

NT and You

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Remote Installation
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Why NT?

The level 3 trigger will run the NT OS.

About 100-150 cvs packages will have to build for the trigger, verification, etc. on NT.

Other side benefits

IDE, tools, etc.

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Philosophy of the NT Releases

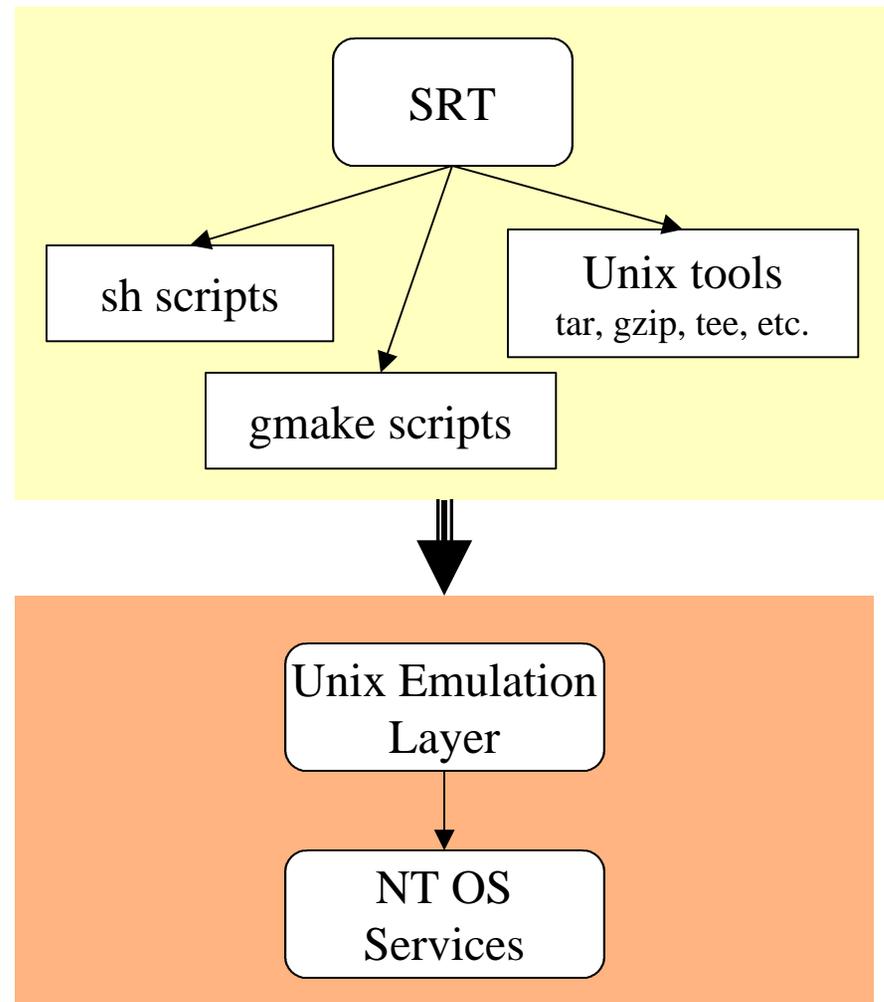
Do not maintain two build systems

SRT & ctest are *it* at DØ.
gmake is not the natural build system on NT.

Port the Unix environment to NT

gmake, SRT all run on NT
Ups/upd are used to maintain releases and products, just as on UNIX system

Limited IDE conversion tool



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Problem Areas

OS Native Support

Symbolic links are not native NT4

SRT *depends* on them.

Emulation layer simulates them, but NT OS does not know about them.

Windows 2000 does support them.

Unix file paths and NT file paths are different.

But programs have to move between the two.

Ex. Environment variable set under emulation may be /d0dist/dist/releases/nt00.85.00/rcp/stuff.hpp but really

d:\d0dist\dist\releases\nt00.85.00\rcp\stuff.hpp.

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C++

Compiler is not as up to date as KAI (and has plenty of bugs)

<iostream> (good) vs <iostream.h> (very bad).

Inline friend operator<< in class don't work.

Some namespace issues in presence of template classes

In general, template support isn't as good as KAI

See d0nt mailing list.

KAI released a beta version of NT compiler, but wasn't very good

Intel has a more promising version (Marc Paterno has been looking into it).

