LTSI workshop @ ELCE2014

project update (focused on release scheme and testing)

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LTSI Status Update

LTSI kernel update @ February 24, 2014

LTSI 3.0.79 --> 3.0.101 (EOL)
LTSI 3.4.46 --> 3.4.81 (update)

LTSI 3.10 development history (result)

item	date
kernel 3.10 merge window open	2013.4.28
kernel 3.10 merge window close	2013.5.12
kernel 3.10 release	2013.6.30
Announce of 2013 LTS kernel version	2013.8.4
LTSI-3.10 git tree open	2013.9.11
3.10 becomes LTS (=3.12 release)	2013.11.15
LTSI-3.10 merge window open	2013.11.15
patch collection period	75 days
LTSI-3.10-rc1 (=merge window close)	2014.1.29
validation period	26 days
LTSI-3.10 release	2014.2.24

LTSI 3.14 development schedule (underway)

item	date
kernel 3.14 merge window open	2014.1.9
kernel 3.14 merge window close	2014.2.2
kernel 3.14 release	2014.3.30
Greg announced that 3.14 is next LTS(I)	ELC2014
LTSI-3.14 merge window open	2014.8.21
patch collection period	70 days
LTSI-3.14-rc1 (=merge window close, target)	2014.10.30
validation period	50+ days
LTSI-3.14 release (target)	2014.12.25?

Please be sure not to late LTSI 3.14 merge window close!

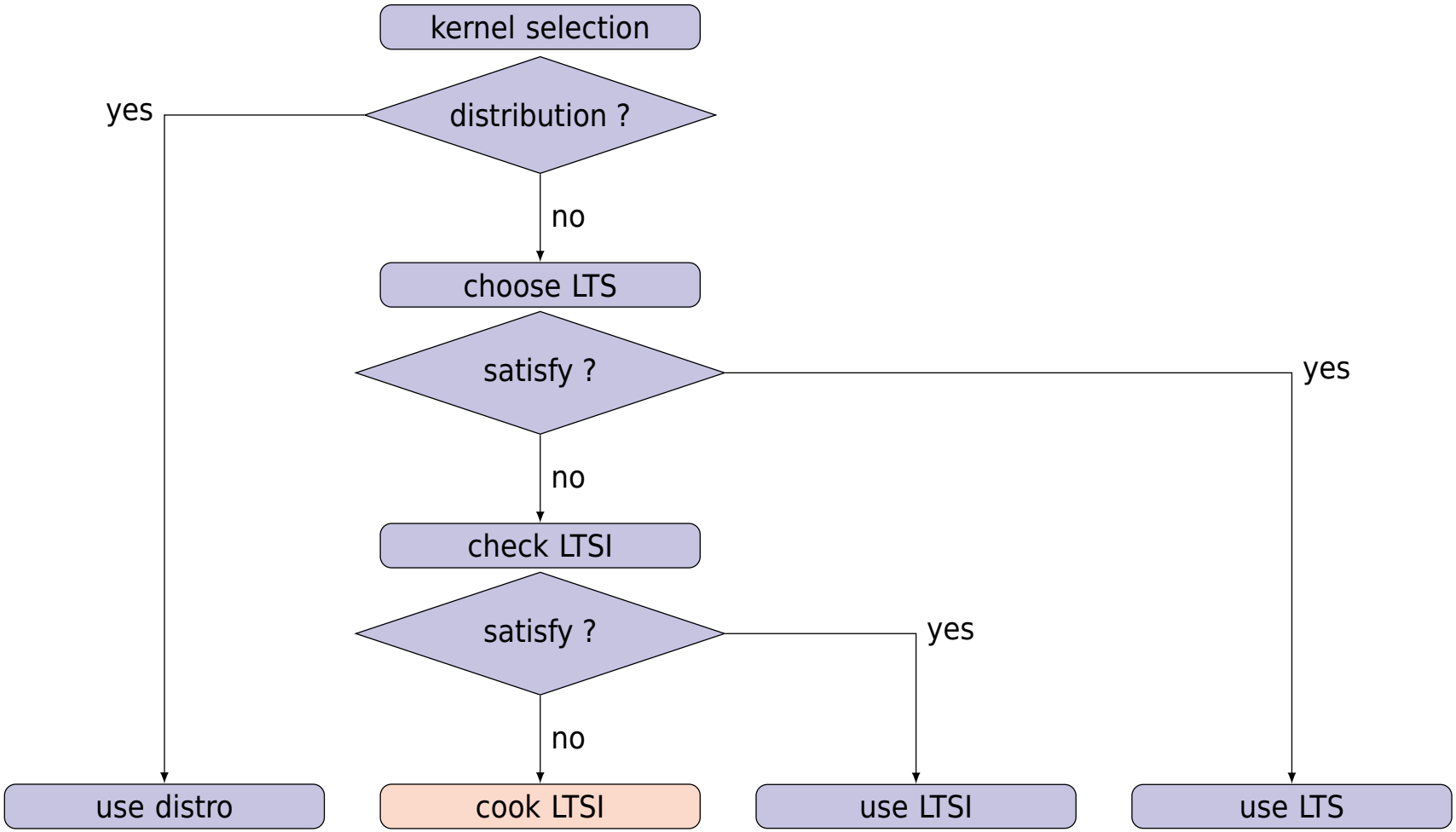
Patch submission status after LTSI-3.10 release

Month	Sender (company)	number	contents	target
March	Adrian Hunter (Intel)	2	MMC	3.10
March	Wei.sern.chan (Intel)	5	PWM	3.10
April	Simon Horman (Renesas)	10	serial	3.10
April	Simon Horman (Renesas)	1	USB	3.10
May	Geert Uytterhoeven (Renesas)	1	MDT	3.10
July	Dheeraj Jamwal (Intel)	50	DRM/i915	3.10
July	Damian (Renesas)	16	smack, security	3.10
August	Dheeraj Jamwal (Intel)	50	drm/i915	3.10
August	Dheeraj Jamwal (Intel)	41	drm/i915	3.10
August	Simon Horman (Renesas)	814	backport for LTSI-3.14	3.14

