2024 Feature Overview

Typhoon Test Hub 1.0.0

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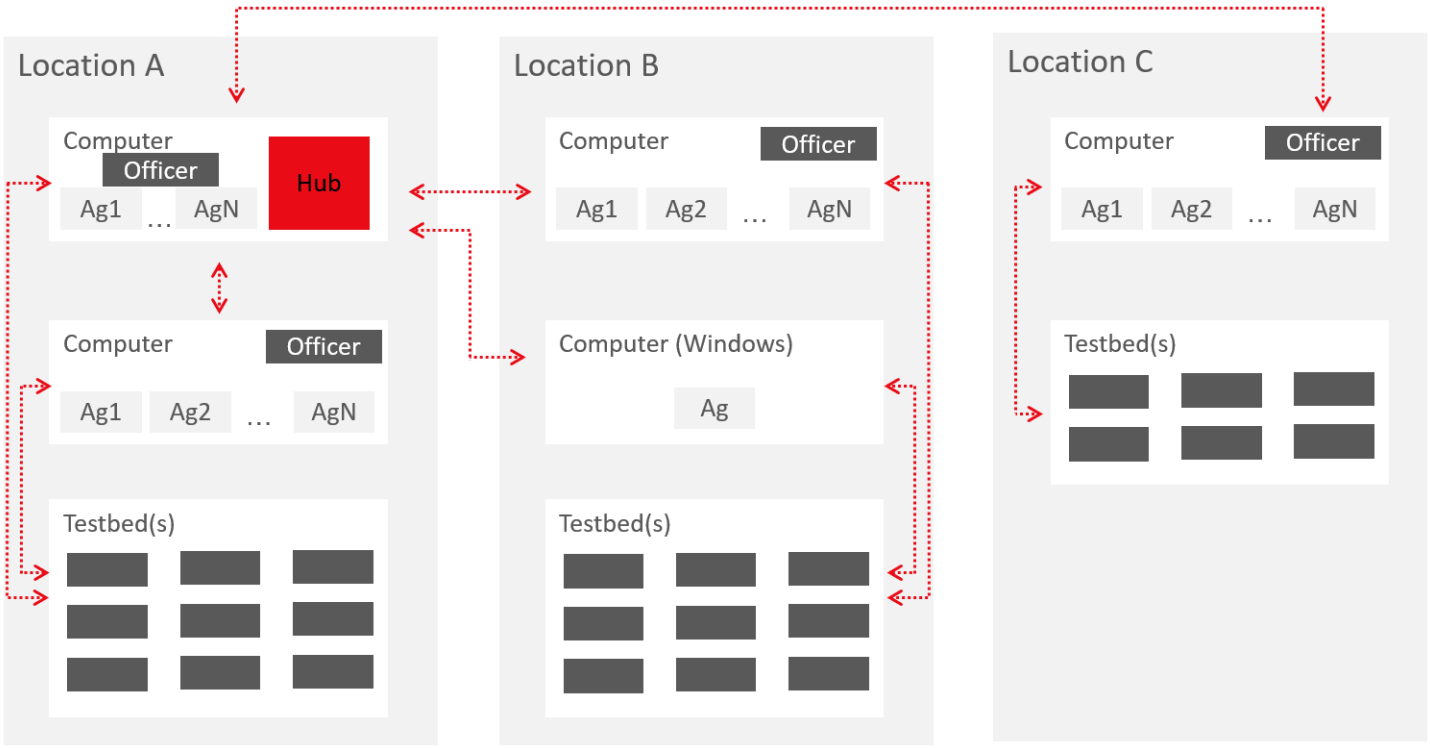
Typhoon Test Hub

Typhoon Test Hub (TTH) orchestrates test execution and organizes the test results. It can be deployed on-premises or in the cloud and manage distributed computers to run tests. It is first and foremost a continuous integration and testing tool, built on the principles of ease-of-use, visibility, scalability, and reproducibility.

TTH has a web interface, making it easily accessible. It is designed for convenience, removing the complexity of integrating Controller Hardware-in-the-Loop (C-HIL) into your automated testing process. It also allows you to quickly extract relevant information from a large amount of test data. Using the web user interface (UI), it is possible to easily configure which tests should be executed when and where.

When it comes to output, TTH generates overviews for quick result checks and has the ability to present detailed test results for debugging. All test results are collected and available at the same location, simplifying the process of sharing test results. You can create any number of users, free of charge, and make the results available and useful to everyone in your company – or even to customers, suppliers, and partners. From a single place (here depicted in red as “Hub”), you can manage, trigger, and collect data from several locations.



Typhoon Test Hub can be installed on a Computer on-premises, or in the cloud. It runs on Linux (Debian). The Computer can be provided by Typhoon HIL (recommended) or sourced by you. When provided by Typhoon HIL, the Computer will come pre-configured with the optimal hardware configuration. It is highly recommended the Computer is used solely for Test Automation in Linux OS, where the Hub, Agents, and additional applications are run in docker containers. This means your tests must be “Linux compatible”, including applications that interface with the device under test (DUT) – such as those that update device firmware, parameters, and communicate with it. If that is not possible, Agents can also run Typhoon Test Hub on a Windows Computer (one Agent per Computer), with limited capabilities and unavailable features.

TTH can run a wide range of tests for different products and applications – not only for HIL testing, but also for software only tests or running/collecting results from manual or laboratory tests. All the results will be available in the same location. You can narrow down the search results in the Hub, so it is easy to find the specific type of test you are looking for.

Definitions

Here are the explanations for some of the components and nomenclature used in this document:

- Hub: Software which orchestrates test execution and collects test results. It has a web interface for ease of access.

Agent: “Component” that executes the Job. When running with Linux, a single Computer can have several Agents running independently and in parallel.

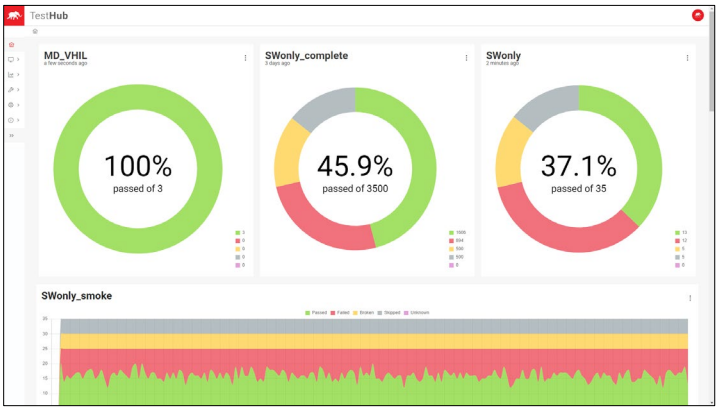
- Computer: Refers to the Linux computer that is running the Hub + Agents or just Agents.
- Officer: Application running on the Computer which allows the Hub to control and monitor it, including controlling the Agents.
- Job: Describes what should be executed, which resources to use, where to connect to.
- Setup: Combination of HILs and DUTs which will be used to run a Job.
- Execution: Once a Job is started, it generates one Execution.
- Report: When the Execution runs Typhoon Test, it generates an Allure Report.

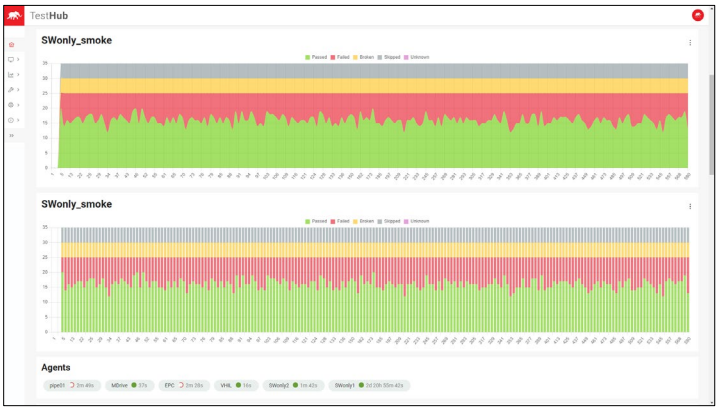
Visualization

One of the main features of Typhoon Test Hub is improved visibility of both test results and system performance. You can have an overall performance view at a glance or dive into details. Executions carry important information about how a test was executed and what was used, so you can reproduce tests and have traceability.

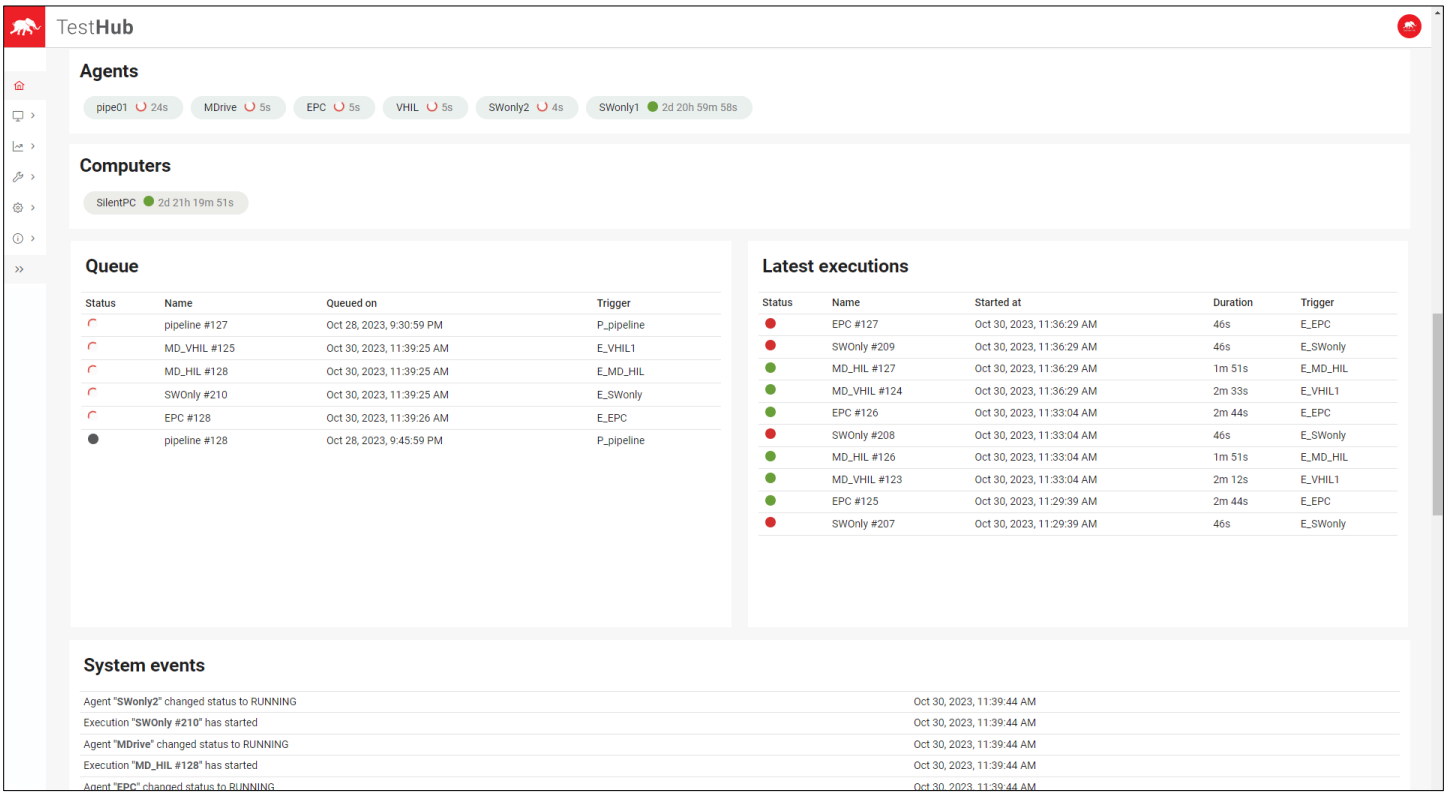
Overview

The overview page is setup for a quick overview of the whole system. Most of the items on this page are linked and will direct you to another page where more details about the item can be located. At the very top, you can see the latest results for a group of tests (3 donut graphs) and how long ago they were updated, as well as a trend (in the line or bar graph) of test results. You can easily select a different group of tests from among those displayed in each graph.

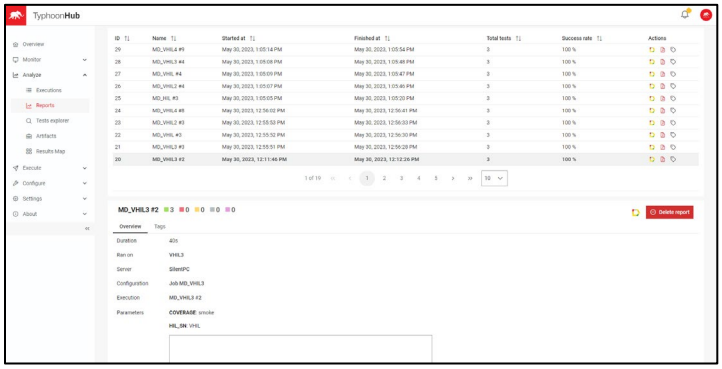


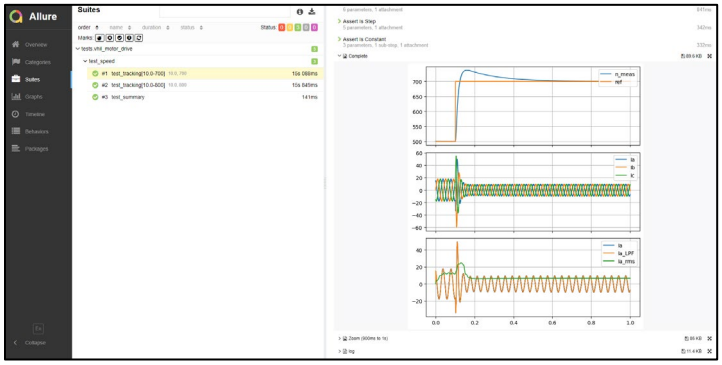


Further down, there is a list of all Agents, informing which are currently running, online, or offline. Similarly, there is a list of all the Computers currently connected to the Hub, their status, and for how long they are in that state. The Queue table shows executions which are currnetly running or queued to run. The Latest Executions table shows executions that have already completed.

