Build Easier – The ECF way

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http://www.eclipse.org/ecf

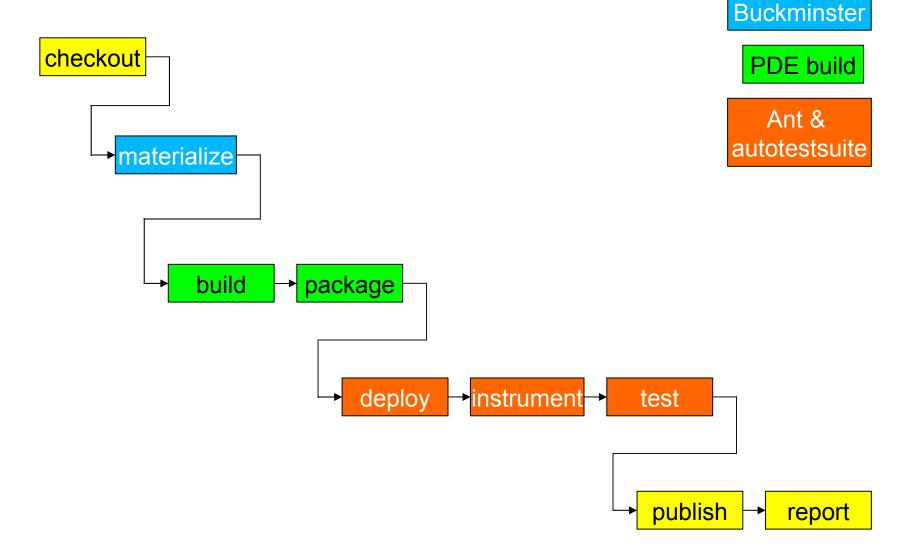
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Goals

- Minimum custom scripting
 - No bash, tcl, whatever
 - ~500 lines of ANT
 - Platform independant
- No manual target platform management
 - Committers usually do not have access to build machine to add/remove from target
 - Different .target definitions?!
- Automated testing
- Reproducibility
- Low maintenance
- Version build system
 - Hudson's configuration in SCM too?

General Overview



Hudson

org.eclipse.ecf.releng.bm/

- build.xml [materialize, compile, test, clean, ...]
 - delegates to Buckminster, PDE build, AutoTestSuite
 - sets useful defaults for a bunch of variables
- common.xml
 - should be merged with build.xml
- common.properties
 - pathes to build tools
- ecf.rmap
 - Buckminster's resource map
- o.e.e.sdk.cquery
 - Advisory node how to handle certain groups of bundles
- o.e.e.sdk.mspec
 - Materialize ECF's bundles into workspace
- o.e.e.tests.* equivalent (one per top level feature)
 - Generate cquery/mspec on the fly?

/opt/toolbox

- Contains build tools like Java compilers, Ant-contrib, Emma, Buckminster...
- Does not contain build dependencies
- Old bits must never be deleted from /opt/toolbox
 - Ensure all builds are reproducible
- Linked to from org.eclipse.ecf.releng.bm/common.properties
 - Customize via
 - -DBUCKMINSTER_BUILDER_REV10382=/my/new/path/...
 - -DTOOLBOX=/new/path/to/toolbox
 - Environment variable TOOLBOX
- How to keep local toolbox copies consistent over time?
 - Ant target as part of org.eclipse.ecf.releng.bm/build.xml

Buckminster

http://www.eclipse.org/buckminster/downloads.html

- Resolves feature/bundle dependencies against ecf.rmap
 - CVS, SVN, update sites, custom actors...
- Does not support "import-package" :-(
 - Either include/depend feature directly or use .cspex
 - org.eclipse.ecf.core-feature/buckminster.cspex
- Supports product/feature build and packaging
 - Not used by us, we use PDE build instead

Headless testing

http://www.pluginbuilder.org/documentation/run-tests/

- Special IApplication which executes JUnit tests on classpath
 - based on a regexp: ^org\.ecf\.tests(\..+)?
- Writes regular JUnit XML output
- Supports UI tests via SWTBot
- Also comes as a LaunchConfig in Eclipse
- Just a single VM
- Testing not linked to Bugzilla

Hudson as scheduler + reporting

https://ecf2.osuosl.org/hudson

- Polls CVS periodically for changes and kicks off a build
- Collects results afterwards
 - test results
 - coverage results
 - compiler warnings
 - send out reports via mail, irc, xmpp, twitter, calendar
 - ...
 - tags CVS (or git?)
 - publishes zips/update sites

Open items

- Conceptionally open
 - Source features/bundles
 - Signing
 - Feature restructuring
 - Git
 - Workflow linked with Bugzilla
 - Distributed testing
- Busy beaver
 - OSU builds (Skype 64bit issues with ecf2)
 - TweetHub
 - Different build types [release, nightly, stable, integration, ...]

Random Links

- http://wiki.eclipse.org/Buckminster
- http://www.lemmster.de/blog/index.php/2009/02/04/188/
- http://wiki.eclipse.org/Building_an_RCP_application_with_hudson_(Buckminster)
- http://wiki.hudson-ci.org/display/HUDSON/Buckminster+PlugIn

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