

# Cyborg Teams

Training Machines  
to be Contributors

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# Cyborg Teams

A team that is part human, part machine

**[We] ate all the low-hanging fruit  
of modern history ...**  
— Tyler Cowen

**Major reason for stagnation: High complexity  
of unsolved problems**

— Zi Shui Dong Liu



The effort of a solely human team **does not scale**  
past a certain complexity point



# MACHINES!

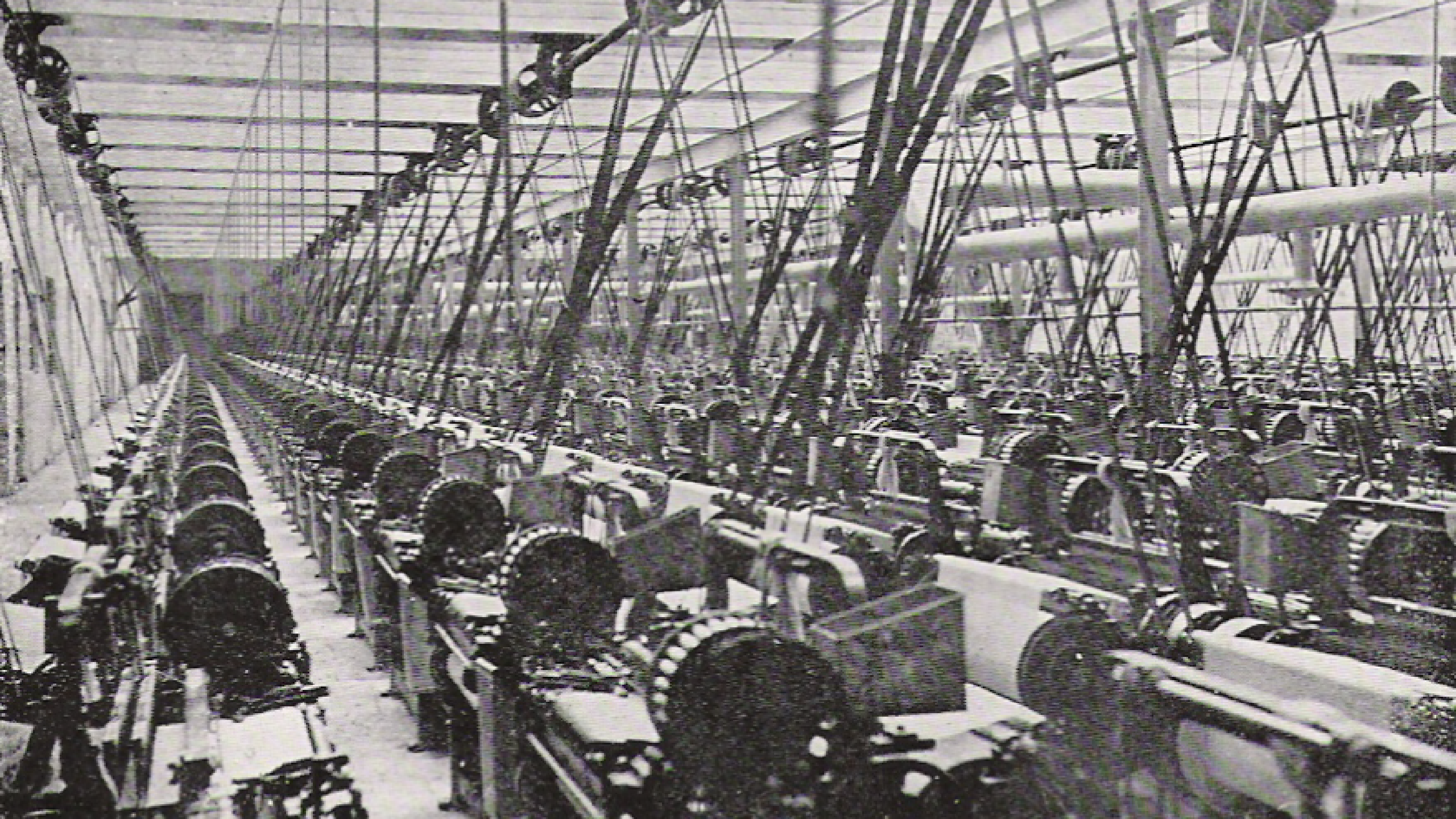




**"But we use machines!"**

**You see the computer age everywhere  
but in the productivity statistics.**

— Robert Solow



# Cyborg Teams

Machines as contributors, not tools

# We speak "machine"!

This is why its a low hanging fruit

# *The Proof*





## RED HAT ENTERPRISE LINUX SERVER

Unlocked Stef



Falcon

Dashboard

Cluster

Image Registry

System

Logs

Storage

Networking

Containers

oVirt Machines

Accounts

Services

Applications

Diagnostic Reports

Kernel Dump

SELinux

Software Updates

Subscriptions

Terminal

Hardware TAROX Basic 7000BD

Asset Tag 1437471

Machine ID a20c82e128524937ad8...

Operating System Employee SKU

Secure Shell Keys [Show fingerprints](#)

Host Name Falcon (falcon.thewalter...)

Domain [Join Domain](#)