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Biggest Pluses

Many people do have it on their desktop
Can run most analysis tools on it (root,
for example)

The IDE has nothing to compare to in
Unix (that I've seen, and especially for
the cost).

Debugging is better than most
platforms.

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Basic Design

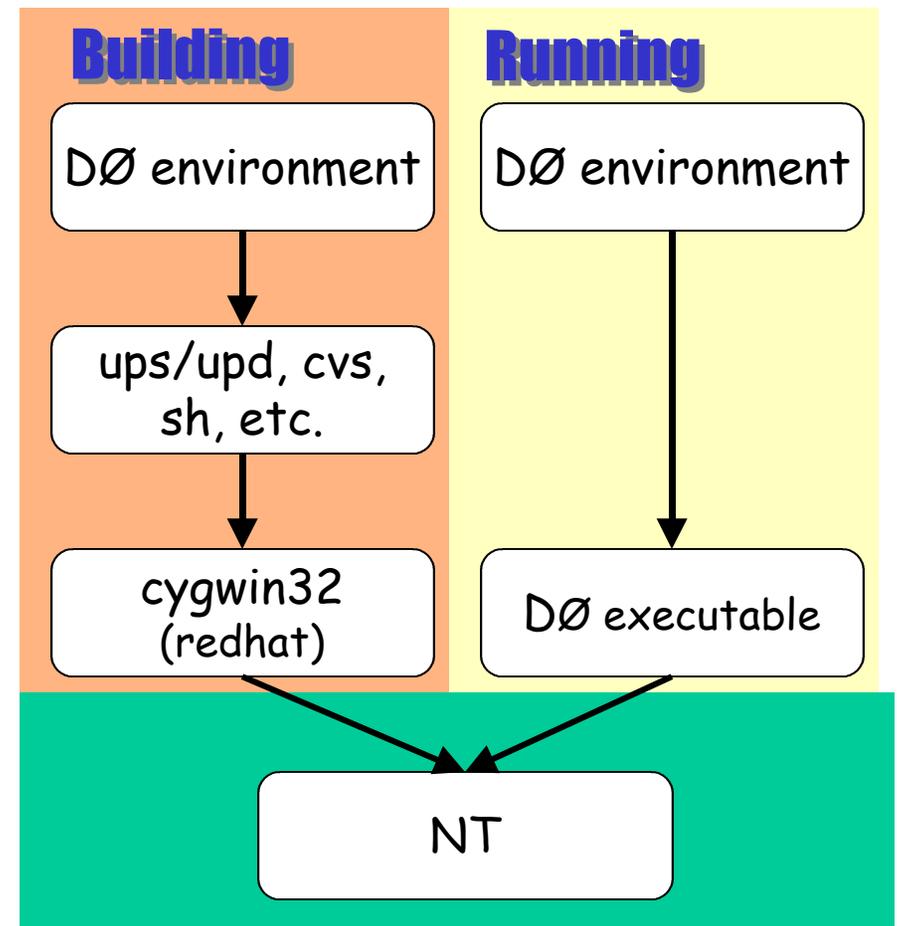
For emulation layer
and tools use
cygwin32

Open source by
RedHat.

Distributed by Fermi
Computing Division

Add NT support to
SRT

New compiler
Symbolic link
translation utilities
and tools.



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Mailing lists, archives, tips, installation, releases, etc.

Basic System Requirements

A good, high end PC

128 Mbytes RAM at least

NT4, service pack 4 or higher

Windows 2000 works, but need some minor alterations
(see later)

2-10 gigs of disk space

Depends upon how many releases you wish to keep

Visual C++ version 6

Make sure to install service pack 3 to update
library and patch some compiler bugs!!

When you install, **make sure to check** *Register
Environment Variables*

Can recover, but is a real pain-in-the-butt!!!!

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Installing the UNIX environment

Install the UNIX emulation utility and the basic DØ environment

Databases will be defined

Perl, python, ups, upd all installed.

Ready to install release after this.

Must register with *fnkits* before running (if you are at a remote site).\

Tested & debugged on W2000.

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Installing the UNIX environment

Run one script.

Go to the install page on dOntwg01.

Select the disk you wish to install on (C, D, or E are setup for you)

Download the driver file (stage1.bat) and the config file (D0cygD.txt) and save them to a temp area

From a MSDOS shell, run `stage1 D0cygD.txt`

Takes about 10 minutes to complete when run at Fermi, 15 at University of Washington.

