The Practice of CI/CD in Advancing the Ecosystem Development of photon Source Software

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What is CI/CD

CI/CD(Continuous Integration, Continuous Delivery/Deployment),which is a method of frequently delivering applications to customers by introducing automation during the development phase.Specifically, CI/CD enables continuous automation and monitoring throughout the entire lifecycle of an application, from integration and testing phases to delivery and deployment. These associated transactions are commonly referred to as "CI/CD pipelines".

Why is CI/CD

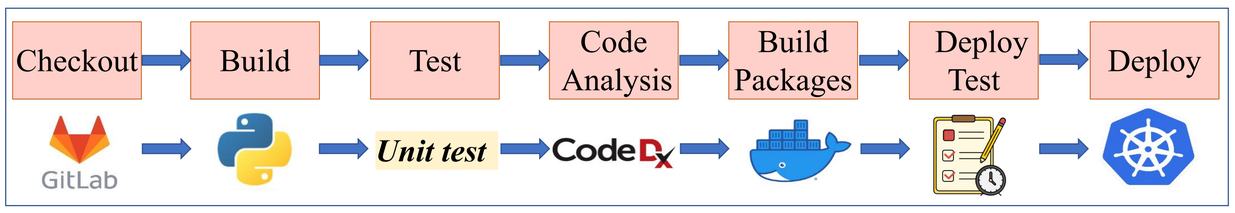
Problems in the software development process:

1. Deployment and integration issues in the development environment;New developers need to spend a long time familiarizing themselves with the environment and resolving issues such as version conflicts; A series of operations unrelated to algorithms cannot be completed in a short period of time.
2. BUGs lead to project rework and delays; Some of BUGS may not occur in the early stages of the project and often arise during release.
3. Lack of communication and coordination, long development cycle, often requiring long-term repeated communication between line station users and algorithm/software developers to understand each other's intentions, resulting in low efficiency.

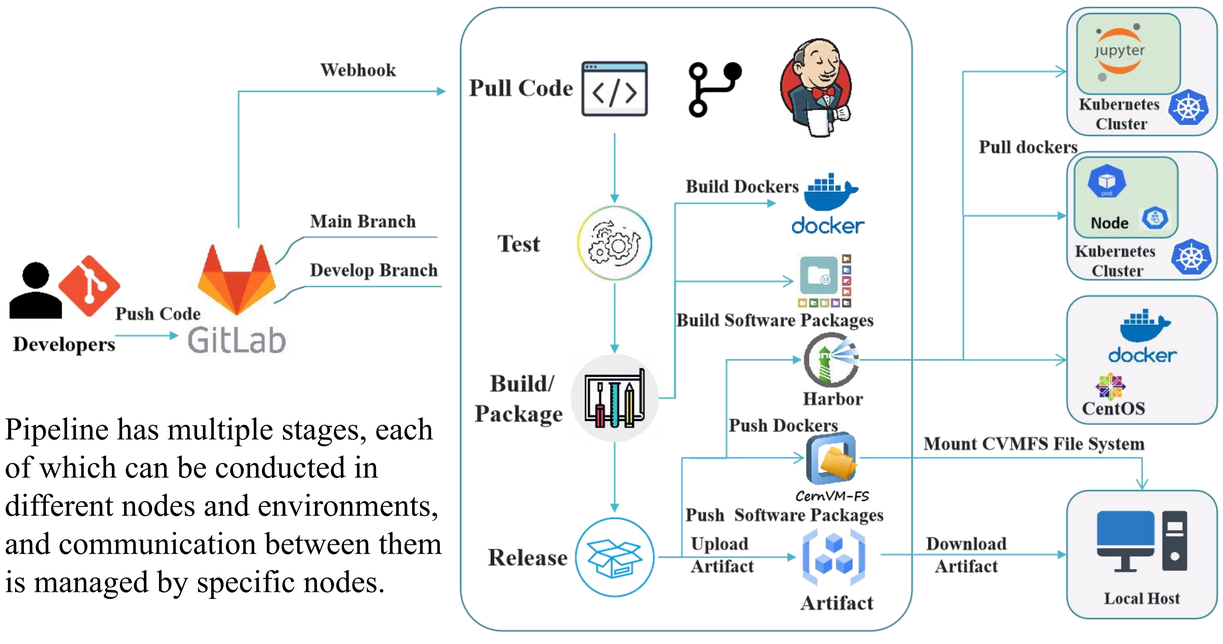
How to solve these problems:

1. Containerization of development, testing, and deployment environments, with process automation. The development environment can use packaged containers or the CVMFS file system. Algorithm/software developers only need to submit code to the code repository, and the subsequent process is completed by the CI/CD system.
2. Timely code review and functional testing. Store the source code in a public repository; Whenever a new feature is merged into the main repository, a series of tests are required and the test results are reported to promptly identify and correct any bugs.
3. Simplify communication, frequently update, deliver, and maintain products.By viewing the Pipeline results between developers, they can understand the process and analyze problems, enhancing transparency and accountability. Line station users can see the product prototype as early as possible, communicate effectively, and continuously iterate and develop.