System Time 2017-10-17 13:47

Power Options Restart

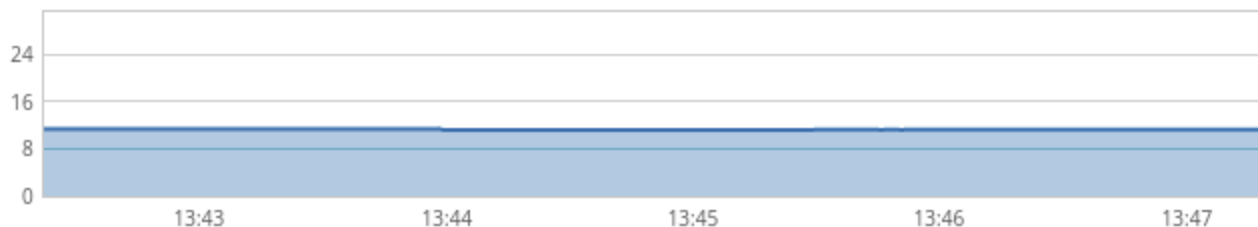
Performance Profile none

Store Performance Data OFF

% CPU



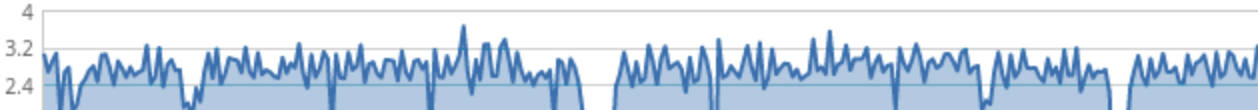
GiB Memory



MiB/s Disk I/O



Mbps Network Traffic



Cluster - Falcon

localhost:9090/kubernetes#/topology

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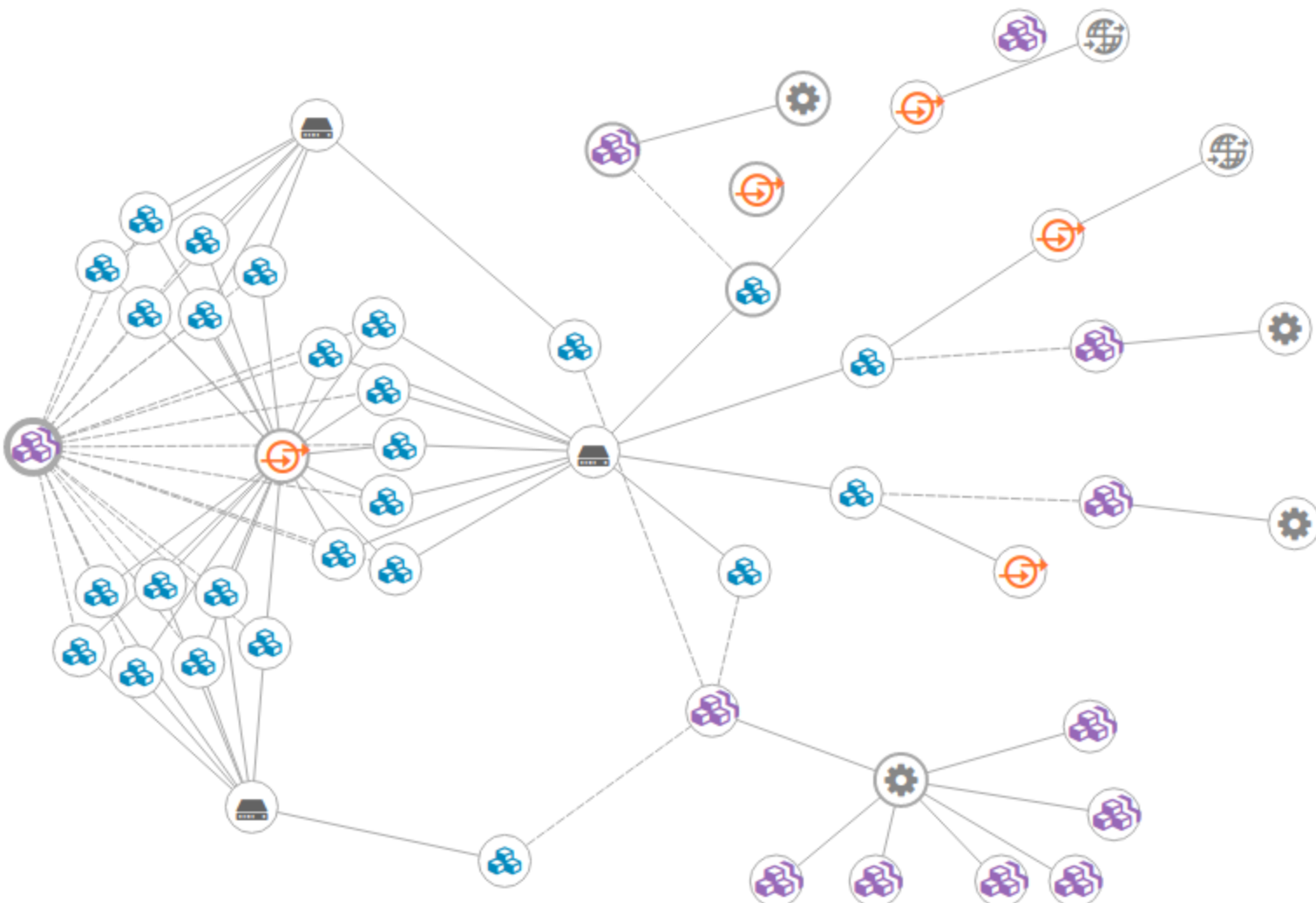
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DashboardClusterImage Registry

OverviewNodesContainersTopologyDetailsVolumesImagesProjects

All Projects



The diagram illustrates a Kubernetes cluster topology. It features a central node (a server icon) connected to several other nodes. On the left, there is a large group of blue cloud icons (representing pods) connected to a central orange circular icon with a white 'G' (representing a ReplicationController). On the right, there are more blue cloud icons and orange circular icons with white 'G's, connected to a central server icon. The connections are represented by solid and dashed lines, indicating network links between the components.

ReplicationController

Namecockpit-tasks

Namespaceverify

CreatedSep 20, 2017 10:42:49 AM

Replicas20

Selector

infracockpit-tasks

Pod Template

Restart policyAlways

DNS policyClusterFirst

Service acco...cockpituous

Containers

Namecockpit-tasks

Imagedocker.io/cockpit/tests

Portsnone

Env varsTEST\_JOBS=8TEST\_PUBLISH=sink

Namecockpit-images

Imagedocker.io/cockpit/images

Ports80/TCP

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## 90+ APIs: File, Command, REST, DBus, Socket

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chpasswd	CloudForms	cryptsetup	curl	dbus-daemon
device-mapper	docker-storage-setup	docker	e2fsprogs	etcd
/etc/kdump.conf	/etc/passwd	firewalld	FreeIPA	GnuTLS
GSSAPI	hostnamed	ipa-client	ipa-client	iproute
iptables	iscsi-tools	journalctl	kdump	klist
krb5	Kubernetes /api/	lastlog	libvirt	loginctl
lvm	mdadm	NetworkManager	NetworkManager-te...	oddjob
Openshift /oapi/	Openshift OAuth2	openssl	ostree	oVirt /api/
PackageKit	passwd	PCP	PolicyKit	/proc/meminfo...
/proc/mounts	/proc/net/dev...	procps-ng	/proc/stat	pwquality
qemu	realmd	rm ...	rpmostreed	rpm
selinux-policy-target...	selinux-utils	setenforce	Setroubleshootd	shadow-utils
shutdown	sosreport	ssh-agent	sshd	ssh-keygen
ssh	sssd	storaged	subscription-manager	sudo
/sys/fs/cgroup	/sys/kernel	/sys/power	systemd	timedated
Tuned	udev	UDisks2	/usr/bin/kubectl	/usr/bin/timedatectl
/usr/bin/virt-install	/var/log/wtmp	/var/run/utmp	virsh	who/w
xfsprogs	yum			

## 15+ Linuxes and Products

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CentOS (7.x, Atomic)

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Fedora (26, 27, 28, Atomic)

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Ubuntu (stable, 16.04)

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RHEL (7.4, 7.5, Extras, Atomic)

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Debian (stable, testing)

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Openshift

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RHEV Hypervisor

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Cloudforms

## 3 maintained branches

---

master

---

rhel-7.5

---

rhel-7.4



## 5 browsers

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Firefox

---

Google Chrome

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Internet Explorer

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Safari

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Edge

Release every two weeks



A large, bright explosion or fireburst in the center of the image, with rays of light and flames radiating outwards against a black background.
$$92 \times 16 \times 5 \times 3 \times 50$$

# Cyborg Teams

Machines as team members







Bots own **mundane work**



Humans train the bots



Bots learn from humans



Bots ship Cockpit



Bots as committers




Bots own **mundane work**



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## Update translations from Fedora Zanata #7906

**Open** cockpituous opened this issue just now · 0 comments




cockpituous commented just now

Member + 🗨️ ✎️

Update translations from Fedora Zanata

☐ po-refresh

 cockpituous added the **bot** label just now

## WIP: cockpit-tasks-jrsf1: Update translations from Fedora Zanata #7906

 **Open** cockpituous opened this issue 44 seconds ago · 1 comment



cockpituous commented just now

Member



Update translations from Fedora Zanata

☐ po-refresh



cockpituous added the **bot** label just now

```
$ make po/cockpit.pot

$ make upload-pot
$ make download-po
$ git add po/
$ git checkout -b po-refresh-xxx
$ git commit -m "po: Update from Fedora Zanata"
$ git push cockpitous po-refresh-xxx
```

<> Code

! Issues 423

**🔗 Pull requests 35**

📁 Projects 0

📖 Wiki

📊 Insights

⚙️ Settings

## Update translations from Fedora Zanata #7906



cockpituous wants to merge 1 commit into cockpit-project:master from cockpituous:po-refresh-20171018

💬 Conversation 2

🔑 Commits 1

📄 Files changed 19



cockpituous commented 31 seconds ago • edited

Member



Update translations from Fedora Zanata

☒ po-refresh



cockpituous added the **bot** label 4 minutes ago



cockpituous commented 3 minutes ago

Member



po-refresh in progress on cockpit-tasks-jrsf1.

