

OpenTAP: Introduction to Test Composition and Automation

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Agenda

- OpenTAP overview
 - Concept
 - Architecture
- Main concepts for use
 - UIs
 - Workflow
- Practical example from test composition to results
 - Demo

Introduction to OpenTAP

OPENTAP OVERVIEW

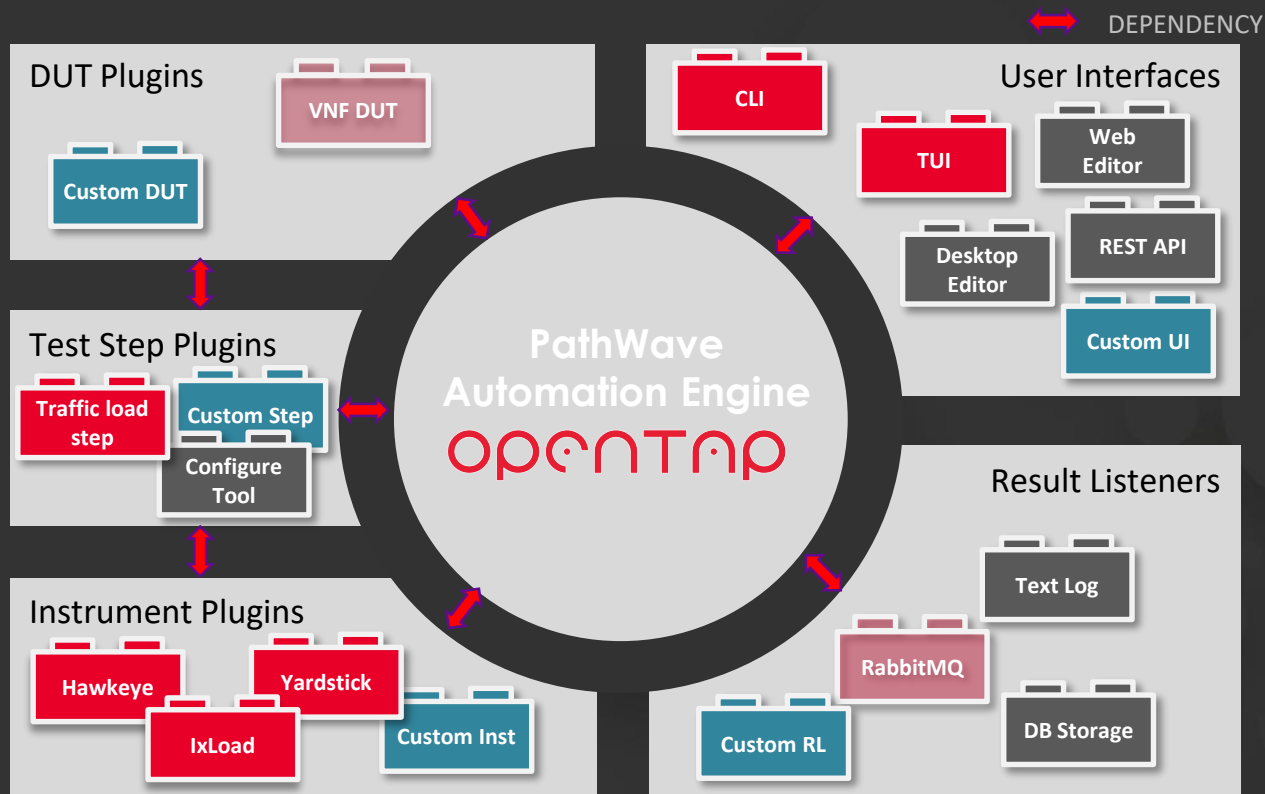
What is OpenTAP

- OpenTAP : Open(source) Test Automation Platform
- OpenTAP is a light weight sequencing engine
- OpenTAP has a highly modular structure
 - Everything (including GUIs) is seen as a plugin
- Configure DUTs/SUTs, tools
 - via instruments and test steps contained in plugins
- OpenTAP provides a low entry barrier for development and usage
 - Quick development of plugins and test steps tailored to individual needs
 - Simple drag'n'drop of test steps in test plan composition
- It is possible to “rule” all the tools (not only Keysight's) and DUTs

