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Cuirass Reference Manual

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Introduction

Cuirass is a general-purpose build automation server that checks out source files from VCS (Version Control System) repositories, executes build jobs, and stores build results in a database. It provides a web interface to monitor the build results, as well as an HTTP API. Cuirass is also able to send build notifications using different mechanisms such as RSS and email.

Cuirass is inspired by the Hydra (https://nixos.org/hydra/) continuous build system. Unlike Hydra, it is built on top of the GNU Guix (https://www.gnu.org/software/guix/) functional package manager.

The goal of Cuirass is to prevent software regressions by building a set of package definitions, system images and running periodical tests for various architectures. Cuirass is also responsible for GNU Guix binary substitutes production (see Section “Substitutes” in Guix).

Cuirass is deployed on the GNU Guix build farm at https://ci.guix.gnu.org. It is also common for Guix users to run their own Cuirass instance to build different sources, using different priorities (see Section “Continuous Integration” in Guix).
1 Specifications

The main Cuirass argument is the specification file. It describes the repositories that must be used, the build jobs and their priorities between other things.

**specification**

<table>
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<th>Data Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>The specification name as a Scheme symbol.</td>
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</table>

**build** (default: all)

The packages to be built by Cuirass. It defaults to all, which means that all the discovered packages in the subsequent channels field are to be selected.

It is also possible to set this field to:

- **core** Build only the core packages such as gcc, guile and glibc.
- **guix** Build only the Guix modules that are involved in the guix pull command.
- **hello** Build only the hello package.
- **images** Build only the Guix System images.
- **system-tests** Build only the Guix System tests.
- **tarball** Build only the Guix binary tarball.
- **(custom . list)** Build only the jobs returned by the cuiross-jobs procedure of each module in list.
- **(channels . list)** Build only the packages that are part of the given channel list. For instance, (channels my-channel) will only build the packages that are part of my-channel channel.
- **(packages . list)** Build only the specified packages in list. For instance, (packages "strace" "perf") will only build the packages strace and perf.
- **(manifests . list)** Build only the packages that are part of the manifests list. For instance, (manifests "etc/manifest") will only build the packages that are part of the etc/manifest file. This file must be provided by exactly one of the channels defined below.

**channels** (default: (list %default-guix-channel))

The channels to be fetched by Cuirass (see Section “Channels” in Guix).

**build-outputs** (default: ())

The build artifacts that must be saved and proposed to download in the web interface as a list of build-outputs records.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Data Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>job</td>
<td>Save the build outputs of the build jobs which names match the job regexp.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>type</td>
<td>The build output type as a string. It is only used to describe the build output in the web interface.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
output (default: ("out"))

The job output if it has multiple outputs (see Section “Packages with Multiple Outputs” in Guix).

path

The build output path within the job, as a string.

For instance, let’s consider the binary-tarball.x86_64-linux job which produces the following output: /gnu/store/xxx-guix-binary.tar.xz. The build output definition below will save the root element ("") of the "out" output of the "binary-tarball.x86_64-linux" job—i.e., the "xxx-guix-binary.tar.xz" file.

(build-output
  (job "binary-tarball*")
  (type "archive")
  (output "out")
  (path ""))

notifications (default: ())

The list of build notifications that must be sent. For instance:

(list (email
  (from "build@cuirass.org")
  (to "notification@myself.org")
  (server "sendmail:///etc/my-mailer.sh")))

will send build notifications emails from build@cuirass.org to notifications@myself.org, using "sendmail:///etc/my-mailer.sh" mailer.

The different notification types are described in the Chapter 2 [Notifications], page 5, section.

period (default: 0)

When period is strictly superior to zero new evaluations will only be triggered if the latest evaluation occured more than period seconds ago. Otherwise, the specification will be evaluated for each new commit in the declared channels.

priority (default: 9)

The specification priority relatively to the other specifications, as an integer ranging from 0 to 9 where 0 is the higher priority and 9 the lowest.

systems (default: (list (%current-system)))

Build every job for each system in this list. By default only the current system is selected.
2 Notifications

Cuirass supports different build notifications types, that can be passed in the `notifications` field of the specification record, see Chapter 1 [Specifications], page 3.

Cuirass sends build notifications each time a build is broken or fixed.

