Maintaining 8000, erm, 9000 Packages

Large Scale Package QA in the PostgreSQL Ecosystem

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PostgreSQL in Debian

Simple plan:

- There is Debian
- There is PostgreSQL
- Package it
- Done!

PostgreSQL in Debian

Reality is more complex

- There is Debian sid, jessie, wheezy, squeeze
- There is PostgreSQL 9.4, 9.3, 9.2, 9.1, 9.0
- PostgreSQL major releases have incompatible on-disk format
- Upgrading needs both versions installed in parallel
  (or lots of disk space and a complicated plan)

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postgresql-common

- Solution: make packages for 9.4 9.3 . . . co-installable
- postgresql-common takes care of creating database clusters in the correct locations
- Still, Debian jessie has 9.4 only (wheezy has 9.1, squeeze had 8.4)
  - Users want to try new PostgreSQL version
  - Users want to upgrade OS without upgrading PostgreSQL

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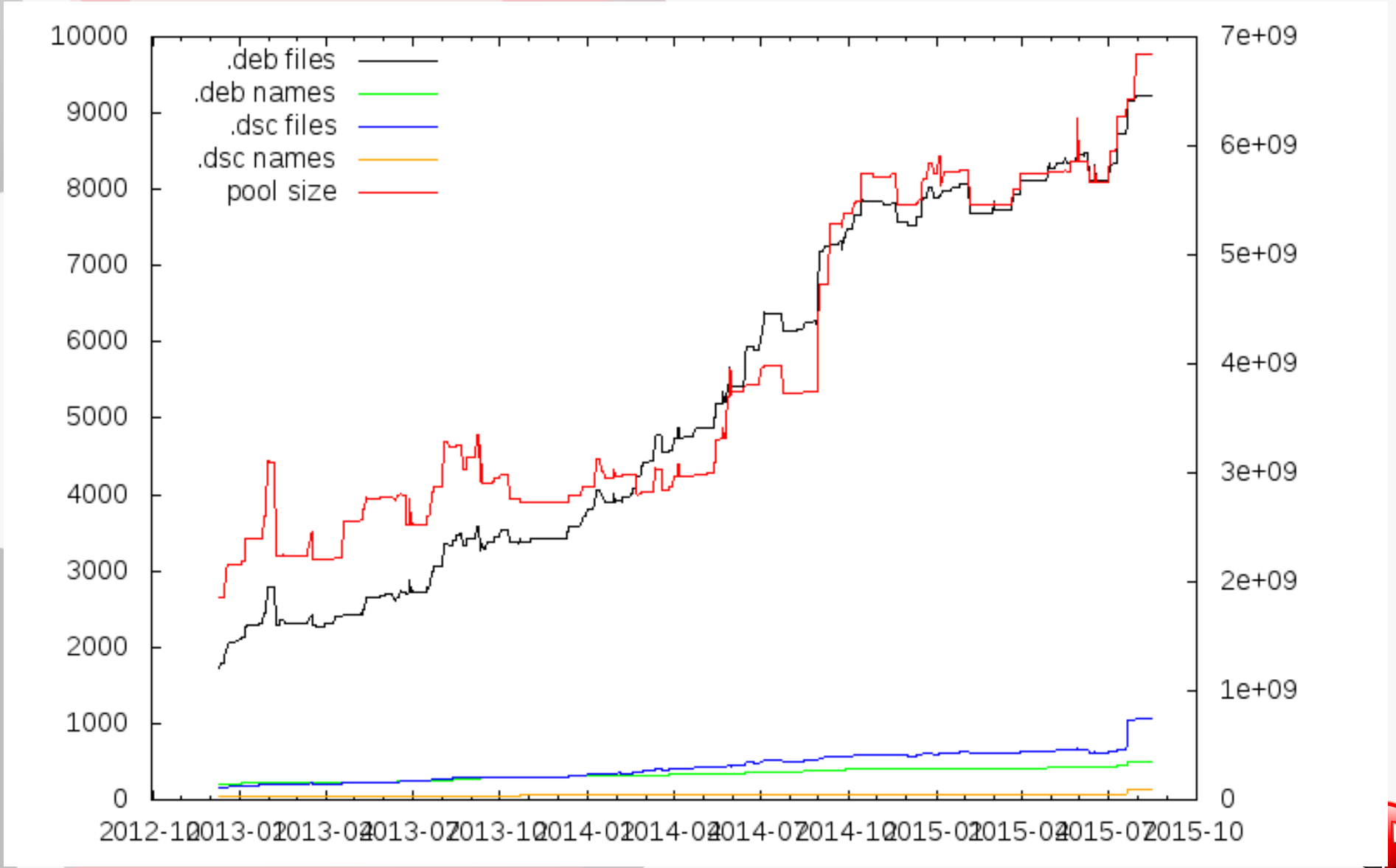
apt.postgresql.org

- Apt repository hosting packages for all PostgreSQL major releases built for all Debian (and Ubuntu) releases
- Somewhat a superset of what backports would do
- 6 PostgreSQL releases:
  8.4 9.0 9.1 9.2 9.3 9.4 (9.5 9.6)
- 7 Debian and Ubuntu releases
  squeeze wheezy jessie sid precise trusty utopic
- 2 architectures
  amd64 i386
- **6×7×2 = 84 targets**

- About 130 source packages
- Some are built “only” per distribution/architecture (14 targets)
- Extension modules depend on the PostgreSQL version as well (84 targets)