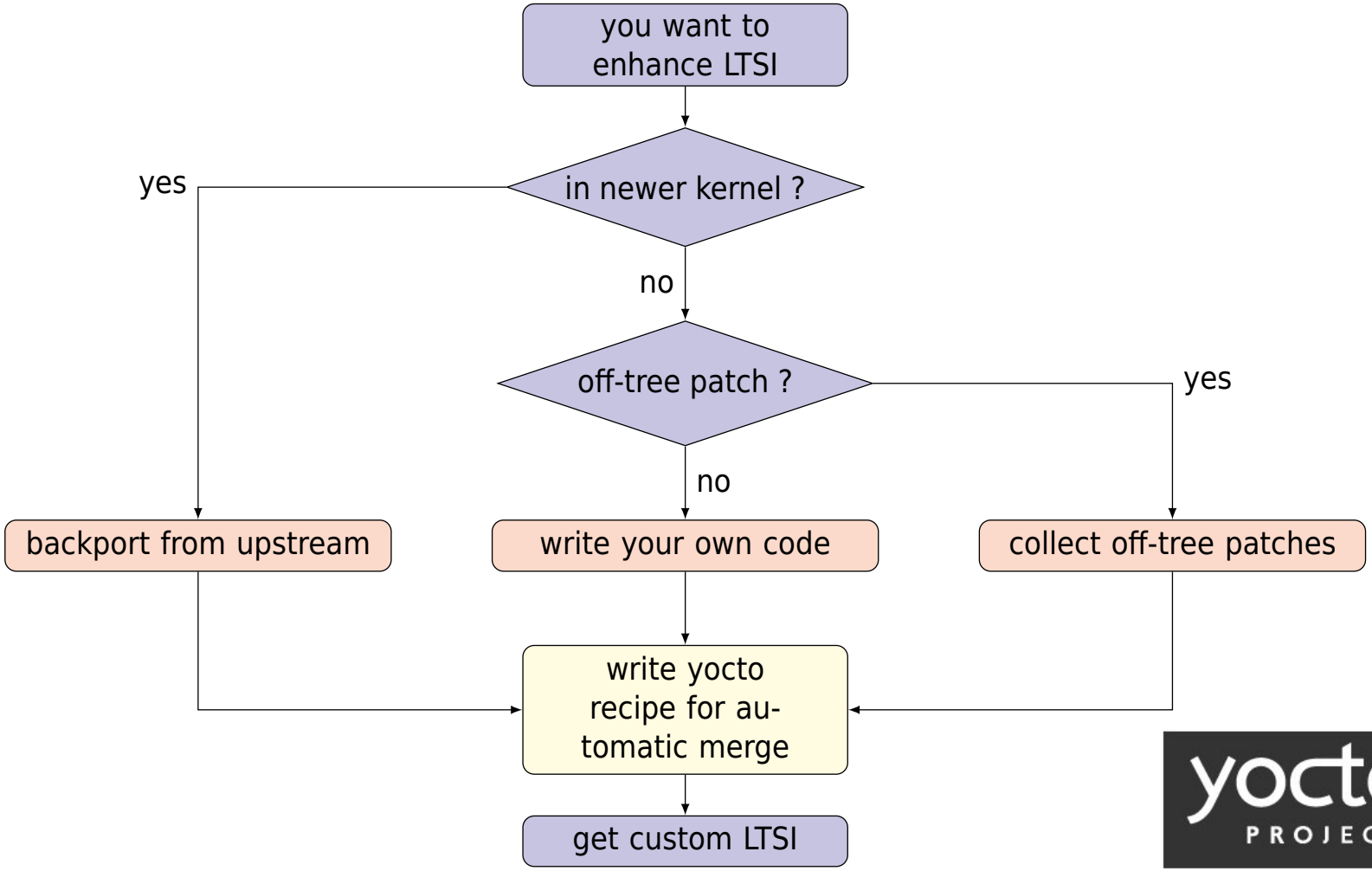
We noticed still many patches are sent to released LTSI-3.10.
OK, we have created a method to merge late comer patches, however...we may need to discuss this further

LTSI kernel release cadence, current shape and the future

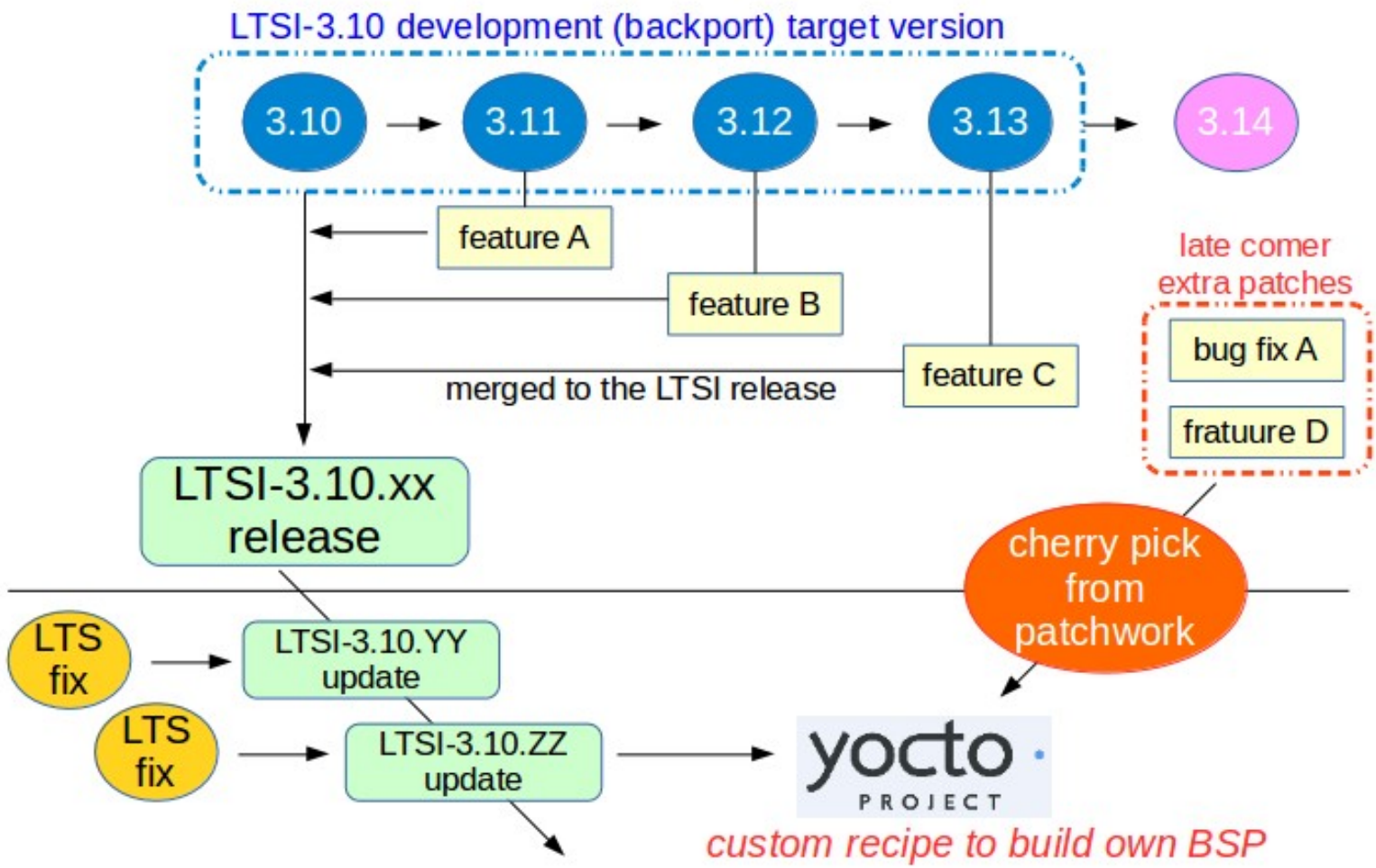
kernel selection procedure (distro, LTS and LTSI)