Why OpenTAP for Test Automation

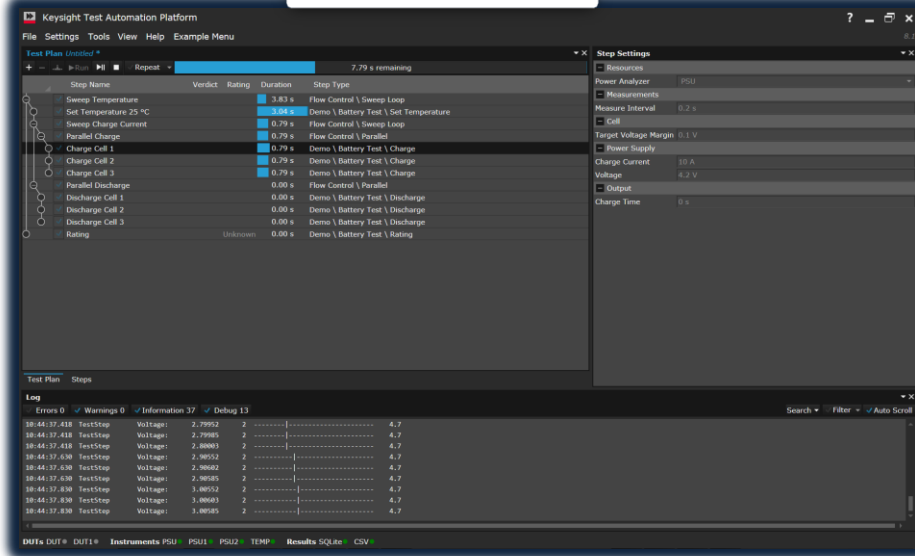
- **Simplicity**
 - Low technical barrier of entry. TAP is not “yet another programming language”
 - Does just what you need, not trying to be “everything for everyone”
 - Simple for everyone: programmers, non-programmers, and operators
- **Scalability**
 - Modular software architecture centered around a core sequencing engine
 - IP encapsulated as plugins. Build solutions through re-use, not re-invention
 - Plugins can be shared and reused
- **Speed**
 - Optimized for manufacturing (speed / time = \$), yet robust for R&D usage
 - Powerful analytics such as Timing Analyzer; continuously & efficiently improve
 - Get to market faster...accelerate your deployments, outpace the competition

How does the architecture look like?

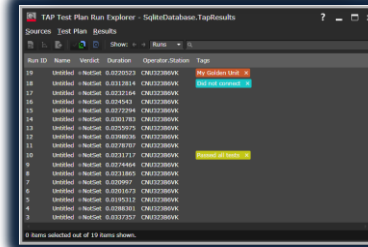


From a User's Perspective

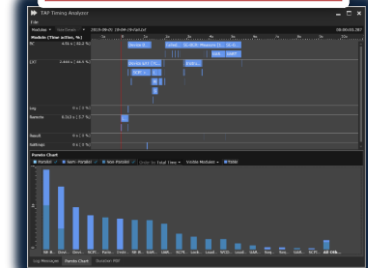
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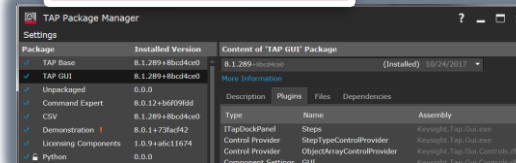
Run Explorer