Log: <http://fedorapeople.org/groups/cockpit/logs/po-refresh-7906-20171018-192929/>



cockpituous changed the title from **Update translations from Fedora Zanata** to **WIP: cockpit-tasks-jrsf1: Update translations from Fedora Zanata** 3 minutes ago



cockpituous commented 31 seconds ago

Member



po-refresh done: <https://github.com/cockpituous/cockpit/commits/po-refresh-20171018-193232>



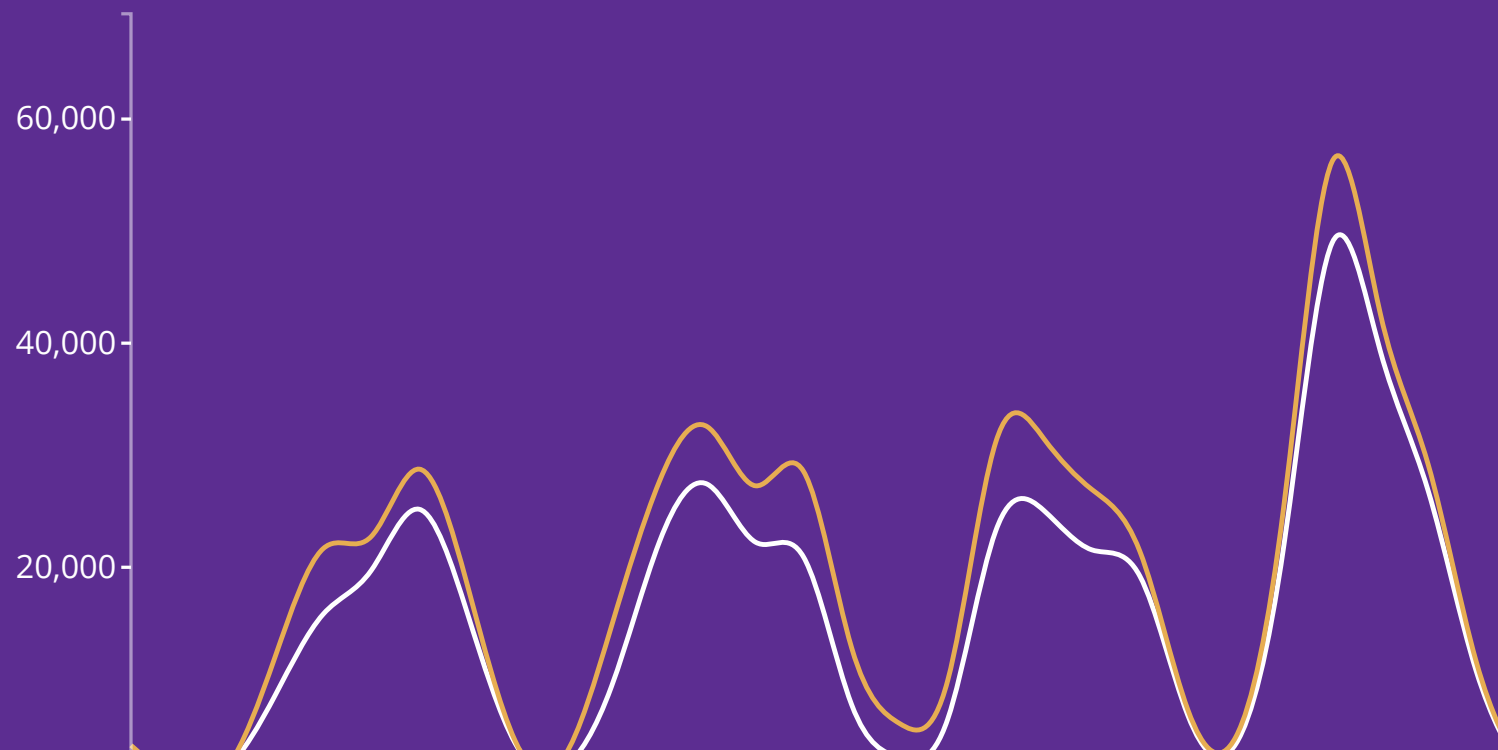


## Some checks haven't completed yet

[Hide all checks](#)

17 pending checks

- **avocado/fedora-25** — Testing in progress [verifymachine5] [Details](#)
- **container/kubernetes** — Not yet tested
- **selenium/chrome** — Testing in progress [cockpit-tasks-bcf7n] [Details](#)
- **selenium/explorer** — Testing in progress [cockpit-tasks-x2zt2] [Details](#)
- **selenium/firefox** — Testing in progress [cockpit-tasks-jrsf1] [Details](#)
- **semaphoreci** — The build is pending on Semaphore. [Details](#)
- **verify/centos-7** — Testing in progress [cockpit-tasks-c861x] [Details](#)
- **verify/debian-stable** — Not yet tested
- **verify/debian-testing** — Testing in progress [cockpit-tasks-3991c] [Details](#)
- **verify/fedora-27** — Testing in progress [cockpit-tasks-bq6gb] [Details](#)
- **verify/fedora-atomic** — Testing in progress [cockpit-tasks-flr95] [Details](#)
- **verify/fedora-l386** — Testing in progress [cockpit-tasks-4sfnk] [Details](#)
- **verify/rhel-7** — Testing in progress [cockpit-tasks-qzh35] [Details](#)
- **verify/rhel-7-4** — Testing in progress [cockpit-tasks-jsngc] [Details](#)
- **verify/rhel-atomic** — Testing in progress [cockpit-tasks-wx97l] [Details](#)
- **verify/ubuntu-1604** — Testing in progress [cockpit-tasks-xh4pv] [Details](#)
- **verify/ubuntu-stable** — Testing in progress [cockpit-tasks-lm1b] [Details](#)

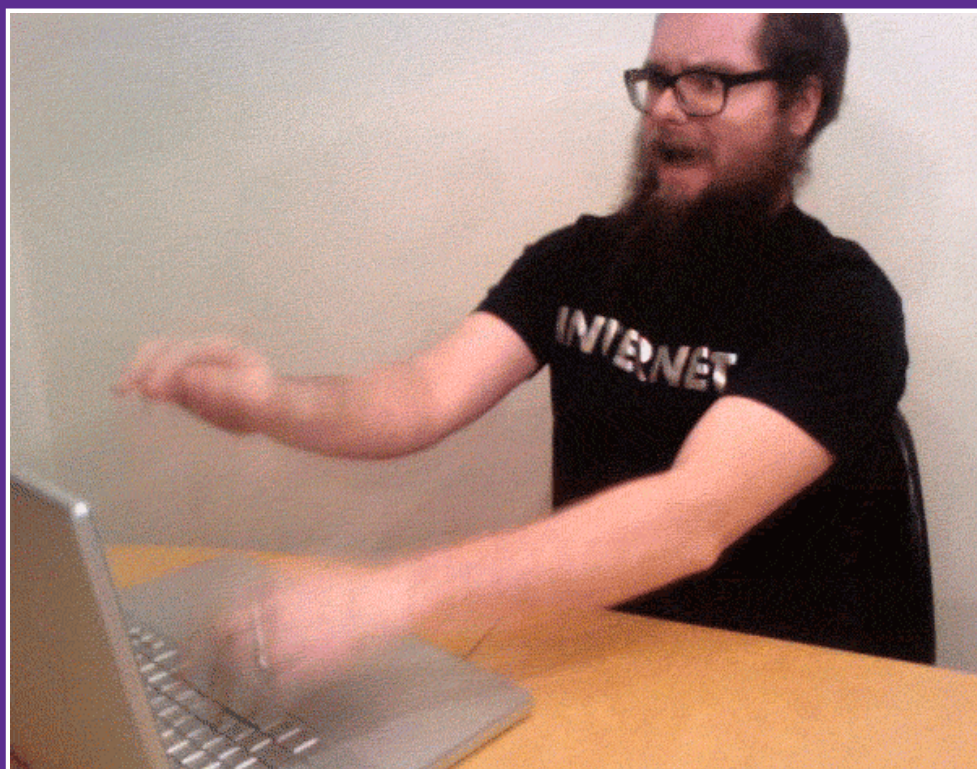


```
$ zcat tests-train-1.jsonl.gz | wc
867590 67669917 1317326557
$ zgrep -f '"failure"' tests-train-1.jsonl.gz | wc
12407 2142463 86009034
```