How to work



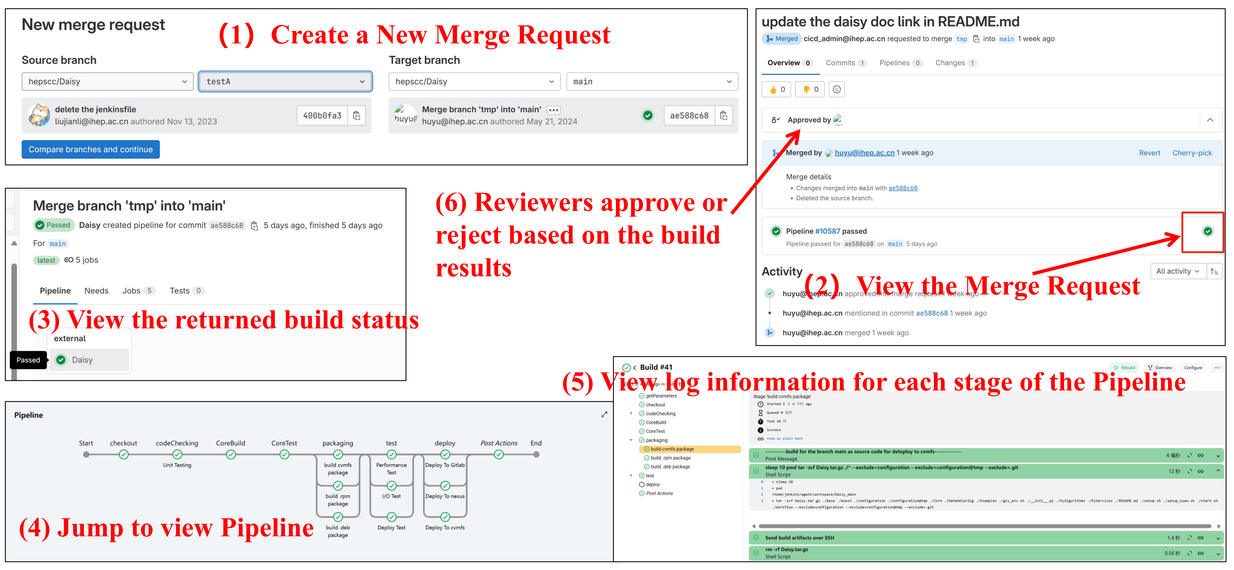
Developers only need to submit code to Gitlab, which will automatically trigger a build. Code reviewers will evaluate the build and test results, and merge the branches if they meet the criteria.



Pipeline has multiple stages, each of which can be conducted in different nodes and environments, and communication between them is managed by specific nodes.

