variable type:

- i specifies an identifier (*identifier*).
- n specifies a number (parseable by int).

A tuple of strings matches a pattern if the lengths are identical, every variable matches and has the correct type, and every non-variable pattern element matches exactly.

A matcher object takes patterns using dictionary-assignment syntax:

```
ep = ChangeEndpoint()
matcher[('change', 'n:changeid')] = ep
```

and performs matching using the dictionary-lookup syntax:

```
changeEndpoint, kwargs = matcher[('change', '13')]
# -> (ep, {'changeid': 13})
```

where the result is a tuple of the original assigned object (the Change instance in this case) and the values of any variables in the path.

#### iterPatterns()

Returns an iterator which yields all patterns in the matcher as tuples of (pattern, endpoint).

### buildbot.util.topicmatch

class buildbot.util.topicmatch.TopicMatcher(topics)

**Parameters topics** (*list*) – topics to match

This class implements the AMQP-defined syntax: routing keys are treated as dot-separated sequences of words and matched against topics. A star  $(\star)$  in the topic will match any single word, while an octothorpe (#) will match zero or more words.

matches(routingKey)

**Parameters routingKey** (*string*) – routing key to examine

**Returns** True if the routing key matches a topic

### buildbot.util.subscription

The classes in the buildbot.util.subscription module are used for master-local subscriptions. In the near future, all uses of this module will be replaced with message-queueing implementations that allow subscriptions and subscribers to span multiple masters.

### buildbot.util.croniter

This module is a copy of https://github.com/taichino/croniter, and provides support for converting cron-like time specifications into actual times.

### buildbot.util.state

The classes in the buildbot.util.subscription module are used for dealing with object state stored in the database.

### class buildbot.util.state.StateMixin

This class provides helper methods for accessing the object state stored in the database.

#### name

This must be set to the name to be used to identify this object in the database.

### master

This must point to the BuildMaster object.

getState (name, default)

### **Parameters**

- **name** name of the value to retrieve
- default (optional) value to return if *name* is not present

**Returns** state value via a Deferred

### Raises

- KeyError if *name* is not present and no default is given
- TypeError if JSON parsing fails

Get a named state value from the object's state.

getState (name, value)

### **Parameters**

- **name** the name of the value to change
- value the value to set must be a JSONable object
- returns Deferred

### **Raises TypeError** – if JSONification fails

Set a named state value in the object's persistent state. Note that value must be json-able.

### buildbot.util.identifiers

This module makes it easy to manipulate identifiers.

buildbot.util.identifiers.isIdentifier(maxLength, object)

#### **Parameters**

- maxLength maximum length of the identifier
- object object to test for identifier-ness

Returns boolean

Is object a *identifier*?

buildbot.util.identifiers.forceIdentifier(maxLength, str)

### **Parameters**

- maxLength maximum length of the identifier
- **str** string to coerce to an identifier

Returns identifier of maximum length maxLength

Coerce a string (assuming UTF-8 for bytestrings) into an identifier. This method will replace any invalid characters with \_ and truncate to the given length.

buildbot.util.identifiers.incrementIdentifier(maxLength, str)

#### Parameters

- maxLength maximum length of the identifier
- str identifier to increment

Returns identifier of maximum length maxLength

Raises ValueError if no suitable identifier can be constructed

"Increment" an identifier by adding a numeric suffix, while keeping the total length limited. This is useful when selecting a unique identifier for an object. Maximum-length identifiers like \_9999999 cannot be incremented and will raise ValueError.

# buildbot.util.lineboundaries

### class buildbot.util.lineboundaries.LineBoundaryFinder

This class accepts a sequence of arbitrary strings and invokes a callback only with complete (newline-terminated) substrings. It buffers any partial lines until a subsequent newline is seen. It considers any of r, n, and r n to be newlines. Because of the ambiguity of an append operation ending in the character r (it may be a bare r or half of rn), the last line of such an append operation will be buffered until the next append or flush.

**Parameters** callback – asynchronous function to call with newline-terminated strings

append(text)

**Parameters text** – text to append to the boundary finder

**Returns** Deferred

Add additional text to the boundary finder. If the addition of this text completes at least one line, the callback will be invoked with as many complete lines as possible.

### flush()

## Returns Deferred

Flush any remaining partial line by adding a newline and invoking the callback.

### buildbot.util.service

This module implements some useful subclasses of Twisted services.

The first two classes are more robust implementations of two Twisted classes, and should be used universally in Buildbot code.

### class buildbot.util.service.AsyncMultiService

This class is similar to twisted.application.service.MultiService, except that it handles Deferreds returned from child services startService and stopService methods.

Twisted's service implementation does not support asynchronous startService methods. The reasoning is that all services should start at process startup, with no need to coordinate between them. For Buildbot, this is not sufficient. The framework needs to know when startup has completed, so it can begin scheduling builds. This class implements the desired functionality, with a parent service's startService returning a Deferred which will only fire when all child services startService methods have completed.

This class also fixes a bug with Twisted's implementation of stopService which ignores failures in the stopService process. With *AsyncMultiService*, any errors in a child's stopService will be propagated to the parent's stopService method.

### class buildbot.util.service.AsyncService

This class is similar to twisted.application.service.Service, except that its setServiceParent method will return a Deferred. That Deferred will fire after the startService method has completed, if the service was started because the new parent was already running.

Some services in buildbot must have only one "active" instance at any given time. In a single-master configuration, this requirement is trivial to maintain. In a multiple-master configuration, some arbitration is required to ensure that the service is always active on exactly one master in the cluster.

For example, a particular daily scheduler could be configured on multiple masters, but only one of them should actually trigger the required builds.

### class buildbot.util.service.ClusteredService

A base class for a service that must have only one "active" instance in a buildbot configuration.

Each instance of the service is started and stopped via the usual twisted startService and stopService methods. This utility class hooks into those methods in order to run an arbitration strategy to pick the one instance that should actually be "active".

The arbitration strategy is implemented via a polling loop. When each service instance starts, it immediately offers to take over as the active instance (via \_claimService).

If successful, the activate method is called. Once active, the instance remains active until it is explicitly stopped (eg, via stopService) or otherwise fails. When this happens, the deactivate method is invoked and the "active" status is given back to the cluster (via \_unclaimService).

If another instance is already active, this offer fails, and the instance will poll periodically to try again. The polling strategy helps guard against active instances that might silently disappear and leave the service without any active instance running.

Subclasses should use these methods to hook into this activation scheme:

### activate()

When a particular instance of the service is chosen to be the one "active" instance, this method is invoked. It is the corollary to twisted's startService.

### deactivate()

When the one "active" instance must be deactivated, this method is invoked. It is the corollary to twisted's stopService.

### isActive()

Returns whether this particular instance is the active one.

The arbitration strategy is implemented via the following required methods:

### \_getServiceId()

The "service id" uniquely represents this service in the cluster. Each instance of this service must have this same id, which will be used in the arbitration to identify candidates for activation. This method may return a Deferred.

# \_claimService()

An instance is attempting to become the one active instance in the cluster. This method must return *True* or *False* (optionally via a Deferred) to represent whether this instance's offer to be the active one was accepted. If this returns *True*, the activate method will be called for this instance.

### \_unclaimService()

Surrender the "active" status back to the cluster and make it available for another instance. This will only be called on an instance that successfully claimed the service and has been activated and after its deactivate has been called. Therefore, in this method it is safe to reassign the "active" status to another instance. This method may return a Deferred.

# class buildbot.util.service.SharedService

This class implements a generic Service that needs to be instantiated only once according to its parameters. It is a common use case to need this for accessing remote services. Having a shared service allows to limit the number of simultaneous access to the same remote service. Thus, several completely independent Buildbot services can use that *SharedService* to access the remote service, and automatically synchronize themselves to not overwhelm it.

# \_\_init\_\_ (self, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Constructor of the service.

Note that unlike *BuildbotService*, *SharedService* is not reconfigurable and uses the classical constructor method.

Reconfigurability would mean to add some kind of reference counting of the users, which will make the design much more complicated to use. This means that the SharedService will not be destroyed when there is no more users, it will be destroyed at the master's stopService It is important that those *SharedService* life cycles are properly handled. Twisted will indeed wait for any thread pool to finish at master stop, which will not happen if the thread pools are not properly closed.

The lifecycle of the SharedService is the same as a service, it must implement startService and stopService in order to allocate and free its resources.

### getName (cls, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Class method. Takes same arguments as the constructor of the service. Get a unique name for that instance of a service. This returned name is the key inside the parent's service dictionary that is used to decide if the instance has already been created before or if there is a need to create a new object. Default implementation will hash args and kwargs and use <classname>\_<hash> as the name.

### getService (cls, parentService, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

**Parameters parentService** – an *AsyncMultiService* where to lookup and register the *SharedService* (usually the root service, the master)

Returns instance of the service via Deferred

Class method. Takes same arguments as the constructor of the service (plus the *parentService* at the beginning of the list). Construct an instance of the service if needed, and place it at the beginning of the *parentService* service list. Placing it at the beginning will guarantee that the *SharedService* will be stopped after the other services.

# class buildbot.util.service.BuildbotService

This class is the combinations of all *Service* classes implemented in buildbot. It is Async, MultiService, and Reconfigurable, and designed to be eventually the base class for all buildbot services. This class makes it easy to manage (re)configured services.

The design separates the check of the config and the actual configuration/start. A service sibling is a configured object that has the same name of a previously started service. The sibling configuration will be used to configure the running service.

Service lifecycle is as follow:

- Buildbot master start
- Buildbot is evaluating the configuration file. BuildbotServices are created, and checkConfig() are called by the generic constructor.
- If everything is fine, all services are started. BuildbotServices startService() is called, and call reconfigService() for the first time.
- User reconfigures buildbot.
- Buildbot is evaluating the configuration file. BuildbotServices siblings are created, and checkConfig() are called by the generic constructor.
- BuildbotServiceManager is figuring out added services, removed services, unchanged services
- BuildbotServiceManager calls stopService() for services that disappeared from the configuration.
- BuildbotServiceManager calls startService() like in buildbot start phase for services that appeared from the configuration.
- BuildbotServiceManager calls reconfigService() for the second time for services that have their configuration changed.

\_\_init\_\_\_(self, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Constructor of the service. The constructor initializes the service, calls checkConfig() and stores the config arguments in private attributes.

This should not be overridden by subclasses, as they should rather override checkConfig.

### checkConfig(self, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Please override this method to check the parameters of your config. Please use *buildbot.config. error* for error reporting. You can replace them \*args, \*\*kwargs by actual constructor like arguments with default args, and it have to match self.reconfigService This method is synchronous, and executed in the context of the master.cfg. Please don't block, or use deferreds in this method. Remember that the object that runs checkConfig is not always the object that is actually started. The checked configuration can be passed to another sibling service. Any actual resource creation shall be handled in reconfigService() or startService()

# reconfigService (self, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

This method is called at buildbot startup, and buildbot reconfig. \**args* and \*\**kwargs* are the configuration arguments passed to the constructor in master.cfg. You can replace them \*args, \*\*kwargs by actual constructor like arguments with default args, and it have to match self.checkConfig

Returns a deferred that should fire when the service is ready. Builds are not started until all services are configured.

BuildbotServices must be aware that during reconfiguration, their methods can still be called by running builds. So they should atomically switch old configuration and new configuration, so that the service is always available.

If this method raises NotImplementedError, it means the service is legacy, and do not support reconfiguration. The BuildbotServiceManager parent, will detect this, and swap old service with new service. This behaviour allow smooth transition of old code to new reconfigurable service lifecycle but shall not be used for new code.

# reconfigServiceWithSibling(self, sibling)

Internal method that finds the configuration bits in a sibling, an object with same class that is supposed to replace it from a new configuration. We want to reuse the service started at master startup and just reconfigure it. This method handles necessary steps to detect if the config has changed, and eventually call self.reconfigService()

### **renderSecrets** (*self*, \**args*)

Utility method which renders a list of parameters which can be interpolated as a secret. This is meant for services which have their secrets parameter configurable as positional arguments. If there are several argument, the secrets are interpolated in parallel, and a list of result is returned via deferred. If there is one argument, the result is directly returned.

**Note:** For keyword arguments, a simpler method is to use the secrets class variable, which items will be automatically interpolated just before reconfiguration.

```
def reconfigService(self, user, password, ...)
    user, password = yield self.renderSecrets(user, password)
```

```
def reconfigService(self, token, ...)
```

```
token = yield self.renderSecrets(token)
```

```
secrets = ("user", "password")
def reconfigService(self, user=None, password=None, ...):
    # nothing to do user and password will be automatically interpolated
```

Advanced users can derive this class to make their own services that run inside buildbot, and follow the application lifecycle of buildbot master.

Such services are singletons accessible in nearly every objects of buildbot (buildsteps, status, changesources, etc) using self.master.namedServices['<nameOfYourService'].

As such, they can be used to factorize access to external services, available e.g using a REST api. Having a single service will help with caching, and rate-limiting access of those APIs.

Here is an example on how you would integrate and configure a simple service in your *master.cfg*:

```
class MyShellCommand(ShellCommand):
    def getResultSummary(self):
        # access the service attribute
        service = self.master.namedServices['myService']
        return dict(step=u"arg value: %d" % (service.arg1,))
class MyService(BuildbotService):
        name = "myService"
        def checkConfig(self, arg1):
```

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```
if not isinstance(arg1, int):
            config.error("arg1 must be an integer while it is %r" % (arg1,))
            return
        if arg1 < 0:</pre>
            config.error("arg1 must be positive while it is %d" % (arg1,))
    def reconfigService(self, arg1):
        self.arg1 = arg1
        return defer.succeed(None)
c['schedulers'] = [
    ForceScheduler(
        name="force",
        builderNames=["testy"])]
f = BuildFactory()
f.addStep(MyShellCommand(command='echo hei'))
c['builders'] = [
    BuilderConfig(name="testy",
                  workernames=["local1"],
                  factory=f)]
c['services'] = [
    MyService(arg1=1)
]
```

# buildbot.util.httpclientservice

### class buildbot.util.service.HTTPClientService

This class implements a SharedService for doing http client access. The module automatically chooses from txrequests (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/txrequests) and treq (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/treq) and uses whichever is installed. It provides minimalistic API similar to the one from txrequests (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/txrequests) and treq (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/treq). Having a SharedService for this allows to limits the number of simultaneous connection for the same host. While twisted application can managed thousands of connections at the same time, this is often not the case for the services buildbot controls. Both txrequests (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/txrequests) and treq (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/treq) use keep-alive connection polling. Lots of HTTP REST API will however force a connection close in the end of a transaction.

**Note:** The API described here is voluntary minimalistic, and reflects what is tested. As most of this module is implemented as a pass-through to the underlying libraries, other options can work but have not been tested to work in both backends. If there is a need for more functionality, please add new tests before using them.

**static getService** (master, base\_url, auth=None, headers=None, debug=None, verify=None)

### Parameters

- **master** the instance of the master service (available in self.master for all the *BuildbotService* instances)
- base\_url The base http url of the service to access. e.g. http://github.com/
- **auth** Authentication information. If auth is a tuple then BasicAuth will be used. e.g ('user', 'passwd') It can also be a requests.auth authentication plugin.

In this case txrequests (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/txrequests) will be forced, and treq (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/treq) cannot be used.

- headers The headers to pass to every requests for this url
- **debug** log every requests and every response.
- **verify** disable the SSL verification.

Returns instance of :HTTPClientService

Get an instance of the SharedService. There is one instance per base\_url and auth.

The constructor initialize the service, and store the config arguments in private attributes.

This should *not* be overridden by subclasses, as they should rather override checkConfig.

get (endpoint, params=None)

### **Parameters**

- **endpoint** endpoint relative to the base\_url (starts with /)
- **params** optional dictionary that will be encoded in the query part of the url (e.g. ? param1=foo)

Returns implementation of :IHTTPResponse via deferred

Performs a HTTP GET

delete (endpoint, params=None)

#### **Parameters**

- **endpoint** endpoint relative to the base\_url (starts with /)
- **params** optional dictionary that will be encoded in the query part of the url (e.g. ? param1=foo)

**Returns** implementation of :*IHTTPResponse* via deferred

Performs a HTTP DELETE

post (endpoint, data=None, json=None, params=None)

#### **Parameters**

- **endpoint** endpoint relative to the base\_url (starts with /)
- **data** optional dictionary that will be encoded in the body of the http requests as application/x-www-form-urlencoded
- **json** optional dictionary that will be encoded in the body of the http requests as application/json
- **params** optional dictionary that will be encoded in the query part of the url (e.g. ? param1=foo)

Returns implementation of :IHTTPResponse via deferred

Performs a HTTP POST

Note: json and data cannot be used at the same time.

put (endpoint, data=None, json=None, params=None)

**Parameters** 

- **endpoint** endpoint relative to the base\_url (starts with /)
- **data** optional dictionary that will be encoded in the body of the http requests as application/x-www-form-urlencoded
- **json** optional dictionary that will be encoded in the body of the http requests as application/json
- **params** optional dictionary that will be encoded in the query part of the url (e.g. ? param1=foo)

Returns implementation of :IHTTPResponse via deferred

Performs a HTTP PUT

Note: json and data cannot be used at the same time.

class buildbot.util.service.IHTTPResponse

**Note:** *IHTTPResponse* is a subset of treq (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/treq) Response API described here (https://treq.readthedocs.io/en/latest/api.html#module-treq.response) The API it is voluntarily minimalistic and reflects what is tested and reliable to use with the three backends (including fake). The api is a subset of the treq (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/treq) API, which is itself a superset of twisted IResponse API (https://twistedmatrix.com/documents/current/api/twisted.web.iweb.IResponse.html). treq (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/treq) is thus implemented as passthrough.

Notably:

- There is no api to automatically decode content, as this is not implemented the same in both backends.
- There is no api to stream content as the two libraries have very different way for doing it, and we do not see use-case where buildbot would need to transfer large content to the master.

content()

Returns raw (bytes) content of the response via deferred

json()

Returns json decoded content of the response via deferred

code

**Returns** http status code of the request's response (e.g 200)

### buildbot.test.fake.httpclientservice

#### class buildbot.util.service.HTTPClientService

This class implements a fake version of the buildbot.util.httpclientservice. HTTPClientService that needs to be used for testing services which needs http client access. It implements the same APIs as buildbot.util.httpclientservice.HTTPClientService, plus one that should be used to register the expectations. It should be registered by the test case before the tested service actually requests an HTTPClientService instance, with the same parameters. It will then replace the original implementation automatically (no need to patch anything). The testing methodology is based on AngularJS ngMock (https://docs.angularjs.org/api/ngMock/service/\$httpBackend).

# getFakeService(cls, master, case, \*args, \*\*kwargs):

### **Parameters**

- master the instance of a fake master service
- **case** a twisted.python.unittest.TestCase instance

getFakeService returns a fake *HTTPClientService*, and should be used in place of *getService*.

on top of *getService* it will make sure the original *HTTPClientService* is not called, and assert that all expected http requests have been described in the test case.

expect(self, method, ep, params=None, data=None, json=None, code=200, content=None, content\_json=None):

### **Parameters**

- method expected HTTP method
- ep expected endpoint
- params optional expected query parameters
- data optional expected non-json data (bytes)
- **json** optional expected json data (dictionary or list or string)
- code optional http code that will be received
- content optional content that will be received
- **content\_json** optional content encoded in json that will be received

Records an expectation of HTTP requests that will happen during the test. The order of the requests is important. All the request expectation must be defined in the test.

example:

```
from twisted.internet import defer
from twisted.trial import unittest
from buildbot.test.fake import httpclientservice as fakehttpclientservice
from buildbot.util import httpclientservice
from buildbot.util import service
class myTestedService(service.BuildbotService):
   name = 'myTestedService'
    @defer.inlineCallbacks
   def reconfigService(self, baseurl):
        self._http = yield httpclientservice.HTTPClientService.
→getService(self.master, baseurl)
    @defer.inlineCallbacks
    def doGetRoot(self):
        res = yield self._http.get("/")
        # note that at this point, only the http response headers are received
        if res.code != 200:
            raise Exception("%d: server did not succeed" % (res.code))
        res_json = yield res.json()
        # res.json() returns a deferred to account for the time needed to.
\rightarrow fetch the entire body
```

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```
return res_json
class Test (unittest.SynchronousTestCase):
   def setUp(self):
        baseurl = 'http://127.0.0.1:8080'
        self.parent = service.MasterService()
        self._http = self.successResultOf(fakehttpclientservice.
↔HTTPClientService.getFakeService(
            self.parent, self, baseurl))
        self.tested = myTestedService(baseurl)
        self.successResultOf(self.tested.setServiceParent(self.parent))
        self.successResultOf(self.parent.startService())
   def test_root(self):
        self._http.expect("get", "/", content_json={'foo': 'bar'})
        response = self.successResultOf(self.tested.doGetRoot())
        self.assertEqual(response, {'foo': 'bar'})
   def test_root_error(self):
        self._http.expect("get", "/", content_json={'foo': 'bar'}, code=404)
        response = self.failureResultOf(self.tested.doGetRoot())
        self.assertEqual(response.getErrorMessage(), '404: server did not...
\leftrightarrow succeed')
```

# buildbot.util.ssl

This module is a copy of twisted.internet.ssl except it won't crash with ImportError if pyopenssl is not installed. If you need to use twisted.internet.ssl, please instead use buildbot.util.ssl, and call ssl.ensureHasSSL in checkConfig to provide helpful message to the user, only if he enabled SSL for your plugin.

buildbot.util.service.ensureHasSSL(plugin\_name)

Parameters plugin\_name - name of the plugin. Usually self.\_\_class\_\_.\_\_name\_\_

Call this function to provide helpful config error to the user in case of OpenSSL not installed.

buildbot.util.service.skipUnless(f)

**Parameters f** – decorated test

Test decorator which will skip the test if OpenSSL is not installed.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.3.8 Build Result Codes

Buildbot represents the status of a step, build, or buildset using a set of numeric constants. From Python, these constants are available in the module buildbot.process.results, but the values also appear in the database and in external tools, so the values are fixed.

### buildbot.process.results.**SUCCESS** Value: 0; color: green; a successful run.

# buildbot.process.results.WARNINGS

Value: 1; color: orange; a successful run, with some warnings.

# buildbot.process.results.FAILURE

Value: 2; color: red; a failed run, due to problems in the build itself, as opposed to a Buildbot misconfiguration or bug.

### buildbot.process.results.SKIPPED

Value: 3; color: white; a run that was skipped – usually a step skipped by doStepIf (see Common Parameters)

# buildbot.process.results.EXCEPTION

Value: 4; color: purple; a run that failed due to a problem in Buildbot itself.

### buildbot.process.results.RETRY

Value: 5; color: purple; a run that should be retried, usually due to a worker disconnection.

# buildbot.process.results.CANCELLED Value: 6; color: pink; a run that was cancelled by the user.

buildbot.process.results.**Results** A dictionary mapping result codes to their lowercase names.

# buildbot.process.results.worst\_status(a, b)

This function takes two status values, and returns the "worst" status of the two. This is used to aggregate step statuses into build statuses, and build statuses into buildset statuses.

### computeResultAndTermination(obj, result, previousResult):

### **Parameters**

- **obj** an object with the attributes of *ResultComputingConfigMixin*
- **result** the new result
- **previousResult** the previous aggregated result

Building on *worst\_status*, this function determines what the aggregated overall status is, as well as whether the attempt should be terminated, based on the configuration in obj.

### class buildbot.process.results.ResultComputingConfigMixin

This simple mixin is intended to help implement classes that will use computeResultAndTermination. The class has, as class attributes, the result computing configuration parameters with default values:

### haltOnFailure

flunkOnWarnings

flunkOnFailure

warnOnWarnings

### warnOnFailure

The names of these attributes are available in the following attribute:

resultConfig

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.3.9 WWW Server

# **History and Motivation**

One of the goals of the 'nine' project is to rework Buildbot's web services to use a more modern, consistent design and implement UI features in client-side JavaScript instead of server-side Python.

The rationale behind this is that a client side UI relieves pressure on the server while being more responsive for the user. The web server only concentrates on serving data via a REST interface wrapping the *Data API*. This removes a lot of sources of latency where, in previous versions, long synchronous calculations were made on the server to generate complex pages.

Another big advantage is live updates of status pages, without having to poll or reload. The new system uses Comet techniques in order to relay Data API events to connected clients.

Finally, making web services an integral part of Buildbot, rather than a status plugin, allows tighter integration with the rest of the application.

# **Design Overview**

The www service exposes three pieces via HTTP:

- A REST interface wrapping *Data API*;
- HTTP-based messaging protocols wrapping the Messaging and Queues interface; and
- Static resources implementing the client-side UI.

The REST interface is a very thin wrapper: URLs are translated directly into Data API paths, and results are returned directly, in JSON format. It is based on JSON API (http://jsonapi.org/). Control calls are handled with a simplified form of JSONRPC 2.0 (http://www.jsonrpc.org/specification).

The message interface is also a thin wrapper around Buildbot's MQ mechanism. Clients can subscribe to messages, and receive copies of the messages, in JSON, as they are received by the buildmaster.

The client-side UI is an AngularJS application. Buildbot uses the Python setuptools entry-point mechanism to allow multiple packages to be combined into a single client-side experience. This allows frontend developers and users to build custom components for the web UI without hacking Buildbot itself.

Python development and AngularJS development are very different processes, requiring different environment requirements and skillsets. To maximize hackability, Buildbot separates the two cleanly. An experienced AngularJS hacker should be quite comfortable in the www/ (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/www/) directory, with a few exceptions described below. Similarly, an experienced Python hacker can simply download the pre-built web UI (from pypi!) and never venture near the www/ (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/www/) directory.

# URLs

The Buildbot web interface is rooted at its base URL, as configured by the user. It is entirely possible for this base URL to contain path components, e.g., http://build.example.org/buildbot/, if hosted behind an HTTP proxy. To accomplish this, all URLs are generated relative to the base URL.

Overall, the space under the base URL looks like this:

- / The HTML document that loads the UI
- /api/v{version} The root of the REST APIs, each versioned numerically. Users should, in general, use the latest version.
- /ws The WebSocket endpoint to subscribe to messages from the mq system.

• /sse - The server sent event (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Server-sent\_events) endpoint where clients can subscribe to messages from the mq system.

# **REST API**

Rest API is described in its own section.

# Server-Side Session

The web server keeps a session state for each user, keyed on a session cookie. This session is available from request.getSession(), and data is stored as attributes. The following attributes may be available:

**user\_info** A dictionary maintained by the *authentication subsystem*. It may have the following information about the logged-in user:

- username
- email
- full\_name
- groups (a list of group names)

As well as additional fields specific to the user info implementation.

The contents of the user\_info dictionary are made available to the UI as config.user.

### Message API

Currently messages are implemented with two protocols: WebSockets and server sent event (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Server-sent\_events). This may be supplemented with other mechanisms before release.

### WebSocket

WebSocket is a protocol for arbitrary messaging to and from browser. As an HTTP extension, the protocol is not yet well supported by all HTTP proxy technologies. Although, it has been reported to work well used behind the https protocol. Only one WebSocket connection is needed per browser.

Client can connect using url ws [s]://<BB\_BASE\_URL>/ws

The protocol used is a simple in-house protocol based on json. Structure of a command from client is as following:

{ "cmd": "<command name>", '\_id': <id of the command>, "arg1": arg1, "arg2": arg2 }

- cmd is use to reference a command name
- \_id is used to track the response, can be any unique number or string. Generated by the client. Needs to be unique per websocket session.

Response is sent asynchronously, reusing \_id to track which command is responded.

Success answer example would be:

{ "msg": "OK", '\_id': 1, code=200 }

Error answer example would be:

{"\_id":1,"code":404,"error":"no such command \'poing\'"}

Client can send several command without waiting response.

Responses are not guaranteed to be sent in order.

Several command are implemented:

#### ping

{"\_id":1,"cmd":"ping"}

server will respond with a "pong" message:

{"\_id":1, "msg":"pong", "code":200}

**startConsuming** start consuming events that match path. path are described in the *Messaging and Queues* section. For size optimization reasons, path are encoded joined with "/", and with None wildcard replaced by "\*".

{"\_id":1,"cmd":"startConsuming", "path": "change/\*/\*"}

Success answer example will be:

{ "msg": "OK", '\_id': 1, code=200 }

**stopConsuming** stop consuming events that was previously registered with path.

{"\_id":1,"cmd":"stopConsuming", "path": "change/\*/\*"}

Success answer example will be:

{ "msg": "OK", '\_id': 1, code=200 }

Client will receive events as websocket frames encoded in json with following format:

```
{"k":key,"m":message}
```

### **Server Sent Events**

SSE is a simpler protocol than WebSockets and is more REST compliant. It uses the chunk-encoding HTTP feature to stream the events. SSE also does not works well behind enterprise proxy, unless you use the https protocol

Client can connect using following endpoints

- http[s]://<BB\_BASE\_URL>/sse/listen/<path>: Start listening to events on the http connection. Optionally setup a first event filter on <path>. The first message send is a handshake, giving a uuid that can be used to add or remove event filters.
- http[s]://<BB\_BASE\_URL>/sse/add/<uuid>/<path>: Configure a sse session to add an event filter
- http[s]://<BB\_BASE\_URL>/sse/remove/<uuid>/<path>: Configure a sse session to remove an event filter

Note that if a load balancer is setup as a front end to buildbot web masters, the load balancer must be configured to always use the same master given a client ip address for /sse endpoint.

Client will receive events as sse events, encoded with following format:

```
event: event
data: {'key': <key>, 'message': <message>}
```

The first event received is a handshake, and is used to inform the client about uuid to use for configuring additional event filters

event: handshake data: <uuid>

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# 3.3.10 Javascript Data Module

Data\_module is a reusable angularJS module used to access buildbot's data api from the browser. Its main purpose is to handle the 3 way binding.

2 way binding is the angular MVVM concept, which seamlessly synchronise the view and the model. Here we introduce an additional way of synchronisation, which is from the server to the model.



We use the message queue and the websocket interfaces to maintain synchronisation between the server and the client.

The client application just needs to query needed data using a highlevel API, and the data module is using the best approach to make the data always up to date.

Once the binding is setup by the controller, everything is automatically up-to-date.

# **Base Concepts**

# Collections

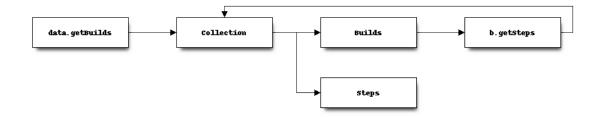
All the data you can get are Collections. Even a query to a single resource returns a collection. A collection is an Array subclass which has extra capabilities:

- It listen to the event stream and is able to maintain itself up-to-date
- It implements client side query in order to guarantee up-to-date filtering, ordering and limiting queries.
- It has a fast access to each item it contains via its id.
- It has its own event handlers so that client code can react when the Collection is changing

### **Wrappers**

Each data type contain in a collection is wrapped in a javascript object. This allows to create some custom enhancements to the data model. For example the Change wrapper decodes the author name and email from the "author" field.

Each wrapper class also has specific access method, which allow to access more data from the REST hierarchy.



# Installation

The Data module is available as a standalone AngularJS module. Installation via yarn:

yarn add buildbot-data

Inject the bbData module to your application:

```
angular.module('myApp', ['bbData'])
```

# **Service API**

# **DataService**

DataService is the service used for accessing the Buildbot data API. It has a modern interface for accessing data in such a way that the updating of the data via web socket is transparent.

Methods:

. open (): returns a DataAccessor, which handles 3 way data binding

- open a new accessor every time you need updating data in a controller
- it registers on \$destroy event on the scope, and thus automatically unsubscribes from updates when the data is not used anymore.

```
// open a new accessor every time you need updating data in a controller
class DemoController {
    constructor($scope, dataService) {
        // automatically closes all the bindings when the $scope is destroyed
        const data = dataService.open().closeOnDestroy($scope);
        // request new data, it updates automatically
        this.builders = data.getBuilders({limit: 10, order: '-started_at'});
    }
}
```

.getXs([id], [query]): returns Collection which will eventually contain all the requested data

• it's highly advised to use these instead of the lower level .get('string') function

- Xs can be the following: Builds, Builders, Buildrequests, Buildsets, Workers, Changes, Changesources, Forceschedulers, Masters, Schedulers, Sourcestamps
- The collections returns without using an accessor are not automatically updated. So use those methods only when you know the data are not changing

```
// assign builds to $scope.builds and then load the steps when the builds_

are discovered

// onNew is called at initial load

$scope.builds = dataService.getBuilds({builderid: 1});

$scope.builds.onNew = build => build.loadSteps();
```

.get(endpoint, [id], [query]): returns a <Collection>, when the promise is resolved, the Collection contains all the requested data

```
// assign builds to $scope.builds once the Collection is filled
const builderid = 1;
$scope.builds = dataService.get(`builders/${builderid}/builds`, {limit: 1});
$scope.builds.onNew = build => build.loadSteps();
```

.control (url, method, [params]): returns a promise, sends a JSON RPC2 POST request to the server

```
// open a new accessor every time you need updating data in a controller
dataService.control('forceschedulers/force', 'force')
    .then(response => $log.debug(response),
        reason => $log.error(reason));
```

# **DataAccessor**

DataAccessor object is returned by the dataService.open() method.

### Methods:

```
.closeOnDestroy($scope): registers scope destruction as waterfall destruction for all collection accessed via this accessor.
```

- .close(): Destruct all collections previously accessed via this accessor. Destroying a collection means it will unsubscribe to any events necessary to maintain it up-to-date.
- .getXs([id], [query]): returns Collection which will eventually contain all the requested data Same methods as in the dataService, except here the data will be maintained up-to-date.

# Collections

- . get (id): returns one element of the collection by id, or undefined, if this id is unknown to the collection. This method does not do any network access, and thus only know about data already fetched.
- .hasOwnProperty(id): returns true if this id is known by this collection.
- .close(): forcefully unsubscribe this connection from auto-update. Normally, this is done automatically on scope destruction, but sometimes, when you got enough data, you want to save bandwidth and disconnect the collection.

- .put (object): insert one plain object to the collection. As an external API, this method is only useful for the unit tests to simulate new data coming asynchronously.
- .from(object\_list): insert several plain objects to the collection. This method is only useful for the unit tests to simulate new data coming asynchronously.
- .onNew = (object) ->: Callback method which is called when a new object arrives in the collection. This can be called either when initial data is coming via REST api, or when data is coming via the event stream. The affected object is given in parameter. *this* context is the collection.
- .onUpdate = (object) ->: Callback method which is called when an object is modified. This is called when data is coming via the event stream. The affected object is given in parameter. *this* context is the collection.
- .onChange = (collection) ->: Callback method which is called when an object is modified. This is called when data is coming via the event stream. *this* context is the collection. The full collection is given in parameter (in case you override this via fat arrow).
- . **\$ready: attribute similar to what ngResource provides.** True after first server interaction is completed, false before that. Knowing if the Collection has been resolved is useful in data-binding (for example to display a loading graphic).

# Wrapper

Wrapper objects are objects stored in the collection. Those objects have specific methods, depending on their types. methods:

.getXs([id], [query]): returns a Collection, when the promise is resolved, the Collection contains all the requested data

• same as dataService.getXs, but with relative endpoint

```
// assign builds to $scope.builds once the Collection is filled
$scope.builds = dataService.getBuilds({builderid: 1});
$scope.builds.onNew = function(b) {
    b.complete_steps = b.getSteps({complete:true});
    b.running_steps = b.getSteps({complete:false});
};
```

.loadXs([id], [query]): returns a Collection, the Collection contains all the requested data, which is also assigned to o.Xs

• o.loadXs() is equivalent to o.xs = o.getXs()

```
// get builder with id = 1
dataService.getBuilders(1).onNew = builder => {
    // load all builds in builder.builds
    builder.loadBuilds().onNew(build => {
        // load all buildsteps in build.steps
        build.loadSteps();
    });
};
```

.control (method, params): returns a promise, sends a JSON RPC2 POST request to the server

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# 3.3.11 Base web application

# **JavaScript Application**

The client side of the web UI is written in JavaScript and based on the AngularJS framework and concepts.

This is a Single Page Application (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Single-page\_application). All Buildbot pages are loaded from the same path, at the master's base URL. The actual content of the page is dictated by the fragment in the URL (the portion following the # character). Using the fragment is a common JS technique to avoid reloading the whole page over HTTP when the user changes the URI or clicks a link.

# AngularJS

The best place to learn about AngularJS is its own documentation (http://docs.angularjs.org/guide/).

AngularJS strong points are:

- A very powerful MVC system (https://docs.angularjs.org/guide/concepts) allowing automatic update of the UI, when data changes
- A Testing Framework and philosophy (https://docs.angularjs.org/guide/dev\_guide.e2e-testing)
- A deferred system (https://docs.angularjs.org/api/ng.\$q) similar to the one from Twisted
- A fast growing community and ecosystem (https://www.madewithangular.com/)

On top of Angular we use nodeJS tools to ease development

- webpack build system, seamlessly build the app, can watch files for modification, rebuild and reload browser in dev mode. In production mode, the build system minifies html, css and js, so that the final app is only 3 files to download (+img)
- pug template language (aka jade) (https://pugjs.org/), adds syntax sugar and readability to angular html templates
- · Bootstrap (https://getbootstrap.com/) is a CSS library providing know good basis for our styles
- Font Awesome (http://fortawesome.github.com/Font-Awesome/) is a coherent and large icon library

Additionally the following npm modules are loaded by webpack and available to plugins:

- @uirouter/angularjs (https://www.npmjs.com/package/@uirouter/angularjs)
- angular-animate (https://www.npmjs.com/package/angular-animate)
- angular-ui-boostrap (https://www.npmjs.com/package/angular-ui-bootstrap)
- d3 (https://www.npmjs.com/package/d3)
- jQuery (https://www.npmjs.com/package/jquery)

For exact versions of these dependencies available, check www/base/package.json.

# **Extensibility**

Buildbot UI is designed for extensibility. The base application should be pretty minimal, and only include very basic status pages. Base application cannot be disabled so any page not absolutely necessary should be put in plugins. You can also completely replace the default application by another application more suitable to your needs.

Some Web plugins are maintained inside buildbot's git repository, but this is not required in order for a plugin to work. Unofficial plugins are possible and encouraged.

Typical plugin source code layout is:

- **setup.py** Standard setup script. Most plugins should use the same boilerplate, which implements building the BuildBot plugin app as part of the package setup. Minimal adaptation is needed.
- <pluginname>/\_\_init\_\_.py The python entrypoint. Must contain an "ep" variable of type buildbot.www.plugin.Application. Minimal adaptation is needed
- webpack.config.js Configuration for Webpack. Few changes are usually needed here. Please see webpack docs for details.
- **src/...** Source code for the angularis application.
- package.json Declares npm dependencies and development scripts.

MANIFEST.in Needed by setup.py for sdist generation. You need to adapt this file to match the name of your plugin.

Plugins are packaged as python entry-points for the buildbot.www namespace. The python part is defined in the buildbot.www.plugin module. The entrypoint must contain a twisted.web Resource, that is populated in the web server in /<pluginname>/.

The plugin may only add a http endpoint, or it could add a full JavaScript UI. This is controlled by the ui argument of the Application endpoint object. If ui==True, then will automatically load /<pluginname>/scripts.js and /<pluginname>/styles.css into the angular.js application. Additionally, an angular.js module with the name <pluginname> will be registered as a dependency of the main app module. The scripts.js file may register some new states to \$stateProvider or add new menu items via glMenuProvider for example.

The plugin writers may add more REST apis to /<pluginname>/api. For that, a reference to the master singleton is provided in master attribute of the Application entrypoint. The plugins are not restricted to Twisted, and could even load a wsgi application using flask, django, or some other framework (https://twistedmatrix.com/documents/current/web/howto/web-in-60/wsgi.html).

Please official look into the BuildBot www plugins for examples. The (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/www/grid\_view) www/grid\_view and www/badges (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/www/badges) are good examples of plugins with and without a JavaScript UI respectively.

# Routing

AngularJS uses router to match URL and choose which page to display. The router we use is ui.router. Menu is managed by guanlecoja-ui's glMenuProvider. Please look at ui.router, and guanlecoja-ui documentation for details.

Typically, a route registration will look like following example.

```
class MyState {
    // Dependency injection: we inject $stateProvider and glMenuServiceProvider
    constructor($stateProvider, glMenuServiceProvider) {
        // Name of the state
        const name = 'myname';
        const caption = 'My Name Plugin';
        // Configuration
        glMenuServiceProvider.addGroup({
            name: name,
            caption: caption, // text of the menu
            icon: 'exclamation-circle', // icon, from Font-Awesome
        // Order in the menu, as menu are declared in several places,
        // we need this to control menu order
        order: 5
    }
}
```

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```
});
            const cfg = {
                group: name,
                caption: caption
            };
            // Register new state
            const state = {
                controller: "myStateController",
                template: require('./myname.tpl.jade'),
                name: name,
                url: `/${name}`,
                data: cfg
            };
            $stateProvider.state(state);
        }
    }
angular.module('mymodule')
.config(['$stateProvider', 'glMenuServiceProvider', MyState]);
```

# **Directives**

We use angular directives as much as possible to implement reusable UI components.

# Linking with Buildbot

A running buildmaster needs to be able to find the JavaScript source code it needs to serve the UI. This needs to work in a variety of contexts - Python development, JavaScript development, and end-user installations. To accomplish this, the www build process finishes by bundling all of the static data into a Python distribution tarball, along with a little bit of Python glue. The Python glue implements the interface described below, with some care taken to handle multiple contexts.

See Hacking the Buildbot JavaScript for a more extensive explanation and tutorial.

# **Testing Setup**

buildbot\_www uses Karma (http://karma-runner.github.io) to run the JavaScript test suite. This is the official test framework made for angular.js. We don't run the front-end testsuite inside the python 'trial' test suite, because testing python and JS is technically very different.

Karma needs a browser to run the unit test in. It supports all the major browsers. Given our current experience, we did not see any bugs yet that would only happen on a particular browser this is the reason that at the moment, only the "Chrome" is used for testing.

# Debug with karma

console.log is available via karma. In order to debug the unit tests, you can also use the global variable dump, which dumps any object for inspection in the console. This can be handy to be sure that you don't let debug logs in your code to always use dump

# Testing with real data

It is possible to run only the frontend and proxy the requests to another BuildBot instance. This allows to make front-end work on realistic data without bothering to reproduce the setup locally.

This is implemented as the master/buildbot/scripts/devproxy.py aiohttp server.

To run it, setup and enable a virtualenv like described in *Create a Buildbot Python Environment*. Then execute the script as follows:

```
buildbot dev-proxy
```

There are many options which are documented as usual with --help.

Note that dev-proxy does not work with most of authentication except basic password. You can steal a document. cookie string from your real Buildbot and then pass to dev-proxy using the --auth\_cookie option

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# 3.3.12 Authentication

Buildbot's HTTP authentication subsystem supports a rich set of information about users:

- User credentials: Username and proof of ownership of that username.
- User information: Additional information about the user, including
  - email address
  - full name
  - group membership
- Avatar information: a small image to represent the user.

Buildbot's authentication subsystem is designed to support several authentication modes:

- Simple username/password authentication. The Buildbot UI prompts for a username and password and the backend verifies them.
- External authentication by an HTTP Proxy. An HTTP proxy in front of Buildbot performs the authentication and passes the verified username to Buildbot in an HTTP Header.
- Authentication by a third-party website. Buildbot sends the user to another site such as GitHub to authenticate and receives a trustworthy assertion of the user's identity from that site.

# Implementation

Authentication is implemented by an instance of *AuthBase*. This instance is supplied directly by the user in the configuration file. A reference to the instance is available at self.master.www.auth.

# **Username / Password Authentication**

In this mode, the Buildbot UI displays a form allowing the user to specify a username and password. When this form is submitted, the UI makes an AJAX call to /auth/login including HTTP Basic Authentication headers. The master verifies the contents of the header and updates the server-side session to indicate a successful login or to contain a

failure message. Once the AJAX call is complete, the UI reloads the page, re-fetching /config.js, which will include the username or failure message from the session.

Subsequent access is authorized based on the information in the session; the authentication credentials are not sent again.

# **External Authentication**

Buildbot's web service can be run behind an HTTP proxy. Many such proxies can be configured to perform authentication on HTTP connections before forwarding the request to Buildbot. In these cases, the results of the authentication are passed to Buildbot in an HTTP header.

In this mode, authentication proceeds as follows:

- The web browser connects to the proxy, requesting the Buildbot home page
- The proxy negotiates authentication with the browser, as configured
- Once the user is authenticated, the proxy forwards the request goes to the Buildbot web service. The request includes a header, typically Remote-User, containing the authenticated username.
- Buildbot reads the header and optionally connects to another service to fetch additional user information about the user.
- Buildbot stores all of the collected information in the server-side session.
- The UI fetches /config.js, which includes the user information from the server-side session.

Note that in this mode, the HTTP proxy will send the header with every request, although it is only interpreted during the fetch of /config.js.

# **Kerberos Example**

Kerberos is an authentication system which allows passwordless authentication on corporate networks. Users authenticate once on their desktop environment, and the OS, browser, webserver, and corporate directory cooperate in a secure manner to share the authentication to a webserver. This mechanism only takes care about the authentication problem, and no user information is shared other than the username. The kerberos authentication is supported by a Apache front-end in mod\_kerberos.

# **Third-Party Authentication**

Third-party authentication involves Buildbot redirecting a user's browser to another site to establish the user's identity. Once that is complete, that site redirects the user back to Buildbot, including a cryptographically signed assertion about the user's identity.

The most common implementation of this sort of authentication is oAuth2. Many big internet service companies are providing oAuth2 services to identify their users. Most oAuth2 services provide authentication and user information in the same api.

The following process is used for third-party authentication:

- The web browser connects to buildbot ui
- A session cookie is created, but user is not yet authenticated. The UI adds a widget entitled Login via GitHub (or whatever third party is configured)
- When the user clicks on the widget, the UI fetches /auth/login, which returns a bare URL on github. com. The UI loads that URL in the browser, with an effect similar to a redirect.

- GitHub authenticates the user, if necessary, and requests permission for Buildbot to access the user's information.
- On success, the GitHub web page redirects back to Buildbot's /auth/login?code=.., with an authentication code.
- Buildbot uses this code to request more information from GitHub, and stores the results in the server-side session. Finally, Buildbot returns a redirect response, sending the user's browser to the root of the Buildbot UI. The UI code will fetch /config.js, which contains the login data from the session.

# Logout

A "logout" button is available in the simple and third-party modes. Such a button doesn't make sense for external authentication, since the proxy will immediately re-authenticate the user.

This button fetches /auth/logout, which destroys the server-side session. After this point, any stored authentication information is gone and the user is logged out.

# **Future Additions**

- Browserid/Persona: This method is very similar to oauth2, and should be implemented in a similar way (i.e. two stage redirect + token-verify)
- Use the User table in db: This is a very similar to the UserPasswordAuth use cases (form + local db verification). Eventually, this method will require some work on the UI in order to populate the db, add a "register" button, verification email, etc. This has to be done in a ui plugin.

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# 3.3.13 Authorization

Buildbot authorization is designed to address the following requirements

- Most of the configuration is only data: We avoid to require user to write callbacks for most of the use cases. This to allow to load the config from yaml or json and eventually do a UI for authorization config.
- Separation of concerns:
  - Mapping users to roles
  - Mapping roles to REST endpoints.
- Configuration should not need hardcoding endpoint paths.
- · Easy to extend

# **Use cases**

- · Members of admin group should have access to all resources and actions
- developers can run the "try" builders
- Integrators can run the "merge" builders
- Release team can run the "release" builders
- There are separate teams for different branches or projects, but the roles are identical

- · Owners of builds can stop builds or buildrequests
- · Secret branch's builds are hidden from people except explicitly authorized

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# 3.3.14 Master-Worker API

This section describes the master-worker interface. It covers communication protocol of "classic" remote Worker, notice that there is other types of workers which behave a bit different, such as *Local Worker* and *Latent Workers*.

### Connection

The interface is based on Twisted's Perspective Broker, which operates over TCP connections.

The worker connects to the master, using the parameters supplied to **buildbot-worker create-worker**. It uses a reconnecting process with an exponential backoff, and will automatically reconnect on disconnection.

Once connected, the worker authenticates with the Twisted Cred (newcred) mechanism, using the username and password supplied to **buildbot-worker create-worker**. The *mind* is the worker bot instance (class buildbot\_worker.pb.BotPb).

On the master side, the realm is implemented by buildbot.pbmanager.Dispatcher, which examines the username of incoming avatar requests. There are special cases for change, debug, and statusClient, which are not discussed here. For all other usernames, the botmaster is consulted, and if a worker with that name is configured, its *buildbot.worker.Worker* instance is returned as the perspective.

### Workers

At this point, the master-side Worker object has a pointer to the remote, worker-side Bot object in its self.worker, and the worker-side Bot object has a reference to the master-side Worker object in its self.perspective.

# **Bot methods**

The worker-side Bot object has the following remote methods:

- **remote\_getCommands** Returns a dictionary for all commands the worker recognizes: the key of the dictionary is command name and command version is the value.
- **remote\_setBuilderList** Given a list of builders and their build directories, ensures that those builders, and only those builders, are running. This can be called after the initial connection is established, with a new list, to add or remove builders.

This method returns a dictionary of WorkerForBuilder objects - see below.

- remote\_print Adds a message to the worker logfile.

environ copy of the workers environment

**system** OS the worker is running (extracted from Python's os.name)

**basedir** base directory where worker is running

**numcpus** number of CPUs on the worker, either as configured or as detected (since buildbot-worker version 0.9.0)

version worker's version (same as the result of remote\_getVersion call)

worker\_commands worker supported commands (same as the result of remote\_getCommands call)

**remote\_getVersion** Returns the worker's version.

**remote\_shutdown** Shuts down the worker cleanly.

# Worker methods

The master-side object has the following method:

perspective\_keepalive Does nothing - used to keep traffic flowing over the TCP connection

### Setup

After the initial connection and trading of a mind (buildbot\_worker.pb.BotPb) for an avatar (Worker), the master calls the Bot's setBuilderList method to set up the proper builders on the worker side. This method returns a reference to each of the new worker-side WorkerForBuilderPb objects, described below. Each of these is handed to the corresponding master-side WorkerForBuilder object.

This immediately calls the remote setMaster method, then the print method.

# Pinging

To ping a remote Worker, the master calls its print method.

# Building

When a build starts, the master calls the worker's startBuild method. Each BuildStep instance will subsequently call the startCommand method, passing a reference to itself as the stepRef parameter. The startCommand method returns immediately, and the end of the command is signalled with a call to a method on the master-side BuildStep object.

### **Worker For Builders**

Each worker has a set of builders which can run on it. These are represented by distinct classes on the master and worker, just like the Worker and Bot objects described above.

On the worker side, builders are represented as instances of the buildbot\_worker.pb. WorkerForBuilderPb class. On the master side, they are represented by the buildbot.process. workerforbuilder.WorkerForBuilder class. The identical names are a source of confusion. The following will refer to these as the worker-side and master-side Worker For Builder classes. Each object keeps a reference to its opposite in self.remote.

### Worker-Side WorkerForBuilderPb Methods

**remote\_setMaster** Provides a reference to the master-side Worker For Builder

**remote\_print** Adds a message to the worker logfile; used to check round-trip connectivity

- remote\_startBuild Indicates that a build is about to start, and that any subsequent commands are part of that build
- remote\_startCommand Invokes a command on the worker side

remote\_interruptCommand Interrupts the currently-running command

### Master-side WorkerForBuilder Methods

The master side does not have any remotely-callable methods.

## Commands

Actual work done by the worker is represented on the master side by a buildbot.process.remotecommand. RemoteCommand instance.

The command instance keeps a reference to the worker-side buildbot\_worker.pb.WorkerForBuilderPb, and calls methods like remote\_startCommand to start new commands. Once that method is called, the WorkerForBuilderPb instance keeps a reference to the command, and calls the following methods on it:

## Master-Side RemoteCommand Methods

**remote\_update** Update information about the running command. See below for the format.

**remote\_complete** Signal that the command is complete, either successfully or with a Twisted failure.

### **Updates**

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Updates from the worker, sent via *remote\_update*, are a list of individual update elements. Each update element is, in turn, a list of the form [data, 0] where the 0 is present for historical reasons. The data is a dictionary, with keys describing the contents. The updates are handled by *remote\_update*.

Updates with different keys can be combined into a single dictionary or delivered sequentially as list elements, at the worker's option.

To summarize, an updates parameter to remote\_update might look like this:

```
[ { 'header' : 'running command..' }, 0 ],
[ { 'stdout' : 'abcd', 'stderr' : 'local modifications' }, 0 ],
[ { 'log' : ( 'cmd.log', 'cmd invoked at 12:33 pm\n' ) }, 0 ],
[ { 'rc' : 0 }, 0 ],
```

# **Defined Commands**

The following commands are defined on the workers.

## shell

Runs a shell command on the worker. This command takes the following arguments:

command

The command to run. If this is a string, will be passed to the system shell as a string. Otherwise, it must be a list, which will be executed directly.

workdir

Directory in which to run the command, relative to the builder dir.

env

A dictionary of environment variables to augment or replace the existing environment on the worker. In this dictionary, PYTHONPATH is treated specially: it should be a list of path components, rather than a string, and will be prepended to the existing Python path.

initial\_stdin

A string which will be written to the command's standard input before it is closed.

want\_stdout

If false, then no updates will be sent for stdout.