Humans train the bots





```
$ git shortlog --summary -- bots/ test/
```

```
Marius Vollmer
```

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Dominik Perpeet
```

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Peter Volpe
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Stef Walter
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Martin Pitt
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Jan Scotka
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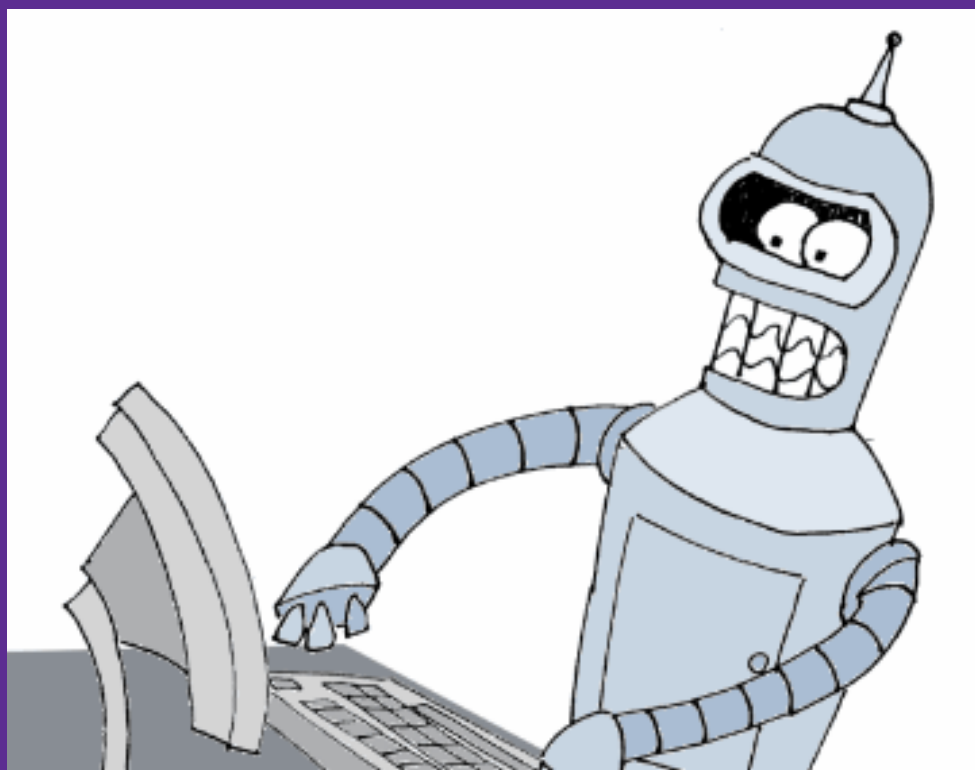
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Stephen Gallagher
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...
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Bots learn from humans



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Bots ship Cockpit

# Human signs a tag in git

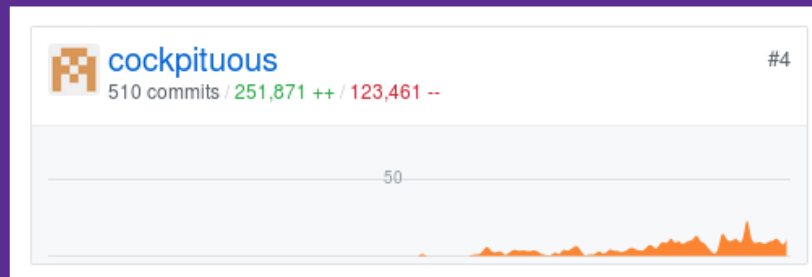
## Bots scurry about

- Make **tarballs and patches**
- Update RPM spec files and Debian control files
- **Release** preview builds
- Update and push **Fedora** packages
- Upload packages into **Ubuntu**
- Upload packages into **Debian**
- Upload **tarballs**
- Container rebuilds on **Docker Hub**
- Online documentation update



Bots as committers

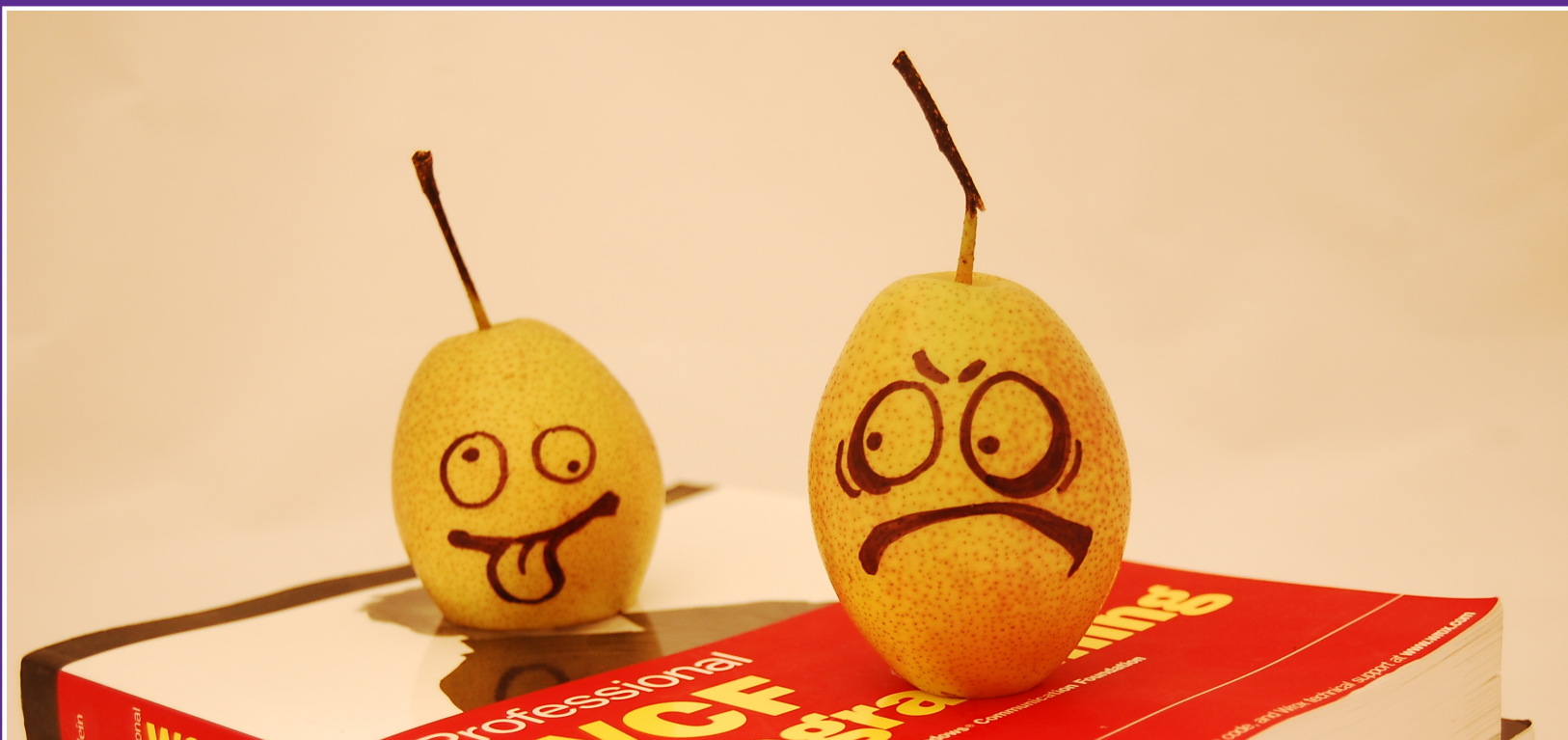