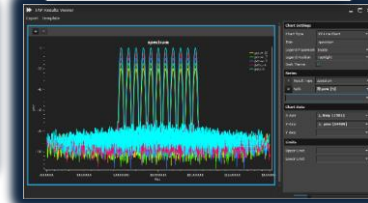
Timing Analyzer



Package Manager

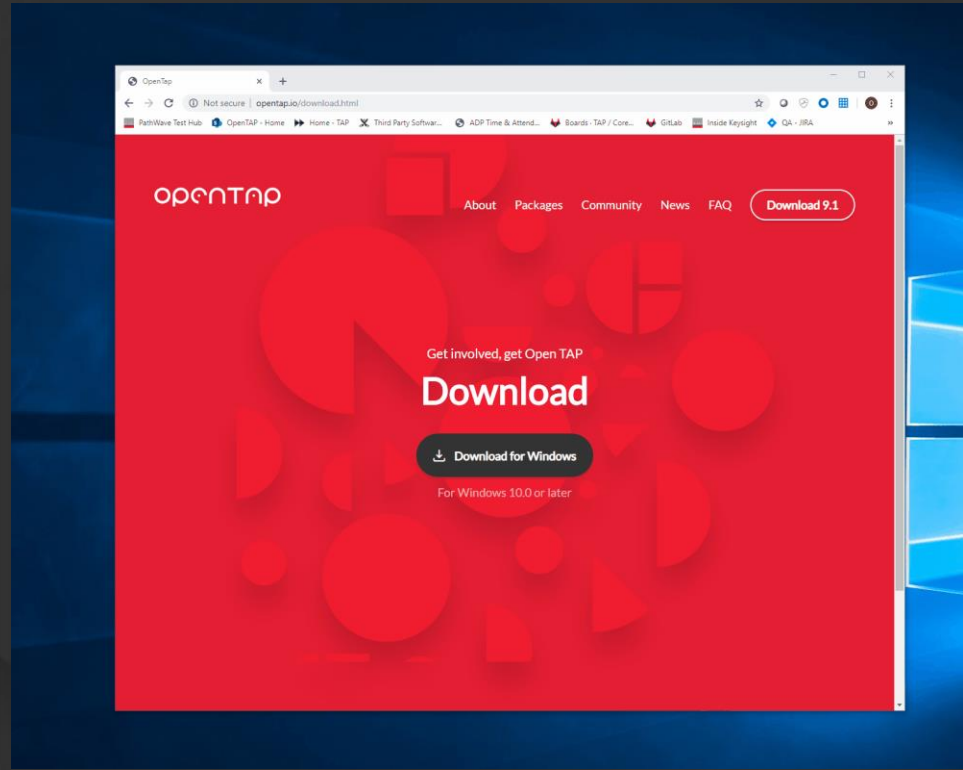


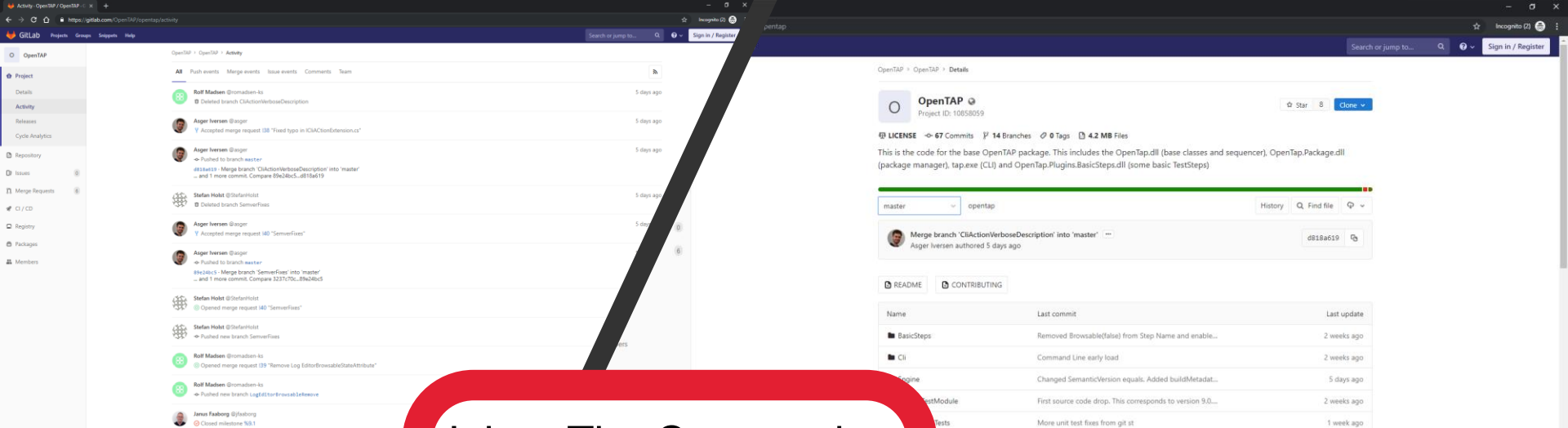
Results Viewer



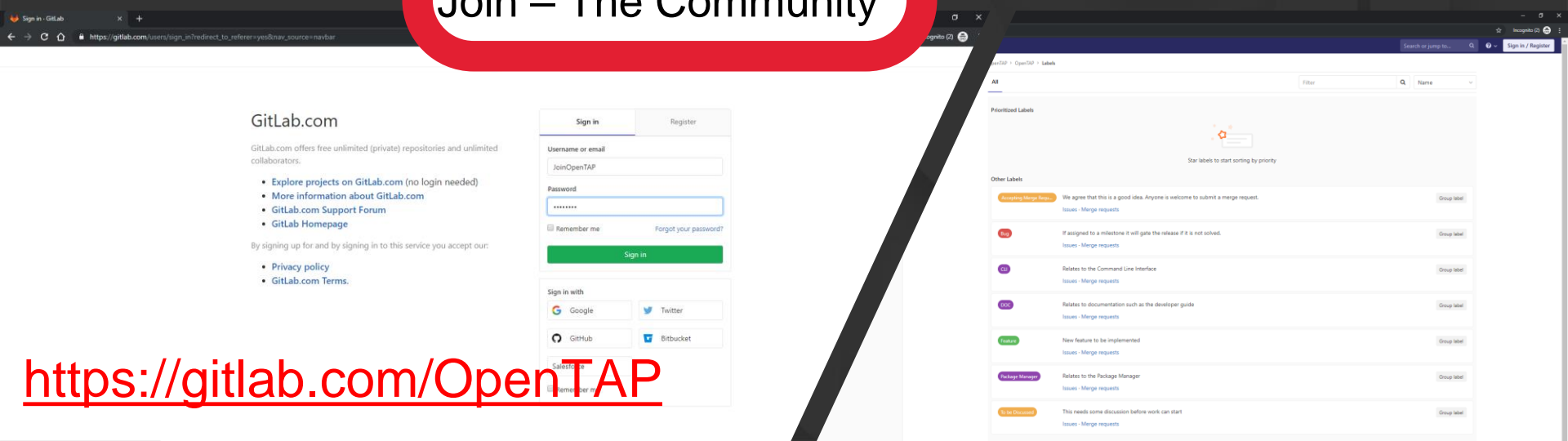
Community Edition Developer GUI

- Free to use for non-commercial organizations & open source projects
- Download via [OpenTAP.io](https://opentap.io) or [Keysight.com](https://keysight.com)
- Ready to use in under 85 seconds!
- Quickly create & edit test plans without any programming experience
- Experiment with demo plugins requiring no hardware