```
want_stderr
```

If false, then no updates will be sent for stderr.

usePTY

If true, the command should be run with a PTY (POSIX only). This defaults to False.

not\_really

If true, skip execution and return an update with rc=0.

timeout

Maximum time without output before the command is killed.

### maxTime

Maximum overall time from the start before the command is killed.

logfiles

A dictionary specifying logfiles other than stdio. Keys are the logfile names, and values give the workdirrelative filename of the logfile. Alternately, a value can be a dictionary; in this case, the dictionary must have a filename key specifying the filename, and can also have the following keys:

follow

Only follow the file from its current end-of-file, rather that starting from the beginning.

logEnviron

If false, the command's environment will not be logged.

The shell command sends the following updates:

**stdout** The data is a bytestring which represents a continuation of the stdout stream. Note that the bytestring boundaries are not necessarily aligned with newlines.

**stderr** Similar to stdout, but for the error stream.

header Similar to stdout, but containing data for a stream of Buildbot-specific metadata.

- **rc** The exit status of the command, where in keeping with UNIX tradition 0 indicates success and any nonzero value is considered a failure. No further updates should be sent after an rc.
- **log** This update contains data for a logfile other than stdio. The data associated with the update is a tuple of the log name and the data for that log. Note that non-stdio logs do not distinguish output, error, and header streams.

### uploadFile

Upload a file from the worker to the master. The arguments are

workdir

The base directory for the filename, relative to the builder's basedir.

workersrc

Name of the filename to read from., relative to the workdir.

writer

A remote reference to a writer object, described below.

#### maxsize

Maximum size, in bytes, of the file to write. The operation will fail if the file exceeds this size.

blocksize

The block size with which to transfer the file.

keepstamp

If true, preserve the file modified and accessed times.

The worker calls a few remote methods on the writer object. First, the write method is called with a bytestring containing data, until all of the data has been transmitted. Then, the worker calls the writer's close, followed (if keepstamp is true) by a call to upload (atime, mtime).

This command sends rc and stderr updates, as defined for the shell command.

### uploadDirectory

Similar to uploadFile, this command will upload an entire directory to the master, in the form of a tarball. It takes the following arguments:

workdir workersrc writer maxsize blocksize

See uploadFile

compress

Compression algorithm to use - one of None, 'bz2', or 'gz'.

The writer object is treated similarly to the uploadFile command, but after the file is closed, the worker calls the master's unpack method with no arguments to extract the tarball.

This command sends rc and stderr updates, as defined for the shell command.

# downloadFile

This command will download a file from the master to the worker. It takes the following arguments:

workdir

Base directory for the destination filename, relative to the builder basedir.

workerdest

Filename to write to, relative to the workdir.

reader

A remote reference to a reader object, described below.

maxsize

Maximum size of the file.

```
blocksize
```

The block size with which to transfer the file.

mode

Access mode for the new file.

The reader object's read (maxsize) method will be called with a maximum size, which will return no more than that number of bytes as a bytestring. At EOF, it will return an empty string. Once EOF is received, the worker will call the remote close method.

This command sends rc and stderr updates, as defined for the shell command.

## mkdir

This command will create a directory on the worker. It will also create any intervening directories required. It takes the following argument:

dir

Directory to create.

The mkdir command produces the same updates as shell.

# rmdir

This command will remove a directory or file on the worker. It takes the following arguments:

dir

Directory to remove.

timeout maxTime

See shell, above.

The rmdir command produces the same updates as shell.

### cpdir

This command will copy a directory from place to place on the worker. It takes the following arguments:

fromdir

Source directory for the copy operation, relative to the builder's basedir.

todir

Destination directory for the copy operation, relative to the builder's basedir.

timeout maxTime

See shell, above.

The cpdir command produces the same updates as shell.

## stat

This command returns status information about a file or directory. It takes a single parameter, file, specifying the filename relative to the builder's basedir.

It produces two status updates:

stat

The return value from Python's os.stat.

rc

0 if the file is found, otherwise 1.

# glob

This command finds all pathnames matching a specified pattern that uses shell-style wildcards. It takes a single parameter, path, specifying the pattern to pass to Python's glob.glob function.

It produces two status updates:

files

The list of matching files returned from glob.glob

rc

0 if the glob.glob does not raise exception, otherwise 1.

## listdir

This command reads the directory and returns the list with directory contents. It takes a single parameter, dir, specifying the directory relative to builder's basedir.

It produces two status updates:

files

The list of files in the directory returned from os.listdir

### rc

0 if the os.listdir does not raise exception, otherwise 1.

# rmfile

This command removes the file in the worker base directory. It takes a single parameter, path, specifying the file path relative to builder's basedir.

It produces one status updates:

rc

0 if the os.remove does not raise exception, otherwise the corresponding errno.

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# 3.3.15 Claiming Build Requests

At Buildbot's core, it is a distributed job (build) scheduling engine. Future builds are represented by build requests, which are created by schedulers.

When a new build request is created, it is added to the buildrequests table and an appropriate message is sent.

# Distributing

Each master distributes build requests among its builders by examining the list of available build requests, available workers, and accounting for user configuration for build request priority, worker priority, and so on. This distribution process is re-run whenever an event occurs that may allow a new build to start.

Such events can be signalled to master with

- maybeStartBuildsForBuilder when a single builder is affected;
- maybeStartBuildsForWorker when a single worker is affected; or
- maybeStartBuildsForAllBuilders when all builders may be affected.

In particular, when a master receives a new-build-request message, it performs the equivalent of maybeStartBuildsForBuilder for the affected builder.

# Claiming

If circumstances are right for a master to begin a build, then it attempts to "claim" the build request. In fact, if several build requests were merged, it attempts to claim them as a group, using the claimBuildRequests DB method. This method uses transactions and an insert into the buildrequest\_claims table to ensure that exactly one master succeeds in claiming any particular build request.

If the claim fails, then another master has claimed the affected build requests, and the attempt is abandoned.

If the claim succeeds, then the master sends a message indicating that it has claimed the request. This message can be used by other masters to abandon their attempts to claim this request, although this is not yet implemented.

If the build request is later abandoned (as can happen if, for example, the worker has disappeared), then master will send a message indicating that the request is again unclaimed; like a new-buildrequest message, this message indicates that other masters should try to distribute it once again.

# The One That Got Away

The claiming process is complex, and things can go wrong at just about any point. Through master failures or message/database race conditions, it's quite possible for a build request to be "missed", even when resources are available to process it.

To account for this possibility, masters periodically poll the buildrequests table for unclaimed requests and try to distribute them. This resiliency avoids "lost" build requests, at the small cost of a polling delay before the requests are scheduled.

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# 3.3.16 String Encodings

Buildbot expects all strings used internally to be valid Unicode strings - not bytestrings.

Note that Buildbot rarely feeds strings back into external tools in such a way that those strings must match. For example, Buildbot does not attempt to access the filenames specified in a Change. So it is more important to store strings in a manner that will be most useful to a human reader (e.g., in logfiles, web status, etc.) than to store them in a lossless format.

# Inputs

On input, strings should be decoded, if their encoding is known. Where necessary, the assumed input encoding should be configurable. In some cases, such as filenames, this encoding is not known or not well-defined (e.g., a utf-8 encoded filename in a latin-1 directory). In these cases, the input mechanisms should make a best effort at decoding, and use e.g., the errors='replace' option to fail gracefully on un-decodable characters.

# **Outputs**

At most points where Buildbot outputs a string, the target encoding is known. For example, the web status can encode to utf-8. In cases where it is not known, it should be configurable, with a safe fallback (e.g., ascii with errors='replace'. For HTML/XML outputs, consider using errors='xmlcharrefreplace' instead.

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# 3.3.17 Metrics

New in buildbot 0.8.4 is support for tracking various performance metrics inside the buildbot master process. Currently these are logged periodically according to the log\_interval configuration setting of the *metrics* configuration.

The metrics subsystem is implemented in buildbot.process.metrics. It makes use of twisted's logging system to pass metrics data from all over buildbot's code to a central MetricsLogObserver object, which is available at BuildMaster.metrics or via Status.getMetrics().

# **Metric Events**

MetricEvent objects represent individual items to monitor. There are three sub-classes implemented:

MetricCountEvent Records incremental increase or decrease of some value, or an absolute measure of some value.

```
from buildbot.process.metrics import MetricCountEvent
# We got a new widget!
MetricCountEvent.log('num_widgets', 1)
# We have exactly 10 widgets
MetricCountEvent.log('num_widgets', 10, absolute=True)
```

MetricTimeEvent Measures how long things take. By default the average of the last 10 times will be reported.

```
from buildbot.process.metrics import MetricTimeEvent
# function took 0.001s
MetricTimeEvent.log('time_function', 0.001)
```

MetricAlarmEvent Indicates the health of various metrics.

```
from buildbot.process.metrics import MetricAlarmEvent, ALARM_OK
# num_workers looks ok
MetricAlarmEvent.log('num_workers', level=ALARM_OK)
```

# **Metric Handlers**

MetricsHandler objects are responsible for collecting MetricEvents of a specific type and keeping track of their values for future reporting. There are MetricsHandler classes corresponding to each of the MetricEvent types.

# **Metric Watchers**

Watcher objects can be added to MetricsHandlers to be called when metric events of a certain type are received. Watchers are generally used to record alarm events in response to count or time events.

### **Metric Helpers**

countMethod (name) A function decorator that counts how many times the function is called.

```
from buildbot.process.metrics import countMethod
@countMethod('foo_called')
def foo():
    return "foo!"
```

**Timer (name)** Timer objects can be used to make timing events easier. When Timer.stop() is called, a MetricTimeEvent is logged with the elapsed time since timer.start() was called.

```
from buildbot.process.metrics import Timer
def foo():
    t = Timer('time_foo')
    t.start()
```

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```
try:
    for i in range(1000):
        calc(i)
    return "foo!"
finally:
    t.stop()
```

Timer objects also provide a pair of decorators, startTimer/stopTimer to decorate other functions.

```
from buildbot.process.metrics import Timer
t = Timer('time_thing')
@t.startTimer
def foo():
    return "foo!"
@t.stopTimer
def bar():
    return "bar!"
foo()
bar()
```

timeMethod (name) A function decorator that measures how long a function takes to execute. Note that many functions in buildbot return deferreds, so may return before all the work they set up has completed. Using an explicit Timer is better in this case.

```
from buildbot.process.metrics import timeMethod
@timeMethod('time_foo')
def foo():
    for i in range(1000):
        calc(i)
    return "foo!"
```

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# 3.3.18 Secrets

```
class SecretDetails(object):
    """
    def __init__(self, source, key, value):
```

A secretDetails is a python object initialized with a provider name, a key and a value. Each parameter is an object property.

```
secretdetail = SecretDetails("SourceProvider", "myKey", "myValue")
print(secretdetail.source)
```

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```
"SourceProvider"
print(secretdetail.key)
"myKey"
print(secretdetail.value)
"myValue"
```

A Secret is defined by a key associated to a value, returned from a provider. Secrets returned by providers are stored in a secretDetails object.

# 3.3.19 Secrets manager

The manager is a Buildbot service manager.

```
secretsService = self.master.namedServices['secrets']
secretDetailsList = secretsService.get(self.secrets)
```

The service executes a get method. Depending on the kind of storage chosen and declared in the configuration, the manager gets the selected provider and returns a list of secretDetails.

# 3.3.20 Secrets providers

The secrets providers are implementing the specific getters, related to the storage chosen.

### **File provider**

c['secretsProviders'] = [secrets.SecretInAFile(dirname="/path/toSecretsFiles")]

In the master configuration the provider is instantiated through a Buildbot service secret manager with the file directory path. File secrets provider reads the file named by the key wanted by Buildbot and returns the contained text value (removing trailing newlines if present). SecretInAFile provider allows Buildbot to read secrets in the secret directory.

# Vault provider

In the master configuration, the provider is instantiated through a Buildbot service secret manager with the Vault token and the Vault server address. Vault secrets provider accesses the Vault backend asking the key wanted by Buildbot and returns the contained text value. SecretInVAult provider allows Buildbot to read secrets in the Vault. Currently only v1 and v2 of the Key-Value backends are supported.

### Interpolate secret

text = Interpolate("some text and %(secret:foo)s")

Secret keys are replaced in a string by the secret value using the class Interpolate and the keyword secret. The secret is searched across the providers defined in the master configuration.

## Secret Obfuscation

```
text = Interpolate("some text and %(secret:foo)s")
# some text rendered
rendered = yield self.build.render(text)
cleantext = self.build.build_status.properties.cleanupTextFromSecrets(rendered)
```

Secrets don't have to be visible to the normal user via logs and thus are transmitted directly to the workers. Secrets are rendered and can arrive anywhere in the logs. The function cleanupTextFromSecrets defined in the class Properties helps to replace the secret value by the key value.

```
print("the example value is:%s" % (cleantext))
>> the example value is: <foo>
```

Secret is rendered and it is recorded in a dictionary, named <u>\_used\_secrets</u>, where the key is the secret value and the value the secret key. Therefore anywhere logs are written having content with secrets, the secrets are replaced by the value from <u>\_used\_secrets</u>.

## How to use a secret in a BuildbotService

Service configurations are loaded during a Buildbot start or modified during a Buildbot restart. Secrets are used like renderables in a service and are rendered during the configuration load.

```
class MyService(BuildbotService):
    secrets = ['foo', 'other']
```

secrets is a list containing all the secret keys that can be used as class attributes. When the service is loaded during the Buildbot reconfigService function, secrets are rendered and the values are updated. Everywhere the variable with the secret name (*foo* or *other* in the example) is used, the class attribute value is replaced by the secret value. This is similar to the "renderable" annotation, but will only works for BuildbotServices, and will only interpolate secrets. Others renderables can still be held in the service as attributes, and rendered dynamically at a later time.

```
class MyService(object):
   secrets = ['foo', 'other']
myService = MyService()
```

After a Buildbot reconfigService:

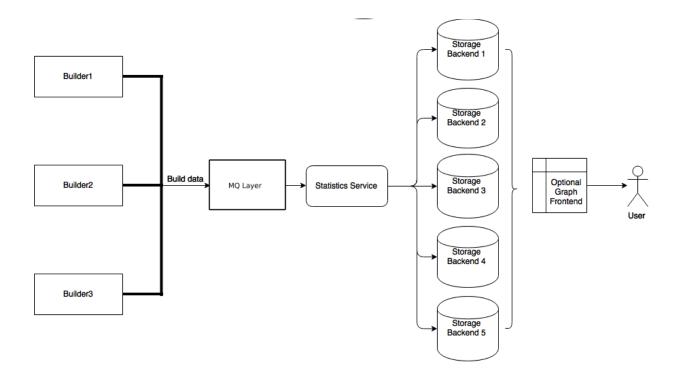
```
print("myService returns secret value:", myService.foo))
>> myService returns secret value bar
```

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# 3.3.21 Statistics Service

The statistic service (or stats service) is implemented in buildbot.statistics.stats\_service. Please see *stats-service* for more information.

Here is a diagram demonstrating the working of the stats service:



# **Stats Service**

### class buildbot.statistics.stats\_service.StatsService

An instance of this class functions as a BuildbotService. The instance of the running service is initialized in the master configuration file (see *stats-service* for more information). The running service is accessible everywhere in Buildbot via the BuildMaster. The service is available at self.master. namedServices['<service-name>']. It takes the following initialization arguments:

- **storage\_backends** A list of storage backends. These are instance of subclasses of StatsStorageBase.
- name (str) The name of this service. This name can be used to access the running instance of this service using self.master.namedServices[name].

Please see *stats-service* for examples.

**checkConfig** (*self*, *storage\_backends*)

**storage\_backends** A list of storage backends.

This method is called automatically to verify that the list of storage backends contains instances of subclasses of StatsStorageBase.

reconfigService (self, storage\_backends)

storage\_backends A list of storage backends.

This method is called automatically to reconfigure the running service.

### registerConsumers (self)

Internal method for this class called to register all consumers (methods from Capture classes) to the MQ layer.

### stopService(self)

Internal method for this class to stop the stats service and clean up.

### removeConsumers (self)

Internal method for this class to stop and remove consumers from the MQ layer.

### yieldMetricsValue (self, data\_name, post\_data, buildid)

**data\_name** (str) The name of the data being sent or storage.

**post\_data** A dictionary of key value pair that is sent for storage.

buildid The integer build id of the current build. Obtainable in all BuildSteps.

This method should be called to post data that is not generated and stored as build-data in the database. This method generates the stats-yield-data event to the mq layer which is then consumed in postData.

## Storage backends

Storage backends are responsible for storing any statistics/data sent to them. A storage backend will generally be some sort of a database-server running on a machine. .. note:: This machine may be different from the one running BuildMaster

Data is captured according to the master config file and then, is sent to each of the storage backends provided by the master configuration (see *stats-service*).

Each storage backend has a Python client defined as part of buildbot.statistics.storage\_backends to aid in posting data by StatsService.

Currently, only InfluxDB (https://influxdata.com/time-series-platform/influxdb/) is supported as a storage backend.

class buildbot.statistis.storage\_backends.base.StatsStorageBase A abstract class for all storage services. It cannot be directly initialized - it would raise a TypeError otherwise.

### thd\_postStatsValue (self, post\_data, series\_name, context)

**post\_data** A dict of key-value pairs that is sent for storage. The keys of this dict can be thought of as columns in a database and the value is the data stored for that column.

**series\_name** (str) The name of the time-series for this statistic.

**context** (Optional) Any other contextual information about the data. It is a dict of key-value pairs.

An abstract method that needs to be implemented by every child class of this class. Not doing so will result result in a TypeError when starting Buildbot.

**class** buildbot.statistics.storage\_backends.influxdb\_client.**InfluxStorageService** InfluxDB (https://influxdata.com/time-series-platform/influxdb/) is a distributed, time series database that employs a key-value pair storage system.

This class is a Buildbot client to the InfluxDB storage backend. It is available in the configuration as statistics.InfluxStorageService. It takes the following initialization arguments:

**url** (str) The URL where the service is running.

**port** (int) The port on which the service is listening.

user (str) Username of a InfluxDB user.

password (str) Password for user.

**db** (str) The name of database to be used.

**captures** A list of instances of subclasses of Capture. This tells which stats are to be stored in this storage backend.

**name=None** (Optional) (str) The name of this storage backend.

thd\_postStatsValue (self, post\_data, series\_name, context={})

**post\_data** A dict of key-value pairs that is sent for storage. The keys of this dict can be thought of as columns in a database and the value is the data stored for that column.

**series\_name** (str) The name of the time-series for this statistic.

**context** (Optional) Any other contextual information about the data. It is a dict of key-value pairs.

This method constructs a dictionary of data to be sent to InfluxDB in the proper format and sends the data to the influxDB instance.

### **Capture Classes**

Capture classes are used for declaring which data needs to captured and sent to storage backends for storage.

class buildbot.statistics.capture.Capture

This is the abstract base class for all capture classes. Not to be used directly. Initlized with the following parameters:

- routingKey (tuple) The routing key to be used by StatsService to register consumers to the MQ layer
  for the subclass of this class.
- **callback** The callback registered with the MQ layer for the consumer of a subclass of this class. Each subclass must provide a default callback for this purpose.

```
_defaultContext(self, msg):
```

A method for providing default context to the storage backends.

```
consume(self, routingKey, msg):
```

This is an abstract method - each subclass of this class should implement its own consume method. If not, then the subclass can't be instantiated. The consume method, when called (from the mq layer), receives the following arguments:

routingKey The routing key which was registered to the MQ layer. Same as the routingKey provided to instantiate this class.

**msg** The message that was sent by the producer.

```
_store(self, post_data, series_name, context):
```

This is an abstract method of this class. It must be implemented by all subclasses of this class. It takes the following arguments:

post\_data (dict) The key-value pair being sent to the storage backend.

series\_name (str) The name of the series to which this data is stored.

context (dict) Any additional information pertaining to data being sent.

class buildbot.statistics.capture.CapturePropertyBase

This is a base class for both CaptureProperty and CapturePropertyAllBuilders and abstracts away much of the common functionality between the two classes. Cannot be initialized directly as it contains an abstract method and raises TypeError if tried. It is initialized with the following arguments:

- **property\_name** (str) The name of property needed to be recorded as a statistic. This can be a regular expression if regex=True (see below).
- **callback=None** The callback function that is used by CaptureProperty.consumer to post-process data before formatting it and sending it to the appropriate storage backends. A default callback needs to be prois provided for this.

The default callback:

default\_callback (props, property\_name)

It returns property value for property\_name. It receives the following arguments:

**props** A dictionary of all build properties.

**property\_name** (str) Name of the build property to return.

- **regex=False** If this is set to True, then the property name can be a regular expression. All properties matching this regular expression will be sent for storage.
- consume (self, routingKey, msg)

The consumer for all CaptureProperty classes described below. This method filters out the correct properties as per the configuration file and sends those properties for storage. The subclasses of this method do not need to implement this method as it takes care of all the functionality itself. See Capture for more information.

\_builder\_name\_matches(self, builder\_info):

This is an abstract method and needs to be implemented by all subclasses of this class. This is a helper method to the consume method mentioned above. It checks whether a builder is allowed to send properties to the storage backend according to the configuration file. It takes one argument:

**builder\_info** (dict) The dictionary returned by the data API containing the builder information.

### class buildbot.statistics.capture.CaptureProperty

The capture class for capturing build properties. It is available in the configuration as statistics. CaptureProperty

It takes the following arguments:

**builder\_name** (str) The name of builder in which the property is recorded.

- property\_name (str) The name of property needed to be recorded as a statistic.
- **callback=None** The callback function that is used by CaptureProperty.consumer to post-process data before formatting it and sending it to the appropriate storage backends. A default callback is provided for this (see CapturePropertyBase for more information).
- **regex=False** If this is set to True, then the property name can be a regular expression. All properties matching this regular expression will be sent for storage.

### \_builder\_name\_matches (self, builder\_info)

See CapturePropertyBase for more information on this method.

### class buildbot.statistics.capture.CapturePropertyAllBuilders

The capture class to use for capturing build properties on all builders. It is available in the configuration as statistics.CaptureProperty

It takes the following arguments:

property\_name (str) The name of property needed to be recorded as a statistic.

- **callback=None** The callback function that is used by CaptureProperty.consumer to post-process data before formatting it and sending it to the appropriate storage backends. A default callback is provided for this (see CapturePropertyBase for more information).
- **regex=False** If this is set to True, then the property name can be a regular expression. All properties matching this regular expression will be sent for storage.

### \_builder\_name\_matches (self, builder\_info)

See CapturePropertyBase for more information on this method.

### class buildbot.statistics.capture.CaptureBuildTimes

A base class for all Capture classes that deal with build times (start/end/duration). Not to be used directly. Initialized with:

builder\_name (str) The name of builder whose times are to be recorded.

**callback** The callback function that is used by subclass of this class to post-process data before formatting it and sending it to the appropriate storage backends. A default callback is provided for this. Each subclass must provide a default callback that is used in initialization of this class should the user not provide a callback.

consume (self, routingKey, msg)

The consumer for all subclasses of this class. See Capture for more information. .. note:: This consumer requires all subclasses to implement:

self.\_time\_type (property) A string used as a key in post\_data sent to storage services.

**self.\_retValParams (msg)** (method) A method that takes in the msg this consumer gets and returns a list of arguments for the capture callback.

\_retValParams (self, msg)

This is an abstract method which needs to be implemented by subclasses. This method needs to return a list of parameters that will be passed to the callback function. See individual build CaptureBuild\* classes for more information.

### \_err\_msg(self, build\_data, builder\_name)

A helper method that returns an error message for the consume method.

### \_builder\_name\_matches (self, builder\_info)

This is an abstract method and needs to be implemented by all subclasses of this class. This is a helper method to the consume method mentioned above. It checks whether a builder is allowed to send build times to the storage backend according to the configuration file. It takes one argument:

**builder\_info** (dict) The dictionary returned by the data API containing the builder information.

### class buildbot.statistics.capture.CaptureBuildStartTime

A capture class for capturing build start times. It takes the following arguments:

builder\_name (str) The name of builder whose times are to be recorded.

callback=None The callback function for this class. See CaptureBuildTimes for more information.

The default callback:

### default\_callback (start\_time)

It returns the start time in ISO format. It takes one argument:

**start\_time** A python datetime object that denotes the build start time.

### \_retValParams (self, msg)

Returns a list containing one Python datetime object (start time) from msg dictionary.

### \_builder\_name\_matches (self, builder\_info)

See CaptureBuildTimes for more information on this method.

### class buildbot.statistics.capture.CaptureBuildStartTimeAllBuilders

A capture class for capturing build start times from all builders. It is a subclass of CaptureBuildStartTime. It takes the following arguments:

**callback=None** The callback function for this class. See CaptureBuildTimes for more information.

The default callback:

See CaptureBuildStartTime.\_\_\_init\_\_\_ for the definition.

\_builder\_name\_matches (self, builder\_info)

See CaptureBuildTimes for more information on this method.

class buildbot.statistics.capture.CaptureBuildEndTime

A capture class for capturing build end times. Takes the following arguments:

**builder\_name** (str) The name of builder whose times are to be recorded.

**callback=None** The callback function for this class. See CaptureBuildTimes for more information.

The default callback:

default\_callback (end\_time)

It returns the end time in ISO format. It takes one argument:

**end\_time** A python datetime object that denotes the build end time.

\_retValParams (self, msg)

Returns a list containing two Python datetime object (start time and end time) from msg dictionary.

\_builder\_name\_matches(self, builder\_info)

See CaptureBuildTimes for more information on this method.

**class** buildbot.statistics.capture.**CaptureBuildEndTimeAllBuilders** A capture class for capturing build end times from all builders. It is a subclass of CaptureBuildEndTime. It takes the following arguments:

**callback=None** The callback function for this class. See CaptureBuildTimes for more information.

The default callback:

See CaptureBuildEndTime.\_\_\_init\_\_\_ for the definition.

### \_builder\_name\_matches (self, builder\_info)

See CaptureBuildTimes for more information on this method.

**class** buildbot.statistics.capture.**CaptureBuildDuration** A capture class for capturing build duration. Takes the following arguments:

builder\_name (str) The name of builder whose times are to be recorded.

callback=None The callback function for this class. See CaptureBuildTimes for more information.

The default callback:

default\_callback (start\_time, end\_time)

It returns the duration of the build as per the report\_in argument. It receives the following arguments:

**start\_time** A python datetime object that denotes the build start time.

**end\_time** A python datetime object that denotes the build end time.

\_retValParams (self, msg)

Returns a list containing one Python datetime object (end time) from msg dictionary.

```
_builder_name_matches (self, builder_info)
```

See CaptureBuildTimes for more information on this method.

# class buildbot.statistics.capture.CaptureBuildDurationAllBuilders

A capture class for capturing build durations from all builders. It is a subclass of CaptureBuildDuration. It takes the following arguments:

**callback=None** The callback function for this class. See CaptureBuildTimes for more.

The default callback:

See CaptureBuildDuration.\_\_\_\_init\_\_\_ for the definition.

### \_builder\_name\_matches (self, builder\_info)

See CaptureBuildTimes for more information on this method.

### class buildbot.statistics.capture.CaptureDataBase

This is a base class for both CaptureData and CaptureDataAllBuilders and abstracts away much of the common functionality between the two classes. Cannot be initialized directly as it contains an abstract method and raises TypeError if tried. It is initialized with the following arguments:

data\_name (str) The name of data to be captured. Same as in yieldMetricsValue.

**callback=None** The callback function for this class.

The default callback:

The default callback takes a value x and return it without changing. As such, x itself acts as the post\_data sent to the storage backends.

### consume (self, routingKey, msg)

The consumer for this class. See Capture for more.

### \_builder\_name\_matches (self, builder\_info)

This is an abstract method and needs to be implemented by all subclasses of this class. This is a helper method to the consume method mentioned above. It checks whether a builder is allowed to send properties to the storage backend according to the configuration file. It takes one argument:

**builder\_info** (dict) The dictionary returned by the data API containing the builder information.

### class buildbot.statistics.capture.CaptureData

A capture class for capturing arbitrary data that is not stored as build-data. See yieldMetricsValue for more. Takes the following arguments for initialization:

data\_name (str) The name of data to be captured. Same as in yieldMetricsValue.

**builder\_name** (str) The name of the builder on which the data is captured.

**callback=None** The callback function for this class.

The default callback:

See CaptureDataBase of definition.

### \_builder\_name\_matches (self, builder\_info)

See CaptureDataBase for more information on this method.

# class buildbot.statistics.capture.CaptureDataAllBuilders

A capture class to capture arbitrary data on all builders. See yieldMetricsValue for more. It takes the following arguments:

data\_name (str) The name of data to be captured. Same as in yieldMetricsValue.

**callback=None** The callback function for this class.

### \_builder\_name\_matches (self, builder\_info)

See CaptureDataBase for more information on this method.

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# 3.3.22 How to package Buildbot plugins

If you customized an existing component (see *Customization*) or created a new component that you believe might be useful for others, you have two options:

- submit the change to the Buildbot main tree, however you need to adhere to certain requirements (see *Buildbot Coding Style*)
- prepare a Python package that contains the functionality you created

Here we cover the second option.

# Package the source

To begin with, you must package your changes. If you do not know what a Python package is, these two tutorials will get you going:

- Python Packaging User Guide (https://packaging.python.org/en/latest/)
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to Packaging (https://the-hitchhikers-guide-to-packaging.readthedocs.org/en/latest/)

The former is more recent and, while it addresses everything that you need to know about Python packages, is still work in progress. The latter is a bit dated, though it was the most complete guide for quite some time available for Python developers looking to package their software.

You may also want to check the sample project (https://github.com/pypa/sampleproject), which exemplifies the best Python packaging practices.

# Making the plugin package

Buildbot supports several kinds of pluggable components:

- worker
- changes
- schedulers
- steps
- status
- util

(these are described in Plugin Infrastructure in Buildbot), and

• www

which is described in web server configuration.

Once you have your component packaged, it's quite straightforward: you just need to add a few lines to the entry\_points parameter of your call of setup function in setup.py file:

```
setup(
    ...
    entry_points = {
        '...,
        'buildbot.kind': [
            'PluginName = PluginModule:PluginClass'
        ]
    },
    ...
)
```

(You might have seen different ways to specify the value for entry\_points, however they all do the same thing. Full description of possible ways is available in setuptools documentation (https://setuptools.readthedocs.io/en/latest/setuptools.html#dynamic-discovery-of-services-and-plugins).)

After the setup.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/setup.py) file is updated, you can build and install it:

```
$ python setup.py build
$ sudo python setup.py install
```

(depending on your particular setup, you might not need to use **sudo**).

After that the plugin should be available for Buildbot and you can use it in your master.cfg as:

```
from buildbot.kind import PluginName
... PluginName ...
```

# Publish the package

This is the last step before the plugin is available to others.

Once again, there is a number of options available for you:

- just put a link to your version control system
- prepare a source tarball with the plugin (python setup.py sdist)
- or publish it on PyPI (https://pypi.python.org)

The last option is probably the best one since it will make your plugin available pretty much to all Python developers.

Once you have published the package, please send a link to buildbot-devel (devel@buildbot.net) mailing list, so we can include a link to your plugin to *Plugin Infrastructure in Buildbot*.

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# 3.4 REST API

The REST API is a public interface which can be used by external code to control Buildbot. Internally, the REST API a thin wrapper around the data API's "Getter" and "Control" sections. It is also designed, in keeping with REST principles, to be discoverable. As such, the details of the paths and resources are not documented here. Begin at the root URL, and see the *Data API* documentation for more information.

The precise specifications in RAML format are described in REST API Specification documentation.

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# 3.4.1 Versions

The API described here is version 2. The ad-hoc API from Buildbot-0.8.x, version 1, is no longer supported<sup>1</sup>.

The policy for incrementing the version is when there is incompatible change added. Removing a field or endpoint is considered incompatible change. Adding a field or endpoint is not considered incompatible, and thus will only be described as a change in release note. The policy is that we will avoid as much as possible incrementing version.

# 3.4.2 Getting

To get data, issue a GET request to the appropriate path. For example, with a base URL of http://build.example.org/buildbot, the list of masters for builder 9 is available at http://build.example.org/buildbot/api/v2/builder/9/master.

resource type: collection

# 3.4.3 Collections

Results are formatted in keeping with the JSON API (http://jsonapi.org/) specification. The top level of every response is an object. Its keys are the plural names of the resource types, and the values are lists of objects, even for a single-resource request. For example:

```
"meta": {
    "total": 2
},
"schedulers": [
    {
        "master": null,
        "name": "smoketest",
        "schedulerid": 1
    },
    {
}
```

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<sup>1</sup> The JSON API defined by status\_json.py in Buildbot-0.8.x is considered version 1, although its root path was json, not api/v1.

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```
"master": {
    "active": true,
    "last_active": 1369604067,
    "link": "http://build.example.org/api/v2/master/1",
    "masterid": 1,
    "name": "master3:/BB/master"
    },
    "name": "goaheadtryme",
    "schedulerid": 2
    }
]
```

A response may optionally contain extra, related resources beyond those requested. The meta key contains metadata about the response, including the total count of resources in a collection.

Several query parameters may be used to affect the results of a request. These parameters are applied in the order described (so, it is not possible to sort on a field that is not selected, for example).

# **Field Selection**

If only certain fields of each resource are required, the field query parameter can be used to select them. For example, the following will select just the names and id's of all schedulers:

• http://build.example.org/api/v2/scheduler?field=name&field=schedulerid

Field selection can be used for either detail (single-entity) or collection (multi-entity) requests. The remaining options only apply to collection requests.

### Filtering

Collection responses may be filtered on any simple top-level field.

To select records with a specific value use the query parameter {field}={value}. For example, http://build.example.org/api/v2/scheduler?name=smoketest selects the scheduler named "smoketest".

Filters can use any of the operators listed below, with query parameters of the form {field}\_\_{operator}={value}.

- eq equality, or with the same parameter appearing multiple times, equality with one of the given values (so *foo\_eq=x&foo\_eq=y* would match resources where foo is *x* or *y*)
- **ne** inequality, or set exclusion
- lt select resources where the field's value is less than {value}
- **le** select resources where the field's value is less than or equal to {value}
- gt select resources where the field's value is greater than {value}
- ge select resources where the field's value is greater than or equal to {value}
- **contains** Select resources where the field's value contains {value}. If the parameter is provided multiple times, results containing at least one of the values are returned (so *foo\_contains=x&foo\_contains=y* would match resources where foo contains *x*, *y* or both).

For example:

• http://build.example.org/api/v2/builder?name\_\_lt=cccc

• http://build.example.org/api/v2/buildsets?complete\_\_eq=false

Boolean values can be given as on/off, true/false, yes/no, or 1/0.

# Sorting

Collection responses may be ordered with the order query parameter. This parameter takes a field name to sort on, optionally prefixed with – to reverse the sort. The parameter can appear multiple times, and will be sorted lexically with the fields arranged in the given order. For example:

• http://build.example.org/api/v2/buildrequest?order=builderid&order=buildrequestid

# Pagination

Collection responses may be paginated with the offset and limit query parameters. The offset is the 0-based index of the first result to included, after filtering and sorting. The limit is the maximum number of results to return. Some resource types may impose a maximum on the limit parameter; be sure to check the resulting links to determine whether further data is available. For example:

- http://build.example.org/api/v2/buildrequest?order=builderid&limit=10
- http://build.example.org/api/v2/buildrequest?order=builderid&offset=20&limit=10

# 3.4.4 Controlling

Data API control operations are handled by POST requests using a simplified form of JSONRPC 2.0 (http://www.jsonrpc.org/specification). The JSONRPC "method" is mapped to the data API "action", and the parameters are passed to that application.

The following parts of the protocol are not supported:

- · positional parameters
- batch requests

Requests are sent as an HTTP POST, containing the request JSON in the body. The content-type header must be application/json.

A simple example:

# 3.4.5 Authentication

Authentication to the REST API is performed in the same manner as authentication to the main web interface. Once credentials have been established, a cookie will be set, which must be sent to the buildbot REST API with every request thereafter. For those buildbot instances using OAuth2 authentication providers, access tokens can be used for automated access. For example, GitHub's personal access tokens can be used to access the buildbot as a github user without needing to store the username and password of the user. To use an OAuth2 access token, send a *GET* request to the */auth/login* with the *token* URL parameter set to the access token that the OAuth2 provider has given you. A *python* example using *requests* is shown below, where we first authenticate with our OAuth2 access token, and then are able to request otherwise shielded endpoints:

```
import requests
s = requests.Session()
s.get("https://<buildbot_url>/auth/login", params={"token": OAUTH_TOKEN})
builders = s.get("https://<buildbot_url>/api/v2/builders").json()
```

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# 3.5 **REST API Specification**

This section documents the available REST APIs according to the RAML specification.

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# 3.5.1 builder

### resource type: builder

### Attributes

- **builderid** (*integer*) the ID of this builder
- **description?** (*string*) The description for that builder
- masterids[] (integer) the ID of the masters this builder is running on
- **name** (*identifier*) **builder** name
- tags[] (string) list of tags for this builder

This resource type describes a builder.

# **Update Methods**

All update methods are available as attributes of master.data.updates.

class buildbot.data.builders.Builder

### updateBuilderList (masterid, builderNames)

### Parameters

- masterid (integer) this master's master ID
- **builderNames** (*list*) list of names of currently-configured builders (unicode strings)

## **Returns** Deferred

Record the given builders as the currently-configured set of builders on this master. Masters should call this every time the list of configured builders changes.

# **Endpoints**

## path: /builders

This path selects all builders

## GET

returns collection of builder

path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}

**Path Keys** | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (*number*) - the ID or name of the builder

This path selects a builder by builderid

### GET

returns collection of builder

### path: /masters/{masterid}/builders

Path Keys masterid (number) - the id of the master

This path selects all builders of a given master

### GET

returns collection of builder

### path: /masters/{masterid}/builders/{builderid}

### Path Keys

- **masterid** (*number*) the id of the master
- builderid (number) the id of the builder

This path selects one builder by id of a given master

# GET

returns collection of builder

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# 3.5.2 buildrequest

### resource type: buildrequest

### Attributes

- buildrequestid (integer) the unique ID of this buildrequest
- builderid (integer) the id of the builder linked to this buildrequest
- buildsetid (integer) the id of the buildset that contains this buildrequest
- **claimed** (*boolean*) True if this buildrequest has been claimed. Note that this is a calculated field (from claimed\_at != None). Ordering by this field is not optimized by the database layer.
- **claimed\_at?** (*date*) time at which this build has last been claimed. None if this buildrequest has never been claimed or has been unclaimed

- **claimed\_by\_masterid?** (*integer*) the id of the master that claimed this buildrequest. None if this buildrequest has never been claimed or has been unclaimed
- complete (boolean) true if this buildrequest is complete
- **complete\_at?** (*date*) time at which this buildrequest was completed, or None if it's still running
- **priority** (*integer*) the priority of this buildrequest
- **properties**? (*sourcedproperties*) a dictionary of properties corresponding to buildrequest.
- **results**? (*integer*) the results of this buildrequest (see *Build Result Codes*), or None if not complete
- **submitted\_at** (*date*) time at which this buildrequest were submitted
- waited\_for (boolean) True if the entity that triggered this buildrequest is waiting for it to complete. Should be used by an (unimplemented so far) clean shutdown to only start br that are waited\_for.

This resource type describes completed and in-progress buildrequests. Much of the contextual data for a buildrequest is associated with the buildset that contains this buildrequest.

### **Update Methods**

All update methods are available as attributes of master.data.updates.

class buildbot.data.buildrequests.BuildRequest

### claimBuildRequests (brids, claimed\_at=None)

### Parameters

- **brids** (*list* (*integer*)) list of buildrequest id to claim
- **claimed\_at** (*datetime*) date and time when the buildrequest is claimed

Returns (boolean) whether claim succeeded or not

Claim a list of buildrequests

unclaimBuildRequests (brids)

```
Parameters brids (list (integer)) – list of buildrequest id to unclaim
```

Unclaim a list of buildrequests

**completeBuildRequests** (*brids*, *results*, *complete\_at=None*)

### Parameters

- **brids** (*list* (*integer*)) list of buildrequest id to complete
- results (integer) the results of the buildrequest (see *Build Result Codes*)
- complete\_at (datetime) date and time when the buildrequest is completed

Complete a list of buildrequest with the results status

# Endpoints

path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/buildrequests

**Path Keys** | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (*number*) - the ID or name of the builder

This path selects all buildrequests for a given builder (can return lots of data!)

GET

returns collection of buildrequest

path: /buildrequests

GET

**returns** collection of buildrequest

path: /buildrequests/{buildrequestid}

Path Keys buildrequestid (number) - the id of the buildrequest

GET

returns collection of buildrequest

```
POST with method: /buildrequests/{buildrequestid} (method=cancel)
```

Body keys

- **method** (*string*) **must** be cancel
- **reason** (*string*) The reason why the buildrequest was cancelled

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# 3.5.3 Build

resource type: build

Attributes

- buildid (integer) the unique ID of this build
- **number** (*integer*) the number of this build (sequential for a given builder)
- builderid (integer) id of the builder for this build
- **buildrequestid** (*integer*) build request for which this build was performed, or None if no such request exists
- workerid (integer) the worker this build ran on
- masterid (integer) the master this build ran on
- **started\_at** (*date*) time at which this build started
- **complete** (*boolean*) true if this build is complete Note that this is a calculated field (from complete\_at != None). Ordering by this field is not optimized by the database layer.
- **complete\_at?** (*date*) time at which this build was complete, or None if it's still running
- properties? (sourcedproperties) a dictionary of properties attached to build.

- results? (integer) the results of the build (see Build Result Codes), or None if not complete
- **state\_string** (*string*) a string giving detail on the state of the build.

### example

```
{
    "builderid": 10,
    "buildid": 100,
    "buildrequestid": 13,
    "workerid": 20,
    "complete": false,
    "complete_at": null,
    "masterid": 824,
    "number": 1,
    "results": null,
    "started_at": 1451001600,
    "state_string": "created",
    "properties": {}
}
```

This resource type describes completed and in-progress builds. Much of the contextual data for a build is associated with the build request, and through it the buildset.

### **Note:** *properties*

This properties dict is only filled out if the *properties filterspec* is set.

Meaning that, property filter allows one to request the Builds DATA API like so:

- api/v2/builds?property=propKey1&property=propKey2 (returns Build's properties which match given keys)
- api/v2/builds?property=\* (returns all Build's properties)
- api/v2/builds?propKey1&property=propKey2&limit=30 (filters combination)

Important: When combined with field filter, to get properties, one should ensure properties field is set.

api/v2/builds?field=buildid&field=properties&property=workername&property=user

### **Update Methods**

All update methods are available as attributes of master.data.updates.

class buildbot.data.builds.Build

```
newBuild (builderid, buildrequestid, workerid)
```

### Parameters

- builderid (integer) builder performing this build
- **buildrequstid** (*integer*) **build** request being built
- workerid (integer) worker on which this build is performed

Returns (buildid, number) via Deferred

Create a new build resource and return its ID. The state strings for the new build will be set to 'starting'.

setBuildStateString(buildid, state\_string)

# Parameters

- **buildid** (*integer*) the build to modify
- **state\_string** (*unicode*) new state string for this build

Replace the existing state strings for a build with a new list.

finishBuild(buildid, results)

## Parameters

- **buildid** (*integer*) the build to modify
- **results** (*integer*) the build's results

Mark the build as finished at the current time, with the given results.

# Endpoints

### path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/builds

**Path Keys** | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (*number*) - the ID or name of the builder

This path selects all builds for a builder (can return lots of data!)

## GET

 $\textbf{returns} \ \textit{collection} \ \textbf{of} \ \textit{build}$ 

### path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/builds/{build\_number}

# Path Keys

- | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (*number*) the ID or name of the builder
- **build\_number** (*number*) the number of the build within the builder

This path selects a specific build by builderid, buildnumber

# GET

```
returns collection of build
```

POST with method: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/builds/{build\_number} (method=stop)

## Body keys

- method (string) must be stop
- **reason** (*string*) The reason why the build was stopped
- results (*integer*) optionally results value override (default CANCELLED)

# POST with method: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/builds/{build\_number} (method=rebuilderid\_or\_buildername}/builds/{build\_number} (method=rebuildername})

Body keys method (string) - must be rebuild

# path: /buildrequests/{buildrequestid}/builds

Path Keys buildrequestid (number) - the id of the buildrequest

GET

```
returns collection of build
path: /builds
GET
    returns collection of build
path: /builds/{buildid}
    Path Keys buildid(number) - the id of the build
This path selects a build by id
GET
    returns collection of build
POST with method: /builds/{buildid} (method=stop)
    Body keys
```

```
• method (string) - must be stop
```

• **reason** (*string*) – The reason why the build was stopped

```
POST with method: /builds/{buildid} (method=rebuild)
```

Body keys method (string) - must be rebuild

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# 3.5.4 buildset

### resource type: buildset

## Attributes

- **bsid** (*integer*) the ID of this buildset
- complete (boolean) true if all of the build requests in this buildset are complete
- complete\_at? (integer) the time this buildset was completed, or None if not complete
- **external\_idstring?** (*string*) an identifier that external applications can use to identify a submitted buildset; can be None
- parent\_buildid? (integer) optional build id that is the parent for this buildset
- **parent\_relationship**? (*string*) relationship identifier for the parent, this is a configured relationship between the parent build, and the childs buildsets
- **reason** (*string*) the reason this buildset was scheduled
- **results**? (*integer*) the results of the buildset (see *Build Result Codes*), or None if not complete
- **sourcestamps**[] (*sourcestamp*) the sourcestamps for this buildset; each element is a valid *sourcestamp* entity
- **submitted\_at** (*integer*) the time this buildset was submitted

A buildset gathers build requests that were scheduled at the same time, and which share a source stamp, properties, and so on.

# **Update Methods**

All update methods are available as attributes of master.data.updates.

```
class buildbot.data.buildsets.Buildset
```

addBuildset (scheduler=None, sourcestamps=[], reason=", properties={}, builderids=[], external\_idstring=None, parent\_buildid=None, parent\_relationship=None)

### **Parameters**

- scheduler (*string*) the name of the scheduler creating this buildset
- sourcestamps (list) sourcestamps for the new buildset; see below
- reason (unicode) the reason for this build
- **properties** (dictionary with unicode keys and (source, property value) values) **properties to set on this buildset**
- **builderids** (*list*) names of the builderids for which build requests should be created
- **external\_idstring** (unicode) arbitrary identifier to recognize this buildset later
- parent\_buildid (*int*) optional build id that is the parent for this buildset
- **parent\_relationship** (*unicode*) relationship identifier for the parent, this is a configured relationship between the parent build, and the childs buildsets

Returns (buildset id, dictionary mapping builder ids to build request ids) via Deferred

Create a new buildset and corresponding buildrequests based on the given parameters. This is the low-level interface for scheduling builds.

Each sourcestamp in the list of sourcestamps can be given either as an integer, assumed to be a sourcestamp ID, or a dictionary of keyword arguments to be passed to findSourceStampId.

### maybeBuildsetComplete(bsid)

**Parameters bsid** (*integer*) – buildset that may be complete

### **Returns** Deferred

This method should be called when a build request is finished. It checks the given buildset to see if all of its buildrequests are finished. If so, it updates the status of the buildset and send the appropriate messages.

### Endpoints

### path: /buildsets

this path selects all buildsets

GET

returns collection of buildset

### path: /buildsets/{bsid}

Path Keys bsid (identifier) - the id of the buildset

this path selects a buildset by id

GET

returns collection of buildset

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.5.5 change

resource type: change

### Attributes

- changeid (integer) the ID of this change
- author (string) the author of the change in "name", "name <email>" or just "email" (with @) format
- **branch**? (*string*) branch on which the change took place, or none for the "default branch", whatever that might mean
- category? (string) user-defined category of this change, or none
- codebase (string) codebase in this repository
- comments (*string*) user comments for this change (aka commit)
- **files**[] (*string*) list of source-code filenames changed
- **parent\_changeids[]** (*integer*) The ID of the parents. The data api allow for several parents, but the core buildbot does not yet support
- project (string) user-defined project to which this change corresponds
- **properties** (*sourcedproperties*) user-specified properties for this change, represented as an object mapping keys to tuple (value, source)
- **repository** (*string*) repository where this change occurred
- revision? (*string*) revision for this change, or none if unknown
- revlink? (*string*) link to a web view of this change
- **sourcestamp** (*sourcestamp*) the sourcestamp resource for this change
- when\_timestamp (integer) time of the change

A change resource represents a change to the source code monitored by Buildbot.

### **Update Methods**

All update methods are available as attributes of master.data.updates.

class buildbot.data.changes.Change

addChange (files=None, comments=None, author=None, revision=None, when\_timestamp=None, branch=None, category=None, revlink=", properties={}, repository=", codebase=None, project=", src=None)

### **Parameters**

- files (list of unicode strings) a list of filenames that were changed
- comments (unicode) user comments on the change

- author (unicode) the author of this change
- **revision** (*unicode*) the revision identifier for this change
- when\_timestamp (*integer*) when this change occurred (seconds since the epoch), or the current time if None
- **branch** (*unicode*) the branch on which this change took place
- category (unicode) category for this change
- **revlink** (*string*) link to a web view of this revision
- **properties** (dictionary with unicode keys and simple values (JSON-able)) properties to set on this change. Note that the property source is *not* included in this dictionary.
- repository (unicode) the repository in which this change took place
- project (unicode) the project this change is a part of
- **src** (*unicode*) source of the change (vcs or other)

Returns the ID of the new change, via Deferred

Add a new change to Buildbot. This method is the interface between change sources and the rest of Buildbot.

All parameters should be passed as keyword arguments.

All parameters labeled 'unicode' must be unicode strings and not bytestrings. Filenames in files, and property names, must also be unicode strings. This is tested by the fake implementation.

# Endpoints

### path: /builds/{buildid}/changes

Path Keys buildid (number) – the id of the build

This path selects all changes tested by a build

### GET

returns collection of change

### path: /changes

This path selects **all** changes. On a reasonably loaded master, this can quickly return a very large result, taking minutes to process. A specific query configuration is optimized which allows to get the recent changes: order:-changeid&limit=<n>

### GET

returns collection of change

### path: /changes/{changeid}

Path Keys changeid (number) - the id of a change

this path selects one change by id

### GET

 $\textbf{returns} \ \textit{collection} \ of \ \textit{change}$ 

path: /sourcestamps/{ssid}/changes

**Path Keys ssid** (*number*) – the id of the sourcestamp

This path selects all changes associated to one sourcestamp

### GET

returns collection of change

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# 3.5.6 changesource

```
resource type: changesource
```

Attributes

- changesourceid (integer) the ID of this changesource
- master? (master) the master on which this worker is running, or None if it is inactive
- **name** (*string*) name of this changesource

A changesource generates change objects, for example in response to an update in some repository. A particular changesource (by name) runs on at most one master at a time.

# **Update Methods**

All update methods are available as attributes of master.data.updates.

class buildbot.data.changesources.ChangeSource

### findChangeSourceId(name)

**Parameters name** (*string*) – changesource name

Returns changesource ID via Deferred

Get the ID for the given changesource name, inventing one if necessary.

trySetChangeSourceMaster(changesourceid, masterid)

# Parameters

- changesourceid (integer) changesource ID to try to claim
- masterid (integer) this master's master ID

Returns True or False, via Deferred

Try to claim the given scheduler for the given master and return True if the scheduler is to be activated on that master.

# Endpoints

### path: /changesources

This path selects all changesource.

GET

**returns** collection of changesource

### path: /changesources/{changesourceid}

Path Keys changesourceid (number) - the id of a changesource

This path selects one changesource given its id.

### GET

**returns** collection of changesource

## path: /masters/{masterid}/changesources

Path Keys masterid (number) - the id of the master

This path selects all changesources for a given master

GET

returns collection of changesource

### path: /masters/{masterid}/changesources/{changesourceid}

**Path Keys** masterid (number) – the id of the master

This path selects one changesource by id for a given master

### GET

returns collection of changesource

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# 3.5.7 forcescheduler

resource type: forcescheduler

Attributes

- all\_fields[] (object) -
- **builder\_names**[] (*identifier*) names of the builders that this scheduler can trigger
- button\_name (string) label of the button to use in the UI
- **label** (*string*) label of this scheduler to be displayed in the ui
- name (identifier) name of this scheduler

A forcescheduler initiates builds, via a formular in the web UI. At the moment, forceschedulers must be defined on all the masters where a web ui is configured. A particular forcescheduler runs on the master where the web request was sent.

**Note:** This datatype and associated endpoints will be deprecated when bug #2673 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2673) will be resolved.

## Endpoints

```
path: /builders/{builderid_or_buildername}/forceschedulers
```

**Path Keys** | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (*number*) - the ID or name of the builder

This path selects all force-schedulers for a given builder

GET

 $\textbf{returns} \ \textit{collection} \ of \ \textit{forcescheduler}$ 

#### path: /forceschedulers

This path selects all forceschedulers.

GET

returns collection of forcescheduler

#### path: /forceschedulers/{schedulername}

#### Path Keys schedulername (identifier) - the name of a scheduler

This path selects all changesource.

#### GET

returns collection of forcescheduler

#### POST with method: /forceschedulers/{schedulername} (method=force)

**Body keys** 

- method (string) must be force
- **owner** (*string*) The user who wants to create the buildrequest
- [] content of the forcescheduler parameter is dependent on the configuration of the forcescheduler

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# 3.5.8 identifier

resource type: identifier

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# 3.5.9 logchunk

resource type: logchunk

Attributes

- **content** (*string*) **content** of the chunk
- firstline (*integer*) zero-based line number of the first line in this chunk

• logid (integer) – the ID of log containing this chunk

A logchunk represents a contiguous sequence of lines in a logfile. Logs are not individually addressable in the data API; instead, they must be requested by line number range. In a strict REST sense, many logchunk resources will contain the same line.

The chunk contents is represented as a single unicode string. This string is the concatenation of each newline terminated-line.

Each log has a type, as identified by the "type" field of the corresponding *log*. While all logs are sequences of unicode lines, the type gives additional information fo interpreting the contents. The defined types are:

- t text, a simple sequence of lines of text
- s stdio, like text but with each line tagged with a stream
- h HTML, represented as plain text
- d Deleted, logchunks for this log have been deleted by the Janitor

In the stream type, each line is prefixed by a character giving the stream type for that line. The types are i for input, o for stdout, e for stderr, and h for header. The first three correspond to normal UNIX standard streams, while the header stream contains metadata produced by Buildbot itself.

The offset and limit parameters can be used to select the desired lines. These are specified as query parameters via the REST interface, or as arguments to the get method in Python. The result will begin with line offset (so the resulting firstline will be equal to the given offset), and will contain up to limit lines.

Following example will get the first 100 lines of a log:

```
from buildbot.data import resultspec
first_100_lines = yield self.master.data.get(("logs", log['logid'], "contents"),
    resultSpec=resultspec.ResultSpec(limit=100))
```

Following example will get the last 100 lines of a log:

**Note:** There is no event for a new chunk. Instead, the log resource is updated when new chunks are added, with the new number of lines. Consumers can then request those lines, if desired.

#### **Update Methods**

Log chunks are updated via *log*.

