

Building/Deploying Simulations

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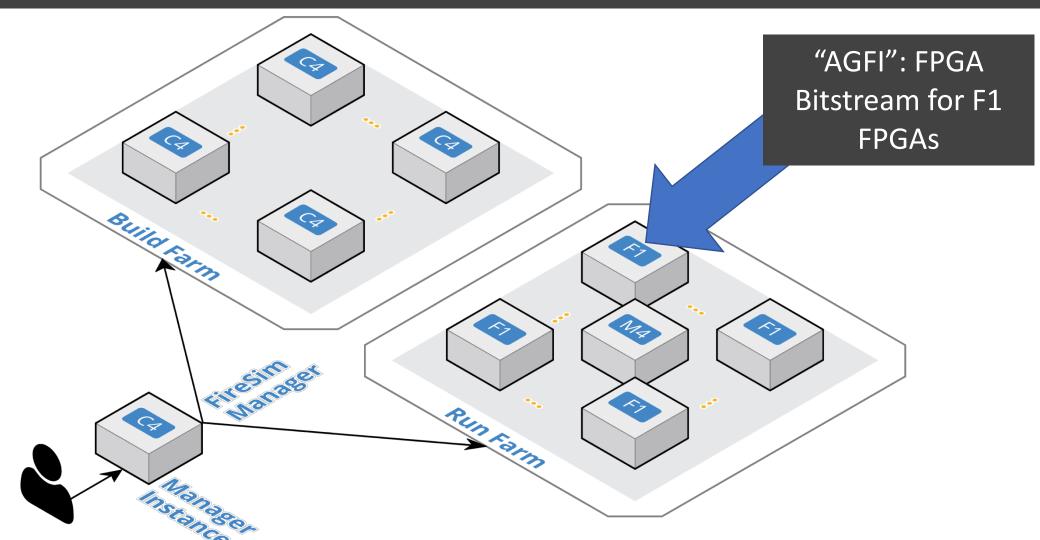
What will we cover?

- Building FireSim FPGA images for a set of targets
- Choosing targets at runtime
- Configuring target software
- Managing EC2 infrastructure for simulations
- Running a simulation
- Customizing workloads: SPEC example





Background Terminology





First-time User Setup

 Won't discuss this today, but we've documented the process of starting with AWS/FireSim from scratch here:

http://docs.fires.im/en/latest/Initial-Setup/index.html

• For the following walkthrough, we assume that you've setup a Manager instance and cloned firesim into





Let's simulate the following system:

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Using the firesim manager command line

From inside ~/firesim, source sourceme-f1-manager.sh
This properly sets up your environment and puts firesim on your \$PATH

This means that we can now call firesim from anywhere on the instance. It will always run from the directory:

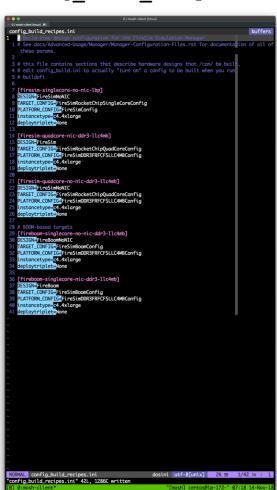
in this case:





Configuring the Manager. 4 files in firesim/deploy/

config build recipes.ini



config_build.ini



config_hwdb.ini

```
4 # (if needed), and a custom runtime config (if needed)
    # Only AGFIs for the latest release of FireSim are guaranteed to be available.
# If you are using an older version of FireSim, you will need to generate your
         resim-quadcore-nic-ddr3-llc4mb]
i=agfi-030b49bce9bd5ef96
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"config_hwdb.ini" 36L, 1131C written
```

