

Checks in Gerrit

First-class CI integration in Gerrit

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Agenda

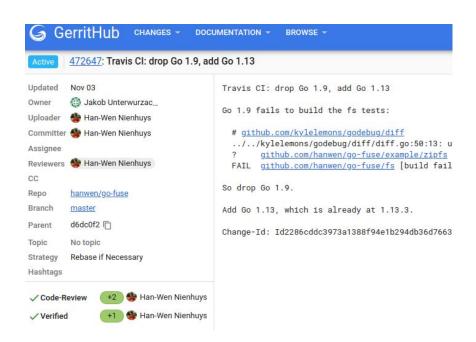
Motivation

Concept: Checks in Gerrit

Outlook

Currently: How to integrate CI systems?

- "Use labels"
 - Configurable
 - Support permission/submit blocking
- "Build a plugin [on top of labels.]"
 - Task
 - Verify-status



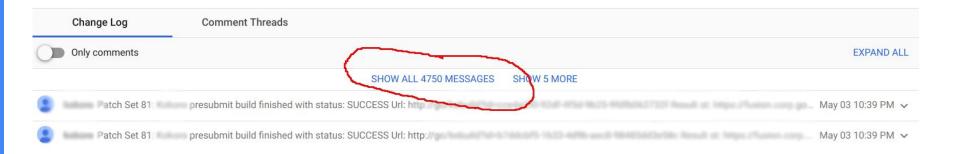
Labels, at Google scale

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Labels, at Google scale



Labels & comments at scale



UI: How to rerun?

- Remove label vote
 (condition: granted global capability)
- Post comment

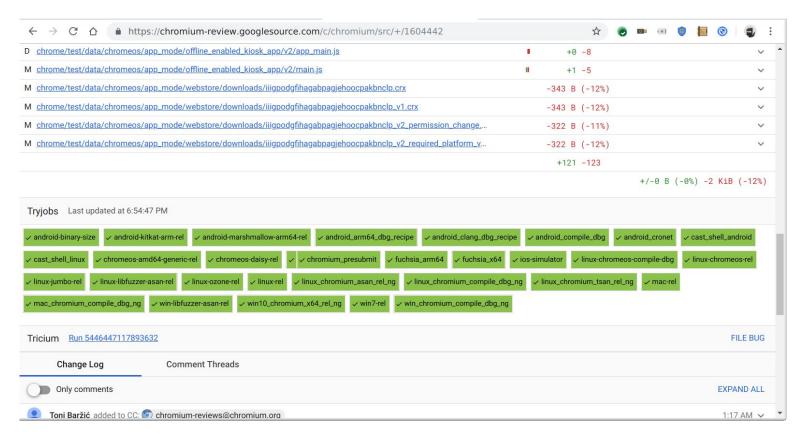
UI: Many change messages

- Overview?
 - Redesign message list?

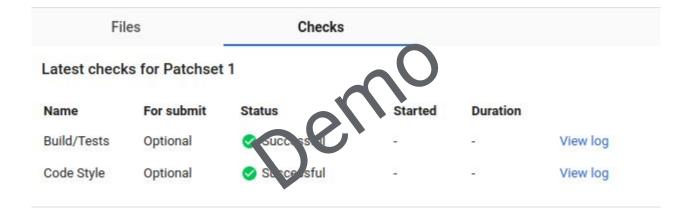
Infra: many change messages

- Parse commits
- Change notes cache
 O(message^2) memory

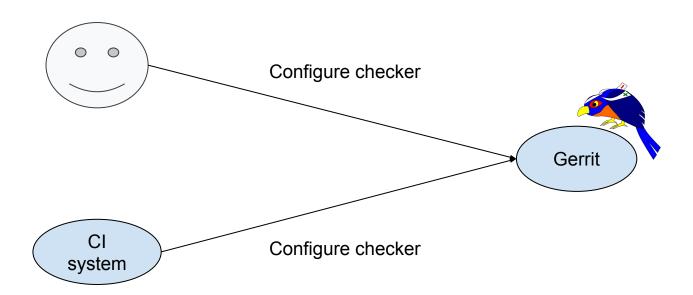
Demanding customers build plugins



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Configuration



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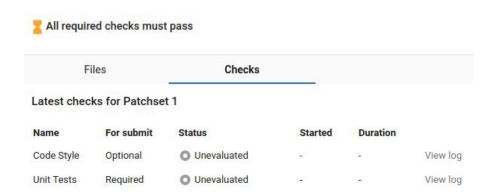
Why configuration?

No checks ran for this code review
Configure checkers to view the results here.