# **Endpoints**

# path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/builds/{build\_number}/steps/{step\_name}/logs/{} Path Keys

- | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (*number*) the ID or name of the builder
- **build\_number** (*number*) the number of the build within the builder

- **step\_name** (*identifier*) the slug name of the step
- log\_slug (identifier) the slug name of the log

#### GET

#### returns collection of logchunk

path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/builds/{build\_number}/steps/{step\_number}/logs/

## Path Keys

- | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (number) the ID or name of the builder
- **build\_number** (*number*) the number of the build within the builder
- **step\_number** (*number*) the number of the step
- log\_slug (identifier) the slug name of the log

#### GET

```
returns collection of logchunk
```

# path: /builds/{buildid}/steps/{step\_number\_or\_name}/logs/{log\_slug}/contents

# Path Keys

- **buildid** (*number*) the id of the build
- | number step\_number\_or\_name (identifier) the name or number of the step
- log\_slug (identifier) the slug name of the log

#### GET

returns collection of logchunk

#### path: /logs/{logid}/contents

**Path Keys** logid (number) – the id of the log

#### GET

returns collection of logchunk

#### path: /steps/{stepid}/logs/{log\_slug}/contents

Path Keys

- **stepid** (number) the id of the step
- **log\_slug** (*identifier*) the slug name of the log

#### GET

 $\textbf{returns} \ \textit{collection} \ of \ \textit{log}\textit{chunk}$ 

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# 3.5.10 Logs

## resource type: log

#### Attributes

- complete (boolean) true if this log is complete and will not generate additional logchunks
- logid (integer) the unique ID of this log
- name (string) the name of this log (e.g., err.html)
- num\_lines (integer) total number of line of this log
- **slug**(*identifier*) the "slug", suitable for use in a URL, of this log(e.g., err\_html)
- **stepid** (*integer*) id of the step containing this log
- **type** (*identifier*) log type, identified by a single ASCII letter; see *logchunk* for details.

example

{

```
"logid": 60,
"name": "stdio",
"slug": "stdio",
"stepid": 50,
"complete": false,
"num_lines": 0,
"type": "s"
```

A log represents a stream of textual output from a step. The actual output is encoded as a sequence of *logchunk* resources. In-progress logs append logchunks as new data is added to the end, and event subscription allows a client to "follow" the log.

Each log has a "slug" which is unique within the step, and which can be used in paths. The slug is generated by *addLog* based on the name, using *forceIdentifier* and *incrementIdentifier* to guarantee uniqueness.

#### Todo:

```
event: build.$buildid.step.$number.log.$logid.newlog
The log has just started. Logs are started when they are created, so this also indicates the creation of a new log.
```

event: build.\$buildid.step.\$number.log.\$logid.complete The log is complete.

# **Update Methods**

All update methods are available as attributes of master.data.updates.

class buildbot.data.logs.Log

addLog (stepid, name, type)

Parameters

• **stepid** (*integer*) – stepid containing this log

• **name** (*string*) – name for the log

**Raises KeyError** – if a log by the given name already exists

Returns logid via Deferred

Create a new log and return its ID. The name need not be unique. This method will generate a unique slug based on the name.

#### appendLog(logid, content):

### **Parameters**

- logid (integer) the log to which content should be appended
- content (unicode) the content to append

Append the given content to the given log. The content must end with a newline. All newlines in the content should be UNIX-style (n).

finishLog(logid)

Parameters logid (integer) - the log to finish

Mark the log as complete.

compressLog(logid)

**Parameters** logid (*integer*) – the log to compress

Compress the given log, after it is finished. This operation may take some time.

## **Endpoints**

# path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/builds/{build\_number}/steps/{step\_name}/logs Path Keys

- | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (number) the ID or name of the builder
- **build\_number** (*number*) the number of the build within the builder
- **step\_name** (*identifier*) the slug name of the step

This path selects all logs for the given step.

GET

returns collection of log

path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/builds/{build\_number}/steps/{step\_name}/logs/{}

Path Keys

- | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (number) the ID or name of the builder
- **build\_number** (*number*) the number of the build within the builder
- **step\_name** (*identifier*) the slug name of the step
- log\_slug (identifier) the slug name of the log

GET

 $\textbf{returns} \ collection \ of \ log$ 

# path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/builds/{build\_number}/steps/{step\_number}/logs Path Keys

- | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (number) the ID or name of the builder
- **build\_number** (*number*) the number of the build within the builder
- **step\_number** (*number*) the number of the step

This path selects all log of a a specific step

#### GET

returns collection of log

```
path: /builders/{builderid_or_buildername}/builds/{build_number}/steps/{step_number}/logs/
```

# Path Keys

- | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (number) the ID or name of the builder
- **build\_number** (*number*) the number of the build within the builder
- **step\_number** (*number*) the number of the step
- log\_slug (identifier) the slug name of the log

This path selects one log of a a specific step

#### GET

```
returns collection of log
```

#### path: /builds/{buildid}/steps/{step\_number\_or\_name}/logs

#### Path Keys

- **buildid** (number) the id of the build
- | number step\_number\_or\_name (identifier) the name or number of the step

This path selects all logs of a step of a build

#### GET

```
returns collection of log
```

#### path: /builds/{buildid}/steps/{step\_number\_or\_name}/logs/{log\_slug}

#### Path Keys

- **buildid** (number) the id of the build
- | number step\_number\_or\_name (identifier) the name or number of the step
- log\_slug (identifier) the slug name of the log

This path selects one log of a a specific step

GET

```
returns collection of log
```

```
path: /logs/{logid}
```

Path Keys logid (number) - the id of the log

This path selects one log

#### GET

returns collection of log

# path: /steps/{stepid}/logs

Path Keys stepid (number) - the id of the step

This path selects all logs for the given step.

## GET

returns collection of log

# path: /steps/{stepid}/logs/{log\_slug}

## Path Keys

- **stepid** (*number*) the id of the step
- **log\_slug** (*identifier*) the slug name of the log

### GET

returns collection of log

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.5.11 master

#### resource type: master

Attributes

- active (boolean) true if the master is active
- **last\_active** (*date*) time this master was last marked active
- **masterid** (*integer*) the ID of this master
- **name** (*string*) master name (in the form "hostname:basedir")

This resource type describes buildmasters in the buildmaster cluster.

# **Update Methods**

All update methods are available as attributes of master.data.updates.

class buildbot.data.masters.Master

```
masterActive (name, masterid)
```

# Parameters

- **name** (*unicode*) the name of this master (generally hostname: basedir)
- **masterid** (*integer*) this master's master ID

Returns Deferred

Mark this master as still active. This method should be called at startup and at least once per minute. The master ID is acquired directly from the database early in the master startup process.

#### expireMasters()

### Returns Deferred

Scan the database for masters that have not checked in for ten minutes. This method should be called about once per minute.

masterStopped(name, masterid)

**Parameters** 

- **name** (unicode) the name of this master
- masterid (integer) this master's master ID

#### Returns Deferred

Mark this master as inactive. Masters should call this method before completing an expected shutdown, and on startup. This method will take care of deactivating or removing configuration resources like builders and schedulers as well as marking lost builds and build requests for retry.

## **Endpoints**

#### path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/masters

**Path Keys** | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (number) - the ID or name of the builder

This path selects all masters supporting a given builder

#### GET

returns collection of master

#### path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/{masterid}

#### Path Keys

- | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (*number*) the ID or name of the builder
- masterid (number) the id of the master

This path selects a master by id filtered by given builderid

#### GET

returns collection of master

#### path: /masters

This path selects all masters

GET

returns collection of master

#### path: /masters/{masterid}

**Path Keys masterid** (number) – the id of the master

This path selects one master given its id

#### GET

returns collection of master

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.5.12 patch

resource type: patch

Attributes

- patchid (integer) the unique ID of this patch
- **body** (*string*) patch body as a binary string
- **level** (*integer*) patch level the number of directory names to strip from filenames in the patch
- **subdir** (*string*) subdirectory in which patch should be applied
- author? (*string*) patch author, or None
- comment? (string) patch comment, or None

This resource type describes a patch. Patches have unique IDs, but only appear embedded in sourcestamps, so those IDs are not especially useful.

#### **Update Methods**

All update methods are available as attributes of master.data.updates.

class buildbot.data.patches.Patch
 (no update methods)

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.5.13 rootlink

```
resource type: rootlink
Attributes name (string) -
```

#### Endpoints

path: /

GET

 $\textbf{returns} \ collection \ of \ rootlink$ 

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.5.14 scheduler

#### resource type: scheduler

#### Attributes

- **master**? (*master*) the master on which this scheduler is running, or None if it is inactive
- **name** (*string*) name of this scheduler
- schedulerid (integer) the ID of this scheduler

A scheduler initiates builds, often in response to changes from change sources. A particular scheduler (by name) runs on at most one master at a time.

**Note:** This data type and associated endpoints is planned to be merged with forcescheduler data type when bug #2673 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2673) will be resolved.

# **Update Methods**

All update methods are available as attributes of master.data.updates.

class buildbot.data.schedulers.Scheduler

#### findSchedulerId(name)

**Parameters name** (*string*) – scheduler name

Returns scheduler ID via Deferred

Get the ID for the given scheduler name, inventing one if necessary.

trySetSchedulerMaster (schedulerid, masterid)

#### Parameters

- **schedulerid** (*integer*) **scheduler** ID to try to claim
- masterid (integer) this master's master ID

Returns True or False, via Deferred

Try to claim the given scheduler for the given master and return True if the scheduler is to be activated on that master.

# Endpoints

#### path: /masters/{masterid}/schedulers

Path Keys masterid (number) - the id of the master

This path selects all schedulers for a given master

# GET

 $\textbf{returns} \ \textit{collection} \ \textbf{of} \ \textit{scheduler}$ 

```
path: /masters/{masterid}/schedulers/{schedulerid}
Path Kevs
```

- masterid (number) the id of the master
- **schedulerid** (*number*) the id of the scheduler

This path selects one scheduler by id for a given master

GET

returns collection of scheduler

#### path: /schedulers

This path selects all schedulers

GET

returns collection of scheduler

#### path: /schedulers/{schedulerid}

Path Keys schedulerid (number) - the id of the scheduler

This path selects one scheduler by id

GET

returns collection of scheduler

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.5.15 sourcedproperties

#### resource type: sourcedproperties

Attributes [] (*object*) – Each key of this map is the name of a defined property The value consist on a couple (source, value)

user-specified properties for this change, represented as an object mapping keys to tuple (value, source)

Properties are present in several data resources, but have a separate endpoints, because they can represent a large dataset.

#### **Update Methods**

All update methods are available as attributes of master.data.updates.

```
class buildbot.data.properties.Properties
```

setBuildProperty (buildid, name, value, source)

#### Parameters

- buildid (integer) build ID
- name (unicode) Name of the property to set
- **value** (Any JSON-able type is accepted (lists, dicts, strings and numbers)) Value of the property
- **source** (*unicode*) Source of the property to set

Set a build property. If no property with that name exists in that build, a new property will be created.

setBuildProperties (buildid, props)

#### **Parameters**

- **buildid** (*integer*) **build** ID
- **props** (*IProperties*) Name of the property to set

Synchronise build properties with the db. This sends only one event in the end of the sync, and only if properties changed. The event contains only the updated properties, for network efficiency reasons.

#### Endpoints

```
path: /builds/{buildid}/properties
```

Path Keys buildid (number) - the id of the build

This path selects all properties of a build

GET

```
returns collection of sourced properties
```

#### path: /buildsets/{bsid}/properties

Path Keys bsid (identifier) – the id of the buildset

This path selects all properties of a buildset. Buildset properties is part of the initial properties of a build.

GET

 $\textbf{returns} \ \textit{collection} \ of \ \textit{sourced properties}$ 

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.5.16 sourcestamp

#### resource type: sourcestamp

#### Attributes

• **ssid** (*integer*) – the ID of this sourcestamp

**Note:** For legacy reasons, the abbreviated name ssid is used instead of canonical sourcestampid. This might change in the future (bug #3509 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3509)).

- **branch**? (*string*) code branch, or none for the "default branch", whatever that might mean
- codebase (*string*) revision for this sourcestamp, or none if unknown
- created\_at (date) the timestamp when this sourcestamp was created
- patch? (patch) the patch for this sourcestamp, or none
- project (string) user-defined project to which this sourcestamp corresponds
- **repository** (*string*) repository where this sourcestamp occurred

• revision? (*string*) – revision for this sourcestamp, or none if unknown

A source stamp represents a particular version of the source code. Absolute sourcestamps specify this completely, while relative sourcestamps (with revision = None) specify the latest source at the current time. Source stamps can also have patches; such stamps describe the underlying revision with the given patch applied.

Note that, depending on the underlying version-control system, the same revision may describe different code in different branches (e.g., SVN) or may be independent of the branch (e.g., Git).

The created\_at timestamp can be used to indicate the first time a sourcestamp was seen by Buildbot. This provides a reasonable default ordering for sourcestamps when more reliable information is not available.

## **Endpoints**

#### path: /sourcestamps

This path selects all sourcestamps (can return lots of data!)

#### GET

```
returns collection of sourcestamp
```

#### path: /sourcestamps/{ssid}

**Path Keys ssid** (number) – the id of the sourcestamp

This path selects one sourcestamp by id

### GET

returns collection of sourcestamp

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.5.17 spec

resource type: spec

#### Attributes

- path (string) -
- plural (string) -
- type (string) -
- type\_spec (object) -

# Endpoints

path: /application.spec

GET

returns collection of spec

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.5.18 step

## resource type: step

#### Attributes

- **stepid** (*integer*) the unique ID of this step
- buildid (integer) id of the build containing this step
- complete (boolean) true if this step is complete
- complete\_at? (*date*) time at which this step was complete, or None if it's still running
- hidden (boolean) true if the step should not be displayed
- name (identifier) the step name, unique within the build
- **number** (*integer*) the number of this step (sequential within the build)
- **results**? (*integer*) the results of the step (see *Build Result Codes*), or None if not complete
- **started\_at**? (*date*) time at which this step started, or None if it hasn't started yet
- **state\_string** (*string*) a string giving detail on the state of the build. The first is usually one word or phrase; the remainder are sized for one-line display.
- **urls**[] a list of URLs associated with this step.

This resource type describes a step in a build. Steps have unique IDs, but are most commonly accessed by name in the context of their containing builds.

# **Update Methods**

All update methods are available as attributes of master.data.updates.

class buildbot.data.steps.Step

#### newStep(buildid, name)

#### Parameters

- **buildid** (*integer*) buildid containing this step
- **name** (50-character *identifier*) name for the step

Returns (stepid, number, name) via Deferred

Create a new step and return its ID, number, and name. Note that the name may be different from the requested name, if that name was already in use. The state strings for the new step will be set to 'pending'.

#### startStep(stepid)

```
Parameters stepid (integer) - the step to modify
```

Start the step.

#### setStepStateString(stepid, state\_string)

#### Parameters

- **stepid** (*integer*) the step to modify
- **state\_string** (*unicode*) new state strings for this step

Replace the existing state string for a step with a new list.

#### addStepURL(stepid, name, url):

## Parameters

- **stepid** (*integer*) the step to modify
- **name** (*string*) the url name
- url (string) the actual url

Returns None via deferred

Add a new url to a step. The new url is added to the list of urls.

finishStep (stepid, results, hidden)

#### **Parameters**

- **stepid** (*integer*) the step to modify
- results (integer) the step's results
- hidden (boolean) true if the step should not be displayed

Mark the step as finished at the current time, with the given results.

#### Endpoints

path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/builds/{build\_number}/steps
Path Keys

- | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (*number*) the ID or name of the builder
- **build\_number** (*number*) the number of the build within the builder

This path selects all steps for the given build.

## GET

returns collection of step

```
path: /builders/{builderid_or_buildername}/builds/{build_number}/steps/{step_name}
```

- Path Keys
  - | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (*number*) the ID or name of the builder
  - **build\_number** (*number*) the number of the build within the builder
  - **step\_name** (*identifier*) the slug name of the step

This path selects a specific step for the given build.

GET

```
returns collection of step
```

path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/builds/{build\_number}/steps/{step\_number}

Path Keys

• | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (*number*) - the ID or name of the builder

- **build\_number** (*number*) the number of the build within the builder
- **step\_number** (*number*) the number of the step

This path selects a specific step given its step number

#### GET

returns collection of step

#### path: /builds/{buildid}/steps

Path Keys buildid (number) – the id of the build

This path selects all steps of a build

#### GET

returns collection of step

#### path: /builds/{buildid}/steps/{step\_number\_or\_name}

Path Keys

- **buildid** (*number*) the id of the build
- | number step\_number\_or\_name (identifier) the name or number of the step

This path selects one step of a build

#### GET

 $\textbf{returns} \ collection \ \textbf{of} \ step$ 

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.5.19 worker

#### resource type: worker

Attributes

- workerid (integer) the ID of this worker
- configured\_on[] list of builders on masters this worker is configured on
- connected\_to[] list of masters this worker is attached to
- **name** (*string*) the name of the worker
- **paused** (bool) the worker is paused if it is connected but doesn't accept new builds.
- **graceful** (*bool*) the worker is graceful if it doesn't accept new builds, and will shutdown when builds are finished.
- **workerinfo** (*object*) information about the worker.

The worker information can be any JSON-able object. In practice, it contains the following keys, based on information provided by the worker:

- admin (the admin information)
- host (the name of the host)
- access\_uri (the access URI)

- version (the version on the worker)

A worker resource represents a worker to the source code monitored by Buildbot.

The contents of the connected\_to and configured\_on attributes are sensitive to the context of the request. If a builder or master is specified in the path, then only the corresponding connections and configurations are included in the result.

# Endpoints

#### path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/workers

```
Path Keys | identifier builderid_or_buildername (number) - the ID or name of the builder
```

This path selects all workers configured for a given builder

#### GET

```
returns collection of worker
```

#### path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/workers/{name}

#### Path Keys

- | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (*number*) the ID or name of the builder
- **name** (*identifier*) the name of the worker

This path selects a worker by name filtered by given builderid

#### GET

```
returns collection of worker
```

```
path: /builders/{builderid_or_buildername}/workers/{workerid}
```

#### Path Keys

- | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (*number*) the ID or name of the builder
- workerid (number) the id of the worker

This path selects a worker by id filtered by given builderid

#### GET

```
returns collection of worker
```

POST with method: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/workers/{workerid} (method=stop)

Body keys

- **method** (*string*) **must** be stop
- reason (*string*) The reason why the worker was stopped

POST with method: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/workers/{workerid} (method=kill)

Body keys

- method (string) must be kill
- **reason** (*string*) The reason why the worker was stopped

POST with method: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/workers/{workerid} (method=pause)

**Body keys** 

- method (string) must be pause
- **reason** (*string*) The reason why the worker was paused

```
POST with method: /builders/{builderid_or_buildername}/workers/{workerid} (method=unpause)
```

**Body keys** 

- method (string) must be unpause
- **reason** (*string*) The reason why the worker was un-paused

#### path: /masters/{masterid}/builders/{builderid}/workers

Path Keys

- **masterid** (number) the id of the master
- **builderid** (*number*) the id of the builder

This path selects all workers for a given builder and a given master

#### GET

returns collection of worker

#### path: /masters/{masterid}/builders/{builderid}/workers/{name}

Path Keys

- **masterid** (*number*) the id of the master
- **builderid** (*number*) the id of the builder
- **name** (*identifier*) the name of the worker

This path selects one workers by name for a given builder and a given master

#### GET

returns collection of worker

### path: /masters/{masterid}/builders/{builderid}/workers/{workerid}

Path Keys

- **masterid** (*number*) the id of the master
- builderid (number) the id of the builder
- workerid (number) the id of the worker

This path selects one workers by name for a given builder and a given master

#### GET

returns collection of worker

#### path: /masters/{masterid}/workers

Path Keys masterid (number) - the id of the master

This path selects all workers for a given master

#### GET

#### $\textbf{returns} \ \textit{collection} \ \textbf{of} \ \textit{worker}$

path: /masters/{masterid}/workers/{name}

#### Path Keys

- masterid (number) the id of the master
- **name** (*identifier*) the name of the worker

This path selects one worker by name for a given master

#### GET

returns collection of worker

```
path: /masters/{masterid}/workers/{workerid}
```

Path Keys

- masterid (number) the id of the master
- workerid (number) the id of the worker

This path selects one worker by id for a given master

#### GET

returns collection of worker

#### path: /workers

this path selects all workers

GET

 $\textbf{returns} \ \textit{collection} \ of \ \textit{worker}$ 

```
path: /workers/{name_or_id}
```

```
Path Keys | number name_or_id (identifier) - the name or id of a worker
```

this path selects worker by name or id

#### GET

returns collection of worker

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# 3.5.20 Raw endpoints

Raw endpoints allow to download content in their raw format (i.e. not within a json glue). The content-disposition http header is set, so that the browser knows which file to store the content to.

#### path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/builds/{build\_number}/steps/{step\_name}/logs/{}

#### Path Keys

- | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (*number*) the ID or name of the builder
- build\_number (number) the number of the build within the builder
- **step\_name** (*identifier*) the slug name of the step
- **log\_slug** (*identifier*) the slug name of the log

This endpoint allows to get the raw logs for downloading into a file. This endpoint does not provide paging capabilities. For stream log types, the type line header characters are dropped. 'text/plain' is used as the mime type except for html logs, where 'text/html' is used. The 'slug' is used as the filename for the resulting download. Some browsers are appending ".txt" or ".html" to this filename according to the mime-type.

# path: /builders/{builderid\_or\_buildername}/builds/{build\_number}/steps/{step\_number}/logs

# Path Keys

- | identifier builderid\_or\_buildername (number) the ID or name of the builder
- **build\_number** (*number*) the number of the build within the builder
- **step\_number** (*number*) the number of the step
- **log\_slug** (*identifier*) the slug name of the log

This path downloads the whole log

# path: /builds/{buildid}/steps/{step\_number\_or\_name}/logs/{log\_slug}/raw

# Path Keys

- **buildid** (*number*) the id of the build
- | number step\_number\_or\_name (*identifier*) the name or number of the step
- log\_slug (identifier) the slug name of the log

This path downloads the whole log

# path: /logs/{logid}/raw

Path Keys logid (number) – the id of the log

This path downloads the whole log

# path: /steps/{stepid}/logs/{log\_slug}/raw

Path Keys

- **stepid** (*number*) the id of the step
- **log\_slug** (*identifier*) the slug name of the log

This path downloads the whole log

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# 3.6 Data API

The data API is an interface against which various internal and external components can be written against. It is a lower-level interface compared to the REST API and exposes more functionality. It combines access to stored state and messages, ensuring consistency between them. The callers can receive a dump of current state plus changes to that state, without missing or duplicating messages.

# 3.6.1 Sections

The data api is divided into four sections:

- getters fetching data from the db API, and
- subscriptions subscribing to messages from the mq layer;
- control allows state to be changed in specific ways by sending appropriate messages (e.g., stopping a build); and
- updates direct updates to state appropriate messages.

The getters and subscriptions are exposed everywhere. Access to the control section should be authenticated at higher levels, as the data layer does no authentication. The updates section is for use only by the process layer.

The interfaces for all sections but the updates sections are intended to be language-agnostic. That is, they should be callable from JavaScript via HTTP, or via some other interface added to Buildbot after the fact.

# Getter

The getter section can get either a single resource, or a list of resources. Getting a single resource requires a resource identifier (a tuple of strings) and a set of options to support automatic expansion of links to other resources (thus saving round-trips). Lists are requested with a partial resource identifier (a tuple of strings) and an optional set of filter options. In some cases, certain filters are implicit in the path, e.g., the list of buildsteps for a particular build.

# **Subscriptions**

Message subscriptions can be made to anything that can be listed or gotten from the getter sections, using the same resource identifiers. Options and explicit filters are not supported - a message contains only the most basic information about a resource, and a list subscription results in a message for every new resource of the desired type. Implicit filters are supported.

# Control

The control sections defines a set of actions that cause Buildbot to behave in a certain way, e.g., rebuilding a build or shutting down a worker. Actions correspond to a particular resource, although sometimes that resource is the root resource (an empty tuple).

# 3.6.2 Updates

The updates section defines a free-form set of methods that Buildbot's process implementation calls to update data. Most update methods both modify state via the db API and send a message via the mq API. Some are simple wrappers for these APIs, while others contain more complex logic, e.g., building a source stamp set for a collection of changes. This section is the proper place to put common functionality, e.g., rebuilding builds or assembling buildsets.

# 3.6.3 Concrete Interfaces

# Python Interface

Within the buildmaster process, the root of the data API is available at *self.master.data*, which is a *DataConnector* instance.

#### class buildbot.data.connector.DataConnector

This class implements the root of the data API. Within the buildmaster process, the data connector is available at *self.master.data*. The first three sections are implemented with the get and *control* methods, respectively, while the updates section is implemented using the updates attribute. The path arguments to these methods should always be tuples. Integer arguments can be presented as either integers or strings that can be parsed by int; all other arguments must be strings.

#### get(path, filters=None, fields=None, order=None, limit=None, offset=None):

#### **Parameters**

- **path** (*tuple*) A tuple of path elements representing the API path to fetch. Numbers can be passed as strings or integers.
- filters result spec filters
- fields result spec fields
- **order** result spec order
- limit result spec limit
- offset result spec offset

#### **Raises** InvalidPathError

Returns a resource or list via Deferred, or None

This method implements the getter section. Depending on the path, it will return a single resource or a list of resources. If a single resource is not specified, it returns None.

The filters, fields, order, limit, and offset are passed to the *ResultSpec* constructor.

The return value is composed of simple Python objects - lists, dicts, strings, numbers, and None.

#### getEndpoint (path)

**Parameters** path (tuple) – A tuple of path elements representing the API path. Numbers can be passed as strings or integers.

Raises InvalidPathError

Returns tuple of endpoint and a dictionary of keyword arguments from the path

Get the endpoint responsible for the given path, along with any arguments extracted from the path. This can be used by callers that need access to information from the endpoint beyond that returned from get.

produceEvent (rtype, msg, event)

#### Parameters

- **rtype** the name identifying a resource type
- msg a dictionary describing the msg to send
- **event** the event to produce

This method implements the production of an event, for the rtype identified by its name string. Usually, this is the role of the data layer to produce the events inside the update methods. For the potential use cases where it would make sense to solely produce an event, and not update data, please use this API, rather than directly call mq. It ensures the event is sent to all the routingkeys specified by eventPathPatterns.

#### control (action, args, path)

#### **Parameters**

• **action** – a short string naming the action to perform

- args dictionary containing arguments for the action
- **path** (*tuple*) A tuple of path elements representing the API path. Numbers can be passed as strings or integers.

```
Raises InvalidPathError
```

**Returns** a resource or list via Deferred, or None

This method implements the control section. Depending on the path, it may return a new created resource.

## allEndpoints()

Returns list of endpoint specifications

This method returns the deprecated API spec. Please use REST API Specification instead.

#### rtypes

This object has an attribute named for each resource type, named after the singular form (e.g., *self.master.data.builder*). These attributes allow resource types to access one another for purposes of coordination. They are *not* intended for external access – all external access to the data API should be via the methods above or update methods.

## **Updates**

The updates section is available at *self.master.data.updates*, and contains a number of ad-hoc methods needed by the process modules.

**Note:** The update methods are implemented in resource type classes, but through some initialization-time magic, all appear as attributes of self.master.data.updates.

The update methods are found in the resource type pages.

# Exceptions

```
exception buildbot.data.exceptions.DataException
This is a base class for all other Data API exceptions.
```

- **exception** buildbot.data.exceptions.**InvalidPathError** The path argument was invalid or unknown.
- **exception** buildbot.data.exceptions.**InvalidOptionError** A value in the options argument was invalid or ill-formed.

# Web Interface

The HTTP interface is implemented by the buildbot.www package, as configured by the user. Part of that configuration is a base URL, which is considered a prefix for all paths mentioned here.

See Base web application for more information.

# 3.6.4 Extending the Data API

The data API may be extended in various ways: adding new endpoints, new fields to resource types, new update methods, or entirely new resource types. In any case, you should only extend the API if you plan to submit the extensions to be merged into Buildbot itself. Private API extensions are strongly discouraged.

# **Adding Resource Types**

You'll need to use both plural and singular forms of the resource type; in this example, we'll use 'pub' and 'pubs'. You can also follow an existing file, like master/buildbot/data/changes.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/data/changes.py), to see when to use which form.

In master/buildbot/data/pubs.py, create a subclass of ResourceType:

```
from buildbot.data import base
class Pub(base.ResourceType):
    name = "pub"
    endpoints = []
    keyFields = ['pubid']
class EntityType(types.Entity):
        pubid = types.Integer()
        name = types.String()
        num_taps = types.Integer()
        closes_at = types.Integer()
        entityType = EntityType(name)
```

class buildbot.data.base.ResourceType

#### name

### Type string

The singular, lower-cased name of the resource type. This becomes the first component in message routing keys.

#### plural

#### Type string

The plural, lower-cased name of the resource type. This becomes the key containing the data in REST responses.

#### endpoints

Type list

Subclasses should set this to a list of endpoint classes for this resource type.

#### eventPathPatterns

Type str

This attribute should list the message routes where events should be sent, encoded as a REST like endpoint:

pub/:pubid

In the example above, a call to produceEvent({'pubid': 10, 'name':
'Winchester'}, 'opened') would result in a message with routing key ('pub', '10',
'opened').

Several paths can be specified in order to be consistent with rest endpoints.

#### entityType

**Type** *buildbot.data.types.Entity* 

The entity type describes the types of all of the fields in this particular resource type. See buildbot. data.types.Entity and Adding Fields to Resource Types.

The parent class provides the following methods

#### getEndpoints()

**Returns** a list of *Endpoint* instances

This method returns a list of the endpoint instances associated with the resource type.

The base method instantiates each class in the *endpoints* attribute. Most subclasses can simply list *Endpoint* subclasses in *endpoints*.

produceEvent (msg, event)

**Parameters** 

- **msg** (*dict*) the message body
- event (*string*) the name of the event that has occurred

This is a convenience method to produce an event message for this resource type. It formats the routing key correctly and sends the message, thereby ensuring consistent routing-key structure.

Like all Buildbot source files, every resource type module must have corresponding tests. These should thoroughly exercise all update methods.

All resource types must be documented in the Buildbot documentation and linked from the bottom of this file (master/docs/developer/data.rst (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/docs/developer/data.rst)).

#### **Adding Endpoints**

Each resource path is implemented as an *Endpoint* instance. In most cases, each instance is of a different class, but this is not required.

The data connector's get and *control* methods both take a path argument that is used to look up the corresponding endpoint. The path matching is performed by *buildbot.util.pathmatch*, and supports automatically extracting variable fields from the path. See that module's description for details.

class buildbot.data.base.Endpoint

#### pathPatterns

#### Type string

This attribute defines the path patterns which incoming paths must match to select this endpoint. Paths are specified as URIs, and can contain variables as parsed by *buildbot.util.pathmatch.Matcher*. Multiple paths are separated by whitespace.

For example, the following specifies two paths with the second having a single variable:

```
pathPatterns = """
    /bugs
    /component/i:component_name/bugs
"""
```

#### rootLinkName

## Type string

If set, then the first path pattern for this endpoint will be included as a link in the root of the API. This should be set for any endpoints that begin an explorable tree.

#### isCollection

Type boolean

If true, then this endpoint returns collections of resources.

#### isRaw

Type boolean

If true, then this endpoint returns raw resource.

Raw resources are used to get the data not encoded in JSON via the rest API. In the REST principles, this should be done via another endpoint, and not via a query parameter. The get() method from endpoint should return following data structure:

#### get (options, resultSpec, kwargs)

#### **Parameters**

- **options** (*dict*) model-specific options
- **resultSpec** a *ResultSpec* instance describing the desired results
- **kwargs** (*dict*) fields extracted from the path

#### Returns data via Deferred

Get data from the endpoint. This should return either a list of dictionaries (for list endpoints), a dictionary, or None (both for details endpoints). The endpoint is free to handle any part of the result spec. When doing so, it should remove the relevant configuration from the spec. See below.

Any result spec configuration that remains on return will be applied automatically.

control (action, args, kwargs)

## Parameters

- action a short string naming the action to perform
- args dictionary containing arguments for the action
- **kwargs** fields extracted from the path

Continuing the pub example, a simple endpoint would look like this:

```
class PubEndpoint (base.Endpoint):
    pathPattern = ('pub', 'i:pubid')
    def get(self, resultSpec, kwargs):
        return self.master.db.pubs.getPub(kwargs['pubid'])
```

Endpoint implementations must have unit tests. An endpoint's path should be documented in the .rst file for its resource type.

The initial pass at implementing any endpoint should just ignore the resultSpec argument to get. After that initial pass, the argument can be used to optimize certain types of queries. For example, if the resource type has many resources, but most real-life queries use the result spec to filter out all but a few resources from that group, then it makes sense for the endpoint to examine the result spec and allow the underlying DB API to do that filtering.

When an endpoint handles parts of the result spec, it must remove those parts from the spec before it returns. See the documentation for *ResultSpec* for methods to do so.

Note that endpoints must be careful not to alter the order of the filtering applied for a result spec. For example, if an endpoint implements pagination, then it must also completely implement filtering and ordering, since those operations precede pagination in the result spec application.

## **Adding Messages**

Message types are defined in master/buildbot/test/util/validation.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/test/ via the message module-level value. This is a dictionary of MessageValidator objects, one for each message type. The message type is determined from the first atom of its routing key. The events dictionary lists the possible last atoms of the routing key. It should be identical to the attribute of the ResourceType with the same name.

#### **Adding Update Methods**

Update methods are for use by the Buildbot process code, and as such are generally designed to suit the needs of that code. They generally encapsulate logic common to multiple users (e.g., creating buildsets), and finish by performing modifications in the database and sending a corresponding message. In general, Buildbot does not depend on timing of either the database or message broker, so the order in which these operations are initiated is not important.

Update methods are considered part of Buildbot's user-visible interface, and as such incompatible changes should be avoided wherever possible. Instead, either add a new method (and potentially re-implement existing methods in terms of the new method) or add new, optional parameters to an existing method. If an incompatible change is unavoidable, it should be described clearly in the release notes.

Update methods are implemented as methods of *ResourceType* subclasses, decorated with @base.updateMethod:

```
buildbot.data.base.updateMethod(f)
```

A decorator for *ResourceType* subclass methods, indicating that the method should be copied to master. data.updates.

Returning to the pub example:

```
class PubResourceType(base.ResourceType):
    # ...
    @base.updateMethod
    @defer.inlineCallbacks
    def setPubTapList(self, pubid, beers):
        pub = yield self.master.db.pubs.getPub(pubid)
```

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```
# ...
self.produceMessage(pub, 'taps-updated')
```

Update methods should be documented in master/docs/developer/data.rst (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/docs/developer/data.rst (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/docs/developer/data.rst (https://github.com/buildbot/test/ake/fakedata.py (https://github.com/buildbot/tree/master/master/buildbot/test/fake/fakedata.py). That fake implementation should be tested to match the real implementation in master/buildbot/test/master/buildbot/test/master/buildbot/test/master/buildbot/test/master/buildbot/test/fake/fakedata.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/test/fake/fakedata.py). That fake implementation should be tested to match the real implementation in master/buildbot/test/unit/test\_data\_connector.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/test/master/buildbot/test/unit/test\_data\_connector.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/test/master/buildbot/test/unit/test\_data\_connector.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/test/master/buildbot/test/unit/test\_data\_connector.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/test/unit/test\_data\_connector.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/test/unit/test\_data\_connector.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/buildbot/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/test/unit/test\_data\_connector.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildb

## Adding Fields to Resource Types

The details of the fields of a resource type are rigorously enforced at several points in the Buildbot tests. The enforcement is performed by the *buildbot.data.types* module.

The module provides a number of type classes for basic and compound types. Each resource type class defines its entity type in its *entityType* class attribute. Other resource types may refer to this class attribute if they embed an entity of that type.

The types are used both for tests, and by the REST interface to properly decode user-supplied query parameters.

#### **Basic Types**

**class** buildbot.data.types.**Integer** An integer.

myid = types.Integer()

**class** buildbot.data.types.**String** A string. Strings must always be Unicode.

name = types.String()

class buildbot.data.types.Binary
 A binary bytestring.

data = types.Binary()

class buildbot.data.types.Boolean
 A boolean value.

complete = types.Boolean()

**class** buildbot.data.types.**Identifier** (*length*) An identifier; see *Identifier*. The constructor argument specifies the maximum length.

ident = types.Identifier(25)

#### **Compound Types**

```
class buildbot.data.types.NoneOk (nestedType)
Either the nested type, or None.
```

category = types.NoneOk(types.String())

```
class buildbot.data.types.List(of)
```

An list of objects. The named constructor argument of specifies the type of the list elements.

tags = types.List(of=types.String())

#### class buildbot.data.types.SourcedProperties

A data structure representing properties with their sources, in the form {name: (value, source)}. The property name and source must be Unicode, and the value must be JSON-able.

```
props = types.SourcedProperties()
```

#### **Entity Type**

```
class buildbot.data.types.Entity(name)
```

A data resource is represented by a dictionary with well-known keys. To define those keys and their values, subclass the *Entity* class within your ResourceType class and include each field as an attribute:

```
class MyStuff(base.ResourceType):
    name = "mystuff"
    # ...
    class EntityType(types.Entity):
        myid = types.Integer()
        name = types.String()
        data = types.Binary()
        complete = types.Boolean()
        ident = types.Identifier(25)
        category = types.NoneOk(types.String())
        tags = types.List(of=types.String())
        props = types.SourcedProperties()
```

Then instantiate the class with the resource type name:

```
entityType = EntityType(name)
```

To embed another entity type, reference its entityType class attribute:

```
class EntityType(types.Entity):
    # ...
    master = masters.Master.entityType
```

# 3.6.5 Data Model

The data api enforces a strong and well-defined model on Buildbot's data. This model is influenced by REST, in the sense that it defines resources, representations for resources, and identifiers for resources. For each resource type, the API specifies

- the attributes of the resource and their types (e.g., changes have a string specifying their project);
- the format of links to other resources (e.g., buildsets to sourcestamp sets);
- the paths relating to the resource type;
- the format of routing keys for messages relating to the resource type;

- the events that can occur on that resource (e.g., a buildrequest can be claimed); and
- options and filters for getting resources.

Some resource type attributes only appear in certain formats, as noted in the documentation for the resource types. In general, messages do not include any optional attributes, nor links.

Paths are given here separated by slashes, with key names prefixed by : and described below. Similarly, message routing keys given here are separated by dots, with key names prefixed by \$. The translation to tuples and other formats should be obvious.

All strings in the data model are unicode strings.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.7 Database

BuildBot stores most of its state in a database. This section describes the database connector classes, which allow other parts of Buildbot to access the database. It also describes how to modify the database schema and the connector classes themselves.

# 3.7.1 Database Overview

All access to the Buildbot database is mediated by database connector classes. These classes provide a functional, asynchronous interface to other parts of Buildbot, and encapsulate the database-specific details in a single location in the codebase.

The connector API, defined below, is a stable API in Buildbot, and can be called from any other component. Given a master master, the root of the database connectors is available at master.db, so, for example, the state connector's getState method is master.db.state.getState.

The connectors all use SQLAlchemy Core (http://www.sqlalchemy.org/docs/index.html) to achieve (almost) databaseindependent operation. Note that the SQLAlchemy ORM is not used in Buildbot. Database queries are carried out in threads, and report their results back to the main thread via Twisted Deferreds.

# 3.7.2 Schema

The database schema is maintained with SQLAlchemy-Migrate (https://github.com/openstack/sqlalchemy-migrate). This package handles the details of upgrading users between different schema versions.

The schema itself is considered an implementation detail, and may change significantly from version to version. Users should rely on the API (below), rather than performing queries against the database itself.

# 3.7.3 API

types

# Identifier

An "identifier" is a nonempty unicode string of limited length, containing only UTF-8 alphanumeric characters along with – (dash) and \_ (underscore), and not beginning with a digit Wherever an identifier is used, the documentation

will give the maximum length in characters. The function *buildbot.util.identifiers.isIdentifier* is useful to verify a well-formed identifier.

#### buildrequests

**exception** buildbot.db.buildrequests.**AlreadyClaimedError** Raised when a build request is already claimed, usually by another master.

**exception** buildbot.db.buildrequests.**NotClaimedError** Raised when a build request is not claimed by this master.

class buildbot.db.buildrequests.BuildRequestsConnectorComponent

This class handles the complex process of claiming and unclaiming build requests, based on a polling model: callers poll for unclaimed requests with *getBuildRequests*, then attempt to claim the requests with *claimBuildRequests*. The claim can fail if another master has claimed the request in the interim.

An instance of this class is available at master.db.buildrequests.

Build requests are indexed by an ID referred to as a *brid*. The contents of a request are represented as build request dictionaries (brdicts) with keys

- buildrequestid
- buildsetid
- builderid
- buildername
- priority
- claimed (boolean, true if the request is claimed)
- claimed\_at (datetime object, time this request was last claimed)
- claimed\_by\_masterid (integer, the id of the master that claimed this buildrequest)
- complete (boolean, true if the request is complete)
- complete\_at (datetime object, time this request was completed)
- submitted\_at (datetime object, time this request was completed)
- results (integer result code)
- waited\_for (boolean)

# getBuildRequest (brid)

Parameters brid - build request id to look up

Returns brdict or None, via Deferred

Get a single BuildRequest, in the format described above. This method returns None if there is no such buildrequest. Note that build requests are not cached, as the values in the database are not fixed.

getBuildRequests (buildername=None, complete=None, claimed=None, bsid=None, branch=None, repository=None, resultSpec=None)

#### **Parameters**

- buildername (string) limit results to buildrequests for this builder
- **complete** if true, limit to completed buildrequests; if false, limit to incomplete buildrequests; if None, do not limit based on completion.

- **claimed** see below
- **bsid** see below
- **repository** the repository associated with the sourcestamps originating the requests
- branch the branch associated with the sourcestamps originating the requests
- **resultSpec** resultSpec containing filters sorting and paging request from data/REST API. If possible, the db layer can optimize the SQL query using this information.

Returns list of brdicts, via Deferred

Get a list of build requests matching the given characteristics.

Pass all parameters as keyword parameters to allow future expansion.

The claimed parameter can be None (the default) to ignore the claimed status of requests; True to return only claimed builds, False to return only unclaimed builds, or a master ID to return only builds claimed by a particular master instance. A request is considered unclaimed if its claimed\_at column is either NULL or 0, and it is not complete. If bsid is specified, then only build requests for that buildset will be returned.

A build is considered completed if its complete column is 1; the complete\_at column is not consulted.

# claimBuildRequests(brids[, claimed\_at=XX])

#### Parameters

- **brids** (*list*) ids of buildrequests to claim
- claimed\_at (datetime) time at which the builds are claimed

Returns Deferred

Raises AlreadyClaimedError

Try to "claim" the indicated build requests for this buildmaster instance. The resulting deferred will fire normally on success, or fail with *AlreadyClaimedError* if *any* of the build requests are already claimed by another master instance. In this case, none of the claims will take effect.

If claimed\_at is not given, then the current time will be used.

**Note:** On database backends that do not enforce referential integrity (e.g., SQLite), this method will not prevent claims for nonexistent build requests. On database backends that do not support transactions (MySQL), this method will not properly roll back any partial claims made before an *AlreadyClaimedError* is generated.

#### unclaimBuildRequests (brids)

**Parameters brids** (*list*) – ids of buildrequests to unclaim

**Returns** Deferred

Release this master's claim on all of the given build requests. This will not unclaim requests that are claimed by another master, but will not fail in this case. The method does not check whether a request is completed.

## completeBuildRequests (brids, results , complete\_at=XX ])

#### Parameters

• **brids** (*integer*) – build request IDs to complete

- **results** (*integer*) **integer** result code
- **complete\_at** (*datetime*) time at which the buildset was completed

Returns Deferred

Raises NotClaimedError

Complete a set of build requests, all of which are owned by this master instance. This will fail with *NotClaimedError* if the build request is already completed or does not exist. If complete\_at is not given, the current time will be used.

## builds

#### class buildbot.db.builds.BuildsConnectorComponent

This class handles builds. One build record is created for each build performed by a master. This record contains information on the status of the build, as well as links to the resources used in the build: builder, master, worker, etc.

An instance of this class is available at master.db.builds.

Builds are indexed by *buildid* and their contents represented as *builddicts* (build dictionaries), with the following keys:

- id (the build ID, globally unique)
- number (the build number, unique only within the builder)
- builderid (the ID of the builder that performed this build)
- buildrequestid (the ID of the build request that caused this build)
- workerid (the ID of the worker on which this build was performed)
- masterid (the ID of the master on which this build was performed)
- started\_at (datetime at which this build began)
- complete\_at (datetime at which this build finished, or None if it is ongoing)
- state\_string (short string describing the build's state)
- results (results of this build; see Build Result Codes)

getBuild(buildid)

**Parameters buildid** (*integer*) – build id

Returns Build dictionary as above or None, via Deferred

Get a single build, in the format described above. Returns None if there is no such build.

#### getBuildByNumber(builderid, number)

#### Parameters

- **builder** (*integer*) **builder** id
- **number** (*integer*) build number within that builder

Returns Build dictionary as above or None, via Deferred

Get a single build, in the format described above, specified by builder and number, rather than build id. Returns None if there is no such build.

getPrevSuccessfulBuild (builderid, number, ssBuild)

#### Parameters

- builderid (integer) builder to get builds for
- **number** (*integer*) the current build number. Previous build will be taken from this number
- **ssBuild** (*list*) the list of sourcestamps for the current build number

#### **Returns** None or a build dictionary

Returns the last successful build from the current build number with the same repository/repository/codebase

getBuilds (builderid=None, buildrequestid=None, complete=None, resultSpec=None)

#### **Parameters**

- builderid (integer) builder to get builds for
- buildrequestid (integer) buildrequest to get builds for
- complete (boolean) if not None, filters results based on completeness
- **resultSpec** resultSpec containing filters sorting and paging request from data/REST API. If possible, the db layer can optimize the SQL query using this information.

Returns list of build dictionaries as above, via Deferred

Get a list of builds, in the format described above. Each of the parameters limit the resulting set of builds.

addBuild (builderid, buildrequestid, workerid, masterid, state\_string)

#### Parameters

- builderid (integer) builder to get builds for
- buildrequestid (integer) build request id
- workerid (integer) worker performing the build
- **masterid** (*integer*) master performing the build
- **state\_string** (*unicode*) initial state of the build

Returns tuple of build ID and build number, via Deferred

Add a new build to the db, recorded as having started at the current time. This will invent a new number for the build, unique within the context of the builder.

#### setBuildStateString(buildid, state\_string):

#### **Parameters**

- **buildid** (*integer*) **build** id
- state\_string (unicode) updated state of the build

#### Returns Deferred

Update the state strings for the given build.

finishBuild(buildid, results)

#### **Parameters**

- **buildid** (*integer*) **build** id
- results (integer) build result

## **Returns** Deferred

Mark the given build as finished, with complete\_at set to the current time.

Note: This update is done unconditionally, even if the build is already finished.

#### getBuildProperties (buildid)

#### Parameters buildid – build ID

Returns dictionary mapping property name to value, source, via Deferred

Return the properties for a build, in the same format they were given to addBuild.

Note that this method does not distinguish a non-existent build from a build with no properties, and returns { } in either case.

setBuildProperty (buildid, name, value, source)

#### Parameters

- **buildid** (*integer*) **build** ID
- **name** (*string*) Name of the property to set
- value Value of the property
- **source** (*string*) Source of the Property to set

#### **Returns** Deferred

Set a build property. If no property with that name existed in that build, a new property will be created.

#### steps

#### class buildbot.db.steps.StepsConnectorComponent

This class handles the steps performed within the context of a build. Within a build, each step has a unique name and a unique, 0-based number.

An instance of this class is available at master.db.steps.

Builds are indexed by *stepid* and their contents represented as *stepdicts* (step dictionaries), with the following keys:

- id (the step ID, globally unique)
- number (the step number, unique only within the build)
- name (the step name, an 50-character *identifier* unique only within the build)
- buildid (the ID of the build containing this step)
- started\_at (datetime at which this step began)
- complete\_at (datetime at which this step finished, or None if it is ongoing)
- state\_string (short string describing the step's state)
- results (results of this step; see Build Result Codes)
- urls (list of URLs produced by this step. Each urls is stored as a dictionary with keys name and url)
- hidden (true if the step should be hidden in status displays)

getStep (stepid=None, buildid=None, number=None, name=None)

### Parameters

- **stepid** (*integer*) the step id to retrieve
- **buildid** (*integer*) the build from which to get the step
- number (integer) the step number
- name (50-character *identifier*) the step name

Returns stepdict via Deferred

Get a single step. The step can be specified by

- stepid alone;
- buildid and number, the step number within that build; or
- buildid and name, the unique step name within that build.

#### getSteps(buildid)

**Parameters** buildid (*integer*) – the build from which to get the step

**Returns** list of stepdicts, sorted by number, via Deferred

Get all steps in the given build, in order by number.

addStep (self, buildid, name, state\_string)

#### Parameters

- **buildid** (*integer*) the build to which to add the step
- name (50-character *identifier*) the step name
- **state\_string** (*unicode*) the initial state of the step

Returns tuple of step ID, step number, and step name, via Deferred

Add a new step to a build. The given name will be used if it is unique; otherwise, a unique numerical suffix will be appended.

#### setStepStateString(stepid, state\_string):

#### Parameters

- stepid(integer) step ID
- **state\_string** (*unicode*) **updated** state of the step

#### **Returns** Deferred

Update the state string for the given step.

finishStep (stepid, results, hidden)

# Parameters

- **stepid** (*integer*) **step** ID
- results (integer) step result
- hidden (bool) true if the step should be hidden

#### Returns Deferred

Mark the given step as finished, with complete\_at set to the current time.

Note: This update is done unconditionally, even if the steps are already finished.

addURL (self, stepid, name, url)

# Parameters

- **stepid** (*integer*) the stepid to add the url.
- **name** (*string*) the url name
- **url** (*string*) the actual url

# **Returns** None via deferred

Add a new url to a step. The new url is added to the list of urls.

## logs

## class buildbot.db.logs.LogsConnectorComponent

This class handles log data. Build steps can have zero or more logs. Logs are uniquely identified by name within a step.

Information about a log, apart from its contents, is represented as a dictionary with the following keys, referred to as a *logdict*:

- id (log ID, globally unique)
- stepid (step ID, indicating the containing step)
- name free-form name of this log
- slug (50-identifier for the log, unique within the step)
- complete (true if the log is complete and will not receive more lines)
- num\_lines (number of lines in the log)
- type (log type; see below)

Each log has a type that describes how to interpret its contents. See the *logchunk* resource type for details.

A log is contains a sequence of newline-separated lines of unicode. Log line numbering is zero-based.

Each line must be less than 64k when encoded in UTF-8. Longer lines will be truncated, and a warning logged.

Lines are stored internally in "chunks", and optionally compressed, but the implementation hides these details from callers.

getLog(logid)

Parameters logid (integer) - ID of the requested log

**Returns** logdict via Deferred

Get a log, identified by logid.

getLogBySlug(stepid, slug)

- **stepid** (*integer*) ID of the step containing this log
- **slug** slug of the logfile to retrieve

# Returns logdict via Deferred

Get a log, identified by name within the given step.

# getLogs (stepid)

Parameters stepid (integer) - ID of the step containing the desired logs

Returns list of logdicts via Deferred

Get all logs within the given step.

getLogLines (logid, first\_line, last\_line)

# Parameters

- logid (integer) ID of the log
- first\_line first line to return
- **last\_line** last line to return

Returns see below

Get a subset of lines for a logfile.

The return value, via Deferred, is a concatenation of newline-terminated strings. If the requested last line is beyond the end of the logfile, only existing lines will be included. If the log does not exist, or has no associated lines, this method returns an empty string.

addLog (stepid, name, type)

# **Parameters**

- **stepid** (*integer*) ID of the step containing this log
- **name** (*string*) name of the logfile
- **slug** (50-character identifier) slug (unique identifier) of the logfile
- **type** (*string*) log type (see above)

Raises KeyError – if a log with the given slug already exists in the step

Returns ID of the new log, via Deferred

Add a new log file to the given step.

# appendLog (logid, content)

# Parameters

- logid (*integer*) ID of the requested log
- **content** (*string*) new content to be appended to the log

Returns tuple of first and last line numbers in the new chunk, via Deferred

Append content to an existing log. The content must end with a newline. If the given log does not exist, the method will silently do nothing.

It is not safe to call this method more than once simultaneously for the same logid.

finishLog(logid)

Parameters logid (integer) – ID of the log to mark complete

**Returns** Deferred

Mark a log as complete.

Note that no checking for completeness is performed when appending to a log. It is up to the caller to avoid further calls to appendLog after finishLog.

#### compressLog(logid)

**Parameters** logid (*integer*) – ID of the log to compress

**Returns** Deferred

Compress the given log. This method performs internal optimizations of a log's chunks to reduce the space used and make read operations more efficient. It should only be called for finished logs. This method may take some time to complete.

#### deleteOldLogChunks (older\_than\_timestamp)

**Parameters older\_than\_timestamp** (*integer*) - the logs whose step's started\_at is older than older\_than\_timestamp will be deleted.

## Returns Deferred

Delete old logchunks (helper for the logHorizon policy). Old logs have their logchunks deleted from the database, but they keep their num\_lines metadata. They have their types changed to 'd', so that the UI can display something meaningful.

# buildsets

class buildbot.db.buildsets.BuildsetsConnectorComponent

This class handles getting buildsets into and out of the database. Buildsets combine multiple build requests that were triggered together.

An instance of this class is available at master.db.buildsets.

Buildsets are indexed by *bsid* and their contents represented as *bsdicts* (buildset dictionaries), with keys

- bsid
- external\_idstring (arbitrary string for mapping builds externally)
- reason (string; reason these builds were triggered)
- sourcestamps (list of sourcestamps for this buildset, by ID)
- submitted\_at (datetime object; time this buildset was created)
- complete (boolean; true if all of the builds for this buildset are complete)
- complete\_at (datetime object; time this buildset was completed)
- results (aggregate result of this buildset; see *Build Result Codes*)

**addBuildset** (sourcestamps, reason, properties, builderids, external\_idstring=None, parent buildid=None, parent relationship=None)

- **sourcestamps** (*list*) sourcestamps for the new buildset; see below
- reason (short unicode string) reason for this buildset
- **properties** (dictionary, where values are tuples of (value, source)) properties for this buildset
- builderids (list of int) builderids specified by this buildset

- **external\_idstring** (*unicode string*) external key to identify this buildset; defaults to None
- **submitted\_at** (*datetime*) time this buildset was created; defaults to the current time
- parent\_buildid (*int*) optional build id that is the parent for this buildset
- **parent\_relationship** (*unicode*) relationship identifier for the parent, this is is configured relationship between the parent build, and the childs buildsets

Returns buildset ID and buildrequest IDs, via a Deferred

Add a new Buildset to the database, along with BuildRequests for each builder, returning the resulting bsid via a Deferred. Arguments should be specified by keyword.

Each sourcestamp in the list of sourcestamps can be given either as an integer, assumed to be a sourcestamp ID, or a dictionary of keyword arguments to be passed to findSourceStampId.

The return value is a tuple (bsid, brids) where bsid is the inserted buildset ID and brids is a dictionary mapping builderids to build request IDs.

# **completeBuildset** (*bsid*, *results* , *complete\_at=XX* )

## Parameters

- **bsid** (*integer*) buildset ID to complete
- results (integer) integer result code
- complete\_at (datetime) time the buildset was completed

#### Returns Deferred

Raises KeyError if the buildset does not exist or is already complete

Complete a buildset, marking it with the given results and setting its completed\_at to the current time, if the complete\_at argument is omitted.

## getBuildset (bsid)

Parameters bsid - buildset ID

Returns bsdict, or None, via Deferred

Get a bsdict representing the given buildset, or None if no such buildset exists.

Note that buildsets are not cached, as the values in the database are not fixed.

## getBuildsets (complete=None, resultSpec=None)

#### **Parameters**

- **complete** if true, return only complete buildsets; if false, return only incomplete buildsets; if None or omitted, return all buildsets
- **resultSpec** resultSpec containing filters sorting and paging request from data/REST API. If possible, the db layer can optimize the SQL query using this information.

Returns list of bsdicts, via Deferred

Get a list of bsdicts matching the given criteria.

getRecentBuildsets(count=None, branch=None, repository=None, complete=None):

- **count** (*integer*) maximum number of buildsets to retrieve (required).
- **branch** (*string*) optional branch name. If specified, only buildsets affecting such branch will be returned.
- **repository** (*string*) optional repository name. If specified, only buildsets affecting such repository will be returned.
- **complete** (Boolean) if true, return only complete buildsets; if false, return only incomplete buildsets; if None or omitted, return all buildsets

Returns list of bsdicts, via Deferred

Get "recent" buildsets, as defined by their submitted\_at times.

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getBuildsetProperties (buildsetid)
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Parameters bsid – buildset ID

Returns dictionary mapping property name to value, source, via Deferred

Return the properties for a buildset, in the same format they were given to addBuildset.

Note that this method does not distinguish a nonexistent buildset from a buildset with no properties, and returns { } in either case.

## workers

class buildbot.db.workers.WorkersConnectorComponent

This class handles Buildbot's notion of workers. The worker information is returned as a dictionary:

- id
- name the name of the worker
- workerinfo worker information as dictionary
- paused boolean indicating worker is paused and shall not take new builds
- graceful boolean indicating worker will be shutdown as soon as build finished
- connected\_to a list of masters, by ID, to which this worker is currently connected. This list will typically contain only one master, but in unusual circumstances the same worker may appear to be connected to multiple masters simultaneously.
- configured\_on a list of master-builder pairs, on which this worker is configured. Each pair is represented by a dictionary with keys buliderid and masterid.

The worker information can be any JSON-able object. See worker for more detail.

# findWorkerId (name=name)

Parameters name (50-character identifier) - worker name

Returns worker ID via Deferred

Get the ID for a worker, adding a new worker to the database if necessary. The worker information for a new worker is initialized to an empty dictionary.

getWorkers (masterid=None, builderid=None)

- **masterid** (*integer*) limit to workers configured on this master
- builderid (integer) limit to workers configured on this builder

Returns list of worker dictionaries, via Deferred

Get a list of workers. If either or both of the filtering parameters either specified, then the result is limited to workers configured to run on that master or builder. The configured\_on results are limited by the filtering parameters as well. The connected\_to results are limited by the masterid parameter.

getWorker (workerid=None, name=None, masterid=None, builderid=None)

#### **Parameters**

- **name** (*string*) the name of the worker to retrieve
- workerid (integer) the ID of the worker to retrieve
- masterid (integer) limit to workers configured on this master
- builderid (integer) limit to workers configured on this builder

Returns info dictionary or None, via Deferred

Looks up the worker with the given name or ID, returning None if no matching worker is found. The masterid and builderid arguments function as they do for *getWorkers*.

## workerConnected (workerid, masterid, workerinfo)

# Parameters

- workerid (integer) the ID of the worker
- masterid (integer) the ID of the master to which it connected
- **workerinfo** (*dict*) the new worker information dictionary

## Returns Deferred

Record the given worker as attached to the given master, and update its cached worker information. The supplied information completely replaces any existing information.

# workerDisconnected (workerid, masterid)

#### Parameters

- workerid (integer) the ID of the worker
- masterid (integer) the ID of the master to which it connected

## **Returns** Deferred

Record the given worker as no longer attached to the given master.

#### workerConfigured (workerid, masterid, builderids)

#### **Parameters**

- workerid (integer) the ID of the worker
- masterid (integer) the ID of the master to which it configured
- of integer builderids (list) the ID of the builders to which it is configured

# Returns Deferred

Record the given worker as being configured on the given master and for given builders. This method will also remove any other builder that were configured previously for same (worker, master) combination.

#### deconfigureAllWorkersForMaster(masterid)

Parameters masterid (integer) - the ID of the master to which it configured

**Returns** Deferred

Unregister all the workers configured to a master for given builders. This shall happen when master disabled or before reconfiguration

setWorkerState (workerid, paused, graceful)

## **Parameters**

- workerid (*integer*) the ID of the worker whose state is being changed
- paused (integer) the paused state
- graceful (integer) the graceful state

# **Returns** Deferred

Change the state of a worker (see definition of states above in worker dict description)

## changes

#### class buildbot.db.changes.ChangesConnectorComponent

This class handles changes in the buildbot database, including pulling information from the changes sub-tables.

An instance of this class is available at master.db.changes.

Changes are indexed by *changeid*, and are represented by a *chdict*, which has the following keys:

- changeid (the ID of this change)
- parent\_changeids (list of ID; change's parents)
- author (unicode; the author of the change)
- committer (unicode; the committer of the change)
- files (list of unicode; source-code filenames changed)
- comments (unicode; user comments)
- is\_dir (deprecated)
- links (list of unicode; links for this change, e.g., to web views, review)
- revision (unicode string; revision for this change, or None if unknown)
- when\_timestamp (datetime instance; time of the change)
- branch (unicode string; branch on which the change took place, or None for the "default branch", whatever that might mean)
- category (unicode string; user-defined category of this change, or None)
- revlink (unicode string; link to a web view of this change)
- properties (user-specified properties for this change, represented as a dictionary mapping keys to (value, source))
- repository (unicode string; repository where this change occurred)
- project (unicode string; user-defined project to which this change corresponds)

getParentChangeIds (branch, repository, project, codebase)

- **branch** (*unicode string*) the branch of the change
- repository (unicode string) the repository in which this change took place

- project (unicode string) the project this change is a part of
- codebase (unicode string) -

return the last changeID which matches the repository/project/codebase

addChange (author=None, committer=None, files=None, comments=None, is\_dir=0, links=None, revision=None, when\_timestamp=None, branch=None, category=None, revlink=", properties={}, repository=", project=", uid=None)

## **Parameters**

- **author** (*unicode string*) the author of this change
- **committer** (*unicode string*) the committer of this change
- **files** a list of filenames that were changed
- comments user comments on the change
- **is\_dir** deprecated
- links (list of unicode strings) a list of links related to this change, e.g., to web viewers or review pages
- **revision** (*unicode string*) the revision identifier for this change
- when\_timestamp (datetime instance or None) when this change occurred, or the current time if None
- **branch** (*unicode string*) the branch on which this change took place
- **category** (*unicode string*) **category** for this change (arbitrary use by Buildbot users)
- revlink (unicode string) link to a web view of this revision
- **properties** (*dictionary*) properties to set on this change, where values are tuples of (value, source). At the moment, the source must be 'Change', although this may be relaxed in later versions.
- repository (unicode string) the repository in which this change took place
- project (unicode string) the project this change is a part of
- uid (integer) uid generated for the change author

Returns new change's ID via Deferred

Add a Change with the given attributes to the database, returning the changeid via a Deferred. All arguments should be given as keyword arguments.

The project and repository arguments must be strings; None is not allowed.

getChange (changeid, no\_cache=False)

#### **Parameters**

- changeid the id of the change instance to fetch
- no\_cache (boolean) bypass cache and always fetch from database

Returns chdict via Deferred

Get a change dictionary for the given changeid, or None if no such change exists.

### getChangeUids (changeid)

**Parameters** changeid – the id of the change instance to fetch

Returns list of uids via Deferred

Get the userids associated with the given changeid.

getRecentChanges (count)

Parameters count - maximum number of instances to return

**Returns** list of dictionaries via Deferred, ordered by changeid

Get a list of the count most recent changes, represented as dictionaries; returns fewer if that many do not exist.

**Note:** For this function, "recent" is determined by the order of the changeids, not by when\_timestamp. This is most apparent in DVCS's, where the timestamp of a change may be significantly earlier than the time at which it is merged into a repository monitored by Buildbot.

# getChanges()

Returns list of dictionaries via Deferred

Get a list of the changes, represented as dictionaries; changes are sorted, and paged using generic data query options

# getChangesCount()

Returns list of dictionaries via Deferred

Get the number changes, that the query option would return if no paging option where set

### getLatestChangeid()

Returns changeid via Deferred

Get the most-recently-assigned changeid, or None if there are no changes at all.

#### getChangesForBuild(buildid)

Parameters buildid – ID of the build

**Returns** list of dictionaries via Deferred

Get the "blame" list of changes for a build.

#### getBuildsForChange (changeid)

Parameters changeid – ID of the change

**Returns** list of buildDict via Deferred

Get builds related to a change

getChangeFromSSid(sourcestampid)

# Parameters sourcestampid - ID of the sourcestampid

Returns chdict via Deferred

returns the change dictionary related to the sourcestamp ID.

## changesources

**exception** buildbot.db.changesources.**ChangeSourceAlreadyClaimedError** Raised when a changesource request is already claimed by another master.

## **class** buildbot.db.changesources.**ChangeSourcesConnectorComponent** This class manages the state of the Buildbot changesources.

An instance of this class is available at master.db.changesources.

Changesources are identified by their changesourceid, which can be obtained from findChangeSourceId.

Changesources are represented by dictionaries with the following keys:

- id changesource's ID
- name changesource's name
- masterid ID of the master currently running this changesource, or None if it is inactive

Note that this class is conservative in determining what changesources are inactive: a changesource linked to an inactive master is still considered active. This situation should never occur, however; links to a master should be deleted when it is marked inactive.

## findChangeSourceId(name)

Parameters name – changesource name

Returns changesource ID via Deferred

Return the changesource ID for the changesource with this name. If such a changesource is already in the database, this returns the ID. If not, the changesource is added to the database and its ID returned.

# setChangeSourceMaster(changesourceid, masterid)

## **Parameters**

- **changesourceid** changesource to set the master for
- masterid new master for this changesource, or None

## **Returns** Deferred

Set, or unset if masterid is None, the active master for this changesource. If no master is currently set, or the current master is not active, this method will complete without error. If the current master is active, this method will raise ChangeSourceAlreadyClaimedError.

# getChangeSource(changesourceid)

Parameters changesourceid - changesource ID

Returns changesource dictionary or None, via Deferred

Get the changesource dictionary for the given changesource.

### getChangeSources (active=None, masterid=None)

## **Parameters**

- active (boolean) if specified, filter for active or inactive changesources
- **masterid**(*integer*) if specified, only return changesources attached associated with this master

Returns list of changesource dictionaries in unspecified order

Get a list of changesources.

If active is given, changesources are filtered according to whether they are active (true) or inactive (false). An active changesource is one that is claimed by an active master.

If masterid is given, the list is restricted to schedulers associated with that master.

# schedulers

**exception** buildbot.db.schedulers.**SchedulerAlreadyClaimedError** Raised when a scheduler request is already claimed by another master.

class buildbot.db.schedulers.SchedulersConnectorComponent

This class manages the state of the Buildbot schedulers. This state includes classifications of as-yet un-built changes.

An instance of this class is available at master.db.schedulers.

Schedulers are identified by their schedulerid, which can be obtained from findSchedulerId.

Schedulers are represented by dictionaries with the following keys:

- id scheduler's ID
- name scheduler's name
- masterid ID of the master currently running this scheduler, or None if it is inactive

Note that this class is conservative in determining what schedulers are inactive: a scheduler linked to an inactive master is still considered active. This situation should never occur, however; links to a master should be deleted when it is marked inactive.

## classifyChanges (objectid, classifications)

## **Parameters**

- schedulerid ID of the scheduler classifying the changes
- **classifications** (*dictionary*) mapping of changeid to boolean, where the boolean is true if the change is important, and false if it is unimportant

# Returns Deferred

Record the given classifications. This method allows a scheduler to record which changes were important and which were not immediately, even if the build based on those changes will not occur for some time (e.g., a tree stable timer). Schedulers should be careful to flush classifications once they are no longer needed, using *flushChangeClassifications*.

# flushChangeClassifications(objectid, less\_than=None)

#### **Parameters**

- schedulerid ID of the scheduler owning the flushed changes
- **less\_than** (optional) lowest changeid that should *not* be flushed

#### **Returns** Deferred

Flush all scheduler\_changes for the given scheduler, limiting to those with changeid less than less\_than if the parameter is supplied.

# getChangeClassifications(objectid[, branch])

# Parameters

- schedulerid (integer) ID of scheduler to look up changes for
- **branch** (*string or None* (*for default branch*)) (optional) limit to changes with this branch

Returns dictionary via Deferred

Return the classifications made by this scheduler, in the form of a dictionary mapping changeid to a boolean, just as supplied to *classifyChanges*.

If branch is specified, then only changes on that branch will be given. Note that specifying branch=None requests changes for the default branch, and is not the same as omitting the branch argument altogether.

## findSchedulerId(name)

**Parameters name** – scheduler name

Returns scheduler ID via Deferred

Return the scheduler ID for the scheduler with this name. If such a scheduler is already in the database, this returns the ID. If not, the scheduler is added to the database and its ID returned.

# setSchedulerMaster (schedulerid, masterid)

## **Parameters**

- schedulerid scheduler to set the master for
- masterid new master for this scheduler, or None

## Returns Deferred

Set, or unset if masterid is None, the active master for this scheduler. If no master is currently set, or the current master is not active, this method will complete without error. If the current master is active, this method will raise SchedulerAlreadyClaimedError.

## getScheduler(schedulerid)

**Parameters** schedulerid – scheduler ID

Returns scheduler dictionary or None via Deferred

Get the scheduler dictionary for the given scheduler.

# getSchedulers (active=None, masterid=None)

#### **Parameters**

- active (boolean) if specified, filter for active or inactive schedulers
- **masterid** (*integer*) if specified, only return schedulers attached associated with this master

Returns list of scheduler dictionaries in unspecified order

Get a list of schedulers.

If active is given, schedulers are filtered according to whether they are active (true) or inactive (false). An active scheduler is one that is claimed by an active master.

If masterid is given, the list is restricted to schedulers associated with that master.

# sourcestamps

class buildbot.db.sourcestamps.SourceStampsConnectorComponent

This class manages source stamps, as stored in the database. A source stamp uniquely identifies a particular version a single codebase. Source stamps are identified by their ID. It is safe to use sourcestamp ID equality as a proxy for source stamp equality. For example, all builds of a particular version of a codebase will share the same sourcestamp ID. This equality does not extend to patches: two sourcestamps generated with exactly the same patch will have different IDs.

Relative source stamps have a revision of None, meaning "whatever the latest is when this sourcestamp is interpreted". While such source stamps may correspond to a wide array of revisions over the lifetime of a buildbot install, they will only ever have one ID.

An instance of this class is available at master.db.sourcestamps.

- ssid
- branch (branch, or None for default branch)
- revision (revision, or None to indicate the latest revision, in which case this is a relative source stamp)
- patchid (ID of the patch)
- patch\_body (body of the patch, or None)
- patch\_level (directory stripping level of the patch, or None)
- patch\_subdir (subdirectory in which to apply the patch, or None)
- patch\_author (author of the patch, or None)
- patch\_comment (comment for the patch, or None)
- repository (repository containing the source; never None)
- project (project this source is for; never None)
- codebase (codebase this stamp is in; never None)
- created\_at (timestamp when this stamp was first created)

Note that the patch body is a bytestring, not a unicode string.