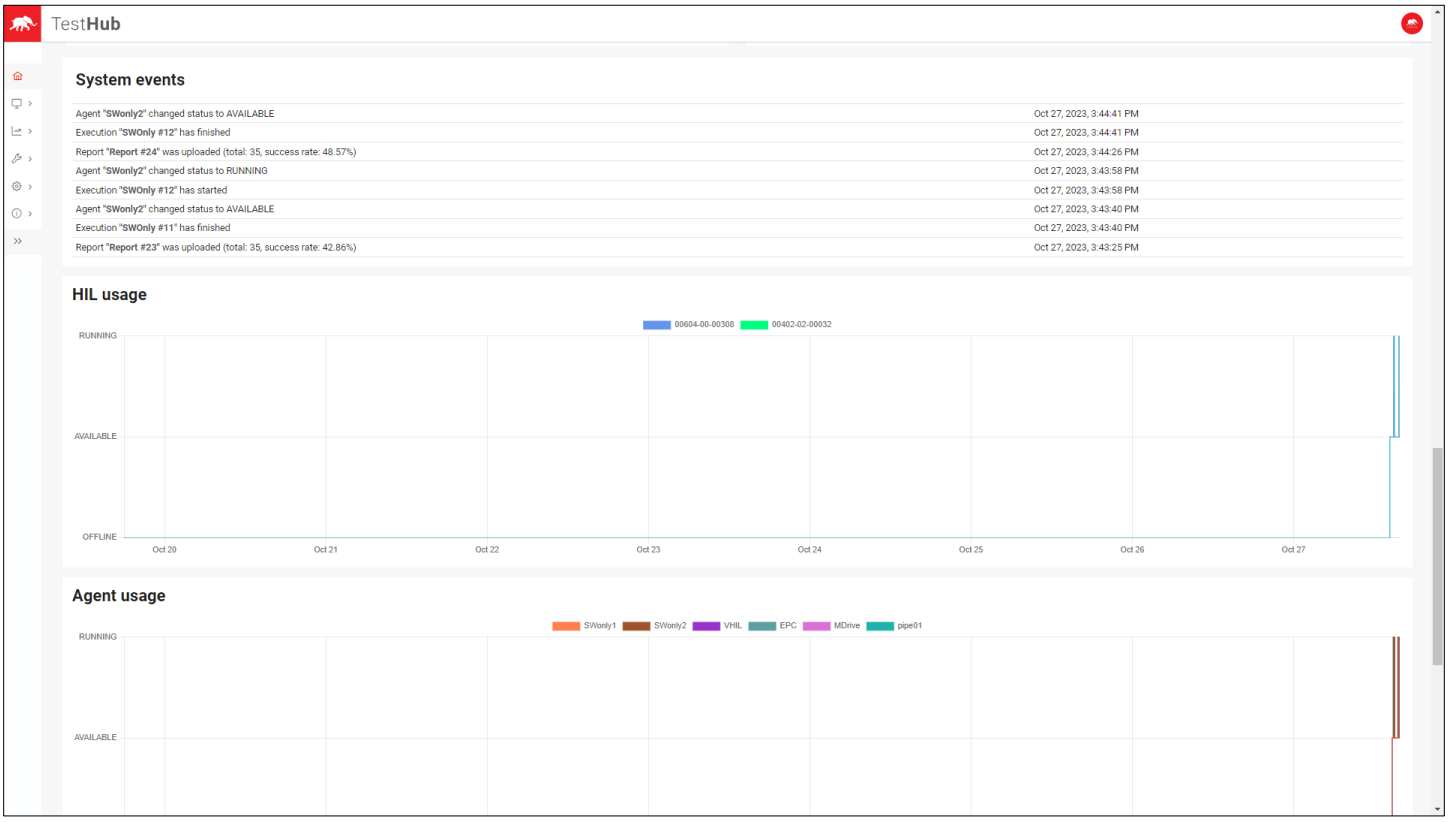


As mentioned before, this is an interactive Overview. Clicking on items on the Overview page will take you to a corresponding screen where more details can be found. For example, if you click on a graph, it will take you to a report page specific to that result. From the report page, you can see a list of all reports in addition to more details per each selected report:

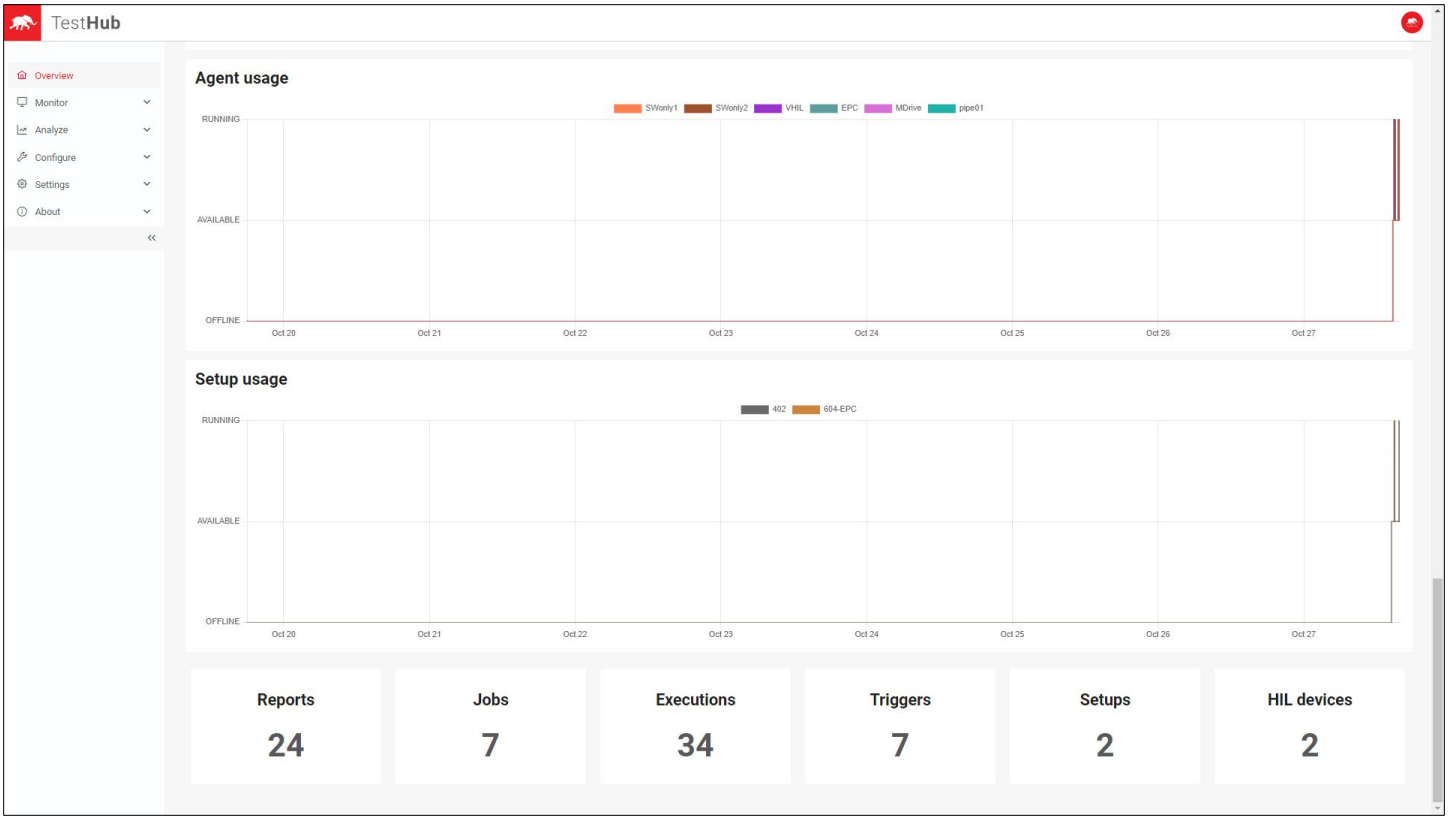




System events and configuration changes are stored so you can trace back activities and actions in your system. You can also visualize your system utilization in the time trace, which shows if HILs, Agents, and Setups are offline, available, or running.

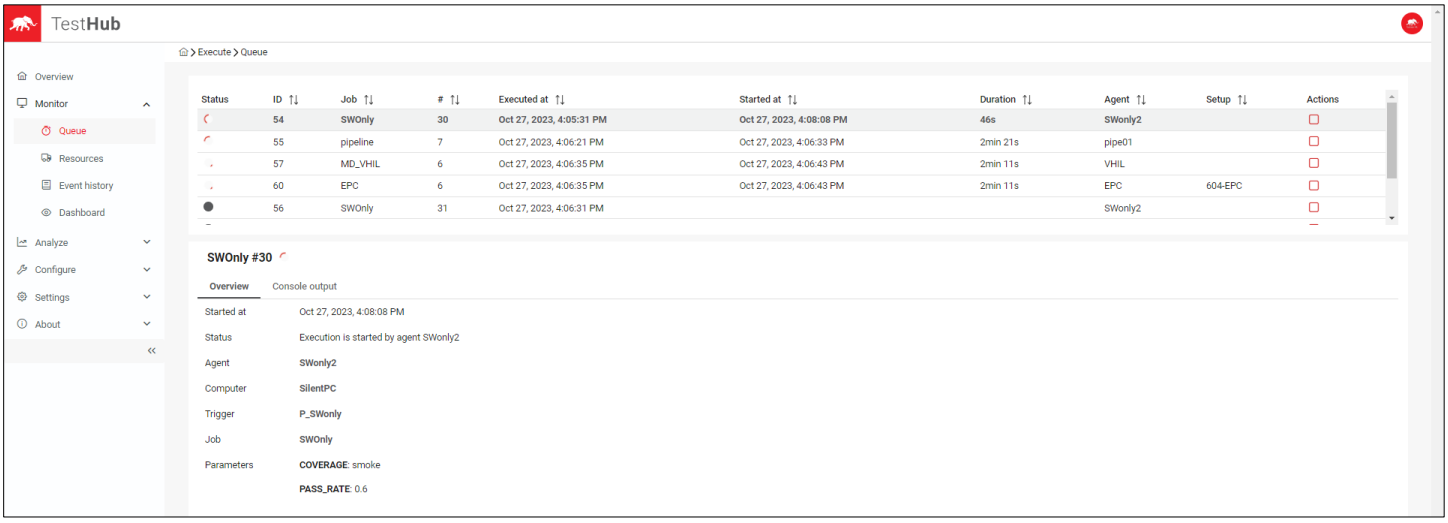


Finally, at the very bottom of the Overview, you can see some cards with summary information about your system and executions.

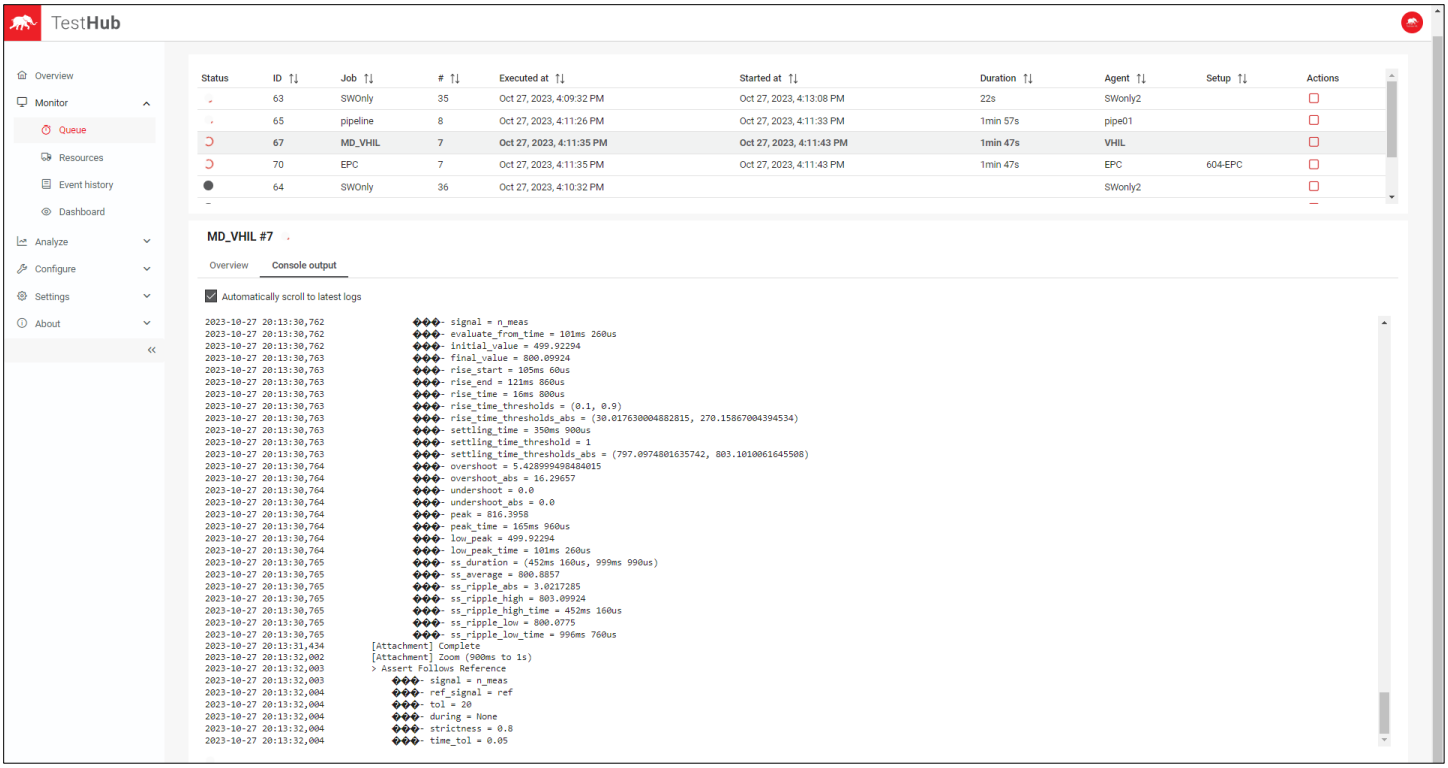


Queue

Queue provides details on which Executions are currently running and which ones are queued to be executed.