2.1 Email

Email build notifications can be enabled using the following record.

```
email

from The email From field, as a string.
to The email To field, as a string.
server The mail server connection string. Cuirass uses the `mailutils` package. Hence the server can be specified as a remote SMTP mailbox (see Section “SMTP Mailboxes” in `Mailutils`) or as a program mailbox (see Section “Program Mailboxes” in `Mailutils`).
```

2.2 Mastodon

Mastodon build notifications can be enabled using the following record.

```
mastodon

The Mastodon credentials must be defined as Cuirass parameters, see Chapter 4 [Parameters], page 9.
```

2.3 RSS

Cuirass is proposing a build notification RSS feed at the following URL:

- `http://cuirass-url/events/rss[?specification=spec]` By default build notifications are sent for all specifications. If the `specification` argument is passed, they can be restricted to the `spec` specification.
3 Badges

Cuirass is able to generate SVG badges that can be integrated inside your favorite forge.

- `http://cuirass-url/jobset/spec/badge.svg?`  
  `type=0` Generates a badge for the `spec` specification. If no evaluation could be found for the `spec` specification, an `error` badge is generated.

  Multiple badge types are supported through the `type` parameter.

  0 The default type. The badge represents the percentage of successful jobs for the latest evaluation of the `spec` specification.

  1 The badge represents the specification name as well as the percentage of successful jobs for the latest evaluation of the `spec` specification.
4 Parameters

Cuirass is able to connect to different external services such as postgresql for the database, zabbix for machine monitoring and mastodon for build notifications. As those services often require using secret credentials, Cuirass can be passed a parameter file.

The parameters file can be passed using the parameters command line argument, see Chapter 6 [Invocation], page 13.

Here's an example parameter file:

```
(%cuirass-url "https://ci.guix.gnu.org")
(%zabbix-url "http://127.0.0.1:15412/api_jsonrpc.php")
(%mastodon-instance-name "My Instance")
(%mastodon-instance-url "https://instance.org")
(%mastodon-instance-token "secret-token")
```

```
parameters

%cuirass-database (default: "cuirass")
   The Cuirass PostgreSQL database name.

%cuirass-host (default: "/var/run/postgresql")
   The Cuirass PostgreSQL database host.

%cuirass-url (default: #f)
   The URL of the Cuirass web server. This is useful to send absolute links within notifications.

%zabbix-url (default: #f)
   The URL of the Zabbix monitoring server providing the workers status, if supported.

%zabbix-user (default: "Admin")
   The user for Zabbix API authentication.

%zabbix-password (default: "zabbix")
   The password for Zabbix API authentication.

%mastodon-instance-name (default: #f)
   The name of the Mastodon instance used to send build notifications.

%mastodon-instance-url (default: #f)
   The URL of the Mastodon instance.

%mastodon-instance-token (default: #f)
   The token used to authenticate on the Mastodon instance.
```
5 Build modes

Cuirass supports two mechanisms to build derivations.

5.1 With the local Guix daemon

This is the default build mechanism. Once the build jobs are evaluated, they are sent to the local Guix daemon. Cuirass then listens to the Guix daemon output to detect the various build events.

While this mode doesn’t require any particular configuration, it doesn’t scale well. The scheduling decisions of the Guix daemon are opaque and often suboptimal.

When Cuirass is used to build a large amount of jobs, the remote build mechanism described below should be preferred.

5.2 With the remote build mechanism.

This mode is harder to setup but scales way better. This is the build mode that is used on the GNU Guix build farm at https://ci.guix.gnu.org. The build jobs are not submitted to the local Guix daemon. Instead, a remote server dispatches build requests to the connect remote workers, according to the build priorities.

The remote server and the connected workers communicate using ZMQ over TCP. The workers are able to discover the remote server using Avahi.

The built items are exchanged as substitutes (see Section “Substitutes” in Guix) by spawning Guix publish servers both on the remote server and on each connected remote worker.

It can be enabled this way:

• Start the cuirass register process with the build-remote command line argument, see Chapter 6 [Invocation], page 13. This way, the registration process does not submit the new build jobs to the local Guix daemon.

• Start the cuirass remote-server process to dispatch the build jobs to the connected workers.

• Start at least one cuirass remote-worker process on any machine of the local network to actually perform the builds and report their status.

Note that some Cuirass features are only available when using this build mode. That’s the case for:

• The build priority support.