Statistics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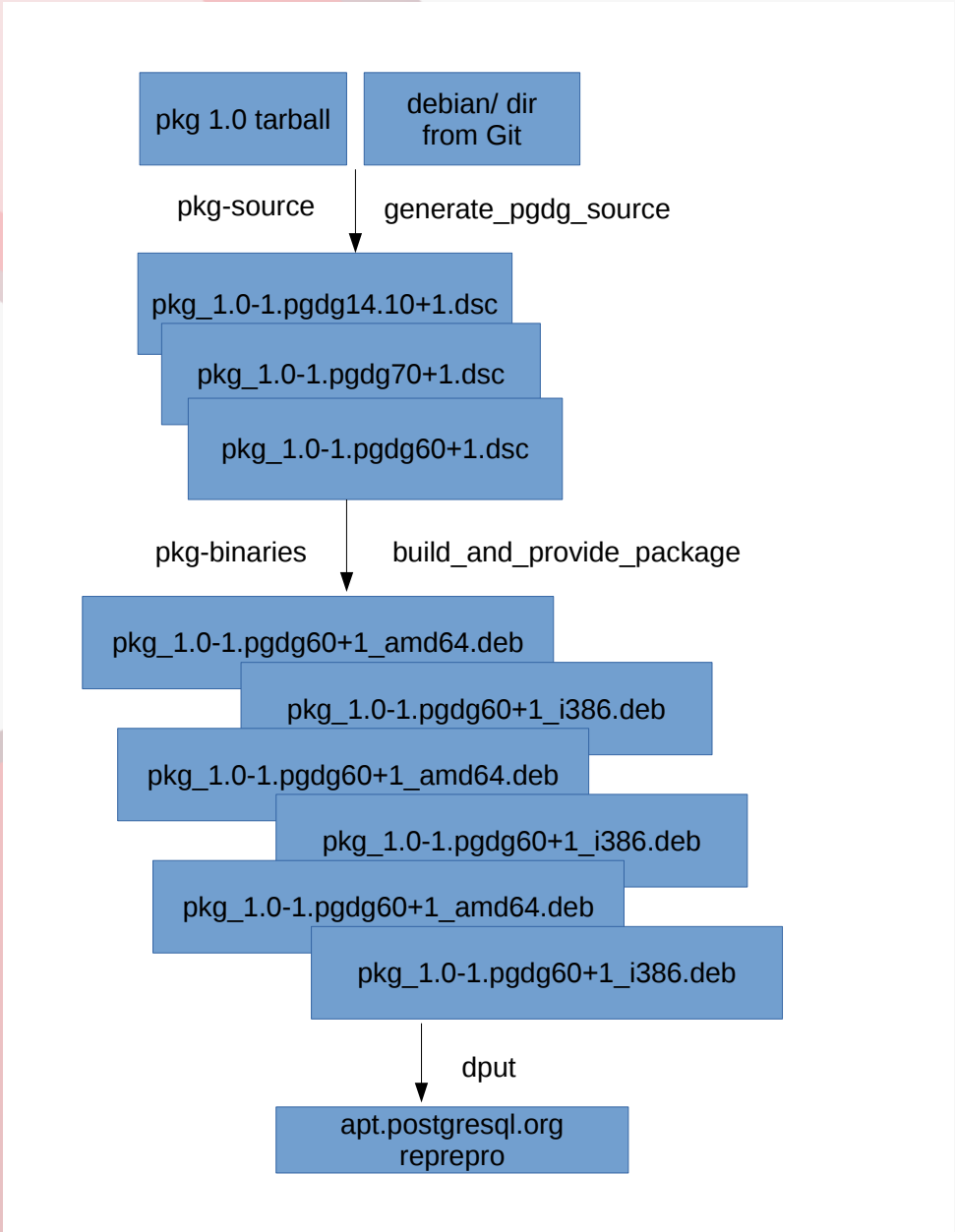
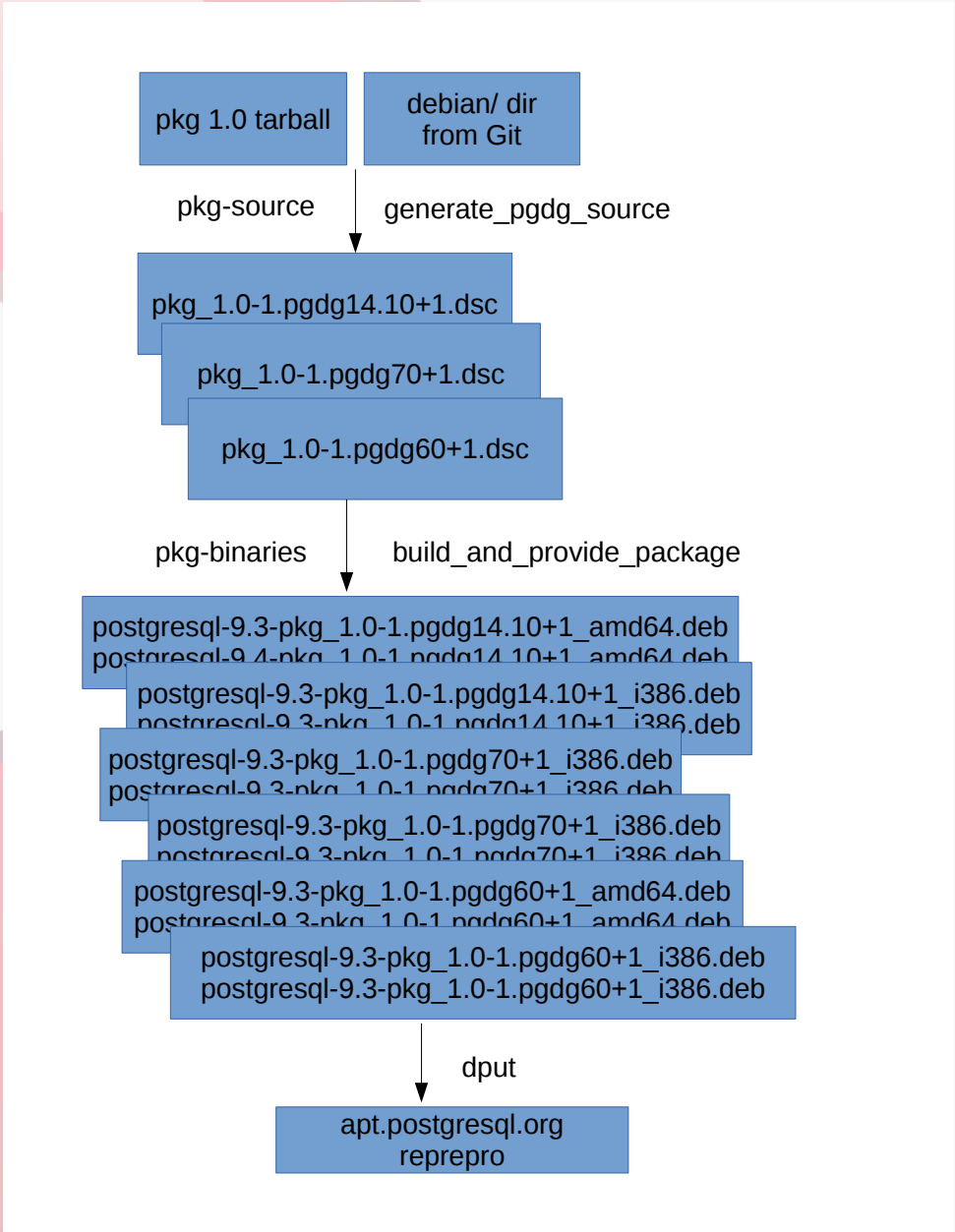
Packages and Tests

