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ARDA Experiment Dashboard

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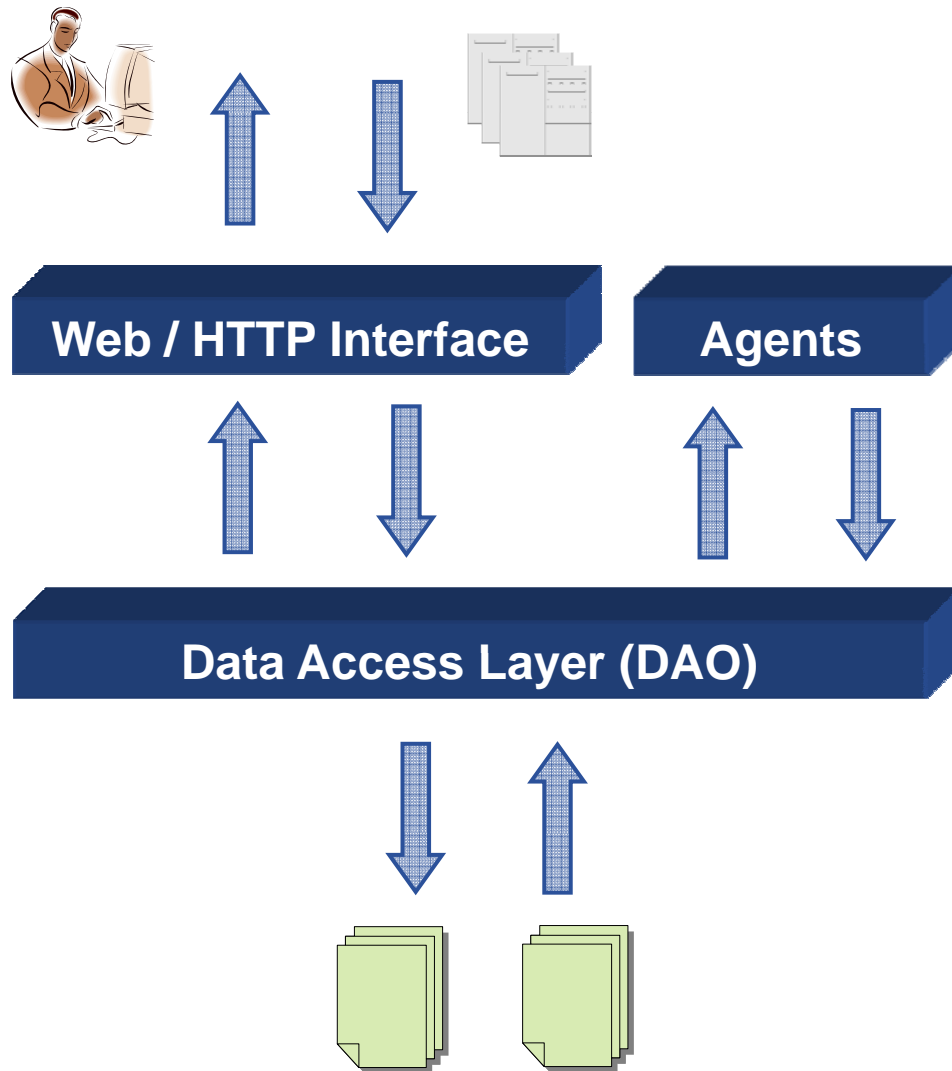**www.eu-egee.org**

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- **Background**
- **Dashboard Framework**
- **VO Monitoring Applications**
    - Job Monitoring
    - Site Monitoring / Efficiency
    - Data Management Monitoring
    - Additional Applications
- **Conclusion and Future Work**