LTSI kernel cooking

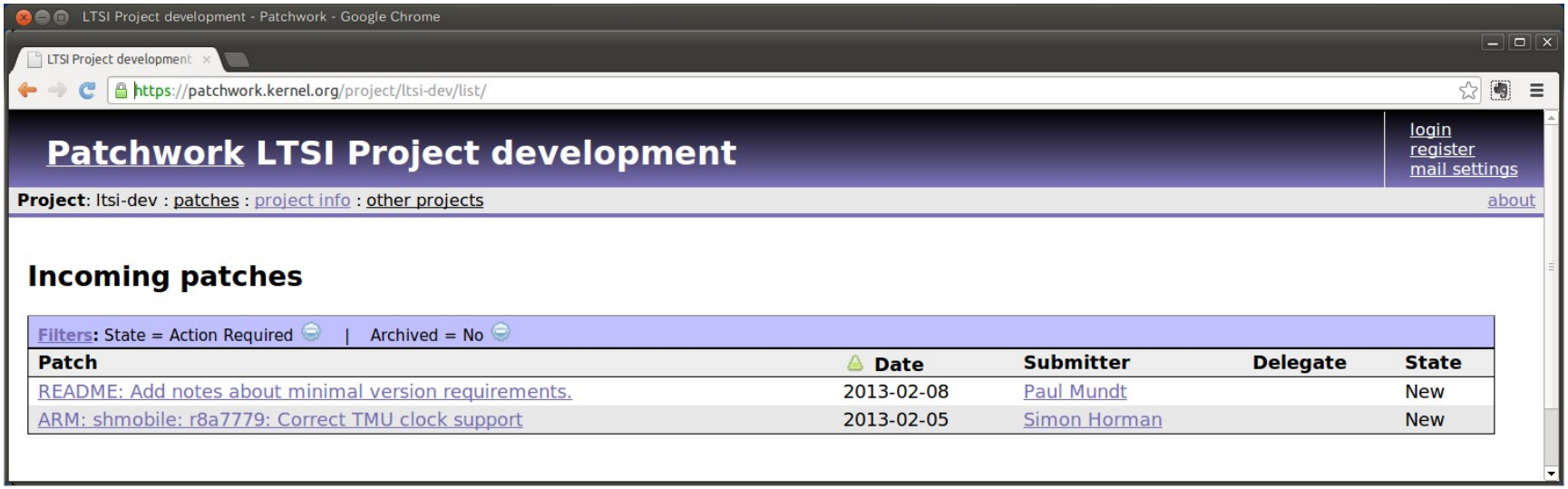


Adding some late comer LTSI patches to create BSP



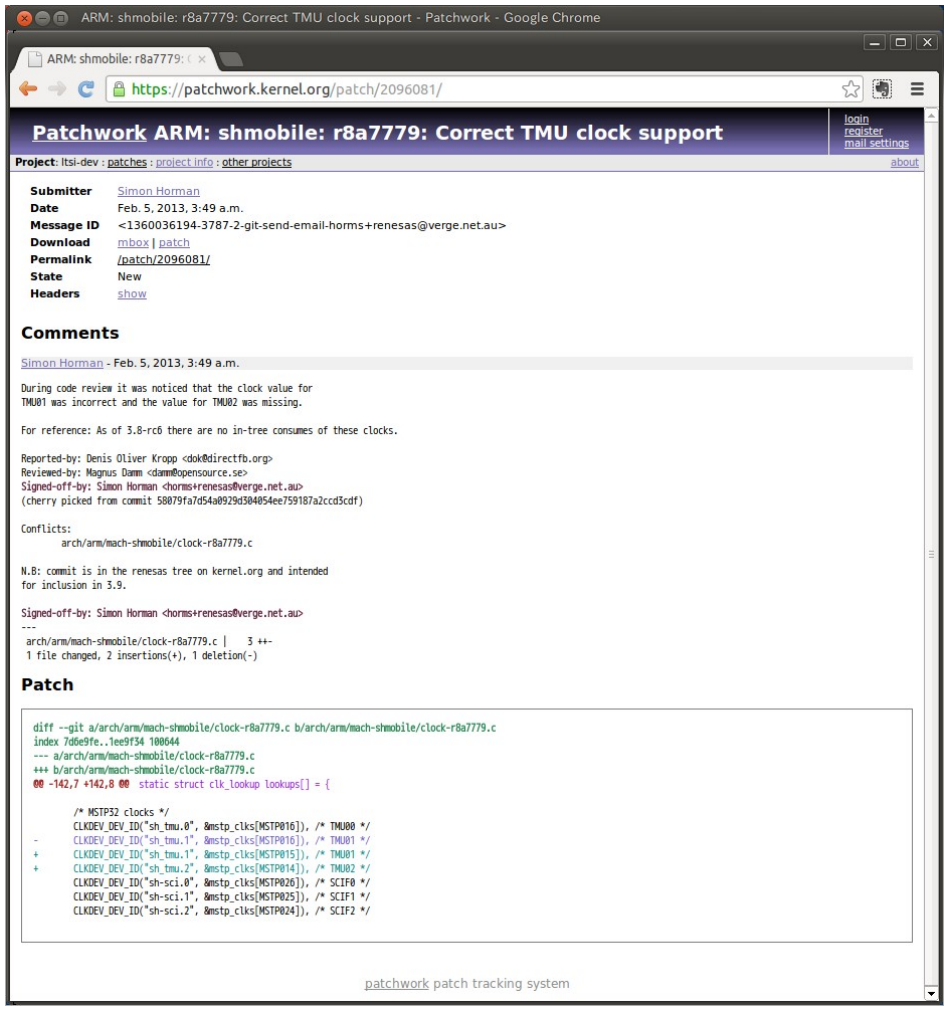
LTSI patchwork

- You may want to add new patches to released LTSI.
- Then you sent a patch to LTSI, but it can not be merged.
- Patchwork can be the way to collect such off-tree patches.



https://patchwork.kernel.org/project/ltsi-dev/list/

You can cherry pick patch from LTSI-patchwork site



- Patchwork automatically collect message that contains source code (patch)
- Each patch has unique tag and you can identify patch by tag
- You can write yocto recipe to collect patches in patchwork

Yocto meta file contains .bb (recipe) file

```
munakata@mythen:~/Download/meta-renesas-20130204$ tree recipes-kernel/
recipes-kernel/
 |-- linux
 |     +-- files
 |     +-- linux-yocto
 |     +-- armadillo800eva
 |     |    +-- armadillo800eva-non_hardware.cfg
 |     |    +-- armadillo800eva-preempt-rt.scc
 |     |    +-- armadillo800eva-standard.scc
 |     |    +-- armadillo800eva.cfg
 |     |    +-- armadillo800eva.scc
 |     |    +-- defconfig
 |     |    +-- missing_required.cfg
 |     |    +-- required_redefinition.txt
 |     |    +-- specified_non_hdw.cfg
 |     |    +-- user-config.cfg
 |     |    +-- user-patches.scc
 |     +-- linux-yocto_3.4.bbappend
 +-- linux-libc-headers
       +-- linux-libc-headers-rmobile_git.bb
```

.bbappend can contain a pointer to LTSI off-tree patch

Edit recipe to merge LTSI-patchwork off-tree patch

```
diff --git a/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-yocto_3.4.bbappend b/
recipes-kernel/linux/linux-yocto_3.4.bbappend
index 819c65a..0b89004 100644
--- a/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-yocto_3.4.bbappend
+++ b/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-yocto_3.4.bbappend
@@ -19,7 +19,10 @@ SRC_URI_append_armadillo800eva = `` \
file://missing_required.cfg \
file://required_redefinition.txt \
file://specified_non_hdw.cfg \

+ https://patchwork.kernel.org/patch/1132821/mbox/;
name=patch1;
downloadfilename=patch-1132821.patch;
apply=yes;
striplevel=1 \
''
+SRC_URI[patch1.md5sum]    = ``c5e868f90629a56964c2c6ee731ba1cf''
+SRC_URI[patch1.sha256sum] = ``ea5f81ba7b91c0a1086f7c58f92a9818bae46615c5826aacba842c2aac5222

COMPATIBLE_MACHINE_armadillo800eva= ``armadillo800eva''
KBRANCH_DEFAULT_armadillo800eva = ``armadillo800eva''
```