```
findSourceStampId(branch=None, revision=Node,
repository=None, project=None, patch_body=None,
patch_level=None, patch_author=None, patch_comment=None,
patch_subdir=None):
```

**Parameters** 

- branch (unicode string or None) -
- revision (unicode string or None) -
- repository (unicode string or None) -
- project (unicode string or None) -
- codebase (unicode string (required)) -
- patch\_body (unicode string or None) patch body
- patch\_level (integer or None) patch level
- patch\_author (unicode string or None) patch author
- patch\_comment (unicode string or None) patch comment
- patch\_subdir (unicode string or None) patch subdir

Returns ssid, via Deferred

Create a new SourceStamp instance with the given attributes, or find an existing one. In either case, return its ssid. The arguments all have the same meaning as in an ssdict.

If a new SourceStamp is created, its created\_at is set to the current time.

## getSourceStamp(ssid)

# Parameters

- **ssid** sourcestamp to get
- **no\_cache** (*boolean*) bypass cache and always fetch from database

Returns ssdict, or None, via Deferred

Get an ssdict representing the given source stamp, or None if no such source stamp exists.

## getSourceStamps()

Returns list of ssdict, via Deferred

Get all sourcestamps in the database. You probably don't want to do this! This method will be extended to allow appropriate filtering.

#### getSourceStampsForBuild(buildid)

Parameters buildid - build ID

Returns list of ssdict, via Deferred

Get sourcestamps related to a build.

#### state

## class buildbot.db.state.StateConnectorComponent

This class handles maintaining arbitrary key/value state for Buildbot objects. Each object can store arbitrary key/value pairs, where the values are any JSON-encodable value. Each pair can be set and retrieved atomically.

Objects are identified by their (user-visible) name and their class. This allows, for example, a nightly\_smoketest object of class NightlyScheduler to maintain its state even if it moves between masters, but avoids cross-contaminating state between different classes of objects with the same name.

Note that "class" is not interpreted literally, and can be any string that will uniquely identify the class for the object; if classes are renamed, they can continue to use the old names.

An instance of this class is available at master.db.state.

Objects are identified by objectid.

getObjectId (name, class\_name)

## Parameters

- **name** name of the object
- class\_name object class name

Returns the objectid, via a Deferred.

Get the object ID for this combination of a name and a class. This will add a row to the 'objects' table if none exists already.

getState (objectid, name[, default])

- objectid objectid on which the state should be checked
- **name** name of the value to retrieve
- default (optional) value to return if name is not present

Returns state value via a Deferred

Raises KeyError - if name is not present and no default is given

Raises TypeError if JSON parsing fails

Get the state value for key name for the object with id objectid.

## setState (objectid, name, value)

#### Parameters

- objectid the objectid for which the state should be changed
- **name** the name of the value to change
- value (JSON-able value) the value to set
- **returns** value actually written via Deferred

#### **Raises** TypeError if JSONification fails

Set the state value for name for the object with id objectid, overwriting any existing value. In case of two racing writes, the first (as per db rule) one wins, the seconds returns the value from the first.

#### atomicCreateState(objectid, name, thd\_create\_callback)

#### **Parameters**

- objectid the objectid for which the state should be created
- **name** the name of the value to create
- **thd\_create\_callback** the function to call from thread to create the value if non-existent. (returns JSON-able value)
- returns Deferred

#### **Raises** TypeError if JSONification fails

Atomically creates the state value for name for the object with id objectid, If there is an existing value, returns that instead. This implementation ensures the state is created only once for the whole cluster.

Those 3 methods have their threaded equivalent, thdGetObjectId, thdGetState, thdSetState that are intended to run in synchronous code, (e.g master.cfg environment)

## users

#### class buildbot.db.users.UsersConnectorComponent

This class handles Buildbot's notion of users. Buildbot tracks the usual information about users – username and password, plus a display name.

The more complicated task is to recognize each user across multiple interfaces with Buildbot. For example, a user may be identified as 'djmitche' in Subversion, 'dustin@v.igoro.us ('dustin@v.igoro.us)' in Git, and 'dustin' on IRC. To support this functionality, each user as a set of attributes, keyed by type. The *findUserByAttr* method uses these attributes to match users, adding a new user if no matching user is found.

Users are identified canonically by uid, and are represented by usdicts (user dictionaries) with keys

- uid
- identifier (display name for the user)
- bb\_username (buildbot login username)
- bb\_password (hashed login password)

All attributes are also included in the dictionary, keyed by type. Types colliding with the keys above are ignored.

findUserByAttr (identifier, attr\_type, attr\_data)

# Parameters

- identifier identifier to use for a new user
- **attr\_type** attribute type to search for and/or add
- **attr\_data** attribute data to add

Returns userid via Deferred

Get an existing user, or add a new one, based on the given attribute.

This method is intended for use by other components of Buildbot to search for a user with the given attributes.

Note that identifier is *not* used in the search for an existing user. It is only used when creating a new user. The identifier should be based deterministically on the attributes supplied, in some fashion that will seem natural to users.

For future compatibility, always use keyword parameters to call this method.

getUser(uid)

# Parameters

- uid user id to look up
- **no\_cache** (*boolean*) bypass cache and always fetch from database

**Returns** usdict via Deferred

Get a usdict for the given user, or None if no matching user is found.

# getUserByUsername (username)

**Parameters username** (*string*) – username portion of user credentials

Returns usdict or None via deferred

Looks up the user with the bb\_username, returning the usdict or None if no matching user is found.

# getUsers()

Returns list of partial usdicts via Deferred

Get the entire list of users. User attributes are not included, so the results are not full userdicts.

# Parameters

- **uid** (*int*) the user to change
- identifier (*string*) (optional) new identifier for this user
- **bb\_username** (*string*) (optional) new buildbot username
- **bb\_password** (*string*) (optional) new hashed buildbot password
- **attr\_type** (*string*) (optional) attribute type to update
- attr\_data (*string*) (optional) value for attr\_type

Returns Deferred

Update information about the given user. Only the specified attributes are updated. If no user with the given uid exists, the method will return silently.

Note that bb\_password must be given if bb\_username appears; similarly, attr\_type requires attr\_data.

removeUser(uid)

Parameters uid (int) - the user to remove

**Returns** Deferred

Remove the user with the given uid from the database. This will remove the user from any associated tables as well.

identifierToUid(identifier)

**Parameters** identifier (*string*) – identifier to search for

Returns uid or None, via Deferred

Fetch a uid for the given identifier, if one exists.

#### masters

#### class buildbot.db.masters.MastersConnectorComponent

This class handles tracking the buildmasters in a multi-master configuration. Masters "check in" periodically. Other masters monitor the last activity times, and mark masters that have not recently checked in as inactive.

Masters are represented by master dictionaries with the following keys:

- id the ID of this master
- name the name of the master (generally of the form hostname:basedir)
- active true if this master is running
- last\_active time that this master last checked in (a datetime object)

#### findMasterId(name)

Parameters name (unicode) - name of this master

Returns master id via Deferred

Return the master ID for the master with this master name (generally hostname:basedir). If such a master is already in the database, this returns the ID. If not, the master is added to the database, with active=False, and its ID returned.

# setMasterState (masterid, active)

Parameters

- **masterid** (*integer*) the master to check in
- active (boolean) whether to mark this master as active or inactive

#### Returns boolean via Deferred

Mark the given master as active or inactive, returning true if the state actually changed. If active is true, the last\_active time is updated to the current time. If active is false, then any links to this master, such as schedulers, will be deleted.

#### getMaster(masterid)

**Parameters masterid** (*integer*) – the master to check in

Returns Master dict or None via Deferred

Get the indicated master.

## getMasters()

Returns list of Master dicts via Deferred

Get a list of the masters, represented as dictionaries; masters are sorted and paged using generic data query options

## setAllMastersActiveLongTimeAgo()

Returns None via Deferred

This method is intended to be call by upgrade-master, and will effectively force housekeeping on all masters at next startup. This method is not intended to be called outside of housekeeping scripts.

# builders

#### class buildbot.db.builders.BuildersConnectorComponent

This class handles the relationship between builder names and their IDs, as well as tracking which masters are configured for this builder.

Builders are represented by master dictionaries with the following keys:

- id the ID of this builder
- name the builder name, a 20-character identifier
- masterids the IDs of the masters where this builder is configured (sorted by id)

## findBuilderId (name, autoCreate=True)

#### Parameters

- name (20-character *identifier*) name of this builder
- **autoCreate** (bool) automatically create the builder if name not found

Returns builder id via Deferred

Return the builder ID for the builder with this builder name. If such a builder is already in the database, this returns the ID. If not and autoCreate is True, the builder is added to the database.

## addBuilderMaster(builderid=None, masterid=None)

#### **Parameters**

- builderid (integer) the builder
- masterid (integer) the master

## Returns Deferred

Add the given master to the list of masters on which the builder is configured. This will do nothing if the master and builder are already associated.

**removeBuilderMaster** (builderid=None, masterid=None)

**Parameters** 

- **builderid** (*integer*) the builder
- masterid (integer) the master

**Returns** Deferred

Remove the given master from the list of masters on which the builder is configured.

getBuilder(builderid)

Parameters builderid (integer) - the builder to check in

Returns Builder dict or None via Deferred

Get the indicated builder.

getBuilders (masterid=None)

Parameters masterid (integer) - ID of the master to which the results should be limited

Returns list of Builder dicts via Deferred

Get all builders (in unspecified order). If masterid is given, then only builders configured on that master are returned.

# 3.7.4 Writing Database Connector Methods

The information above is intended for developers working on the rest of Buildbot, and treating the database layer as an abstraction. The remainder of this section describes the internals of the database implementation, and is intended for developers modifying the schema or adding new methods to the database layer.

**Warning:** It's difficult to change the database schema significantly after it has been released, and very disruptive to users to change the database API. Consider very carefully the future-proofing of any changes here!

# The DB Connector and Components

#### class buildbot.db.connector.DBConnector

The root of the database connectors, master.db, is a *DBConnector* instance. Its main purpose is to hold reference to each of the connector components, but it also handles timed cleanup tasks.

If you are adding a new connector component, import its module and create an instance of it in this class's constructor.

# class buildbot.db.base.DBConnectorComponent

This is the base class for connector components.

There should be no need to override the constructor defined by this base class.

db

A reference to the *DBConnector*, so that connector components can use e.g., self.db.pool or self.db.model. In the unusual case that a connector component needs access to the master, the easiest path is self.db.master.

checkLength (col, value)

For use by subclasses to check that 'value' will fit in 'col', where 'col' is a table column from the model. Ignore this check for database engines that either provide this error themselves (postgres) or that do not enforce maximum-length restrictions (sqlite)

## **findSomethingId** (*self*, *tbl*, *whereclause*, *insert\_values*, *\_race\_hook=None*, *autoCreate=True*)

Find (using whereclause) or add (using insert\_values) a row to table, and return the resulting ID. If autoCreate == False, we will not automatically insert the row.

```
hashColumns(*args)
```

Hash the given values in a consistent manner: None is represented as xf5, an invalid unicode byte; strings are converted to utf8; and integers are represented by their decimal expansion. The values are then joined by '0' and hashed with sha1.

**doBatch** (*batch*, *batch\_n=500*)

returns an Iterator that batches stuff in order to not push to many thing in a single request. Especially sqlite has 999 limit on argument it can take in a requests.

# **Direct Database Access**

The connectors all use SQLAlchemy Core (http://www.sqlalchemy.org/docs/index.html) as a wrapper around database client drivers. Unfortunately, SQLAlchemy is a synchronous library, so some extra work is required to use it in an asynchronous context like Buildbot. This is accomplished by deferring all database operations to threads, and returning a Deferred. The Pool class takes care of the details.

A connector method should look like this:

```
def myMethod(self, arg1, arg2):
    def thd(conn):
        q = ... # construct a query
        for row in conn.execute(q):
            ... # do something with the results
        return ... # return an interesting value
    return self.db.pool.do(thd)
```

Picking that apart, the body of the method defines a function named thd taking one argument, a Connection object. It then calls self.db.pool.do, passing the thd function. This function is called in a thread, and can make blocking calls to SQLAlchemy as desired. The do method will return a Deferred that will fire with the return value of thd, or with a failure representing any exceptions raised by thd.

The return value of thd must not be an SQLAlchemy object - in particular, any ResultProxy objects must be parsed into lists or other data structures before they are returned.

**Warning:** As the name thd indicates, the function runs in a thread. It should not interact with any other part of Buildbot, nor with any of the Twisted components that expect to be accessed from the main thread – the reactor, Deferreds, etc.

Queries can be constructed using any of the SQLAlchemy core methods, using tables from *Model*, and executed with the connection object, conn.

**Note:** SQLAlchemy requires the use of a syntax that is forbidden by pep8. If in where clauses you need to select rows where a value is NULL, you need to write (*tbl.c.value* == *None*). This form is forbidden by pep8 which requires the use of *is None* instead of == *None*. As sqlachemy is using operator overloading to implement pythonic SQL statements, and *is* operator is not overloadable, we need to keep the == operators. In order to solve this issue, buildbot uses *buildbot.db.NULL* constant, which is *None*. So instead of writing *tbl.c.value* == *None*, please write *tbl.c.value* == *NULL*)

class buildbot.db.pool.DBThreadPool

 $\textbf{do}\left( callable,\ldots\right)$ 

Returns Deferred

Call callable in a thread, with a Connection object as first argument. Returns a deferred that will fire with the results of the callable, or with a failure representing any exception raised during its execution.

Any additional positional or keyword arguments are passed to callable.

## do\_with\_engine (callable, ...)

## **Returns** Deferred

Similar to do, call callable in a thread, but with an Engine object as first argument.

This method is only used for schema manipulation, and should not be used in a running master.

# **Database Schema**

Database connector methods access the database through SQLAlchemy, which requires access to Python objects representing the database tables. That is handled through the model.

#### class buildbot.db.model.Model

This class contains the canonical description of the buildbot schema, It is presented in the form of SQLAlchemy Table instances, as class variables. At runtime, the model is available at master.db.model, so for example the buildrequests table can be referred to as master.db.model.buildrequests, and columns are available in its c attribute.

The source file, master/buildbot/db/model.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/buildbot/db/model.py), contains comments describing each table; that information is not replicated in this documentation.

Note that the model is not used for new installations or upgrades of the Buildbot database. See *Modifying the Database Schema* for more information.

## metadata

The model object also has a metadata attribute containing a MetaData instance. Connector methods should not need to access this object. The metadata is not bound to an engine.

The Model class also defines some migration-related methods:

## is\_current()

Returns boolean via Deferred

Returns true if the current database's version is current.

## upgrade()

# Returns Deferred

Upgrades the database to the most recent schema version.

# Caching

Connector component methods that get an object based on an ID are good candidates for caching. The *cached* decorator makes this automatic:

buildbot.db.base.cached(cachename)

Parameters cache\_name - name of the cache to use

A decorator for "getter" functions that fetch an object from the database based on a single key. The wrapped method will only be called if the named cache does not contain the key.

The wrapped function must take one argument (the key); the wrapper will take a key plus an optional no\_cache argument which, if true, will cause it to invoke the underlying method even if the key is in the cache.

The resulting method will have a cache attribute which can be used to access the underlying cache.

In most cases, getter methods return a well-defined dictionary. Unfortunately, Python does not handle weak references to bare dictionaries, so components must instantiate a subclass of dict. The whole assembly looks something like this:

```
class ThDict(dict):
    pass
class ThingConnectorComponent(base.DBConnectorComponent):
    @base.cached('thdicts')
    def getThing(self, thid):
        def thd(conn):
            ...
        thdict = ThDict(thid=thid, attr=row.attr, ...)
        return thdict
    return self.db.pool.do(thd)
```

# Tests

It goes without saying that any new connector methods must be fully tested!

You will also want to add an in-memory implementation of the methods to the fake classes in master/buildbot/ test/fake/fakedb.py. Non-DB Buildbot code is tested using these fake implementations in order to isolate that code from the database code, and to speed-up tests.

The keys and types used in the return value from a connector's get methods are described in master/buildbot/test/util/validation.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/buildbot/test/util/validation.py), via the dbdict module-level value. This is a dictionary of DictValidator objects, one for each return value.

These values are used within test methods like this:

```
rv = yield self.db.masters.getMaster(7)
validation.verifyDbDict(self, 'masterdict', rv)
```

# 3.7.5 Modifying the Database Schema

Changes to the schema are accomplished through migration scripts, supported by SQLAlchemy-Migrate (https://github.com/openstack/sqlalchemy-migrate). In fact, even new databases are created with the migration scripts – a new database is a migrated version of an empty database.

The schema is tracked by a version number, stored in the migrate\_version table. This number is incremented for each change to the schema, and used to determine whether the database must be upgraded. The master will refuse to run with an out-of-date database.

To make a change to the schema, first consider how to handle any existing data. When adding new columns, this may not be necessary, but table refactorings can be complex and require caution so as not to lose information.

Create a new script in master/buildbot/db/migrate/versions (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/buildbot/db/migrate/ following the numbering scheme already present. The script should have an update method, which takes an engine as a parameter, and upgrades the database, both changing the schema and performing any required data migrations. The engine passed to this parameter is "enhanced" by SQLAlchemy-Migrate, with methods to handle adding, altering, and dropping columns. See the SQLAlchemy-Migrate documentation for details.

Next, modify master/buildbot/db/model.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/buildbot/db/model.py) to represent the updated schema. Buildbot's automated tests perform a rudimentary comparison of an upgraded

database with the model, but it is important to check the details - key length, nullability, and so on can sometimes be missed by the checks. If the schema and the upgrade scripts get out of sync, bizarre behavior can result.

Also, adjust the fake database table definitions in master/buildbot/test/fake/fakedb.py (https://github.com/buildbot/tree/master/master/buildbot/test/fake/fakedb.py) according to your changes.

Your upgrade script should have unit tests. The classes in master/buildbot/test/util/migration.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/test/util/migration.py) make this straightforward. Unit test scripts should be named e.g., test\_db\_migrate\_versions\_015\_remove\_bad\_master\_objectid. py.

The master/buildbot/test/integration/test\_upgrade.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/buildbot/test/integration/test also tests upgrades, and will confirm that the resulting database matches the model. If you encounter implicit indexes on MySQL, that do not appear on SQLite or Postgres, add them to implied\_indexes in master/buildbot/ db/model.py.

# 3.7.6 Foreign key checking

PostgreSQL and SQlite db backends are checking the foreign keys consistency. bug #2248 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2248) needs to be fixed so that we can support foreign key checking for MySQL.

To maintain consistency with real db, fakedb can check the foreign key consistency of your test data. For this, just enable it with:

```
self.db = fakedb.FakeDBConnector(self.master, self)
self.db.checkForeiqnKeys = True
```

Note that tests that only use fakedb do not really need foreign key consistency, even if this is a good practice to enable it in new code.

# 3.7.7 Database Compatibility Notes

Or: "If you thought any database worked right, think again"

Because Buildbot works over a wide range of databases, it is generally limited to database features present in all supported backends. This section highlights a few things to watch out for.

In general, Buildbot should be functional on all supported database backends. If use of a backend adds minor usage restrictions, or cannot implement some kinds of error checking, that is acceptable if the restrictions are well-documented in the manual.

The metabuildbot tests Buildbot against all supported databases, so most compatibility errors will be caught before a release.

# Index Length in MySQL

MySQL only supports about 330-character indexes. The actual index length is 1000 bytes, but MySQL uses 3-byte encoding for UTF8 strings. This is a longstanding bug in MySQL - see "Specified key was too long; max key length is 1000 bytes" with utf8 (http://bugs.mysql.com/bug.php?id=4541). While this makes sense for indexes used for record lookup, it limits the ability to use unique indexes to prevent duplicate rows.

InnoDB only supports indexes up to 255 unicode characters, which is why all indexed columns are limited to 255 characters in Buildbot.

# **Transactions in MySQL**

Unfortunately, use of the MyISAM storage engine precludes real transactions in MySQL. transaction. commit() and transaction.rollback() are essentially no-ops: modifications to data in the database are visible to other users immediately, and are not reverted in a rollback.

# **Referential Integrity in SQLite and MySQL**

Neither MySQL nor SQLite enforce referential integrity based on foreign keys. Postgres does enforce, however. If possible, test your changes on Postgres before committing, to check that tables are added and removed in the proper order.

# Subqueries in MySQL

MySQL's query planner is easily confused by subqueries. For example, a DELETE query specifying id's that are IN a subquery will not work. The workaround is to run the subquery directly, and then execute a DELETE query for each returned id.

If this weakness has a significant performance impact, it would be acceptable to conditionalize use of the subquery on the database dialect.

# **Too Many Variables in SQLite**

Sqlite has a limitation on the number of variables it can use. This limitation is usually SQLITE\_LIMIT\_VARIABLE\_NUMBER=999 (http://www.sqlite.org/c3ref/c\_limit\_attached.html#sqlitelimitvariablenumber). There is currently no way with pysqlite to query the value of this limit. The C-api sqlite\_limit is just not bound to the python.

When you hit this problem, you will get error like the following:

```
sqlalchemy.exc.OperationalError: (OperationalError) too many SQL variables
u'DELETE FROM scheduler_changes WHERE scheduler_changes.changeid IN (?, ?, ?, .....
→tons of ?? and IDs .... 9363, 9362, 9361)
```

You can use the method doBatch in order to write batching code in a consistent manner.

# 3.7.8 Testing migrations with real databases

By default Buildbot test suite uses SQLite database for testings database migrations. To use other database set BUILDBOT\_TEST\_DB\_URL environment variable to value in SQLAlchemy database URL specification (http://docs.sqlalchemy.org/en/latest/core/engines.html#database-urls).

For example, to run tests with file-based SQLite database you can start tests in the following way:

BUILDBOT\_TEST\_DB\_URL=sqlite:///tmp/test\_db.sqlite trial buildbot.test

# Run databases in Docker

Docker (https://www.docker.com/) allows to easily install and configure different databases locally in containers.

To run tests with PostgreSQL:

```
# Install psycopg.
pip install psycopg2
# Start container with PostgreSQL 9.5.
# It will listen on port 15432 on localhost.
sudo docker run --name bb-test-postgres -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=password \
    -p 127.0.0.1:15432:5432 -d postgres:9.5
# Start interesting tests
BUILDBOT_TEST_DB_URL=postgresql://postgres:password@localhost:15432/postgres \
    trial buildbot.test
```

# To run tests with MySQL:

```
# Install mysqlclient
pip install mysqlclient
# Start container with MySQL 5.5.
# It will listen on port 13306 on localhost.
sudo docker run --name bb-test-mysql -e MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=password \
    -p 127.0.0.1:13306:3306 -d mysql:5.5
# Start interesting tests
BUILDBOT_TEST_DB_URL=mysql+mysqldb://root:password@127.0.0.1:13306/mysql \
    trial buildbot.test
```

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.8 Messaging and Queues

Buildbot uses a message-queueing structure to handle asynchronous notifications in a distributed fashion. This avoids, for the most part, the need for each master to poll the database, allowing masters to react to events as they happen.

# 3.8.1 Overview

Buildbot is structured as a hybrid state- and event-based application, which will probably offend adherents of either pattern. In particular, the most current state is stored in the *Database*, while any changes to the state are announced in the form of a message. The content of the messages is sufficient to reconstruct the updated state, allowing external processes to represent "live" state without polling the database.

This split nature immediately brings to light the problem of synchronizing the two interfaces. Queueing systems can introduce queueing delays as messages propagate. Likewise, database systems may introduce a delay between committed modifications and the modified data appearing in queries; for example, with MySQL master/slave replication, there can be several seconds' delay before a slave is updated.

Buildbot's MQ connector simply relays messages, and makes no attempt to coordinate the timing of those messages with the corresponding database updates. It is up to higher layers to apply such coordination.

# 3.8.2 Connector API

All access to the queueing infrastructure is mediated by an MQ connector. The connector's API is defined below. The connector itself is always available as master.mq, where master is the current BuildMaster instance.

The connector API is quite simple. It is loosely based on AMQP, although simplified because there is only one exchange (see *Queue Schema*).

All messages include a "routing key", which is a tuple of 7-bit ascii strings describing the content of the message. By convention, the first element of the tuple gives the type of the data in the message. The last element of the tuple describes the event represented by the message. The remaining elements of the tuple describe attributes of the data in the message that may be useful for filtering; for example, buildsets may usefully be filtered on buildsetids. The topics and associated message types are described below in *Message Schema*.

Filters are also specified with tuples. For a filter to match a routing key, it must have the same length, and each element of the filter that is not None must match the corresponding routing key element exactly.

# class buildbot.mq.base.MQConnector

This is an abstract parent class for MQ connectors, and defines the interface. It should not be instantiated directly. It is a subclass of *buildbot.util.service.AsyncService*, and subclasses can override service methods to start and stop the connector.

# **produce** (*routing\_key*, *data*)

# Parameters

- **routing\_key** (*tuple*) the routing key for this message
- data JSON-serializable body of the message

This method produces a new message and queues it for delivery to any associated consumers.

The routing key and data should match one of the formats given in Message Schema.

The method returns immediately; the caller will not receive any indication of a failure to transmit the message, although errors will be displayed in twistd.log.

# startConsuming(callback, filter[, persistent\_name=name])

# **Parameters**

- **callback** callable to invoke for matching messages
- filter (tuple) filter for routing keys of interest
- persistent\_name persistent name for this consumer

# Returns a QueueRef instance via Deferred

This method will begin consuming messages matching the filter, invoking callback for each message. See above for the format of the filter.

The callback will be invoked with two arguments: the message's routing key and the message body, as a Python data structure. It may return a Deferred, but no special processing other than error handling will be applied to that Deferred. In particular, note that the callback may be invoked a second time before the Deferred from the first invocation fires.

A message is considered delivered as soon as the callback is invoked - there is no support for acknowledgements or re-queueing unhandled messages.

Note that the timing of messages is implementation-dependent. It is not guaranteed that messages sent before the *startConsuming* method completes will be received. In fact, because the registration process may not be immediate, even messages sent after the method completes may not be received.

If persistent\_name is given, then the consumer is assumed to be persistent, and consumption can be resumed with the given name. Messages that arrive when no consumer is active are queued and will be delivered when a consumer becomes active.

# waitUntilEvent (filter, check\_callback)

# Parameters

• **filter** (*tuple*) – filter for routing keys of interest

- **check\_callback** (*function*) a callback which check if the event has already happened
- **Returns** a Deferred that fires when the event has been received, and contain tuple (routing\_key, value) representing the event

This method is a helper which returns a defer that fire when a certain event has occurred. This is useful for waiting the end of a build or disconnection of a worker. You shall make sure when using this method that this event will happen in the future, and take care of race conditions. For that caller must provide a check\_callback which will check of the event has already occurred. The whole race-condition-free process is:

- · Register to event
- · Check if it has already happened
- If not wait for the event
- Unregister from event

#### class buildbot.mq.base.QueueRef

The *QueueRef* returned (via Deferred) from *startConsuming* can be used to stop consuming messages when they are no longer needed. Users should be *very* careful to ensure that consumption is terminated in all cases.

# stopConsuming()

Stop invoking the callback passed to *startConsuming*. This method can be called multiple times for the same *QueueRef* instance without harm.

This method potentially returns a Deferred.

After the first call to this method has returned, the callback will not be invoked.

# Implementations

Several concrete implementations of the MQ connector exist. The simplest is intended for cases where only one master exists, similar to the SQLite database support. The remainder use various existing queueing applications to support distributed communications.

# Simple

class buildbot.mq.simple.SimpleMQ

The *SimpleMQ* class implements a local equivalent of a message-queueing server. It is intended for Buildbot installations with only one master.

# Wamp

class buildbot.mq.wamp.WampMQ

The *WampMQ* class implements message-queueing using a wamp router. This class translates the semantics of the buildbot mq api to the semantics of the wamp messaging system. The message route is translated to a wamp topic by joining with dot and prefixing with buildbot namespace. Example message that is sent via wamp is:

```
topic = "org.buildbot.mq.builds.1.new"
data = {
    'builderid': 10,
    'buildid': 1,
```

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```
'buildrequestid': 13,
'workerid': 20,
'complete': False,
'complete_at': None,
'masterid': 824,
'number': 1,
'results': None,
'started_at': 1,
'state_string': u'created'
```

# class buildbot.wamp.connector.WampConnector

The *WampConnector* class implements a buildbot service for wamp. It is managed outside of the mq module as this protocol can also be reused for worker protocol. The connector support queuing of requests until the wamp connection is created, but do not support disconnection and reconnection. Reconnection will be supported as part of a next release of AutobahnPython (https://github.com/crossbario/autobahn-python/issues/295). There is a chicken and egg problem at the buildbot initialization phases, so the produce messages are actually not sent with deferred.

# 3.8.3 Queue Schema

Buildbot uses a particularly simple architecture: in AMQP terms, all messages are sent to a single topic exchange, and consumers define anonymous queues bound to that exchange.

In future versions of Buildbot, some components (e.g., schedulers) may use durable queues to ensure that messages are not lost when one or more masters are disconnected.

# 3.8.4 Message Schema

This section describes the general structure messages. The specific routing keys and content of each message are described in the relevant sub-section of *Data API*.

# **Routing Keys**

Routing keys are a sequence of strings, usually written with dot separators. Routing keys are represented with variables when one or more of the words in the key are defined by the content of the message. For example, buildset.\$bsid describes routing keys such as buildset.1984, where 1984 is the ID of the buildset described by the message body. Internally, keys are represented as tuples of strings.

# **Body Format**

Message bodies are encoded in JSON. The top level of each message is an object (a dictionary).

Most simple Python types - strings, numbers, lists, and dictionaries - are mapped directly to the corresponding JSON types. Timestamps are represented as seconds since the UNIX epoch in message bodies.

# Cautions

Message ordering is generally maintained by the backend implementations, but this should not be depended on. That is, messages originating from the same master are *usually* delivered to consumers in the order they were produced. Thus, for example, a consumer can expect to see a build request claimed before it is completed. That said, consumers

should be resilient to messages delivered out of order, at the very least by scheduling a "reload" from state stored in the database when messages arrive in an invalid order.

Unit tests should be used to ensure this resiliency.

Some related messages are sent at approximately the same time. Due to the non-blocking nature of message delivery, consumers should *not* assume that subsequent messages in a sequence remain queued. For example, upon receipt of a buildset.\$bsid.new message, it is already too late to try to subscribe to the associated build requests messages, as they may already have been consumed.

# **Schema Changes**

Future versions of Buildbot may add keys to messages, or add new messages. Consumers should expect unknown keys and, if using wildcard topics, unknown messages.

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# 3.9 Classes

The sections contained here document classes that can be used or subclassed.

**Note:** Some of this information duplicates information available in the source code itself. Consider this information authoritative, and the source code a demonstration of the current implementation which is subject to change.

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# 3.9.1 Builds

The Build class represents a running build, with associated steps.

## Build

```
class buildbot.process.build.Build
```

# buildid

The ID of this build in the database.

getSummaryStatistic(name, summary\_fn, initial\_value=None)

#### Parameters

- **name** statistic name to summarize
- summary\_fn callable with two arguments that will combine two values
- initial\_value first value to pass to summary\_fn

Returns summarized result

This method summarizes the named step statistic over all steps in which it exists, using combination\_fn and initial\_value to combine multiple results into a single result. This translates to a call to Python's reduce:

return reduce(summary\_fn, step\_stats\_list, initial\_value)

getUrl()

Returns Url as string

Returns url of the build in the UI. Build must be started. This is useful for customs steps.

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# 3.9.2 Workers

The *Worker* class represents a worker, which may or may not be connected to the master. Instances of this class are created directly in the Buildbot configuration file.

# Worker

class buildbot.worker.Worker

workerid

The ID of this worker in the database.

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# 3.9.3 BuildFactory

# **BuildFactory Implementation Note**

The default BuildFactory, provided in the buildbot.process.factory module, contains an internal list of *BuildStep specifications*: a list of (step\_class, kwargs) tuples for each. These specification tuples are constructed when the config file is read, by asking the instances passed to addStep for their subclass and arguments.

To support config files from Buildbot version 0.7.5 and earlier, addStep also accepts the f.addStep(shell. Compile, command=["make", "build"]) form, although its use is discouraged because then the Compile step doesn't get to validate or complain about its arguments until build time. The modern pass-by-instance approach allows this validation to occur while the config file is being loaded, where the admin has a better chance of noticing problems.

When asked to create a Build, the BuildFactory puts a copy of the list of step specifications into the new Build object. When the Build is actually started, these step specifications are used to create the actual set of BuildSteps, which are then executed one at a time. This serves to give each Build an independent copy of each step.

Each step can affect the build process in the following ways:

• If the step's haltOnFailure attribute is True, then a failure in the step (i.e. if it completes with a result of FAILURE) will cause the whole build to be terminated immediately: no further steps will be executed, with the exception of steps with alwaysRun set to True. haltOnFailure is useful for setup steps upon which the

rest of the build depends: if the CVS checkout or ./configure process fails, there is no point in trying to compile or test the resulting tree.

- If the step's alwaysRun attribute is True, then it will always be run, regardless of if previous steps have failed. This is useful for cleanup steps that should always be run to return the build directory or worker into a good state.
- If the flunkOnFailure or flunkOnWarnings flag is set, then a result of FAILURE or WARNINGS will mark the build as a whole as FAILED. However, the remaining steps will still be executed. This is appropriate for things like multiple testing steps: a failure in any one of them will indicate that the build has failed, however it is still useful to run them all to completion.
- Similarly, if the warnOnFailure or warnOnWarnings flag is set, then a result of FAILURE or WARNINGS will mark the build as having WARNINGS, and the remaining steps will still be executed. This may be appropriate for certain kinds of optional build or test steps. For example, a failure experienced while building documentation files should be made visible with a WARNINGS result but not be serious enough to warrant marking the whole build with a FAILURE.

In addition, each Step produces its own results, may create logfiles, etc. However only the flags described above have any effect on the build as a whole.

The pre-defined BuildSteps like CVS and Compile have reasonably appropriate flags set on them already. For example, without a source tree there is no point in continuing the build, so the CVS class has the haltOnFailure flag set to True. Look in buildbot/steps/\*.py to see how the other Steps are marked.

Each Step is created with an additional workdir argument that indicates where its actions should take place. This is specified as a subdirectory of the worker's base directory, with a default value of build. This is only implemented as a step argument (as opposed to simply being a part of the base directory) because the CVS/SVN steps need to perform their checkouts from the parent directory.

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# 3.9.4 BuildSetSummaryNotifierMixin

Some status notifiers will want to report the status of all builds all at once for a particular buildset, instead of reporting each build individually as it finishes. In order to do this, the status notifier must wait for all builds to finish, collect their results, and then report a kind of summary on all of the collected results. The act of waiting for and collecting the results of all of the builders is implemented via BuildSetSummaryNotifierMixin, to be subclassed by a status notification implementation.

# **BuildSetSummaryNotifierMixin**

# buildbot.status.buildset.BuildSetSummaryNotifierMixin::

This class provides some helper methods for implementing a status notification that provides notifications for all build results for a buildset at once.

This class provides the following methods:

buildbot.status.buildset.summarySubscribe()
Call this to start receiving sendBuildSetSummary callbacks. Typically this will be called from the
subclass's startService method.

buildbot.status.buildset.summaryUnsubscribe()

Call this to stop receiving *sendBuildSetSummary* callbacks. Typically this will be called from the subclass's stopService method.

The following methods are hooks to be implemented by the subclass.

```
buildbot.status.buildset.sendBuildSetSummary(buildset, builds)
```

# **Parameters**

- buildset A BuildSet object
- builds A list of Build objects

This method must be implemented by the subclass. This method is called when all of the builds for a buildset have finished, and it should initiate sending a summary status for the buildset.

The following attributes must be provided by the subclass.

```
buildbot.status.buildset.master
This must point to the BuildMaster object.
```

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# 3.9.5 Change Sources

# ChangeSource

```
class buildbot.changes.base.ChangeSource
```

This is the base class for change sources.

Subclasses should override the inherited *activate* and *deactivate* methods if necessary to handle initialization and shutdown.

Change sources which are active on every master should, instead, override startService and stopService.

# ReconfigurablePollingChangeSource

**class** buildbot.changes.base.**ReconfigurablePollingChangeSource** This is a subclass of *ChangeSource* which adds polling behavior. Its constructor accepts the pollInterval and pollAtLaunch arguments as documented for most built-in change sources.

Subclasses should override the poll method. This method may return a Deferred. Calls to poll will not overlap.

# PollingChangeSource

class buildbot.changes.base.PollingChangeSource

This is a legacy class for polling change sources not yet ported to the :py:class::*BuildbotService* component lifecycle. Do not use for new code.

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# 3.9.6 RemoteCommands

Most of the action in build steps consists of performing operations on the worker. This is accomplished via *RemoteCommand* and its subclasses. Each represents a single operation on the worker.

Most data is returned to a command via updates. These updates are described in detail in Updates.

# RemoteCommand

<b>class</b> buildbot.process.remotecommand. <b>RemoteCommand</b> ( <i>remote_command</i> ,	args,
collectStdout=False,	ig-
nore_updates=False,	de-
codeRC=dict(0),	stdioLog-
Name='stdio')	

## Parameters

- **remote\_command** (*string*) command to run on the worker
- **args** (*dictionary*) arguments to pass to the command
- **collectStdout** if True, collect the command's stdout
- ignore\_updates true to ignore remote updates
- **decodeRC** dictionary associating rc values to buildsteps results constants (e.g. SUCCESS, FAILURE, WARNINGS)
- **stdioLogName** name of the log to which to write the command's stdio

This class handles running commands, consisting of a command name and a dictionary of arguments. If true, ignore\_updates will suppress any updates sent from the worker.

This class handles updates for stdout, stderr, and header by appending them to s stdio logfile named by the stdioLogName parameter. Steps that run multiple commands and want to separate those commands' stdio streams can use this parameter.

It handles updates for rc by recording the value in its rc attribute.

Most worker-side commands, even those which do not spawn a new process on the worker, generate logs and an rc, requiring this class or one of its subclasses. See *Updates* for the updates that each command may send.

# active

True if the command is currently running

run (step, remote)

### **Parameters**

- **step** the buildstep invoking this command
- **remote** a reference to the remote WorkerForBuilder instance

## Returns Deferred

Run the command. Call this method to initiate the command; the returned Deferred will fire when the command is complete. The Deferred fires with the *RemoteCommand* instance as its value.

interrupt(why)

Parameters why (Twisted Failure) - reason for interrupt

Returns Deferred

This method attempts to stop the running command early. The Deferred it returns will fire when the interrupt request is received by the worker; this may be a long time before the command itself completes, at which time the Deferred returned from *run* will fire.

## results()

Returns results constant

This method checks the rc against the decodeRC dictionary, and returns results constant

# didFail()

# Returns bool

This method returns True if the results() function returns FAILURE

The following methods are invoked from the worker. They should not be called directly.

# remote\_update(updates)

Parameters updates - new information from the worker

Handles updates from the worker on the running command. See *Updates* for the content of the updates. This class splits the updates out, and handles the ignore\_updates option, then calls *remoteUpdate* to process the update.

# remote\_complete (failure=None)

Parameters failure - the failure that caused the step to complete, or None for success

Called by the worker to indicate that the command is complete. Normal completion (even with a nonzero rc) will finish with no failure; if failure is set, then the step should finish with status *EXCEPTION*.