```
$ git shortlog -ns | head -n10 | cut -c8-30 | nl | grep Cockpit  
4 Cockpituous
```



## Pair programming with bots





Team stops without bots

# Rules

# Behavior is driven by two forces

- 1 Driving forces  
Push you in a specific direction
- 2 Restraining forces  
Prevent you from going there

**First:** Diminish restraining forces  
**Second:** Increase the driving forces  
— Kurt Lewin

So **why** don't we see Cyborg Teams everywhere?



# Laws of Cyborg Teams

- 1 Teaching a machine must be as easy as teaching a human
- 2 Machines must produce feedback into the team's workflow
- 3 A human should be able to impersonate a machine, and

# Tests: The Soul of a Robot

Teaching machines right and wrong, good and evil

# *Techniques*



Make bots and tests reproducible, changeable



Don't fix process in order to automate it.



Organic and distributed bots



Self-validating and self-aware bots



Machine learning: Test flakes are food



Make bots and tests reproducible, changeable

Bots and tests should be  
discoverable, reproducible and contributable  
**by anyone on the team**

Put **bots and tests together with the code**  
or content they most affect.

Everyone affected by  
Continuous Integration  
**must be able to fix it** rapidly





Don't fix process in order to automate it

Bots excel at doing shit work  
Don't feel bad about making them do it

Don't assume bots can't  
Moravec's Paradox



## Organic and distributed bots

## Cockpit Task Bots

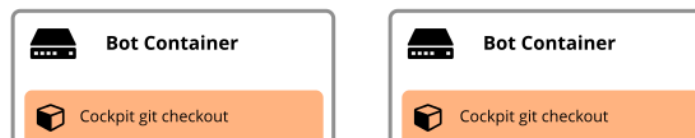
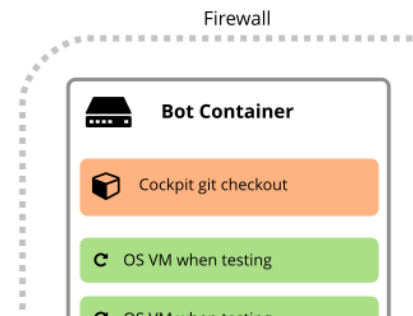
Task system is distributed with GitHub as the single point of failure



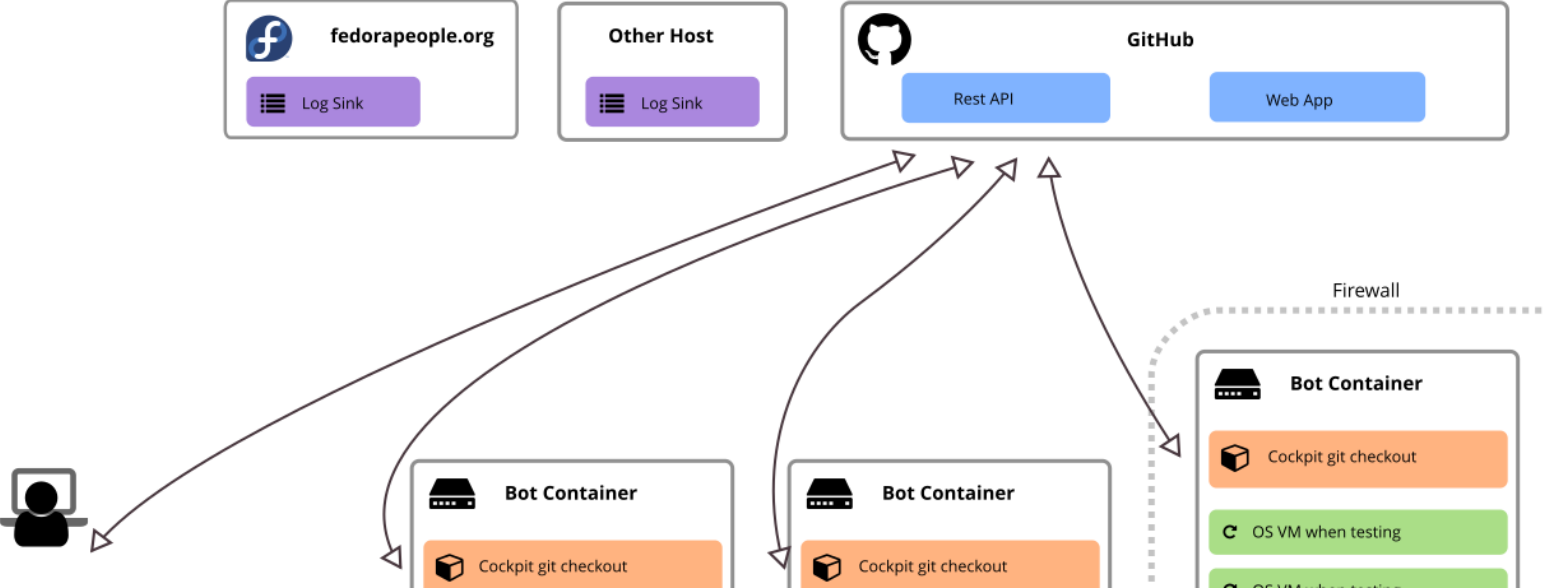
Every pull request is booted 100's of times  
in Atomic, Debian, Fedora, RHEL, before it hits master.

Containers that start  
1,000 - 10,000 test VMs a day

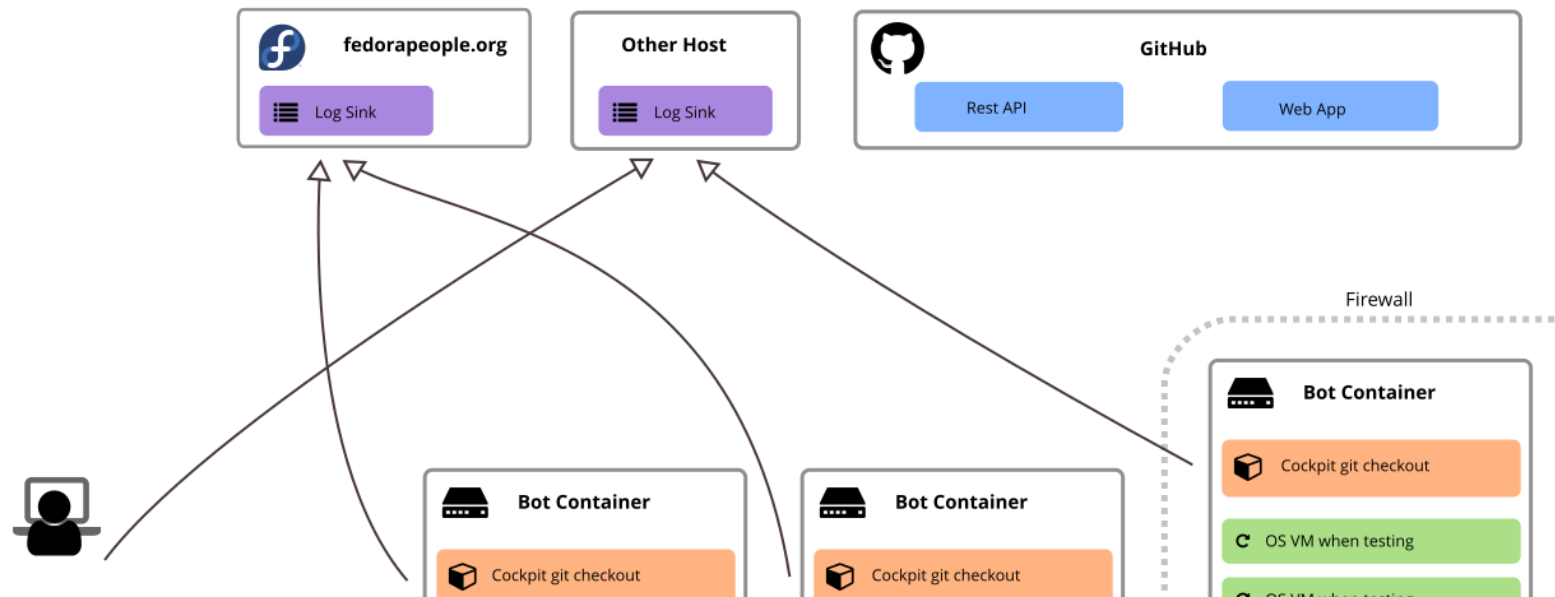
These containers can run anywhere



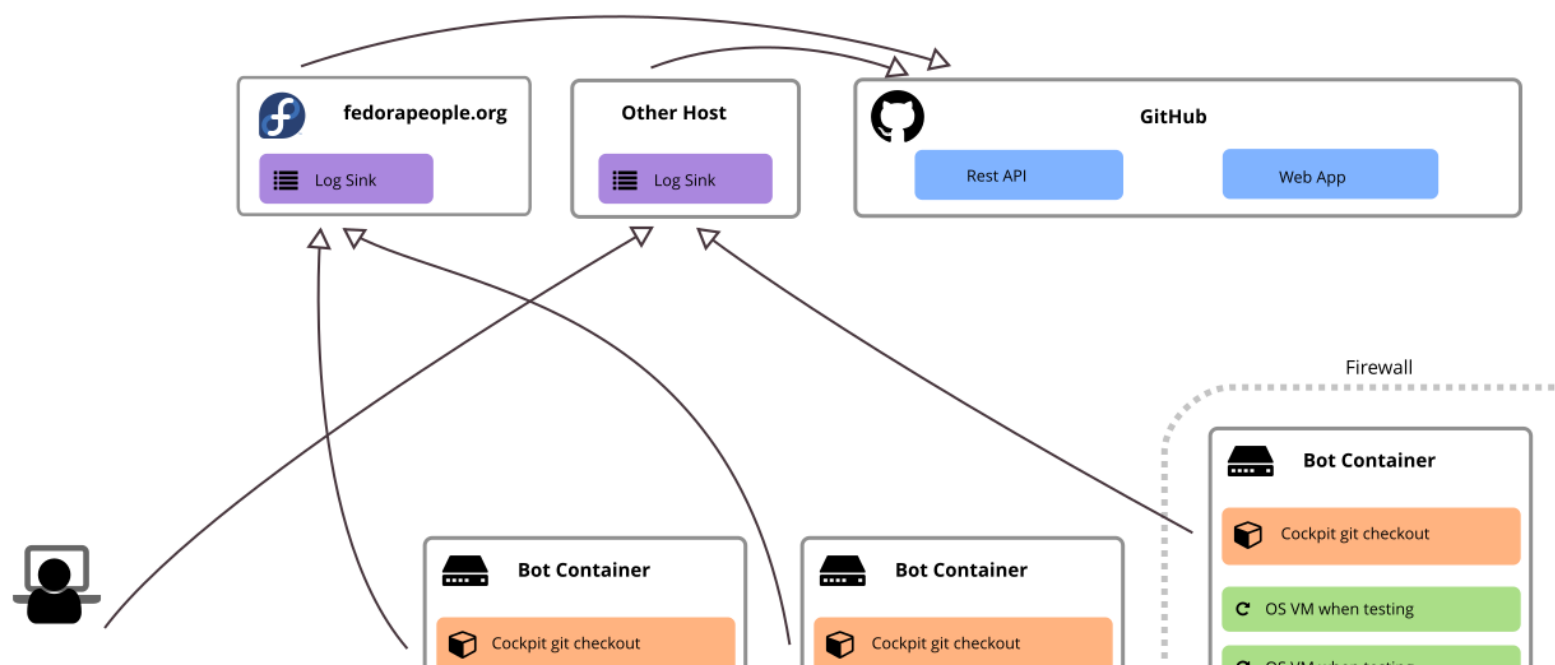
# Looking for Tasks



## Post logs, attachments and publicly

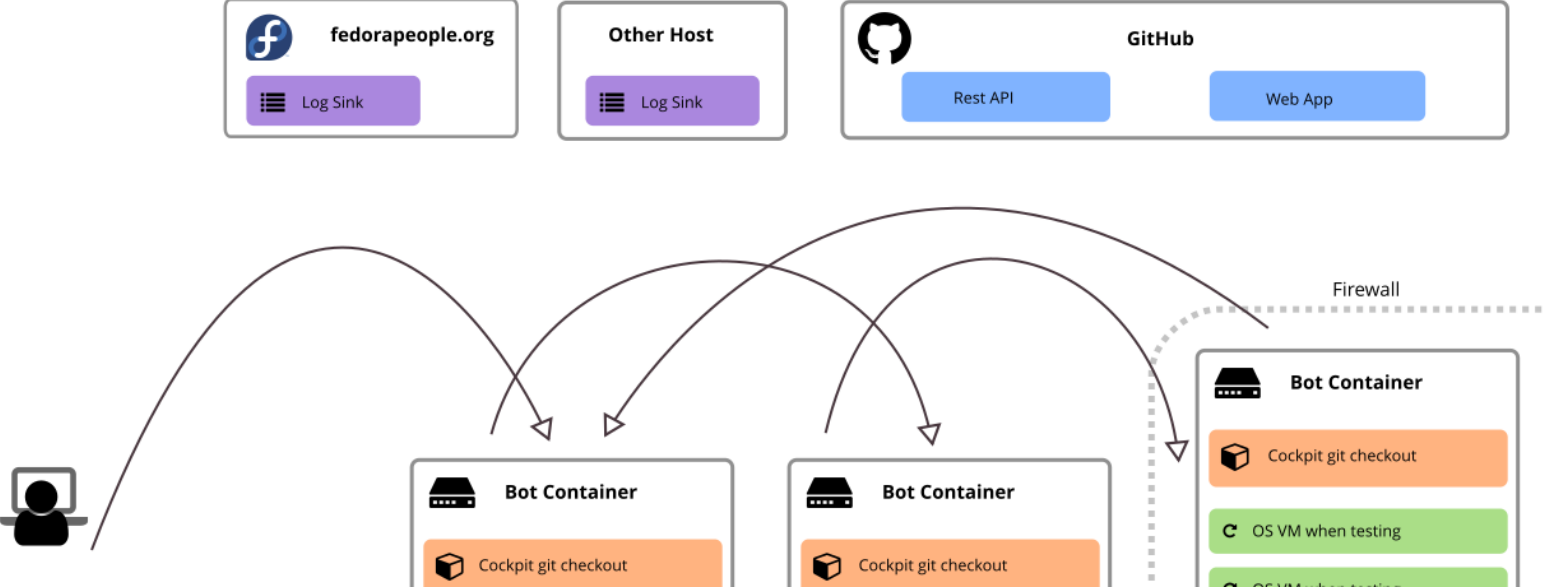


## Status updates to Pull Requests





# Bots share state



Testing **containers**  
in **Virtual Machines**  
in **container** bots  
running on **virtual machines**  
on **turtles**

# Collision avoidance and detection

