Connecting REANA and the CERN-VRE: a JupyterLab extension middleware

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Introduction

The Virtual Research Environment (VRE):

- Collaborative analysis platform where researchers can develop and share end-to-end workflows.
- Adheres to FAIR principles to enhance the usability and impact of scientific data (**F**indable, **A**ccessible, **I**nteroperable, **R**eusable).
- Developed at CERN within the ESCAPE and EOSC (European Open Science Cloud) Future projects.
- Showcases how disciplines ranging from HEP to Astrophysics could benefit from the usage of common technologies.



Introduction

The Virtual Research Environment (VRE):

- Main components:
 - A federated Authentication and Authorization layer.
 - A federated distributed storage solution (the Data Lake) with a Data Management framework (Rucio).
 - An enhanced **notebook interface**.
 - A computing cluster with a re-analysis software **(Reana)**



VRE-hub: https://vre-hub.github.io



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REANA is a **re**producible **ana**lysis platform that allows scientists to run containerised data analysis pipelines on remote compute clouds.

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• Analyses are defined in YAML files, describing the inputs, workflow steps and the outputs.



Reana: https://docs.reana.io/

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Reana-UI: https://github.com/reanahub/reana-ui

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Motivation

- In order to use Reana in our virtual environment we need to know how to use reana-client. If we
 want to use reana-ui, we have to open a new browser tab, separated from the JupyterLab interface.
- As we did for Rucio, we aim to integrate REANA and its functionalities into the JupyterLab environment.







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 - Jupyter lab extension
 - Based on jupyterlab/extension-template
 - React, Typescript, CSS, HTML
- Backend:
 - Jupyter server extension
 - Python
- Connection to REANA API:
 - reana-client in Python
 - reana-client in CLI
 - Reana REST API



Docker image and Python package available!

docker pull ghcr.io/vre-hub/reana-jupyterlab-extension:latest
pip install reana-jupyterlab



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Conclusions

- **reana-jupyterlab-extension** integrates all the basic functionalities of **reana-client** and **reana-ui** in the notebook interface.
- Having access to the extension in the VRE will make the researchers' work easier.
- Future work:
 - Use the Python methods provided by **reana-client** to make the requests to the server.



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Thank you!

Questions? Suggestions?

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Interaction with REANA

- We started using **reana-client** on this project, but we faced a few problems along the way. Some of them:
 - **jsonschema** incompatibility (<u>https://github.com/reanahub/reana-commons/issues/461</u>).
 - Server URL issue (<u>https://github.com/reanahub/reana-client/issues/722</u>).
 - No sort parameter in get_workflows.
 - No information about navigation in **get_workflows** (needed to paginate the results).
 - No **run** shortcut for creating the workflow, uploading the files and starting the workflow.
 - We are using the **reana-server REST API** instead.
 - Problem: Workflow creation is complex. We need to use the commands in reana-client.
 reana-client run
 reana-client validate



How Reana is being used in the VRE without the extension?

Elena Gazzarini. ATLAS Dark Matter Dilepton Resonance on the Virtual Research Environment.





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