Simple packages



PostgreSQL extension packages



Quality Assurance

- No one is going to test 9000 packages
- We need testsuites
- PostgreSQL has regression tests
- Many extensions have regression tests
- *postgresql-common* has a testsuite on top of the PostgreSQL packages

Quality Assurance

- No one is going to test 9000 testsuites
- We need automation

Jenkins

- Continuous Integration Server
- Takes your code and compiles it all the time
- More generally a framework for running scripts
- Matrix jobs with “configurations” (distribution, architecture)
- “source” jobs take a tarball and a VCS with a debian/ directory to build source packages per distribution
- “binaries” jobs take source packages and build (many) binary packages
- Thanks to Mika Prokop and his jenkins-debian-glue!

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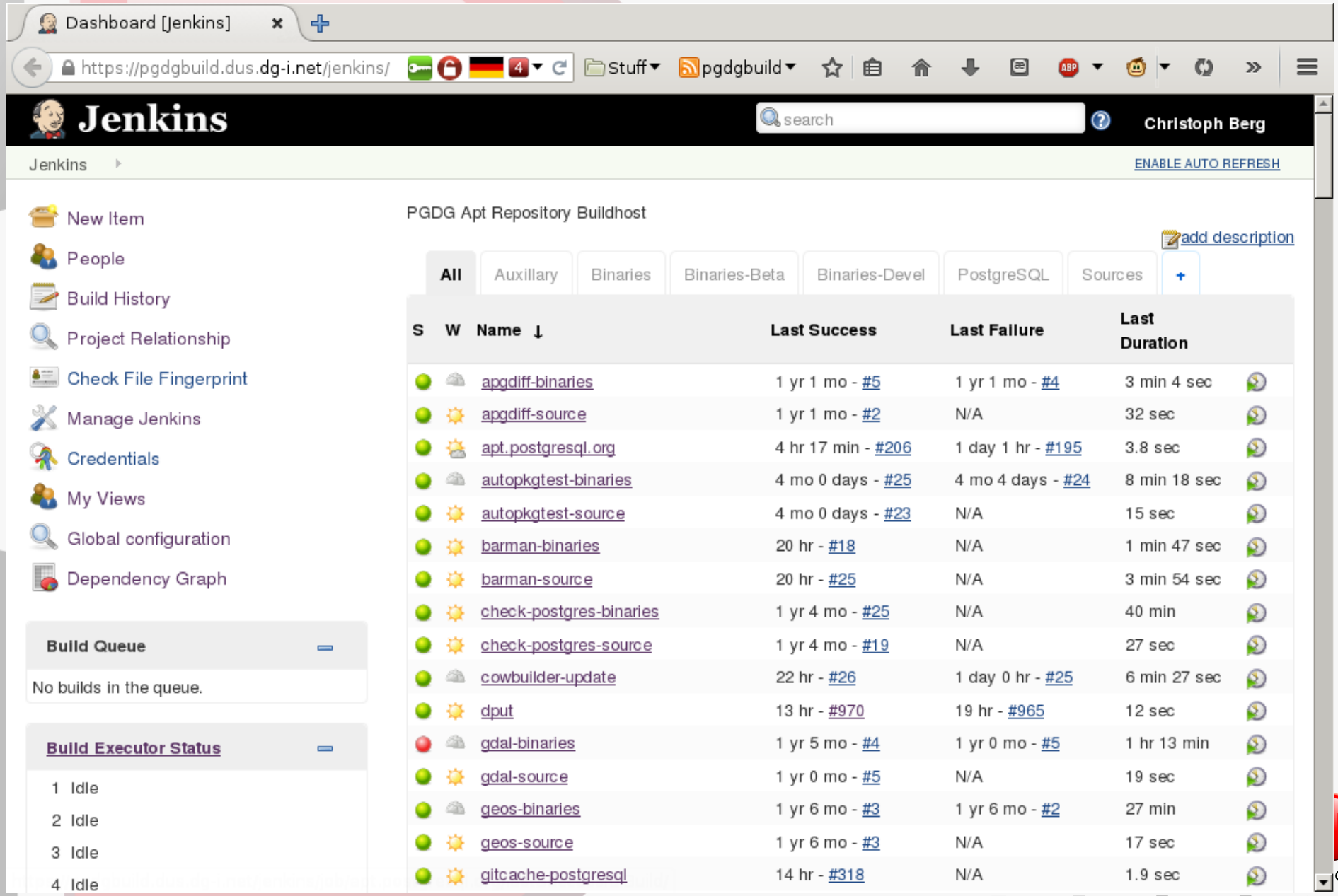
Jenkins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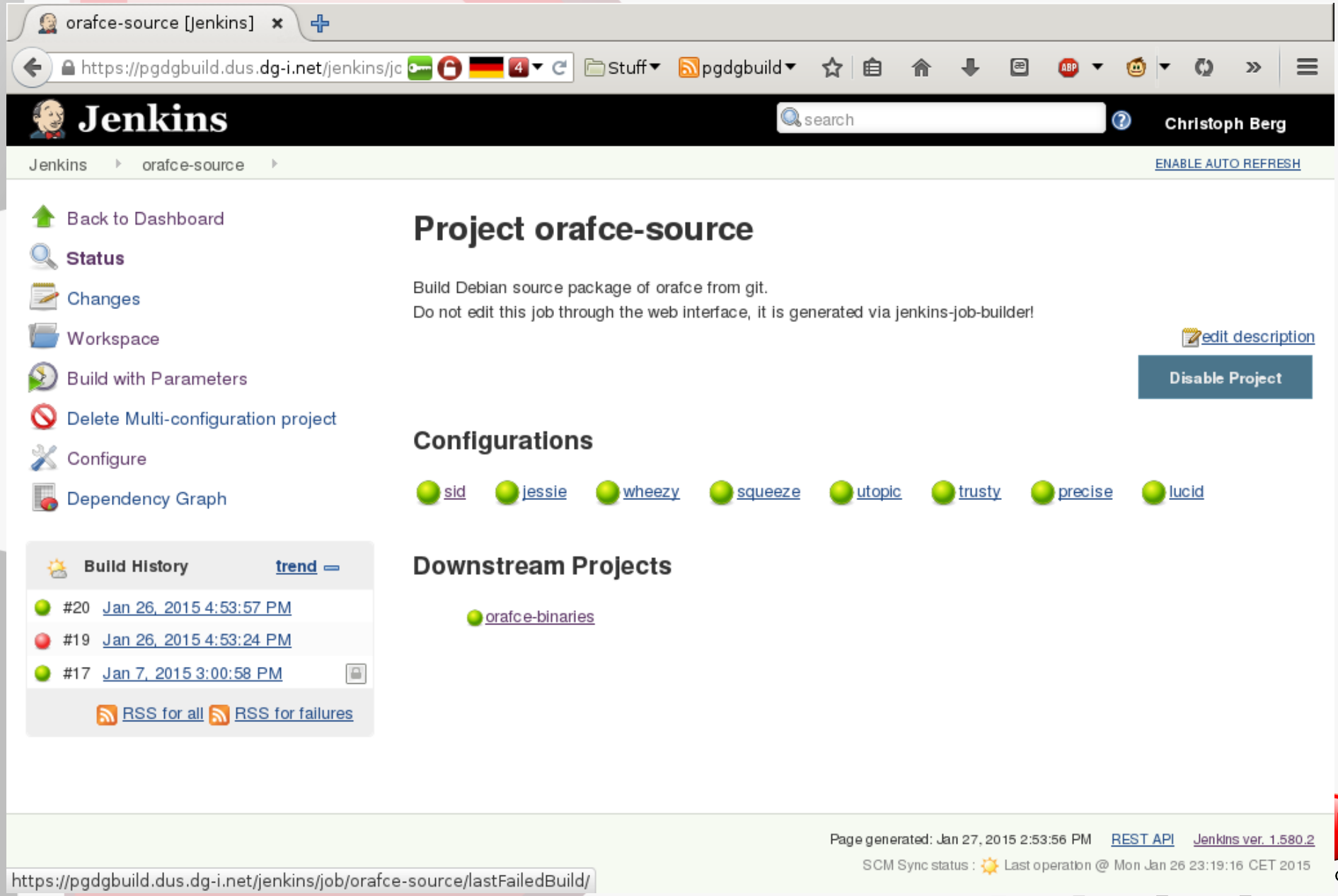
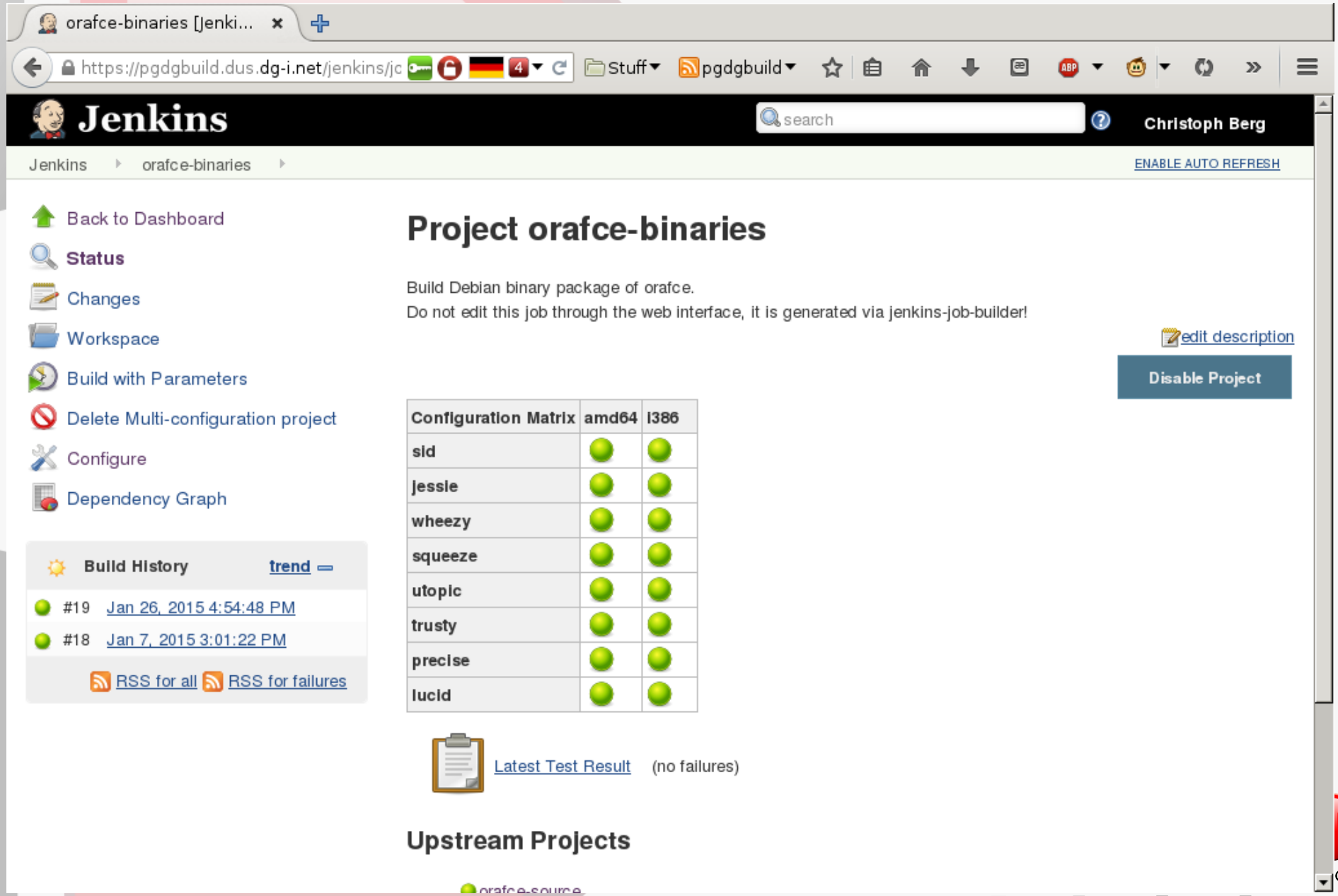
orafce Source