```
# Scan for all tests
bots/tests-scan

# File issues for these tasks
bots/po-trigger
bots/image-trigger
bots/npm-trigger
bots/naughty-trigger

# Any tasks related to issues
bots/issue-scan
```

```
PRIORITY=0009 bots/image-refresh --issue='7950' debian-testing
PRIORITY=0009 bots/image-refresh --issue='7949' rhel-7-4
PRIORITY=0009 bots/image-refresh --issue='7948' ubuntu-1604

PRIORITY=0006 TEST_NAME='rhel-7.4-20171024-112020' TEST_REVISION='c9a5bec1d4'
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PRIORITY=0000 touch /tmp/cockpit-image-prune.stamp && bots/image-prune
...
```

```
GEN      dist/ostree/Makefile.deps
GEN      dist/networkmanager/Makefile.deps

GEN      dist/machines/Makefile.deps
GEN      dist/kubernetes/Makefile.deps
GEN      dist/kdump/Makefile.deps
GEN      dist/docker/Makefile.deps
GEN      dist/dashboard/Makefile.deps
GEN      dist/apps/Makefile.deps
```

**Expecting "WIP: cockpit-tasks-3991c: Update translations from Fedora Zanata  
State not as expected. Possible collision. Aborting.**



Self-validating self-aware bots

Make your bots try out changes to the bots



Example: Jenkins Continuous Infra pipeline

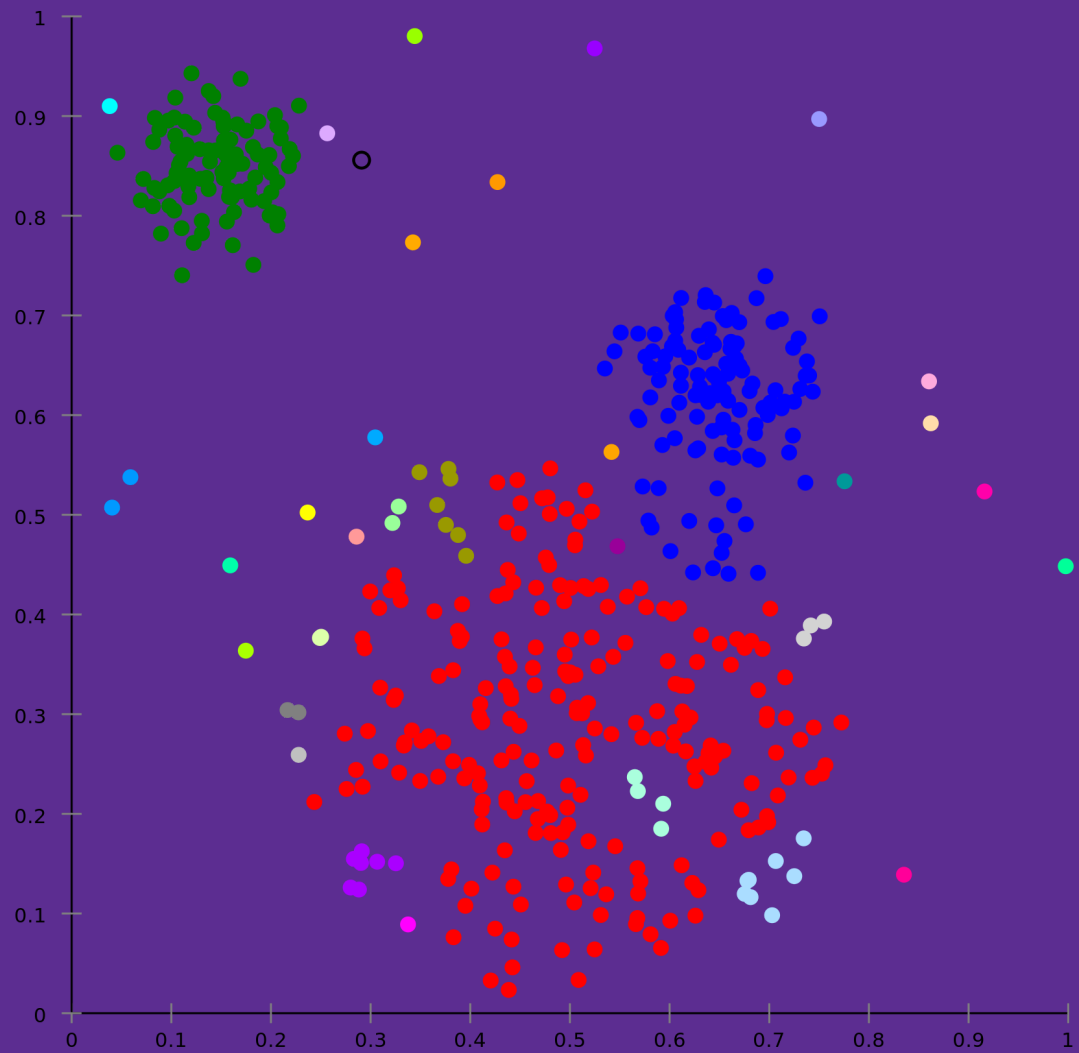
```
kvm = os.access("/dev/kvm", os.R_OK | os.W_OK)

try:
    urllib.urlopen(REDHAT_PING).read()
    redhat = os.path.exists(os.path.expanduser(REDHAT_CREDS))
except IOError:
    redhat = False
```



Machine learning: Test flakes are food

# Flakes are just fuzzing mutations



## ML techniques in use

- Term Frequency - Inverse Document Frequency
- Normalized Compression Distance
- DBSCAN unsupervised clustering
- K-nearest Neighbors classification

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# Flake probability: 72.5% (neural network)

# Flake likely 66.2% (clustering)
```

# Term Frequency - Inverse Document Frequency

```
# -----  
# testTeam (check_networking_team.TestNetworking)  
#  
NAME          UUID          TYPE          DEVICE  
System eth0    5fb06bd0-0bb0-7ffb-45f1-d6edd65f3e03  802-3-ethernet  eth0  
virbr0        82404faf-cb6b-4f4c-8eb6-65fc1a2ff8da  bridge          virbr0  
  
System eth1    9c92fad9-6ecb-3e6c-eb4d-8a47c6f50c04  802-3-ethernet  --  
  
52:54:01:00:00:03 -> eth2  
52:54:01:00:00:03 -> eth2  
52:54:01:00:00:04 -> eth3  
52:54:01:00:00:04 -> eth3  
not ok 139 testTeam (check_networking_team.TestNetworking) duration: 106s  
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File \"/build/cockpit/bots/../../test/verify/check-networking-team\"", line 80, in testTeam  
    b.wait_present(\"#network-interface-slaves tr[data-interface='%s']\" % iface00
```

```
# testTeam (check_networking_team.TestNetworking)  
NAME          UUID          TYPE          DEVICE  
System eth000  000fb000bd000-000bb000-000ffb-000f000-d000edd000f000e000  000  
virbr000      000faf-cb000b-000f000c-000eb000-000fc000a000ff000da  bridge  
System eth000  000c000fad000-000ecb-000e000c-eb000d-000a000c000f000c000  000  
File "check-networking-team", line 000, in testTeam  
b.wait_present(\"#network-interface-slaves tr[data-interface='%s']\" % iface00
```



