

# Improving the astronomy software landscape

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# Announcement

TRAP & banana 2.0 beta



# Vagrant TRAP

[https://github.com/transientskp/vagrant\\_trap](https://github.com/transientskp/vagrant_trap)

## Installation

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Download [Virtualbox](#) and [Vagrant](#) and install them. On Ubuntu 14.04 you can simply do:

```
$ sudo apt-get install virtualbox vagrant
```

## Quickstart

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to get up and running quickly:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/transientskp/vagrant_trap
$ cd vagrant_trap
$ <copy your data to vagrant_trap/data>
$ ./run_trap.sh
$ open http://localhost:9096
```

# About me

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- Basic part
- Advanced part
- Deployment

# The problem

- (Radio) astronomy is complex
- Requires advanced software
- Making this requires domain knowledge
- Astronomer makes software
- Often learns making software while making software

# Part 1 - preventing problems

Prevent the problems

Educate the future scientists

<http://software-carpentry.org/>



# Most important

- Keep it simple
- Keep collaboration in mind
- Also with future self
- Reuse existing solutions
- Open source it!
- Learn to adapt
- One can only minimise bug count
- Documentation
- version control



# Part 2 - advanced techniques - Extreme Programming (XP)

- Documentation
- (automated) testing
- Code reviews
- Release management
- Obtaining requirements
- Communication / community





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#### Build Queue
















No builds in the queue.

#### Build Executor Status

- 1 Idle
- 2 Idle
- 3 Idle
- 4 Idle
- 5 Idle
- 6 Idle

Test suite builds for the TRAP.

[edit description](#)

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		<a href="#">tkp-monetdb</a>	9 days 23 hr - <a href="#">#32</a>	N/A	5 min 51 sec	
		<a href="#">tkp-monetdb_nightly</a>	11 hr - <a href="#">#14</a>	N/A	11 min	
		<a href="#">tkp-monetdb_PR</a>	5 days 3 hr - <a href="#">#10</a>	N/A	4 min 15 sec	
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Pull requests

Labels

Milestones

Filters

is:open is:pr

New pull request

4 Open 322 Closed

Author

Labels

Milestones

Assignee

Sort

add median function for postgresql ✓

#325 opened 11 days ago by gjizelaerr

2

Licensing and copyright. ✓

#324 opened 13 days ago by jdswinbank

0

Rework monitoringlist functionality. ✓

#323 opened 20 days ago by timstaley

14

Parallel Pyse ✗ onhold

#294 opened on Jun 16 by hughbg

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ProTip! Exclude everything labeled bug with `-label:bug`.

- Lobby
- Banana (& TKP-W...)
- TraP Development
- General Chatter

Admiral! We have enemy ships in sector 47!  
 we are going to expect in the future.

client and server side are sweating to process and visualise this 😓 Or did you set the detection threshold very low

**John Swinbank** I think that particular image was a stress test. But... if you believe the TraP paper, it's not atypical for what we might expect someday. It says 18549 sources, which is ~25k that my back-of-the-envelope calculation suggested. Aug-26 14:05  
 Dunno what the pixel size is, but I was predicting 5k by 5k.  
 I wouldn't put too much weight on my estimates, but it seems like the right sort of ballpark.

**GitHub** [bartscheers](#) commented on [pull request 323](#) of [transientskp/tkp](#): Please, do not merge this, I am working on it. Aug-26 16:18

**GitHub** [jdswinbank](#) commented on [pull request 323](#) of [transientskp/tkp](#): Just to add that, following the discussion on the... Aug-26 16:32

Wednesday August 27, 2014

**Antonia Rowlinson** [@GijsMolenaar](#) that image was deliberately with low source finder settings as I was testing a TraP issue. I don't think we will be producing real images of that intensity for a while but, as John says, there could very well be images like this in the future. Aug-27 01:47

**Jenkins** tkp-postgresql\_nightly - #9 Started by timer ([Open](#)) Aug-27 03:20

**Jenkins** tkp-postgresql\_nightly - #9 Success after 10 min ([Open](#)) Aug-27 03:30

**Jenkins** tkp-monetdb\_nightly - #8 Started by timer ([Open](#)) Aug-27 03:53

**Jenkins** tkp-monetdb\_nightly - #8 Success after 11 min ([Open](#)) Aug-27 04:04

Thursday August 28, 2014

**Jenkins** tkp-postgresql\_nightly - #10 Started by timer ([Open](#)) Aug-28 03:20

**Jenkins** tkp-postgresql\_nightly - #10 Success after 10 min ([Open](#)) Aug-28 03:30

**Jenkins** tkp-monetdb\_nightly - #9 Started by timer ([Open](#)) Aug-28 03:53

**Jenkins** tkp-monetdb\_nightly - #9 Success after 11 min ([Open](#)) Aug-28 04:05

**GitHub** [jdswinbank](#) commented on [pull request 326](#) of [transientskp/tkp](#): This will be handled by Gijs as part of #6337. Aug-28 10:30

**GitHub** [jdswinbank](#) closed [pull request 326](#) of [transientskp/tkp](#): Setting back SQL functions Aug-28 10:30

**Jenkins** tkp-postgresql\_PR - #16 GitHub pull request #326 of commit 50c8e58c7bac181edd3846256c39ba80c37e6c4b automatically merged. ([Open](#)) Aug-28 10:30

**Jenkins** tkp-doc\_PR - #11 GitHub pull request #326 of commit 50c8e58c7bac181edd3846256c39ba80c37e6c4b automatically merged. ([Open](#)) Aug-28 10:30

**Jenkins** tkp-monetdb\_PR - #10 Started by changes from Gijs Molenaar, bartscheers, tim.staley, John Swinbank (85 file(s) changed) ([Open](#)) Aug-28 10:30

- People
  - Files
  - Links
- Gijs Molenaar
  - Antonia Rowlinson  
5h 21m
  - Folkert Huizinga  
1h 31m

Available

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# Changelog

Filter entries by content:

Filter

## Python 3.4.2

Release date: XXXX-XX-XX

### Core and Builtins ¶

- [Issue #22258](#): Fix the the internal function `set_inheritable()` on Illumos. This platform exposes the function `ioctl(FIOCLEX)`, but calling it fails with `errno` is `ENOTTY`: “Inappropriate ioctl for device”. `set_inheritable()` now falls back to the slower `fcntl()` (`F_GETFD` and then `F_SETFD`).
- [Issue #21669](#): With the aid of heuristics in `SyntaxError.__init__`, the parser now attempts to generate more meaningful (or at least more search engine friendly) error messages when “exec” and “print” are used as statements.
- [Issue #21642](#): If the conditional if-else expression, allow an integer written with no space between itself and the `else` keyword (e.g. `True if 42else False`) to be valid syntax.
- [Issue #21523](#): Fix over-pessimistic computation of the stack effect of some opcodes in the compiler. This also fixes a quadratic compilation time issue noticeable when compiling code with a large number of “and” and “or” operators.

### Library

- [Issue #22216](#): `smtpplib` now resets its state more completely after a quit. The most obvious consequence of the previous behavior was a `STARTTLS` failure during a `connect/starttls/quit/connect/starttls` sequence.
- [Issue #22185](#): Fix an occasional `RuntimeError` in `threading.Condition.wait()` caused by mutation of the waiters queue without holding the lock. Patch by Doug Zongker.
- [Issue #22182](#): Use `e.args` to unpack exceptions correctly in `distutils.file_util.move_file`. Patch by Claudiu Popa.
- The `webbrowser` module now uses `subprocess`’s `start_new_session=True` rather than a potentially risky `preexec_fn=os.setsid` call.
- [Issue #22236](#): Fixed Tkinter images copying operations in `NoDefaultRoot` mode.

# Part 3 - deployment

Scientist **A** wants  
software **B** on  
computer **C**

Not trivial



Software often specific per

Operating system

Operating system version

Used Libraries

Library version

Compiler settings

Environment settings

User preferences

Sys admin preferences

# Package it up!







ubuntu



# Installing meqtrees or casacore or LUS