Join – The Community

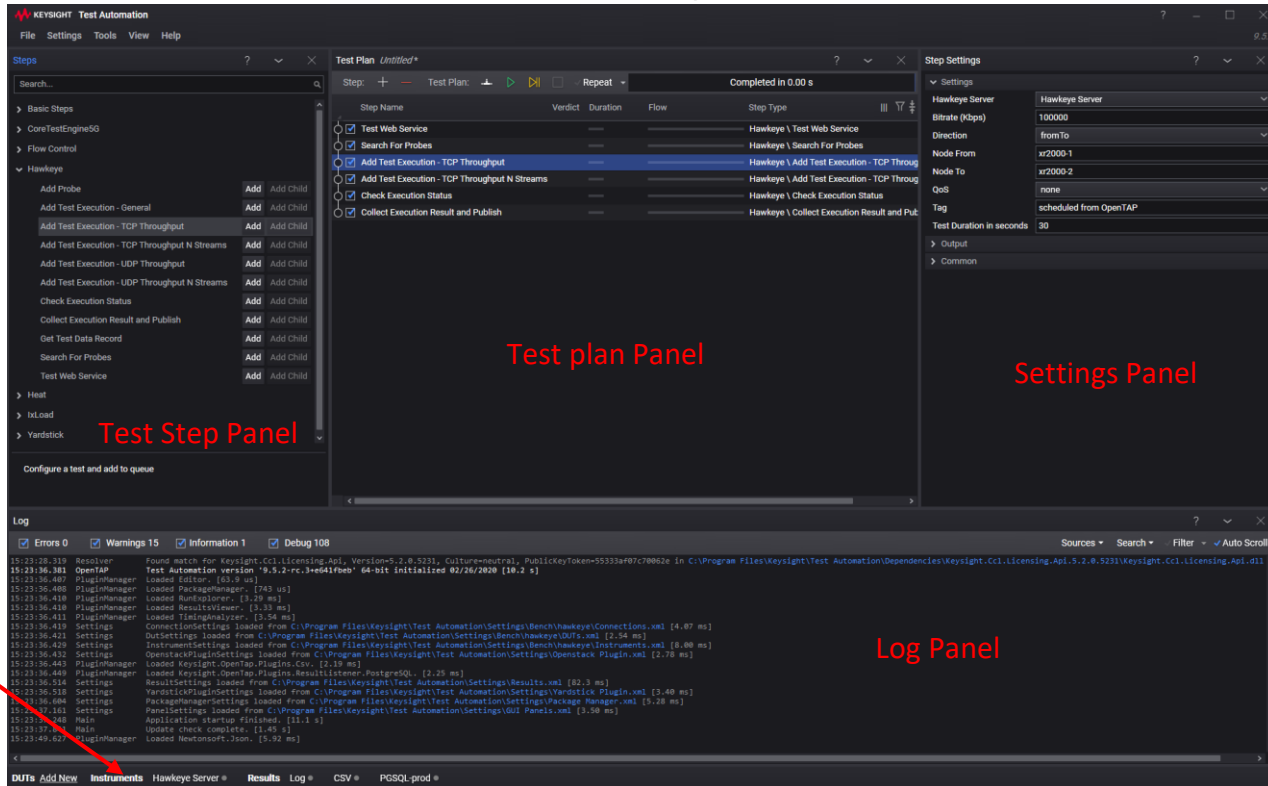


<https://gitlab.com/OpenTAP>

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MAIN CONCEPTS FOR USE OF OPENTAP