Web pages list checks to assure you things installed correctly.

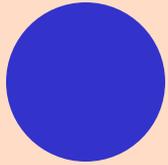
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Installing a Release

Download a built release

nt00.30.00, for example

Can build local releases (test releases) and do code development

Run one script

Go to release install web pages

Download the nt00.30.00 .bat file

Run it from the explorer. 30 minutes or so at Fermi, 40-45 at UW.

See changes to get working on W2000 (about 5 minutes of work after downloading).

Check for bugs on web pages!

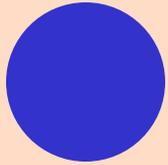
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Final Bits

Install any other packages required

Setup upd

Upd install -h www-d0.fnal.gov d0cvs

Upd install -h www-d0.fnal.gov cern

Upd install -h www-d0.fnal.gov z

Perhaps the same for ace, if you need it.

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Remote Environment Requirements

Make sure to register with fnkits before starting (1 day turnaround)

Need fixed IP

Very rare you have to access this db.

Register with cvs

Can't checkout or checking code to DØ repository without this

True weather or not you are at Fermi.

If you have DHCP this is a real problem

Solution with SSH possible, but not really functional at the moment.

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Using the IDE

DORunII release brings down the `ctest_nt` package.

The command `ctnt_convert_release` will build an IDE in local release

For CTEST packages only

Will build, and link correctly with other packages in local release

Enables debugging, and the like.

Supports `dOom` and `dOCINT`.

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Setup at UW

Mix of W2K and NT4

Server runs W2000

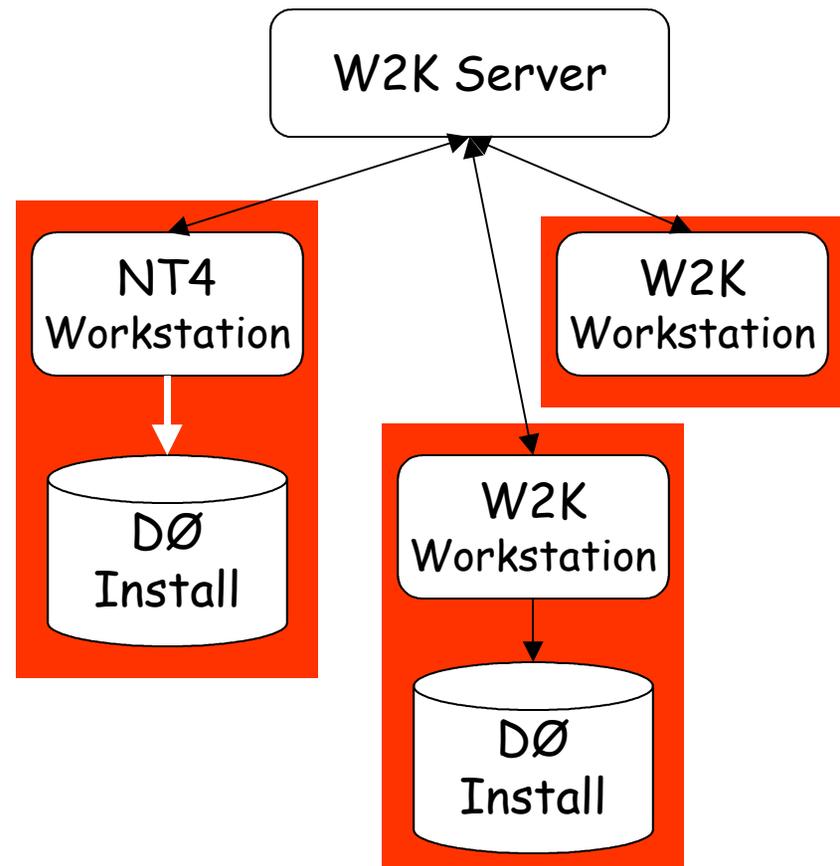
Does not have DØ install.

Each machine that requires DØ software has its own install of the release

Disk space is cheap

Network performance hit avoided

Maintenance hasn't been an issue yet.



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Plans

This is Version 2 of the installer

Version 1 was much more difficult (learned a lot).

Still looking for problems, etc.

Works!

Near Future??

Symbolic links in W2K.

A W2K build machine.

Far Future

IDE interface for all of cvs.

RPM equivalent for installs and releases??

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