These methods are hooks for subclasses to add functionality.

# remoteUpdate(update)

Parameters update - the update to handle

Handle a single update. Subclasses must override this method.

# remoteComplete (failure)

Parameters failure - the failure that caused the step to complete, or None for success

# Returns Deferred

Handle command completion, performing any necessary cleanup. Subclasses should override this method. If failure is not None, it should be returned to ensure proper processing.

# logs

A dictionary of LogFile instances representing active logs. Do not modify this directly – use *useLog* instead.

# rc

Set to the return code of the command, after the command has completed. For compatibility with shell commands, 0 is taken to indicate success, while nonzero return codes indicate failure.

# stdout

If the collectStdout constructor argument is true, then this attribute will contain all data from stdout, as a single string. This is helpful when running informational commands (e.g., svnversion), but is not appropriate for commands that will produce a large amount of output, as that output is held in memory.

To set up logging, use *useLog* or *useLogDelayed* before starting the command:

**useLog** (*log*, *closeWhenFinished=False*, *logfileName=None*)

# **Parameters**

- **log** the LogFile instance to add to.
- closeWhenFinished if true, call finish when the command is finished.
- **logfileName** the name of the logfile, as given to the worker. This is stdio for standard streams.

Route log-related updates to the given logfile. Note that stdio is not included by default, and must be added explicitly. The logfileName must match the name given by the worker in any log updates.

**useLogDelayed** (*logfileName*, *activateCallback*, *closeWhenFinished=False*)

## **Parameters**

- **logfileName** the name of the logfile, as given to the worker. This is stdio for standard streams.
- activateCallback callback for when the log is added; see below
- closeWhenFinished if true, call finish when the command is finished.

Similar to *useLog*, but the logfile is only actually added when an update arrives for it. The callback, activateCallback, will be called with the *RemoteCommand* instance when the first update for the log is delivered. It should return the desired log instance, optionally via a Deferred.

With that finished, run the command using the inherited *run* method. During the run, you can inject data into the logfiles with any of these methods:

addStdout (data)

Parameters data - data to add to the logfile

Returns Deferred

Add stdout data to the stdio log.

addStderr(data)

Parameters data - data to add to the logfile

**Returns** Deferred

Add stderr data to the stdio log.

addHeader(data)

Parameters data - data to add to the logfile

Returns Deferred

Add header data to the stdio log.

addToLog (logname, data)

## **Parameters**

- logname the logfile to receive the data
- data data to add to the logfile

**Returns** Deferred

Add data to a logfile other than stdio.

class buildbot.process.remotecommand.RemoteShellCommand (workdir, command. env=None. want stdout=True, want\_stderr=True, timeout=20\*60, maxTime=None, sigtermTime=None. logfiles={}, usePTY=None, logEnviron=True, col*lectStdio=False*, col*lectStderr=False*, in*terruptSignal=None*, initialStdin=None, decodeRC=None, stdioLog-*Name='stdio'*) **Parameters** 

- **workdir** directory in which command should be executed, relative to the builder's basedir.
- command (string or list) shell command to run
- want\_stdout If false, then no updates will be sent for stdout.
- want\_stderr If false, then no updates will be sent for stderr.
- timeout Maximum time without output before the command is killed.
- maxTime Maximum overall time from the start before the command is killed.
- **sigtermTime** Try to kill the command with SIGTERM and wait for sigtermTime seconds before firing interruptSignal or SIGKILL if it's not defined. If None, SIGTERM will not be fired.
- **env** A dictionary of environment variables to augment or replace the existing environment on the worker.
- **logfiles** Additional logfiles to request from the worker.
- **usePTY** True to use a PTY, false to not use a PTY; the default value is False.
- **logEnviron** If false, do not log the environment on the worker.
- **collectStdout** If True, collect the command's stdout.
- **collectStderr** If True, collect the command's stderr.
- **interruptSignal** The signal to send to interrupt the command, e.g. KILL or TERM. If None, SIGKILL is used.
- **initialStdin** The input to supply the command via stdin.
- **decodeRC** dictionary associating rc values to buildsteps results constants (e.g. SUCCESS, FAILURE, WARNINGS)
- **stdioLogName** name of the log to which to write the command's stdio

Most of the constructor arguments are sent directly to the worker; see *shell* for the details of the formats. The collectStdout, decodeRC and stdioLogName parameters are as described for the parent class.

If shell command contains passwords, they can be hidden from log files by using *Secret Management*. This is the recommended procedure for new-style build steps. For legacy build steps password were hidden from the log

file by passing them as tuple in command argument. Eg. ['print', ('obfuscated', 'password', 'dummytext')] is logged as ['print', 'dummytext'].

This class is used by the *ShellCommand* step, and by steps that run multiple customized shell commands.

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### 3.9.7 BuildSteps

There are a few parent classes that are used as base classes for real buildsteps. This section describes the base classes. The "leaf" classes are described in *Build Steps*.

See Writing New BuildSteps for a guide to implementing new steps.

### **BuildStep**

class buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep (name, description, descriptionDone, descriptionSuffix, locks, haltOnFailure, flunkOn-Warnings, flunkOnFailure, warnOnWarnings, warnOnFailure, alwaysRun, progressMetrics, useProgress, doStepIf, hideStepIf)

All constructor arguments must be given as keyword arguments. Each constructor parameter is copied to the corresponding attribute.

#### name

The name of the step. Note that this value may change when the step is started, if the existing name was not unique.

#### stepid

The ID of this step in the database. This attribute is not set until the step starts.

#### description

The description of the step.

#### descriptionDone

The description of the step after it has finished.

#### descriptionSuffix

Any extra information to append to the description.

#### locks

List of locks for this step; see Interlocks.

### progressMetrics

List of names of metrics that should be used to track the progress of this build, and build ETA's for users. This is generally set in the

#### useProgress

If true (the default), then ETAs will be calculated for this step using progress metrics. If the step is known to have unpredictable timing (e.g., an incremental build), then this should be set to false.

#### doStepIf

A callable or bool to determine whether this step should be executed. See Common Parameters for details.

#### hideStepIf

A callable or bool to determine whether this step should be shown in the waterfall and build details pages. See *Common Parameters* for details.

The following attributes affect the behavior of the containing build:

#### haltOnFailure

If true, the build will halt on a failure of this step, and not execute subsequent tests (except those with alwaysRun).

#### flunkOnWarnings

If true, the build will be marked as a failure if this step ends with warnings.

#### flunkOnFailure

If true, the build will be marked as a failure if this step fails.

#### warnOnWarnings

If true, the build will be marked as warnings, or worse, if this step ends with warnings.

#### warnOnFailure

If true, the build will be marked as warnings, or worse, if this step fails.

#### alwaysRun

If true, the step will run even if a previous step halts the build with haltOnFailure.

### logEncoding

The log encoding to use for logs produced in this step, or None to ues the global default. See Log Handling.

### rendered

At the beginning of the step, the renderable attributes are rendered against the properties. There is a slight delay however when those are not yet rendered, which lead to weird and difficult to reproduce bugs. To address this problem, a rendered attribute is available for methods that could be called early in the buildstep creation.

#### results

This is the result (a code from *buildbot.process.results*) of the step. This attribute only exists after the step is finished, and should only be used in *getResultSummary*.

A few important pieces of information are not available when a step is constructed, and are added later. These are set by the following methods; the order in which these methods are called is not defined.

### setBuild(build)

**Parameters build** – the *Build* instance controlling this step.

This method is called during setup to set the build instance controlling this worker. Subclasses can override this to get access to the build object as soon as it is available. The default implementation sets the *build* attribute.

#### build

The build object controlling this step.

#### setWorker(build)

**Parameters build** – the *Worker* instance on which this step will run.

Similarly, this method is called with the worker that will run this step. The default implementation sets the *worker* attribute.

#### worker

The worker that will run this step.

#### workdir

Implemented as a property. Workdir where actions of the step are happening. The workdir is by order of priority

· workdir of the step, if defined via constructor argument

• workdir of the BuildFactory (itself defaults to 'build').

BuildFactory workdir can be a function of sourcestamp. See Factory Workdir Functions

#### setDefaultWorkdir(workdir)

Parameters workdir - the default workdir, from the build

**Note:** This method is deprecated and should not be used anymore, as workdir is calculated automatically via a property

#### setupProgress()

This method is called during build setup to give the step a chance to set up progress tracking. It is only called if the build has *useProgress* set. There is rarely any reason to override this method.

Execution of the step itself is governed by the following methods and attributes.

#### startStep(remote)

Parameters remote - a remote reference to the worker-side WorkerForBuilderPb instance

#### **Returns** Deferred

Begin the step. This is the build's interface to step execution. Subclasses should override *run* to implement custom behaviors.

run()

#### Returns result via Deferred

Execute the step. When this method returns (or when the Deferred it returns fires), the step is complete. The method's return value must be an integer, giving the result of the step – a constant from *buildbot*. *process.results*. If the method raises an exception or its Deferred fires with failure, then the step will be completed with an EXCEPTION result. Any other output from the step (logfiles, status strings, URLs, etc.) is the responsibility of the run method.

Subclasses should override this method. Do not call finished or failed from this method.

#### start()

Returns None or SKIPPED, optionally via a Deferred.

Begin the step. BuildSteps written before Buildbot-0.9.0 often override this method instead of *run*, but this approach is deprecated.

When the step is done, it should call finished, with a result – a constant from buildbot.process. results. The result will be handed off to the Build.

If the step encounters an exception, it should call *failed* with a Failure object.

If the step decides it does not need to be run, *start* can return the constant *SKIPPED*. In this case, it is not necessary to call *finished* directly.

#### finished(results)

Parameters results – a constant from results

A call to this method indicates that the step is finished and the build should analyze the results and perhaps proceed to the next step. The step should not perform any additional processing after calling this method. This method must only be called from the (deprecated) *start* method.

failed (failure)

#### Parameters failure - a Failure instance

Similar to *finished*, this method indicates that the step is finished, but handles exceptions with appropriate logging and diagnostics.

This method handles *BuildStepFailed* specially, by calling finished (FAILURE). This provides subclasses with a shortcut to stop execution of a step by raising this failure in a context where *failed* will catch it. This method must only be called from the (deprecated) *start* method.

#### interrupt(reason)

Parameters reason (string or Failure) - why the build was interrupted

This method is used from various control interfaces to stop a running step. The step should be brought to a halt as quickly as possible, by cancelling a remote command, killing a local process, etc. The step must still finish with either *finished* or *failed*.

The reason parameter can be a string or, when a worker is lost during step processing, a ConnectionLost failure.

The parent method handles any pending lock operations, and should be called by implementations in subclasses.

#### stopped

If false, then the step is running. If true, the step is not running, or has been interrupted.

A step can indicate its up-to-the-moment status using a short summary string. These methods allow step subclasses to produce such summaries.

#### updateSummary()

Update the summary, calling *getCurrentSummary* or *getResultSummary* as appropriate. Newstyle build steps should call this method any time the summary may have changed. This method is debounced, so even calling it for every log line is acceptable.

#### getCurrentSummary()

Returns dictionary, optionally via Deferred

Returns a dictionary containing status information for a running step. The dictionary can have a step key with a unicode value giving a summary for display with the step. This method is only called while the step is running.

New-style build steps should override this method to provide a more interesting summary than the default u"running".

#### getResultSummary()

Returns dictionary, optionally via Deferred

Returns a dictionary containing status information for a completed step. The dictionary can have keys step and build, each with unicode values. The step key gives a summary for display with the step, while the build key gives a summary for display with the entire build. The latter should be used sparingly, and include only information that the user would find relevant for the entire build, such as a number of test failures. Either or both keys can be omitted.

This method is only called while the step is finished. The step's result is available in self.results at that time.

New-style build steps should override this method to provide a more interesting summary than the default, or to provide any build summary information.

#### getBuildResultSummary()

Returns dictionary, optionally via Deferred

Returns a dictionary containing status information for a completed step. This method calls *getResultSummary*, and automatically compute a build key from the step key according to the updateBuildSummaryPolicy

**describe** (*done=False*)

**Parameters done** – If true, the step is finished.

**Returns** list of strings

Describe the step succinctly. The return value should be a sequence of short strings suitable for display in a horizontally constrained space.

**Note:** Be careful not to assume that the step has been started in this method. In relatively rare circumstances, steps are described before they have started. Ideally, unit tests should be used to ensure that this method is resilient.

Note: This method is not called for new-style steps. Instead, override getCurrentSummary and getResultSummary.

Build steps have statistics, a simple key/value store of data which can later be aggregated over all steps in a build. Note that statistics are not preserved after a build is complete.

#### hasStatistic(stat)

**Parameters stat** (*string*) – name of the statistic

**Returns** True if the statistic exists on this step

#### getStatistic(stat, default=None)

#### Parameters

- **stat** (*string*) name of the statistic
- **default** default value if the statistic does not exist

Returns value of the statistic, or the default value

#### getStatistics()

Returns a dictionary of all statistics for this step

setStatistic(stat, value)

#### **Parameters**

- **stat** (*string*) name of the statistic
- **value** value to assign to the statistic

#### Returns value of the statistic

Build steps support progress metrics - values that increase roughly linearly during the execution of the step, and can thus be used to calculate an expected completion time for a running step. A metric may be a count of lines logged, tests executed, or files compiled. The build mechanics will take care of translating this progress information into an ETA for the user.

setProgress (metric, value)

Parameters

• **metric** (*string*) – the metric to update

• **value** (*integer*) – the new value for the metric

Update a progress metric. This should be called by subclasses that can provide useful progress-tracking information.

The specified metric name must be included in progressMetrics.

The following methods are provided as utilities to subclasses. These methods should only be invoked after the step is started.

workerVersion (command, oldversion=None)

Parameters

- command (*string*) command to examine
- oldversion return value if the worker does not specify a version

Returns string

Fetch the version of the named command, as specified on the worker. In practice, all commands on a worker have the same version, but passing command is still useful to ensure that the command is implemented on the worker. If the command is not implemented on the worker, *workerVersion* will return None.

Versions take the form  $x \cdot y$  where x and y are integers, and are compared as expected for version numbers.

Buildbot versions older than 0.5.0 did not support version queries; in this case, *workerVersion* will return oldVersion. Since such ancient versions of Buildbot are no longer in use, this functionality is largely vestigial.

#### workerVersionIsOlderThan(command, minversion)

#### Parameters

- command (string) command to examine
- **minversion** minimum version

#### Returns boolean

This method returns true if command is not implemented on the worker, or if it is older than minversion.

#### checkWorkerHasCommand(command)

**Parameters** command (*string*) – command to examine

This method raise WorkerTooOldError if command is not implemented on the worker

#### getWorkerName()

Returns string

Get the name of the worker assigned to this step.

Most steps exist to run commands. While the details of exactly how those commands are constructed are left to subclasses, the execution of those commands comes down to this method:

#### runCommand(command)

Parameters command - RemoteCommand instance

Returns Deferred

This method connects the given command to the step's worker and runs it, returning the Deferred from *run*.

The *BuildStep* class provides methods to add log data to the step. Subclasses provide a great deal of userconfigurable functionality on top of these methods. These methods can be called while the step is running, but not before.

addLog (name, type="s", logEncoding=None)

#### **Parameters**

- name log name
- type log type; see logchunk
- **logEncoding** the log encoding, or None to use the step or global default (see *Log Handling*)

#### Returns Log instance via Deferred

Add a new logfile with the given name to the step, and return the log file instance.

#### getLog(name)

Parameters name - log name

Raises

- KeyError if there is no such log
- KeyError if no such log is defined

#### **Returns** *Log* instance

Return an existing logfile, previously added with *addLog*. Note that this return value is synchronous, and only available after *addLog*'s deferred has fired.

#### addCompleteLog(name, text)

Parameters

- name log name
- **text** content of the logfile

#### Returns Deferred

This method adds a new log and sets text as its content. This is often useful to add a short logfile describing activities performed on the master. The logfile is immediately closed, and no further data can be added.

If the logfile's content is a bytestring, it is decoded with the step's log encoding or the global default log encoding. To add a logfile with a different character encoding, perform the decode operation directly and pass the resulting unicode string to this method.

#### addHTMLLog (name, html)

**Parameters** 

- name log name
- html content of the logfile

#### **Returns** Deferred

Similar to *addCompleteLog*, this adds a logfile containing pre-formatted HTML, allowing more expressiveness than the text format supported by *addCompleteLog*.

#### addLogObserver (logname, observer)

Parameters

- logname log name
- **observer** log observer instance

Add a log observer for the named log. The named log need not have been added already: the observer will be connected when the log is added.

See Adding LogObservers for more information on log observers.

addLogWithFailure (why, logprefix=")

### Parameters

- why (Failure) the failure to log
- logprefix prefix for the log name

#### **Returns** Deferred

Add log files displaying the given failure, named <logprefix>err.text and <logprefix>err. html.

#### addLogWithException (why, logprefix=")

#### Parameters

- why (Exception) the exception to log
- logprefix prefix for the log name

#### Returns Deferred

Similar to addLogWithFailure, but for an Exception instead of a Failure.

Along with logs, build steps have an associated set of links that can be used to provide additional information for developers. Those links are added during the build with this method:

#### addURL (*name*, *url*)

Parameters

- name URL name
- url the URL

Add a link to the given url, with the given name to displays of this step. This allows a step to provide links to data that is not available in the log files.

### LoggingBuildStep

The remaining arguments are passed to the *BuildStep* constructor.

**Warning:** Subclasses of this class are always old-style steps. As such, this class will be removed after Buildbot-0.9.0. Instead, subclass *BuildStep* and mix in *ShellMixin* to get similar behavior.

This subclass of *BuildStep* is designed to help its subclasses run remote commands that produce standard I/O logfiles. It:

- tracks progress using the length of the stdout logfile
- · provides hooks for summarizing and evaluating the command's result
- supports lazy logfiles
- · handles the mechanics of starting, interrupting, and finishing remote commands
- detects lost workers and finishes with a status of RETRY

#### logfiles

The logfiles to track, as described for *ShellCommand*. The contents of the class-level logfiles attribute are combined with those passed to the constructor, so subclasses may add log files with a class attribute:

```
class MyStep(LoggingBuildStep):
    logfiles = dict(debug='debug.log')
```

Note that lazy logfiles cannot be specified using this method; they must be provided as constructor arguments.

#### setupLogsRunCommandAndProcessResults(cmd, stdioLog=None, closeLogWhenFinished=True, er

#### Parameters

- command the RemoteCommand instance to start
- **stdioLog** an optional *Log* object where the stdout of the command will be stored.
- closeLogWhenFinished a boolean
- logfiles optional dictionary see ShellCommand
- lazylogfiles optional boolean see ShellCommand

**Returns** step result from buildbot.process.results

#### Note:

This method permits an optional errorMessages parameter, allowing errors detected early in the command process to be logged. It will be removed, and its use is deprecated.

Handle all of the mechanics of running the given command. This sets up all required logfiles, and calls the utility hooks described below.

Subclasses should use that method if they want to launch multiple commands in a single step. One could use that method, like for example

```
@defer.inlineCallbacks
def run(self):
    cmd = RemoteCommand(...)
    res = yield self.setupLogRunCommandAndProcessResults(cmd)
    if res == results.SUCCESS:
        cmd = RemoteCommand(...)
        res = yield self.setupLogRunCommandAndProcessResults(cmd)
    return res
```

To refine the status output, override one or more of the following methods. The *LoggingBuildStep* implementations are stubs, so there is no need to call the parent method.

#### commandComplete (command)

Parameters command - the just-completed remote command

This is a general-purpose hook method for subclasses. It will be called after the remote command has finished, but before any of the other hook functions are called.

evaluateCommand(command)

Parameters command - the just-completed remote command

**Returns** step result from buildbot.process.results

This hook should decide what result the step should have.

### CommandMixin

The *runCommand* method can run a *RemoteCommand* instance, but it's no help in building that object or interpreting the results afterward. This mixin class adds some useful methods for running commands.

This class can only be used in new-style steps.

#### class buildbot.process.buildstep.CommandMixin

Some remote commands are simple enough that they can boil down to a method call. Most of these take an abandonOnFailure argument which, if true, will abandon the entire buildstep on command failure. This is accomplished by raising *BuildStepFailed*.

These methods all write to the stdio log (generally just for errors). They do not close the log when finished.

runRmdir(dir, abandonOnFailure=True)

#### **Parameters**

- dir directory to remove
- abndonOnFailure if true, abandon step on failure

#### **Returns** Boolean via Deferred

Remove the given directory, using the rmdir command. Returns False on failure.

runMkdir (dir, abandonOnFailure=True)

#### **Parameters**

- **dir** directory to create
- abndonOnFailure if true, abandon step on failure

#### Returns Boolean via Deferred

Create the given directory and any parent directories, using the mkdir command. Returns False on failure.

#### pathExists (path)

Parameters path – path to test

Returns Boolean via Deferred

Determine if the given path exists on the worker (in any form - file, directory, or otherwise). This uses the stat command.

runGlob (path)

Parameters path - path to test

Returns list of filenames

Get the list of files matching the given path pattern on the worker. This uses Python's glob module. If the runGlob method fails, it aborts the step.

getFileContentFromWorker (path, abandonOnFailure=False)

Parameters path – path of the file to download from worker

Returns string via deferred (content of the file)

Get the content of a file on the worker.

### ShellMixin

Most Buildbot steps run shell commands on the worker, and Buildbot has an impressive array of configuration parameters to control that execution. The ShellMixin mixin provides the tools to make running shell commands easy and flexible.

This class can only be used in new-style steps.

```
class buildbot.process.buildstep.ShellMixin
```

This mixin manages the following step configuration parameters, the contents of which are documented in the manual. Naturally, all of these are renderable.

command
workdir
env
want_stdout
want_stderr
usePTY
logfiles
lazylogfiles
timeout
maxTime
logEnviron
interruptSignal
sigtermTime
initialStdin
decodeRC
<pre>setupShellMixin (constructorArgs, prohibitArgs=[])</pre>

Parameters

- constructorArgs (dict) constructor keyword arguments
- prohibitArgs (list) list of recognized arguments to reject

**Returns** keyword arguments destined for *BuildStep* 

This method is intended to be called from the shell constructor, passed any keyword arguments not otherwise used by the step. Any attributes set on the instance already (e.g., class-level attributes) are used as defaults. Attributes named in prohibitArgs are rejected with a configuration error.

The return value should be passed to the *BuildStep* constructor.

makeRemoteShellCommand(collectStdout=False, collectStderr=False, \*\*overrides)

#### Parameters

- **collectStdout** if true, the command's stdout will be available in cmd.stdout on completion
- **collectStderr** if true, the command's stderr will be available in cmd.stderr on completion
- overrides overrides arguments that might have been passed to *setupShellMixin*

Returns RemoteShellCommand instance via Deferred

This method constructs a *RemoteShellCommand* instance based on the instance attributes and any supplied overrides. It must be called while the step is running, as it examines the worker capabilities before creating the command. It takes care of just about everything:

- Creating log files and associating them with the command
- Merging environment configuration
- Selecting the appropriate workdir configuration

All that remains is to run the command with *runCommand*.

The ShellMixin class implements *getResultSummary*, returning a summary of the command. If no command was specified or run, it falls back to the default getResultSummary based on descriptionDone. Subclasses can override this method to return a more appropriate status.

### **Exceptions**

exception buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStepFailed

This exception indicates that the buildstep has failed. It is useful as a way to skip all subsequent processing when a step goes wrong. It is handled by *BuildStep.failed*.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.9.8 BaseScheduler

class buildbot.schedulers.base.BaseScheduler

This is the base class for all Buildbot schedulers. See *Writing Schedulers* for information on writing new schedulers.

\_\_init\_\_ (name, builderNames, properties={}, codebases={":{}})

**Parameters** 

- **name** (positional) the scheduler name
- **builderName** (positional) a list of builders, by name, for which this scheduler can queue builds
- **properties** a dictionary of properties to be added to queued builds
- codebases the codebase configuration for this scheduler (see user documentation)

Initializes a new scheduler.

The scheduler configuration parameters, and a few others, are available as attributes:

#### name

This scheduler's name.

#### builderNames

#### Type list

Builders for which this scheduler can queue builds.

#### codebases

Type dict

The codebase configuration for this scheduler.

#### properties

Type Properties instance

Properties that this scheduler will attach to queued builds. This attribute includes the scheduler property.

#### schedulerid

Type integer

The ID of this scheduler in the schedulers table.

Subclasses can consume changes by implementing gotChange and calling startConsumingChanges from startActivity.

#### **startConsumingChanges** (*self*, *fileIsImportant=None*, *change\_filter=None*, *onlyImportant=False*)

#### Parameters

- **fileIsImportant** (*callable*) a callable provided by the user to distinguish important and unimportant changes
- **change\_filter** (buildbot.changes.filter.ChangeFilter instance) a filter to determine which changes are even considered by this scheduler, or None to consider all changes
- **onlyImportant** (*boolean*) If True, only important changes, as specified by fileIsImportant, will be added to the buildset.

#### **Returns** Deferred

Subclasses should call this method when becoming active in order to receive changes. The parent class will take care of filtering the changes (using change\_filter) and (if fileIsImportant is not None) classifying them.

#### gotChange (change, important)

#### **Parameters**

- change (buildbot.changes.changes.Change) the new change
- important (boolean) true if the change is important

#### **Returns** Deferred

This method is called when a change is received. Schedulers which consume changes should implement this method.

If the fileIsImportant parameter to startConsumingChanges was None, then all changes are considered important. It is guaranteed that the codebase of the change is one of the scheduler's codebase.

Note: The buildbot.changes.changes.Change instance will instead be a change resource in later versions.

The following methods are available for subclasses to queue new builds. Each creates a new buildset with a build request for each builder.

**addBuildsetForSourceStamps** (*self*, *sourcestamps=[]*, *waited\_for=False*, *reason=", exter-nal\_idstring=None*, *properties=None*, *builderNames=None*)

#### **Parameters**

- **sourcestamps** (*list*) a list of full sourcestamp dictionaries or sourcestamp IDs
- waited\_for (boolean) if true, this buildset is being waited for (and thus should continue during a clean shutdown)
- reason (string) reason for the build set
- **external\_idstring** (*string*) **external** identifier for the buildset
- **properties** (Properties instance) properties in addition to those in the scheduler configuration to include in the buildset
- **builderNames** (*list*) a list of builders for the buildset, or None to use the scheduler's configured builderNames

Returns (buildset ID, buildrequest IDs) via Deferred

Add a buildset for the given source stamps. Each source stamp must be specified as a complete source stamp dictionary (with keys revision, branch, project, repository, and codebase), or an integer sourcestampid.

The return value is a tuple. The first tuple element is the ID of the new buildset. The second tuple element is a dictionary mapping builder name to buildrequest ID.

addBuildsetForSourceStampsWithDefaults (reason, sourcestamps, waited\_for=False, properties=None, builderNames=None)

### Parameters

- **reason** (*string*) reason for the build set
- sourcestamps (list) partial list of source stamps to build
- waited\_for (boolean) if true, this buildset is being waited for (and thus should continue during a clean shutdown)
- **properties** (Properties instance) properties in addition to those in the scheduler configuration to include in the buildset
- **builderNames** (*list*) a list of builders for the buildset, or None to use the scheduler's configured builderNames

Returns (buildset ID, buildrequest IDs) via Deferred, as for addBuildsetForSourceStamps

Create a buildset based on the supplied sourcestamps, with defaults applied from the scheduler's configuration.

The sourcestamps parameter is a list of source stamp dictionaries, giving the required parameters. Any unspecified values, including sourcestamps from unspecified codebases, will be filled in from the scheduler's configuration. If sourcestamps is None, then only the defaults will be used. If sourcestamps includes sourcestamps for codebases not configured on the scheduler, they will be included anyway, although this is probably a sign of an incorrect configuration.

#### **Parameters**

- waited\_for (boolean) if true, this buildset is being waited for (and thus should continue during a clean shutdown)
- reason (string) reason for the build set
- **external\_idstring** (*string*) external identifier for the buildset
- changeids (list) changes from which to construct the buildset
- **builderNames** (*list*) a list of builders for the buildset, or None to use the scheduler's configured builderNames
- **properties** (Properties instance) properties in addition to those in the scheduler configuration to include in the buildset

Returns (buildset	ID,	buildrequest	IDs)	via	Deferred,	as	for
addBuildsetForSourceStamps							

Add a buildset for the given changes (changeids). This will take sourcestamps from the latest of any changes with the same codebase, and will fill in sourcestamps for any codebases for which no changes are included.

The active state of the scheduler is tracked by the following attribute and methods.

#### active

True if this scheduler is active

### activate()

#### Returns Deferred

Subclasses should override this method to initiate any processing that occurs only on active schedulers. This is the method from which to call startConsumingChanges, or to set up any timers or message subscriptions.

#### deactivate()

#### Returns Deferred

Subclasses should override this method to stop any ongoing processing, or wait for it to complete. The method's returned Deferred should not fire until the processing is complete.

The state-manipulation methods are provided by *buildbot.util.state.StateMixin*. Note that no locking of any sort is performed between these two functions. They should *only* be called by an active scheduler.

### getState (name[, default])

#### Parameters

- name state key to fetch
- default default value if the key is not present

#### Returns Deferred

This calls through to buildbot.db.state.StateConnectorComponent.getState, using the scheduler's objectid.

setState (name, value)

#### **Parameters**

- name state key
- **value** value to set for the key

#### **Returns** Deferred

This calls through to buildbot.db.state.StateConnectorComponent.setState, using the scheduler's objectid.

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# 3.9.9 ForceScheduler

The force scheduler has a symbiotic relationship with the web application, so it deserves some further description.

### **Parameters**

The force scheduler comes with a fleet of parameter classes. This section contains information to help users or developers who are interested in adding new parameter types or hacking the existing types.

class buildbot.schedulers.forceshed.BaseParameter(name, label, regex, \*\*kwargs)

This is the base implementation for most parameters, it will check validity, ensure the arg is present if the *required* attribute is set, and implement the default value. It will finally call *updateFromKwargs* to process the string(s) from the HTTP POST.

The *BaseParameter* constructor converts all keyword arguments into instance attributes, so it is generally not necessary for subclasses to implement a constructor.

For custom parameters that set properties, one simple customization point is getFromKwargs:

```
getFromKwargs (kwargs)

Parameters kwargs – a dictionary of the posted values

Given the passed-in POST parameters, return the value of the property that should be set.
```

For more control over parameter parsing, including modifying sourcestamps or changeids, override the updateFromKwargs function, which is the function that ForceScheduler invokes for processing:

updateFromKwargs (master, properties, changes, sourcestamps, collector, kwargs)

### Parameters

- master the BuildMaster instance
- properties a dictionary of properties
- **changes** a list of changeids that will be used to build the SourceStamp for the forced builds
- **sourcestamps** the SourceStamp dictionary that will be passed to the build; some parameters modify sourcestamps rather than properties.
- collector a buildbot.schedulers.forcesched. ValidationErrorCollector object, which is used by nestedParameter to collect errors from its childs
- **kwargs** a dictionary of the posted values

This method updates properties, changes, and/or sourcestamps according to the request. The default implementation is good for many simple uses, but can be overridden for more complex purposes. When overriding this function, take all parameters by name (not by position), and include an \*\*unused catch-all to guard against future changes.

The remaining attributes and methods should be overridden by subclasses, although *BaseParameter* provides appropriate defaults.

#### name

The name of the parameter. This corresponds to the name of the property that your parameter will set. This name is also used internally as identifier for http POST arguments

#### label

The label of the parameter, as displayed to the user. This value can contain raw HTML.

#### fullName()

A fully-qualified name that uniquely identifies the parameter in the scheduler. This name is used internally as the identifier for HTTP POST arguments. It is a mix of *name* and the parent's *name* (in the case of nested parameters). This field is not modifiable.

#### type

A string identifying the type that the parameter conforms to. It is used by the angular application to find which angular directive to use for showing the form widget. The available values are visible in www/base/src/app/common/directives/forcefields/forcefields.directive.coffee (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/www/base/src/app/common/directives/forcefields/forcefields.directives/forcefields/forcefields/forcefields.directives/forcefields/forcefie

Examples of how to create a custom parameter widgets are available in the buildbot source code in directories:

- www/codeparameter (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/www/codeparameter)
- www/nestedexample (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/www/nestedexample)

#### default

The default value to use if there is no user input. This is also used to fill in the form presented to the user.

#### required

If true, an error will be shown to user if there is no input in this field

#### multiple

If true, this parameter represents a list of values (e.g. list of tests to run)

#### regex

A string that will be compiled as a regex and used to validate the string value of this parameter. If None, then no validation will take place.

#### parse\_from\_args(l)

return the list of object corresponding to the list or string passed default function will just call parse\_from\_arg with the first argument

### parse\_from\_arg(s)

return the object corresponding to the string passed default function will just return the unmodified string

### **Nested Parameters**

The NestedParameter class is a container for parameters. The original motivating purpose for this feature is the multiple-codebase configuration, which needs to provide the user with a form to control the branch (et al) for each codebase independently. Each branch parameter is a string field with name 'branch' and these must be disambiguated.

In Buildbot nine, this concept has been extended to allow grouping different parameters into UI containers. Details of the available layouts is described in *NestedParameter*.

Each of the child parameters mixes in the parent's name to create the fully qualified fullName. This allows, for example, each of the 'branch' fields to have a unique name in the POST request. The *NestedParameter* handles adding this extra bit to the name to each of the children. When the *kwarg* dictionary is posted back, this class also converts the flat POST dictionary into a richer structure that represents the nested structure.

As illustration, if the nested parameter has the name 'foo', and has children 'bar1' and 'bar2', then the POST will have entries like "foo.bar1" and "foo.bar2". The nested parameter will translate this into a dictionary in the 'kwargs' structure, resulting in something like:

```
kwargs = {
    # ...
    'foo': {
        'bar1': '...',
        'bar2': '...'
}
}
```

Arbitrary nesting is allowed and results in a deeper dictionary structure.

Nesting can also be used for presentation purposes. If the name of the NestedParameter is empty, the nest is "anonymous" and does not mangle the child names. However, in the HTML layout, the nest will be presented as a logical group.

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# 3.9.10 IRenderable

```
buildbot.interfaces.IRenderable::
```

Providers of this class can be "rendered", based on available properties, when a build is started.

getRenderingFor (*iprops*)

Parameters iprops - the IProperties provider supplying the properties of the build.

Returns the interpretation of the given properties, optionally in a Deferred.

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# 3.9.11 IProperties

#### buildbot.interfaces.IProperties::

Providers of this interface allow get and set access to a build's properties.

```
getProperty (propname, default=None)
Get a named property, returning the default value if the property is not found.
```

**hasProperty** (*propname*) Determine whether the named property exists.

```
setProperty (propname, value, source)
```

Set a property's value, also specifying the source for this value.

```
getProperties()
```

Get a buildbot.process.properties.Properties instance. The interface of this class is not finalized; where possible, use the other IProperties methods.

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# 3.9.12 IConfigurator

#### buildbot.interfaces.IConfigurator::

A configurator is an object which configures several components of Buildbot in a coherent manner. This can be used to implement higher level configuration tools.

```
configure (config_dict)
```

Alter the buildbot config\_dict, as defined in master.cfg

like the master.cfg, this is run out of the main reactor thread, so this can block, but this can't call most Buildbot facilities.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 3.9.13 ResultSpecs

Result specifications are used by the *Data API* to describe the desired results of a get call. They can be used to filter, sort and paginate the contents of collections, and to limit the fields returned for each item.

Python calls to get call can pass a *ResultSpec* instance directly. Requests to the HTTP REST API are converted into instances automatically.

Implementers of Data API endpoints can ignore result specifications entirely, except where efficiency suffers. Any filters, sort keys, and so on still present after the endpoint returns its result are applied generically. *ResultSpec* instances are mutable, so endpoints that do apply some of the specification can remove parts of the specification.

Result specifications are applied in the following order:

- Field Selection (fields)
- Filters
- Order
- Pagination (limit/offset)
- Properties

Only fields & properties are applied to non-collection results. Endpoints processing a result specification should take care to replicate this behavior.

class buildbot.data.resultspec.ResultSpec

A result specification has the following attributes, which should be treated as read-only:

filters

A list of *Filter* instances to be applied. The result is a logical AND of all filters.

fields

A list of field names that should be included, or None for no sorting. if the field names all begin with –, then those fields will be omitted and all others included.

#### order

A list of field names to sort on. if any field name begins with –, then the ordering on that field will be in reverse.

#### limit

The maximum number of collection items to return.

#### offset

The 0-based index of the first collection item to return.

### properties

A list of *Property* instances to be applied. The result is a logical AND of all properties.

All of the attributes can be supplied as constructor keyword arguments.

Endpoint implementations may call these methods to indicate that they have processed part of the result spec. A subsequent call to *apply* will then not waste time re-applying that part.

#### popProperties()

If a property exists, return its values list and remove it from the result spec.

#### popFilter(field, op)

If a filter exists for the given field and operator, return its values list and remove it from the result spec.

#### popBooleanFilter (field)

If a filter exists for the field, remove it and return the expected value (True or False); otherwise return None. This method correctly handles odd cases like field\_\_ne=false.

#### popStringFilter(field)

If one string filter exists for the field, remove it and return the expected value (as string); otherwise return None.

#### popIntegerFilter (field)

If one integer filter exists for the field, remove it and return the expected value (as integer); otherwise return None. raises ValueError if the field is not convertible to integer.

#### removePagination()

Remove the pagination attributes (*limit* and *offset*) from the result spec. And endpoint that calls this method should return a ListResult instance with its pagination attributes set appropriately.

#### removeOrder()

Remove the order attribute.

### popField(field)

Remove a single field from the *fields* attribute, returning True if it was present. Endpoints can use this in conditionals to avoid fetching particularly expensive fields from the DB API.

The following method is used internally to apply any remaining parts of a result spec that are not handled by the endpoint.

#### apply (data)

Apply the result specification to the data, returning a transformed copy of the data. If the data is a collection, then the result will be a ListResult instance.

#### class buildbot.data.resultspec.Filter(field, op, values)

#### Parameters

- **field** (*string*) the field to filter on
- **op** (*string*) the comparison operator (e.g., "eq" or "gt")
- **values** (*list*) the values on the right side of the operator

A filter represents a limitation of the items from a collection that should be returned.

Many operators, such as "gt", only accept one value. Others, such as "eq" or "ne", can accept multiple values. In either case, the values must be passed as a list.

class buildbot.data.resultspec.Property(values)

**Parameters values** (*list*) – the values on the right side of the operator (eq)

A property represents an item of a foreign table.

In either case, the values must be passed as a list.

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### 3.9.14 Protocols

To exchange information over the network between master and worker we need to use protocol.

*buildbot.worker.protocols.base* provide interfaces to implement wrappers around protocol specific calls, so other classes which use them do not need to know about protocol calls or handle protocol specific exceptions.

class buildbot.worker.protocols.base.Listener(master)

Parameters master - buildbot.master.BuildMaster instance

Responsible for spawning Connection instances and updating registrations. Protocol-specific subclasses are instantiated with protocol-specific parameters by the buildmaster during startup.

class buildbot.worker.protocols.base.Connection(master, worker)

Represents connection to single worker

#### proxies

Dictionary containing mapping between Impl classes and Proxy class for this protocol This may be overridden by subclass to declare its proxy implementations

#### createArgsProxies (args)

Returns shallow copy of args dictionary with proxies instead of impls

Helper method that will use *proxies*, and replace Impl objects by specific Proxy counterpart.

#### notifyOnDisconnect(cb)

Parameters cb - callback

Returns buildbot.util.subscriptions.Subscription

Register a callback to be called if worker gets disconnected

loseConnection () Close connection

remotePrint (message)

**Parameters** message (*string*) – message for worker

**Returns** Deferred

Print message to worker log file

### remoteGetWorkerInfo()

Returns Deferred

Get worker information, commands and version, put them in dictionary then return back

remoteSetBuilderList (builders)

Parameters builders (List) - list with wanted builders

**Returns** Deferred containing PB references XXX

Take list with wanted builders and send them to worker, return list with created builders

remoteStartCommand (remoteCommand, builderName, commandId, commandName, args)

#### **Parameters**

- remoteCommand RemoteCommandImpl instance
- builderName (string) self explanatory
- **commandId** (*string*) command number
- commandName (string) command which will be executed on worker
- **args** (List) arguments for that command

#### Returns Deferred

Start command on worker

#### remoteShutdown()

#### Returns Deferred

Shutdown the worker, causing its process to halt permanently.

#### remoteStartBuild(builderName)

:param builderName name of the builder for which the build is starting :returns: Deferred

Just starts build

remoteInterruptCommand(builderName, commandId, why)

#### Parameters

- **builderName** (*string*) self explanatory
- **commandId** (*string*) command number
- why (string) reason to interrupt

#### Returns Deferred

Interrupt the command executed on builderName with given commandId on worker, print reason "why" to worker logs

Following classes are describing the worker -> master part of the protocol.

In order to support old workers, we must make sure we do not change the current pb protocol. This is why we implement a Impl vs Proxy methods. All the objects that are referenced from the workers for remote calls have an Impl and a Proxy base classes in this module.

Impl classes are subclassed by buildbot master, and implement the actual logic for the protocol api. Proxy classes are implemented by the worker/master protocols, and implements the demux and de-serialization of protocol calls.

On worker sides, those proxy objects are replaced by a proxy object having a single method to call master side methods:

class buildbot.worker.protocols.base.workerProxyObject

```
callRemote (message, *args, **kw)
    calls the method "remote_" + message on master side
```

class buildbot.worker.protocols.base.RemoteCommandImpl
 Represents a RemoteCommand status controller

#### remote\_update(updates)

Parameters updates - dictionary of updates

Called when the workers has updates to the current remote command

possible keys for updates are:

- stdout: Some logs where captured in remote command's stdout. value: <data> as string
- stderr: Some logs where captured in remote command's stderr. value: <data> as string
- header: remote command's header text. value: <data> as string
- log: one of the watched logs has received some text. value: (<logname> as string, <data> as string)
- rc: Remote command exited with a return code. value: <rc> as integer
- elapsed: Remote command has taken <elapsed> time. value: <elapsed seconds> as float
- stat: sent by the stat command with the result of the os.stat, converted to a tuple. value: <stat> as tuple
- files: sent by the glob command with the result of the glob.glob. value: <files> as list of string
- got\_revision: sent by the source commands with the revision checked out. value: <revision>
   as string
- repo\_downloaded: sent by the repo command with the list of patches downloaded by repo. value: <downloads> as list of string

**class** buildbot.worker.protocols.base.**FileWriterImpl** Class used to implement data transfer between worker and master

class buildbot.worker.protocols.base.FileReaderImpl(object)

remote\_read (maxLength)

**Parameters maxLength** – maximum length of the data to send

Returns data read

called when worker needs more data

remote\_close()

Called when master should close the file

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# 3.9.15 WorkerManager

### **WorkerRegistration**

class buildbot.worker.manager.WorkerRegistration(master, worker)
 Represents single Worker registration

#### unregister()

Remove registration for worker

update (worker\_config, global\_config)

### Parameters

- worker\_config (*Worker*) new Worker instance
- global\_config (MasterConfig) Buildbot config

Update the registration in case the port or password has changed.

NOTE: You should invoke this method after calling WorkerManager.register(worker)

### WorkerManager

```
class buildbot.worker.manager.WorkerManager(master)
Handle Worker registrations for multiple protocols
```

register(worker)

Parameters worker (Worker) - new Worker instance

**Returns** WorkerRegistration

Creates WorkerRegistration instance.

NOTE: You should invoke .update() on returned WorkerRegistration instance

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# 3.9.16 Logs

### class buildbot.process.log.Log

This class handles write-only access to log files from running build steps. It does not provide an interface for reading logs - such access should occur directly through the Data API.

Instances of this class can only be created by the *addLog* method of a build step.

#### name

The name of the log.

Note that if you have a build step which outputs multiple logs, naming one of the logs Summary will cause the Web UI to sort the summary log first in the list, and expand it so that the contents are immediately visible.

type

The type of the log, represented as a single character. See *logchunk* for details.

### logid

The ID of the logfile.

#### decoder

A callable used to decode bytestrings. See *logEncoding*.

subscribe (receiver)

**Parameters receiver** (*callable*) – the function to call

Register receiver to be called with line-delimited chunks of log data. The callable is invoked as receiver(stream, chunk), where the stream is indicated by a single character, or None for logs without streams. The chunk is a single string containing an arbitrary number of log lines, and terminated with a newline. When the logfile is finished, receiver will be invoked with None for both arguments.

The callable cannot return a Deferred. If it must perform some asynchronous operation, it will need to handle its own Deferreds, and be aware that multiple overlapping calls may occur.

Note that no "rewinding" takes place: only log content added after the call to subscribe will be supplied to receiver.

 ${\tt finish}\,(\,)$ 

Returns Deferred

This method indicates that the logfile is finished. No further additions will be permitted.

In use, callers will receive a subclass with methods appropriate for the log type:

class buildbot.process.log.TextLog

#### addContent(text):

**Parameters** text – log content

Returns Deferred

Add the given data to the log. The data need not end on a newline boundary.

class buildbot.process.log.HTMLLog

#### addContent(text):

Parameters text - log content

Returns Deferred

Same as TextLog.addContent.

#### class buildbot.process.log.StreamLog

This class handles logs containing three interleaved streams: stdout, stderr, and header. The resulting log maintains data distinguishing these streams, so they can be filtered or displayed in different colors. This class is used to represent the stdio log in most steps.

addStdout (text)

**Parameters** text – log content

Returns Deferred

Add content to the stdout stream. The data need not end on a newline boundary.

addStderr(text)

Parameters text - log content

**Returns** Deferred

Add content to the stderr stream. The data need not end on a newline boundary.

addHeader(text)

**Parameters** text – log content

Returns Deferred

Add content to the header stream. The data need not end on a newline boundary.

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### 3.9.17 LogObservers

#### class buildbot.process.logobserver.LogObserver

This is a base class for objects which receive logs from worker commands as they are produced. It does not provide an interface for reading logs - such access should occur directly through the Data API.

See Adding LogObservers for help creating and using a custom log observer.

The three methods that subclasses may override follow. None of these methods may return a Deferred. It is up to the callee to handle any asynchronous operations. Subclasses may also override the constructor, with no need to call *LogObserver*'s constructor.

#### outReceived(data):

#### Parameters data (unicode) - received data

This method is invoked when a "chunk" of data arrives in the log. The chunk contains one or more newline-terminated unicode lines. For stream logs (e.g., stdio), output to stderr generates a call to errReceived, instead.

#### errReceived(data):

Parameters data (unicode) - received data

This method is similar to outReceived, but is called for output to stderr.

#### headerReceived(data):

Parameters data (unicode) - received data

This method is similar to outReceived, but is called for header output.

#### finishReceived()

This method is invoked when the observed log is finished.

#### class buildbot.process.logobserver.LogLineObserver

This subclass of LogObserver calls its subclass methods once for each line, instead of once per chunk.

#### outLineReceived(line):

Parameters line (unicode) - received line, without newline

Like outReceived, this is called once for each line of output received. The argument does not contain the trailing newline character.

#### errLineReceived(line):

**Parameters** line (*unicode*) – received line, without newline

Similar to outLineReceived, but for stderr.

#### headerLineReceived(line):

Parameters line (unicode) - received line, without newline

Similar to outLineReceived, but for header output..

#### finishReceived()

This method, inherited from LogObserver, is invoked when the observed log is finished.

#### class buildbot.process.logobserver.LineConsumerLogObserver

This subclass of *LogObserver* takes a generator function and "sends" each line to that function. This allows consumers to be written as stateful Python functions, e.g.,

Each yield expression evaluates to a tuple of (stream, line), where the stream is one of 'o', 'e', or 'h' for stdout, stderr, and header, respectively. As with any generator function, the yield expression will raise a GeneratorExit exception when the generator is complete. To do something after the log is finished, just catch this exception (but then re-raise it or return)

```
def logConsumer(self):
    while True:
        try:
            stream, line = yield
            if stream == 'o' and line.startswith('W'):
                self.warnings.append(line[1:])
    except GeneratorExit:
            self.warnings.sort()
            return
```

**Warning:** This use of generator functions is a simple Python idiom first described in PEP 342 (https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0342/). It is unrelated to the generators used in inlineCallbacks. In fact, consumers of this type are incompatible with asynchronous programming, as each line must be processed immediately.

### Parameters

- wantStdout (boolean) true if stdout should be buffered
- wantStderr (boolean) true if stderr should be buffered

This subclass of *LogObserver* buffers stdout and/or stderr for analysis after the step is complete. This can cause excessive memory consumption if the output is large.

#### getStdout()

Returns unicode string

Return the accumulated stdout.

getStderr()

Returns unicode string

Return the accumulated stderr.

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# 3.9.18 Authentication

#### class buildbot.www.auth.AuthBase

This class is the base class for all authentication methods. All authentications are not done at the same level, so several optional methods are available. This class implements default implementation. The login session is stored via twisted's request.getSession(), and detailed used information is stored in request.getSession().user\_info. The session information is then sent to the UI via the config constant (in the user attribute of config)

#### userInfoProvider

Authentication modules are responsible for providing user information as detailed as possible. When there is a need to get additional information from another source, a userInfoProvider can optionally be specified.

reconfigAuth (master, new\_config)

#### **Parameters**

- master the reference to the master
- new\_config the reference to the new configuration

Reconfigure the authentication module. In the base class, this simply sets self.master.

#### maybeAutoLogin (request)

Parameters request - the request object

#### Returns Deferred

This method is called when /config.js is fetched. If the authentication method supports automatic login, e.g., from a header provided by a frontend proxy, this method handles the login.

If it succeeds, the method sets request.getSession().user\_info. If the login fails unexpectedly, it raises resource.Error. The default implementation simply returns without setting user\_info.

#### getLoginResource()

Return the resource representing /auth/login.

#### getLogout()

Return the resource representing /auth/logout.

#### updateUserInfo(request)

**Parameters** request – the request object

Separate entrypoint for getting user information. This is a mean to call self.userInfoProvider if provided.

### class buildbot.www.auth.UserInfoProviderBase

Class that can be used, to get more info for the user like groups, in a separate database.

#### getUserInfo(username)

returns the user infos, from the username used for login (via deferred)

returns a dict with following keys:

- email: email address of the user
- full\_name: Full name of the user, like "Homer Simpson"
- groups: groups the user belongs to, like ["duff fans", "dads"]

### class buildbot.www.oauth2.OAuth2Auth

OAuth2Auth implements oauth2 2 phases authentication. With this method /auth/login is called twice. Once without argument. It should return the URL the browser has to redirect in order to perform oauth2 authentication, and authorization. Then the oauth2 provider will redirect to /auth/login?code=???, and buildbot web server will verify the code using the oauth2 provider.

Typical login process is:

- UI calls the /auth/login api, and redirect the browser to the returned oauth2 provider url
- oauth2 provider shows a web page with a form for the user to authenticate, and ask the user the permission for buildbot to access its account.
- oauth2 provider redirects the browser to /auth/login?code=???
- OAuth2Auth module verifies the code, and get the user's additional information
- buildbot UI is reloaded, with the user authenticated.

This implementation is using requests (http://docs.python-requests.org/en/latest/) subclasses must override following class attributes: \* name Name of the oauth plugin \* falcon font awesome class to use for login button logo \* resourceEndpoint URI of the resource where the authentication token is used \* authUri URI the browser is pointed to to let the user enter creds \* tokenUri URI to verify the browser code and get auth token \* authUriAdditionalParams Additional parameters for the authUri \* tokenUriAdditionalParams Additional parameters for the tokenUri

#### getUserInfoFromOAuthClient(*self*, *c*)

This method is called after a successful authentication to get additional information about the user from the oauth2 provider.

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# 3.9.19 Avatars

Buildbot's avatar support associate a small image with each user.

#### class buildbot.www.avatar.AvatarBase

Class that can be used, to get more the avatars for the users. This can be used for the authenticated users, but also for the users referenced by changes.

getUserAvatar (self, email, size, defaultAvatarUrl)

returns the user's avatar, from the user's email (via deferred). If the data is directly available, this function returns a tuple (mime\_type, picture\_raw\_data). If the data is available in another URL, this function can raise resource.Redirect (avatar\_url), and the web server will redirect to the avatar\_url.

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# 3.9.20 Web Server Classes

Most of the source in master/buildbot/www (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/buildbot/www) is self-explanatory. However, a few classes and methods deserve some special mention.

### **Resources**

class buildbot.www.resource.Redirect(url)

This is a subclass of Twisted Web's Error. If this is raised within *asyncRenderHelper*, the user will be redirected to the given URL.

class buildbot.www.resource.Resource

This class specializes the usual Twisted Web Resource class.

It adds support for resources getting notified when the master is reconfigured.

#### needsReconfig

If True, reconfigResource will be called on reconfig.

reconfigResource(new\_config)

Parameters new\_config - new MasterConfig instance

Returns Deferred if desired

Reconfigure this resource.

It's surprisingly difficult to render a Twisted Web resource asynchronously. This method makes it quite a bit easier:

**asyncRenderHelper** (*request*, *callable*, *writeError=None*)

**Parameters** 

- **request** the request instance
- **callable** the render function
- writeError optional callable for rendering errors

This method will callable, which can return a Deferred, with the given request. The value returned from this callable will be converted to an HTTP response. Exceptions, including Error subclasses, are handled properly. If the callable raises *Redirect*, the response will be a suitable HTTP 302 redirect.

Use this method as follows:

```
def render_GET(self, request):
    return self.asyncRenderHelper(request, self.renderThing)
```

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# CHAPTER 4

# **Release Notes**

# 4.1 Buildbot 2.7.0 (2020-02-27)

# 4.1.1 Bug fixes

- Command buildbot-worker create-worker now supports ipv6 address for buildmaster connection.
- Fix crash in latent worker stopService() when the worker is insubstantiating (issue # 4935 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/4935)).
- Fix race condition between latent worker's stopService() and substantiate().
- GitHubAuth is now using *Authorization* headers instead of *access\_token* query parameter, as the latter was deprecated by Github. (issue # 5188 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/bisues/5188))
- jQuery and \$ are available again as a global variable for UI plugins (issue # 5161 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/5161)).
- Latent workers will no longer wait for builds to finish when worker is reconfigured. The builds will still be retried on other workers and the operators will not need to potentially wait multiple hours for builds to finish.
- p4poller will no longer override Perforce login ticket handling behavior which fixes random crashes (issue # 5042 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/5042)).

## 4.1.2 Improved Documentation

- The procedures of upgrading to Buildbot 1.x and 2.x have been clarified in separate documents.
- The layout of the specification of the REST API has been improved.
- Updated newsfragments README.txt to no longer refer to renamed class HttpStatusBase
- The documentation now uses the read-the-docs theme which is more readable.