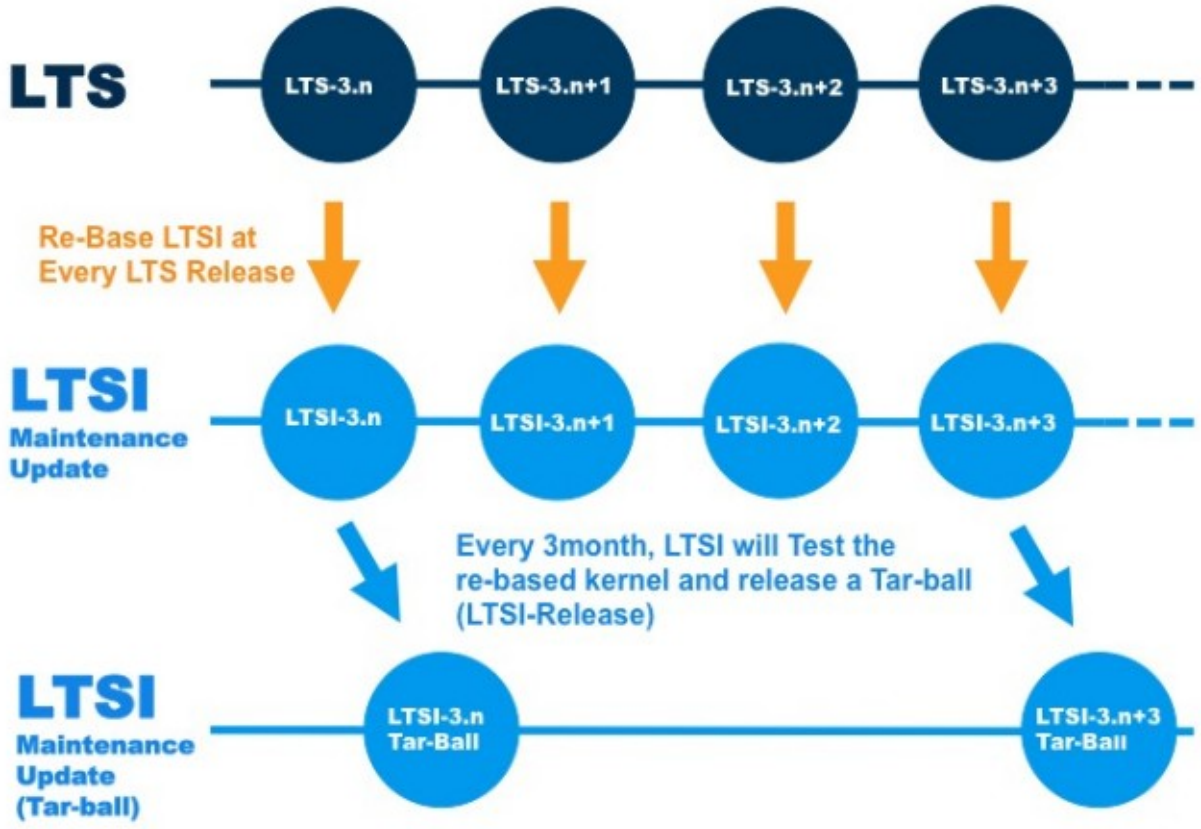
download off-tree patch from patchwork site and apply

Description of patchwork integration recipe

```
+https://patchwork.kernel.org/
           patch/1132821/mbox/;


name=patch1;
downloadfilename=
           patch-1132821.patch;

apply=yes;
striplevel=1 \


+SRC_URI[patch1.md5sum]    =
+SRC_URI[patch1.sha256sum] =
```

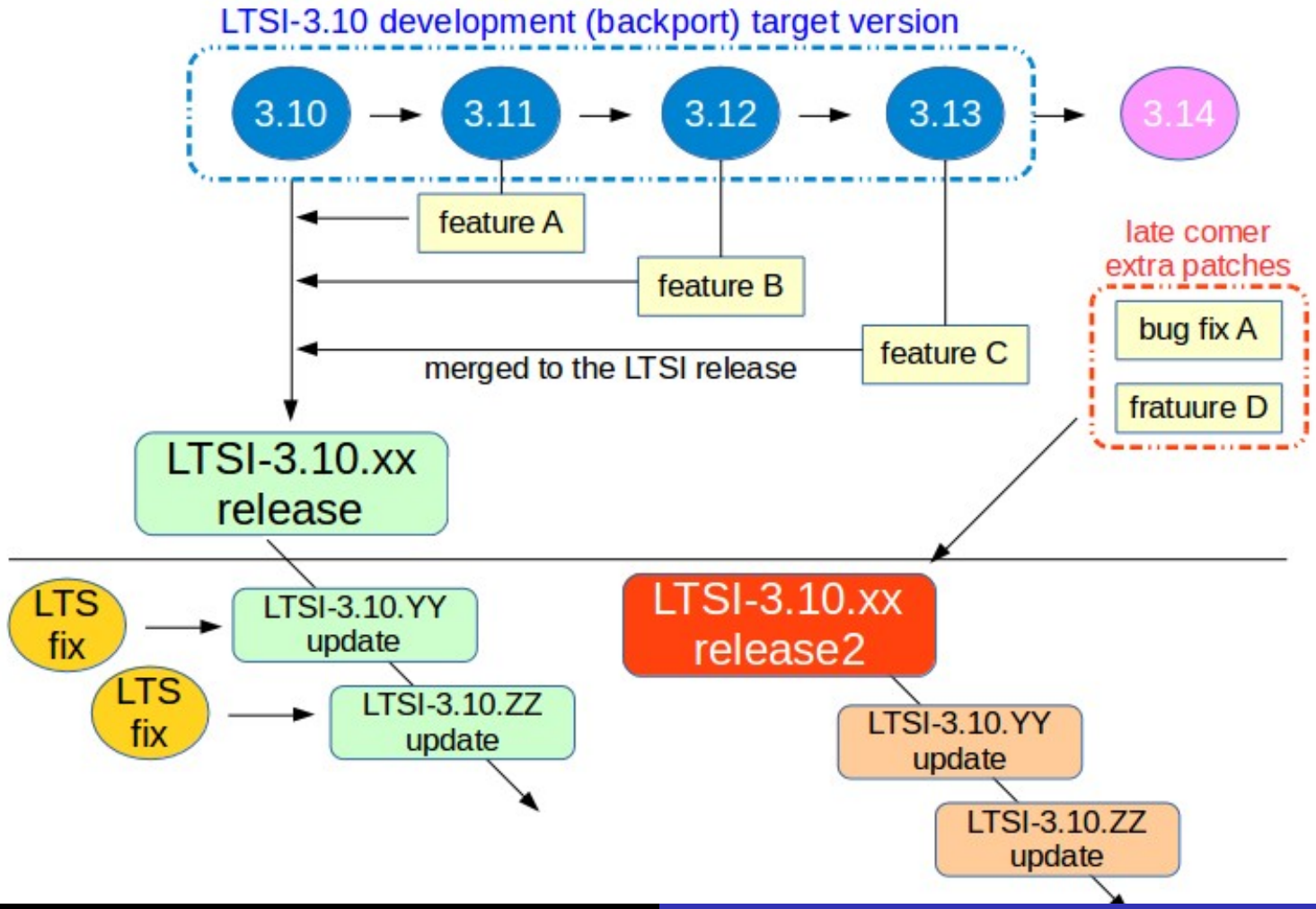
- Define patchwork URI
- You need to calculate SUM after file download (md5 and sha256)

New LTS to LTSI update reflection cycle



Every stable update will be ported to existing LTSI code

(Discussion) Shall we have more merge periods?



LTSI use case confirmation

(Discussion) We want to hear user's voice

- Demanded feature
  - RT pacheset
  - off tree utilities
  - (part of) safty features (like IEC61506, ISO2626)
- Others

LTSI Test Discussion

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Why LTSI kernel validation becomes important ?

- Upstream LTS is managed to be completely safe.
- LTSI can based on community LTS kernel, and
- LTSI is the place to add various NEW things
  - Feature back port from latest mainline (relatively safe)
  - Industry demanded not-mainlined (but commonly used) open source project code
  - Privately maintained bug-fix code (may be valuable)
  - Privately developed feature code

We want to validate LTSI kernel does not include any bug or regression against the community LTS code

Beyond the LTS(I) kernel use, share the test case !

New value opportunity of sharing the kernel test case

- Now many industry start using LTS and LTSI kernel.
- Each company may spend a lot of time for validation.
- Some of fundamental kernel feature test might be duplicated
  - common kernel function test (detail later)
  - common kernel benchmark test (detail later)
  - common compatibility conformance test
- Now we can consider sharing the (part of) kernel test case on top of LTS(I) kernel across the industry.
- We need to assign appropriate OSS license to each test case itself so the we can share them.