• The notification mechanism, see Chapter 2 [Notifications], page 5.

• The transmission of timeout and max-silent-time package properties to the Guix daemon.

• The live build log mechanism of the Web interface.

• The workers status page of the Web interface accessible at http://cuirass-url/workers.

The easiest way to setup such an infrastructure is to rely on the GNU Guix Cuirass services definitions (see Section “Continuous Integration” in Guix).
6 Invocation

6.1 Invoking cuirass register

The usual way to invoke cuirass registration process is as follows:

```
cuirass register --specifications specs
```

This starts a Cuirass registration instance building specs and storing the results using the default PostgreSQL database.

Additionally the following options can be used.

```
--one-shot
```

Instead of executing cuirass as a daemon looping over the jobs. Only evaluate and build the specifications once.

```
--cache-directory=directory
```

directory is the place where the VCS repositories used by the jobs are stored.

```
--specifications=specifications-file
-S specifications-file
```

Add the specifications defined in specifications-file in the job database before launching the evaluation and build processes.

```
--database=database
-D database
```

Use database as the database containing the jobs and the past build results. Since Cuirass uses PostgreSQL as a database engine, database must be a string such as "dbname=cuirass host=localhost". By default, Cuirass uses the following connection string: dbname=cuirass host=/var/run/postgresql".

```
--parameters=parameters-file
-P parameters-file
```

Read parameters from the given parameters-file. The supported parameters are described here (see Chapter 4 [Parameters], page 9).

```
--ttl=duration
```

Cuirass registers build results as garbage collector (GC) roots, thereby preventing them from being deleted by the GC. The --ttl option instructs it to keep those GC roots live for at least duration—e.g., 1m for one month, 2w for two weeks, and so on. The default is 30 days.

Those GC roots are typically stored in /var/guix/gcroots/profiles/per-user/user/cuirass, where user is the user under which Cuirass is running.

```
--interval=n
-I n
```

Wait n seconds between each poll.

```
--use-substitutes
```

This can be useful when you are not interested in building the dependencies of a particular job.

```
--threads=n
```

Use up to n kernel threads.
\( n \) should be lower than or equal to the number of CPU cores on the machine. In general though, having a large \( n \) is not very useful since the work of Cuirass is primarily I/O-bound—on the contrary, large values of \( n \) may increase overhead. The default value should be appropriate for most cases.

\[ \text{--version} \]
\[ \text{-V} \]
Display the actual version of \texttt{cuirass}.

\[ \text{--help} \]
\[ \text{-h} \]
Display an help message that summarize all the options provided.

### 6.2 Invoking \texttt{cuirass web}

The usual way to invoke the \texttt{cuirass} web server is as follows:

\texttt{cuirass web}

This starts a Cuirass web server on the default port. Additionally the following options can be used.

\[ \text{--database=database} \]
\[ \text{-D database} \]
Use \textit{database} as the database containing the jobs and the past build results. Since Cuirass uses PostgresSQL as a database engine, \textit{database} must be a string such as "\texttt{dbname=cuirass host=localhost}". By default, Cuirass uses the following connection string: \texttt{dbname=cuirass host=/var/run/postgresql}.

\[ \text{--parameters=parameters-file} \]
\[ \text{-P parameters-file} \]
Read parameters from the given \texttt{parameters-file}. The supported parameters are described here (see Chapter 4 [Parameters], page 9).

\[ \text{--port=num} \]
\[ \text{-p num} \]
Make the HTTP interface listen on port \texttt{num}. Use port 8080 by default.

\[ \text{--listen=host} \]
\[ \text{-l host} \]
Make the HTTP interface listen on network interface for \texttt{host}. Use localhost by default.

\[ \text{--version} \]
\[ \text{-V} \]
Display the actual version of \texttt{cuirass}.

\[ \text{--help} \]
\[ \text{-h} \]
Display an help message that summarize all the options provided.

### 6.3 Invoking \texttt{cuirass remote-server}

The \texttt{remote-server} command starts a daemon that is able to communicate with \texttt{remote-worker} processes. Its role is to answer build requests from the workers, by sending back derivations that must be built.

On build completion it updates the database accordingly and possibly fetches build substitutes. The \texttt{remote-server} and \texttt{remote-worker} processes communicate using ZMQ over TCP.
Additionally the following options can be used.

