



# Testing and testing infrastructure

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# Testing

- “In simple terms, it’s a process of checking something if it does what it intended to do”  
<https://keencoder.dev/unit-testing-for-absolute-beginners>

## Testing

- Unit tests: verify individual methods and functions
- Integration tests: verify that different modules work well together
- Functional tests: verify the final output of the application
- End-to-end tests: replicate a user behavior
- Acceptance testing: verify entire application for end goals
- Performance testing: verify reliability, speed, scalability
- Smoke testing: basic checks of major features

One of the possible nomenclatures; many others exists

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- Manual testing: not everything can be (easily) automated

# GROMACS CI pipeline



## Report NBNXM GPU supercluster dimensions in the log

Open Szilárd Páll requested to merge `sz_allow_setting_and_repor...` into `main` 1 day ago

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Also allow setting `DGMX_GPU_NB_NUM_CLUSTER_PER_CELL_X/Y/Z=1` with other backends too not just SYCL. The only case failing tests is `GMX_GPU_NB_CLUSTER_SIZE=4` on Intel (not on NVIDIA), but since we can't check at build-time for this, we forbid setting the cluster per cell in all cases when cluster size is 4.



Merge request pipeline #994237396 passed

Merge request pipeline passed for `68e00fc2` 22 hours ago



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Revoke approval

Requires 1 approval from GMX Developer Main. Approved by you

Test summary: **no** changed test results, **499** total tests

Full report

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Pipeline Needs Jobs 55 Tests 499

Group jobs by

## pre-build

- clang-format
- copyright-check
- python-format
- simple-build

## configure-build

- clang-tidy:configure-mr
- docs:configure
- gromacs:clang-9:configure
- gromacs:clang-13-mpi:configure
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- gromacs:gcc-9-cuda-11.0.3:build
- gromacs:gcc-9-cuda-11.0.3:buildMPI

## test

- gmxapi:clang-9:py-3.10
- gmxapi:clang-13-mpi:py-3.7
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- gromacs:clang-ASAN:test

## documentation

- docs:build

## source-check

- check-source
- clang-tidy:test

## post-test

- webpage:build

# Parts of GROMACS automated testing

- Pre-build: code formatting, copyrights, simple build
- Configure-build: CMake in different configurations
- Build: Build the configurations above
- Test: Run the tests for the builds above
- Documentation: Check that documentation is building
- Source-check: Static analysis checks
- Post-test: Manual webpage can be built

# Code style

- Clang-format: C++ code style
  - *Very* sensitive to clang-format version, needs to be 11.1.0
  - `sudo apt install clang-format-11`
- Python-format: Python code style (`black`)
- Copyright-check: Copyright headers



# Configure + Build + Test

`cmake && make && make check`

- Compiler: Clang/GCC
- MPI: on/off
- GPU: off/CUDA/OpenCL/SYCL
- Sanitizers: none/TSAN/ASAN/UBSAN
  
- “-test” and “-regressiontests”: two different test harnesses
- A few `gmxapi`-specific jobs

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- docs:build

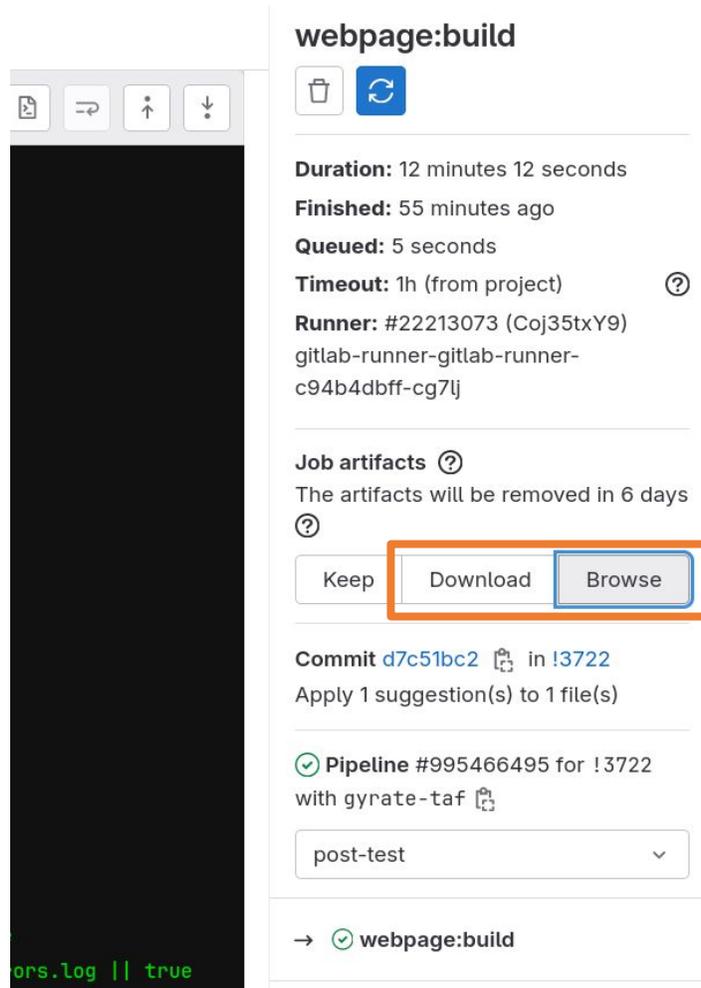
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## post-test