Design target of shared LTSI test environment

feature

- Fully automated execution (nightly run)
- Easy to manage operation (add/edit test case)
- Trend monitoring capability (to catch the regression)
- User friendly interface (web access, GUI front end)

operation

- local text execution (can install to your computer)
- test case sharing mechanism
- test result sharing mechanism (future work)
- can penetrate to the upstream kernel development use

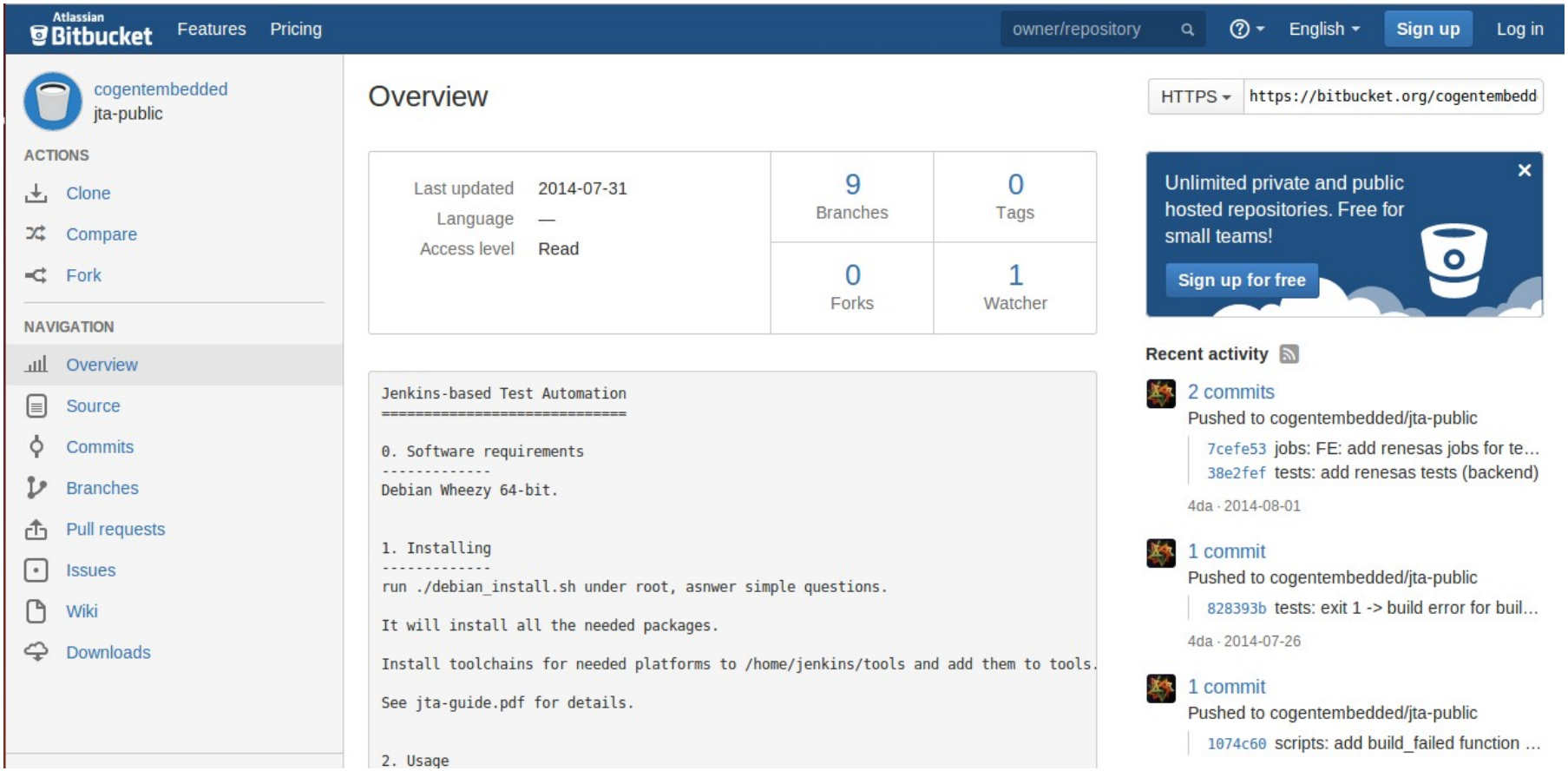
current shape -1/2

- Public tree to download whole test environment
  - [link]
  - https://bitbucket.org/cogentembedded/jta-public/
- Initial documentation
  - [link]
  - https://bytebucket.org/cogentembedded/jta-public/raw/7cefe53a09b5028bf2c99663d81ecde39b486713/docs/jta-guide.pdf
- Reports (automated)
  - [link]
  - http://145.255.234.170:8080/view/batch%20runs/job/Run%20SELECTED%20tests%20on%20SELECTED%20targets/ws/pdf_reports/minnow.2014-07-10_23-32-36.7.json.xml.pdf

current shape -2/2

- Installation and update scripts
  (Debian only)
- More tests integrated
  (including Renesas evaluation board-specific tests)
- Misc. enhancements
  (e.g. error reporting)

Releasing beta version test suit



https://bitbucket.org/cogentembedded/jta-public/

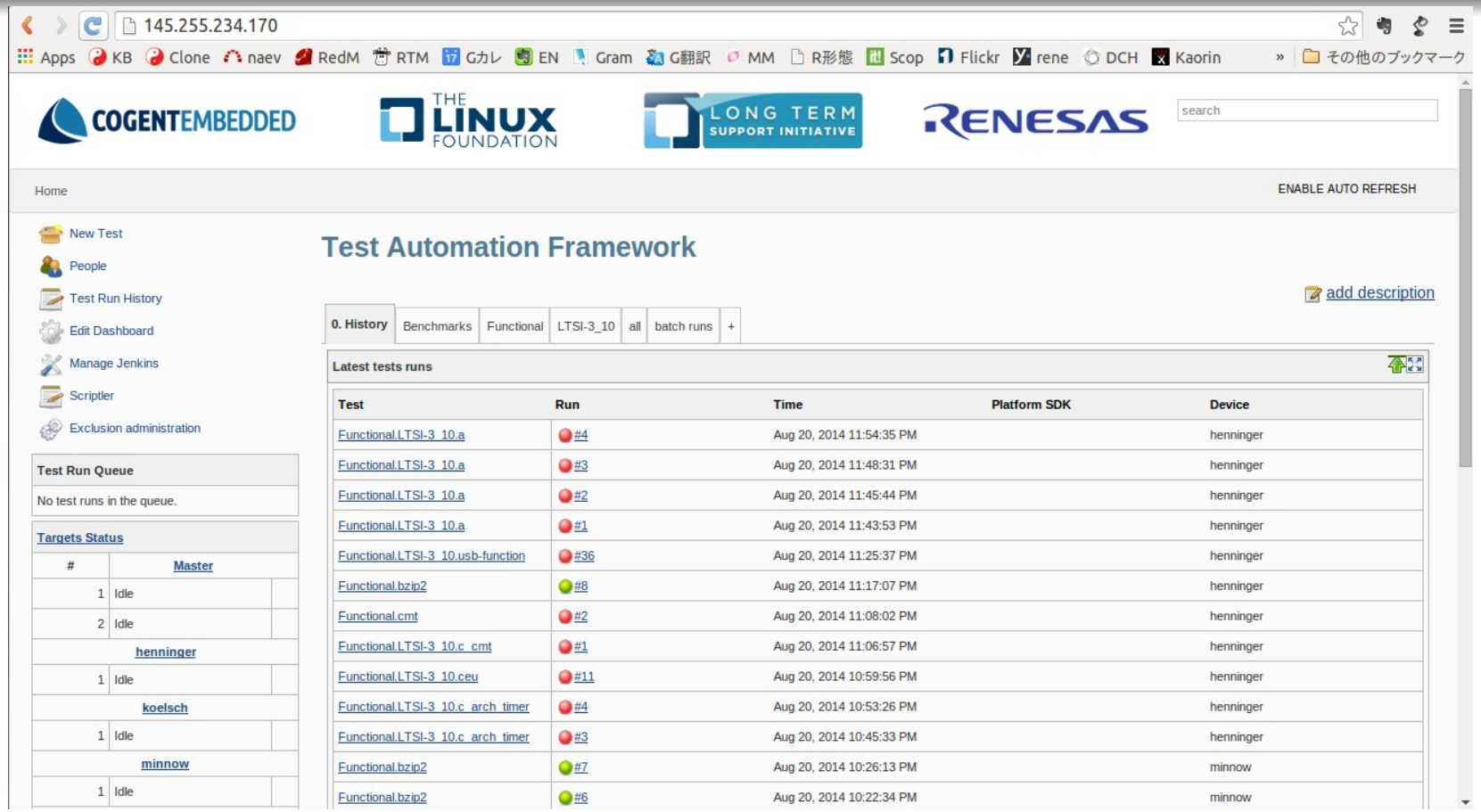
LTSI kernel testing (new/interesting bugs)