--backend-port=port
   The TCP port for communicating with remote-worker processes using ZMQ. It defaults to 5555.

--log-port=port
   The TCP port of the log server. It defaults to 5556.

--publish-port=port
   The TCP port of the publish server. It defaults to 5557.

--parameters=parameters-file
   Read parameters from the given parameters-file. The supported parameters are described here (see Chapter 4 [Parameters], page 9).

--database=database
   Use database PostgreSQL connection string.

--cache=directory
   Use directory to cache build log files.

--trigger-substitute-url=URL
   Once a substitute is successfully fetched, trigger substitute baking at URL.

--user=user
   Change privileges to user as soon as possible—i.e., once the signing key has been read.

--public-key=file
--private-key=file
   Use the specific files as the public/private key pair used to sign the store items being published.

--version
   -V Display the actual version of cuirass.

--help
   -h Display an help message that summarize all the options provided.

6.4 Invoking cuirass remote-worker

The remote-worker command starts a daemon that is able to communicate with a remote-server process. Its role is to request builds to the remote-server, perform them and report their status.

The remote-worker is able to discover a remote-server process on the local network using Avahi and connect to it.

Additionally the following options can be used.

--workers=count
   Start count parallel workers. It defaults to 1.
--publish-port=port
  The TCP port of the publish server. It defaults to 5558.

--server=ip-address
  Do not use Avahi discovery and connect to the given remote-server IP address.

--systems=systems
  Only request builds for the given systems. It defaults to $(list (%current-system)).

--public-key=file
--private-key=file
  Use the specific files as the public/private key pair used to sign the store items being published.

--version
-V  Display the actual version of cuirass.

--help
-h  Display an help message that summarize all the options provided.
7 Web API

The Cuirass web API is inspired from the Hydra one.

7.1 API description

7.1.1 Evaluation information

Single evaluation

It is possible to query the Cuirass web server for evaluation information. The dedicated API is "/api/evaluation?id=eval-id" where eval-id is the unique id associated to the evaluation in database.

For instance, querying a local Cuirass web server can be done with curl and jq to format the JSON response:

```
$ curl -s "http://localhost:8080/api/evaluation?id=1" | jq
```

```
{
  "id": 1,
  "specification": "guix-master",
  "status": 0,
  "timestamp": 1615289011,
  "checkouttime": 1615289011,
  "evaltime": 1615289655,
  "checkouts": [
    {
      "commit": "bd311f5a6ccbd4696ac77f0426a036bb375a2f10",
      "channel": "guix",
      "directory": "/gnu/store/6978xw9vs4ybg2pc3g736p1dba2056y1-guix-bd311f5"
    }
  ]
}
```

The nominal output is a JSON object whose fields are described hereafter.

**id** The unique build id.

**specification** The associated specification name, as a string.

**status** The evaluation status, as an integer. Possible values are:

-1 -> started
0 -> succeeded
1 -> failed
2 -> aborted

**checkouttime** The timestamp after channel checkout.

**evaltime** The timestamp after evaluation completion.
checkouts

The evaluation checkouts as a JSON object.

Multiple evaluations

The latest evaluations list can be obtained with the API "/api/evaluations". The output is a JSON array of evaluations. Evaluations are represented as in the "/api/evaluation?id=eval-id" API.

This request accepts a mandatory parameter and an optional one.

nr Limit query result to nr elements. This parameter is mandatory.

spec Only consider evaluations that are part of the given spec specification.

7.1.2 Build information

It is possible to query Cuirass web server for build informations. The dedicated API is "/build/build-id" where build-id is the unique id associated to the build in database.

The build information can also be queried by output. For example, "/output/kg9mirt6xbvzcp0a98v7326n1nnvwjgsj-hello-2.10" will return the details of the output, along with the build if available.