orafce Binaries



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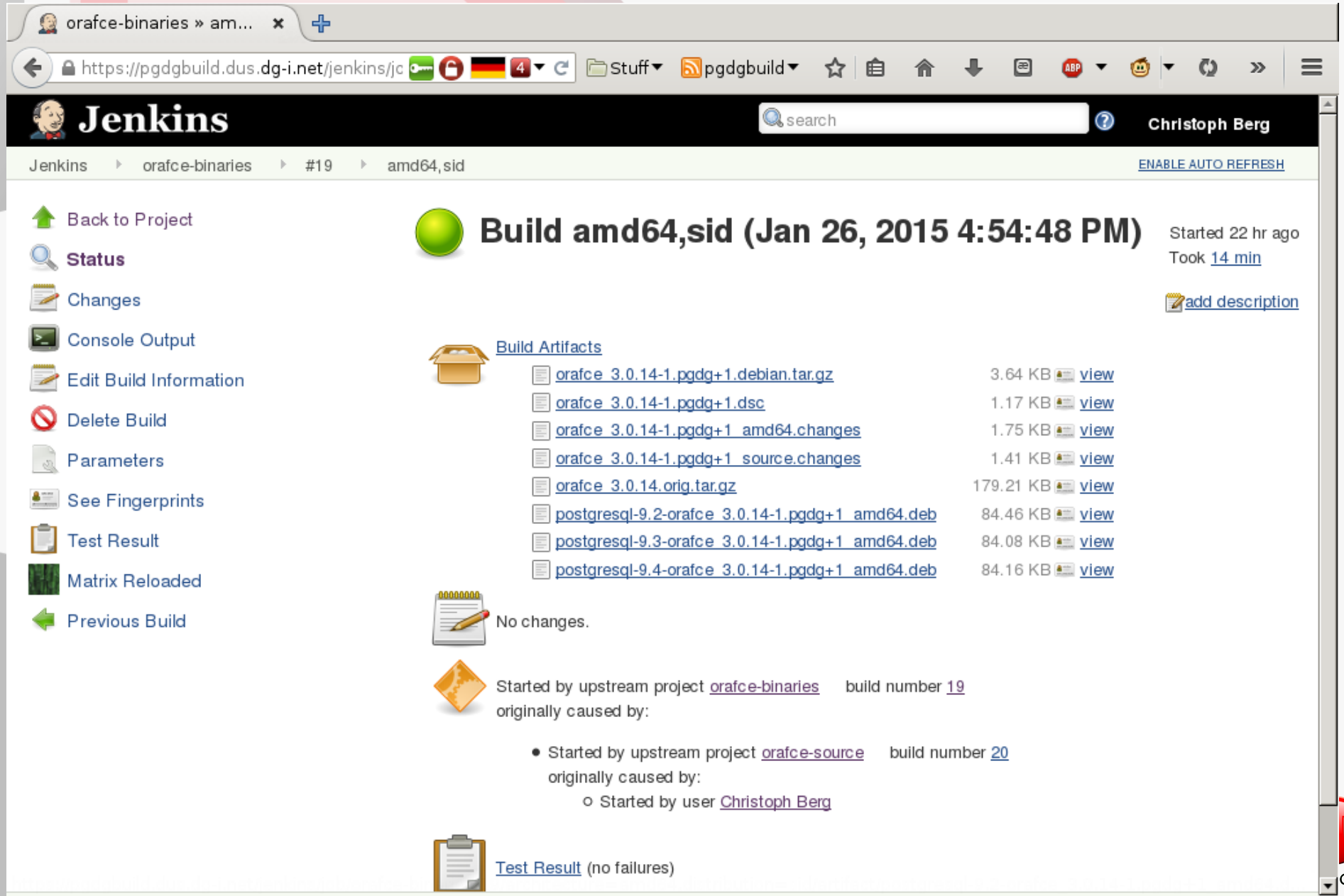
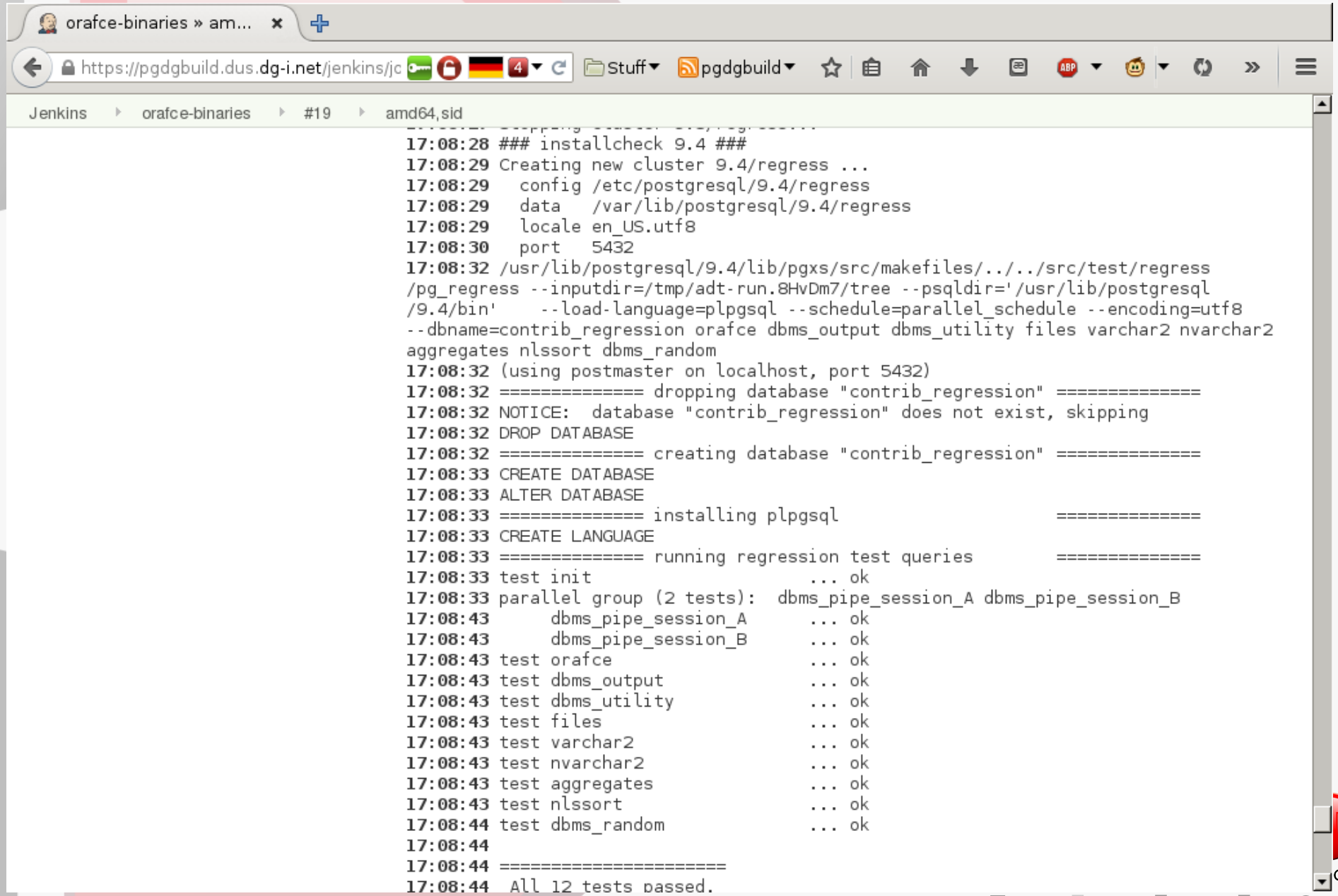