# 4.1.3 Features

- A new www badges style was added: badgeio
- HttpStatusPushBase now allows you to skip unicode to bytes encoding while pushing data to server
- New buildbot-worker create-worker --delete-leftover-dirs option to automatically remove obsolete builder directories

# 4.2 Buildbot 2.6.0 (2020-01-21)

# 4.2.1 Bug fixes

- Fix a potential deadlock when interrupting a step that is waiting for a lock to become available.
- Prepare unique hgpoller name when using multiple hgpoller for multiple branches (issue # 5004 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/5004))
- Fix hgpoller crash when force pushing a branch (issue #4876 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4876))
- Fix mail recipient formatting to make sure address comments are separately escaped instead of escaping the whole To: or CC: header, which is not RFC compliant.
- Master side keep-alive requests are now repeated instead of being single-shot (issue # 3630 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3630)).
- The message queues will now wait until the delivered callbacks are fully completed during shutdown.
- Fix encoding errors during P4Poller ticket parsing issue # 5148 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/5148).
- Remove server header from HTTP response served by the web component.
- Fix multiple race conditions in Telegram reporter that were visible in tests.
- The Telegram reporter will now wait until in-progress polls finish during shutdown.
- Improve reliability of timed scheduler.
- transfer steps now correctly report errors from workers issue # 5058 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/5058)
- Warn if Buildbot title in the configuration is too long and will be ignored.
- Worker will now wait for any pending keep-alive requests to finish leaving them in indeterminate state during shutdown.

# 4.2.2 Improved Documentation

• Mention that QueueRef.stopConsuming() may return a Deferred.

# 4.2.3 Features

- Add the parameter –use-tls to *buildbot-worker create-worker* to automatically enable TLS in the connection string
- Gerrit reporter now passes a tag for versions that support it. This enables filtering out buildbot's messages.
- GerritEventLogPoller and GerritChangeSource coordinate so as not to generate duplicate changes, resolves issue # 4786 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4786)

- Web front end now allows you to configure the default landing page with c['www']['default\_page'] = 'nameof-page'.
- The new option dumpMailsToLog of MailNotifier allows to dump formatted mails to the log before sending.
- bb:cfg:workers will now attempt to read /etc/os-release and stores them into worker info as os\_<field> items. Add new interpolation worker that can be used for accessing worker info items.

# 4.3 Buildbot 2.5.1 (2019–11–24)

# 4.3.1 Bug fixes

- Updates supported browser list so that Ubuntu Chromium will not always be flagged as out of date.
- Fixed IRC notification color of cancelled builds.
- Updated url in description of worker service for Windows (no functionality impact).
- Updated templates of www-badges to support additional padding configuration (issue # 5079 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/5079))
- Fix issue with custom\_templates loading path (issue # 5035 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/5035))
- Fix url display when step do not contain any logs (issue # 5047 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/5047))

# **4.4 Buildbot** 2.5.0 (2019–10–17)

# 4.4.1 Bug fixes

- reconfiguring • Fix crash when changed workers that have new builders assigned to them (issue # 4757 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4757), issue # 5027 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/5027)).
- DockerLatentWorker: Allow to bind the same volume twice into a worker's container, Buildbot now requires 'docker-py' (nowadays 'docker') version 1.2.3+ from 2015.
- IRC bot can have authz configured to create or stop builds (issue # 2957 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/2957)).
- Fix javascript exception with grid view tag filtering (issue # 4801 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/4801))

## 4.4.2 Improved Documentation

Changed PluginList link from trac wiki directly to the GitHub wiki.

### 4.4.3 Features

- Created a *TelegramBot* for notification and control through Telegram messaging app.
- Added support for environment variable P4CONFIG to class P4Source
- Allow to define behavior for GitCommit when there is nothing to commit.

- · Add support for revision links to Mercurial poller
- Support recursive matching ('\*\*') in MultipleFileUpload when glob=True (requires python3.5+ on the worker)

# 4.5 Buildbot 2.4.1 (2019-09-11)

# 4.5.1 Bug fixes

- allow committer of a change to be null for new setups (issue # 4987 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4987))
- custom\_templates are now working again.
- Locks will no longer allow being acquired more times than the *maxCount* parameter if this parameter is changed during master reconfiguration.

# 4.5.2 Features

- Improve log cleaning performance by using delete with join on supported databases.
- · Hiding/showing of inactive builders is now possible in Waterfall view.

# 4.6 Buildbot 2.4.0 (2019-08-18)

# 4.6.1 Highlights

Database upgrade may take a while on larger instances on this release due to newly added index.

# 4.6.2 Bug fixes

- Add an index to steps.started\_at to boost expensive SQL queries.
- Fix handling of the refs\_changed event in the BitBucket Server web hook.
- Fix errors when disconnecting a libvirt worker (issue #4844 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4844)).
- Fix Bitbucket Cloud hook crash due to changes in their API (issue # 4873 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4873)).
- Fix GerritEventLogPoller was using the wrong date format.
- Fix janitor Exception when there is no logchunk to delete.
- Reduced the number of SQL queries triggered by getPrevSuccessfulBuild() by up to 100.
- GitStepMixin: Prevent builders from corrupting temporary ssh data path by using builder name as part of the path
- GitTag: Allow tagName to be a renderable.
- Fix Github error reporting to handle exceptions that happen before the HTTP request is sent.
- GitPoller: Trigger on pushes with no commits when the new revision is not the tip of another branch.
- Git: Fix the invocation of git submodule foreach on cleaning.

- Fix StatsService not correctly clearing old consumers on reconfig.
- Fix various errors in try client with Python 3 (issue # 4765 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4765)).
- Prevent accidental start of multiple force builds in web UI (issue # 4823 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4823)).
- The support for proxying Buildbot frontend to another Buildbot instance during development has been fixed. This feature has been broken since v2.3.0, and is now completely re-implemented for best performance, ease of use and maintainability.

# 4.6.3 Improved Documentation

- Document why some listed icons may not work out-of-the-box when building a custom dashboard (issue # 4939 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4939)).
- Improve Vault secrets management documentation and examples.
- Link the documentation of www.port to the capabilities of twisted.application.strports.
- Move the documentation on how to submit PRs out of the trac wiki to the documentation shipped with Buildbot, update and enhance it.

# 4.6.4 Features

- Update buildbot worker image to Ubuntu 18.04 (issue # 4928 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4928)).
- *DockerLatentWorker*: Added support for docker build contexts, buildargs, and specifying controlling context.
- The *GerritChangeFilter* and *GerritEventLogPoller* now populate the files attribute of emitted changes when the get\_files argument is true. Enabling this feature triggers an additional HTTP request or SSH command to the Gerrit server for every emitted change.
- Buildbot now warns users who connect using unsupported browsers.
- Boost janitor speed by using more efficient SQL queries.
- Scheduler properties are now renderable.
- Sphinx: Added strict\_warnings option to fail on warnings.
- UI now shows a paginated view for trigger step sub builds.

# 4.6.5 Deprecations and Removals

• Support for older browsers that were not working since 2.3.0 has been removed due to technical limitations. Notably, Internet Explorer 11 is no longer supported. Currently supported browsers are Chrome 56, Firefox 52, Edge 13 and Safari 10, newer versions of these browsers and their compatible derivatives. This set of browsers covers 98% of users of buildbot.net.

# 4.7 Buildbot 2.3.1 (2019-05-22)

# 4.7.1 Bug fixes

• Fix vulnerability in OAuth where user-submitted authorization token was used for authentication (https://github. com/buildbot/buildbot/wiki/OAuth-vulnerability-in-using-submitted-authorization-token-for-authentication) Thanks to Phillip Kuhrt for reporting it.

# 4.8 Buildbot 2.3.0 (2019-05-06)

# 4.8.1 Highlights

• Support for older browsers has been hopefully temporarily broken due to frontend changes in progress. Notably, Internet Explorer 11 is not supported in this release. Currently supported browsers are Chrome 56, Firefox 52, Edge 13 and Safari 10, newer versions of these browsers and their compatible derivatives. This set of browsers covers 98% of users of buildbot.net.

# 4.8.2 Bug fixes

- Fixed *Git* to clean the repository after the checkout when submodules are enabled. Previously this action could lead to untracked module directories after changing branches.
- Latent workers with negative *build\_wait\_timeout* will be shutdown on master shutdown.
- Latent worker will now wait until *start\_instance()* before starting *stop\_instance()* or vice-versa. Master will wait for these functions to finish during shutdown.
- Latent worker will now correctly handle synchronous exception from the backend worker driver.
- Fixed a potential error during database migration when upgrading to versions >=2.0 (issue # 4711 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4711)).

# 4.8.3 Deprecations and Removals

- The implementation language of the Buildbot web frontend has been changed from CoffeeScript to JavaScript. The documentation has not been updated yet, as we plan to transition to TypeScript. In the transitory period support for some browsers, notably IE 11 has been dropped. We hope to bring support for older browsers back once the transitory period is over.
- The support for building Buildbot using npm as package manager has been removed. Please use yarn as a replacement that is used by Buildbot developers.

# 4.9 Buildbot 2.2.0 (2019-04-07)

# 4.9.1 Bug fixes

- Fix passing the verify and debug parameters for the HttpStatusPush reporter
- The builder page UI now correctly shows the list of owners for each build.

- Fixed bug with tilde in git repo url on Python 3.7 (issue # 4639 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/4639)).
- Fix secret leak when non-interpolated secret was passed to a step (issue # 4007 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/4007))

#### 4.9.2 Features

- Added new GitCommit step to perform git commit operation
- Added new GitTag step to perform git tag operation
- HgPoller now supports bookmarks in addition to branches.
- Buildbot can now monitor multiple branches in a Mercurial repository.
- OAuth2Auth have been adapted to support ref:Secret.
- Buildbot can now get secrets from the unix password store by *zx2c4* (https://www.passwordstore.org/).
- Added a basename property to the Github pull request webhook handler.
- The GitHub change hook secret can now be rendered.
- Each build now gets a preparation step which counts the time spend starting latent worker.
- Support known\_hosts file format as sshKnownHosts parameter in SSH-related operations (issue # 4681 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4681))

## **4.10** Buildbot 2.1.0 (2019–03–09)

#### 4.10.1 Highlights

• Worker to Master protocol can now be encrypted via TLS.

#### 4.10.2 Bug fixes

- To avoid database corruption, the upgrade-master command now ignores all signals except SIGKILL. It cannot be interrupted with ctrl-c (issue # 4600 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4600)).
- Fixed incorrect tracking of latent worker states that could sometimes result in duplicate stop\_instance calls and so on.
- Fixed a race condition that could manifest in cancelled substantiations if builds were created during insubstantiation of a latent worker.
- Perforce CLI Rev. 2018.2/1751184 (2019/01/21) is now supported (issue # 4574 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4574)).
- Fix encoding issues with Forcescheduler parameters error management code.

#### 4.10.3 Improved Documentation

• fix grammar mistakes and use Uppercase B for Buildbot

#### 4.10.4 Features

- Worker now have *connection\_string* kw-argument which can be used to connect to a master over TLS.
- Adding 'expand\_logs' option for LogPreview related settings.
- Force schedulers buttons are now sorted by their name. (issue # 4619 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4619))
- workers now have a new defaultProperties parameter.

## 4.11 Buildbot 2.0.1 (2019-02-06)

### 4.11.1 Bug fixes

- Do not build universal python wheels now that Python 2 is not supported.
- Print a warning discouraging users from stopping the database migration.

## 4.12 Buildbot 2.0.0 (2019-02-02)

#### 4.12.1 Deprecations and Removals

- Removed support for Python <3.5 in the buildbot master code. Buildbot worker remains compatible with python2.7, and interoperability tests are run continuously.
- APIs that are not documented in the official Buildbot documentation have been made private. Users of these undocumented APIs are encouraged to file bugs to get them exposed.
- Removed support of old slave APIs from pre-0.9 days. Using old APIs may fail silently. To avoid weird errors when upgrading a Buildbot installation that may use old APIs, first upgrade to to 1.8.0 and make sure there are no deprecated API warnings.
- Remove deprecated default value handling of the keypair\_name and security\_name attributes of EC2LatentWorker.
- Support for Hyper.sh containers cloud provider has been removed as this service has shutdown.

## 4.12.2 Bug fixes

- Fix CRLF injection vulnerability with validating user provided redirect parameters (https://github.com/buildbot/ buildbot/wiki/CRLF-injection-in-Buildbot-login-and-logout-redirect-code) Thanks to mik317 and mariadb for reporting it.
- Fix lockup during master shutdown when there's a build with unanswered ping from the worker and the TCP connection to worker is severed (issue:4575).
- Fix RemoteUserAuth.maybeAutLogin consumes bytes object as str leading to TypeError during JSON serialization. (issue # 4402 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4402))
- Various database integrity problems were fixed. Most notably, it is now possible to delete old changes without wiping all "child" changes in cascade (issue # 4539 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbo

• The GitLab change hook secret is now rendered correctly. (issue # 4118 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4118)).

### 4.12.3 Features

• Identifiers can now contain UTF-8 characters which are not ASCII. This includes worker names, builder names, and step names.

# CHAPTER 5

## **Older Release Notes**

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

## 5.1 Release Notes for Buildbot 1.8.2 (2019-05-22)

#### 5.1.1 Bug fixes

• Fix vulnerability in OAuth where user-submitted authorization token was used for authentication (https://github. com/buildbot/buildbot/wiki/OAuth-vulnerability-in-using-submitted-authorization-token-for-authentication) Thanks to Phillip Kuhrt for reporting it.

## **5.2 Release Notes for Buildbot** 1.8.1 (2019–02–02)

#### 5.2.1 Bug fixes

• Fix CRLF injection vulnerability with validating user provided redirect parameters (https://github.com/buildbot/ buildbot/wiki/CRLF-injection-in-Buildbot-login-and-logout-redirect-code) Thanks to mik317 and mariadb for reporting it.

## 5.3 Release Notes for Buildbot 1.8.0 (2019-01-20)

## 5.3.1 Bug fixes

• Fix a regression present in v1.7.0 which caused buildrequests waiting for a lock that got released by an unrelated build not be scheduled (issue # 4491 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4491))

- Don't run builds that request an instance with incompatible properties on Docker, Marathon and OpenStack latent workers.
- Gitpoller now fetches only branches that are known to exist on remote. Non-existing branches are quietly ignored.
- The demo repo in sample configuration files and the tutorial is now fetched via https: instead of git: to make life easier for those behind firewalls and/or using proxies.
- buildbot sendchange has been fixed on Python 3 (issue # 4138 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4138))

#### 5.3.2 Features

- Add a KubeLatentWorker to launch workers into a kubernetes cluster
- Simplify/automate configuration of worker as Windows service eliminate manual configuration of Log on as a service

### 5.3.3 Deprecations and Removals

- The deprecated BuildMaster.addBuildset method has been removed. Use BuildMaster.data. updates.addBuildset instead.
- The deprecated BuildMaster.addChange method has been removed. Use BuildMaster.data. updates.addChange instead.
- buildbot package now requires Twisted versions >= 17.9.0. This is required for Python 3 support. Earlier versions of Twisted are not supported.

## 5.4 Release Notes for Buildbot 1.7.0 (2018-12-21)

#### 5.4.1 Bug fixes

- Fixed JSON decoding error when sending build properties to www change hooks on Python 3.
- Buildbot no longer attempts to start builds that it can prove will have unsatisfied locks.
- Don't run builds that request images or sizes on instances started with different images or sizes.

#### 5.4.2 Features

- The Buildbot master Docker image at https://hub.docker.com/r/buildbot/ has been upgraded to use Python 3.7 by default.
- Builder page has been improved with a smoothed build times plot, and a new success rate plot.
- Allow the Buildbot master initial start timeout to be configurable.
- An API to check whether an already started instance of a latent worker is compatible with what's required by a build that is about to be started.
- Add support for v2 of the Vault key-value secret engine in the SecretInVault secret provider.

### 5.4.3 Deprecations and Removals

- Build.canStartWithWorkerForBuilder static method has been made private and renamed to \_canAcquireLocks.
- The Buildbot master Docker image based on Python 2.7 has been removed in favor of a Python 3.7 based image.
- Builder.canStartWithWorkerForBuilder method has been removed. Use Builder.canStartBuild.

## 5.5 Release Notes for Buildbot 1.6.0 (2018-11-16)

## 5.5.1 Bug fixes

- Fixed missing buildrequest owners in the builder page (issue # 4207 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4207), issue # 3904 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3904))
- Fixed display of the buildrequest number badge text in the builder page when on hover.
- Fix usage of master paths when doing Git operations on worker (issue # 4268 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/4268))

## 5.5.2 Improved Documentation

- Misc improvement in Git source build step documentation.
- Improve documentation of AbstractLatentWorker.
- Improve the documentation of the Buildbot concepts by removing unneeded details to other pages.

## 5.5.3 Features

- Added a page that lists all pending buildrequests (issue # 4239 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/4239))
- Builder page now has a chart displaying the evolution of build times over time
- Improved FileUpload efficiency (issue # 3709 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3709))
- Add method getResponsibleUsersForBuild in NotifierBase so that users can override recipients, for example to skip authors of changes.
- Add define parameter to RpmBuild to specify additional –define parameters.
- Added SSL proxy capability to base web application's developer test setup (gulp dev proxy --host the-buildbot-host --secure).

## 5.5.4 Deprecations and Removals

• The Material design Web UI has been removed as unmaintained. It may be brought back if a maintainer steps up.

## 5.6 Release Notes for Buildbot 1.5.0 (2018-10-09)

## 5.6.1 Bug fixes

- Fix the umask parameter example to make it work with both Python 2.x and 3.x.
- Fix build-change association for multi-codebase builds in the console view..
- Fixed builders page doesn't list workers in multi-master configuration (issue # 4326 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4326))
- Restricted groups added by *GitHubAuth*'s getTeamsMembership option to only those teams to which the user belongs. Previously, groups were added for all teams for all organizations to which the user belongs.
- Fix 'Show old workers' combo behavior.

## 5.6.2 Features

- GitHub teams added to a user's groups by *GitHubAuth*'s getTeamsMembership option are now added by slug as well as by name. This means a team named "Bot Builders" in the organization "buildbot" will be added as both buildbot/Bot Builders and buildbot/bot-builders.
- Make urlText renderable for the FileUpload build step.
- Added noticeOnChannel option to *IRC* to send notices instead of messages to channels. This was an option in v0.8.x and removed in v0.9.0, which defaulted to sending notices. The v0.8.x default of sending messages is now restored.

## 5.6.3 Reverts

• Reverted: Fix git submodule support when using *sshPrivateKey* and *sshHostKey* because it broke other use cases (issue # 4316 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4316)) In order to have this feature to work, you need to keep your master in 1.4.0, and make sure your worker buildbot.tac are installed in the same path as your master.

## 5.7 Release Notes for Buildbot 1.4.0 (2018-09-02)

## 5.7.1 Bug fixes

- Fix *Build.getUrl()* to not ignore virtual builders.
- Fix git submodule support when using *sshPrivateKey* and *sshHostKey* settings by passing ssh data as absolute, not relative paths.
- Fixed *P*4 for change in latest version of *p*4 login -*p*.
- buildbot.reporters.irc.IrcStatusBot no longer encodes messages before passing them on to methods of its Twisted base class to avoid posting the repr() of a bytes object when running on Python 3.

### 5.7.2 Features

- Added new *GitPush* step to perform git push operations.
- Objects returned by Renderer now are able to pass extra arguments to the rendered function via withArgs method.

## 5.7.3 Test Suite

- Test suite has been improved for readability by adding a lot of inlineCallbacks
- Fixed tests which didn't wait for assertFailure's returned deferred.
- The test suite now runs on Python 3.7 (mostly deprecation warnings from dependencies shut down)

## 5.8 Release Notes for Buildbot 1.3.0 (2018-07-13)

#### 5.8.1 Bug fixes

- buildbot-worker docker image no longer use pidfile. This allows to auto-restart a docker worker upon crash.
- GitLab v3 API is deprecated and has been removed from http://gitlab.com, so we now use v4. (issue # 4143 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4143))

## 5.8.2 Features

- -Git now supports sshHostKey parameter to specify ssh public host key for fetch operations.
- -Git now supports sshPrivateKey parameter to specify private ssh key for fetch operations.
- -*GitPoller* now supports *sshHostKey* parameter to specify ssh public host key for fetch operations. This feature is supported on git 2.3 and newer.
- -*GitPoller* now supports *sshPrivateKey* parameter to specify private ssh key for fetch operations. This feature is supported on git 2.3 and newer.
- Github hook token validation now uses hmac.compare\_digest() for better security

## 5.8.3 Deprecations and Removals

• Removed support for GitLab v3 API (GitLab < 9).

## **5.9 Release Notes for Buildbot** 1.2.0 (2018-06-10)

#### 5.9.1 Bug fixes

- Don't schedule a build when a GitLab merge request is deleted or edited (issue # 3635 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3635))
- Add GitLab source step; using it, we now handle GitLab merge requests from forks properly (issue # 4107 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4107))

- Fixed a bug in *MailNotifier*'s createEmail method when called with the default *builds* value which resulted in mail not being sent.
- Fixed a Github crash that happened on Pull Requests, triggered by Github Web-hooks. The json sent by the API does not contain a commit message. In github.py this causes a crash, resulting into response 500 sent back to Github and building failure.
- Speed up generation of api/v2/builders by an order of magnitude. (issue # 3396 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3396)).

## 5.9.2 Improved Documentation

• Added examples/gitlab.cfg to demonstrate integrating Buildbot with GitLab.

## 5.9.3 Features

- *ForceScheduler Parameters* now support an autopopulate parameter.
- *ForceScheduler Parameters* ChoiceParameter now correctly supports the strict parameter, by allowing free text entry if strict is False.
- Allow the remote ref to be specified in the GitHub hook configuration (issue # 3998 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3998))
- Added callable to p4 source that allows client code to resolve the p4 user and workspace into a more complete author. Default behaviour is a lambda that simply returns the original supplied who. This callable happens after the existing regex is performed.

## 5.10 Release Notes for Buildbot 1.1.2 (2018-05-15)

## 5.10.1 Bug fixes

- fix several multimaster issues by reverting issue # 3911 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3911).
   re-opens issue # 3783 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3783). (issue # 4067 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/4067), issue # 4062 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4062), issue # 4059 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4059))
- Fix *MultipleFileUpload* to correctly compute path name when worker and master are on different OS (issue # 4019 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4019))
- LDAP bytes/unicode handling has been fixed to work with Python 3. This means that LDAP authentication, REMOTE\_USER authentication, and LDAP avatars now work on Python 3. In addition, an of bounds access when trying to load the value of an empty LDAP attribute has been fixed.
- Removing `no-select` rules from places where they would prevent the user from selecting interesting text. (issue # 3663 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3663))
- fix `Maximum recursion depth exceeded when lots of worker are trying to connect while master is starting or reconfiguring (issue # 4042 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4042)).

## 5.10.2 Improved Documentation

• Document a minimal secure config for the Buildbot web interface. (issue # 4026 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/4026))

### 5.10.3 Features

- The Dockerfile for the buildbot master image has been updated to use Alpine Linux 3.7. In addition, the Python requests module has been added to this image. This makes GitHub authentication work out of the box with this image. (issue # 4039 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/sues/4039))
- New steps for Visual Studio 2017 (VS2017, VC141, and MsBuild141).
- The smoke tests have been changed to use ES2017 async and await keywords. This requires that the smoke tests run with Node 8 or higher. Use of async and await is recommended by the Protractor team: https://github.com/angular/protractor/blob/master/docs/async-await.md
- Allow urlText to be set on a url linked to a DirectoryUpload step (issue # 3983 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3983))

## 5.11 Release Notes for Buildbot 1.1.1 (2018-04-06)

#### 5.11.1 Bug fixes

- Fix issue which marked all workers dis-configured in the database ev-# 3981 24h (issue (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3981) ery is-3956 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3956) # issue # 3970 sue (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3970))
- The *MailNotifier* no longer crashes when sending from/to email addresses with "Real Name" parts (e.g., John Doe <john.doe@domain.tld>).
- Corrected pluralization of text on landing page of the web UI

## 5.11.2 Improved Documentation

- Corrected typo in description of libvirt
- Update sample config to use preferred API

#### 5.11.3 Misc Improvements

· Home page now contains links to recently active builders

## 5.12 Release Notes for Buildbot 1.1.0 (2018-03-10)

#### 5.12.1 Deprecations and Removals

• Removed ramlfication as a dependency to build the docs and run the tests.

#### 5.12.2 Bug fixes

- Fixed buildrequests API doesn't provide properties data (issue # 3929 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3929))
- Fix missing owner on builder build table (issue # 3311 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3311))

- Include *hipchat* as reporter.
- Fix encoding issues of commands with Windows workers (issue # 3799 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3799)).
- Fixed Relax builder name length restriction (issue # 3413 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3413)).
- Fix the configuration order so that services can actually use secrets (issue # 3985 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3985))
- Partially fix Builder page should show the worker information (issue # 3546 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3546)).

## 5.12.3 Features

- Added the defaultProperties parameter to builders.
- When a build step has a log called "summary" (case-insensitive), the Build Summary page will sort that log first in the list of logs, and automatically expand it.

## **5.13 Release Notes for Buildbot** 1.0.0 (2018-02-11)

Despite the major version bump, Buildbot 1.0.0 does not have major difference with the 0.9 series. 1.0.0 is rather the mark of API stability. Developers do not foresee a major API break in the next few years like we had for 0.8 to 0.9.

Starting with 1.0.0, Buildbot will follow semver (https://semver.org/) versioning methodology.

## 5.13.1 Bug fixes

- Cloning *Git* repository with submodules now works with Git < 1.7.6 instead of failing due to the use of the unsupported --force option.
- *GitHub* hook now properly creates a change in case of new tag or new branch. *GitHub* changes will have the category set to tag when a tag was pushed to easily distinguish from a branch push.
- Fixed issue with Master.expireMasters not always honoring its forceHouseKeeping parameter. (issue # 3783 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3783))
- Fixed issue with steps not correctly ending in CANCELLED status when interrupted.
- Fix maximum recursion limit issue when transferring large files with LocalWorker (issue:3014).
- Added an argument to P4Source that allows users to provide a callable to convert Perforce branch and revision to a valid revlink URL. Perforce supplies a p4web server for resolving urls into change lists.
- Fixed issue with buildbot\_pkg` not hanging on yarn step on windows (issue # 3890 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3890)).
- Fix issue with *workers* notify\_on\_missing not able to be configurable as a single string instead of list of string (issue # 3913 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3913)).
- Fixed Builder page should display worker name instead of id (issue # 3901 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3901)).

### 5.13.2 Features

- Add capability to override the default UI settings (issue # 3908 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3908))
- All *Reporters* have been adapted to be able to use *Secret*. *SVNPoller* has been adapted to be able to use *Secret*.
- Implement support for Bitbucket Cloud webhook plugin in BitbucketCloudEventHandler
- The owners property now includes people associated with the changes of the build (issue # 3904 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3904)).
- The repo source step now syncs with the --force-sync flag which allows the sync to proceed when a source repo in the manifest has changed.
- Add support for compressing the repo source step cache tarball with pigz, a parallel gzip compressor.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

## 5.14 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.15.post1 (2018-01-07)

### 5.14.1 Bug fixes

- Fix worker reconnection fails (issue # 3875 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3875), issue # 3876 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3876))
- Fix umask set to 0 when using LocalWorker (issue # 3878 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3878))
- Fix Buildbot reconfig, when badge plugin is installed (issue # 3879 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3879))
- Fix (issue # 3865 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3865)) so that now *SVNPoller* works with paths that contain valid UTF-8 characters which are not ASCII.

## 5.15 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.15 (2018-01-02)

#### 5.15.1 Bug fixes

- Fix builder page not showing any build (issue # 3820 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3820))
- Fix double Workers button in the menu. (issue # 3818 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3818))
- Fix bad icons in the worker action dialog.
- Fix url arguments in Buildbot *Badges* for python3.
- Upgrading to *guanlecoja-ui* version 1.8.0, fixing two issues. Fixed issue where the console view would jump to the top of page when opening the build summary dialog (issue # 3657 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3657)). Also improved sidebar behaviour by remembering previous pinned vs. collapsed state.
- Fixes issue with Buildbot *DockerLatentWorker*, where Buildbot can kill running workers by mistake based on the form the worker name (issue # 3800 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3800)).

- Fixes issue with Buildbot *DockerLatentWorker* not reaping zombies process within its container environment.
- Update requirement text to use the modern "docker" module from the older "docker-py" module name
- When multiple *reporter* or *services* are configured with the same name, an error is now displayed instead of silently discarding all but the last one issue # 3813 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3813).
- Fixed exception when using buildbot.www.auth.CustomAuth

## 5.15.2 Features

- New Buildbot SVG icons for web UI. The web UI now uses a colored favicon according to build results (issue # 3785 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3785)).
- paused and graceful *Workers States* are now stored in the database.
- Workers States are now displayed in the web UI.
- Quarantine timers is now using the paused worker state.
- Quarantine timer is now enabled when a build finish on EXCEPTION state.
- Standalone binaries for buildbot-worker package are now published for windows and linux (amd64). This allows to run a buildbot-worker without having a python environment.
- New buildbot-worker create-worker --maxretries for *Latent Workers* to quit if the master is or becomes unreachable.
- Badges can now display *running* as status.
- The database schema now supports cascade deletes for all objects instead of raising an error when deleting a record which has other records pointing to it via foreign keys.
- Buildbot can properly find its version if installed from a git archive tarball generated from a tag.
- Enhanced the test suite to add worker/master protocol interoperability tests between python3 and python2.

## 5.15.3 Deprecations and Removals

• buildbot.util.ascii2unicode() is removed. buildbot.util.bytes2unicode() should be used instead.

## 5.16 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.14 (2017-12-08)

## 5.16.1 Bug fixes

- Compile step now properly takes the decodeRC parameter in account (issue # 3774 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3774))
- Fix duplicate build requests results in *BuildRequestsConnectorComponent* when querying the database (issue # 3712 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3712)).
- GitPoller now accepts git branch names with UTF-8 characters (issue # 3769 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3769)).

- Fixed inconsistent use of *pointer* style mouse cursor by removing it from the *.label* css rule and instead creating a new *.clickable* css rule which is used only in places which are clickable and would not otherwise automatically get the *pointer* icon, for example it is not needed for hyper-links. (issue # 3795 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3795)).
- Rebuilding with the same revision now takes new change properties into account instead of re-using the original build change properties (issue # 3701 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3701)).
- Worker authentication is now delayed via a DeferredLock until Buildbot configuration is finished. This fixes UnauthorizedLogin errors during buildbot restart (issue # 3462 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3462)).
- Fixes python3 encoding issues with Windows Service (issue # 3796 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3796))

## 5.16.2 Features

- new :ref'badges' plugin which reimplement the buildbot eight png badge system.
- In progress worker control API. Worker can now be stopped and paused using the UI. Note that there is no UI yet to look the status of those actions (issue # 3429 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3429)).
- Make maximum number of builds fetched on the builders page configurable.
- Include *context* in the log message for *GitHubStatusPush*
- On 'Builders' page reload builds when tags change.
- Give reporters access to master single in renderables. This allows access to build logs amongst other things
- Added possibility to check www user credentials with a custom class.

## 5.17 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.13 (2017-11-07)

## 5.17.1 Deprecations and Removals

Following will help Buildbot to leverage new feature of twisted to implement important features like worker protocol encryption.

- The buildbot and buildbot-worker packages now requires Python 2.7 or Python 3.4+ Python 2.6 is no longer supported.
- buildbot and buildbot-worker packages now required Twisted versions >= 16.1.0. Earlier versions of Twisted are not supported.

## 5.17.2 Bug fixes

- Fix Console View forced builds stacking at top (issue:3461)
- Improve buildrequest distributor to ensure all builders are processed. With previous version, builder list could be re-prioritized, while running the distributor, meaning some builders would never be run in case of master high load. (issue # 3661 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3661))
- Improve getOldestRequestTime function of buildrequest distributor to do sorting and paging in the database layer (issue # 3661 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3661)).

- Arguments passed to GitLab push notifications now work with Python 3 (issue # 3720 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3720)).
- Web hooks change sources which use twisted.web.http.Request have been fixed to use bytes, not native strings. This ensures web hooks work on Python 3. Please report any issues on web hooks in python3, as it is hard for us to test end to end.
- Fixed null value of steps and logs in reporter HttpStatusPush api. Fixes (issue # 3180 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3180))
- EC2LatentBuilder now correctly sets tags on spot instances (issue # 3739 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3739)).
- Fixed operation of the Try scheduler for a code checked out from Subversion.
- Fix buildbot worker startup when running as a windows service

### 5.17.3 Features

- Make parameters for WarningCountingShellCommand renderable. These are *suppressionList*, *warning-Pattern*, *directoryEnterPattern*, *directoryLeavePattern* and *maxWarnCount*.
- GitHubEventHandler now supports authentication for GitHub instances that do not allow anonymous access
- Added support for renderable builder locks. Previously only steps could have renderable locks.
- Added flag to Docker Latent Worker to always pull images

## 5.18 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.12.post1 (2017-10-10)

This is a release which only exists for the buildbot\_grid\_view package.

## 5.18.1 Bug fixes

 Fix Grid View plugin broken because of merge resolution mistake ( is-# 3603 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3603) and 3688 issue # sue (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3688).)

## 5.19 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.12 (2017-10-05)

## 5.19.1 Bug fixes

- Fixed many issues related to connecting masters and workers with different major version of Python (issue # 3416 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3416)).
- Fixed KeyError in the log when two buildrequests of the same buildset are finished at the same time (issue # 3472 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/buildbot/ssues/3472), issue # 3591 (https://github.com/buildbot/ssues/3591))
- Fix for SVN.purge fails when modified files contain non-ascii characters (issue # 3576 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3576))
- Fix the GitHub change hook on Python 3 (issue # 3452 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3452)).

- Fix reporters.gitlab to use correct commit status codes (issue # 3641 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3641)).
- Fixed deadlock issue, when locks are taken at least 3 times by the 3 Buildstep with same configuration (issue # 3650 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3650))
- Fix the Gerrit source step in the presence of multiple Gerrit repos (issue # 3460 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3460)).
- Add empty pidfile option to master and worker start script when *-nodaemon* option is on. (issue # 3012 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3012)).

#### 5.19.2 Features

- Add possibility to specify a *PatchParameter* for any *CodebaseParameter* in a *ForceScheduler* (part of issue # 3110 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3110)).
- Latent Workers will no longer continually retry if they cannot substantiate (issue # 3572 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3572))

#### 5.19.3 Deprecations and Removals

• buildbot.util.encodeString() has been removed. buildbot.util.unicode2bytes() should be used instead.

## 5.20 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.11 (2017-09-08)

#### 5.20.1 Incompatible Changes

• Buildbot is not compatible with python3-ldap anymore. It now requires ldap3 package for its ldap operations (issue # 3530 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3530))

#### 5.20.2 Bug fixes

- Fix issue with logviewer scrolling up indefinitely when loading logs (issue # 3154 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3154)).
- Do add the if 3554 not url it already exists the (issue # in step. (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3554))
- Fix filtering for REST resource attributes when SQL is involved in the backend (eq, ne, and contains operations, when there are several filters) (issue # 3526 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3526)).
- The git source step now uses *git checkout -B* rather than *git branch -M* to create local branches (issue # 3537 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3537))
- Fixed Grid View settings. It is now possible to configure "false" values.
- Fix performance issue when remote command does not send any line boundary (issue # 3517 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3517))
- Fix regression in GithHub oauth2 v3 api, when using enterprise edition.
- Fix the Perforce build step on Python 3 (issue # 3493 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3493))

- Make REST API's filter \_\_\_\_\_contains use OR connector rather than AND according to what the documentation suggests.
- Fixed secret plugins registration, so that they are correctly available in import buildbot.plugins. secrets. changes to all secrets plugin to be imported and used.
- Fix secrets downloaded to worker with too wide permissions.
- Fix issue with stop build during latent worker substantiating, the build result was retried instead of cancelled.
- pip install 'buildbot[bundle]' now installs grid\_view plugin. This fixes issues with the tutorial where grid\_view is enabled by default.

#### 5.20.3 Improved Documentation

- Fixed documentation regarding log obfuscation for passwords.
- Improve documentation of REST API's \_\_contains filter.

#### 5.20.4 Features

- Added autopull for Docker images based on config. (issue # 3071 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3071))
- Allow to expose logs to summary callback of *GerritStatusPush*.
- Implement GitHub change hook CI skipping (issue # 3443 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3443)). Now buildbot will ignore the event, if the [ci skip] keyword (configurable) in commit message. For more info, please check out the skip parameter of *GitHub* hook.
- GitHubStatusPush now support reporting to ssh style URLs, ie git@github.com:Owner/RepoName.git
- Added the possibility to filter builds according to results in Grid View.
- OpenStackLatentWorker now supports V3 authentication.
- Buildbot now tries harder at finding line boundaries. It now supports several cursor controlling ANSI sequences as well as use of lots of backspace to go back several characters.
- UI Improvements so that Buildbot build pages looks better on mobile.
- OpenStackLatentWorker now supports region attribute.
- The *Schedulers* builderNames parameter can now be a IRenderable object that will render to a list of builder names.
- The LdapUserInfo now uses the python3-ldap successor ldap3 (issue # 3530 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3530)).
- Added support for static suppressions parameter for shell commands.

## 5.21 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.10 (2017-08-03)

### 5.21.1 Bug fixes

- Fix 'reconfig master causes worker lost' error (issue # 3392 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3392)).
- Fix bug where object names could not be larger than 150 characters (issue # 3449 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3449))

- Fix bug where notifier names could not be overridden (issue # 3450 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3450))
- Fix exception when shutting down a master (issue # 3478 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3478))
- Fix Manhole support to work with Python 3 and Twisted 16.0.0+ (issue # 3160 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3160)). AuthorizedKeysManhole and PasswordManhole now require a directory containing SSH host keys to be specified.
- Fix python 3 issue with displaying the properties when fetching builders (issue # 3418 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3418)).
- Fix bug when ShellArg arguments were rendered only once during an instance's lifetime.
- Fix waterfall tiny size of build status indicators (issue # 3475 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3475))
- Fix waterfall natural order of builder list
- Fix builder page use 'pointer' cursor style for tags (issue # 3473 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3473))
- Fix builder page update tag filter when using the browser's back button (issue # 3474 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3474))

#### 5.21.2 Features

- added support for builder names in REST API. Note that those endpoints are not (yet) available from the UI, as the events are not sent to the endpoints with builder names.
- Implemented new ability to set from by email domain. Implemented RolesFromDomain. (issue # 3422 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3422))

## 5.22 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.9.post2 (2017-07-06)

#### 5.22.1 Bug fixes

- Fix tried to complete 100 buildrequests, but only completed 25 issue in buildrequest collapser (issue # 3406 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3406))
- Fixed issue when several mail notifiers are used with same parameters, but different modes (issue # 3398 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3398)).
- Fixed release scripts for postN releases

## 5.23 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.9.post1 (2017-07-01)

#### 5.23.1 Bug fixes

- Fix regression with *GitHubAuth* when API v3 is used.
- When using the *GitHubAuth* v4 API, the generated GraphQL to get the user organizations uses a name alias for each organization. These aliases must not contain dashes.

## 5.24 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.9 (2017-06-29)

## 5.24.1 Bug fixes

- Fixed a regression inn UserPasswordAuth where a list would create an error.
- Fix non ascii payload handling in base web hook (issue # 3321 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3321)).
- Fixed default buildrequest collapsing (issue # 3151 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3151))
- \_wait\_for\_request() would fail to format a log statement due to an invalid type being passed to log.msg (resulting in a broken build)
- Fix Windows compatibility with frontend development tool gulp dev proxy (issue # 3359 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3359))

## 5.24.2 Features

- New Grid View UI plugin.
- The *Change Hooks* system is now integrated in the *Plugin Infrastructure in Buildbot* system, making it easier to subclass hooks. There is still the need to re- factor hook by hook to allow better customizability.
- The *GitHubAuth* now allows fetching the user team membership for all organizations the user belongs to. This requires access to a V4 GitHub API(GraphQL).
- GitLab merge request hook now create a change with repository to be the source repository and branch the source branch. Additional properties are created to point to destination branch and destination repository. This makes *GitLabStatusPush* push the correct status to GitLab, so that pipeline report is visible in the merge request page.
- The GitHubEventHandler now allows the inclusion of white-listed properties for push events.
- Allow sending a comment to a pull request for Bitbucket Server in BitbucketServerPRCommentPush
- Implement support for Bitbucket Server webhook plugin in BitbucketServerEventHandler

## 5.25 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.8 (2017-06-14)

## 5.25.1 Core Bug fixes

- Fix incompatibility issue of UserPasswordAuth with python 3.
- Fix issue with oauth sequence not working with Firefox (issue # 3306 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3306))
- Update old addChange method to accept the new chdict names if only the new name is present. Fixes issue # 3191 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3191).
- fix bytes vs string issue on python3 with authorization of rest endpoints.

## 5.25.2 Core Features

- doStepIf is now renderable.
- Source step codebase is now renderable.
- Step names are now renderable.
- Added giturlparse utility function to help buildbot components like reporters to parse git url from change sources.
- Factorized the mail reporter to be able to write new message based reporters, for other backend than SMTP.
- The class Property now allows being used with Python built in comparators. It will return a Renderable which executes the comparison.

## 5.25.3 Components Bug fixes

- GitLab reporter now correctly sets the status to running instead of pending when a build starts.
- GitLab reporter now correctly works when there are multiple codebase, and when the projects names contain url reserved characters.
- GitLab reporter now correctly reports the status even if there are several sourcestamps. Better parsing of change repository in GitLab reporter so that it understands ssh urls and https url. GitLab reporter do not use the project field anymore to know the repository to push to.

## 5.25.4 Components Features

- GitLab hook now supports the merge\_request event to automatically build from a merge request. Note that the results will not properly displayed in merge\_request UI due to https://gitlab.com/gitlab-org/gitlab-ce/issues/ 33293
- Added a https://pushjet.io/ reporter as buildbot.reporters.pushjet.PushjetNotifier
- New build step Assert Tests a renderable or constant if it evaluates to true. It will succeed or fail to step according to the result.

## **5.26 Release Notes for Buildbot** 0.9.7 (2017-05-09)

## 5.26.1 Core Bug fixes

- Fix UserPasswordAuth authentication (ison py3 and recent browsers. (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3162), 3163 sue # 3162 issue # (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3163)). The py3 fix also requires Twisted https://github. com/twisted/twisted/pull/773.
- Console View now display changes the same way as in Recent Changes page.
- Fix issue with *Console View* when no change source is configured but still builds have got\_revision property

### 5.26.2 Components Bug fixes

- Allow renderables in options and definitions of step CMake. Currently only dicts and lists with renderables inside are allowed.
- OAuth Authentication are now working with RolesFromEmails.
- DockerLatentWorker: \_image\_exists does not raise anymore if it encounters an image with <none> tag
- Fix command line parameters for Robocopy step verbose option

## 5.26.3 Core Features

- Builds state\_string is now automatically computed according to the BuildStep. getResultSummary, BuildStep.description and updateBuildSummaryPolicy from *Common Parameters*. This allows the dashboards and reporters to get a descent summary text of the build without fetching the steps.
- New *configurators* section, which can be used to create higher level configuration modules for Buildbot.
- New *JanitorConfigurator* which can be used to create a builder which save disk space by removing old logs from the database.

### 5.26.4 Components Features

- Added a https://pushover.net/ reporter as buildbot.reporters.pushover.PushoverNotifier
- property argument in SetPropery is now renderable.

## 5.27 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.6 (2017-04-19)

## 5.27.1 Core Bug fixes

- buildbot.www.authz.endpointmatchers.AnyControlEndpointMatcher now actually doesn't match *GET* requests. Before it would act like an *AnyEndpointMatcher* since the *GET* had a different case.
- Passing unicode builderNames to ForceScheduler no longer causes an error.
- Fix issue with :bb:sched::*Nightly* change classification raising foreign key exceptions (issue # 3021 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/issues/3021))
- Fixes an exception found buildbot\_net\_usage\_data.\_sendWithUrlib when running through the tutorial using Python 3.
- usePTY configuration of the *ShellCommand* now works as expected with recent version of buildbot-worker.

## 5.27.2 Components Bug fixes

- pollAtLaunch of the *GitHubPullrequestPoller* now works as expected. Also the author email won't be displayed as None
- GerritChangeSource and GerritStatusPush now use the master's environment including PATH variable to find the ssh binary.

• SlaveDirectoryUploadCommand no longer throws exceptions because the file "is used by another process" under Windows

### 5.27.3 UI Bug fixes

- Fix waterfall scrolling and zooming in current browsers
- console\_view now properly uses revlink metadata to link to changes.
- Fixed Console View infinite loading spinner when no change have been recorded yet (issue # 3060 (https://github.com/buildbot/issues/3060)).

### 5.27.4 Core Features

• new *Virtual Builders* concept for better integration of frameworks which store the build config along side the source code.

### 5.27.5 Components Features

- BitBucket now sets the event property on each change to what the X-Event-Key header contains.
- *GitHubPullrequestPoller* now adds additional information about the pull request to properties. The property argument is removed and is populated with the repository full name.
- *GitHub* now sets the event property on each change to what the X-GitHub-Event header contains.
- Changed *GitHubAuth* now supports GitHub Enterprise when setting new serverURL argument.
- GitLab now sets the event property on each change to what the X-GitLab-Event header contains.
- GitHub now process git tag push events
- *GitHub* now adds more information about the pull request to the properties. This syncs features with *GitHubPullrequestPoller*
- *GitLab* now process git tag push events
- GitLab now supports authentication with the secret token

#### 5.27.6 UI Features

- Reworked Console View and Waterfall View for better usability and better integration with virtual builders
- *Javascript Data Module* collections now have a *\$resolved* attribute which allows dashboard to know when the data is loaded.

## 5.28 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.5 (2017-03-18)

#### 5.28.1 Bug fixes

- Fix issue with compressing empty log
- Fix issue with db being closed by wrong thread
- Fix issue with buildbot\_worker not closing file handles when using the transfer steps

- Fix issue with buildbot requesting too many permissions from GitHub's OAuth
- Fix HTTPStep to accept json as keyword argument.
- Updated OpenStackLatentWorker to use keystoneauth1 so it will support latest python-novaclient packages.
- Include RpmLint step in steps plugins.

## 5.28.2 Core Features

- Experimental support for Python 3.5 and 3.6. Note that complete support depends on fixes to be released in Twisted 17.2.0.
- New experimental *Secret Management* framework, which allows to securely declare secrets, reusable in your steps.
- New *Writing Dashboards with Flask or Bottle* plugin, which allows to write custom dashboard with traditional server side web frameworks.
- Added AnyControlEndpointMatcher and EnableSchedulerEndpointMatcher for better configurability of the access control. If you have access control to your Buildbot, it is recommended you add AnyControlEndpointMatcher at the end of your access control configuration.
- Schedulers can now be toggled on and off from the UI. Useful for temporarily disabling periodic timers.

## 5.28.3 Components Features

- FileUpload now supports setting the url title text that is visible in the web UI. FileUpload now supports custom *description* and *descriptionDone* text.
- *EC2LatentWorker* now provides instance id as the *instance* property enabling use of the AWS toolkit.
- Add GitHub pull request Poller to list of available changesources.
- OAuth2LoginResource now supports the *token* URL parameter. If a user wants to authenticate through OAuth2 with a pre- generated token (such as the *access\_token* provided by GitHub) it can be passed to */auth/login* as the *token* URL parameter and the user will be authenticated to buildbot with those credentials.
- New reporter GitHubCommentPush can comment on GitHub PRs
- GitPoller now supports polling tags in a git repository.
- MultipleFilUpload now supports the *glob* parameter. If *glob* is set to *True* all *workersrcs* parameters will be run through *glob* and the result will be uploaded to *masterdest*
- Changed OpenStackLatentWorker to default to v2 of the Nova API. The novaclient package has had a deprecation warning about v1.1 and would use v2 anyway.

## 5.28.4 Deprecations and Removals

• master/contrib and worker/contrib directories have been moved to their own repository at https: //github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/

## 5.29 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.4 (2017-02-08)

### 5.29.1 Database upgrade

A database upgrade is necessary for this release (see upgrade-master).

## 5.29.2 Bug fixes

- Like for buildbot start, buildbot upgrade-master will now erase an old pidfile if the process is not live anymore instead of just failing.
- Change properties 'value' changed from String(1024) to Text. Requires upgrade master. (bug #3197 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3197))
- When using REST API, it is now possible to filter and sort in descending order at the same time.
- Fix issue with *HttpStatusPush* raising datetime is not JSON serializable error.
- Fix issue with log viewer not properly rendering color codes.
- Fixed log viewer selection and copy-paste for Firefox (bug #3662 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3662)).
- Fix issue with DelayedCalled already called, and worker missing notification email never received.
- *schedulers* and *change\_source* are now properly taking configuration change in account with buildbot reconfig.
- setuptools is now explicitly marked as required. The dependency was previously implicit.
- *buildbotNetUsageData* now uses requests if available and will default to HTTP if a bogus SSL implementation is found. It will also correctly send information about the platform type.

## 5.29.3 Features

- Buildbot now uses JWT (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JSON\_Web\_Token) to store its web UI Sessions. Sessions now persist upon buildbot restart. Sessions are shared between masters. Session expiration time is configurable with c['www']['cookie\_expiration\_time'] see www.
- Builders page has been optimized and can now be displayed with 4 http requests whatever is the builder count (previously, there was one http request per builder).
- Builder and Worker page build list now have the numbuilds= option which allows to show more builds.
- Masters page now shows more information about a master (workers, builds, activity timer)
- Workers page improvements:
  - Shows which master the worker is connected to.
  - Shows correctly the list of builders that this master is configured on (not the list of buildermaster which nobody cares about).
  - Shows list of builds per worker similar to the builders page.
  - New worker details page displays the list of builds built by this worker using database optimized query.

### 5.29.4 Deprecations and Removals

- Some deprecated broken *Contrib Scripts* were removed.
- buildbot.www.hooks.googlecode has been removed, since the Google Code service has been shut down.
- buildbot.util.json has been deprecated in favor of the standard library json. simplejson will not be used anymore if found in the virtualenv.

## 5.30 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.3 (2017-01-11)

## 5.30.1 Bug fixes

- Fix *BitbucketStatusPush* ep should start with / assertion error.
- Fix duplicate worker use case, where a worker with the same name would make the other worker also disconnect (bug #3656 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3656))
- GitPoller: buildPushesWithNoCommits now rebuilds for a known branch that was updated to an existing commit.
- Fix issue with log viewer not staying at bottom of the log when loading log lines.
- Fixed *addBuildURLs* in Trigger to use results from triggered builds to include in the URL name exposed by API.
- Fix *Wamp mq* support by removing debug, debug\_amp and debug\_app from the *mq* config, which is not available in latest version of Python Autobahn (http://autobahn.ws). You can now use wamp\_debug\_level option instead.
- fix issue with factory.workdir AttributeError are not properly reported.

## 5.30.2 Features

- Optimize the memory consumption of the log compression process. Buildbot do not load the whole log into memory anymore. This should improve a lot buildbot memory footprint.
- Changed the build page so that the preview of the logs are shown in live. It is a preview means the last lines of log. How many lines is configurable per user in the user settings page.
- Log viewer line numbers are no longer selectable, so that it is easier to copy paste.
- DockerLatentWorker accepts now renderable Dockerfile
- *Renderer* function can now return IRenderable objects.
- new SetProperties which allows to generate and transform properties separately.
- Handle new workers in windows\_service.py script.
- Sort the builders in the waterfall view by name instead of ID.

## 5.31 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.2 (2016-12-13)

### 5.31.1 Bug fixes

- Fix *GitHubAuth* to retrieve all organizations instead of only those publicly available.
- Fixed ref to point to branch instead of commit sha in GitLabStatusPush
- *IRC* maybeColorize is able to highlight single words and stop colorization at the end. The previous implementation only stopped colorization but not boldface.
- fix compatibility issue with mysql5 (do not set default value for TEXT column).
- Fixed *addChange* in *Change* to use the *revlink* configuration option to generate the revlink.
- fix threading issue in DockerLatentWorker

### 5.31.2 Features

- Implement BitbucketAuth.
- New GerritEventLogPoller poller to poll Gerrit changes via http API.
- New GerritVerifyStatusPush can send multiple review status for the same Gerrit change.
- IRC appends the builder URL to a successful/failed build if available
- *MailNotifier* now accepts useSmtps parameter for initiating connection over an SSL/TLS encrypted connection (SMTPS)
- New support for Mesos and Marathon (https://mesosphere.github.io/marathon/) via *MarathonLatentWorker*. Marathon is a production-grade container orchestration platform for Mesosphere's Data- center Operating System (DC/OS) and Apache Mesos.
- password in *DockerLatentWorker* and HyperLatentWorker, can be None. In that case, they will be auto-generated from random number.
- *BitbucketServerStatusPush* now accepts key, buildName, endDescription, startDescription, and verbose parameters to control the JSON sent to Stash.
- Buildbot can now be configured to deny read access to REST api resources based on authorization rules.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

## 5.32 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.1

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.9.1. This version was released on November 1, 2016. See *Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0* for a guide to upgrading from 0.8.x to 0.9.x

#### 5.32.1 Master

#### **Features**

- Add support for hyper.sh via HyperLatentWorker Hyper (https://hyper.sh) is a CaaS solution for hosting docker container in the cloud, billed to the second. It forms a very cost efficient solution to run your CI in the cloud.
- The Trigger step now supports unimportantSchedulerNames
- add a UI button to allow to cancel the whole queue for a builder
- Buildbot log viewer now support 256 colors ANSI codes
- new *GitHub* which correctly checkout the magic branch like refs/pull/xx/merge.
- MailNotifier now supports a *schedulers* constructor argument that allows you to send mail only for builds triggered by the specified list of schedulers.
- MailNotifier now supports a *branches* constructor argument that allows you to send mail only for builds triggered by the specified list of branches.
- Optimization of the data api filtering, sorting and paging, speeding up a lot the UI when the master has lots of builds.
- *GerritStatusPush* now accepts a notify parameter to control who gets emailed by Gerrit.
- Add a format\_fn parameter to the HttpStatusPush reporter to customize the information being pushed.
- Latent Workers can now start in parallel.
  - The build started by latent worker will be created while the latent worker is substantiated.
  - Latent Workers will now report startup issues in the UI.
- Workers will be temporarily put in quarantine in case of build preparation issues. This avoids master and database overload in case of bad worker configuration. The quarantine is implemented with an exponential back-off timer.
- Master Stop will now stop all builds, and wait for all workers to properly disconnect. Previously, the worker connections was stopped, which incidentally made all their builds marked retried. Now, builds started with a Triggereable scheduler will be cancelled, while other builds will be retried. The master will make sure that all latent workers are stopped.
- The MessageFormatter class also allows inline-templates with the template parameter.
- The MessageFormatter class allows custom mail's subjects with the subject and subject\_name parameters.
- The MessageFormatter class allows extending the context given to the Templates via the ctx parameter.
- The new MessageFormatterMissingWorker class allows to customize the message sent when a worker is missing.
- The *OpenStackLatentWorker* worker now supports rendering the block device parameters. The volume\_size parameter will be automatically calculated if it is None.