$ curl -s "http://localhost:8080/build/2" | jq

```
{
  "id": 2,
  "jobset": "guix",
  "job": "acpica-20150410-job",
  "timestamp": 1501347493,
  "starttime": 1501347493,
  "stopetime": 1501347493,
  "buildoutputs": {
    "out": {
      "path": "/gnu/store/6g3njhfzqpdm335s7qhvmwvs5l7gcbq1-acpica-20150410"
    }
  },
  "system": "x86_64-linux",
  "nixname": "acpica-20150410",
  "buildstatus": 0,
  "weather": 0,
  "busy": 0,
  "priority": 0,
  "finished": 1,
  "buildproducts": null
}
```

If requested build-id is not known, the HTTP code 404 is answered with a JSON error message. For example:

$ curl -s "http://localhost:8080/build/fff"

```
{"error": "Build with ID fff doesn’t exist."}
```
The nominal output is a JSON object whose fields are described hereafter.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>id</td>
<td>The unique build id.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>jobset</td>
<td>The associated specification name, as a string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>job</td>
<td>The associated job-name, as a string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>timestamp</td>
<td>Timestamp taken at build creation time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>starttime</td>
<td>Timestamp taken at build start time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>stoptime</td>
<td>Timestamp taken at build stop time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>buildoutputs</td>
<td>Build outputs as a JSON object. The keys names are referring to the eventual output names. The associated value is another JSON object which only key is path. path value is the output directory in store as a string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>system</td>
<td>System name of the build, as a string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nixname</td>
<td>Derivation name, as a string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>buildstatus</td>
<td>Build status, as an integer. Possible values are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>0 -&gt; succeeded</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1 -&gt; failed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2 -&gt; failed dependency</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3 -&gt; failed other</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>4 -&gt; cancelled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>weather</td>
<td>Build weather, as an integer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>-1 -&gt; unknown</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>0 -&gt; new-success</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1 -&gt; new-failure</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2 -&gt; still-succeeding</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3 -&gt; still-failing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>busy</td>
<td>Whether the build is pending, as an integer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>priority</td>
<td>Build priority, as an integer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>finished</td>
<td>Build finished, as an integer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>buildproducts</td>
<td>Build products in store as a JSON object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

7.1.3 Build raw log output

It is possible to ask Cuirass for the raw build output log with the API "/build/build-id/log/raw" where build-id is the unique id associated to the build in database.

The output is a raw text, for example:

```bash
$ curl http://localhost:8080/build/2/log/raw
```
starting phase ‘set-SOURCE-DATE-EPOCH’
phase ‘set-SOURCE-DATE-EPOCH’ succeeded after 0.0 seconds
starting phase ‘set-paths’
...

If requested build-id is not known, the HTTP code 404 is answered with a JSON error message. For example:

```bash
$ curl -s "http://localhost:8080/build/fff/log/raw"

{"error": "Build with ID fff doesn’t exist."}
```

### 7.1.4 Jobs

The list of jobs associated with a given evaluation can be obtained with the API "/api/jobs". The output is a JSON array of jobs.

This request accepts a mandatory parameter and multiple optional ones.

- **evaluation**
  - The evaluation id. This parameter is _mandatory_.

- **names**
  - Filter query result to jobs which names are part of the given _names_ list, a comma separated list of job names.

- **system**
  - Filter query result to jobs with the given _system_.

For example, to ask for the jobs of evaluation 12 for x86_64-linux:

```bash
$ curl "http://localhost:8080/api/jobs?evaluation=12&system=x86_64-linux"
```

or the emacs and emacs-minimal jobs of evaluation 12 for x86_64-linux:

```bash
$ curl "http://localhost:8080/api/jobs?evaluation=12&names=emacs.x86_64-linux,emacs-minimal.x86_64-linux"
```

The nominal output is a JSON object whose fields are described hereafter.

- **build**
  - The unique build id associated with the job.

- **status**
  - The build status, as an integer.

- **name**
  - The job name, as a string.

### 7.1.5 Jobs history

The history of jobs across the last evaluations of a given specification can be obtained with the API "/api/jobs/history".

This request accepts three mandatory parameters.

- **specification**
  - The specification name. This parameter is _mandatory_.

- **names**
  - Filter query result to jobs which names are part of the given _names_ list, a comma separated list of job names. This parameter is _mandatory_.

- **nr**
  - Limit query result to nr elements. This parameter is _mandatory_.
For example, to ask for the history of `emacs.x86_64-linux` and `emacs-minimal.x86_64-linux` jobs of the `master` specification over the last 10 evaluations:

```
$ curl "http://localhost:8080/api/jobs/history?spec=master&names=emacs.x86_64-linux,emacs-minimal.x86_64-linux&nr=10"
```

The nominal output is a JSON array which objects have the following field:

**evaluation**
The unique evaluation id.

**checkouts**
The evaluation checkouts as a JSON array.

**name**
The jobs list for this evaluation, as a JSON array.

### 7.1.6 Dashboard registration

The user can register a dashboard using the "/api/dashboard/register" API. This request accepts two mandatory parameters.