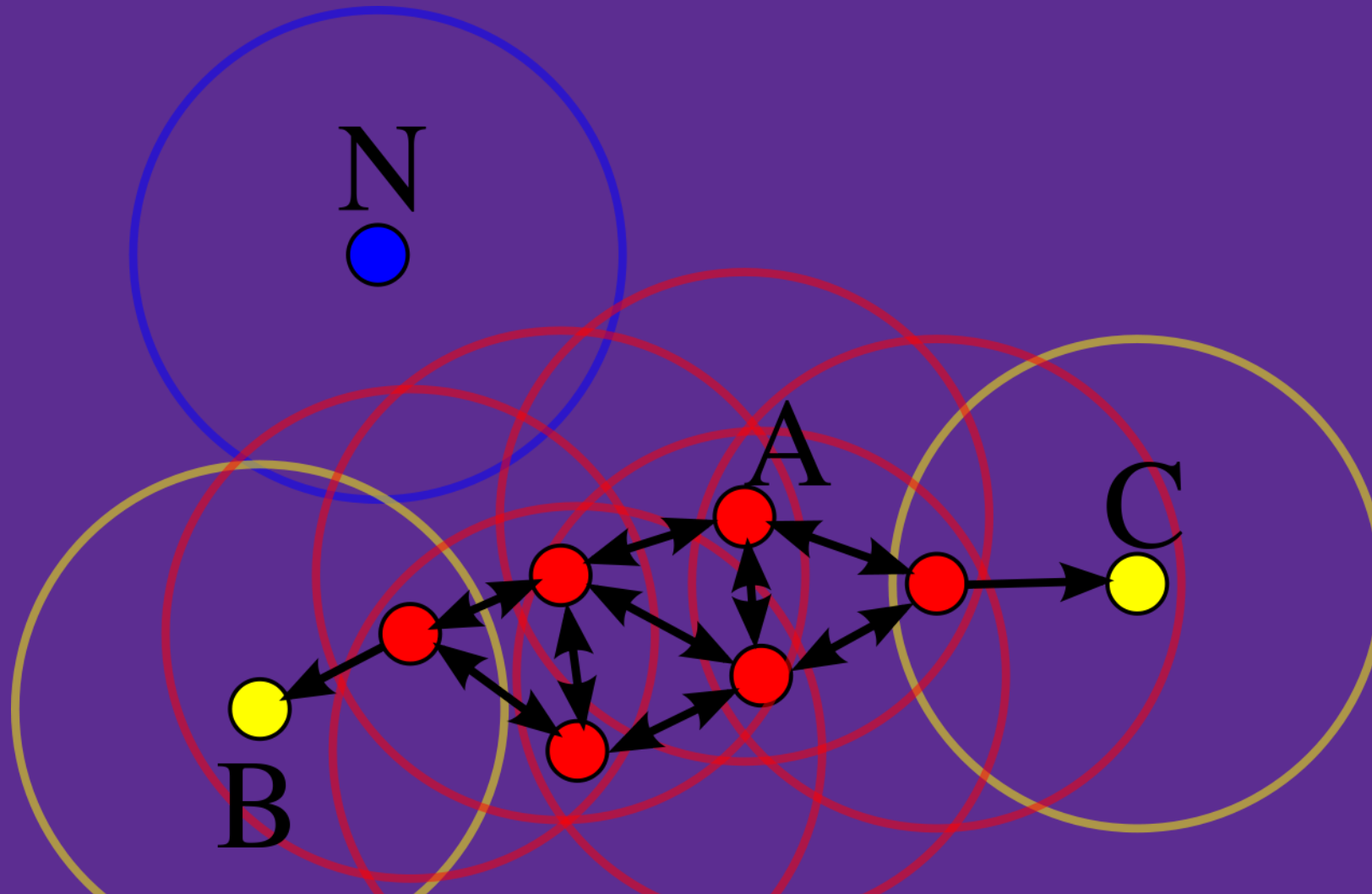
# Normalized Compression Distance

$$NCD_Z(x, y) = \frac{Z(xy) - \min\{Z(x), Z(y)\}}{\max\{Z(x), Z(y)\}}.$$

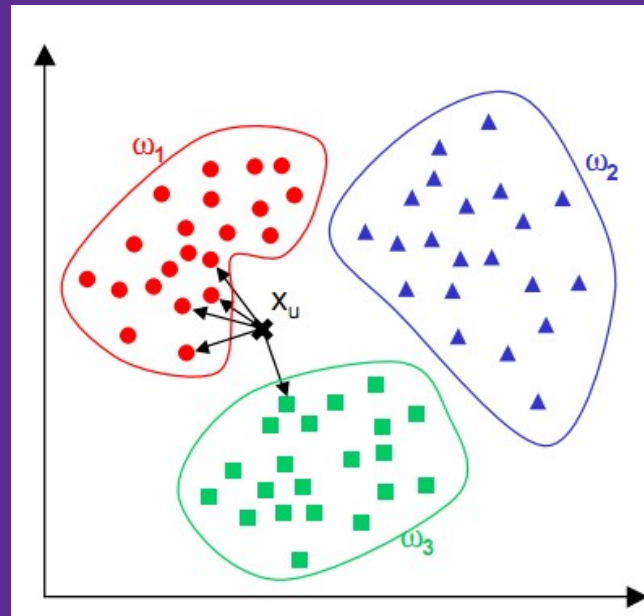
```
Z = lambda v: len(zlib.compress(v))
```

# DBSCAN

Density-based spatial clustering of applications with noise



# k-nearest neighbor



**I want!**

```
$ bots/image-download --state tests-learn-1.gz
...
$ bots/learn-tests --dry
Loading existing tests data
14208: Items to train

...
100933632: Computed distances in 1181 seconds on 32 cores
332: Clusters (13962 items, 246 noise)
```

```
$ cat example-test.log | bots/tests-policy fedora-27
...
...
# Flake probability: 100.0% (neural network)
# Flake likely 58.6% (clustering)
```



# Add tests to my Fedora package

[fedoraproject.org/wiki/CI/Tests](https://fedoraproject.org/wiki/CI/Tests)

# Run simple tests on GitHub pull requests

Add `.travis.yml` and use Travis CI



# Run a full userland for integration tests

Semaphore CI and `example`  
[github.com/cockpit-project/cockpituous](https://github.com/cockpit-project/cockpituous)

# Run my CI in Openshift

Contact CentOS CI for an account

# Copy pipelines built in Openshift/Jenkins

Continuous Infra team at Red Hat, speaking at DevConf

# Run VMs in Openshift for testing

Look at how Linux System Roles did it really simply

# Bots for delivery, dist-git, Bodhi, Koji

Look at `cockpit/release` container

# Try out Machine Learning

Use `scikit-learn`

# Cyborg Teams

Happy humans, tired machines

# Questions?

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