In both cases, the Overview tab provides information and links to items connected to that execution: displaying on which Agent/Computer the test is running, which Job is executing, and its parametrization. If an item is queued, it will inform which resource it is waiting for. Typhoon Test Hub is designed to optimize Setup utilization, so if two executions need different Setups, they can run in parallel. Once a test execution starts, you can track logs in real time by looking at the Console output:



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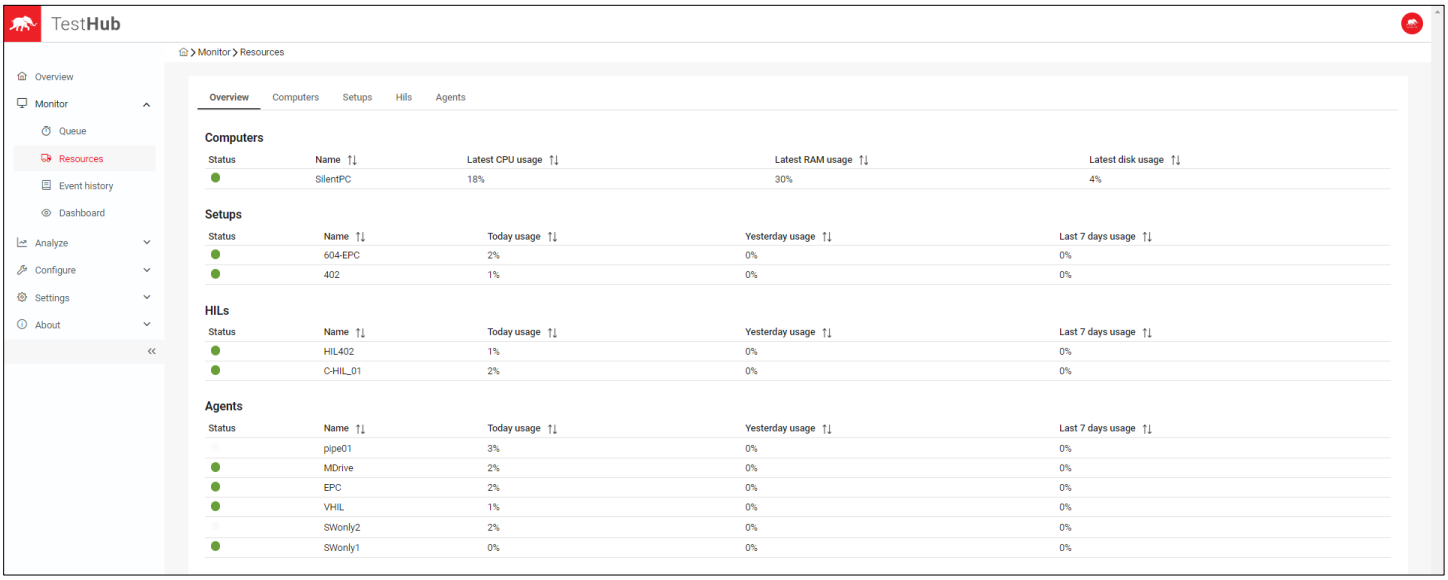
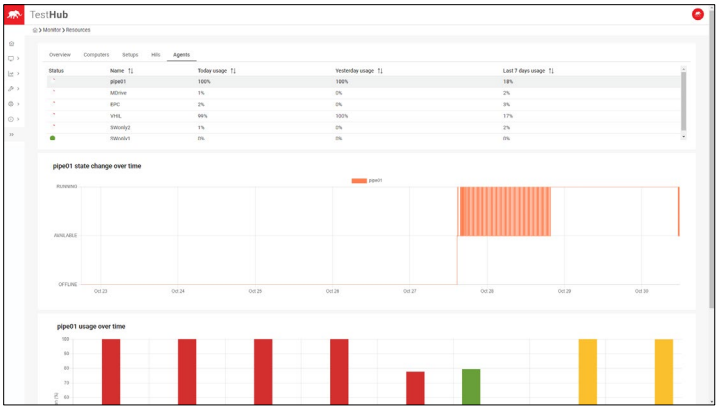
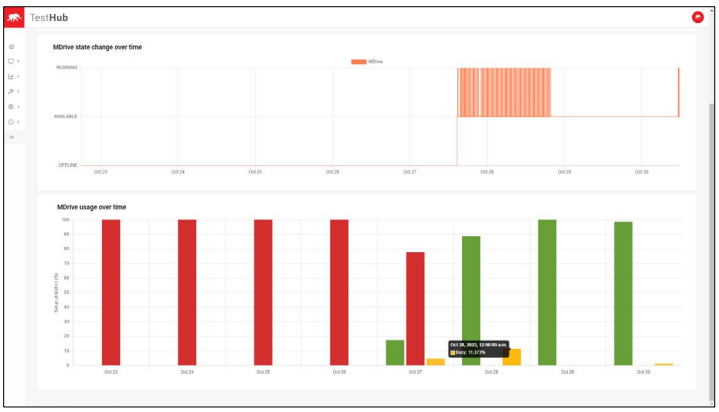
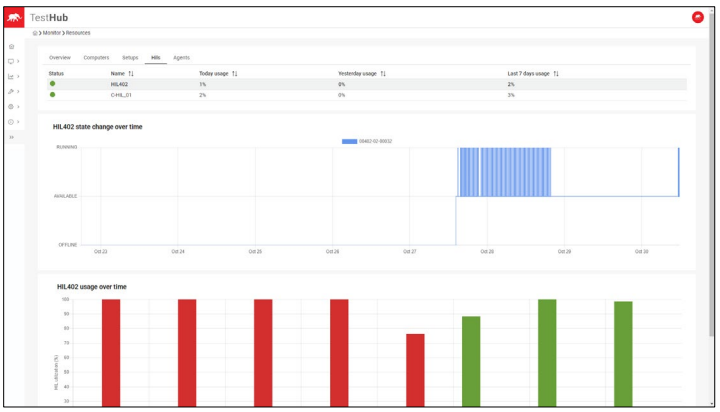
Tracking your test system utilization allows you to create strategies to better utilize it. Under Monitor/Resources on the Overview tab, you can quickly see the status of all your devices and Agents.



Under the Computer tab, you can visualize CPU, RAM, and Hard disk utilization in detail. This makes it easy to identify whether it is time to split test execution across multiple Computers, or if it is necessary to start deleting test Artifacts due to space limitations. Under the Setup/HILs/Agents tab, you can view detailed utilization data, both as a line plot or as a daily aggregated amount.

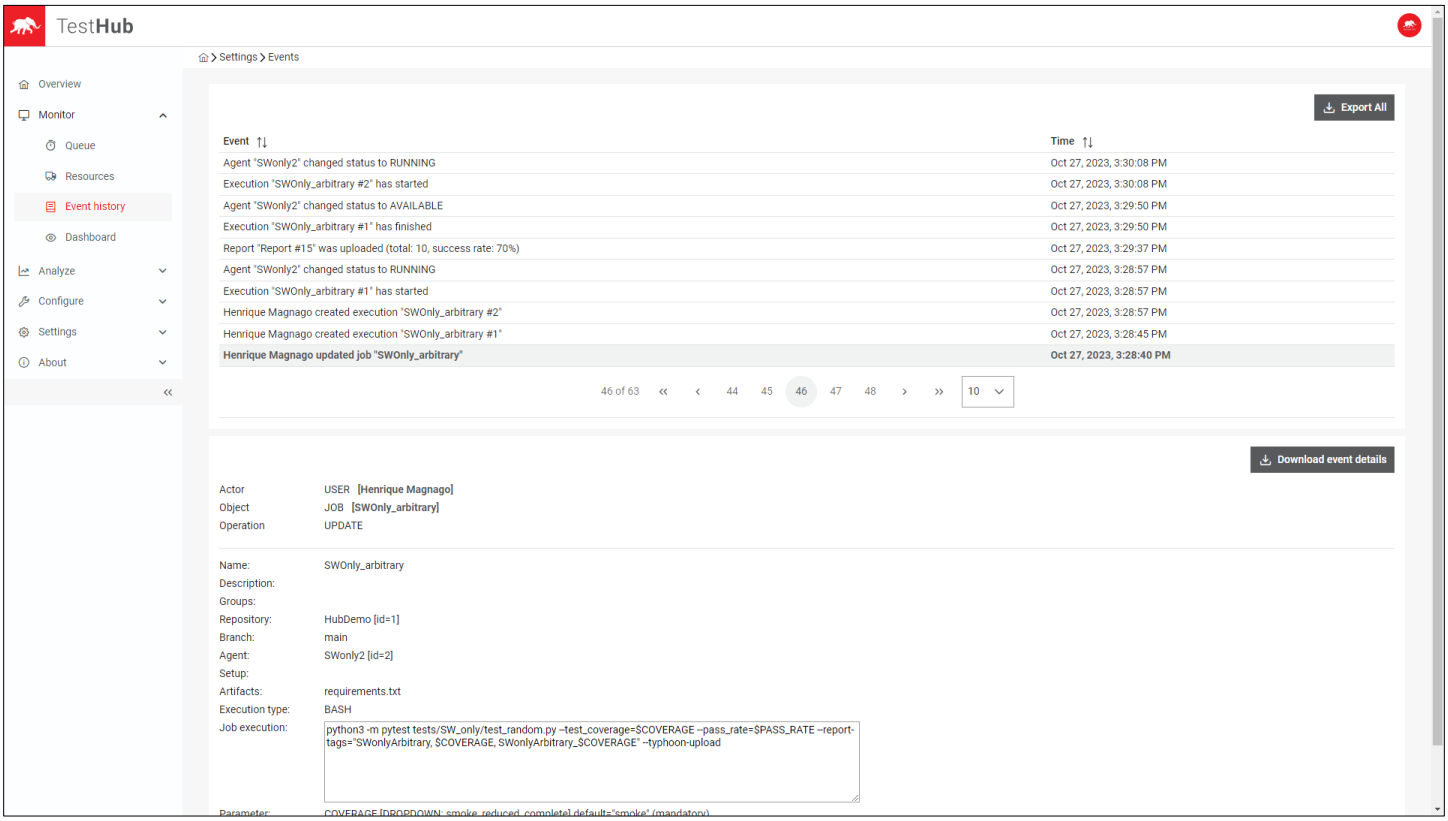






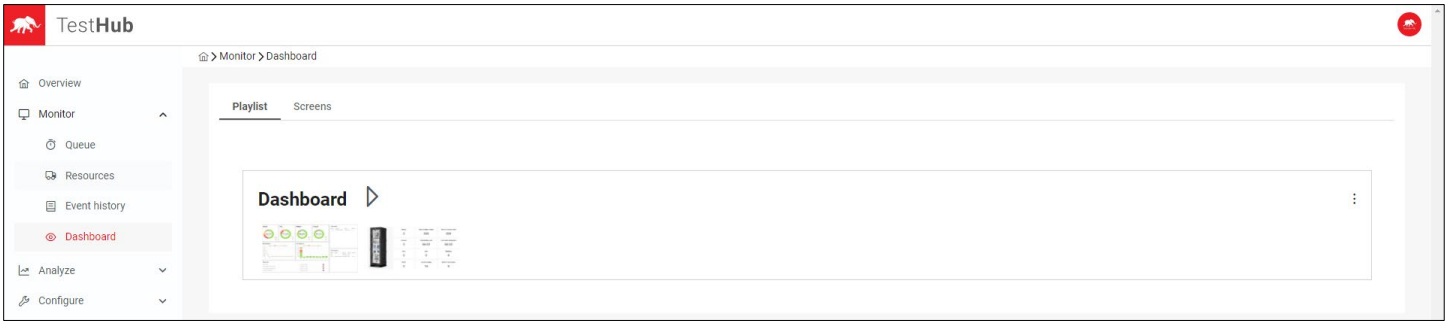
Event History:

All activity in Typhoon Test Hub is logged and can be used to spot and revert accidental changes. You can quickly visualize the changes in the Event History, or export them for a more in-depth look.