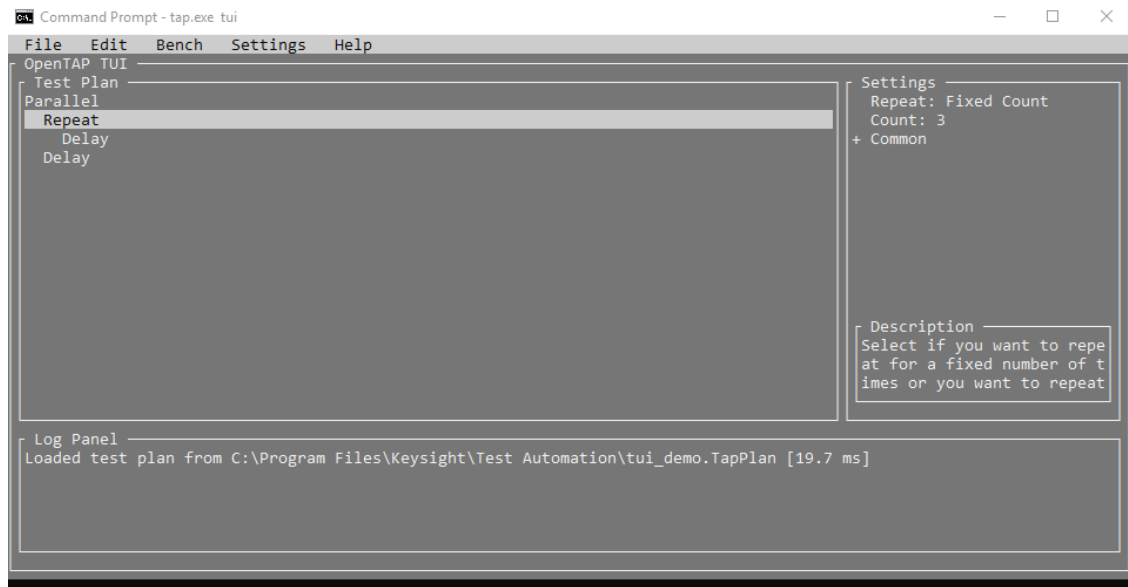
OpenTAP GUI Components - Desktop



Resource Bar:
Instruments,
DUTs, result
listeners

OpenTAP GUI Components - TUI

- Textual based UI
- Create and edit OpenTAP plans
- Modify bench settings
- Run in almost every terminal including Docker containers



The screenshot shows a Windows Command Prompt window titled "Command Prompt - tap.exe tui". The interface is a text-based user interface (TUI) for OpenTAP. It features a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "Bench", "Settings", and "Help". The main area is divided into several sections: "OpenTAP TUI" at the top, followed by a tree view of test plan components: "Test Plan", "Parallel", "Repeat" (which is currently selected and highlighted), "Delay", and another "Delay". To the right of the main area is a "Settings" panel showing "Repeat: Fixed Count" and "Count: 3", with a "+ Common" option below. Below the settings is a "Description" box with the text: "Select if you want to repeat for a fixed number of times or you want to repeat". At the bottom of the window is a "Log Panel" containing the message: "Loaded test plan from C:\Program Files\Keysight\Test Automation\tui_demo.TapPlan [19.7 ms]".

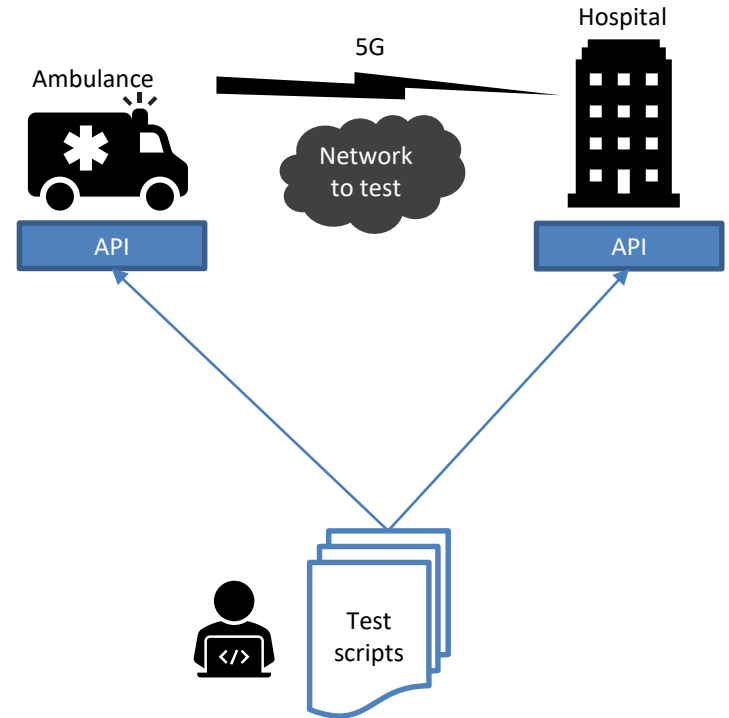
Example of OpenTAP Workflow

- Prerequisites
 - Plan what to test and how
 - OpenTAP plugins to control DUT and test tools
 - DB to store results
 - Result listener to post results to DB
- Flow
 - Install needed plugins using OpenTAP package manager
 - Configure instruments in OpenTAP editor
 - Compose OpenTAP plan using editor
 - Configure result listener
 - Run OpenTAP test plan
 - View results, e.g. in Grafana