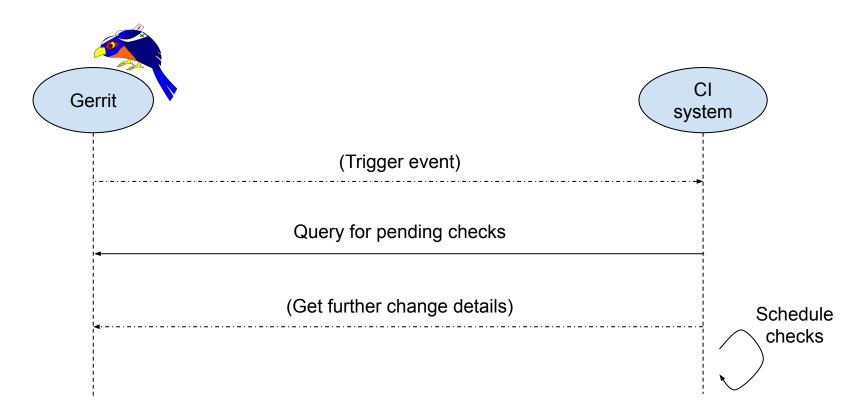
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What to configure?

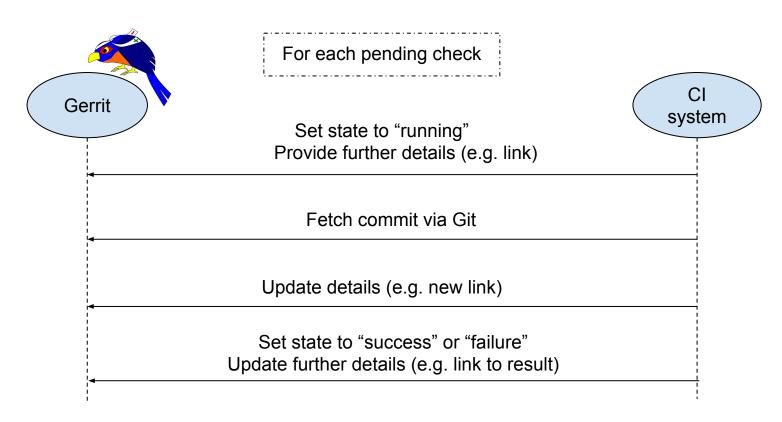
- Name, description, ...
- Repository
- Query
- Required/Optional



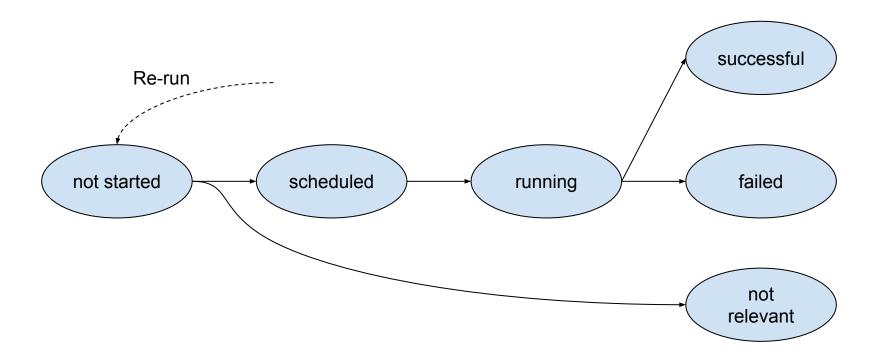
System interaction



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Check states



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Why this design?

- Flexibility + Extensibility
- Robust against lost events
- Performance
- Scalability
 - We want to support 100s of analyzers
- Stored in Git refs, a la NoteDb
- Support of analyzers
 - Robot comments
 - Suggested fixes

Future plans

My Cl/analyzer system determines the checks on the fly!

\rightarrow Sub-checks

- On-the-fly checks → very flexible
- Only one configured check for CI/analyzer system
- Caveats
 - No details directly after patch set upload or after re-run
 - More data to send (e.g. name, description, ... for every patch set)
 - Less configurability in Gerrit

Future plans

Optimizations (e.g. caches, parallel updates, trigger event)

Bypass blocking checks in emergencies

Copy-over check results

Proper support for analyzers → **robot comments**

- Reconsider some behaviors of robot comments (e.g. unresolved ones on older patch sets)

I would like to know ...

Which Gerrit version is required?

> 3.0.x

Will labels go away?

Humans \rightarrow labels Robots \rightarrow checks

Can I start integrating my CI/analyzer system with the new API?

When can I use this?

For testing \rightarrow right now For production \rightarrow depends on needed features

Absolutely!

Questions?