- File system robustness/power-cycle tolerance test
  - ext3 (with misc combination of options, e.g. data=journal) behaves better than ext4, btrfs, etc. (with misc. options evaluated)
  - Example: ext4 failures occurred after power outages during fsstress test run
- Need to pay attention for file system robustness and tolerance

Next steps

- Public server 24h/7d up/running with LTSI kernels for selected hardware (Intel Minnow, Renesas Henninger)
- More I/O and platform-specific tests
- Polished docs, deployment/installation scripts

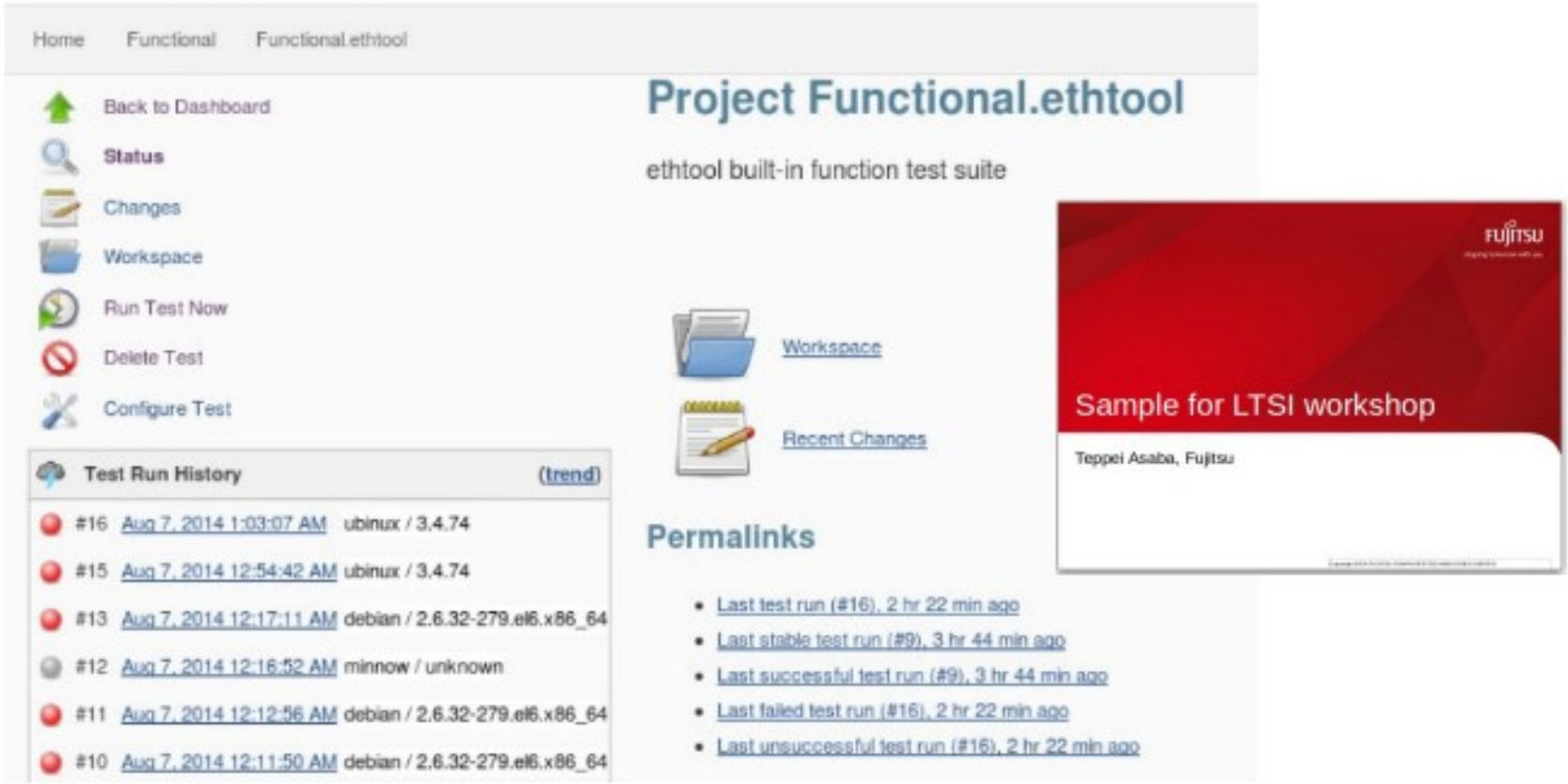
Public server 24h/7d up/running with LTSI kernels



Test	Run	Time	Platform SDK	Device
Functional.LTSI-3_10.a	#4	Aug 20, 2014 11:54:35 PM		henninger
Functional.LTSI-3_10.a	#3	Aug 20, 2014 11:48:31 PM		henninger
Functional.LTSI-3_10.a	#2	Aug 20, 2014 11:45:44 PM		henninger
Functional.LTSI-3_10.a	#1	Aug 20, 2014 11:43:53 PM		henninger
Functional.LTSI-3_10.usb-function	#36	Aug 20, 2014 11:25:37 PM		henninger
Functional.bzip2	#8	Aug 20, 2014 11:17:07 PM		henninger
Functional.cmt	#2	Aug 20, 2014 11:08:02 PM		henninger
Functional.LTSI-3_10.c_cmt	#1	Aug 20, 2014 11:06:57 PM		henninger
Functional.LTSI-3_10.ceu	#11	Aug 20, 2014 10:59:56 PM		henninger
Functional.LTSI-3_10.c_arch_timer	#4	Aug 20, 2014 10:53:26 PM		henninger
Functional.LTSI-3_10.c_arch_timer	#3	Aug 20, 2014 10:45:33 PM		henninger
Functional.bzip2	#7	Aug 20, 2014 10:26:13 PM		minnow
Functional.bzip2	#6	Aug 20, 2014 10:22:34 PM		minnow