config runtime.ini

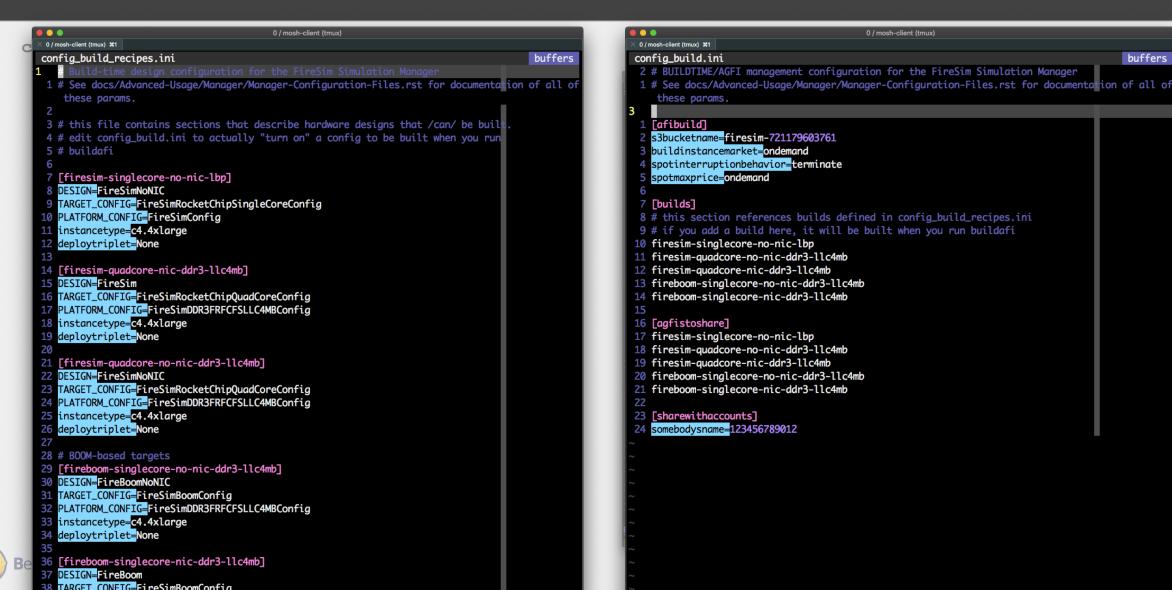
```
config_runtime.ini
    defaulthwconfig=firesim-quadcore-no-nic-ddr3-llc4mb
NORMAL config_runtime.ini
"config_runtime.ini" 35L, 783C written
                                                           dosini utf-8[unix] 2% ≡ 1/35 ln :
```





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Setting up the manager to build FPGA images





Running builds

- Once we've configured what we want to build, let's build it
- \$ firesim buildafi
- This completely automates the process. For each design, in-parallel:
 - Launch a build instance (c4.4xlarge)
 - Run FireSim generator (Chisel/FIRRTL/MIDAS)
 - Ship infrastructure to build instances, run Vivado FPGA builds in parallel
 - Collect results back onto manager instance
 - ~/firesim/deploy/results-workload/TIMESTAMP-config/ contains final results + QoR information + dcps to open in Vivado for further manual tuning
 - Email you the entry to put into config_hwdb.ini
 - Terminate the build instance



FireSim FPGA Build Completed Inbox ×



AWS Notifications no-reply@sns.amazonaws.com <u>via</u> amazonses.co to sagark ▼

Your AGFI has been created!

Add

[firesim-singlecore-no-nic-lbp] agfi=agfi-0b722a14f72b48efc

deploytripletoverride=None

customruntimeconfig=None

to your config_agfidb.ini to use this hardware configuration.

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Status - We have FPGA images for the simulator of our design



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Now, let's build our target-software

- We need:
 - bbl + vmlinux image: Berkeley BootLoader + Linux kernel image as payload
 - Root Filesystem disk image
- FireSim provides two levels of workload automation:
 - firesim-software repo for automatically building base-images for various distros (e.g. buildroot or Fedora) that are compatible with Rocket / BOOM

```
cd firesim/sw/firesim-software
./sw-manager.py -c br-disk.json build # simple buildroot distro
This lets us use the linux-uniform.json workload, which we will see later
```

- firesim manager / workload generation tool can bake custom workloads into rootfses
 - We'll get to this later







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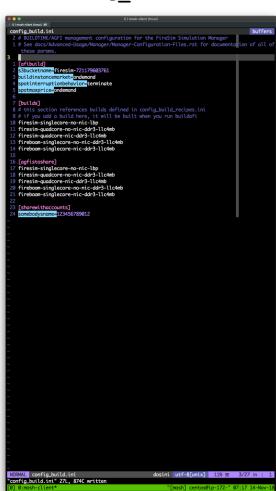