```
$ sudo apt-get install python-software-properties
```

```
$ sudo add-apt-repository ppa:ska-sa/main
```

```
$ sudo apt-get update
```

```
$ sudo apt-get install meqtrees
```

**but but but...**

What if a new Ubuntu is released?

# Virtual Machines



Download ISO?

Install?

wait?

**No!**



VAGRANT

# Papino



<https://github.com/ska-sa/papino>



- Install vagrant & virtualbox

```
$ git clone https://github.com/ska-sa/papino
```

```
$ cd papino
```

```
$ vagrant up
```

- wait

- open <http://localhost:8888>

```
In [7]: import aplpy
```

```
In [8]: ls /data/example
```

```
2MASS_h.fits 2MASS_j.fits 2MASS_k.fits mips_24micron.fits
```

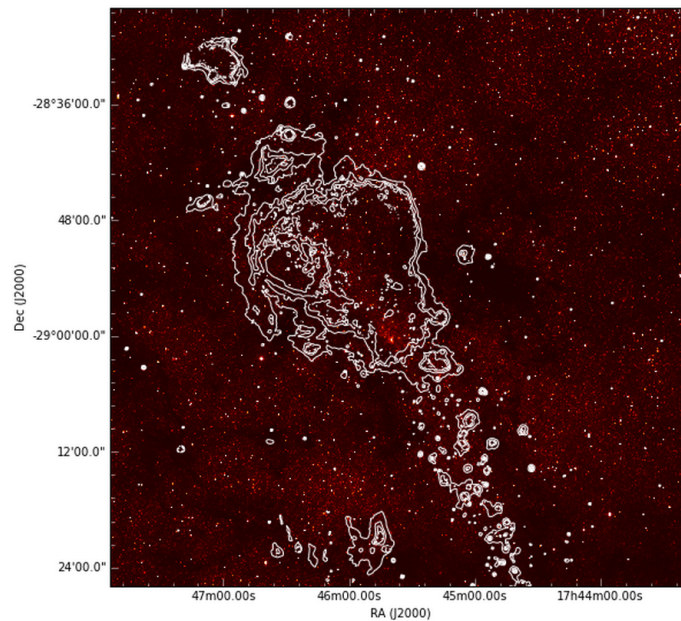
```
In [9]: gc = aplpy.FITSFigure('/data/example/2MASS_h.fits')
gc.show_colorscale(cmap='gist_heat')
_ = gc.show_contour('/data/example/mips_24micron.fits', colors='white')
```

```
INFO:astropy:Auto-setting vmin to 4.195e+02
```

```
INFO:astropy:Auto-setting vmax to 1.165e+03
```

```
INFO: Auto-setting vmin to 4.195e+02 [aplpy.aplpy]
```

```
INFO: Auto-setting vmax to 1.165e+03 [aplpy.aplpy]
```





docker

# Conclusions

VM / containers have huge potential

Especially in science

Takes expertise to set up

But only once!