**specification**
The specification name. This parameter is *mandatory*.

**names**
The dashboard jobs names, where names is a comma separated list of job names. This parameter is *mandatory*.

For example, to register a dashboard for the `emacs.x86_64-linux` and `emacs-minimal.x86_64-linux` jobs of the `master` specification:

```
$ curl "http://localhost:8080/api/dashboard/register?spec=master&names=emacs.x86_64-linux,emacs-minimal.x86_64-linux"
```

The nominal output is a JSON object which contains a unique field:

**id**
The registered dashboard id.

The dashboard is then accessible at the following address: `http://localhost:8080/dashboard/<id>`.

### 7.1.7 Latest builds

The list of latest builds can be obtained with the API "/api/latestbuilds". The output is a JSON array of builds. Builds are represented as in the "/build/build-id" API.

This request accepts a mandatory parameter and multiple optional ones.

**nr**
Limit query result to `nr` elements. This parameter is *mandatory*.

**jobset**
Filter query result to builds with the given `jobset`.

**job**
Filter query result to builds with the given `job` name.

**system**
Filter query result to builds with the given `system`.

For example, to ask for the ten last builds:

```
$ curl "http://localhost:8080/api/latestbuilds?nr=10"
```

or the five last builds where jobset “guix”:

```
$ curl "http://localhost:8080/api/latestbuilds?nr=5&jobset=guix"
```

If no builds matching given parameters are found, an empty JSON array is returned.
7.1.8 Queued builds

The list of queued builds can be obtained with the API "/api/queue". The output is a JSON array of builds. Builds are represented as in the "/build/build-id" API.

This request accepts a mandatory parameter.

nr Limit query result to nr elements. This parameter is mandatory.
8 Database schema

Cuirass uses a PostgreSQL database to store information about jobs and past build results, but also to coordinate the execution of jobs.

The database contains the following tables: Specifications, Checkouts, Evaluations, Builds, Outputs, Metrics, BuildProducts, Events and Workers. The purpose of each of these tables is explained below.

8.1 Specifications

This table stores specifications describing the repositories from whence Cuirass fetches code and the environment in which it will be processed. Entries in this table must have values for the following text fields:

- **name**: This field holds the name of the specification. This field is also the primary key of this table.
- **channels**: The channels to be fetched by Cuirass as an SEXP string.
- **build_outputs**: The build outputs to be saved by Cuirass as an SEXP string.
- **notifications**: The build notifications to be sent by Cuirass as an SEXP string.
- **period**: The specification periodicity as an integer.
- **priority**: The specification priority relatively to the other specifications, as an integer ranging from 0 to 9 where 0 is the higher priority and 9 the lowest.
- **systems**: The systems for which build jobs must be evaluated, as a comma separated list.

8.2 Checkouts

When a specification is processed, the repositories must be downloaded at a certain revision as specified. The download is called a checkout. The Checkouts table stores the new checkouts for every specification when it is being processed.

The Checkouts table has the following columns:

- **specification**: The specification associated with the checkout.
- **revision**: The revision of the checkout. Within the same specification, two checkouts can’t be identical: they can’t have the same revision.
- **evaluation**: The evaluation that was triggered by the addition of that new checkout.
- **channel**: The channel associated with the checkout.
- **directory**: The directory into which the checkout was extracted.
- **timestamp**: The checkout insertion timestamp.
8.3 Evaluations

An evaluation relates a specification with the revision of the repository specified therein. Builds (see below) belong to a specific evaluation.

