

ARDA Experiment Dashboard

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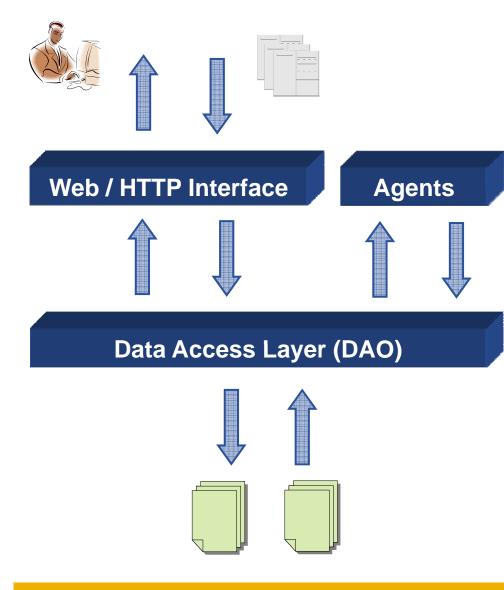


- Started in 2005 inside the EGEE/ARDA group
- First application: Grid Job / Application Monitoring for the CMS experiment
 - implementation in PHP / Python
- Redesign early 2006
 - fully python based solution
 - more modular / structured approach
 - easily extensible
- Additional application areas: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



Dashboard Framework

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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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Dashboard Framework

- 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

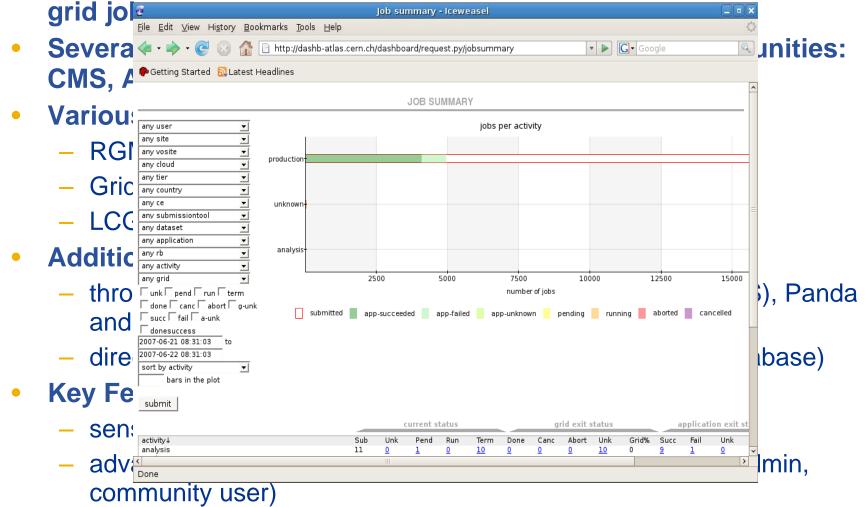


- Real time and summary views over the virtual organization (VO) grid jobs
- Several instances in production serving different communities: CMS, ATLAS, LHCb, Alice, VLMED
- Various grid information sources used:
 - RGMA
 - GridPP XML files collection
 - LCG BDII
- Value added: VO specific information
 - 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)



Job Monitoring

Real time and summary views over the virtual organization (VO)





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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



- 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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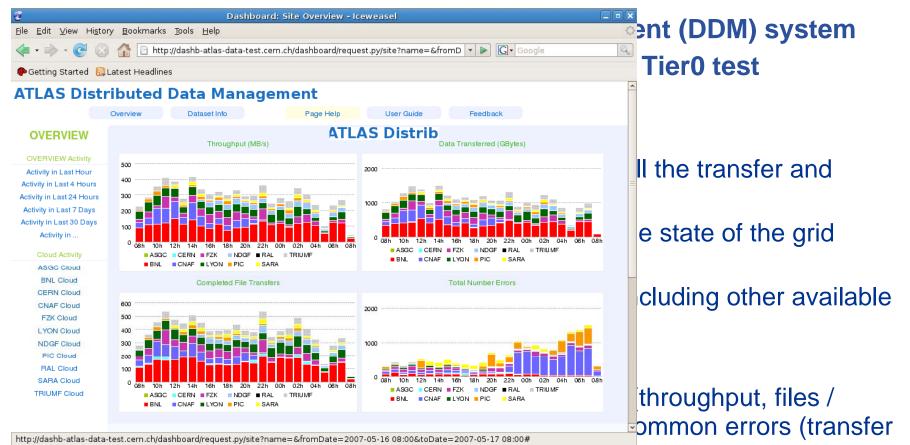
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- Tied to the ATLAS Distributed Data Management (DDM) system
- Used successfully both in the production and Tier0 test environments
- Data sources:
 - DDM site services: the main source, providing all the transfer and placement information
 - SAM tests: for correlation of DDM results with the state of the grid fabric services
 - Storage space availability: from BDII but soon including other available tools
- Views over the data:
 - Global: site overview covering different metrics (throughput, files / datasets completed, ...); summary of the most common errors (transfer 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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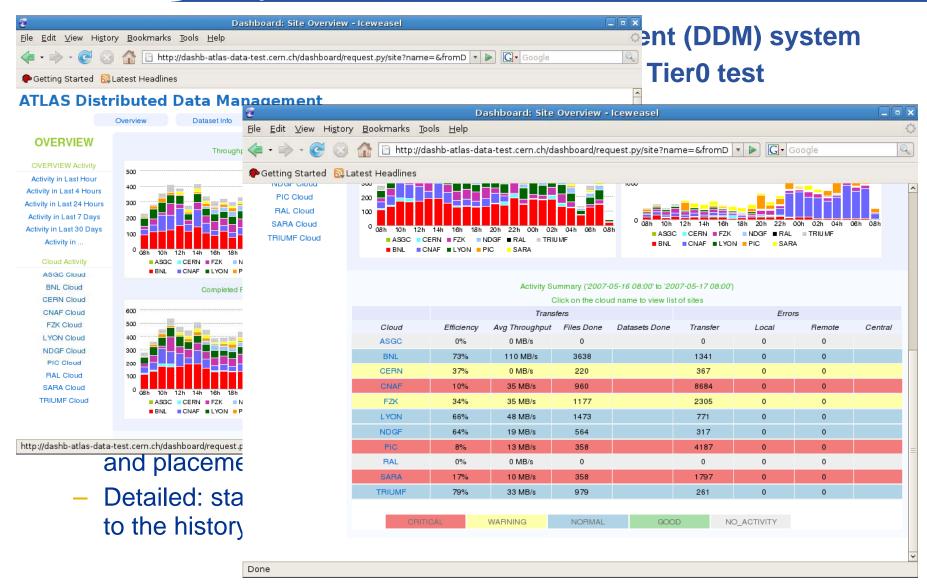


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Data Management

- 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)



- 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