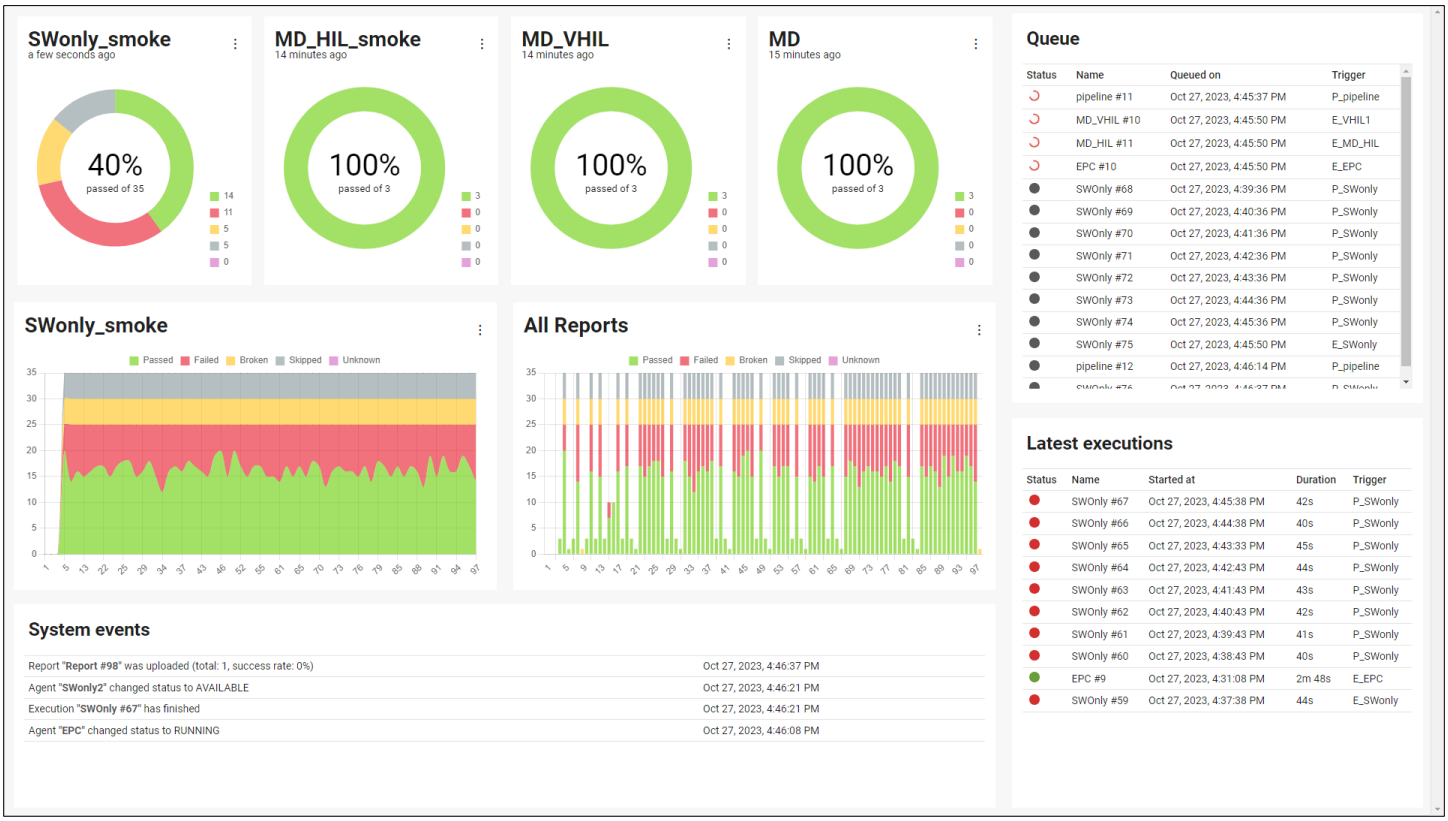


Dashboards

Custom Screens can also be created. Once created, screens can be grouped together into a Dashboard Playlist that will cycle through at regular intervals on the display. A single screen can be used for multiple Playlists.



Dashboards can also be used for different contexts and displayed on TV screens, such as a detailed view to be displayed in the engineering room, or a more general view in the public lobby.



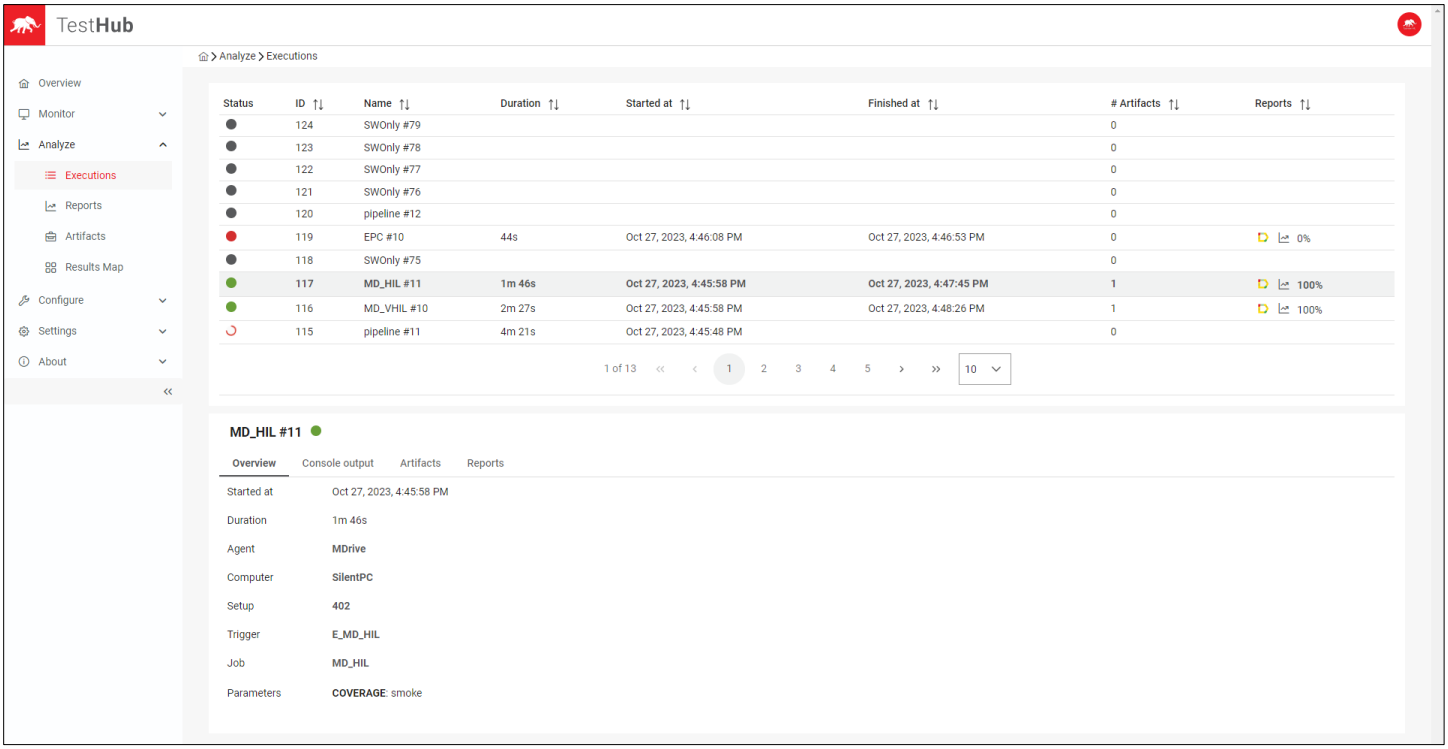
Setups	Total number of tests	Tests in the last week
2	2365	2365
Computers	**Total testing time**	**Last week testing time**
1	08:58	08:58
HIL devices	**Jobs**	**Agents**
2	7	6
DUTs	**Job Executions**	**Reports**
1	122	100

Analyzing Execution data

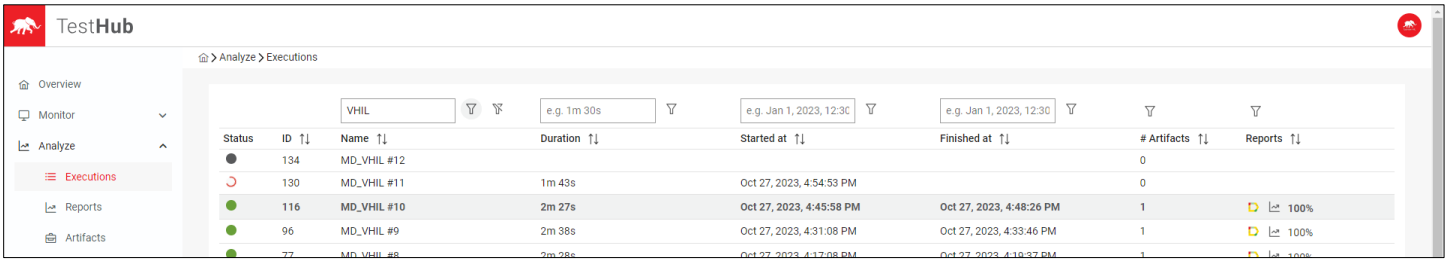
Analyzing the test results is one of the most important aspects of testing. Running a Job creates an Execution which may contain one or more Reports, each containing several Tests. Test Execution can also generate files (Artifacts) which should be stored.

Executions

Under Analyze/Executions, you can find all Executions. When selecting a specific Execution, you will be able to see more details: its configuration, which resources it used, how it was parametrized, the console output, the generated Artifacts, and all Reports. Most of the details are also links, which provide even more information about that selected item.



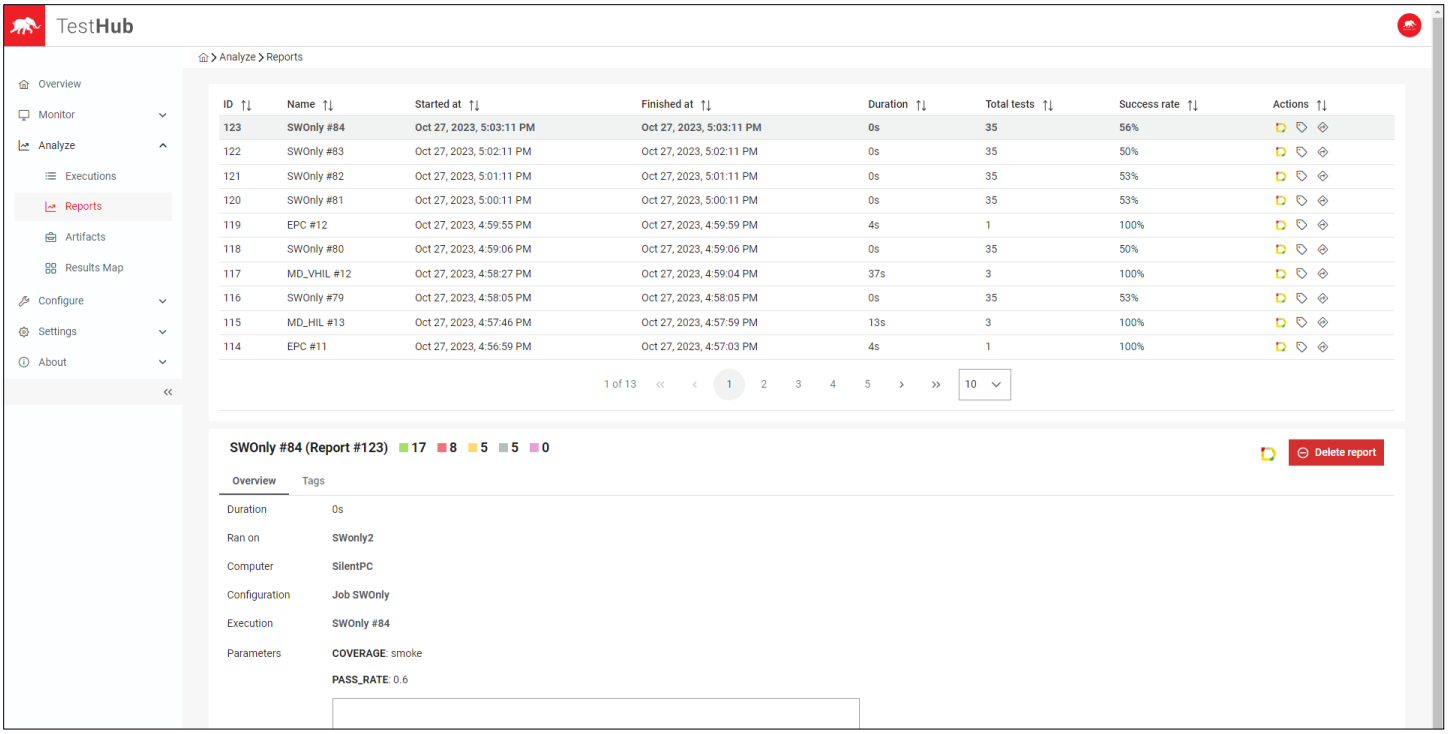
Here, it is also possible to filter Executions by different criteria.