Practices

Algorithm integration



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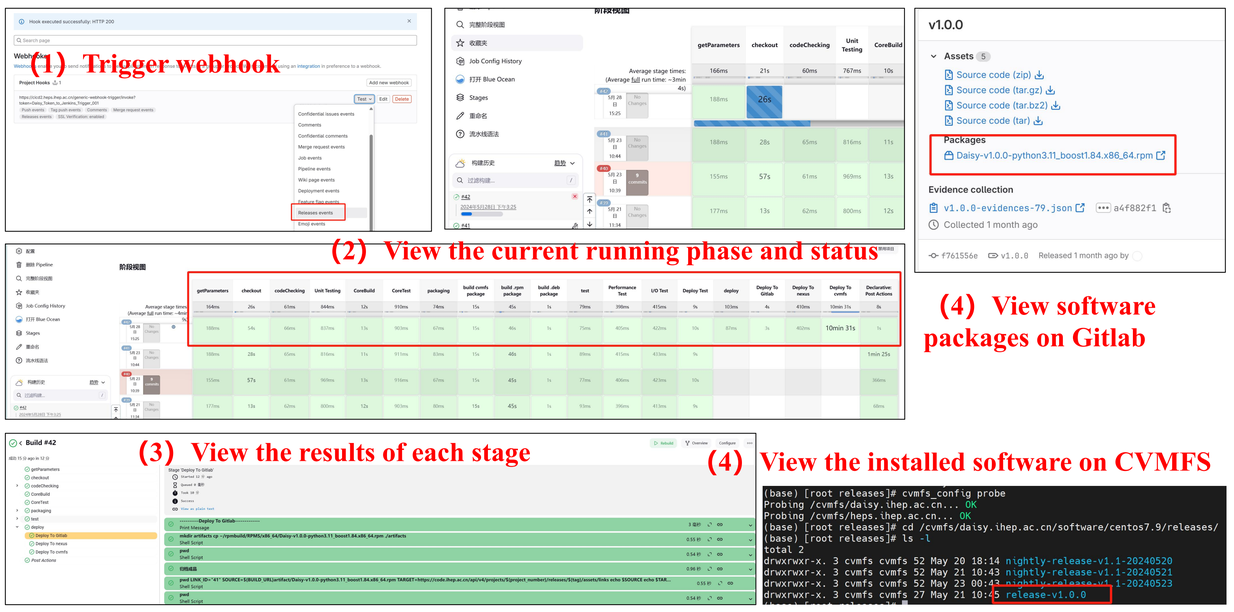
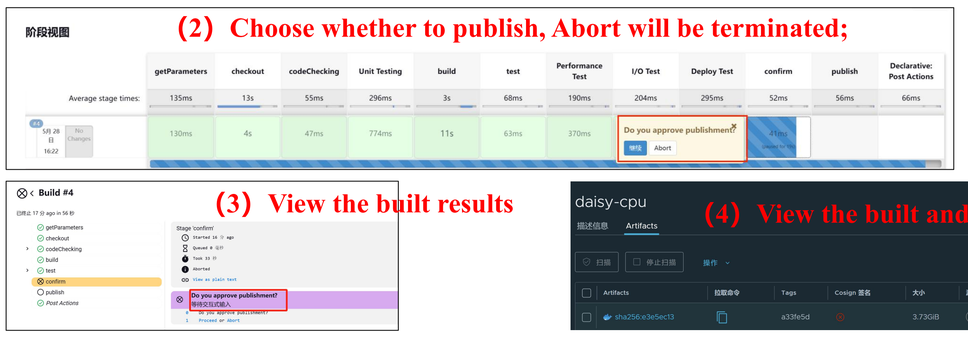


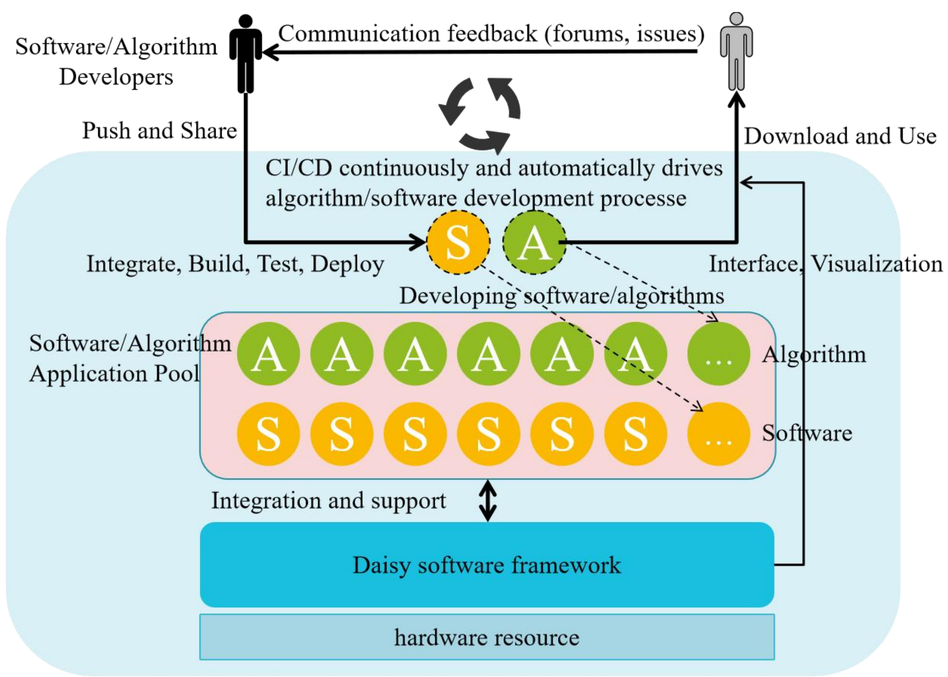
Nightly Build

Daily polling from 0:00 to 1:00(Automatically select the idle time of the server during this period), triggering the build if there are code updates;

Build and push docker images



Building a software development ecosystem



DAISY(Data analysis integrated software system) is a software framework designed and developed for advanced light source online data processing. The goal is to design and implement a universal and scalable basic software architecture that integrates multiple methodological algorithms and tools, shields the complexity of computing architecture and the diversity of computing resources, provides a unified and simple calling interface for upper level application software and users, and develops common components such as data visualization and analysis desktop on this basis, in order to form a rich and prosperous software ecosystem.