

Core, Framework and outlook

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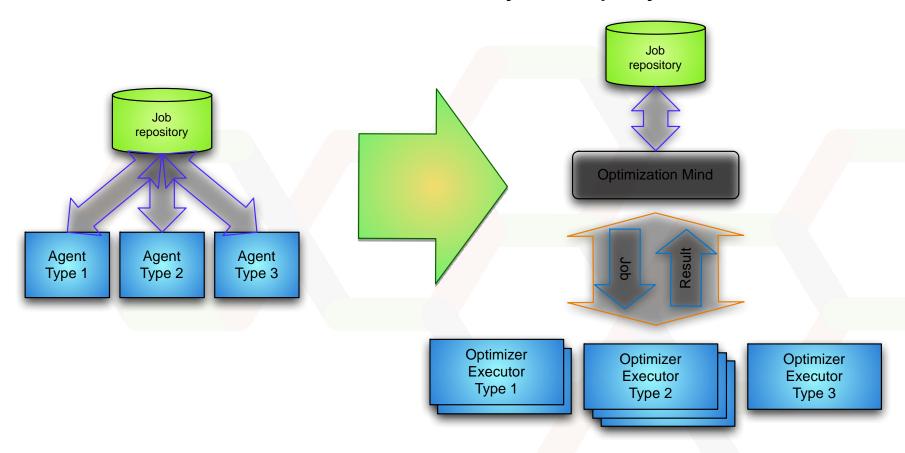
Overview

- WMS stuff
- Accounting & Monitoring
- New web framework
- Bits and pieces



So, as I was saying (last year)...

Executors were there but not yet deployed

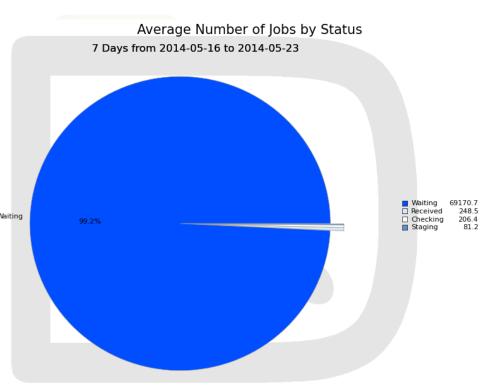




Huge success!

- LHCb had lots of jobs in Receiving and Checking status
 - Good Ol' Optimizers bottleneck

- Now, there are almost no jobs in those states
 - More jobs ready to run!



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Next step: Splitting

Currently Job JDL can have special attributes to define how to split the job

- It is now done at submission time (JobManager)
 - Don't have info about data/storages/catalogs/site status...
 - Can only split in a predefined way
 - Can't let DIRAC optimize the splitting



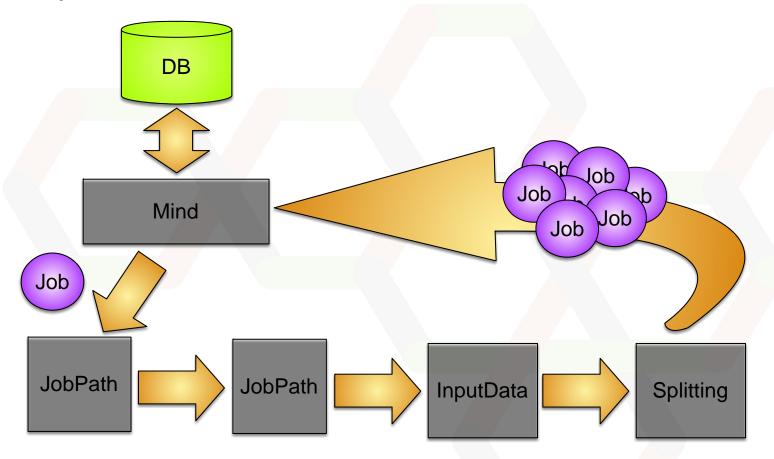
Splitting wish list

- Splitting has to happen when DIRAC has enough information to do it
 - Probably after checking site, storage, catalog and rss information
- There's no single way to perform splitting that will match all use cases
 - We need different splitting modules
- Jobs that come from a split should be grouped somehow (NOT with the JobGroup)
- It would also be nice that instead of special %n, %d chars in the JDL we could use something like \$LFN



When to split

Splitting should be performed when we can optimize the split





Multiple ways to split each job

- Jobs have to tell DIRAC how they want to be split
 - By parameter?
 - ParameterFactor, ParameterStep and so on...
 - 1 job for each n LFNs?
 - Make a job for each n LFNs in InputData...
 - ▶ 1 job for each n LFNs that have replicas in the same site?
 - Make each job with preferably n LFNs that are accessible from one of the selected sites now
 - Ignore banned sites/SEs?



Splitting modules

- Jobs need to define which splitting module to use
- For instance in the JDL
 - Splitter = InputDataBySE
- Each splitter:
 - Does a split based on different things
 - Can define when it can run
 - Will use different attributes from the JDL
 - InputDataBySE will use InputData attribute
 - ▶ Parametric will use ParameterFactor, ParameterStep...



Splitting Groups

- First job will be replaced with the first job of the herd so there is no special case
 - Original state will be preserved in a separate table but a reschedule/reset won't trigger again a split of the same job
- We already have a MasterJobID in the JobDB. It's time to use it!
- Jobs with the same MasterJobID as the job originally submitted belong in the same "herd".