#### **Fixes**

- fix the UI to allow to cancel a buildrequest (bug #3582 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3582))
- *GitHub* change hook now correctly use the refs/pull/xx/merge branch for testing PRs.
- Fix the UI to better adapt to different screen width (bug #3614 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3614))

- Don't log AlreadyClaimedError. They are normal in case of *Trigger* cancelling, and in a multimaster configuration.
- Fix issues with worker disconnection. When a worker disconnects, its current buildstep must be interrupted and the buildrequests should be retried.
- Fix the worker missing email notification.
- Fix issue with worker builder list not being updated in UI when buildmaster is reconfigured (bug #3629 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3629))

#### **Changes for Developers**

#### **Features**

- New SharedService can be used by steps, reporters, etc to implement per master resource limit.
- New HTTPClientService can be used by steps, reporters, etc to implement HTTP client. This class will automatically choose between treq (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/treq) and txrequests (https://pypi.python.org/pypi/txrequests), whichever is installed, in order to access HTTP servers. This class comes with a fake implementation helping to write unit tests.
- All HTTP reporters have been ported to HTTPClientService

#### **Fixes**

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

• By default, non-distinct commits received via buildbot.status.web.hooks.github. GitHubEventHandler now get recorded as a Change. In this way, a commit pushed to a branch that is not being watched (e.g. a dev branch) will still get acted on when it is later pushed to a branch that is being watched (e.g. master). In the past, such a commit would get ignored and not built because it was non-distinct. To disable this behavior and revert to the old behavior, install a ChangeFilter that checks the github\_distinct property:

ChangeFilter(filter\_fn**=lambda** c: c.properties.getProperty('github\_distinct'))

- setup.py 'scripts' have been converted to console\_scripts entry point. This makes them more portable and compatible with wheel format. Most consequences are for the windows users:
  - buildbot.bat does not exist anymore, and is replaced by buildbot.exe, which is generated by the console\_script entrypoint.
  - buildbot\_service.py is replaced by buildbot\_windows\_service.exe, which is generated by the console\_script entrypoint As this script has been written in 2006, has only inline documentation and no unit tests, it is not guaranteed to be working. Please help improving the windows situation.
- The user and password parameters of the HttpStatusPush reporter have been deprecated in favor of the auth parameter.
- The template\_name parameter of the MessageFormatter class has been deprecated in favor of template\_filename.

#### 5.32.2 Worker

#### **Fixes**

#### **Changes for Developers**

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

- The worker now requires at least Twisted 10.2.0.
- setup.py 'scripts' have been converted to console\_scripts entry point. This makes them more portable and compatible with wheel format. Most consequences are for the windows users:
  - buildbot\_worker.bat does not exist anymore, and is replaced by buildbot\_worker.exe, which is generated by the console\_script entrypoint.
  - buildbot\_service.py is replaced by buildbot\_worker\_windows\_service.exe, which is generated by the console\_script entrypoint As this script has been written in 2006, has only inline documentation and no unit tests, it is not guaranteed to be working. Please help improving the windows situation.
- AbstractLatentWorker is now in buildbot.worker.latent instead of buildbot.worker. base.

### 5.32.3 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

git log v0.9.0..v0.9.1

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

## 5.33 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.0

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.9.0. This version was released on October 6, 2016.

This is a concatenation of important changes done between 0.8.12 and 0.9.0. This does not contain details of the bug fixes related to the nine beta and rc period. This document was written during the very long period of nine development. It might contain some incoherencies, *please* help us and report them on irc or trac.

See *Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0* for a guide to upgrading from 0.8.x to 0.9.x

#### 5.33.1 Master

This version represents a refactoring of Buildbot into a consistent, well-defined application composed of loosely coupled components. The components are linked by a common database backend and a messaging system. This allows components to be distributed across multiple build masters. It also allows the rendering of complex web status views to be performed in the browser, rather than on the buildmasters.

The branch looks forward to committing to long-term API compatibility, but does not reach that goal. The Buildbot-0.9.x series of releases will give the new APIs time to "settle in" before we commit to them. Commitment will wait for Buildbot-1.0.0 (as per http://semver.org). Once Buildbot reaches version 1.0.0, upgrades will become much easier for users.

To encourage contributions from a wider field of developers, the web application is designed to look like a normal AngularJS application. Developers familiar with AngularJS, but not with Python, should be able to start hacking on the web application quickly. The web application is "pluggable", so users who develop their own status displays can package those separately from Buildbot itself.

Other goals:

- An approachable HTTP REST API, with real time event features used by the web application but available for any other purpose.
- A high degree of coverage by reliable, easily-modified tests.
- "Interlocking" tests to guarantee compatibility. For example, the real and fake DB implementations must both pass the same suite of tests. Then no unseen difference between the fake and real implementations can mask errors that will occur in production.

#### **Requirements**

The buildbot package requires Python 2.7 – Python 2.5 and 2.6 are no longer supported. The buildbot-slave package requires Python 2.6 or higher – Python 2.4 and 2.5 are no longer supported.

No additional software or systems, aside from some minor Python packages, are required.

But the devil is in the details:

- If you want to do web *development*, or *build* the buildbot-www package, you'll need Node. It's an Angular app, and that's how such apps are developed. We've taken pains to not make either a requirement for users you can simply 'pip install' buildbot-www and be on your way. This is the case even if you're hacking on the Python side of Buildbot.
- For a single master, nothing else is required.

#### Note for distro package maintainers: The npm dependency hell

In order to *build* the buildbot-www package, you'll need Node.

Node has a very specific package manager named npm, which has the interesting property of allowing different version of package to co-exist in the same environment. The node ecosystem also has the habit of creating packages for a few line of code.

Buildbot UI uses the node ecosystem to build its javascript UI.

The buildsystem that we use is called guanlecoja (https://www.npmjs.com/package/guanlecoja), which is just an integration of various javascript build tools.

Through npm dependency hell, guanlecoja is depending on 625 npm packages/versions. We do not advise you to try and package all those npm *build* dependencies. They are *not* required in order to *run* buildbot.

We do release pre-built packages in the form of the wheel (http://pythonwheels.com/) format on pypi. Those wheels contain the full python source code, and prebuilt javascript source code.

Depending on distro maintainers feedback, we *could* also release source tarballs with prebuilt javascript, but those would be pypi packages with different names, e.g. buildbot\_www\_prebuilt.0.9.0.tar.gz.

Another option would be to package a guanlecoja (https://www.npmjs.com/package/guanlecoja) that would embed all its dependencies inside one package.

#### **Detailed requirements**

see Requirements

#### **Features**

Buildbot-0.9.0 introduces the *Data API*, a consistent and scalable method for accessing and updating the state of the Buildbot system. This API replaces the existing, ill-defined Status API, which has been removed. Buildbot-0.9.0 introduces new *WWW Server* Interface using websocket for realtime updates. Buildbot code that interacted with the Status API (a substantial portion!) has been rewritten to use the Data API. Individual features and improvements to the Data API are not described on this page.

• Buildbot now supports plugins. They allow Buildbot to be extended by using components distributed independently from the main code. They also provide for a unified way to access all components. When previously the following construction was used:

```
from buildbot.kind.other.bits import ComponentClass
```

```
... ComponentClass ...
```

the following construction achieves the same result:

```
from buildbot.plugins import kind
```

```
... kind.ComponentClass ...
```

Kinds of components that are available this way are described in *Plugin Infrastructure in Buildbot*.

Note: While the components can be still directly imported as buildbot.kind.other.bits, this might not be the case after Buildbot v1.0 is released.

- Both the P4 source step and P4 change source support ticket-based authentication.
- · OpenStack latent slaves now support block devices as a bootable volume.
- Add new Cppcheck step.
- Add a new Docker latent Workers.
- Add a new configuration for creating custom services in out-of-tree CI systems or plugins. See *buildbot*. *util.service.BuildbotService*
- Add try\_ssh configuration file setting and --ssh command line option for the try tool to specify the command to use for connecting to the build master.
- GitHub change hook now supports application/json format.
- Add support for dynamically adding steps during a build. See Dynamic Build Factories.
- *GitPoller* now supports detecting new branches
- *Git* supports an "origin" option to give a name to the remote repo.
- Mercurial hook was updated and modernized. It is no longer necessary to fork. One can now extend PYTHON-PATH via the hook configuration. Among others, it permits to use a buildbot virtualenv instead of installing buildbot in all the system. Added documentation inside the hook. Misc. clean-up and reorganization in order to make the code a bit more readable.

- UI templates can now be customizable. You can provide html or jade overrides to the www plugins, to customize the UI
- The irc command hello now returns 'Hello' in a random language if invoked more than once.
- Triggerable now accepts a reason parameter.
- GerritStatusPush now accepts a builders parameter.
- StatusPush callback now receives build results (success/failure/etc) with the buildFinished event.
- There's a new renderable type, *Transform*.
- GitPoller now has a buildPushesWithNoCommits option to allow the rebuild of already known commits on new branches.
- Add GitLab authentication plugin for web UI. See buildbot.www.oauth2.GitLabAuth.
- *CMake* build step is added. It provides a convenience interface to CMake (https://cmake.org/cmake/help/latest/) build system.
- MySQL InnoDB tables are now supported.
- HttpStatusPush has been ported to reporter API.
- StashStatusPush has been ported to reporter API.
- GithubStatusPush has been ported to reporter API.
- *summaryCB* of *GerritStatusPush* now gets not only pre-processed information but the actual build as well.
- EC2LatentWorker supports VPCs, instance profiles, and advanced volume mounts.
- New steps for Visual Studio 2015 (VS2015, VC14, and MsBuild14).
- The *P4* step now obfuscates the password in status logs.
- Added support for specifying the depth of a shallow clone in *Git*.
- OpenStackLatentWorker now uses a single novaclient instance to not require re-authentication when starting or stopping instances.
- Buildbot UI introduces branch new Authentication, and Authorizations framework.

Please look at their respective guide in WWW Server

- buildbot stop now waits for complete buildmaster stop by default.
- New --no-wait argument for buildbot stop which allows not to wait for complete master shutdown.
- New LocalWorker worker to run a worker in the master process, requires buildbot-worker package installed.
- *GerritStatusPush* now includes build properties in the startCB and reviewCB functions. startCB now must return a dictionary.
- add tool to send usage data to buildbot.net buildbotNetUsageData
- new *GitHub* which correctly checkout the magic branch like refs/pull/xx/merge.
- Enable parallel builds with Visual Studio and MSBuild.

#### **Reporters**

Status plugins have been moved into the reporters namespace. Their API has slightly to changed in order to adapt to the new data API. See respective documentation for details.

- GerritStatusPush renamed to GerritStatusPush
- MailNotifier renamed to MailNotifier
- MailNotifier argument messageFormatter should now be a MessageFormatter, due to removal of data api, custom message formatters need to be rewritten.
- MailNotifier argument previousBuildGetter is not supported anymore
- Gerrit supports specifying an SSH identity file explicitly.
- · Added StashStatusPush status hook for Atlassian Stash
- *MailNotifier* no longer forces SSL 3.0 when useTls is true.
- *GerritStatusPush* callbacks slightly changed signature, and include a master reference instead of a status reference.
- new GitLabStatusPush to report builds results to GitLab.
- new HipchatStatusPush to report build results to Hipchat.

#### **Fixes**

- Buildbot is now compatible with SQLAlchemy 0.8 and higher, using the newly-released SQLAlchemy-Migrate.
- The version check for SQLAlchemy-Migrate was fixed to accept more version string formats.
- The *HTTPStep* step's request parameters are now renderable.
- With Git(), force the updating submodules to ensure local changes by the build are overwritten. This both ensures more consistent builds and avoids errors when updating submodules.
- Buildbot is now compatible with Gerrit v2.6 and higher.

To make this happen, the return result of reviewCB and summaryCB callback has changed from

```
(message, verified, review)
```

to

The implications are:

- there are some differences in behaviour: only those labels that were provided will be updated
- Gerrit server must be able to provide a version, if it can't the GerritStatusPush will not work

Note: If you have an old style reviewCB and/or summaryCB implemented, these will still work, however there could be more labels updated than anticipated.

More detailed information is available in GerritStatusPush section.

- *P4Source*'s server\_tz parameter now works correctly.
- The revlink in changes produced by the Bitbucket hook now correctly includes the changes/ portion of the URL.
- *PBChangeSource*'s git hook master/contrib/git\_buildbot.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbotcontrib/tree/master/contrib/git\_buildbot.py) now supports git tags

A pushed git tag generates a change event with the branch property equal to the tag name. To schedule builds based on buildbot tags, one could use something like this:

```
c['schedulers'].append(
   SingleBranchScheduler(name='tags',
      change_filter=filter.ChangeFilter(
         branch_re='v[0-9]+\.[0-9]+\.[0-9]+(?:-pre|rc[0-9]+|p[0-9]+)?')
      treeStableTimer=None,
      builderNames=['tag_build']))
```

- · Missing "name" and "email" properties received from Gerrit are now handled properly
- Fixed bug which made it impossible to specify the project when using the BitBucket dialect.
- The *PyLint* step has been updated to understand newer output.
- Fixed SVN master-side source step: if a SVN operation fails, the repository end up in a situation when a manual intervention is required. Now if SVN reports such a situation during initial check, the checkout will be clobbered.
- The build properties are now stored in the database in the build\_properties table.
- The list of changes in the build page now displays all the changes since the last successful build.
- GitHub change hook now correctly responds to ping events.
- GitHub change hook now correctly use the refs/pull/xx/merge branch for testing PRs.
- buildbot.steps.http steps now correctly have url parameter renderable
- When no arguments are used buildbot checkconfig now uses buildbot.tac to locate the master config file.
- *buildbot.util.flatten* now correctly flattens arbitrarily nested lists. *buildbot.util.flattened\_iterator* provides an iterable over the collection which may be more efficient for extremely large lists.
- The *PyFlakes* and *PyLint* steps no longer parse output in Buildbot log headers (bug #3337 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3337)).
- GerritChangeSource is now less verbose by default, and has a debug option to enable the logs.
- *P4Source* no longer relies on the perforce server time to poll for new changes.
- The commit message for a change from *P4Source* now matches what the user typed in.
- Fix incompatibility with MySQL-5.7 (bug #3421 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3421))
- Fix incompatibility with postgresql driver psycopg2 (bug #3419 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3419), further regressions will be caught by travis)
- Made Interpolate safe for deepcopy or serialization/deserialization
- sqlite access is serialized in order to improve stability (bug #3565 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3565))

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

- Seamless upgrading between buildbot 0.8.12 and buildbot 0.9.0 is not supported. Users should start from a clean install but can reuse their config according to the *Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0* guide.
- *BonsaiPoller* is removed.
- buildbot.ec2buildslave is removed; use buildbot.buildslave.ec2 instead.
- buildbot.libvirtbuildslave is removed; use buildbot.buildslave.libvirt instead.
- *buildbot.util.flatten* flattens lists and tuples by default (previously only lists). Additionally, flattening something that isn't the type to flatten has different behaviour. Previously, it would return the original value. Instead, it now returns an array with the original value as the sole element.
- buildbot.tac does not support print statements anymore. Such files should now use print as a function instead (see https://docs.python.org/3.0/whatsnew/3.0.html#print-is-a-function for more details). Note that this applies to both python2.x and python3.x runtimes.
- Deprecated workdir property has been removed, builddir property should be used instead.
- To support MySQL InnoDB, the size of six VARCHAR(256) columns changes. (author, branch, category, name); object\_state.name; user.identifier was reduced to VARCHAR(255).
- StatusPush has been removed from buildbot. Please use the much simpler HttpStatusPush instead.
- Worker changes described in below worker section will probably impact a buildbot developer who uses undocumented '*slave*' API. Undocumented APIs have been replaced without failover, so any custom code that uses it shall be updated with new undocumented API.
- Web server does not provide /png and /redirect anymore (bug #3357 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3357)). This functionality is used to implement build status images. This should be easy to implement if you need it. One could port the old image generation code, or implement a redirection to http://shields.io/.
- Support of worker-side usePTY was removed from buildbot-worker. usePTY argument was removed from WorkerForBuilder and Worker classes.
- html is no longer permitted in 'label' attributes of forcescheduler parameters.
- public\_html directory is not created anymore in buildbot create-master (it's not used for some time already). Documentation was updated with suggestions to use third party web server for serving static file.
- usePTY default value has been changed from slave-config to None (use of slave-config will still work).
- /json web status was removed. Data API should be used instead.

#### WebStatus

The old, clunky WebStatus has been removed. You will like the new interface! RIP WebStatus, you were a good friend.

remove it and replace it with www configuration.

#### Requirements

- Support for python 2.6 was dropped from the master.
- Buildbot's tests now require at least Mock-0.8.0.
- SQLAlchemy-Migrate-0.6.1 is no longer supported.

• Builder names are now restricted to unicode strings or ASCII bytestrings. Encoded bytestrings are not accepted.

### Steps

- New-style steps are now the norm, and support for old-style steps is deprecated. Upgrade your steps to new-style now, as support for old-style steps will be dropped after Buildbot-0.9.0. See *New-Style Build Steps in Buildbot* 0.9.0 for details.
  - Status strings for old-style steps could be supplied through a wide variety of conflicting means (describe, description, descriptionDone, descriptionSuffix, getText, and setText, to name just a few). While all attempts have been made to maintain compatibility, you may find that the status strings for old-style steps have changed in this version. To fix steps that call setText, try setting the descriptionDone attribute directly, instead or just rewrite the step in the new style.
- Old-style *source* steps (imported directly from buildbot.steps.source) are no longer supported on the master.
- The monotone source step got an overhaul and can now better manage its database (initialize and/or migrate it, if needed). In the spirit of monotone, buildbot now always keeps the database around, as it's an append-only database.

### **Changes and Removals**

- Buildslave names must now be 50-character *identifier*. Note that this disallows some common characters in bulidslave names, including spaces, /, and ...
- Builders now have "tags" instead of a category. Builders can have multiple tags, allowing more flexible builder displays.
- *ForceScheduler* has the following changes:
  - The default configuration no longer contains four AnyPropertyParameter instances.
  - Configuring codebases is now mandatory, and the deprecated branch, repository, project, revision are not supported anymore in *ForceScheduler*
  - buildbot.schedulers.forcesched.BaseParameter.updateFromKwargs now takes a collector parameter used to collect all validation errors
- Periodic, Nightly and NightlyTriggerable have the following changes:
  - The *Periodic* and *Nightly* schedulers can now consume changes and use onlyIfChanged and createAbsoluteTimestamps.
  - All "timed" schedulers now handle codebases the same way. Configuring codebases is strongly recommended. Using the branch parameter is discouraged.
- Logs are now stored as Unicode strings, and thus must be decoded properly from the bytestrings provided by shell commands. By default this encoding is assumed to be UTF-8, but the *logEncoding* parameter can be used to select an alternative. Steps and individual logfiles can also override the global default.
- The PB status service uses classes which have now been removed, and anyway is redundant to the REST API, so it has been removed. It has taken the following with it:
  - buildbot statuslog
  - buildbot statusgui (the GTK client)
  - buildbot debugclient

The PBListener status listener is now deprecated and does nothing. Accordingly, there is no external access to status objects via Perspective Broker, aside from some compatibility code for the try scheduler.

The debugPassword configuration option is no longer needed and is thus deprecated.

- The undocumented and un-tested TinderboxMailNotifier, designed to send emails suitable for the abandoned and insecure Tinderbox tool, has been removed.
- Buildslave info is no longer available via Interpolate and the SetSlaveInfo buildstep has been removed.
- The undocumented path parameter of the *MasterShellCommand* buildstep has been renamed workdir for better consistency with the other steps.
- The name and source of a Property have to be unicode or ascii string.
- Property values must be serializable in JSON.
- *IRC* has the following changes:
  - categories parameter is deprecated and removed. It should be replaced with tags=[cat]
  - noticeOnChannel parameter is deprecated and removed.
- workdir behavior has been unified:
  - workdir attribute of steps is now a property in *BuildStep*, and choose the workdir given following priority:
    - \* workdir of the step, if defined
    - \* workdir of the builder (itself defaults to 'build')
    - \* setDefaultWorkdir() has been deprecated, but is now behaving the same for all the steps: Setting self.workdir if not already set
- *Trigger* now has a getSchedulersAndProperties method that can ve overridden to support dynamic triggering.
- `master.cfg is now parsed from a thread. Previously it was run in the main thread, and thus slowing down the master in case of big config, or network access done to generate the config.
- SVNPoller's synurl parameter has been changed to repourl.
- Providing Latent AWS EC2 credentials by the .ec2/aws\_id file is deprecated: Use the standard .aws/ credentials file, instead.

#### **Changes for Developers**

- Botmaster no longer service parent for workers. Service parent functionality has been transferred to Worker-Manager. It should be noted Botmaster no longer has a slaves field as it was moved to Worker-Manager.
- The sourcestamp DB connector now returns a patchid field.
- Buildbot no longer polls the database for jobs. The db\_poll\_interval configuration parameter and the *db* key of the same name are deprecated and will be ignored.
- The interface for adding changes has changed. The new method is master.data.updates.addChange (implemented by addChange), although the old interface (master.addChange) will remain in place for a few versions. The new method:
  - returns a change ID, not a Change instance;
  - takes its when\_timestamp argument as epoch time (UNIX time), not a datetime instance; and
  - does not accept the deprecated parameters who, isdir, is\_dir, and when.

- requires that all strings be unicode, not bytestrings.

Please adjust any custom change sources accordingly.

- A new build status, CANCELLED, has been added. It is used when a step or build is deliberately cancelled by a user.
- This upgrade will delete all rows from the buildrequest\_claims table. If you are using this table for analytical purposes outside of Buildbot, please back up its contents before the upgrade, and restore it afterward, translating object IDs to scheduler IDs if necessary. This translation would be very slow and is not required for most users, so it is not done automatically.
- All of the schedulers DB API methods now accept a schedulerid, rather than an objectid. If you have custom code using these methods, check your code and make the necessary adjustments.
- The addBuildsetForSourceStamp method has become addBuildsetForSourceStamps, and its signature has changed. The addBuildsetForSourceStampSetDetails method has become addBuildsetForSourceStampsWithDefaults, and its signature has changed. The addBuildsetForSourceStampDetails method has been removed. The addBuildsetForLatest method has been removed. It is equivalent to addBuildsetForSourceStampDetails with sourcestamps=None. These methods are not yet documented, and their interface is not stable. Consult the source code for details on the changes.
- The preStartConsumingChanges and startTimedSchedulerService hooks have been removed.
- The triggerable schedulers trigger method now requires a list of sourcestamps, rather than a dictionary.
- The SourceStamp class is no longer used. It remains in the codebase to support loading data from pickles on upgrade, but should not be used in running code.
- The BuildRequest class no longer has full source or sources attributes. Use the data API to get this information (which is associated with the buildset, not the build request) instead.
- The undocumented BuilderControl method submitBuildRequest has been removed.
- The debug client no longer supports requesting builds (the requestBuild method has been removed). If you have been using this method in production, consider instead creating a new change source, using the *ForceScheduler*, or using one of the try schedulers.
- The buildbot.misc.SerializedInvocation class has been removed; use buildbot.util. debounce.method instead.
- The progress attributes of both *buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep* and *buildbot.process.build.Build* have been removed. Subclasses should only be accessing the progress-tracking mechanics via the *buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep.setProgress* method.
- The *BuilderConfig* nextSlave keyword argument takes a callable. This callable now receives BuildRequest instance in its signature as 3rd parameter. For retro-compatibility, all callable taking only 2 parameters will still work.
- properties object is now directly present in build, and not in build\_status. This should not change much unless you try to access your properties via step.build.build\_status. Remember that with PropertiesMixin, you can access properties via getProperties on the steps, and on the builds objects.

# 5.33.2 Slaves/Workers

### Transition to "worker" terminology

Since version 0.9.0 of Buildbot "slave"-based terminology is deprecated in favor of "worker"-based terminology.

For details about public API changes see *Transition to "worker" terminology in BuildBot 0.9.0*, and *Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b8* release notes.

- The buildbot-slave package has been renamed to buildbot-worker.
- Buildbot now requires import to be sorted using isort (https://isort.readthedocs.io/en/stable/). Please run make isort before creating a PR or use any available editor plugin in order to reorder your imports.

### **Requirements**

• buildbot-worker requires Python 2.6

### **Features**

- The Buildbot worker now includes the number of CPUs in the information it supplies to the master on connection. This value is autodetected, but can be overridden with the --numcpus argument to buildslave create-worker.
- The DockerLatentWorker image attribute is now renderable (can take properties in account).
- The DockerLatentWorker sets environment variables describing how to connect to the master. Example dockerfiles can be found in master/contrib/docker (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbotcontrib/tree/master/contrib/docker).
- DockerLatentWorker now has a hostconfig parameter that can be used to setup host configuration when creating a new container.
- DockerLatentWorker now has a networking\_config parameter that can be used to setup container networks.
- The DockerLatentWorker volumes attribute is now renderable.

### **Fixes**

### **Changes for Developers**

• EC2 Latent Worker upgraded from boto2 to boto3.

### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

- buildmaster and worker no longer supports old-style source steps.
- On Windows, if a *ShellCommand* step in which command was specified as a list is executed, and a list element is a string consisting of a single pipe character, it no longer creates a pipeline. Instead, the pipe character is passed verbatim as an argument to the program, like any other string. This makes command handling consistent between Windows and Unix-like systems. To have a pipeline, specify command as a string.
- Support for python 2.6 was dropped from the master.
- public\_html directory is not created anymore in buildbot create-master (it's not used for some time already). Documentation was updated with suggestions to use third party web server for serving static file.
- usePTY default value has been changed from slave-config to None (use of slave-config will still work).
- GithubStatusPush reporter was renamed to GitHubStatusPush.
- Worker commands version bumped to 3.0.

- Master/worker protocol has been changed:
  - slave\_commands key in worker information was renamed to worker\_commands.
  - getSlaveInfo remote method was renamed to getWorkerInfo.
  - slave-config value of usePTY is not supported anymore.
  - slavesrc command argument was renamed to workersrc in uploadFile and uploadDirectory commands.
  - slavedest command argument was renamed to workerdest in downloadFile command.
  - Previously deprecated WorkerForBuilder.remote\_shutdown() remote command has been removed.

# 5.33.3 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

git log v0.8.12..v0.9.0

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.34 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.0rc4

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.9.0rc4. This version was released on September 28, 2016. See *Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0* for a guide to upgrading from 0.8.x to 0.9.x

### 5.34.1 Master

### **Fixes**

- Fix the UI to better adapt to different screen width (bug #3614 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3614))
- Add more REST api documentation (document / raw endpoints, and POST actions)

# 5.34.2 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

git log v0.9.0rc3..v0.9.0rc4

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.35 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.0rc3

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.9.0rc3. This version was released on September 14, 2016. See *Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0* for a guide to upgrading from 0.8.x to 0.9.x

# 5.35.1 Master

## **Features**

• add tool to send usage data to buildbot.net buildbotNetUsageData

### **Fixes**

- Publish python module buildbot.buildslave in the dist files
- Upgrade to guanlecoja 0.7 (for compatibility with node6)
- Fix invocation of trial on windows, with twisted 16+
- Fix rare issue which makes buildbot throw a exception when there is a sourcestamp with no change for a particular codebase.

# 5.35.2 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

git log v0.9.0rc2..v0.9.0rc3

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.36 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.0rc2

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.9.0rc2. This version was released on August 23, 2016. See *Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0* for a guide to upgrading from 0.8.x to 0.9.x

# 5.36.1 Master

### **Features**

• add a UI button to allow to cancel the whole queue for a builder

### **Fixes**

- fix the UI to allow to cancel a buildrequest (bug #3582 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3582))
- · Fix BitbucketPullrequestPoller change detection
- Fix customization for template\_type in email reporter
- fix DockerLatent integration of volumes mounting
- misc doc fixes
- fix buildbot not booting when builder tags contains duplicates
- forcesched: fix owner parameter when no authentication is used
- REST: fix problem with twisted 16 error reporting
- CORS: format errors according to API type
- Dockerfiles fix and upgrade Ubuntu to 16.04
- Fixes #3430 Increased size of builder identifier from 20 to 50 (brings it in line to size of steps and workers in same module).
- Fix missing VS2015 entry\_points
- removed the restriction on twisted < 16.3.0 now that autobahn 0.16.0 fixed the issue

### **Changes for Developers**

### **Features**

### **Fixes**

### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

• remove repo from worker code (obsoleted by repo master source step)

# 5.36.2 Worker

**Fixes** 

#### **Changes for Developers**

### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

## 5.36.3 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

git log v0.9.0rc1..v0.9.0rc2

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.37 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.0rc1

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.9.0rc1. See *Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0* for a guide to upgrading from 0.8.x to 0.9.x

# 5.37.1 Master

## **Features**

- new *HipchatStatusPush* to report build results to Hipchat.
- new steps for Visual Studio 2015 (VS2015, VC14, and MsBuild14).
- The *P4* step now obfuscates the password in status logs.
- Added support for specifying the depth of a shallow clone in *Git*.
- *OpenStackLatentWorker* now uses a single novaclient instance to not require re-authentication when starting or stopping instances.
- The dist parameter in *RpmBuild* is now renderable.
- new *BitbucketStatusPush* to report build results to a Bitbucket Cloud repository.

### **Fixes**

- *GerritStatusPush* now includes build properties in the startCB and reviewCB functions. startCB now must return a dictionary.
- Fix TypeError exception with HgPoller if usetimestamps=False is used (bug #3562 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3562))
- Fix recovery upon master unclean kill or crash (bug #3564 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3564))
- sqlite access is serialized in order to improve stability (bug #3565 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3565))
- Docker latent worker has been fixed (bug #3571 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3571))

### **Changes for Developers**

### **Features**

#### **Fixes**

### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

- Support for python 2.6 was dropped from the master.
- public\_html directory is not created anymore in buildbot create-master (it's not used for some time already). Documentation was updated with suggestions to use third party web server for serving static file.
- usePTY default value has been changed from slave-config to None (use of slave-config will still work).
- GithubStatusPush reporter was renamed to GitHubStatusPush.

# 5.37.2 Worker

## Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

• The buildbot-slave package has finished being renamed to buildbot-worker.

# 5.37.3 Worker

### **Fixes**

- runGlob() uses the correct remote protocol for both CommandMixin and ComposititeStepMixin.
- Rename glob() to runGlob() in CommandMixin

### **Changes for Developers**

• EC2 Latent Worker upgraded from boto2 to boto3.

### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

- Worker commands version bumped to 3.0.
- Master/worker protocol has been changed:
  - slave\_commands key in worker information was renamed to worker\_commands.
  - getSlaveInfo remote method was renamed to getWorkerInfo.
  - slave-config value of usePTY is not supported anymore.
  - slavesrc command argument was renamed to workersrc in uploadFile and uploadDirectory commands.
  - slavedest command argument was renamed to workerdest in downloadFile command.
  - Previously deprecated WorkerForBuilder.remote\_shutdown() remote command has been removed.

# 5.37.4 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

git log v0.9.0b9..v0.9.0rc1

Note that Buildbot-0.8.11 was never released.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.38 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b9

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b9 This version was released on May 10, 2016. See *Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0* for a guide to upgrading from 0.8.x to 0.9.x

# 5.38.1 Master

### **Features**

- new GitLabStatusPush to report builds results to GitLab.
- buildbot stop now waits for complete buildmaster stop by default.
- New --no-wait argument for buildbot stop which allows not to wait for complete master shutdown.
- Builder page is now sorted by builder name
- LogViewer page now supports ANSI color codes, and is displayed white on black.

### **Changes for Developers**

- Speed improvements for integration tests by use of SynchronousTestCase, and in-memory sqlite.
- Buildbot now requires import to be sorted using isort (https://isort.readthedocs.io/en/stable/). Please run make isort before creating a PR or use any available editor plugin in order to reorder your imports.

### **Fixes**

- OpenStackLatentWorker uses the novaclient API correctly now.
- The MsBuild4 and MsBuild12 steps work again (bug #2878 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2878)).
- Scheduler changes are now identified by serviceid instead of objectid (bug #3532 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3532))
- Make groups optional in LdapUserInfo (bug #3511 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3511))
- · Buildbot nine do not write pickles anymore in the master directory
- Fix build page to not display build urls, but rather directly the build-summary, which already contain the URL.
- UI Automatically reconnect on disconnection from the websocket. (bug #3462 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3462))

### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

- The buildmaster now requires at least Twisted-14.0.1.
- The web ui has upgrade its web components dependencies to latest versions (https://github.com/buildbot/guanlecoja-ui/tree/master#changelog). This can impact web-ui plugin.
- Web server does not provide /png and /redirect anymore (bug #3357 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3357)). This functionality is used to implement build status images. This should be easy to implement if you need it. One could port the old image generation code, or implement a redirection to http://shields.io/.
- Support of worker-side usePTY was removed from buildbot-worker. usePTY argument was removed from WorkerForBuilder and Worker classes.

- html is no longer permitted in 'label' attributes of forcescheduler parameters.
- LocalWorker now requires buildbot-worker package, instead of buildbot-slave.
- *Collapse Request Functions* now takes master as first argument. The previous callable contained too few data in order to be really usable. As collapseRequests has never been released outside of beta, backward compatibility with previous release has **not** been implemented.
- This is the last version of buildbot nine which supports python 2.6 for the master. Next version will drop python 2.6 support.

### 5.38.2 Worker

#### **Fixes**

- buildbot-worker script now outputs message to terminal.
- Windows helper script now called buildbot-worker.bat (was buildbot\_worker.bat, notice underscore), so that buildbot-worker command can be used in virtualenv both on Windows and POSIX systems.

#### **Changes for Developers**

- SLAVEPASS environment variable is not removed in default-generated buildbot.tac. Environment variables are cleared in places where they are used (e.g. in Docker Latent Worker contrib scripts).
- Master-part handling has been removed from buildbot-worker log watcher (bug #3482 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3482)).
- WorkerDetectedError exception type has been removed.

# 5.38.3 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

```
git log v0.9.0b8..v0.9.0b9
```

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.39 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b8

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b8 This version was released on April 11, 2016.

See Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0 for a guide to upgrading from 0.8.x to 0.9.x

# 5.39.1 Master

#### **Features**

• GitPoller now has a buildPushesWithNoCommits option to allow the rebuild of already known commits on new branches.

- Add GitLab authentication plugin for web UI. See buildbot.www.oauth2.GitLabAuth.
- DockerLatentWorker now has a hostconfig parameter that can be used to setup host configuration when creating a new container.
- DockerLatentWorker now has a networking\_config parameter that can be used to setup container networks.
- The DockerLatentWorker volumes attribute is now renderable.
- *CMake* build step is added. It provides a convenience interface to CMake (https://cmake.org/cmake/help/latest/) build system.
- MySQL InnoDB tables are now supported.
- HttpStatusPush has been ported to reporter API.
- StashStatusPush has been ported to reporter API.
- GithubStatusPush has been ported to reporter API.
- *summaryCB* of *GerritStatusPush* now gets not only pre-processed information but the actual build as well.
- EC2LatentWorker supports VPCs, instance profiles, and advanced volume mounts.

### **Fixes**

- Fix loading LdapUserInfo plugin and its documentation (bug #3371 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3371)).
- Fix deprecation warnings seen with docker-py >= 1.4 when passing arguments to docker\_client. start().
- GitHubEventHandler now uses the ['repository'] ['html\_url'] key in the webhook payload to populate repository, as the previously used ['url'] and ['clone\_url'] keys had a different format between push and pull requests and GitHub and GitHub Enterprise instances.
- · Fix race condition where log compression could lead to empty log results in reporter api
- Error while applying db upgrade is now properly reported in the buildbot upgrade-master command line.
- Made Interpolate safe for deepcopy or serialization/deserialization
- Optimized UI REST requests for child builds and change page.
- Fix DockerLatentWorker use of *volume* parameter, they now properly manage *src:dest* syntax.
- Fix DockerLatentWorker to properly create properties so that docker parameters can be renderable.
- Lock down autobahn version for python 2.6 (note that autobahn and twisted are no longer supporting 2.6, and thus do not receive security fixes anymore).
- Fix docs and example to always use port 8020 for the web ui.

### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

- Deprecated workdir property has been removed, builddir property should be used instead.
- To support MySQL InnoDB, the size of six VARCHAR(256) columns changes.(author, branch, category, name); object\_state.name; user.identifier was reduced to VARCHAR(255).
- StatusPush has been removed from buildbot. Please use the much simpler HttpStatusPush instead.

## **Changes for Developers**

Worker changes described in below worker section will probably impact a buildbot developer who uses undocumented '*slave*' API. Undocumented APIs have been replaced without failover, so any custom code that uses it shall be updated with new undocumented API.

# 5.39.2 Worker

Package *buildbot-slave* is being renamed *buildbot-worker*. As the work is not completely finished, neither *buildbot-slave* = 0.9.0b8 or *buildbot-worker* = 0.9.0b8 have been released.

You can safely use any version of *buildbot-slave* with *buildbot==0.9.0b8*, either *buildbot-slave==0.8.12* or *buildbot-slave==0.9.0b7*.

# 5.39.3 Transition to "worker" terminology

Since version 0.9.0 of Buildbot "slave"-based terminology is deprecated in favor of "worker"-based terminology.

For details about public API changes see Transition to "worker" terminology in BuildBot 0.9.0.

API changes done without providing fallback:

Old name	N
buildbot.buildslave.manager	b
buildbot.buildslave.manager.BuildslaveRegistration	b
buildbot.buildslave.manager.BuildslaveRegistration.buildslave	bı
buildbot.buildslave.manager.BuildslaveManager	b
buildbot.buildslave.manager.BuildslaveManager.slaves	bı
buildbot.buildslave.manager.BuildslaveManager.getBuildslaveByName	bı
buildbot.buildslave.docker.DockerLatentBuildSlave	b
buildbot.buildslave.local.LocalBuildSlave	bı
buildbot.buildslave.local.LocalBuildSlave.LocalBuildSlaveFactory	bı
buildbot.buildslave.local.LocalBuildSlave.remote_slave	bı
buildbot.buildslave.base module with all contents	bı
buildbot.buildslave.AbstractBuildSlave.updateSlave	bı
buildbot.buildslave.AbstractBuildSlave.slavebuilders	bı
buildbot.buildslave.AbstractBuildSlave.updateSlaveStatus	bı
buildbot.buildslave.AbstractLatentBuildSlave.updateSlave	bı
buildbot.buildslave.BuildSlave.slave_status	bı
buildbot.config.MasterConfig.load_slaves	10
buildbot.master.BuildMaster.buildslaves	bı
buildbot.process.build.Build.slavebuilder	W
buildbot.process.build.Build.setSlaveEnvironment	S
buildbot.process.build.Build.slaveEnvironment	W
buildbot.process.build.Build.getSlaveCommandVersion	ge
buildbot.process.build.Build.setupSlaveBuilder	S
buildbot.process.builder.Build.canStartWithSlavebuilder	Ca
buildbot.process.slavebuilder.AbstractSlaveBuilder.getSlaveCommandVersion	bı
buildbot.process.slavebuilder.AbstractSlaveBuilder.attached method argument slave was renamed	W
buildbot.buildslave.AbstractBuildSlave.slave_commands	b
buildbot.buildslave.AbstractBuildSlave.slave_environ	b

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Old name	N
buildbot.buildslave.AbstractBuildSlave.slave_basedir	b
buildbot.buildslave.AbstractBuildSlave.slave_system	b
buildbot.buildslave.AbstractBuildSlave.buildslaveid	b
buildbot.buildslave.AbstractBuildSlave.addSlaveBuilder	b
buildbot.buildslave.AbstractBuildSlave.removeSlaveBuilder	b
buildbot.buildslave.AbstractBuildSlave.messageReceivedFromSlave	b
buildbot.process.slavebuilder.LatentSlaveBuilder constructor positional argument slave was renamed	W
buildbot.process.buildrequestdistributor.BasicBuildChooser.nextSlave	n
buildbot.process.buildrequestdistributor.BasicBuildChooser.slavepool	W
buildbot.process.buildrequestdistributor.BasicBuildChooser.preferredSlaves	p
buildbot.process.buildrequestdistributor.BasicBuildChooser.rejectedSlaves	r
buildbot.steps.shell.ShellCommand.slaveEnvironment (Note: this variable is renderable)	b
buildbot.status.slave	b
buildbot.status.slave.SlaveStatus	b
buildbot.interfaces.IStatusReceiver.slaveConnected with all implementations	b
buildbot.interfaces.IStatusReceiver.slaveDisconnected with all implementations	b
buildbot.status.master.Status.slaveConnected	b
buildbot.status.master.Status.slaveDisconnected	b
buildbot.status.master.Status.slavePaused	b
buildbot.status.master.Status.slaveUnpaused	b
buildbot.status.master.Status.buildslaves	b
buildbot.status.base.StatusReceiverBase.slavePaused	b
buildbot.status.base.StatusReceiverBase.slaveUnpaused	b
buildbot.interfaces.IStatus.getSlaveNames with all implementations	b
buildbot.interfaces.IStatus.getSlave with all implementations	b
buildbot.interfaces.IBuildStatus.getSlavename with all implementations	b
buildbot.status.build.BuildStatus.setSlavename	b
buildbot.status.build.BuildStatus.slavename	b
buildbot.interfaces.IBuilderStatus.getSlaves with all implementations	b
buildbot.status.builder.BuilderStatus.slavenames	b
buildbot.status.builder.BuilderStatus.setSlavenames	b
buildbot.process.botmaster.BotMaster.slaveLost	b
buildbot.process.botmaster.BotMaster.getBuildersForSlave	b
buildbot.process.botmaster.BotMaster.maybeStartBuildsForSlave	b
buildbot.locks.RealSlaveLock	b
buildbot.locks.RealSlaveLock.maxCountForSlave	b
buildbot.protocols.base.Connection constructor positional argument buildslave was renamed	W
buildbot.protocols.base.Connection.buidslave	b
buildbot.protocols.base.Connection.remoteGetSlaveInfo	b
buildbot.protocols.pb.Connection constructor positional argument buildslave was renamed	W

Other changes done without providing fallback:

- Functions argument buildslaveName renamed to workerName.
- Loop variables, local variables, helper functions:

Old name	New name
S	w or worker
sl	w or worker
bs ("buildslave")	W
sb	wfb ("worker for builder")
bs1(),bs2()	w1(),w2()
bslave	worker
BS1_NAME, BS1_ID, BS1_INFO	W1_NAME,W1_ID,W1_INFO

- In buildbot.config.BuilderConfig.getConfigDict result 'slavenames' key changed to 'workernames'; 'slavebuilddir' key changed to 'workerbuilddir'; 'nextSlave' key changed to 'nextWorker'.
- buildbot.process.builder.BuilderControl.ping now generates ["ping", "no worker"] event, instead of ["ping", "no slave"].
- buildbot.plugins.util.WorkerChoiceParameter(previouslyBuildslaveChoiceParameter) label was changed from Build slave to Worker.
- buildbot.plugins.util.WorkerChoiceParameter(previouslyBuildslaveChoiceParameter) default name was changed from slavename to workername.
- buildbot.status.builder.SlaveStatus fallback was removed. SlaveStatus was moved to buildbot.status.builder.slave previously, and now it's buildbot.status.worker. WorkerStatus.
- buildbot.status.status\_push.StatusPush events generation changed (this module will be completely removed in 0.9.x):
  - instead of slaveConnected with data slave=... now generated workerConnected event with data worker=...;
  - instead of slaveDisconnected with data slavename=... now generated workerDisconnected with data workername=...;
  - instead of slavePaused with data slavename=... now generated workerPaused event with data workername=...;
  - instead of slaveUnpaused with data slavename=... now generated workerUnpaused event with data workername=...;
- buildbot.status.build.BuildStatus.asDict returns worker name under 'worker' key, instead of 'slave' key.
- buildbot.status.builder.BuilderStatus.asDict returns worker names under 'workers' key, instead of 'slaves' key.
- Definitely privately used "slave"-named variables and attributes were renamed, including tests modules, classes and methods.

### Database

Database API changes done without providing fallback.

Old name	New name
<pre>buildbot.db.buildslaves.BuildslavesConnectorComponent.</pre>	'workerinfo' key
getBuildslaves (rewritten in nine) and buildbot.db.	
buildslaves.BuildslavesConnectorComponent.	
getBuildslave (introduced in nine) results uses instead of 'slaveinfo'	
key	
buildbot.db.model.Model.buildslaves	buildbot.db.model.
	Model.workers
buildbot.db.model.Model.configured_buildslaves	buildbot.db.
	model.Model.
	configured_workers
buildbot.db.model.Model.connected_buildslaves	buildbot.db.
	model.Model.
	connected_workers
buildbot.db.buildslaves.BuildslavesConnectorComponent.	buildbot.db.workers.
findBuildslaveId (introduced in nine)	WorkersConnectorComponent.
	findWorkerId
buildbot.db.buildslaves.BuildslavesConnectorComponent.	buildbot.db.workers.
deconfigureAllBuidslavesForMaster (introduced in nine, note typo	WorkersConnectorComponent.
Buidslaves)	deconfigureAllWorkersForMas
buildbot.db.buildslaves.BuildslavesConnectorComponent.	buildbot.db.workers.
buildslaveConfigured (introduced in nine)	WorkersConnectorComponent.
	workerConfigured
buildbot.db.buildslaves.BuildslavesConnectorComponent.	workerid
buildslaveConfigured method argument buildslaveid was renamed	WOIKEIIG
(introduced in nine)	
buildbot.db.buildslaves.BuildslavesConnectorComponent.	buildbot.db.workers.
getBuildslave	WorkersConnectorComponent.
	getWorker
buildbot.db.buildslaves.BuildslavesConnectorComponent.	_workerid
getBuildslaves method argument _buildslaveid was renamed	
(introduced in nine)	
buildbot.db.buildslaves.BuildslavesConnectorComponent.	buildbot.db.workers.
buildslaveConnected (introduced in nine)	WorkersConnectorComponent.
	workerConnected
buildbot.db.buildslaves.BuildslavesConnectorComponent.	workerinfo
buildslaveConnected method argument slaveinfo was renamed	
(introduced in nine)	
buildbot.db.buildslaves.BuildslavesConnectorComponent.	workerid
buildslaveConnected method argument buildslaveid was renamed	
(introduced in nine)	
buildbot.db.buildslaves.BuildslavesConnectorComponent.	buildbot.db.workers.
buildslaveDisconnected (introduced in nine)	WorkersConnectorComponent.
	workerDisconnected
buildbot.db.buildslaves.BuildslavesConnectorComponent.	workerid
buildslaveDisconnected method argument buildslaveid was	MOTVETTO
renamed (introduced in nine)	
	workerid
<pre>buildbot.db.builds.BuildsConnectorComponent.getBuilds method argument buildslaveid was renamed (introduced in nine)</pre>	WOIKEITO
buildbot.db.builds.BuildsConnectorComponent.addBuild	workerid
method argument buildslaveid was renamed (introduced in nine)	
buildbot.reporters.message.MessageFormatter template vari-	workername
able slavename	

# Data API

Python API changes:

Old name	New name
buildbot.data.buildslaves	workers
buildbot.data.buildslaves.BuildslaveEndpoint	WorkerEndpoint
buildbot.data.buildslaves.BuildslavesEndpoint	WorkersEndpoint
buildbot.data.buildslaves.Buildslave	Worker
buildbot.data.buildslaves.Buildslave.	workerConfigured
buildslaveConfigured	
buildbot.data.buildslaves.Buildslave.	findWorkerId
findBuildslaveId	
buildbot.data.buildslaves.Buildslave.	workerConnected
buildslaveConnected	
buildbot.data.buildslaves.Buildslave.	workerDisconnected
buildslaveDisconnected	
buildbot.data.buildslaves.Buildslave.	deconfigureAllWorkersForMaster
deconfigureAllBuidslavesForMaster	
buildslaveid in function arguments and API specification	workerid
slaveinfo in function arguments and API specification	workerinfo

# Changed REST endpoints:

Old name	New name
/buildslaves	/workers
/buildslaves/n:buildslaveid	/workers/n:workerid
/buildslaves/n:buildslaveid/builds	/workers/n:workerid/builds
/buildslaves/:buildslaveid/builds/	/workers/:workerid/builds/:buildid
:buildid	
/masters/n:masterid/buildslaves	/masters/n:masterid/workers
/masters/n:masterid/buildslaves/	/masters/n:masterid/workers/
n:buildslaveid	n:workerid
/masters/n:masterid/builders/	/masters/n:masterid/builders/
n:builderid/buildslaves	n:builderid/workers
/masters/n:masterid/builders/	/masters/n:masterid/builders/
n:builderid/buildslaves/n:buildslaveid	n:builderid/workers/n:workerid
/builders/n:builderid/buildslaves	/builders/n:builderid/workers
/builders/n:builderid/buildslaves/	/builders/n:builderid/workers/
n:buildslaveid	n:workerid

# Changed REST object keys:

Old name	New name
buildslaveid	workerid
slaveinfo	workerinfo
buildslave	worker
buildslaves	workers

data\_module version bumped from 1.2.0 to 2.0.0.

#### Web UI

In base web UI (www/base) and Material Design web UI (www/md\_base) all "slave"-named messages and identifiers were renamed to use "worker" names and new REST API endpoints.

### **MQ** layer

buildslaveid key in messages were replaced with workerid.

## 5.39.4 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

```
git log v0.9.0b7..v0.9.0b8
```

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.40 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b7

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b7 This version was released on February 14, 2016.

See Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0 for a guide to upgrading from 0.8.x to 0.9.x

### 5.40.1 Master

### **Features**

## **Fixes**

- Fix incompatibility with MySQL-5.7 (bug #3421 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3421))
- Fix incompatibility with postgresql driver psycopg2 (bug #3419 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3419), further regressions will be caught by travis)
- Fix regressions in forcescheduler UI (bug #3416 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3416), bug #3418 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3418), bug #3422 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3422))

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

• The buildbot Python dist now (finally) requires SQLAlchemy-0.8.0 or later and SQLAlchemy-Migrate-0.9.0 or later. While the old pinned versions (0.7.10 and 0.7.2, respectively) still work, this compatibility is no longer tested and this configuration should be considered deprecated.

**Changes for Developers** 

5.40.2 Slave

**Features** 

Fixes

Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

# 5.40.3 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

```
git log v0.9.0b6..v0.9.0b7
```

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.41 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b6

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b6 This version was released on January 20, 2016.

See Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0 for a guide to upgrading from 0.8.x to 0.9.x

## 5.41.1 Master

#### Features

- · Builders ui page has improved tag filtering capabilities
- Home page enhanced with the list of recent builds sorted by builder
- *IRC* reporter has been partially ported to work on data api.

#### **Fixes**

- better stability and reliability in the UI thanks to switch to buildbot data-module
- fix irc

#### **Changes for Developers**

- properties object is now directly present in build, and not in build\_status. This should not change much unless you try to access your properties via step.build.build\_status. Remember that with PropertiesMixin, you can access properties via getProperties on the steps, and on the builds objects.
- *Javascript Data Module* is now integrated, which sets a definitive API for accessing buildbot data in angularJS UI.

# 5.41.2 Slave

### **Features**

- The DockerLatentBuildSlave image attribute is now renderable (can take properties in account).
- The DockerLatentBuildSlave sets environment variables describing how to connect to the master. Example dockerfiles can be found in master/contrib/docker (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbotcontrib/tree/master/contrib/docker).

## 5.41.3 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

git log v0.9.0b5..v0.9.0b6

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.42 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b5

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b5. This version was released on October 21, 2015.

See Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0 for a guide to upgrading from 0.8.x to 0.9.x

## 5.42.1 Master

This version addresses http://trac.buildbot.net/wiki/SecurityAlert090b4 by preventing dissemination of hook information via the web UI.

This also reverts the addition of the frontend data service in 0.9.0b4, as that contained many bugs. It will be re-landed in a subsequent release.

## 5.42.2 Slave

No changes.

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

```
git log v0.9.0b4..0.9.0b5
```

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.43 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b4

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b4 This version was released on October 20, 2015.

See Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0 for a guide to upgrading from 0.8.x to 0.9.x

# 5.43.1 Master

This version is very similar to 0.9.0b3, re-released due to issues with PyPI uploads.

#### **Changes for Developers**

• The data API's startConsuming method has been removed. Instead of calling this method with a data API path, call self.master.mq.startConsuming with an appropriate message routing pattern.

# 5.43.2 Slave

No changes since 0.9.0b3.

## 5.43.3 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

```
git log v0.9.0b3..v0.9.0b4
```

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.44 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b3

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b3. This version was released on October 18, 2015. See *Upgrading to Buildbot 0.9.0* for a guide to upgrading from 0.8.x to 0.9.x

## 5.44.1 Master

### **Features**

- The irc command hello now returns 'Hello' in a random language if invoked more than once.
- Triggerable now accepts a reason parameter.
- GerritStatusPush now accepts a builders parameter.
- StatusPush callback now receives build results (success/failure/etc) with the buildFinished event.
- There's a new renderable type, Transform.
- Buildbot now supports wamp as a mq backend. This allows to run a multi-master configuration. See *MQ Specification*.

### **Fixes**

- The *PyFlakes* and *PyLint* steps no longer parse output in Buildbot log headers (bug #3337 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/3337)).
- GerritChangeSource is now less verbose by default, and has a debug option to enable the logs.
- *P4Source* no longer relies on the perforce server time to poll for new changes.
- The commit message for a change from *P4Source* now matches what the user typed in.

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

• The buildbot.status.results module no longer exists and has been renamed to buildbot. process.results.

# 5.44.2 Slave

### **Features**

• The Buildbot slave now includes the number of CPUs in the information it supplies to the master on connection. This value is autodetected, but can be overridden with the --numcpus argument to buildslave create-slave.

### 5.44.3 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

git log v0.9.0b2..v0.9.0b3

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.45 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b2

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b2. Buildbot 0.9.0b2 was released on August, 2 2015.

## 5.45.1 Master

#### **Features**

- Mercurial hook was updated and modernized. It is no longer necessary to fork. One can now extend PYTHON-PATH via the hook configuration. Among others, it permits to use a buildbot virtualenv instead of installing buildbot in all the system. Added documentation inside the hook. Misc. clean-up and reorganization in order to make the code a bit more readable.
- UI templates can now be customizable. You can provide html or jade overrides to the www plugins, to customize the UI
- UI side bar is now fixed by default for large screens.