Setting up the manager's runtime configuration

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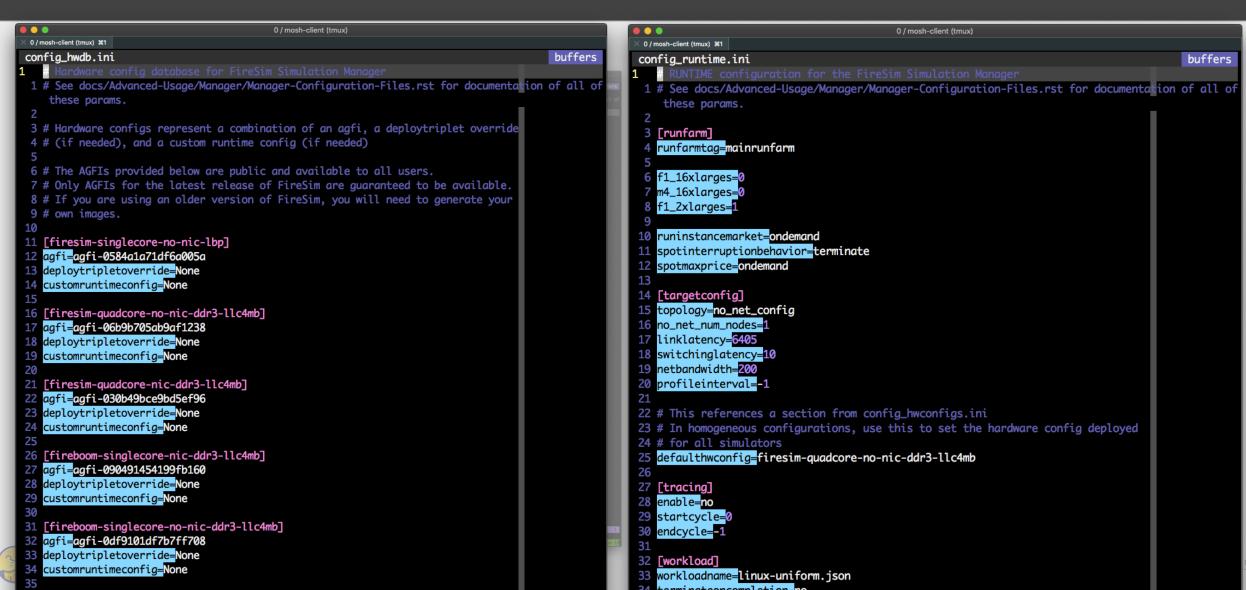
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Launching Simulation Instances

Once we've configured what we want to simulate and what infrastructure we require, let's launch our simulation (F1) instances

```
$ firesim launchrunfarm
FireSim Manager. Docs: http://docs.fires.im
Running: launchrunfarm

Waiting for instance boots: f1.16xlarges
Waiting for instance boots: m4.16xlarges
Waiting for instance boots: f1.2xlarges
i-0d6c29ac507139163 booted!
```

The full log of this run is: /home/centos/firesim-new/deploy/logs/2018-05-19--00-19-43-1





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Distributing Simulation Infrastructure to the Run Farm



• Next, we need to setup our run farm instance with simulation infrastructure

\$ firesim infrasetup

```
FireSim Manager. Docs: http://docs.fires.im
Running: infrasetup
Building FPGA software driver for FireSimNoNIC-FireSimRocketChipQuadCoreConfig-FireSimDDR3FRFCFSLLC4MBConfig
[172.30.2.254] Executing task 'instance liveness'
[172.30.2.254] Checking if host instance is up...
[172.30.2.254] Executing task 'infrasetup node wrapper'
[172.30.2.254] Copying FPGA simulation infrastructure for slot: 0.
[172.30.2.254] Installing AWS FPGA SDK on remote nodes. Upstream hash: 2fdf23ffad944cb94f98d09eed0f34c220c522fe
[172.30.2.254] Unloading EDMA Driver Kernel Module.
[172.30.2.254] Copying AWS FPGA EDMA driver to remote node.
[172.30.2.254] Clearing FPGA Slot 0.
[172.30.2.254] Checking for Cleared FPGA Slot 0.
[172.30.2.254] Flashing FPGA Slot: 0 with agfi: agfi-06b9b705ab9af1238.
[172.30.2.254] Checking for Flashed FPGA Slot: 0 with agfi: agfi-06b9b705ab9af1238.
[172.30.2.254] Loading EDMA Driver Kernel Module.
[172.30.2.254] Starting Vivado hw server.
[172.30.2.254] Starting Vivado virtual JTAG.
The full log of this run is:
/home/centos/firesim/deploy/logs/2018-11-14--16-42-35-infrasetup-CHLESMNB83XFPZUR.log
```