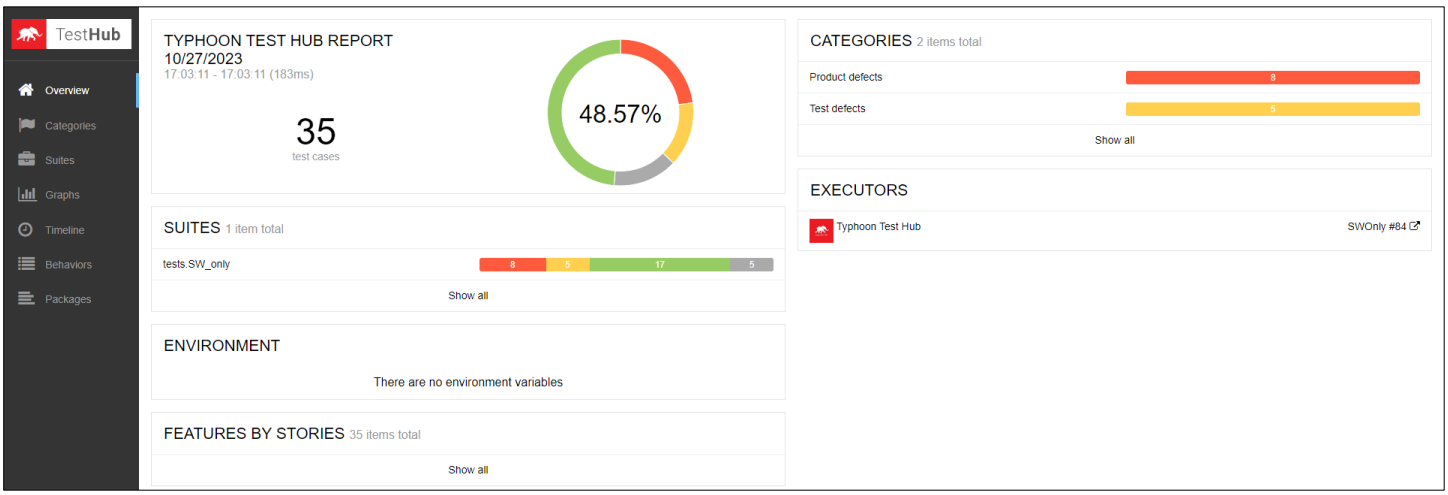
On the far right, if an Execution also generated an Allure report, it will be added there alongside the success rate. Clicking on the Allure icon will open the corresponding Allure report to that Execution, with additional details covered in the Reporting section.

Reports

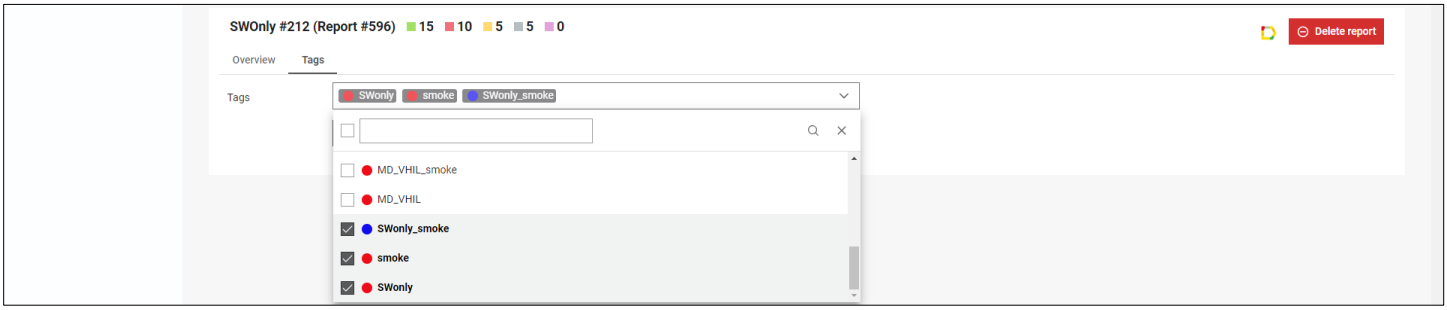
The Report page is quite similar to the Execution page, with some additional granularity on the performance of the test itself.



You can open the Allure report by clicking on the Allure report icon under the Action column.



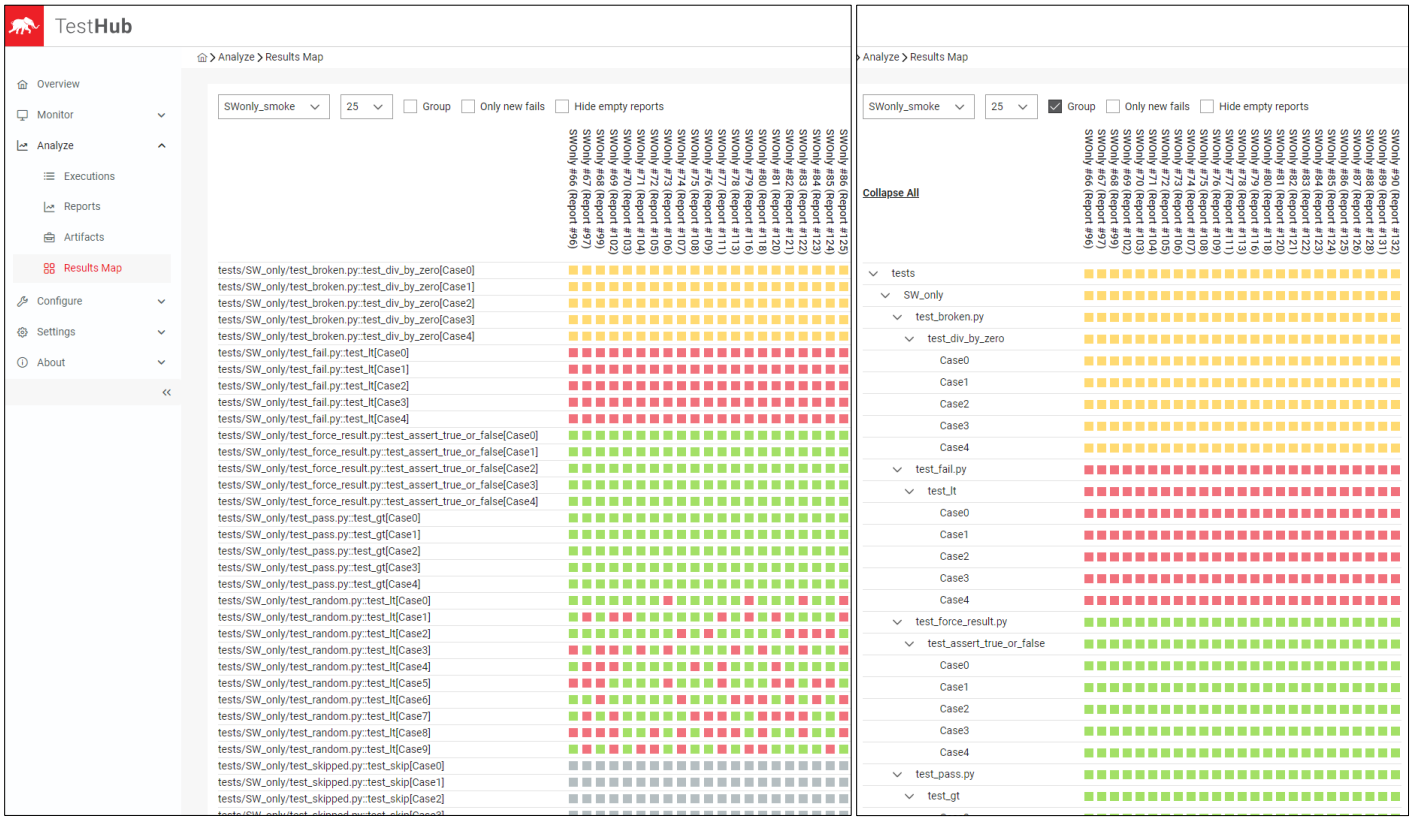
You can share a link to this report directly with your colleagues which they can open by logging into Typhoon Test Hub. If you want to check more information about the Execution which generated a specific report, simply click on the link under “Executors” to return to the details in TTH. Tags for a specific report can be added prior to Execution or after Execution. You can see them under the Tags tab.



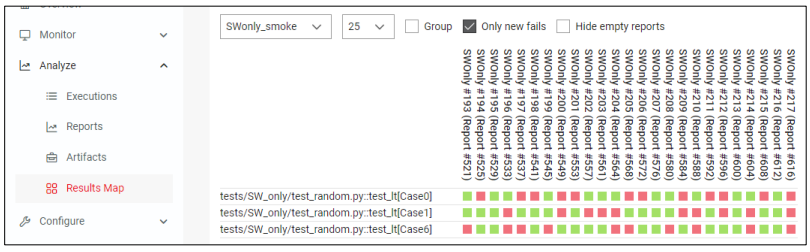
Allure Reports can be easily updated to TTH at the end of a Job execution, or can be uploaded manually from anywhere by means of using our standalone *TTH report uploader* library.

Results Map

You can quickly compare results of the same tests from different executions using the Results Map tab. You can easily switch which group of tests you want to compare and how many test executions you would like to see. On the left, you can see the test name, on the top the Execution and Report, and in the body of the table the test results. Test results are color coded for easy interpretation of the results. Clicking any square, will open the corresponding Allure report for that precise execution and test case.



If you are looking for tests that failed in the most recent Execution, but passed before, check the “Only new Fails” box to filter the results.



Configuring

In order to take advantage of TTH's Visualization features, Execution must be configured. This process involves five steps:

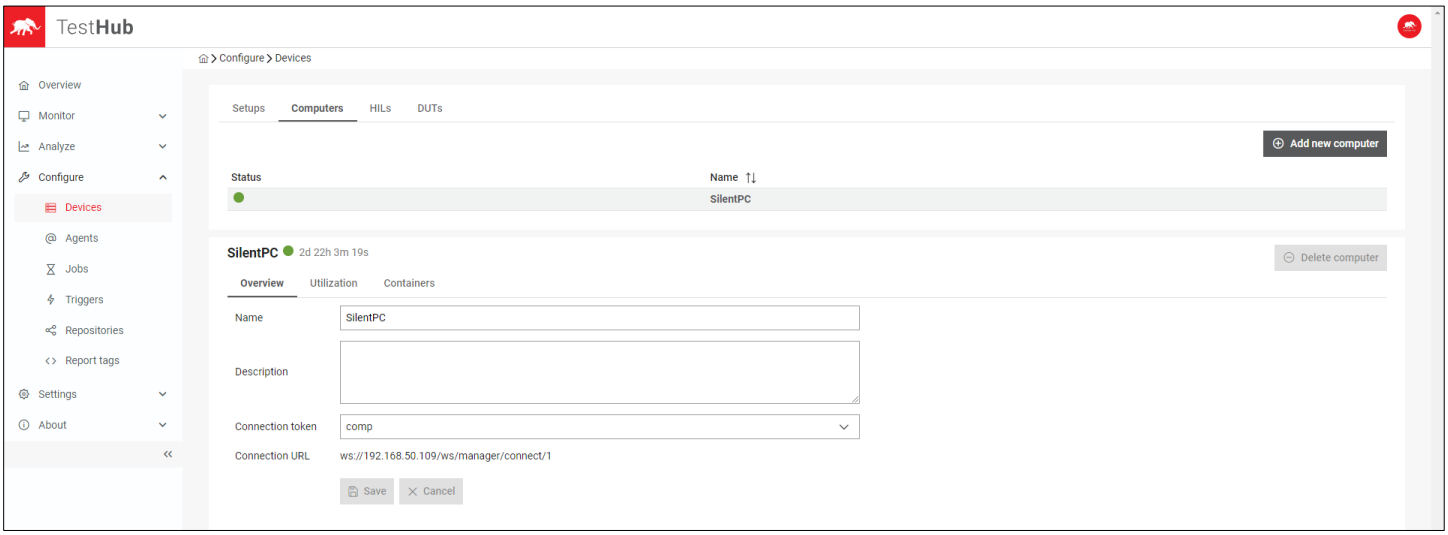
1. Adding devices and creating Setups;
2. Creating Agents;
3. Configuring Git credentials and repositories;
4. Defining the Job;
5. Starting the execution.

Devices

Here is where you can configure all Hardware devices in your testbed, so they can easily be referred to when creating new Jobs. This informs which devices should be used to run a specific test Execution.

Computers

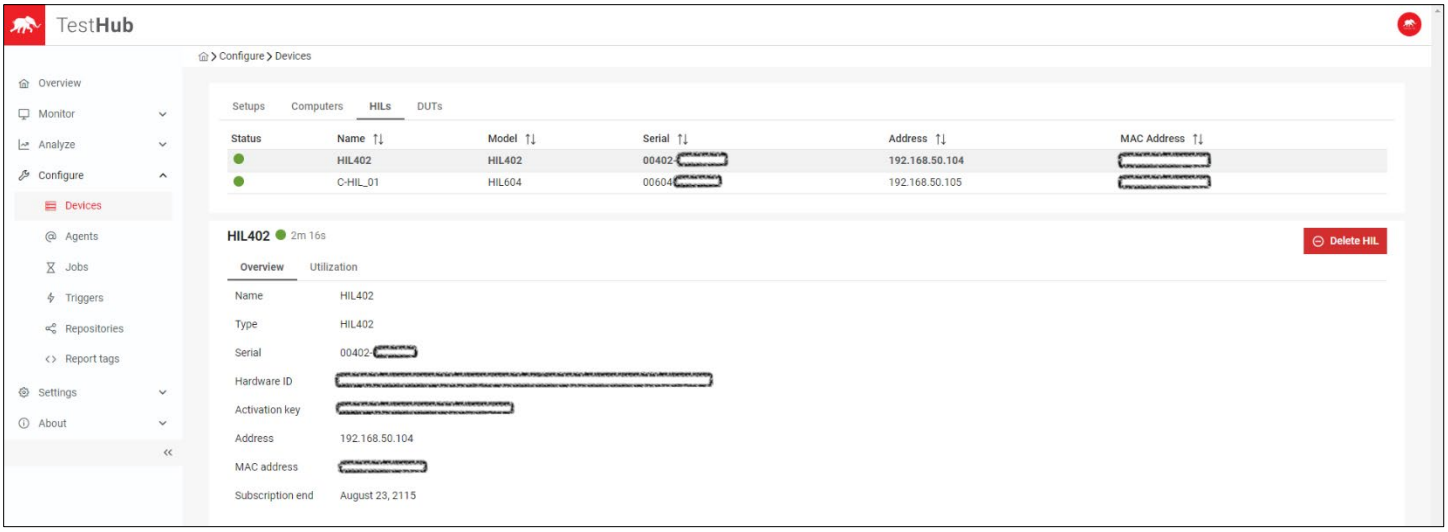
If there are multiple Computers connected to the same Hub, they will be added and displayed here. After starting *Officer* on the Computer, it will become online on the Hub. The *Officer* application allows for creating and starting Agents on the computer; collecting resource (RAM, CPU, storage) utilization; and more.