orafce Console Output



pg_buildext

- Helps with building packages for multiple PostgreSQL versions at once
- Loops over versions listed in debian/pgversions
- Supported versions defined by /usr/share/postgresql-common/supported-versions
- Examples in pg_buildext(1)

debian/rules

```
include /usr/share/postgresql-common/pgxs_debian_control.mk

override_dh_auto_build:
	+pg_buildext build build-%v

override_dh_auto_test:
	# nothing to do here, see debian/tests/* instead

override_dh_auto_install:
	+pg_buildext install build-%v postgresql-%v-foobar

override_dh_installdocs:
	dh_installdocs --all README.*

override_dh_auto_clean:
	+pg_buildext clean build-%v

%:
	dh $@
```

Build-time testing vs. testing installed packages

- Regression tests are nice, but don't catch packaging errors
- Run tests on installed packages as well
- **autopkgtest**
- postgresql-common: 1274 tests for postgresql-9.4
- 1954 for postgresql-9.3+9.4 incl. upgrade tests

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autopkgtest

- debian/tests/control

```
Tests: run-testsuite
Depends: @, build-essential, hunspell-en-us, locales, netcat-openbsd,
Restrictions: needs-root
```

- debian/tests/run-testsuite

```
#!/bin/sh
cd /usr/share/postgresql-common
./testsuite
```

```
====== Running all tests with tight umask 077 =======
=== Running test 001_packages.t ... ===
1..19
# PostgreSQL versions installed: 9.4
ok 1 - postgresql-9.4 installed
ok 2 - postgresql-plpython-9.4 installed
ok 3 - postgresql-plpython3-9.4 installed
ok 4 - postgresql-plperl-9.4 installed
ok 5 - postgresql-pltcl-9.4 installed
ok 6 - postgresql-server-dev-9.4 installed
ok 7 - postgresql-contrib-9.4 installed
ok 8 - libecpg-dev installed
ok 9 - logrotate installed
ok 10 - procps installed
ok 11 - netcat-openbsd installed
ok 12 - hunspell-en-us installed
ok 13 - system has a default UTF-8 locale
```

autopkgtest and pg_buildext

- Run “make installcheck” (via PGXS)
- Simple debian/tests/installcheck

```
#!/bin/sh
pg_buildext installcheck
```

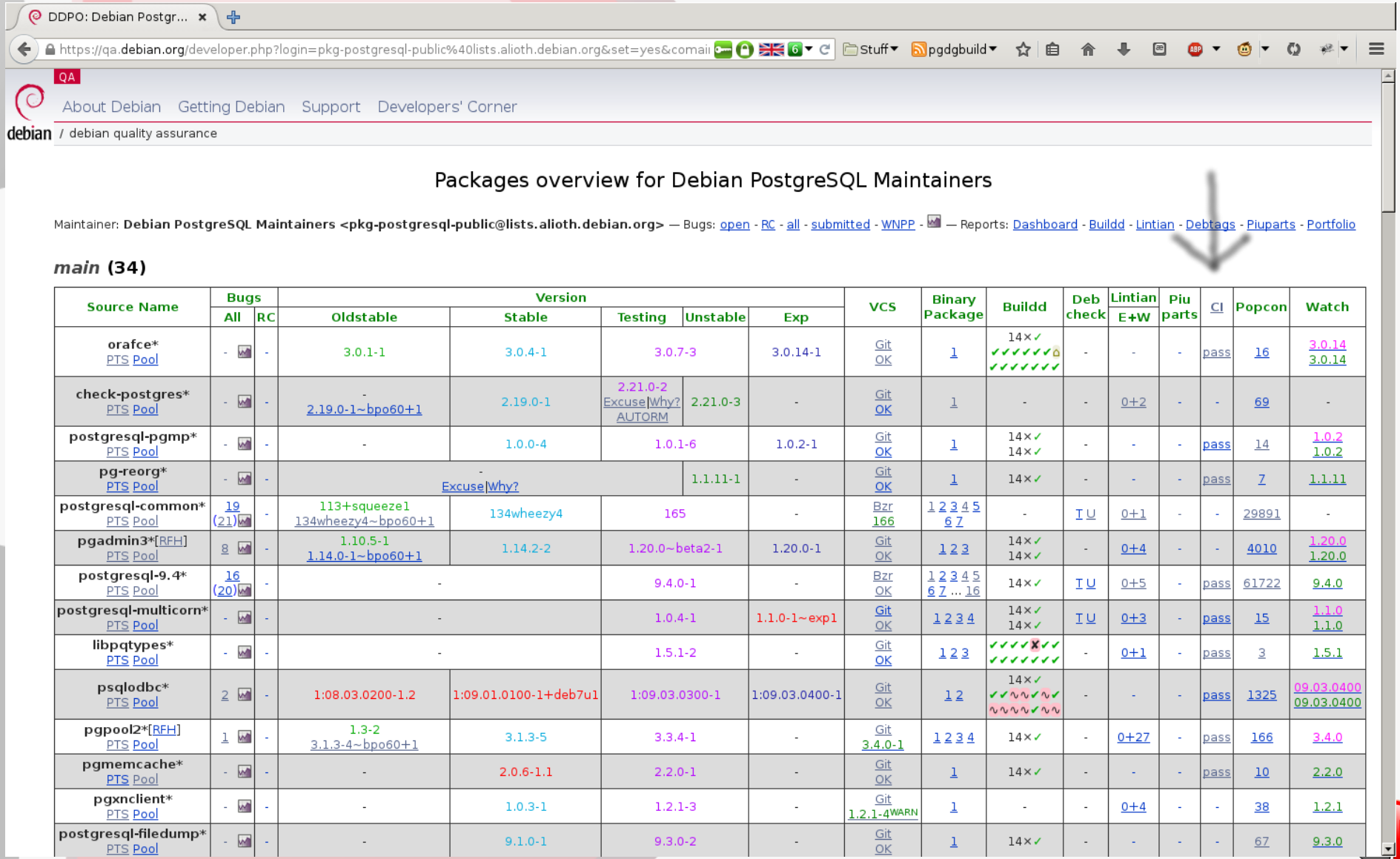
- Complex debian/tests/installcheck

```
#!/bin/sh

set -e
for v in $(pg_buildext supported-versions); do
  case $v in
    8*|9.0) # don't bother to test the extension here
      continue ;;
  esac

  (
    PATH=$PATH:/usr/lib/postgresql/$v/bin
    pg_buildext installcheck-$v
  )
done
```