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- **Started in 2005 inside the EGEE/ARDA group**
- **First application: Grid Job / Application Monitoring for the CMS experiment**
  - implementation in PHP / Python
- **Redesign early 2006**
  - fully python based solution
  - more modular / structured approach
  - easily extensible
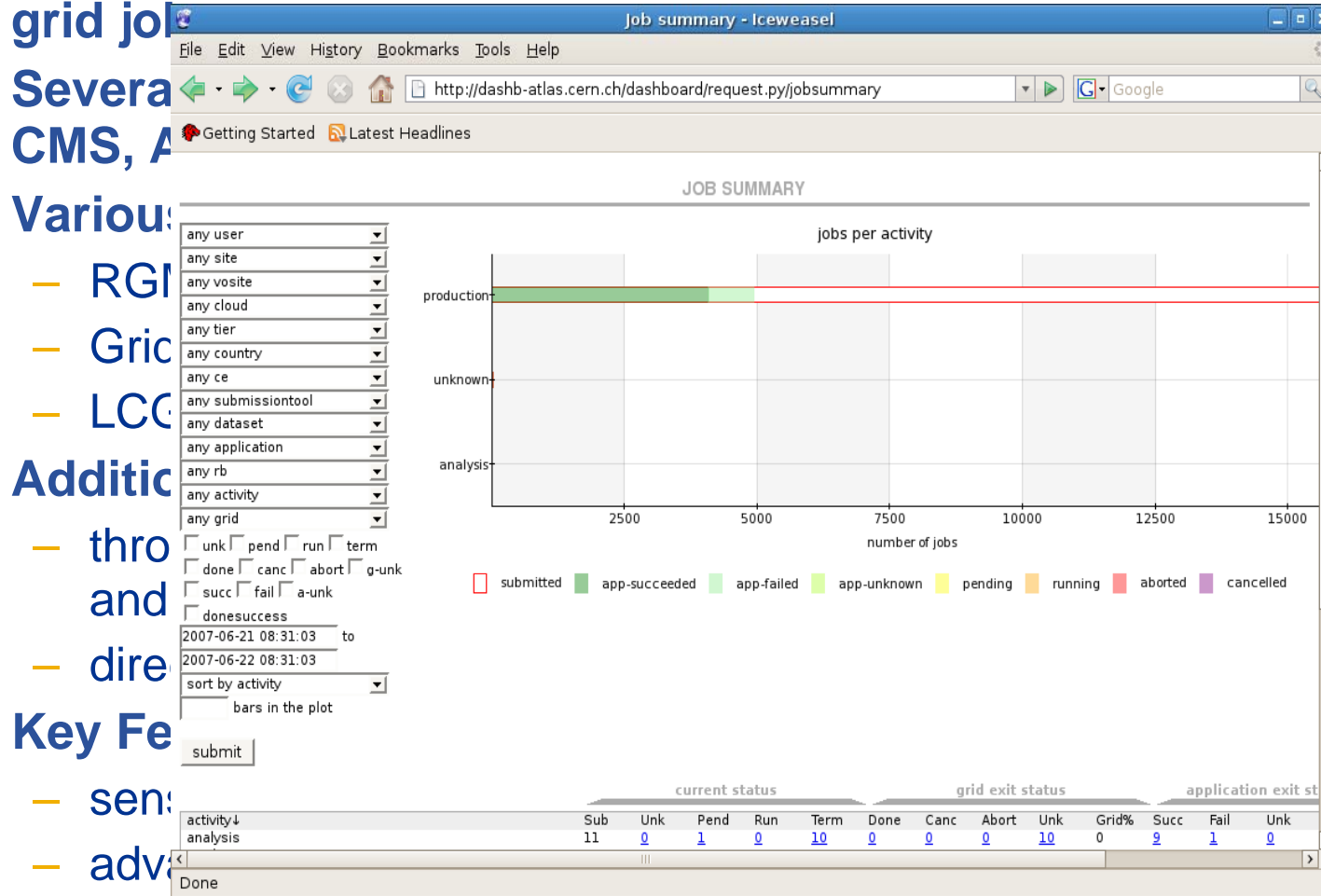- **Additional application areas: data management (ATLAS DDM), site efficiency monitoring, …**