The Typhoon Test Hub distribution package comes with the *Officer* application folder. To run *Officer* on a computer, use the interface to navigate to that folder and run the setup command, informing the Connection URL and token value.

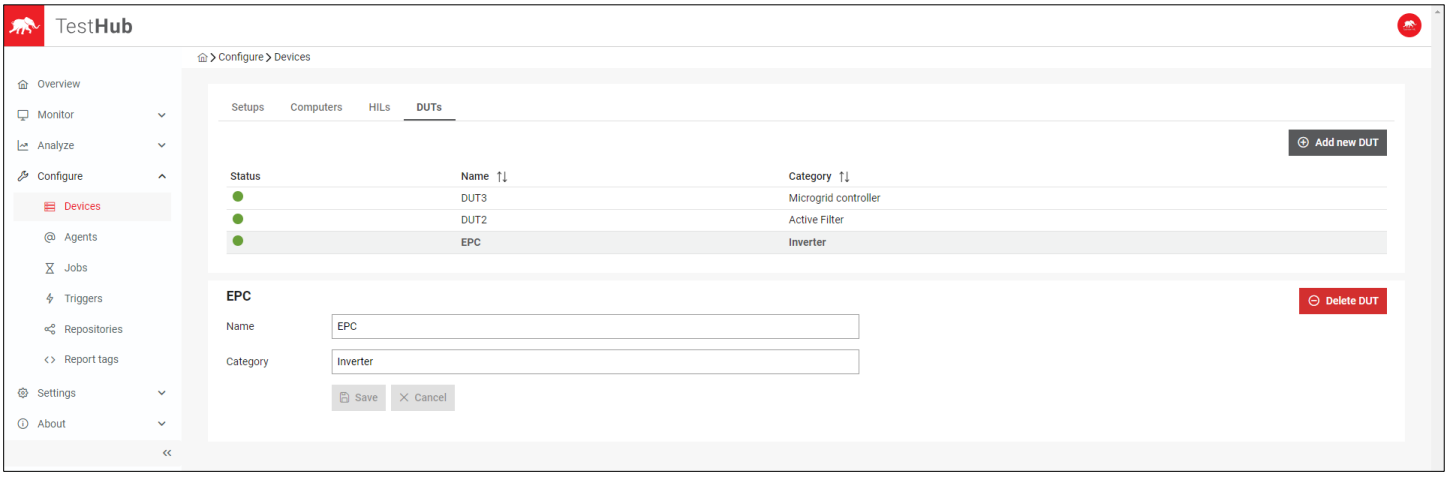
HILs

All HIL devices in the same network as any active Computer will be automatically visible under the HIL tab. Here, you can check details for each HIL.



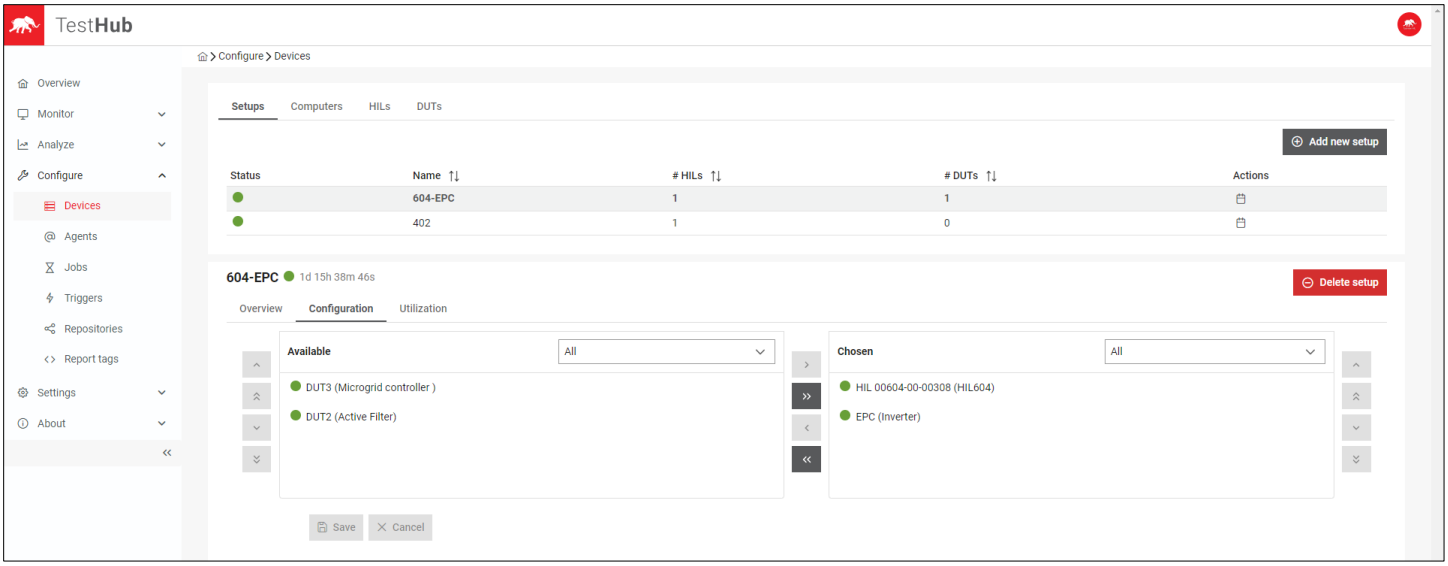
Device Under Test (DUT)

It is also possible to add information about the DUT(s). The data displayed here, and available control options differ on a customer-to-customer basis and can be customized to your DUT(s).

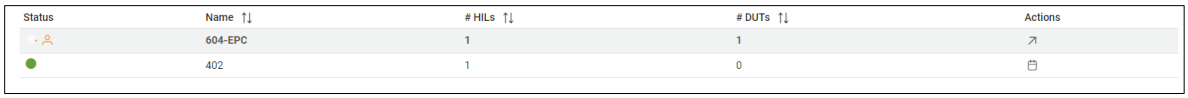


Setups

Once devices are added, it is possible to build Setups. Setups define a group of Devices that are used for different tests. When configuring a Job, Hub informs the Setup, so the Execution knows which Devices are available.

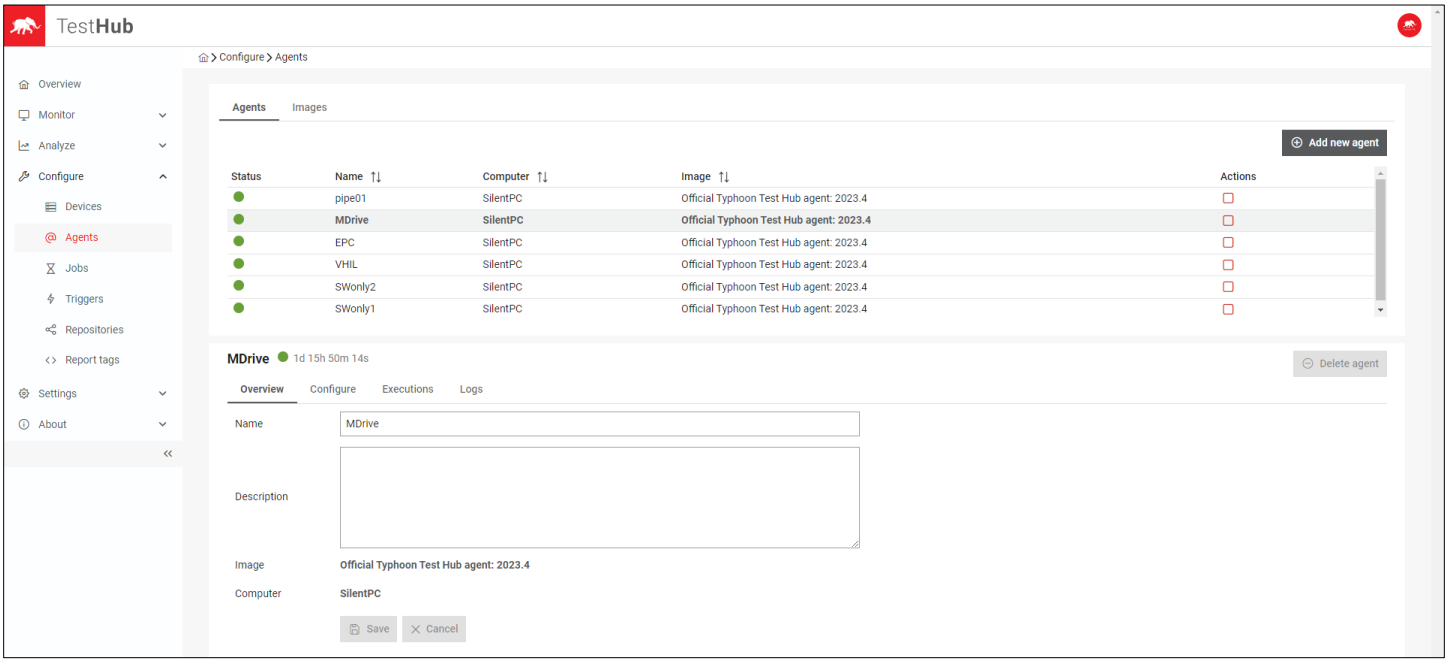


It is possible reserve Setups to be used for manual tests. The Hub avoids starting Executions with Setups marked for manual tests, but keeps them in the Queue until the Setup becomes available.

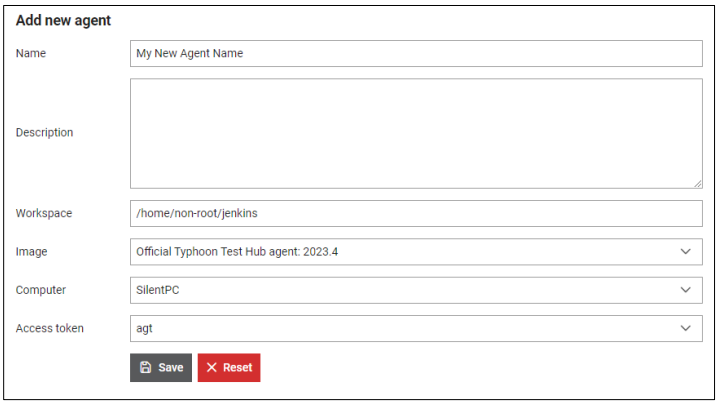


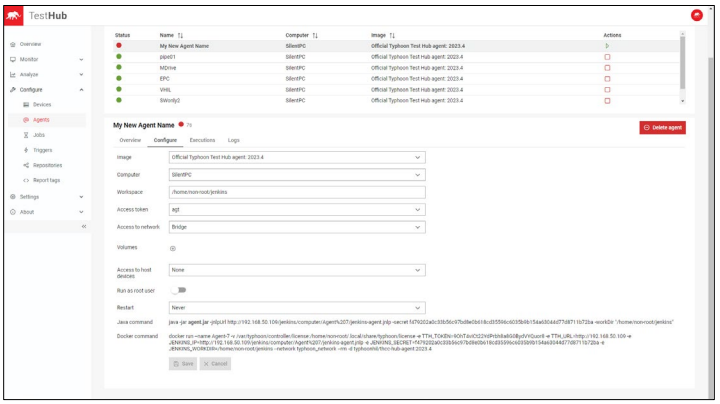
Agents

Agents are responsible for executing steps defined in the Job on the selected Computer, utilizing devices belonging to the Setup, and uploading traceable results to the Hub. Multiple Agents can run on the same Computer when running Linux (only a single Agent can run at a time on Windows). The recommended approach is to run Agents as docker containers in dedicated Linux Computers. The Agents use Docker Images which contain all applications and the corresponding Typhoon HIL Control Center version. Several ‘instances’ of an Agent can be generated from the same Image. Docker containers allow executions to start very easily with the exact same configuration, ensuring reproducibility and traceability and avoiding singular Environment, Execution, or Test dependency.