Let's run a simulation!

```
$ firesim runworkload
FireSim Manager. Docs: http://docs.fires.im
Running: runworkload
Creating the directory: /home/centos/firesim/deploy/results-workload/2018-11-14-
-16-47-17-linux-uniform/
[172.30.2.254] Executing task 'instance liveness'
[172.30.2.254] Checking if host instance is up...
[172.30.2.254] Executing task 'boot switch wrapper'
[172.30.2.254] Executing task 'boot simulation wrapper'
[172.30.2.254] Starting FPGA simulation for slot: 0.
```





Monitoring

```
FireSim Simulation Status @ 2018-11-14 16:48:28.240439
This workload's output is located in:
/home/centos/firesim/deploy/results-workload/2018-11-14--16-48-24-linux-uniform/
This run's log is located in:
/home/centos/firesim/deploy/logs/2018-11-14--16-48-24-runworkload-GJ1IUXMSBGWPNGR3.log
This status will update every 10s.
Instances
Instance IP: 172.30.2.254 | Terminated: False
Simulated Switches
Simulated Nodes/Jobs
Instance IP: 172.30.2.254 | Job: linux-uniform0 | Sim running: True
Summary
1/1 instances are still running.
1/1 simulations are still running.
[0] 0:mosh-client*
                                                          "[mosh] centos@ip-172-" 08:48 14-Nov-18
```





Manually Interacting with simulations

```
ssh 172.30.2.254
screen -r fsim0
```

```
Script started, file is uartlog
  AFI PCI Vendor ID: 0x1d0f, Device ID 0xf000
  Using edma queue: /dev/edma0_queue_0
  UARTO is here (stdin/stdout).
  Zeroing out FPGA DRAM. This will take a few seconds...
  Commencing simulation.
      0.000000] OF: fdt: Ignoring memory range 0x80000000 - 0x80200000
      0.000000] Linux version 4.15.0-rc6-31587-gcae6324ee357 (centos@ip-172-30-2-134.us-west-2.com
  pute.internal) (gcc version 7.2.0 (GCC)) #1 SMP Sat Nov 10 20:17:09 UTC 2018
      0.000000] bootconsole [early0] enabled
      0.000000] Zone ranges:
      0.000000] DMA
                           [mem 0x0000000080200000-0x000000000ffffffff]
      0.000000] Normal [mem 0x0000000100000000-0x0000000047fffffff]
      0.0000001 Movable zone start for each node
      0.000000] Early memory node ranges
      0.000000] node 0: [mem 0x0000000080200000-0x0000000047fffffff]
      0.000000] Initmem setup node 0 [mem 0x0000000080200000-0x0000000047fffffff]
      0.000000] elf_hwcap is 0x112d
                                                    (ptrval) s24664 r0 d32680 u57344
      0.000000] percpu: Embedded 14 pages/cpu @
      0.000000] Built 1 zonelists, mobility grouping on. Total pages: 4136455
      0.000000] Kernel command line: root=/dev/generic-blkdev rw
      0.000000] Dentry cache hash table entries: 2097152 (order: 12, 16777216 bytes)
      0.000000] Inode-cache hash table entries: 1048576 (order: 11, 8388608 bytes)
      0.000000] Sorting __ex_table...
Rα[0] 0:mosh-client*
```

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                                                          "[mosh] centos@ip-172-" 08:48
```



"[mosh] [screen 0: bas" 08:54 14-Nov-18



Shutting down simulations/Capturing results

- Frequently, we want to capture results from simulations automatically
- FireSim's workload system supports this!
 - More on how to specify what to capture in a few mins
- But let's continue with our example it's configured just to capture each simulated system's console output, once the simulation is powered off. If we do so, the manager will produce:

```
FireSim Simulation Exited Successfully. See results in:
/home/centos/firesim/deploy/results-workload/2018-11-14--16-52-49-linux-uniform/
The full log of this run is:
/home/centos/firesim/deploy/logs/2018-11-14--16-52-49-runworkload-
HSMYYMD4JBA6BHT5.log
```





Finally, get rid of our run farm EC2 instances

Easy!