ci.debian.net (qa.debian.org/developer.php)



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https://qa.debian.org/developer.php?login=pkg-postgresql-public%40lists.alioth.debian.org&set=yes&comai

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Packages overview for Debian PostgreSQL Maintainers

Maintainer: **Debian PostgreSQL Maintainers <pkg-postgresql-public@lists.alioth.debian.org>** — Bugs: open - RC - all - submitted - WNPP - — Reports: Dashboard - Buildd - Lintian - Debtags - Piuparts - Portfolio

***main* (34)**

Source Name	Bugs All	Bugs RC	Version Oldstable	Stable	Testing	Unstable	Exp	VCS	Binary Package	Buildd	Deb check	Lintian E+W	Piu parts	CI	Popcon	Watch
orafce* PTS Pool	-	-	3.0.1-1	3.0.4-1	3.0.7-3		3.0.14-1	Git OK	1	14×✓ ✓✓✓✓✓✓⌂ ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓	-	-	-	pass	16	3.0.14 3.0.14
check-postgres* PTS Pool	-	-	- 2.19.0-1~bpo60+1	2.19.0-1	2.21.0-2 Excuse|Why? AUTORM	2.21.0-3	-	Git OK	1	-	-	0+2	-	-	69	-
postgresql-pgmp* PTS Pool	-	-	-	1.0.0-4	1.0.1-6		1.0.2-1	Git OK	1	14×✓ 14×✓	-	-	-	pass	14	1.0.2 1.0.2
pg-reorg* PTS Pool	-	-	- Excuse|Why?			1.1.11-1	-	Git OK	1	14×✓	-	-	-	pass	7	1.1.11
postgresql-common* PTS Pool	19 (21)	-	113+squeeze1 134wheezy4~bpo60+1	134wheezy4	165		-	Bzr 166	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	-	T U	0+1	-	-	29891	-
pgadmin3*[RFH] PTS Pool	8	-	1.10.5-1 1.14.0-1~bpo60+1	1.14.2-2	1.20.0~beta2-1		1.20.0-1	Git OK	1 2 3	14×✓ 14×✓	-	0+4	-	-	4010	1.20.0 1.20.0
postgresql-9.4* PTS Pool	16 (20)	-	-		9.4.0-1		-	Bzr OK	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 … 16	14×✓	T U	0+5	-	pass	61722	9.4.0
postgresql-multicorn* PTS Pool	-	-	-		1.0.4-1		1.1.0-1~exp1	Git OK	1 2 3 4	14×✓ 14×✓	T U	0+3	-	pass	15	1.1.0 1.1.0
libpqtypes* PTS Pool	-	-	-		1.5.1-2		-	Git OK	1 2 3	✓✓✓✓✘✓✓ ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓	-	0+1	-	pass	3	1.5.1
psqlodbc* PTS Pool	2	-	1:08.03.0200-1.2	1:09.01.0100-1+deb7u1	1:09.03.0300-1		1:09.03.0400-1	Git OK	1 2	14×✓ ✓✓∿∿✓∿✓ ∿∿∿∿✓∿∿	-	-	-	pass	1325	09.03.0400 09.03.0400
pgpool2*[RFH] PTS Pool	1	-	1.3-2 3.1.3-4~bpo60+1	3.1.3-5	3.3.4-1		-	Git 3.4.0-1	1 2 3 4	14×✓	-	0+27	-	pass	166	3.4.0
pgmemcache* PTS Pool	-	-	-	2.0.6-1.1	2.2.0-1		-	Git OK	1	14×✓	-	-	-	pass	10	2.2.0
pgxnclient* PTS Pool	-	-	-	1.0.3-1	1.2.1-3		-	Git 1.2.1-4WARN	1	-	-	0+4	-	-	38	1.2.1
postgresql-filedump* PTS Pool	-	-	-	9.1.0-1	9.3.0-2		-	Git OK	1	14×✓	-	-	-	-	67	9.3.0