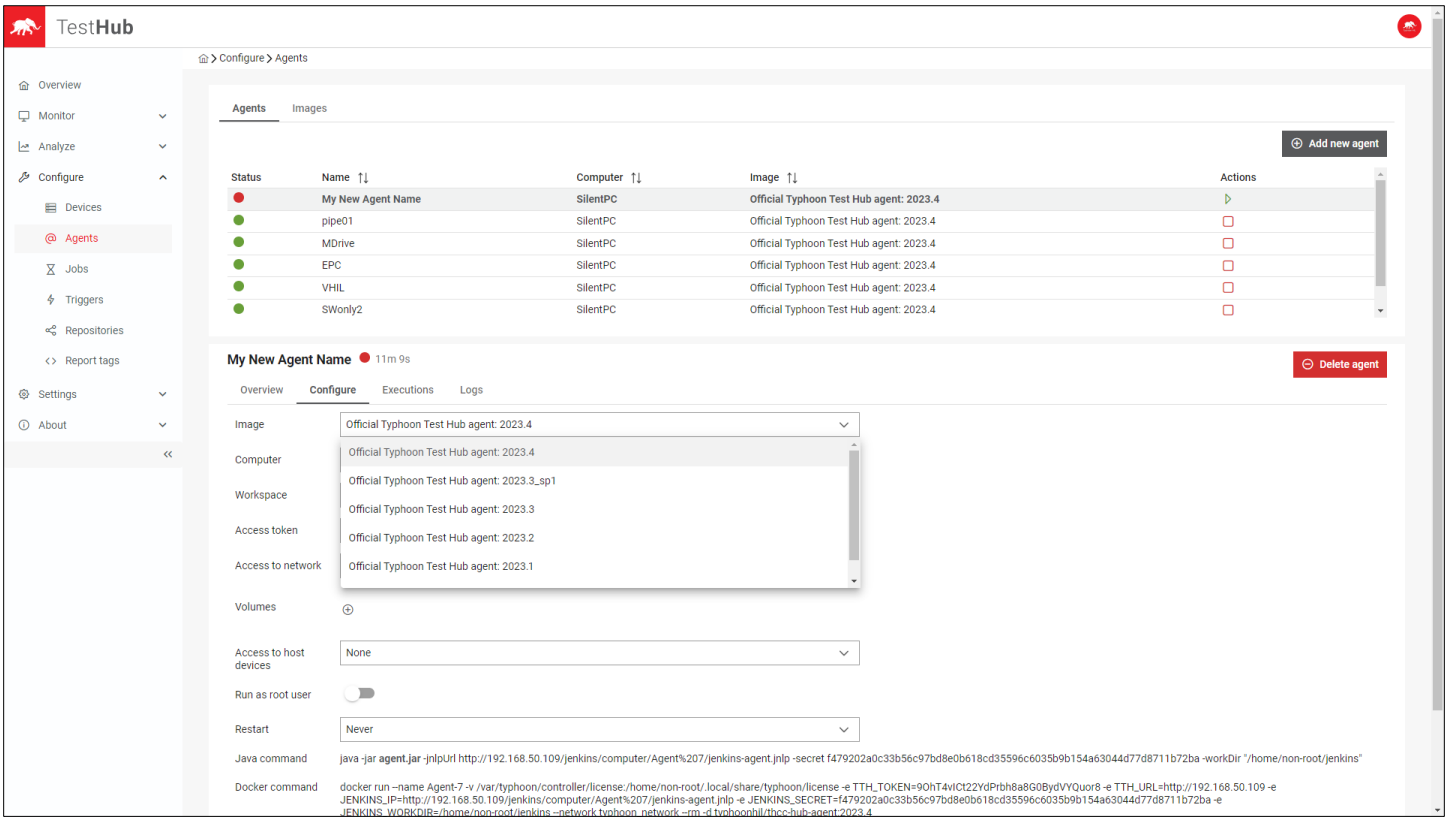
The process of creating new Agents is greatly simplified with TTH. When creating a new Agent, you will select on which Computer it will run, which version of THCC it will use, and its corresponding access Token. From there, you can press Play to start the Agent on the selected computer, or download the Agent file and manually start it on a Windows computer by running the provided command.





Under the Execution tab, you will also see all Executions which were performed with that specific Agent. Under the Logs tab, you can view the Logs corresponding to that Agent.

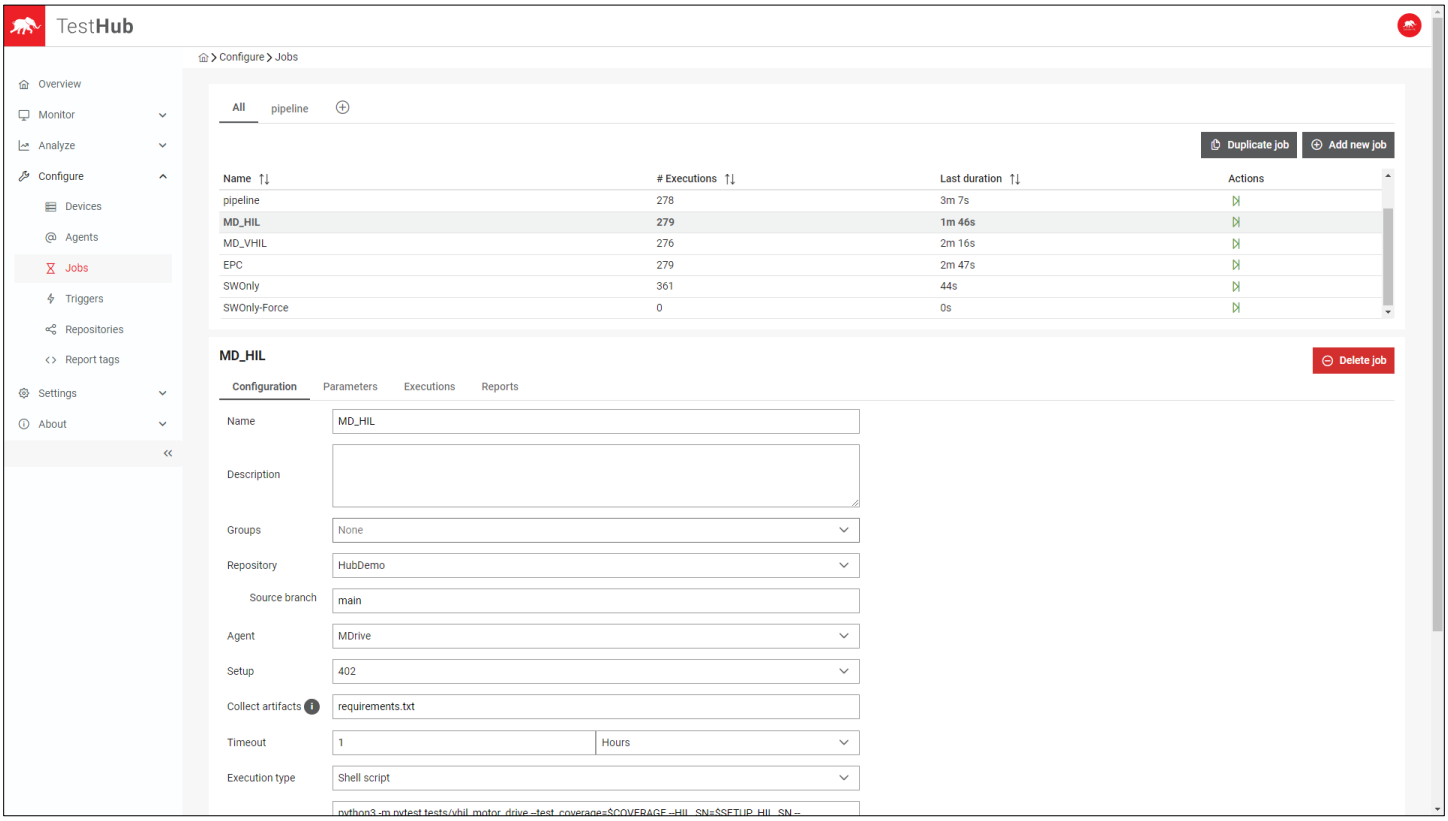
Every new THCC release will be presented as a new Image. Upgrading your tests to a new version of THCC is as easy as selecting a different version under the drop-down menu.



Use the Images tab in case it is necessary to make changes to the base THCC image or add other custom images. After any changes are made, the new image will appear as an available option under Agents with the given name.

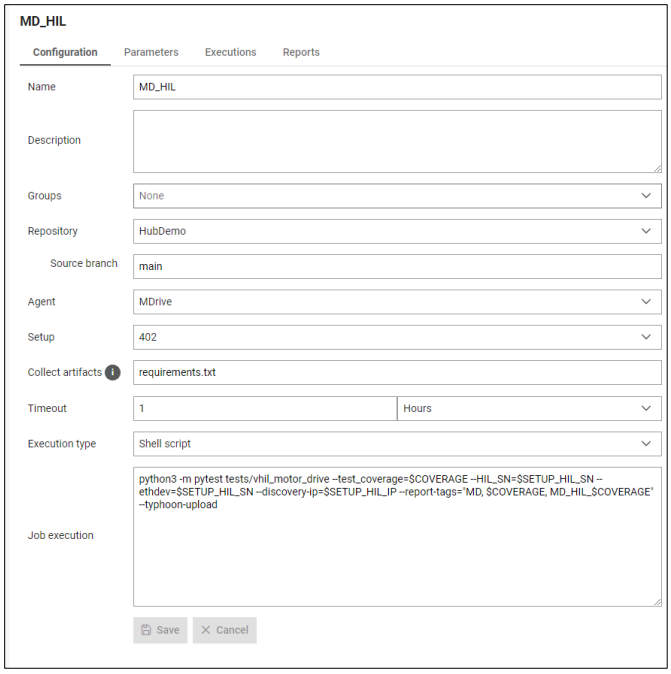
Jobs

This is where you can configure what should be executed, where, and which resources are available. Jobs can be grouped under custom categories. When clicking on a Job, you can configure it, create parameters, and see previous executions and reports.

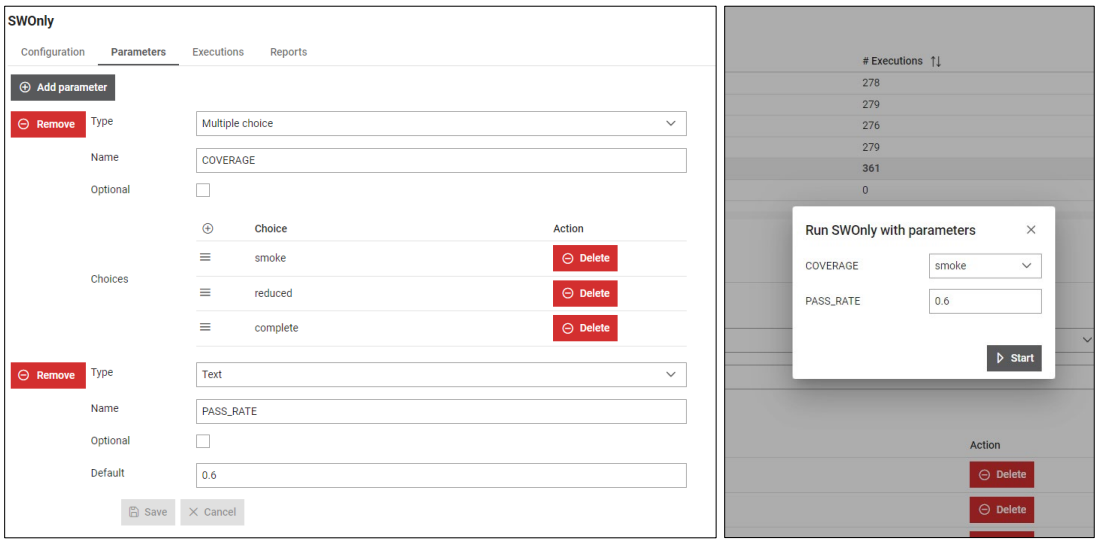


Under the Configuration tab, you can define what a Job should do. To define a job, complete the following steps:

- (optional) Specify the Repository and the branch - the branch can also be parametrized, allowing for easy selection;
- Select the Agent that will be used to execute the Job;
- (optional) Select the Setup that contains the necessary Devices;
- (optional) Define the Artifacts that should be collected once Execution completes;
- (optional) Specify the Timeout period for halting Execution if it takes longer than expected;
- Define the command line which should be executed.

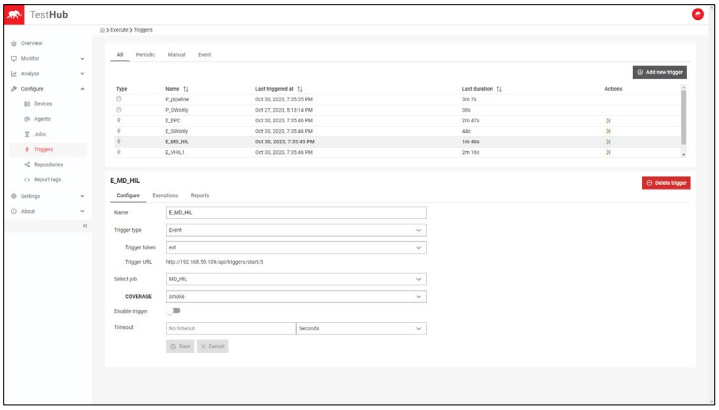


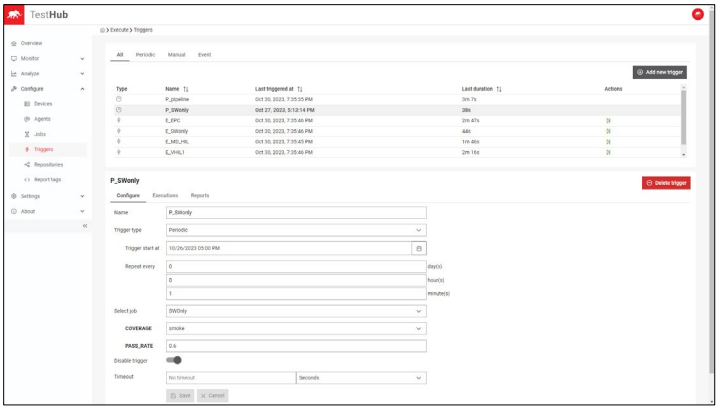
You can change how a Job behaves by parametrizing it. Under the Parameters tab, it is possible to add parameters and their values, which will be used during the Execution. You can also start the Execution directly from this page, by pressing the Play button next to the Job. If the Job is parametrized, it is possible to inform the values of the parameters before the Execution goes into the Queue.