Generic Example of Vertical Application

Use case

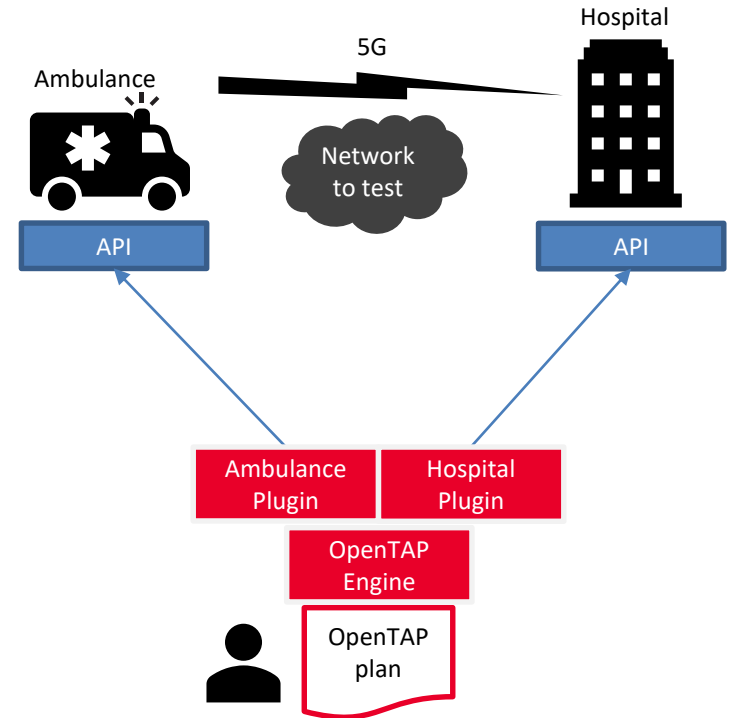
- Emergency vehicle transporting patient to hospital
- Communicate status to personal at hospital to prepare/initiate treatment
- Communication equipment in vehicle and hospital
- Equipment support functions to connect and transmit status, live video, vital signs, etc.
- Equipment can be controlled via offered APIs
- Test engineer to write scripts to test system capabilities in terms of functionality and performance



Generic Example of Vertical Application

Use case – OpenTAP approach

- Create plugin to control each entity
- Plugin offers steps to use when composing test plan (drag and drop)
- OpenTAP engine executes test steps as sequence
- Expose external parameters of selected variables
- Easy automation of tests



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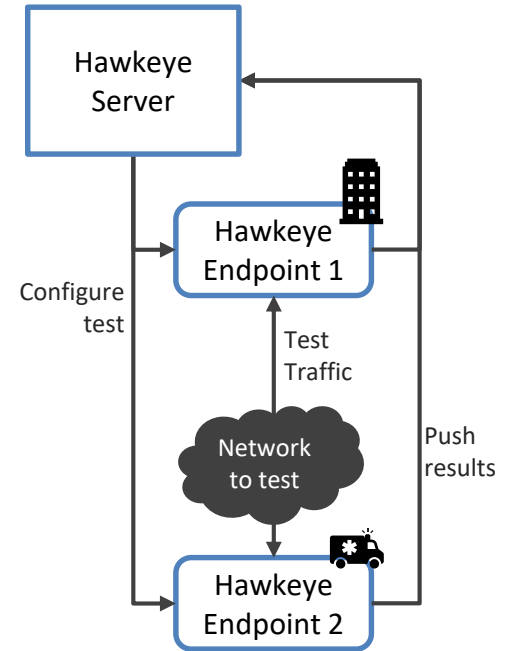
PRACTICAL OPENTAP USAGE EXAMPLE