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Bugs

Bugs found: peer authentication

Found by postgresql-common:

```
commit b777be0d48a042f500cac72140ffb50392973aa2
Author: Tom Lane <tgl@sss.pgh.pa.us>
Date:   Fri Mar 28 10:30:37 2014 -0400

    Un-break peer authentication.

    Commit 613c6d26bd42dd8c2dd0664315be9551475b8864 sloppily replaced a
    lookup of the UID obtained from getpeereid() with a lookup of the
    server's own user name, thus totally destroying peer authentication.
    Revert.  Per report from Christoph Berg.

    In passing, make sure get_user_name() zeroes *errstr on success on
    Windows as well as non-Windows.  I don't think any callers actually
    depend on this ATM, but we should be consistent across platforms.
```

Bugs found: stack size detection

Found by the PostgreSQL regression tests:

```
*** src/test/regress/expected/errors.out 2014-05-11 23:16:48
--- src/test/regress/results/errors.out  2014-05-13 22:16:05
***************
*** 444,447 ****
  'select infinite_recurse()' language sql;
  \set VERBOSITY terse
  select infinite_recurse();
! ERROR:  stack depth limit exceeded
--- 444,447 ----
  'select infinite_recurse()' language sql;
  \set VERBOSITY terse
  select infinite_recurse();
! connection to server was lost
```

General Linux ASLR issue on 32bit archs, mitigated by disabling -pie

Bugs found: non-reproducible EXPLAIN output

Found by the multicorn regression tests on 9.4:
During the 9.4 development, EXPLAIN grew an extra "Planning time" output line that made it impossible to use this in regression tests:

```
explain select * from testmulticorn m1 inner join testmulticorn m2 on m1.te
                                    QUERY PLAN
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
 Nested Loop  (cost=20.00..806.05 rows=2 width=128)
   Join Filter: ((m1.test1)::text = (m2.test1)::text)
   ->  Foreign Scan on testmulticorn m1  (cost=10.00..400.00 rows=20 width=
   ->  Materialize  (cost=10.00..400.10 rows=20 width=20)
         ->  Foreign Scan on testmulticorn m2  (cost=10.00..400.00 rows=20
(5 rows)
```

Resolved by showing the Planning time for EXPLAIN ANALYZE only

Bugs found: timezone mess

First spotted on Solaris, but it was a Debian problem as well:
When using `--with-system-tzdata`:

```
1937c1937
<  Sat Oct 25 22:00:00 2014 UTC
---
>  Sat Oct 25 21:00:00 2014 UTC
1943c1943
<  Sat Oct 25 22:00:01 2014 UTC
---
>  Sat Oct 25 21:00:01 2014 UTC
```

(Blame the Russians)

Resolved by using testcases for similar TZ changes from 2012 instead

Bugs found: shm_mq problems

```
../../src/test/regress/pg_regress --inputdir=/«PKGBUILDDIR»/build/../contri
============== creating temporary installation        ==============
============== initializing database system           ==============
============== starting postmaster                    ==============
running on port 3133 with PID 29665
============== creating database "contrib_regression" ==============
CREATE DATABASE
ALTER DATABASE
============== running regression test queries        ==============
E: Caught signal ‘Terminated’: terminating immediately
make[4]: *** [check] Terminated
make[3]: *** [check-test_shm_mq-recurse] Terminated
test test_shm_mq                  ... /«PKGBUILDDIR»/build/../src/makefiles/pgx
[...]
GNUmakefile:69: recipe for target 'check-world-contrib-recurse' failed
Build killed with signal TERM after 300 minutes of inactivity
```

Issue on some mips(el) build hosts, a similar issue on Solaris was fixed last month, but it's probably something else

Bugs found: psqlodbc problems

Found by the psqlodbc regression tests on s390x:

```
 struct IPDFields_
 {
-#if (ODBCVER >= 0x0300)
-       SQLUINTEGER             *param_processed_ptr;
-#else
-       SQLULEN                 *param_processed_ptr; /* SQLParamOptions */
-#endif /* ODBCVER */
+       SQLULEN                 *param_processed_ptr;
        SQLUSMALLINT            *param_status_ptr;
```

Bugs found: extensions not ported to 9.x yet

Dozens of cases where extensions were not ported to ~~9.3~~ ~~9.4~~ 9.5 yet:

```
*** /tmp/adt-run.PNuMnw/tree/test/expected/mpq.out 2015-01-16 01:47:29
--- /tmp/adt-run.PNuMnw/tree/results/mpq.out 2015-01-17 21:45:27
***************
*** 486,491 ****
--- 486,492 ----
  insert into test_mpq_idx select generate_series(1, 10000);
  create index test_mpq_btree_idx on test_mpq_idx using btree (q);
  create index test_mpq_hash_idx on test_mpq_idx using hash (q);
+ WARNING:  hash indexes are not WAL-logged and their use is discouraged
  -- Hash is compatible with mpz
  select mpq_hash(0) = mpz_hash(0);
  t
```

Regression failures usually easy to work around, code changes more involved

Bugs NOT found: SSL problems in libpq

One of our servers is currently running on postgres 9.2 using the 9.2.9-1.pgdg70+1 packages from pgdg.
After an apt update this morning which brought in the libpq5 package version 9.4.0-1.pgdg70+1, connections to the tabase started failing with SSL errors logged on the server:

```
[unknown] [unknown] LOG:  could not accept SSL connection:
```

Rolling back the server and client to libpq5 version 9.3.5-2.pgdg70+1 fixed it.
This is running on an otherwise up-to-date Debian Wheezy. The SSL certificate is locally issued using an internal CA which has been added to the local trust store. SSL-related config options are left set to the defaults.

9.4's libpq only supports TLS, not SSL, for which 512bit keys are too small

Bugs NOT found: libpq and NSS lookups

In minimal chroots, 9.4's libpq is unusable:

```
Jan 10 00:11:40 lehmann postfix/trivial-rewrite[29960]:
  warning: connect to pgsql server localhost:5432:
    out of memory?
Jan 10 00:11:40 lehmann postfix/trivial-rewrite[29960]:
  warning: pgsql:/etc/postfix/pgsqltest lookup error for "*"
```

/etc/passwd lookup failures are non-fatal again in 9.4.1

TODO

Things not automated yet

- Some packages don't have tests (meh)
- Some packages have, well, complicated testsuites (someone needs to untangle them)
- Triggering builds of updated packages (wanna-build NIH)
- Nice webpages for packages in the repository (done, but hasn't made it to www.pg.o yet)
- `dh --with=pg_buildext`
- `dh_make_pgxs`
- More maintainers!