Trigger

Defining when a Job should be executed is at the core of Test Automation, as this maintains a consistent order of Executions in the Queue. In Typhoon Test Hub, it is possible to create Manual, Periodic, or Event Triggers. They all have the same behavior but differ in the way they are started. With Triggers, you can select which Job should be executed and its parametrization.





Manual Triggers are mostly used for quick and customized test executions. Periodic Triggers run at a pre-defined interval – every day at 10pm, for example. Event Triggers create a trigger URL, which is used to start the execution externally.

Event Triggers are the most flexible and allow integration with several other applications. When an Event Trigger starts, it returns its Execution ID, which can be used to track if the execution is Queued, Running, Passed, or Failed. This information can be used to approve merge requests, for example. Here is a simple Python code snippet showing how you can trigger an execution, wait for it to be done, and raise an exception in case it fails:

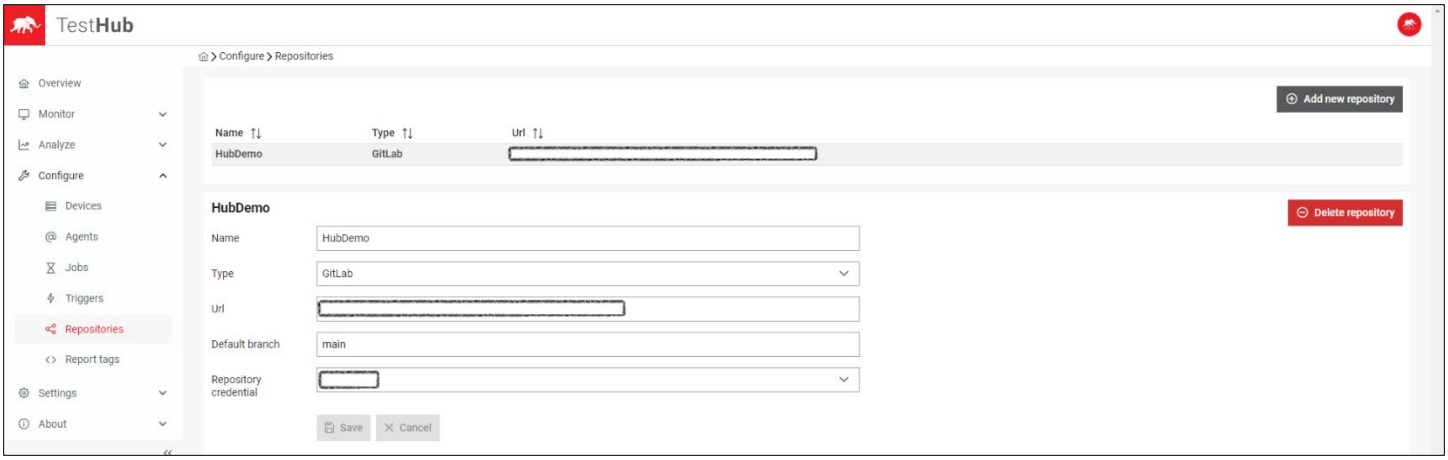
```
import requests

auth_token = 123456  # Replace with the token value of the trigger you want to start
tth_url = "http://192.168.50.109"  # Replace if the URL pointing to your TTH
trigger_id = 4  # Replace with the Trigger Number you would like to start

trigger_url = f"{tth_url}/api/triggers/start/{trigger_id}"

exec_id = requests.post(trigger_url, headers={'X-API-Key': auth_token}).json()

exec_url = f"{tth_url}/api/executions/status/{exec_id}"
while True:
    exec_status = requests.get(exec_url, headers={'X-API-Key': auth_token}).json()['status']
    if exec_status not in ['QUEUED', 'RUNNING']:
        break
if exec_status != 'PASSED':
    raise Exception("HIL Job did not pass!")
```

It is also possible to change the Trigger Job Parametrization when starting it, by making this change to the command:

```
# Changing parameters
requests.post(trigger_url,
              headers={'X-API-Key': auth_token},
              json={"parameters": [{"name": "COVERAGE",
                                    "value": "complete"},
                                   {"name": "PASS_RATE",
                                    "value": 0.8}]})
```

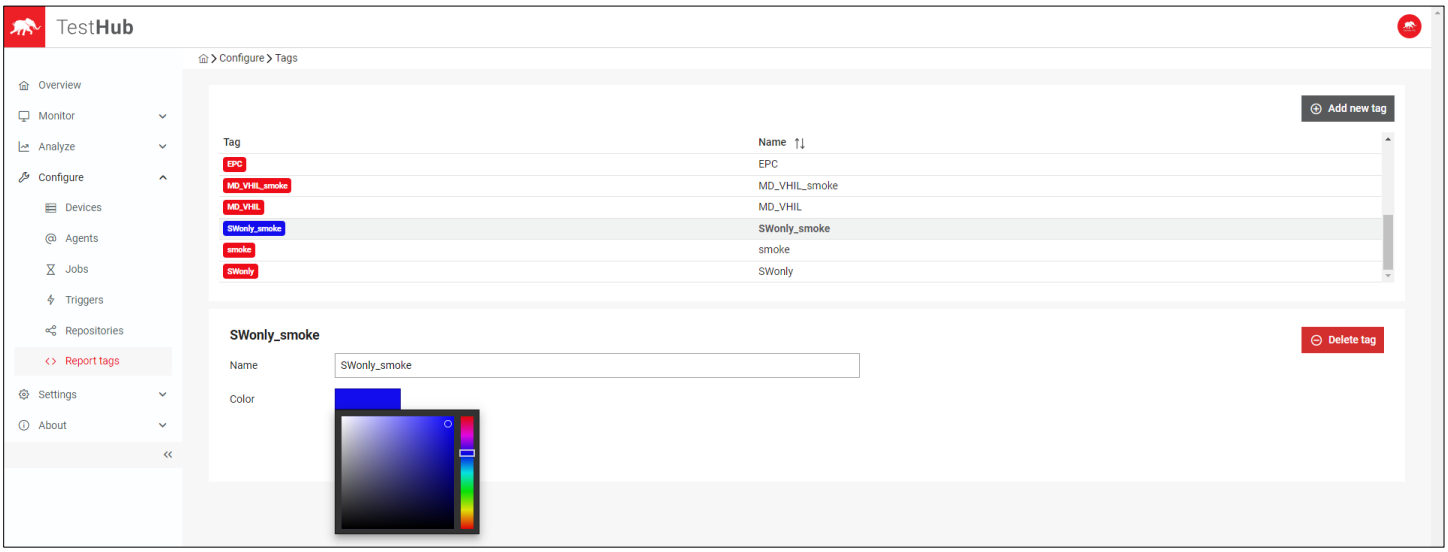
Repositories

You can configure multiple repositories to be easily accessible by your Jobs. Just provide the repository URL and pick which Credential will be used to connect to it. Once completed, it is available to be used by a Job.



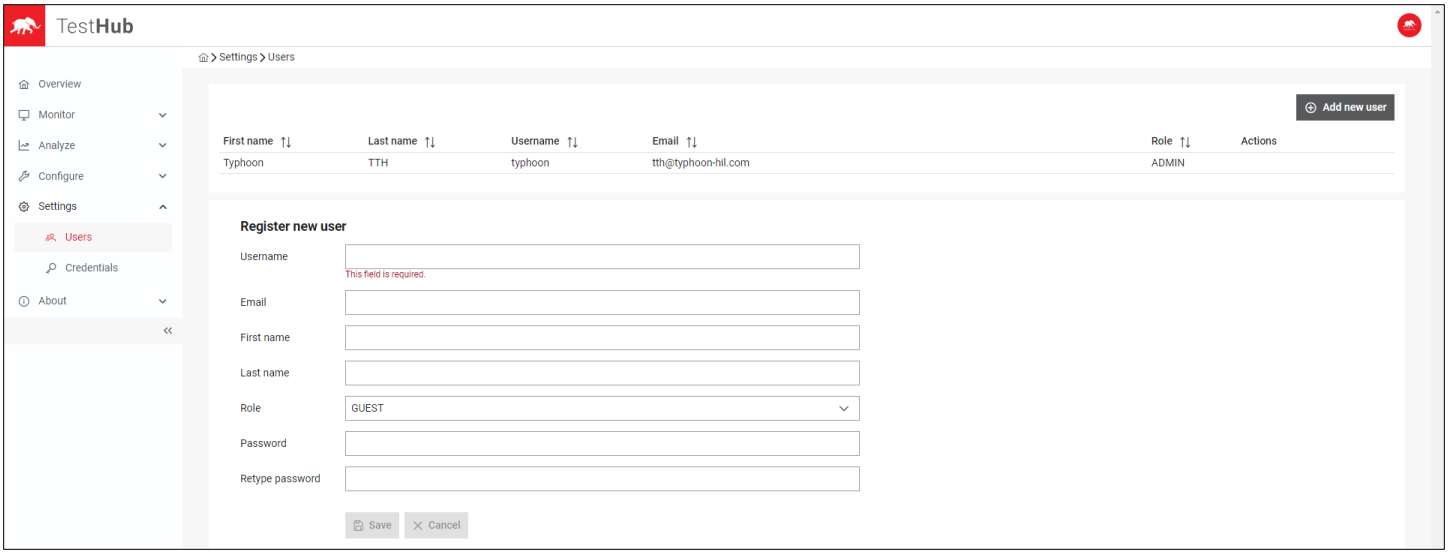
Report Tags

Report Tags can be defined before Execution or can be added after Execution completes. Report Tags are used for filtering out results so they can be displayed in the Dashboard and Overview page. You can change their name or color under Configure/Report Tags.



Users

You can add unlimited users accounts to access TTH, free of charge. You can define their role, limiting their access and the actions they can perform in TTH. This is done with the goal of making results easily accessible company wide.

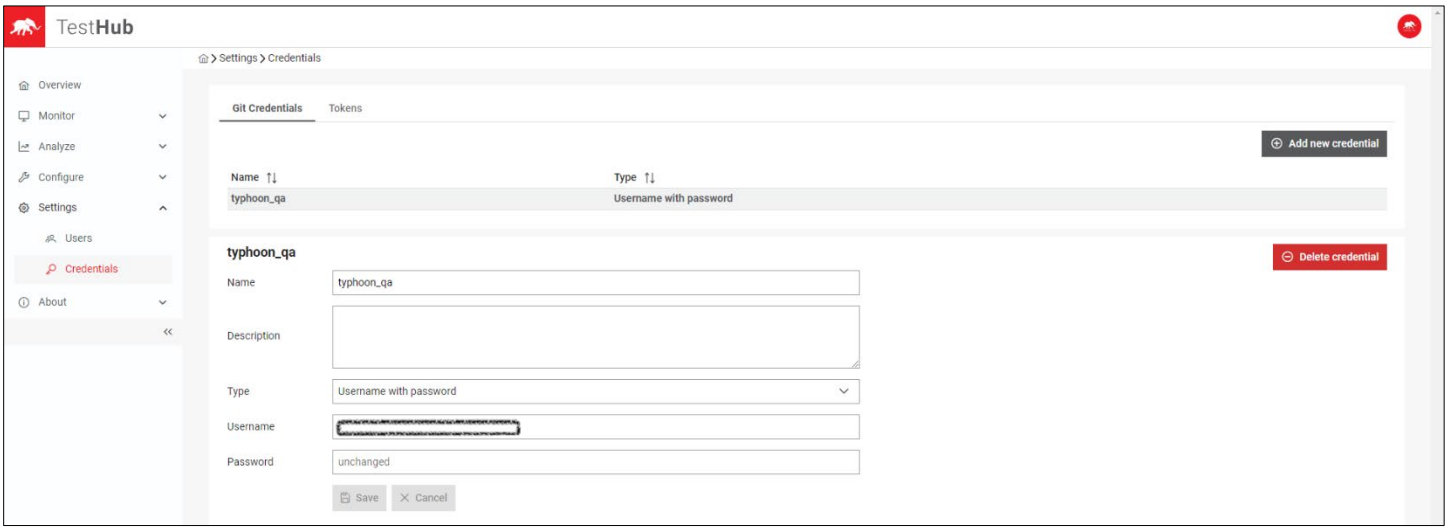


Credentials

You can add sensitive information here to refer to it within the Hub, while keeping it encrypted and safe.

Git Credentials

In order to interact with Git repositories, it is necessary to provide Git credentials. In Configure/Repository you can store all Git credentials and pick which credential to use when creating a new repository.



Tokens

Tokens are used to validate communication internally within TTH. Here you can create new tokens, as well as manage existing ones.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Final remarks

Typhoon Test Hub is a tool designed to simplify integration of automated HIL tests and increase the value of the generated results. The goal is to have you spending more time adding new features to your product and less time maintaining the necessary infrastructure to make sure the product is performing as it should. This means shorter development cycles, a product with better quality, and easier product life cycle maintenance.

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