### **Fixes**

- Fix setup for missing www.hooks module
- Fix setup to install only on recents version of pip (>=1.4). This prevents unexpected upgrade to nine from people who just use pip install -U buildbot
- Fix a crash in the git hook.
- · Add checks to enforce slavenames are identifiers.

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

### **Changes for Developers**

- The *BuilderConfig* nextSlave keyword argument takes a callable. This callable now receives BuildRequest instance in its signature as 3rd parameter. For retro-compatibility, all callable taking only 2 parameters will still work.
- Data api provides a way to query the build list per slave.
- Data api provides a way to query some build properties in a build list.

# 5.45.2 Slave

• buildbot-slave now requires Python 2.6

#### Features

• Schedulers: the codebases parameter can now be specified in a simple list-of-strings form.

#### **Fixes**

· Fix two race conditions in the integration tests

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

• Providing Latent AWS EC2 credentials by the .ec2/aws\_id file is deprecated: Use the standard .aws/ credentials file, instead.

## 5.45.3 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

git log v0.9.0b1..v0.9.0b2

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.46 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b1

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.9.0b1. Buildbot 0.9.0b1 was released on the 25th of June, 2015.

# 5.46.1 Master

This version represents a refactoring of Buildbot into a consistent, well-defined application composed of loosely coupled components. The components are linked by a common database backend and a messaging system. This allows components to be distributed across multiple build masters. It also allows the rendering of complex web status views to be performed in the browser, rather than on the buildmasters.

The branch looks forward to committing to long-term API compatibility, but does not reach that goal. The Buildbot-0.9.x series of releases will give the new APIs time to "settle in" before we commit to them. Commitment will wait for Buildbot-1.0.0 (as per http://semver.org). Once Buildbot reaches version 1.0.0, upgrades will become much easier for users.

To encourage contributions from a wider field of developers, the web application is designed to look like a normal AngularJS application. Developers familiar with AngularJS, but not with Python, should be able to start hacking on the web application quickly. The web application is "pluggable", so users who develop their own status displays can package those separately from Buildbot itself.

Other goals:

- An approachable HTTP REST API, used by the web application but available for any other purpose.
- A high degree of coverage by reliable, easily-modified tests.
- "Interlocking" tests to guarantee compatibility. For example, the real and fake DB implementations must both pass the same suite of tests. Then no unseen difference between the fake and real implementations can mask errors that will occur in production.

## **Requirements**

The buildbot package requires Python 2.6 or higher – Python 2.5 is no longer supported. The buildbot-slave package requires Python 2.5 or higher – Python 2.4 is no longer supported.

No additional software or systems, aside from some minor Python packages, are required.

But the devil is in the details:

- If you want to do web *development*, or *build* the buildbot-www package, you'll need Node. It's an Angular app, and that's how such apps are developed. We've taken pains to not make either a requirement for users you can simply 'pip install' buildbot-www and be on your way. This is the case even if you're hacking on the Python side of Buildbot.
- For a single master, nothing else is required.

### **Minor Python Packages**

- Buildbot requires at least Twisted-11.0.0.
- Buildbot works python-dateutil >= 1.5

#### Known Limitations of 0.9.0b1

The following feature will be implemented for Buildbot 0.9.1 Milestone.

- Multimaster is not supported as of Buildbot 0.9.0. http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2644
- Not all status plugin are converted to the new reporter API. Only email and Gerrit reporters are fully supported. Irc support is limited, and not converted to reporter api http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2648

#### **Features**

Buildbot-0.9.0 introduces the *Data API*, a consistent and scalable method for accessing and updating the state of the Buildbot system. This API replaces the existing, ill-defined Status API, which has been removed. Buildbot-0.9.0 introduces new *WWW Server* Interface using websocket for realtime updates. Buildbot code that interacted with the Status API (a substantial portion!) has been rewritten to use the Data API. Individual features and improvements to the Data API are not described on this page.

• Buildbot now supports plugins. They allow Buildbot to be extended by using components distributed independently from the main code. They also provide for a unified way to access all components. When previously the following construction was used:

```
from buildbot.kind.other.bits import ComponentClass
```

```
... ComponentClass ...
```

the following construction achieves the same result:

```
from buildbot.plugins import kind
```

... kind.ComponentClass ...

Kinds of components that are available this way are described in Plugin Infrastructure in Buildbot.

Note: While the components can be still directly imported as buildbot.kind.other.bits, this might not be the case after Buildbot v1.0 is released.

- Both the P4 source step and P4 change source support ticket-based authentication.
- · OpenStack latent slaves now support block devices as a bootable volume.
- Add new Cppcheck step.
- Add a new Docker latent BuildSlave.
- Add a new configuration for creating custom services in out-of-tree CI systems or plugins. See *buildbot*. *util.service.BuildbotService*
- Add try\_ssh configuration file setting and --ssh command line option for the try tool to specify the command to use for connecting to the build master.
- GitHub change hook now supports application/json format.
- Add support for dynamically adding steps during a build. See Dynamic Build Factories.
- GitPoller now supports detecting new branches
- *Git* supports an "origin" option to give a name to the remote repo.

#### **Reporters**

Status plugins have been moved into the reporters namespace. Their API has slightly to changed in order to adapt to the new data API. See respective documentation for details.

- GerritStatusPush renamed to GerritStatusPush
- MailNotifier renamed to MailNotifier
- MailNotifier argument messageFormatter should now be a MessageFormatter, due to removal of data api, custom message formatters need to be rewritten.
- MailNotifier argument previousBuildGetter is not supported anymore
- Gerrit supports specifying an SSH identity file explicitly.
- · Added StashStatusPush status hook for Atlassian Stash
- *MailNotifier* no longer forces SSL 3.0 when useTls is true.
- *GerritStatusPush* callbacks slightly changed signature, and include a master reference instead of a status reference.
- GitHubStatus now accepts a context parameter to be passed to the GitHub Status API.
- Buildbot UI introduces branch new Authentication, and Authorizations framework.

Please look at their respective guide in WWW Server

#### **Fixes**

- Buildbot is now compatible with SQLAlchemy 0.8 and higher, using the newly-released SQLAlchemy-Migrate.
- The version check for SQLAlchemy-Migrate was fixed to accept more version string formats.
- The *HTTPStep* step's request parameters are now renderable.
- With Git(), force the updating submodules to ensure local changes by the build are overwritten. This both ensures more consistent builds and avoids errors when updating submodules.
- Buildbot is now compatible with Gerrit v2.6 and higher.

To make this happen, the return result of reviewCB and summaryCB callback has changed from

(message, verified, review)

```
to
```

The implications are:

- there are some differences in behaviour: only those labels that were provided will be updated
- Gerrit server must be able to provide a version, if it can't the GerritStatusPush will not work

Note: If you have an old style reviewCB and/or summaryCB implemented, these will still work, however there could be more labels updated than anticipated.

More detailed information is available in GerritStatusPush section.

- P4Source's server\_tz parameter now works correctly.
- The revlink in changes produced by the Bitbucket hook now correctly includes the changes/ portion of the URL.
- *PBChangeSource*'s git hook master/contrib/git\_buildbot.py (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/git\_buildbot.py) now supports git tags

A pushed git tag generates a change event with the branch property equal to the tag name. To schedule builds based on buildbot tags, one could use something like this:

```
c['schedulers'].append(
   SingleBranchScheduler(name='tags',
      change_filter=filter.ChangeFilter(
         branch_re='v[0-9]+\.[0-9]+\.[0-9]+(?:-pre|rc[0-9]+|p[0-9]+)?')
      treeStableTimer=None,
      builderNames=['tag_build']))
```

- Missing "name" and "email" properties received from Gerrit are now handled properly
- Fixed bug which made it impossible to specify the project when using the BitBucket dialect.
- The *PyLint* step has been updated to understand newer output.
- Fixed SVN master-side source step: if a SVN operation fails, the repository end up in a situation when a manual intervention is required. Now if SVN reports such a situation during initial check, the checkout will be clobbered.
- The build properties are now stored in the database in the build\_properties table.
- The list of changes in the build page now displays all the changes since the last successful build.
- GitHub change hook now correctly responds to ping events.
- buildbot.steps.http steps now correctly have url parameter renderable
- When no arguments are used buildbot checkconfig now uses buildbot.tac to locate the master config file.
- *buildbot.util.flatten* now correctly flattens arbitrarily nested lists. *buildbot.util.flattened\_iterator* provides an iterable over the collection which may be more efficient for extremely large lists.

### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

- BonsaiPoller is removed.
- buildbot.ec2buildslave is removed; use buildbot.buildslave.ec2 instead.
- buildbot.libvirtbuildslave is removed; use buildbot.buildslave.libvirt instead.
- *buildbot.util.flatten* flattens lists and tuples by default (previously only lists). Additionally, flattening something that isn't the type to flatten has different behaviour. Previously, it would return the original value. Instead, it now returns an array with the original value as the sole element.
- buildbot.tac does not support print statements anymore. Such files should now use print as a function instead (see https://docs.python.org/3.0/whatsnew/3.0.html#print-is-a-function for more details). Note that this applies to both python2.x and python3.x runtimes.

### WebStatus

The old, clunky WebStatus has been removed. You will like the new interface! RIP WebStatus, you were a good friend.

remove it and replace it with www configuration.

## **Requirements**

- Buildbot's tests now require at least Mock-0.8.0.
- SQLAlchemy-Migrate-0.6.1 is no longer supported.
- Builder names are now restricted to unicode strings or ASCII bytestrings. Encoded bytestrings are not accepted.

### Steps

- New-style steps are now the norm, and support for old-style steps is deprecated. Such support will be removed in the next release.
  - Status strings for old-style steps could be supplied through a wide variety of conflicting means (describe, description, descriptionDone, descriptionSuffix, getText, and setText, to name just a few). While all attempts have been made to maintain compatibility, you may find that the status strings for old-style steps have changed in this version. To fix steps that call setText, try setting the descriptionDone attribute directly, instead or just rewrite the step in the new style.
- Old-style *source* steps (imported directly from buildbot.steps.source) are no longer supported on the master.
- The monotone source step got an overhaul and can now better manage its database (initialize and/or migrate it, if needed). In the spirit of monotone, buildbot now always keeps the database around, as it's an append-only database.

## **Changes and Removals**

- Buildslave names must now be 50-character *identifier*. Note that this disallows some common characters in bulidslave names, including spaces, /, and ...
- Builders now have "tags" instead of a category. Builders can have multiple tags, allowing more flexible builder displays.
- *ForceScheduler* has the following changes:
  - The default configuration no longer contains four AnyPropertyParameter instances.
  - Configuring codebases is now mandatory, and the deprecated branch, repository, project, revision are not supported anymore in *ForceScheduler*
  - buildbot.schedulers.forcesched.BaseParameter.updateFromKwargs now takes a collector parameter used to collect all validation errors
- *Periodic*, *Nightly* and *NightlyTriggerable* have the following changes:
  - The *Periodic* and *Nightly* schedulers can now consume changes and use onlyIfChanged and createAbsoluteTimestamps.
  - All "timed" schedulers now handle codebases the same way. Configuring codebases is strongly recommended. Using the branch parameter is discouraged.

- Logs are now stored as Unicode strings, and thus must be decoded properly from the bytestrings provided by shell commands. By default this encoding is assumed to be UTF-8, but the *logEncoding* parameter can be used to select an alternative. Steps and individual logfiles can also override the global default.
- The PB status service uses classes which have now been removed, and anyway is redundant to the REST API, so it has been removed. It has taken the following with it:
  - buildbot statuslog
  - buildbot statusgui (the GTK client)
  - buildbot debugclient

The PBListener status listener is now deprecated and does nothing. Accordingly, there is no external access to status objects via Perspective Broker, aside from some compatibility code for the try scheduler.

The debugPassword configuration option is no longer needed and is thus deprecated.

- The undocumented and un-tested TinderboxMailNotifier, designed to send emails suitable for the abandoned and insecure Tinderbox tool, has been removed.
- Buildslave info is no longer available via *Interpolate* and the SetSlaveInfo buildstep has been removed.
- The undocumented path parameter of the *MasterShellCommand* buildstep has been renamed workdir for better consistency with the other steps.
- The name and source of a Property have to be unicode or ascii string.
- Property values must be serializable in JSON.
- *IRC* has the following changes:
  - categories parameter is deprecated and removed. It should be replaced with tags=[cat]
  - noticeOnChannel parameter is deprecated and removed.
- workdir behavior has been unified:
  - workdir attribute of steps is now a property in *BuildStep*, and choose the workdir given following priority:
    - \* workdir of the step, if defined
    - \* workdir of the builder (itself defaults to 'build')
    - \* setDefaultWorkdir() has been deprecated, but is now behaving the same for all the steps: Setting self.workdir if not already set
- *Trigger* now has a getSchedulersAndProperties method that can ve overridden to support dynamic triggering.
- `master.cfg is now parsed from a thread. Previously it was run in the main thread, and thus slowing down the master in case of big config, or network access done to generate the config.
- SVNPoller's synurl parameter has been changed to repourl.

### **Changes for Developers**

- Botmaster no longer service parent for buildslaves. Service parent functionality has been transferred to BuildslaveManager. It should be noted Botmaster no longer has a slaves field as it was moved to BuildslaveManager.
- The sourcestamp DB connector now returns a patchid field.

- Buildbot no longer polls the database for jobs. The db\_poll\_interval configuration parameter and the *db* key of the same name are deprecated and will be ignored.
- The interface for adding changes has changed. The new method is master.data.updates.addChange (implemented by addChange), although the old interface (master.addChange) will remain in place for a few versions. The new method:
  - returns a change ID, not a Change instance;
  - takes its when\_timestamp argument as epoch time (UNIX time), not a datetime instance; and
  - does not accept the deprecated parameters who, isdir, is\_dir, and when.
  - requires that all strings be unicode, not bytestrings.

Please adjust any custom change sources accordingly.

- A new build status, CANCELLED, has been added. It is used when a step or build is deliberately cancelled by a user.
- This upgrade will delete all rows from the buildrequest\_claims table. If you are using this table for analytical purposes outside of Buildbot, please back up its contents before the upgrade, and restore it afterward, translating object IDs to scheduler IDs if necessary. This translation would be very slow and is not required for most users, so it is not done automatically.
- All of the schedulers DB API methods now accept a schedulerid, rather than an objectid. If you have custom code using these methods, check your code and make the necessary adjustments.
- The addBuildsetForSourceStamp method has become addBuildsetForSourceStamps, and its signature has changed. The addBuildsetForSourceStampSetDetails method has become addBuildsetForSourceStampsWithDefaults, and its signature has changed. The addBuildsetForSourceStampDetails method has been removed. The addBuildsetForLatest method has been removed. It is equivalent to addBuildsetForSourceStampDetails with sourcestamps=None. These methods are not yet documented, and their interface is not stable. Consult the source code for details on the changes.
- The preStartConsumingChanges and startTimedSchedulerService hooks have been removed.
- The triggerable schedulers' trigger method now requires a list of sourcestamps, rather than a dictionary.
- The SourceStamp class is no longer used. It remains in the codebase to support loading data from pickles on upgrade, but should not be used in running code.
- The BuildRequest class no longer has full source or sources attributes. Use the data API to get this information (which is associated with the buildset, not the build request) instead.
- The undocumented BuilderControl method submitBuildRequest has been removed.
- The debug client no longer supports requesting builds (the requestBuild method has been removed). If you have been using this method in production, consider instead creating a new change source, using the *ForceScheduler*, or using one of the try schedulers.
- The buildbot.misc.SerializedInvocation class has been removed; use buildbot.util. debounce.method instead.
- The progress attributes of both *buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep* and *buildbot.process.build.Build* have been removed. Subclasses should only be accessing the progress-tracking mechanics via the *buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep.setProgress* method.

# 5.46.2 Slave

### **Features**

### **Fixes**

### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

- buildmaster and buildslave no longer supports old-style source steps.
- On Windows, if a *ShellCommand* step in which command was specified as a list is executed, and a list element is a string consisting of a single pipe character, it no longer creates a pipeline. Instead, the pipe character is passed verbatim as an argument to the program, like any other string. This makes command handling consistent between Windows and Unix-like systems. To have a pipeline, specify command as a string.

# 5.46.3 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

```
git log v0.8.10..v0.9.0b1
```

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.47 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.8.11

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.8.11. This version was released on the 20th of April, 2015.

# 5.47.1 Master

**Requirements:** 

• Buildbot works python-dateutil >= 1.5

### **Features**

- GitHub change hook now supports application/json format.
- Buildbot is now compatible with Gerrit v2.6 and higher.

To make this happen, the return result of reviewCB and summaryCB callback has changed from

(message, verified, review)

```
to
```

The implications are:

- there are some differences in behaviour: only those labels that were provided will be updated
- Gerrit server must be able to provide a version, if it can't the GerritStatusPush will not work

Note: If you have an old style reviewCB and/or summaryCB implemented, these will still work, however there could be more labels updated than anticipated.

More detailed information is available in GerritStatusPush section.

• Buildbot now supports plugins. They allow Buildbot to be extended by using components distributed independently from the main code. They also provide for a unified way to access all components. When previously the following construction was used:

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```
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```

the following construction achieves the same result:

```
from buildbot.plugins import kind
```

```
... kind.ComponentClass ...
```

Kinds of components that are available this way are described in *Plugin Infrastructure in Buildbot*.

Note: While the components can be still directly imported as buildbot.kind.other.bits, this might not be the case after Buildbot v1.0 is released.

- *GitPoller* now supports detecting new branches
- MasterShellCommand now renders the path argument.
- ShellMixin: the workdir can now be overridden in the call to makeRemoteShellCommand.
- GitHub status target now allows to specify a different base URL for the API (usefule for GitHub enterprise installations). This feature requires *txgithub* of version 0.2.0 or better.
- GitHub change hook now supports payload validation using shared secret, see the GitHub hook documentation for details.
- Added StashStatusPush status hook for Atlassian Stash
- Builders can now have multiple "tags" associated with them. Tags can be used in various status classes as filters (eg, on the waterfall page).
- MailNotifier no longer forces SSL 3.0 when useTls is true.
- · GitHub change hook now supports function as codebase argument.
- GitHub change hook now supports pull\_request events.
- Trigger: the getSchedulersAndProperties customization method has been backported from Nine. This provides a way to dynamically specify which schedulers (and the properties for that scheduler) to trigger at runtime.

#### **Fixes**

• GitHub change hook now correctly responds to ping events.

- buildbot.steps.http steps now correctly have url parameter renderable
- MasterShellCommand now correctly logs the working directory where it was run.
- With Git(), force the updating submodules to ensure local changes by the build are overwritten. This both ensures more consistent builds and avoids errors when updating submodules.
- With Git(), make sure 'git submodule sync' is called before 'git submodule update' to update stale remote urls (bug #2155 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2155)).

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

• The builder parameter "category" is deprecated and is replaced by a parameter called "tags".

#### **Changes for Developers**

- Trigger: createTriggerProperties now takes one argument (the properties to generate).
- Trigger: getSchedulers method is no longer used and was removed.

# 5.47.2 Slave

### **Features**

**Fixes** 

Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

## 5.47.3 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

```
git log v0.8.10..532cf49
```

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.48 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.8.10

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.8.10. Buildbot 0.8.10 was released on the 2nd of December, 2014.

## 5.48.1 Master

### Features

- Both the P4 source step and P4 change source support ticket-based authentication.
- Clickable 'categories' links added in 'Waterfall' page (web UI).

### **Fixes**

- Buildbot is now compatible with SQLAlchemy 0.8 and higher, using the newly-released SQLAlchemy-Migrate.
- The *HTTPStep* step's request parameters are now renderable.
- Fixed content spoofing vulnerabilities (bug #2589 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2589)).
- Fixed cross-site scripting in status\_json (bug #2943 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2943)).
- GerritStatusPush supports specifying an SSH identity file explicitly.
- Fixed bug which made it impossible to specify the project when using the BitBucket dialect.
- Fixed SVN master-side source step: if a SVN operation fails, the repository end up in a situation when a manual intervention is required. Now if SVN reports such a situation during initial check, the checkout will be clobbered.
- Fixed master-side source steps to respect the specified timeout when removing files.

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

### **Changes for Developers**

### 5.48.2 Slave

**Features** 

**Fixes** 

Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

### 5.48.3 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

```
git log v0.8.9..eight
```

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

# 5.49 Release Notes for Buildbot 0.8.9

The following are the release notes for Buildbot 0.8.9. Buildbot 0.8.9 was released on 14 June, 2014.

## 5.49.1 Master

### **Features**

- The following optional parameters have been added to EC2LatentBuildSlave
  - Boolean parameter spot\_instance, default False, creates a spot instance.
  - Float parameter max\_spot\_price defines the maximum bid for a spot instance.

- List parameter volumes, takes a list of (volume\_id, mount\_point) tuples.
- String parameter placement is appended to the region parameter, e.g. region='us-west-2', placement='b' will result in the spot request being placed in us-west-2b.
- Float parameter price\_multiplier specifies the percentage bid above the 24-hour average spot price.
- Dict parameter tags specifies AWS tags as key/value pairs to be applied to new instances.

With spot\_instance=True, an EC2LatentBuildSlave will attempt to create a spot instance with the provided spot price, placement, and so on.

- The web hooks now include support for Bitbucket, GitLab and Gitorious.
- The GitHub webhook has been updated to work with v3 of the GitHub webhook API.
- The GitHub webhook can now optionally ignore non-distinct commits (bug #1861 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/1861)).
- The *HgPoller* and *GitPoller* now split filenames on newlines, rather than whitespace, so files containing whitespace are handled correctly.
- Add 'pollAtLaunch' flag for polling change sources. This allows a poller to poll immediately on launch and get changes that occurred while it was down.
- Added the *BitbucketPullrequestPoller* changesource.
- The *GitPoller* can now be configured to poll all available branches (pull request 1010 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/1010)).
- The *P4Source* changesource now supports Perforce servers in a different timezone than the buildbot master (pull request 728 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/728)).
- Each Scheduler type can now take a 'reason' argument to customize the reason it uses for triggered builds.
- A new argument createAbsoluteSourceStamps has been added to *SingleBranchScheduler* for use with multiple codebases.
- A new argument createAbsoluteSourceStamps has been added to *Nightly* for use with multiple codebases.
- The *Periodic* scheduler now supports codebases.
- The *ForceScheduler* now takes a buttonName argument to specify the name of the button on the forcebuild form.
- Master side source checkout steps now support patches (bug #2098 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2098)). The *Git* and *Mercurial* steps use their inbuilt commands to apply patches (bug #2563 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2563)).
- Master side source checkout steps now support retry option (bug #2465 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2465)).
- Master-side source checkout steps now respond to the "stop build" button (bug #2356 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2356)).
- Git source checkout step now supports reference repositories.
- The *Git* step now uses the *git clean* option *-f* twice, to also remove untracked directories managed by another git repository. See bug #2560 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2560).
- The branch and codebase arguments to the *Git* step are now renderable.
- Gerrit integration with Git Source step on master side (bug #2485 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2485)).

- *P4* source step now supports more advanced options.
- The master-side *SVN* step now supports authentication for mode=export, fixing bug #2463 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2463).
- The SVN step will now canonicalize URL's before matching them for better accuracy.
- The SVN step now obfuscates the password in status logs, fixing bug #2468 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2468).
- *SVN* source step and ShellCommand now support password obfuscation. (bug #2468 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2468) and bug #1748 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/1748)).
- *CVS* source step now checks for "sticky dates" from a previous checkout before updating an existing source directory.
- :*Repo* now supports a depth flag when initializing the repo. This controls the amount of git history to down-load.
- The manifestBranch of the bb:step:Repo step is now renderable
- New source step *Monotone* added on master side.
- New source step *Darcs* added on master side.
- A new *Robocopy* step is available for Windows builders (pull request 728 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/728)).
- The attributes description, descriptionDone and descriptionSuffix have been moved from ShellCommand to its superclass BuildStep so that any class that inherits from BuildStep can provide a suitable description of itself.
- A new FlattenList Renderable has been added which can flatten nested lists.
- Added new build steps for VC12, VS2013 and MsBuild12.
- The mode parameter of the VS steps is now renderable (bug #2592 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2592)).
- The *HTTPStep* step can make arbitrary HTTP requests from the master, allowing communication with external APIs. This new feature requires the optional txrequests and requests Python packages.
- A new *MultipleFileUpload* step was added to allow uploading several files (or directories) in a single step.
- Information about the buildslaves (admin, host, etc) is now persisted in the database and available even if the slave is not connected.
- Buildslave info can now be retrieved via *Interpolate* and a new SetSlaveInfo buildstep.
- The GNUAutotools factory now has a reconf option to run autoreconf before ./configure.
- Builder configurations can now include a description, which will appear in the web UI to help humans figure out what the builder does.
- The WebStatus builder page can now filter pending/current/finished builds by property parameters of the form ?property.<name>=<value>.
- The WebStatus StatusResourceBuilder page can now take the maxsearch argument
- The WebStatus has a new authz "view" action that allows you to require users to logged in to view the WebStatus.
- The WebStatus now shows revisions (+ codebase) where it used to simply say "multiple rev".
- The Console view now supports codebases.
- The web UI for Builders has been updated:
  - shows the build 'reason' and 'interested users'

- shows sourcestamp information for builders that use multiple codebases (instead of the generic "multiple rev" placeholder that was shown before).
- The waterfall and atom/rss feeds can be filtered with the project url parameter.
- The WebStatus Authorization support now includes a view action which can be used to restrict read-only access to the Buildbot instance.
- The web status now has options to cancel some or all pending builds.
- The WebStatus now interprets ANSI color codes in stdio output.
- It is now possible to select categories to show in the waterfall help
- The web status now automatically scrolls output logs (pull request 1078 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/1078)).
- The web UI now supports a PNG Status Resource that can be accessed publicly from for example README.md files or wikis or whatever other resource. This view produces an image in PNG format with information about the last build for the given builder name or whatever other build number if is passed as an argument to the view.
- Revision links for commits on SouceForge (Allura) are now automatically generated.
- The 'Rebuild' button on the web pages for builds features a dropdown to choose whether to rebuild from exact revisions or from the same sourcestamps (ie, update branch references)
- Build status can be sent to GitHub. Depends on txgithub package. See *GitHubStatusPush* and GitHub Commit Status (https://github.com/blog/1227-commit-status-api).
- The IRC bot of *IRC* will, unless useRevisions is set, shorten long lists of revisions printed when a build starts; it will only show two, and the number of additional revisions included in the build.
- A new argument summaryCB has been added to GerritStatusPush, to allow sending one review per buildset is now the default if neither summaryCB nor reviewCB are specified.
- The comments field of changes is no longer limited to 1024 characters on MySQL and Postgres. See bug #2367 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2367) and pull request 736 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/pull/736).
- HTML log files are no longer stored in status pickles (pull request 1077 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/1077))
- Builds are now retried after a slave is lost (pull request 1049 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/pull/1049)).
- The buildbot status client can now access a build properties via the getProperties call.
- The start, restart, and reconfig commands will now wait for longer than 10 seconds as long as the master continues producing log lines indicating that the configuration is progressing.
- Added new config option protocols which allows to configure multiple protocols on single master.
- RemoteShellCommands can be killed by SIGTERM with the sigtermTime parameter before resorting to SIGKILL (bug #751 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/751)). If the slave's version is less than 0.8.9, the slave will kill the process with SIGKILL regardless of whether sigtermTime is supplied.
- Introduce an alternative way to deploy Buildbot and try the pyflakes tutorial using Docker.
- Added zsh and bash tab-completions support for 'buildbot' command.
- An example of a declarative configuration is included in master/contrib/SimpleConfig.py, with copious comments.
- Systemd unit files for Buildbot are available in the master/contrib/ (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot-contrib/tree/master/contrib/) directory.
- We've added some extra checking to make sure that you have a valid locale before starting buildbot (#2608).

#### **Forward Compatibility**

In preparation for a more asynchronous implementation of build steps in Buildbot 0.9.0, this version introduces support for new-style steps. Existing old-style steps will continue to function correctly in Buildbot 0.8.x releases and in Buildbot 0.9.0, but support will be dropped soon afterward. See *New-Style Build Steps in Buildbot 0.9.0*, below, for guidance on rewriting existing steps in this new style. To eliminate ambiguity, the documentation for this version only reflects support for new-style steps. Refer to the documentation for previous versions for information on old-style steps.

#### **Fixes**

- Fixes an issue where *GitPoller* sets the change branch to refs/heads/master which isn't compatible with *Git* (pull request 1069 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/pull/1069)).
- Fixed an issue where the *Git* and *CVS* source steps silently changed the workdir to 'build' when the 'copy' method is used.
- The *CVS* source step now respects the timeout parameter.
- The *Git* step now uses the *git submodule update* option *-init* when updating the submodules of an existing repository, so that it will receive any newly added submodules.
- The web status no longer relies on the current working directory, which is not set correctly by some initscripts, to find the templates/directory (bug #2586 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2586)).
- The Perforce source step uses the correct path separator when the master is on Windows and the build slave is on a POSIX OS (pull request 1114 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/pull/1114)).
- The source steps now correctly interpolate properties in env.
- GerritStatusPush now supports setting scores with Gerrit 2.6 and newer
- The change hook no longer fails when passing unicode to change\_hook\_auth (pull request 996 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/996)).
- The source steps now correctly interpolate properties in env.
- Whitespace is properly handled for StringParameter, so that appropriate validation errors are raised for required parameters (pull request 1084 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/pull/1084)).
- Fix a rare case where a buildtep might fail from a GeneratorExit exception (pull request 1063 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/1063)).
- Fixed an issue where UTF-8 data in logs caused RSS feed exceptions (bug #951 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/951)).
- Fix an issue with unescaped author names causing invalid RSS feeds (bug #2596 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2596)).
- Fixed an issue with pubDate format in feeds.
- Fixed an issue where the step text value could cause a TypeError in the build detail page (pull request 1061 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/1061)).
- Fix failures where git clean fails but could be clobbered (pull request 1058 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/1058)).
- Build step now correctly fails when the git clone step fails (pull request 1057 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/1057)).
- Fixed a race condition in slave shutdown (pull request 1019 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/1019)).

- Now correctly unsubscribes StatusPush from status updates when reconfiguring (pull request 997 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/997)).
- Fixes parsing git commit messages that are blank.
- Git no longer fails when work dir exists but isn't a checkout (bug #2531 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2531)).
- The *haltOnFailure* and *flunkOnFailure* attributes of *ShellCommand* are now renderable. (bug #2486 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2486)).
- The *rotateLength* and *maxRotatedFile* arguments are no longer treated as strings in buildbot.tac. This fixes log rotation. The upgrade\_master command will notify users if they have this problem.
- Buildbot no longer specifies a revision when pulling from a mercurial (bug #438 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/438)).
- The WebStatus no longer incorrectly refers to fields that might not be visible.
- The GerritChangeSource now sets a default author, fixing an exception that occurred when Gerrit didn't report an owner name/email.
- Respects the RETRY status when an interrupt occurs.
- Fixes an off-by-one error when the tryclient is finding the current git branch.
- Improve the Mercurial source stamp extraction in the try client.
- Fixes some edge cases in timezone handling for python < 2.7.4 (bug #2522 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2522)).
- The EC2LatentBuildSlave will now only consider available AMI's.
- Fixes a case where the first build runs on an old slave instead of a new one after reconfig (bug #2507 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2507)).
- The e-mail address validation for the MailNotifier status receiver has been improved.
- The --db parameter of buildbot create-master is now validated.
- No longer ignores default choice for ForceScheduler list parameters
- Now correctly handles BuilderConfig(..., mergeRequests=False) (bug #2555 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2555)).
- Now excludes changes from sourcestamps when they aren't in the DB (bug #2554 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2554)).
- Fixes a compatibility issue with HPCloud in the OpenStack latent slave.
- Allow \_ as a valid character in JSONP callback names.
- Fix build start time retrieval in the WebStatus grid view.
- Increase the length of the DB fields changes.comments and buildset\_properties. property\_value.

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

- The slave-side source steps are deprecated in this version of Buildbot, and master-side support will be removed in a future version. Please convert any use of slave-side steps (imported directly from buildbot.steps.source, rather than from a specific module like buildbot.steps.source.svn) to use master-side steps.
- Both old-style and new-style steps are supported in this version of Buildbot. Upgrade your steps to new-style now, as support for old-style steps will be dropped after Buildbot-0.9.0. See *New-Style Build Steps in Buildbot 0.9.0* for details.

- The LoggingBuildStep class has been deprecated, and support will be removed along with support for old-style steps after the Buildbot-0.9.0 release. Instead, subclass *BuildStep* and mix in ShellMixin to get similar behavior.
- slavePortnum option deprecated, please use c['protocols']['pb']['port'] to set up PB port
- The buildbot.process.mtrlogobserver module have been renamed to buildbot.steps. mtrlogobserver.
- The buildmaster now requires at least Twisted-11.0.0.
- The buildmaster now requires at least sqlalchemy-migrate 0.6.1.
- The hgbuildbot Mercurial hook has been moved to contrib/, and does not work with recent versions of Mercurial and Twisted. The runtimes for these two tools are incompatible, yet hgbuildbot attempts to run both in the same Python interpreter. Mayhem ensues.
- The try scheduler's -- connect=ssh method no longer supports waiting for results (--wait).
- The former buildbot.process.buildstep.RemoteCommand class and its subclasses are now in buildbot.process.remotecommand, although imports from the previous path will continue to work. Similarly, the former buildbot.process.buildstep.LogObserver class and its subclasses are now in *buildbot.process.logobserver*, although imports from the previous path will continue to work.
- The undocumented BuildStep method checkDisconnect is deprecated and now does nothing as the handling of disconnects is now handled in the failed method. Any custom steps adding this method as a callback or errback should no longer do so.
- The build step MsBuild is now called MsBuild4 as multiple versions are now supported. An alias is provided so existing setups will continue to work, but this will be removed in a future release.

#### **Changes for Developers**

- The CompositeStepMixin now provides a runGlob method to check for files on the slave that match a given shell-style pattern.
- The BuilderStatus now allows you to pass a filter\_fn argument to generateBuilds.

#### 5.49.2 Slave

#### **Features**

- Added zsh and bash tab-completions support for 'buildslave' command.
- RemoteShellCommands accept the new sigtermTime parameter from master. This allows processes to be killed by SIGTERM before resorting to SIGKILL (bug #751 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/751))
- Commands will now throw a ValueError if mandatory args are not present.
- Added a new remote command GlobPath that can be used to call Python's glob.glob on the slave.

#### **Fixes**

- Fixed an issue when buildstep stop() was raising an exception incorrectly if timeout for buildstep wasn't set or was None (see pull request 753 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/pull/753)) thus keeping watched logfiles open (this prevented their removal on Windows in subsequent builds).
- Fixed a bug in P4 source step where the timeout parameter was ignored.

- Fixed a bug in P4 source step where using a custom view-spec could result in failed syncs due to incorrectly generated command-lines.
- The logwatcher will use /usr/xpg4/bin/tail on Solaris, it if is available (pull request 1065 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/1065)).

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

#### 5.49.3 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

git log v0.8.8..v0.8.9

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

### 5.50 Release Notes for Buildbot v0.8.8

The following are the release notes for Buildbot v0.8.8 Buildbot v0.8.8 was released on August 22, 2013

#### 5.50.1 Master

#### Features

- The MasterShellCommand step now correctly handles environment variables passed as list.
- The master now poll the database for pending tasks when running buildbot in multi-master mode.
- The algorithm to match build requests to slaves has been rewritten pull request 615 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/pull/615). The new algorithm automatically takes locks into account, and will not schedule a build only to have it wait on a lock. The algorithm also introduces a canStartBuild builder configuration option which can be used to prevent a build request being assigned to a slave.
- buildbot stop and buildbot restart now accept --clean to stop or restart the master cleanly (allowing all running builds to complete first).
- The *IRC* bot now supports clean shutdown and immediate shutdown by using the command 'shutdown'. To allow the command to function, you must provide *allowShutdown=True*.
- CopyDirectory has been added.
- BuildslaveChoiceParameter has been added to provide a way to explicitly choose a buildslave for a given build.
- default.css now wraps preformatted text by default.
- Slaves can now be paused through the web status.
- The latent buildslave support is less buggy, thanks pull request 646 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/646).
- The treeStableTimer for AnyBranchScheduler now maintains separate timers for separate branches, codebases, projects, and repositories.
- SVN has a new option preferLastChangedRev=True to use the last changed revision for got\_revision

- The build request DB connector method *getBuildRequests* can now filter by branch and repository.
- A new *SetProperty* step has been added in buildbot.steps.master which can set a property directly without accessing the slave.
- The new *LogRenderable* step logs Python objects, which can contain renderables, to the logfile. This is helpful for debugging property values during a build.
- 'buildbot try' now has an additional option *-property* option to set properties. Unlike the existing option *-properties* option, this new option supports setting only a single property and therefore allows commas to be included in the property name and value.
- The Git step has a new config option, which accepts a dict of git configuration options to pass to the low-level git commands. See *Git* for details.
- In *ShellCommand* ShellCommand now validates its arguments during config and will identify any invalid arguments before a build is started.
- The list of force schedulers in the web UI is now sorted by name.
- OpenStack-based Latent Buildslave support was added. See pull request 666 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/666).
- Master-side support for P4 is available, and provides a great deal more flexibility than the old slave-side step. See pull request 596 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/596).
- Master-side support for Repo is available. The step parameters changed to camelCase. repo\_downloads, and manifest\_override\_url properties are no longer hardcoded, but instead consult as default values via renderables. Renderable are used in favor of callables for syncAllBranches and updateTarball.
- Builder configurations can now include a description, which will appear in the web UI to help humans figure out what the builder does.
- GNUAutoconf and other pre-defined factories now work correctly (bug #2402 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2402))
- The pubDate in RSS feeds is now rendered correctly (bug #2530 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2530))

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

- The split\_file function for *SVNPoller* may now return a dictionary instead of a tuple. This allows it to add extra information about a change (such as project or repository).
- The workdir build property has been renamed to builddir. This change accurately reflects its content; the term "workdir" means something different. workdir is currently still supported for backwards compatibility, but will be removed eventually.
- The Blocker step has been removed.
- Several polling ChangeSources are now documented to take a pollInterval argument, instead of pollinterval. The old name is still supported.
- StatusReceivers' checkConfig method should no longer take an *errors* parameter. It should indicate errors by calling *error*.
- Build steps now require that their name be a string. Previously, they would accept anything, but not behave appropriately.
- The web status no longer displays a potentially misleading message, indicating whether the build can be rebuilt exactly.
- The SetProperty step in buildbot.steps.shell has been renamed to SetPropertyFromCommand.

- The EC2 and libvirt latent slaves have been moved to buildbot.buildslave.ec2 and buildbot. buildslave.libirt respectively.
- Pre v0.8.7 versions of buildbot supported passing keyword arguments to buildbot.process. BuildFactory.addStep, but this was dropped. Support was added again, while still being deprecated, to ease transition.

#### **Changes for Developers**

- Added an optional build start callback to buildbot.status.status\_gerrit.GerritStatusPush This release includes the fix for bug #2536 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2536).
- An optional startCB callback to *GerritStatusPush* can be used to send a message back to the committer. See the linked documentation for details.
- bb:sched: ChoiceStringParameter has a new method getChoices that can be used to generate content dynamically for Force scheduler forms.

#### 5.50.2 Slave

#### **Features**

- The fix for Twisted bug #5079 is now applied on the slave side, too. This fixes a perspective broker memory leak in older versions of Twisted. This fix was added on the master in Buildbot-0.8.4 (see bug #1958 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/1958)).
- The --nodaemon option to buildslave start now correctly prevents the slave from forking before running.

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

#### 5.50.3 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the git log itself:

git log v0.8.7..v0.8.8

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

### 5.51 Release Notes for Buildbot v0.8.7

The following are the release notes for Buildbot v0.8.7. Buildbot v0.8.7 was released on September 22, 2012. Buildbot 0.8.7p1 was released on November 21, 2012.

#### 5.51.1 0.8.7p1

In addition to what's listed below, the 0.8.7p1 release adds the following.

• The SetPropertiesFromEnv step now correctly gets environment variables from the slave, rather than those set on the master. Also, it logs the changes made to properties.

- The master-side Git source step now doesn't try to clone a branch called HEAD. This is what git does by default, and specifying it explicitly doesn't work as expected.
- The Git step properly deals with the case when there is a file called FETCH\_HEAD in the checkout.
- Buildbot no longer forks when told not to daemonize.
- Buildbot's startup is now more robust. See bug #1992 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/1992).
- The Trigger step uses the provided list of source stamps exactly, if given, instead of adding them to the sourcestamps of the current build. In 0.8.7, they were combined with the source stamps for the current build.
- The Trigger step again completely ignores the source stamp of the current build, if alwaysUseLatest is set. In 0.8.7, this was mistakenly changed to only ignore the specified revision of the source stamp.
- The Triggerable scheduler is again properly passing changes through to the scheduled builds. See bug #2376 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2376).
- Web change hooks log errors, allowing debugging.
- The base change hook now properly decodes the provided date.
- CVSMailDir has been fixed.
- Importing buildbot.test no longer causes python to exit, if mock isn't installed. The fixes pydoc -k when buildbot is installed.
- Mercurial properly updates to the correct branch, when using inrepo branches.
- Buildbot now doesn't fail on invalid UTF-8 in a number of places.
- · Many documentation updates and fixes.

#### 5.51.2 Master

#### **Features**

- Buildbot now supports building projects composed of multiple codebases. New schedulers can aggregate changes to multiple codebases into source stamp sets (with one source stamp for each codebase). Source steps then check out each codebase as required, and the remainder of the build process proceeds normally. See the *Multiple-Codebase Builds* for details.
  - The format of the got\_revision property has changed for multi-codebase builds. It is now a dictionary keyed by codebase.
- Source and ShellCommand steps now have an optional descriptionSuffix, a suffix to the description/descriptionDone values. For example this can help distinguish between multiple Compile steps that are applied to different codebases.
- The Git step has a new getDescription option, which will run git describe after checkout normally. See *Git* for details.
- A new interpolation placeholder Interpolate, with more regular syntax, is available.
- A new ternary substitution operator :? and :#? is available with the Interpolate class.
- IRenderable.getRenderingFor can now return a deferred.
- The Mercurial hook now supports multiple masters. See pull request 436 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/436).
- There's a new poller for Mercurial: *HgPoller*.

- The new HTPasswdAprAuth uses libaprutil (through ctypes) to validate the password against the hash from the .htpasswd file. This adds support for all hash types htpasswd can generate.
- GitPoller has been rewritten. It now supports multiple branches and can share a directory between multiple pollers. It is also more resilient to changes in configuration, or in the underlying repository.
- Added a new property httpLoginUrl to buildbot.status.web.authz.Authz to render a nice Login link in WebStatus for unauthenticated users if useHttpHeader and httpLoginUrl are set.
- ForceScheduler has been updated:
  - support for multiple codebases via the codebases parameter
  - NestedParameter to provide a logical grouping of parameters.
  - CodebaseParameter to set the branch/revision/repository/project for a codebase
  - new HTML/CSS customization points. Each parameter is contained in a row with multiple 'class' attributes associated with them (eg, 'force-string' and 'force-nested') as well as a unique id to use with Javascript. Explicit line-breaks have been removed from the HTML generator and are now controlled using CSS.
- The *SVNPoller* now supports multiple projects and codebases. See pull request 443 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/443).
- The *MailNotifier* now takes a callable to calculate the "previous" build for purposes of determining status changes. See pull request 489 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/489).
- The copy\_properties parameter, given a list of properties to copy into the new build request, has been deprecated in favor of explicit use of set\_properties.

#### **Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes**

- Buildbot master now requires at least Python-2.5 and Twisted-9.0.0.
- Passing a *BuildStep* subclass (rather than instance) to addStep is no longer supported. The addStep method now takes exactly one argument.
- Buildbot master requires python-dateutil version 1.5 to support the Nightly scheduler.
- ForceScheduler has been updated to support multiple *codebases*. The branch/revision/repository/project are deprecated; if you have customized these values, simply provide them as codebases=[CodebaseParameter(name='', ...)].
  - The POST URL names for AnyPropertyParameter fields have changed. For example, 'property1name' is now 'property1\_name', and 'property1value' is now 'property1\_value'. Please update any bookmarked or saved URL's that used these fields.
  - forcesched.BaseParameter API has changed quite a bit and is no longer backwards compatible. Updating guidelines:
    - \* get\_from\_post is renamed to getFromKwargs
    - \* update\_from\_post is renamed to updateFromKwargs. This function's parameters are now called via named parameters to allow subclasses to ignore values it doesn't use. Subclasses should add \*\*unused for future compatibility. A new parameter sourcestampset is provided to allow subclasses to modify the sourcestamp set, and will probably require you to add the \*\*unused field.
- The parameters to the callable version of build.workdir have changed. Instead of a single sourcestamp, a list of sourcestamps is passed. Each sourcestamp in the list has a different *codebase*
- The undocumented renderable \_ComputeRepositoryURL is no longer imported to *buildbot.steps. source*. It is still available at buildbot.steps.source.oldsource.

- IProperties.render now returns a deferred, so any code rendering properties by hand will need to take this into account.
- baseURL has been removed in *SVN* to use just repourl see bug #2066 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2066). Branch info should be provided with Interpolate.

```
from buildbot.steps.source.svn import SVN
factory.append(SVN(baseURL="svn://svn.example.org/svn/"))
```

#### can be replaced with

and

```
from buildbot.steps.source.svn import SVN
factory.append(SVN(baseURL="svn://svn.example.org/svn/%%BRANCH%%/project"))
```

#### can be replaced with

and

#### can be replaced with

```
from buildbot.process.properties import Interpolate
from buildbot.steps.source.svn import SVN
factory.append(SVN(repourl=Interpolate("svn://svn.example.org/svn/%(src::branch:-
→branches/test)s")))
```

- The P4Sync step, deprecated since 0.8.5, has been removed. The P4 step remains.
- The fetch\_spec argument to GitPoller is no longer supported. GitPoller now only downloads branches that it is polling, so specifies a refspec itself.
- The format of the changes produced by *SVNPoller* has changed: directory pathnames end with a forward slash. This allows the split\_file function to distinguish between files and directories. Customized split functions may need to be adjusted accordingly.
- *FlattenList* has been deprecated in favor of *Interpolate*. *Interpolate* doesn't handle functions as keyword arguments. The following code using WithProperties

```
from buildbot.process.properties import WithProperties
def determine_foo(props):
    if props.hasProperty('bar'):
        return props['bar']
    elif props.hasProperty('baz'):
        return props['baz']
```

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return 'qux'
WithProperties('%(foo)s', foo=determine_foo)
```

can be replaced with

```
from zope.interface import implementer
from buildbot.interfaces import IRenderable
from buildbot.process.properties import Interpolate
@implementer(IRenderable)
class determineFoo(object):
    def getRenderingFor(self, props):
        if props.hasProperty('bar'):
            return props['bar']
        elif props.hasProperty('baz'):
            return props['baz']
        return 'qux'
Interpolate('%s(kw:foo)s', foo=determineFoo())
```

#### **Changes for Developers**

- BuildStep.start can now optionally return a deferred and any errback will be handled gracefully. If you use inlineCallbacks, this means that unexpected exceptions and failures raised will be captured and logged and the build shut down normally.
- The helper methods getState and setState from BaseScheduler have been factored into buildbot. util.state.StateMixin for use elsewhere.

#### 5.51.3 Slave

#### **Features**

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

• The P4Sync step, deprecated since 0.8.5, has been removed. The P4 step remains.

#### 5.51.4 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the Git log itself:

```
git log v0.8.6..v0.8.7
```

#### 5.51.5 Older Versions

Release notes for older versions of Buildbot are available in the master/docs/relnotes/ (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/docs/relnotes/) directory of the source tree. Starting with version 0.8.6, they are also available under the appropriate version at http://buildbot.net/buildbot/docs.

Caution: Buildbot no longer supports Python 2.7 on the Buildbot master.

### 5.52 Release Notes for Buildbot v0.8.6p1

The following are the release notes for Buildbot v0.8.6p1. Buildbot v0.8.6 was released on March 11, 2012. Buildbot v0.8.6p1 was released on March 25, 2012.

#### 5.52.1 0.8.6p1

In addition to what's listed below, the 0.8.6p1 release adds the following.

- Builders are no longer displayed in the order they were configured. This was never intended behavior, and will become impossible in the distributed architecture planned for Buildbot-0.9.x. As of 0.8.6p1, builders are sorted naturally: lexically, but with numeric segments sorted numerically.
- Slave properties in the configuration are now handled correctly.
- The web interface buttons to cancel individual builds now appear when configured.
- The ForceScheduler's properties are correctly updated on reconfig bug #2248 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2248).
- If a slave is lost while waiting for locks, it is properly cleaned up bug #2247 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2247).
- Crashes when adding new steps to a factory in a reconfig are fixed bug #2252 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2252).
- MailNotifier AttributeErrors are fixed bug #2254 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2254).
- Cleanup from failed builds is improved bug #2253 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2253).

#### 5.52.2 Master

• If you are using the GitHub hook, carefully consider the security implications of allowing un-authenticated change requests, which can potentially build arbitrary code. See bug #2186 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2186).

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

• Forced builds now require that a *ForceScheduler* be defined in the Buildbot configuration. For compatible behavior, this should look like:

Where all of the builder names in the configuration are listed. See the documentation for the *much* more flexible configuration options now available.

- This is the last release of Buildbot that will be compatible with Python 2.4. The next version will minimally require Python-2.5. See bug #2157 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2157).
- This is the last release of Buildbot that will be compatible with Twisted-8.x.y. The next version will minimally require Twisted-9.0.0. See bug #2182 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2182).
- buildbot start no longer invokes make if a Makefile.buildbot exists. If you are using this functionality, consider invoking make directly.

- The buildbot sendchange option --username has been removed as promised in bug #1711 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/1711).
- StatusReceivers' checkConfig method should now take an additional *errors* parameter and call its *addError* method to indicate errors.
- The Gerrit status callback now gets an additional parameter (the master status). If you use this callback, you will need to adjust its implementation.
- SQLAlchemy-Migrate version 0.6.0 is no longer supported. See Buildmaster Requirements.
- Older versions of SQLite which could limp along for previous versions of Buildbot are no longer supported. The minimum version is 3.4.0, and 3.7.0 or higher is recommended.
- The master-side Git step now checks out 'HEAD' by default, rather than master, which translates to the default branch on the upstream repository. See pull request 301 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/301).
- The format of the repository strings created by hgbuildbot has changed to contain the entire repository URL, based on the web.baseurl value in hgrc. To continue the old (incorrect) behavior, set hgbuildbot. baseurl to an empty string as suggested in the Buildbot manual.
- Master Side *SVN* Step has been corrected to properly use --revision when alwaysUseLatest is set to False when in the full mode. See bug #2194 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2194)
- Master Side *SVN* Step parameter synurl has been renamed repourl, to be consistent with other master-side source steps.
- Master Side *Mercurial* step parameter baseURL has been merged with repourl parameter. The behavior of the step is already controlled by branchType parameter, so just use a single argument to specify the repository.
- Passing a *buildbot.process.buildstep.BuildStep* subclass (rather than instance) to buildbot. process.factory.BuildFactory.addStep has long been deprecated, and will be removed in version 0.8.7.
- The *hgbuildbot* tool now defaults to the 'inrepo' branch type. Users who do not explicitly set a branch type would previously have seen empty branch strings, and will now see a branch string based on the branch in the repository (e.g., *default*).

#### **Changes for Developers**

- The interface for runtime access to the master's configuration has changed considerably. See *Configuration* for more details.
- The DB connector methods completeBuildset, completeBuildRequest, and claimBuildRequest now take an optional complete\_at parameter to specify the completion time explicitly.
- Buildbot now sports sourcestamp sets, which collect multiple sourcestamps used to generate a single build, thanks to Harry Borkhuis. See pull request 287 (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/pull/287).
- Schedulers no longer have a schedulerid, but rather an objectid. In a related change, the schedulers table has been removed, along with the buildbot.db.schedulers. SchedulersConnectorComponent.getSchedulerId method.
- The Dependent scheduler tracks its upstream buildsets using buildbot.db.schedulers. StateConnectorComponent, so the scheduler\_upstream\_buildsets table has been removed, along with corresponding (undocumented) buildbot.db.buildsets.BuildsetsConnector methods.

• Errors during configuration (in particular in BuildStep constructors), should be reported by calling buildbot.config.error.

#### **Features**

- The IRC status bot now display build status in colors by default. It is controllable and may be disabled with useColors=False in constructor.
- Buildbot can now take advantage of authentication done by a front-end web server see pull request 266 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/266).
- Buildbot supports a simple cookie-based login system, so users no longer need to enter a username and password for every request. See the earlier commits in pull request 278 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/278).
- The master-side SVN step now has an *export* method which is similar to *copy*, but the build directory does not contain Subversion metadata. (bug #2078 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2078))
- Property instances will now render any properties in the default value if necessary. This makes possible constructs like

command=Property('command', default=Property('default-command'))

- Buildbot has a new web hook to handle push notifications from Google Code see pull request 278 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/278).
- Revision links are now generated by a flexible runtime conversion configured by *revlink* see pull request 280 (https://github.com/buildbot/pull/280).
- Shell command steps will now "flatten" nested lists in the command argument. This allows substitution of multiple command-line arguments using properties. See bug #2150 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2150).
- Steps now take an optional hideStepIf parameter to suppress the step from the waterfall and build details in the web. (bug #1743 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/1743))
- Trigger steps with waitForFinish=True now receive a URL to all the triggered builds. This URL is displayed in the waterfall and build details. See bug #2170 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2170).
- The master/contrib/fakemaster.py script allows you to run arbitrary commands on a slave by emulating a master. See the file itself for documentation.
- MailNotifier allows multiple notification modes in the same instance. See bug #2205 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/2205).
- SVNPoller now allows passing extra arguments via argument extra\_args. See bug #1766 (http://trac.buildbot.net/ticket/1766)

#### 5.52.3 Slave

#### Deprecations, Removals, and Non-Compatible Changes

• BitKeeper support is in the "Last-Rites" state, and will be removed in the next version unless a maintainer steps forward.

#### Features

#### 5.52.4 Details

For a more detailed description of the changes made in this version, see the Git log itself:

```
git log buildbot-0.8.5..buildbot-0.8.6
```

#### 5.52.5 Older Versions

Release notes for older versions of Buildbot are available in the master/docs/relnotes/ (https://github.com/buildbot/buildbot/tree/master/master/docs/relnotes/) directory of the source tree, or in the archived documentation for those versions at http://buildbot.net/buildbot/docs.

Note that Buildbot-0.8.11 was never released.

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