- webpage:build

# Documentation + webpage: preview



The screenshot shows a CI/CD interface for a job named 'webpage:build'. On the left, there is a terminal window with a black background and green text that reads 'ors.log || true'. The main panel displays job statistics: Duration (12 minutes 12 seconds), Finished (55 minutes ago), Queued (5 seconds), and Timeout (1h from project). The runner is identified as 'gittlab-runner-gittlab-runner-c94b4dbff-cg7lj'. Below this, the 'Job artifacts' section indicates that artifacts will be removed in 6 days and provides three buttons: 'Keep', 'Download', and 'Browse'. The 'Download' and 'Browse' buttons are highlighted with an orange border. Further down, the commit hash 'd7c51bc2' and pipeline information are visible.

**webpage:build**

Duration: 12 minutes 12 seconds  
Finished: 55 minutes ago  
Queued: 5 seconds  
Timeout: 1h (from project) ?  
Runner: #22213073 (Coj35txY9)  
gittlab-runner-gittlab-runner-c94b4dbff-cg7lj

**Job artifacts** ?  
The artifacts will be removed in 6 days ?

Keep Download Browse

Commit [d7c51bc2](#) in [!3722](#)  
Apply 1 suggestion(s) to 1 file(s)

✓ Pipeline #995466495 for [!3722](#)  
with `gynate-taf`

post-test

→ ✓ webpage:build

Artifacts / build-docs / docs / html:

- index.html
- manual-2024-dev.pdf

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```
if (i == 1 && i == 2) { // correct?  
}
```

# Even more automated tests



- Post-merge (multi-GPU tests)
  - Heavy tests not to run on every minor change to the MR
- Nightly/weekly (exotic-ish hardware)
  - <https://gitlab.com/gromacs/gromacs/-/pipelines>
- GitHub actions (Windows, macOS)
  - <https://github.com/gromacs/gromacs/actions>

# Not covered by automated testing

- Performance testing
- Many analysis tools
- Large-scale runs (> 2 GPUs, > 4 ranks)
- Rare devices (POWER9, ARM, high-end GPUs, etc)
- Long-running physical validation tests

# Test frameworks

- GoogleTest for most tests
  - Modern and convenient
  - We call them “unit tests”, but that’s not always the case
- Old Perl scripts for regression tests
  - `cmake -DREGRESSIONTEST_DOWNLOAD=ON`
  - Don’t touch it unless you’re changing `mdrun` behavior :)
  - <https://gitlab.com/gromacs/gromacs-regressiontests/>

# Running tests

- All tests:
  - `make tests && make check`
  - `ctest .`
- Specific test set:
  - `ctest -R MdrunIOtests`
  - `./bin/mdrun-io-test`
- Specific test case:
  - `./bin/mdrun-io-test --gtest_filter=GromppTest.*`
- Run multiple times (flaky test):
  - `ctest --repeat-until-fail 100 --output-on-failure -R MdrunIOtests`

# Finding tests

- File: `src/gromacs/utility/logger.cpp`
- Tests: `src/gromacs/utility/tests/logger.cpp`
- Reference data: `src/gromacs/utility/tests/refdata/`
- Also in: `src/programs/*/tests/`

## Understanding tests

```
TEST(EnergyTermTest, AddFrameWorks)
{
    EnergyTerm term(0, true, "test", "test");
    term.addFrame(2, 1000, 10, 50, 5, 255);
    term.addFrame(4, 2000, 10, 100, 10, 155);
    EXPECT_EQ(term.numFrames(), 2);
    auto errorEstimate = term.errorEstimate(1);
    ASSERT_TRUE(errorEstimate.has_value());
    EXPECT_REAL_EQ(errorEstimate.value(), 0);
}
```

# Understanding tests

```
TEST_P(HbondModuleTest, Works)
{
    const auto params = GetParam();
    std::string name = std::get<0>(params);
    int startingValue = std::get<1>(params);
    // Do something with name and startingValue
}
```

```
INSTANTIATE_TEST_SUITE_P( //...
    ::testing::Combine(::testing::Values("name1", "name2"),
        ::testing::Range(4, 8, 1)), // ...
```

## Reference data

```
TEST_F(WrapperTest, WrapsCorrectly)
{
    std::vector<std::string> wrapped = doThings();
    checker().checkSequence(wrapped.begin(), wrapped.end(), "Wrapped");
}
```

checker() will compare with data in  
src/gromacs/\*/tests/refdata/WrapperTest\_WrapsCorrectly.xml

```
$ ./bin/utility-test -ref-data update-all
```

# Writing tests

- When fixing a bug: write a test first
  - Helps replicating
  - Helps verifying that your fix works
  - Helps prevent it from happening again
- When adding a new feature: think first about how to test it
  - Test behavior, not implementation
- Some things are very hard to test. Such is life.

# Further information

- Testing in GROMACS:
  - <https://manual.gromacs.org/current/dev-manual/testutils.html>
- More on reference data:
  - [https://manual.gromacs.org/current/doxygen/html-lib/page\\_refdata.xhtml](https://manual.gromacs.org/current/doxygen/html-lib/page_refdata.xhtml)
- GoogleTest Primer:
  - <https://google.github.io/googletest/primer.html>