The **Evaluations** table has the following columns:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>id</td>
<td>This is an automatically incrementing numeric identifier.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>specification</td>
<td>This field holds the <strong>name</strong> of a specification from the <strong>Specifications</strong> table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>status</td>
<td>This integer field hold the evaluation status. Possible values are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- started (-1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- succeeded (0)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- failed (1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- aborted (2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>timestamp</td>
<td>The timestamp at evaluation insertion.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>checkout</td>
<td>The timestamp after channel checkout.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>evaltime</td>
<td>The timestamp after evaluation completion.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

8.4 Jobs

This table contains all the jobs associated with a given evaluation. If a new job produces build outputs that are not already stored inside the **Outputs** table then, it is added to the **Builds** table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>This text field holds the job name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>evaluation</td>
<td>This integer field references the evaluation identifier from the <strong>Evaluations</strong> table, indicating to which evaluation this job belongs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>build</td>
<td>This integer field references the build id from the <strong>Builds</strong> table, corresponding to this job.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>status</td>
<td>This integer field holds the build status of the above build. The goal of this duplication is to avoid expensive joins between the Jobs and Builds table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>system</td>
<td>This text field holds the system name of the above build. This field is duplicated for the same reason as the above status field.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

8.5 Builds

This table holds records of the derivations and their build status. Note that a job will be registered here only if its derivation doesn’t already exist.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>derivation</td>
<td>This text field holds the absolute name of the derivation file that resulted in this build.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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#### Evaluation
This integer field references the evaluation identifier from the Evaluations table, indicating to which evaluation this build belongs.

#### Job Name
This text field holds the name of the job.

#### System
This text field holds the system name of the derivation.

#### Nix Name
This text field holds the name of the derivation — e.g., coreutils-8.24.

#### Worker
This text field references the name of worker performing the build from the Workers table.

#### Log
This text field holds the absolute file name of the build log file.

#### Status
This integer field holds the build status of the derivation.

#### Last Status
This integer field holds the build status of the previous job evaluation.

#### Weather
This integer field holds the weather of the build. Possible values are:
- unknown (-1)
- new-success (0)
- new-failure (1)
- still-succeeding (2)
- still-failing (3)

#### Priority
The build priority relatively to the other builds with the same job_name, as an integer ranging from 0 to 99 where 0 is the higher priority and 99 the lowest.

#### Max Silent
This integer field holds the number of seconds of silence after which a build process times out.

#### Timeout
This integer field holds the number of seconds of activity after which a build process times out.

#### Timestamp
This integer field holds a timestamp taken at build creation time.

#### Start Time
This integer field holds a timestamp taken at build start time. Currently, it has the same value as the timestamp above.

#### Stop Time
This integer field holds a timestamp taken at build stop time. Currently, it has the same value as the timestamp above.

### 8.6 BuildDependencies
This table contains the dependencies between the builds registered in the Builds table.

#### Source
This integer field holds a reference to the build id from the Builds table.

#### Target
This integer field holds a reference to the build id from the Builds table, indicating that the source build id depends from the target build id.
8.7 Outputs
This table keep tracks for every eventual build outputs. Each build stored in Builds table may have zero (if it has failed), one or multiple outputs.

- **derivation**: This field holds the derivation of a build from the Builds table.
- **name**: This text field holds the name of the output.
- **path**: This text field holds the path of the output.

8.8 Metrics
This table contains several metrics that are recorded by the metrics fiber periodically.

- **field**: This text field holds the application field of the metric.
- **type**: This integer field holds the type of the metric.
- **path**: This float field holds the value of the metric.
- **evaltime**: The metric insertion timestamp.

8.9 BuildProducts
This table contains the saved build products, that are proposed to download through the web interface.

- **build**: This integer field holds a reference to the build id from the Builds table, the build product belongs to.
- **type**: This text field holds the build product type.
- **file_size**: This integer field holds build product size in bytes.
- **checksum**: This text field holds the build product checksum.
- **path**: This text field holds the build product absolute store path.

8.10 Notifications
This table contains the notifications that are queued for sending.

- **id**: This is an automatically incrementing numeric identifier.
- **type**: This text field holds the SEXP representation of the notification.
- **build**: This integer fields references the build id associated with the notification.
### 8.11 Workers

This table contains the registered workers when Cuirass is using the remote building mechanism.

- **name**: This text field holds the worker name. This field is also the primary key of this table.
- **address**: This text field holds the worker IP address.
- **machine**: This text field holds the worker machine name.
- **systems**: This text field holds the systems that are supported by the worker, as a comma separated list of systems.
- **last_seen**: This integer field holds the timestamp of the last communication with the worker.

### 8.12 Dashboards

This table contains the user registered Dashboards.

- **id**: This is an automatically incrementing numeric identifier.
- **specification**: This field holds the `name` of a specification from the `Specifications` table.
- **jobs**: This text field holds a list of comma separated job names.
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