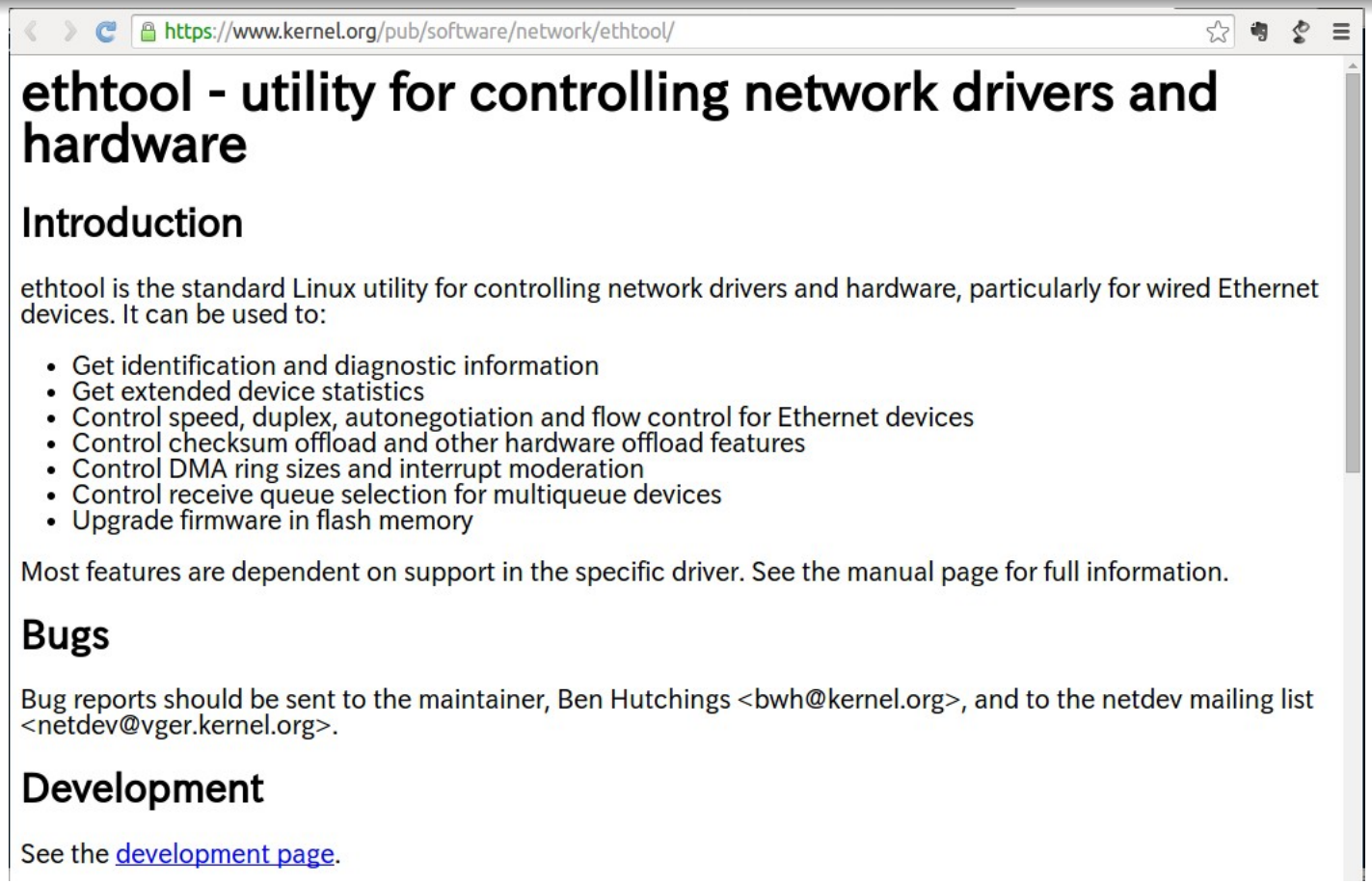
http://145.255.234.170/

Test case enhancement case-1 (Fujitsu : Ethertool)



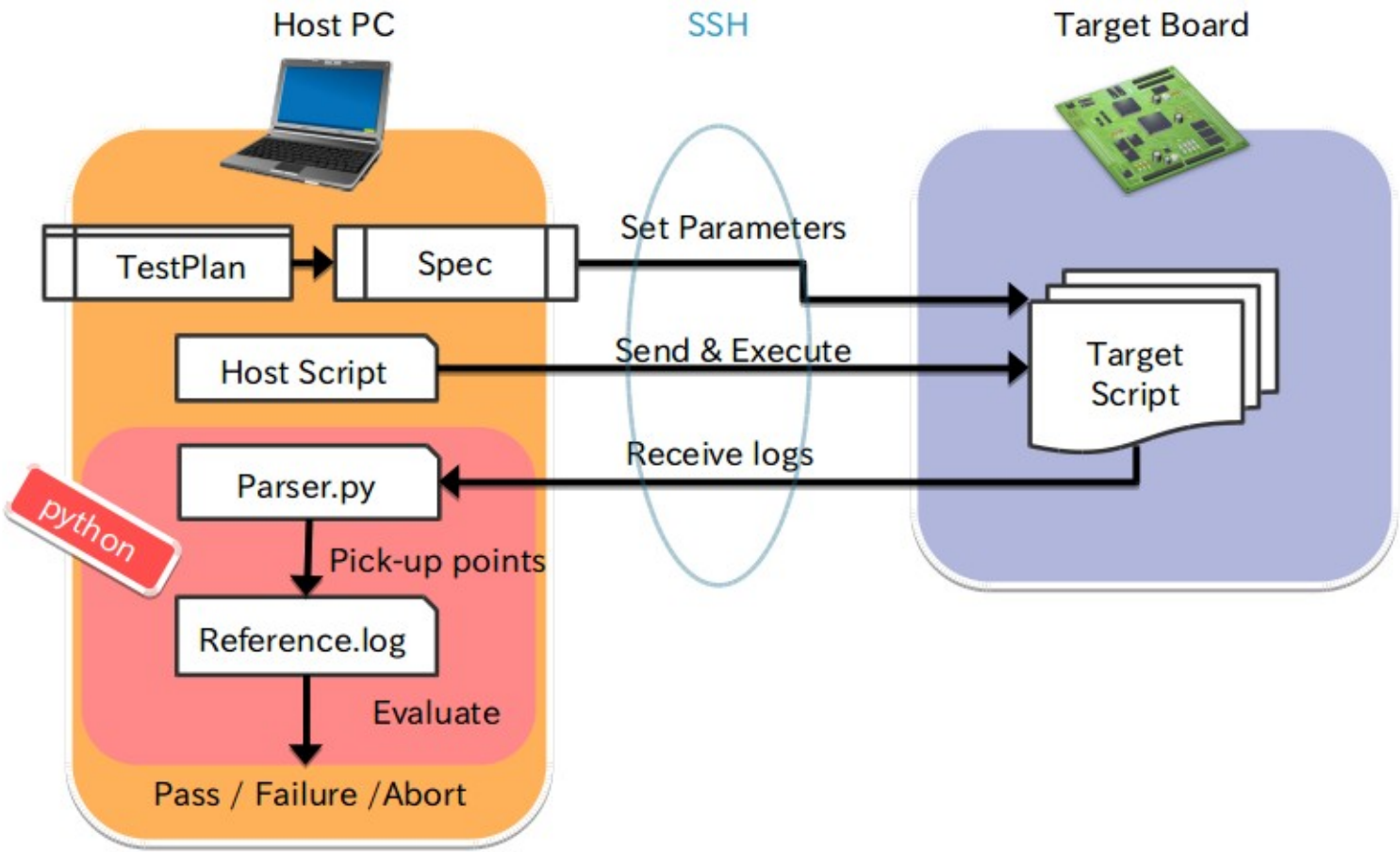
Fujitsu added Ethertool test in their environment