Test Overview - Hawkeye

- Configure and run Hawkeye test between 2 endpoints
 - <https://www.ixiacom.com/products/hawkeye-network-performance-monitoring>
- Endpoints acting as both client and server
- Store results in DB of choice
- Create result visualizations

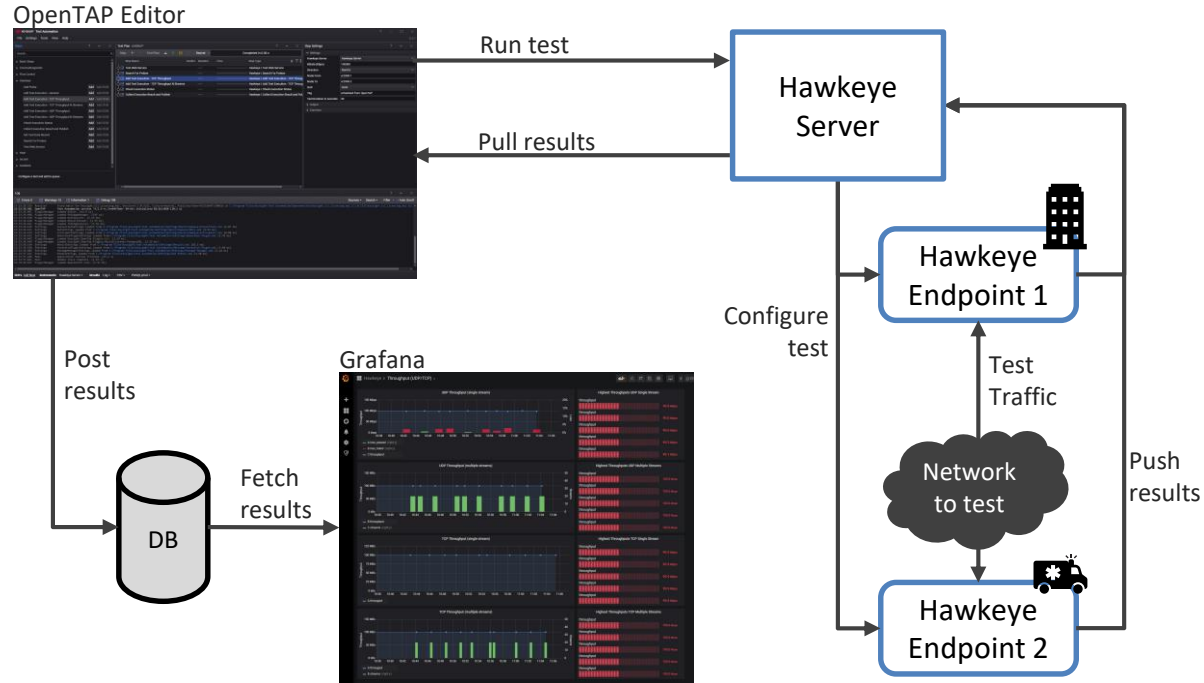
Hawkeye

- Application-layer end2end network performance test tool
- Central server and distributed endpoints
- Server acting as central registration/command and control server
- Endpoints acting as worker nodes
 - Register with server
 - Pull test specifications from server
 - Execute tests of network performance between endpoints
 - Push results to server after tests
- Supporting wide range of measurement types and application layer traffic emulation



Overview of Planned Test – OpenTAP Managed

- Create OpenTAP plan using test steps from Hawkeye plugin
- Configure tests and run
- Pull results from server
- Post results in DB via Result Listener
- Visualize results in Grafana dashboard



Use OpenTAP to Run Hawkeye Tests

DEMO

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Resources:

OpenTAP: <https://www.opentap.io/>

OpenTAP on Gitlab: <https://gitlab.com/OpenTAP/opentap>

Hawkeye: <https://www.ixiacom.com/products/hawkeye-network-performance-monitoring>

5G-VINNI: <https://www.5g-vinni.eu/>



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