```
$ firesim terminaterunfarm
FireSim Manager. Docs: http://docs.fires.im
Running: terminaterunfarm

IMPORTANT!: This will terminate the following instances:
f1.16xlarges
[]
m4.16xlarges
[]
f1.2xlarges
['i-033959e7513fcf928']
Type yes, then press enter, to continue. Otherwise, the operation will be cancelled.
yes
Instances terminated. Please confirm in your AWS Management Console.
The full log of this run is:
/home/centos/firesim/deploy/logs/2018-11-14--17-00-01-terminaterunfarm-RGWY68L5ICAYQTA3.log
```





Custom Workloads: linux-uniform workload

- Previously, we relied on linux-uniform.json as our workload
- These jsons live in firesim/deploy/workloads/





Let's look at a more interesting example: SPEC

- JSONs are used for two things:
 - Building rootfs/binary combos automatically, with benchmark infrastructure built-in
 - Deploying simulations with the manager (like we saw previously) and knowing which results to collect at the end

```
0 / mosh-client (tmux)
spec17-intrate.json
                                                                                           buffers
     "common_bootbinary" : "bbl-vmlinux",
     "benchmark_name" : "spec17-intrate",
     "deliver_dir" : "spec17-intrate",
     "common_args" : ["--copies 4"],
     "common_files" : ["intrate.sh"],
     "common_outputs" : ["/output"],
     "common_simulation_outputs" : ["uartlog"],
     "workloads" : [
         "name": "500.perlbench_r",
         "files": ["500.perlbench_r"],
         "command": "cd /spec17-intrate && ./intrate.sh 500.perlbench_r",
         "simulation_outputs": [],
         "outputs":
         "name": "502.gcc_r",
         "files": ["502.gcc_r"],
         "command": "cd /spec17-intrate && ./intrate.sh 502.gcc_r",
         "simulation_outputs": [],
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         "outputs":
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         "name": "505.mcf_r",
         "files": ["505.mcf_r"],
         "command": "cd /spec17-intrate && ./intrate.sh 505.mcf_r",
         "simulation_outputs": \(\Pi\).
```



Building/Deploying SPEC on Rocket/BOOM

- Building: We don't have enough time to go into detail here. Look at the spec17-% target in firesim/deploy/workloads/Makefile
 - At a high-level, you can just run make spec17-intrate, and you'll get 10 rootfs/linux image combos that will automatically run the spec benchmarks in parallel
- **Deploying**: Set your workload to spec17-intrate.json in config_runtime.ini, set the # f1.2xlarges to 10, select the hardware config you want to benchmark, then firesim launchrunfarm/infrasetup/runworkload as usual
- At the end, all your performance results live in one directory on the manager: firesim/deploy/results-workload/TIMESTAMP-spec17-intrate-HASH/
- Instances get automatically terminated one-by-one as benchmarks complete essentially zero cost to running in parallel on EC2, since you pay by the machine-second anyway





Summary

- Don't fret if you didn't catch everything, everything we showed you today is documented in excruciating detail at http://docs.fires.im
- We learned how to:
 - Build FireSim FPGA images for a set of targets
 - http://docs.fires.im/en/latest/Building-a-FireSim-AFI.html
 - Setup/Launch a simulation, including choosing targets, configuring target software, and managing EC2 infrastructure
 - http://docs.fires.im/en/latest/Running-Simulations-Tutorial/Running-a-Single-Node-Simulation.html
 - Customize workloads: SPEC example
 - http://docs.fires.im/en/latest/Advanced-Usage/Workloads/Defining-Custom-Workloads.html
 - http://docs.fires.im/en/latest/Advanced-Usage/Workloads/SPEC-2017.html