ethtool



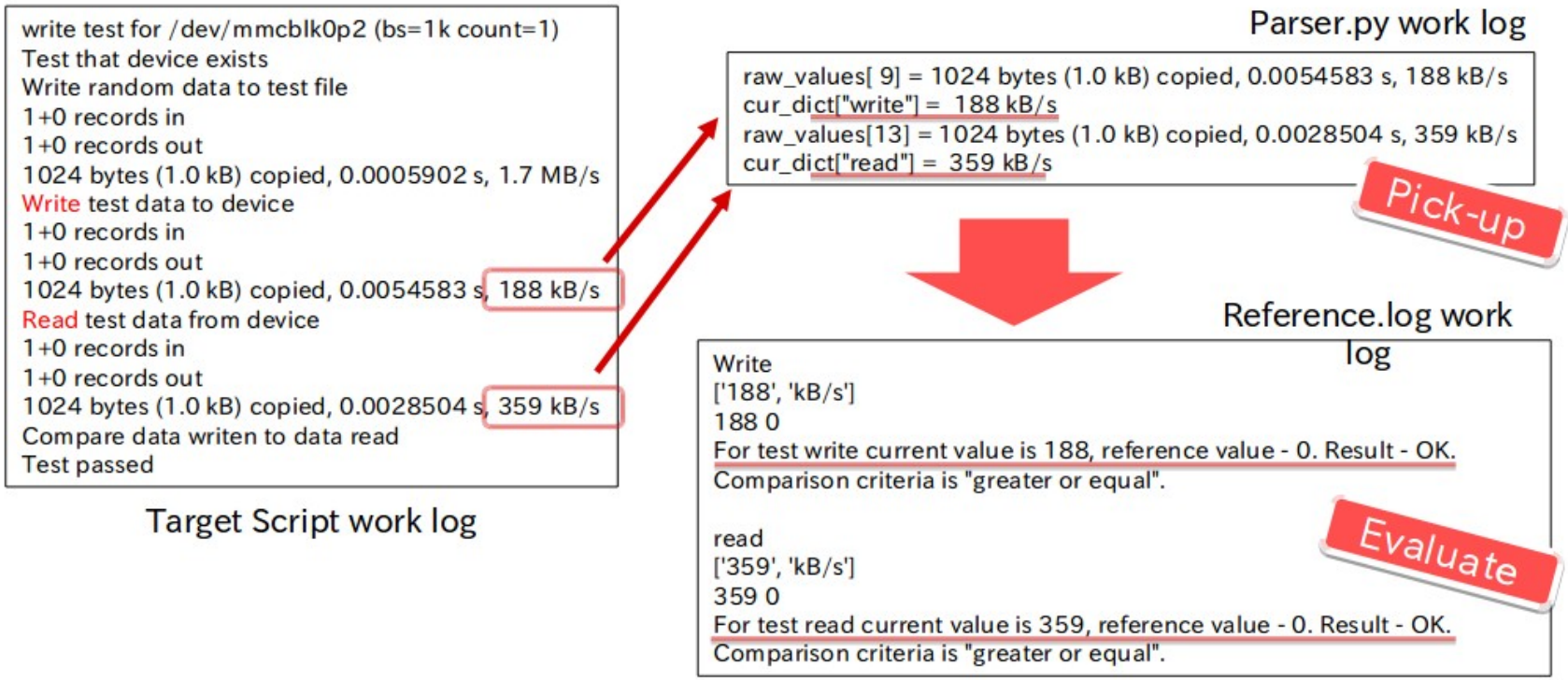
https://www.kernel.org/pub/software/network/ethtool/

Test case enhancement case-2 (Renesas: driver)



Renesas added device driver test in our environment

Test case enhancement case-2 (Renesas: driver)



capture -> transfer -> evaluate -> report

Test result aggregation

- Multiple instances of test frameworks
  (+targets, tests, configurations, parameters, bootcode/kernel/userspace combinations)

- How to aggregate/process
  (e.g. compare results, identify anomalies, remove duplicates)?

  - Step 1. Local anomalies/bugs can be handled/stored in centralized bugzilla-like system
  - Step 2. Test results can be processed /converted into a database, with proper indexing/ parameterization (e.g. company/node reporting results, kernel version/patch level, tag/branch of test repository, etc)

Sharing the validation result (option 1)

- So far we have identified similar project/solution ``openbenchmarking.org'' that may be reused (still not 100% sure)
- Which came from Phoronix project (nice set of benchmarks)
- We will study if openbenchmarking.org infrastructure could be reused
- And,contact maintainer

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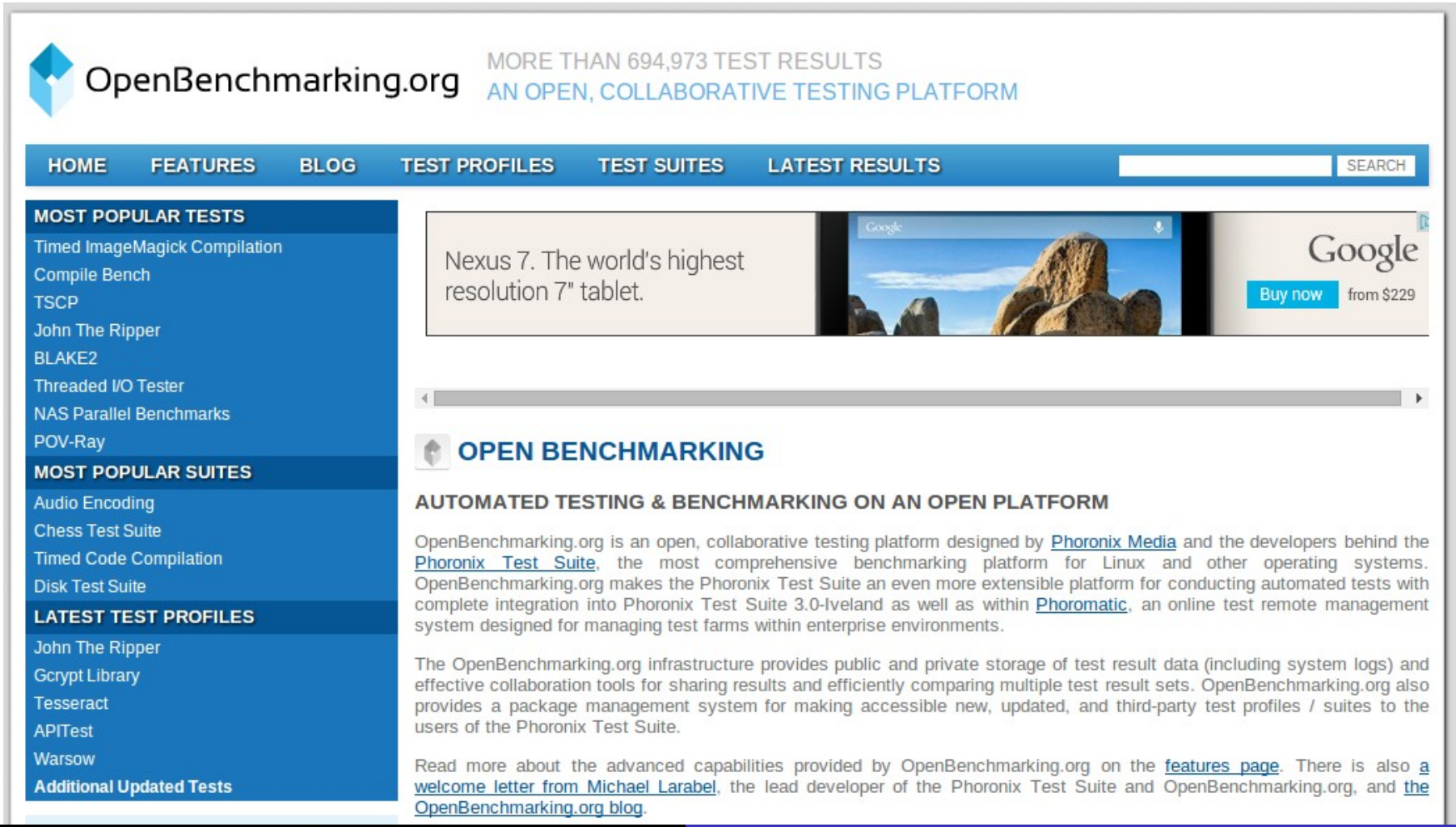
http://openbenchmarking.org/



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Software Features

Overview

Sharing the validation result (option 2)

- Alternatively - we could just start with a database, that is filled in (in automated way) based on reports (xml reports) coming from each test environment setup/system.
- As for front-end/easy search/visualization - could be simple html front-end, tied with database search (there are open source frameworks available for that)
- If everyone has its own test version, test name, configuration, etc. (kernel version, patch/level, board/soc/ipblock revision, etc.), we would need to create formal identifiers/parameters for integration database (e.g. for search, index, etc.)

(Discussion) Sharing the test case and result

Resources

Resources = ltsi.linuxfoundation.org

- LTSI process document (new) = http://ltsi.linuxfoundation.org/participate-in-ltsi/ltsi-development-guide
- ML
  - ML subscription = https://lists.linuxfoundation.org/mailman/listinfo/ltsi-dev
  - ML archives = http://lists.linuxfoundation.org/pipermail/ltsi-dev/
  - ML patchwork = https://patchwork.kernel.org/project/ltsi-dev/list/
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