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Web / HTTP Interface   **Agents**

Data Access Layer (DAO)

- **Dashboard Clients**
  - Scripts: pycurl, …
  - Command line tools (optparser + pycurl)
  - Shell based: curl, …

- **Web Application**
  - Apache + mod_python
  - Model View Controller (MVC) pattern
  - multiple output formats: plain text, CSV, XML, XHTML
  - GSI support using gridsite

- **Agents**
  - collectors: RGMA, ICXML, BDII, …
  - stats generation, alert managers, …
  - *Service Configurator* pattern
  - common configuration (XML file) and management: *stop, start, status, list*
  - common monitoring mechanism

- **Data Access Layer (DAO)**
  - interfaces available to different backends (Oracle and PostgreSQL mainly, easy to add additional ones)
  - connection pooling

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- **Build and development environment**
  - based on python distutils (with several extensions)
  - covers code validation, binaries and documentation generation, unit testing and reports
  - automatic build for each of the release branches
  - packaging uses RPMs – APT repository available

- **Release procedure**
  - three main branches: nightly, unstable, stable
  - releases per component
  - enforced versioning scheme (no manual versioning or tagging, all done via distutils command extensions)

- **Interesting links**
  - Developers guide:
    - http://dashb-build.cern.ch/build/nightly/doc/guides/common/html/dev/index.html
  - Savannah Project
    - http://savannah.cern.ch/groups/dashboard

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- **Real time and summary views over the virtual organization (VO) grid jobs**
- **Several instances in production serving different communities: CMS, ATLAS, LHCb, Alice, VLMED**
- **Various grid information sources used:**
  - RGMA
  - GridPP XML files collection
  - LCG BDII
- **Value added: VO specific information**
  - through job instrumentation. Using Monalisa's ApMon (CMS), Panda and Ganga monitoring (ATLAS)
  - directly querying VO databases (ex: ATLAS production database)
- **Key Features:**
  - sensible merging of information from different sources
  - advanced filtering for different usages (VO manager, site admin, community user)

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- **Task Monitoring**
  - deployed and used in CMS

- **Integration with SAM tests**
  - already using the new LCG standards
  - prototype in place

- **Alert mechanism**
  - in development

- **HTTP API for publishing job information**
  - very easy to integrate with existing tools
  - similar to the mechanism used for data management

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- **Built on top of the job monitoring data**

- **Main goal: identify reasons for job failures in sites**

- **Uses the information coming from RGMA**

- **Available today for the same set of communities: ATLAS, CMS, LHCb, Alice, VLMED**

- **Provides both summary and detailed information**

- **Current ongoing work**
  - provide generic (non VO) specific view over the data

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Data Management

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and placement)

– Detailed: starting from the dataset state, to the state of each of its files, to the history of each single file placement (all state changes)

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ATLAS Distributed Data Management (DDM) system

Tier0 test

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Data Management

- **Other features**
  - periodic site behavior reports (sent by email)
  - alerts (on specific errors, when a site goes below a certain threshold, ...)

- **Coming soon**
  - user specific views (authentication via X509 certificates) – "my datasets"
  - better site summary data: overview of dataset / file states in the site (radar plots), average time in each placement step, additional error summaries
  - python *query* API module
  - python *publish* API module (open the tool to other applications / communities)

Conclusion

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- **The Dashboard monitors the grid from the point of view of its communities**
  - and focuses on the different user's interests (managers, admins, end users)
- **Grid information is not enough (additional VO information is invaluable)**
- **Framework**
  - Flexible and stable: proven by the variety of applications available in production
  - Effort put into install / packaging paid off: first external installation has already been done (VLMED)
- **Future work**
  - integration with local monitoring systems (feed summaries back to the site admins)
  - improved alert system
  - adapt to recently defined data exchange / query standards
- **http://dashboard.cern.ch**