JDL magics

- Instead of using %n, %d... for special values that will be replaced use \$name
 - %d -> \$SplitID
- Each splitter module can define it's own variables
 - InputDataBySE → \$SplitterChosenSE
 - ▶ Parametric → \$Parameter
- And modify attributes
 - InputData → Only the LFNs for this job after the split
- All JDL attributes are variables
 - StdOutput = "out_\$JobID"



When?

It's already in v7



- Currently the pilot script is monolithic
- What if a VO wants a slight modification or complete different behavior?
 - Until now, you need to do your own script
- What does a pilot script do?
 - Install DIRAC
 - Configure DIRAC
 - Run JobAgent
- Why not make those configurable parts?





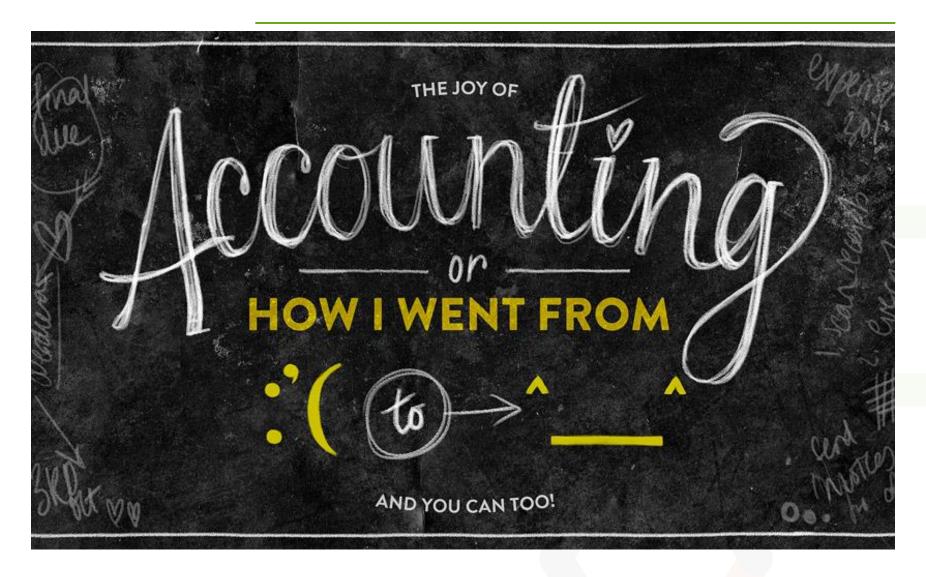
- Pilot script has to be self-contained prior to job submission to resource
 - It runs before there's any DIRAC installed!

Generate script piece by piece from different functions

Can even tailor to type of job!

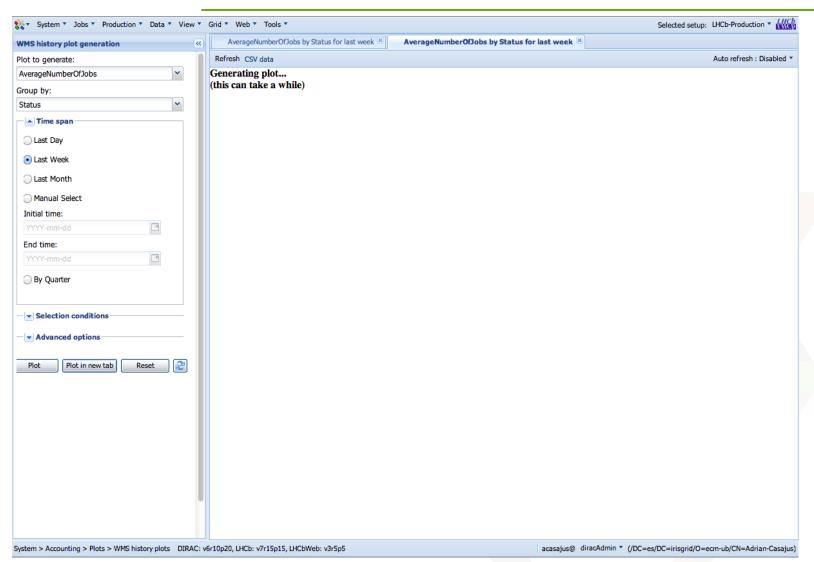


Let's talk accounting





Now somebody's looking at...





Accounting problems

- The good: You can plot almost anything without restrictions
 - Show me CPU used by user X at site Y for jobs that failed with state Z last year
- The ugly: It's faily static. Modifying an already stablished type requires some magic
 - Job now has a new attribute... Ooops...
- The bad: System is overloaded
 - WMSHistory is flooding the accounting.
 - Each attribute for a type increases the DB space and query time



Accounting != Monitoring

- Accounting was NOT designed to do monitoring
 - ▶ What happened in the last week? ☺
 - ▶ What's going on at site X now? ☺
- Can't keep track of status changes of entities easily
 - How many jobs went into failed state in the last 10 minutes?
- Too big granularity for recent events
 - Lowering it would add even more strain to the system..
- Difficult to see transient states (Matching state anyone?)



Monitoring service

- Complement the accounting service for monitoring tasks
 - WMSHistory-like info should go there
- Focus on recent history, not long-term one
 - 1 minute resolution would be nice
 - Keeping last weeks/month of data should be enough
- More dynamic on attributes definition
 - Avoid requiring dark arts to change attributes



Monitoring service

- There's already an activity accounting
 - Queries are predefined.
 - Difficult to retrieve numeric data
- Should be merged into the new monitoring service
- Several approaches on how to store the data
 - MySQL with some clever table structure
 - NoSQL: Elastic search seems to be a viable candidate
 - Specialized in storing dated events and search them
 - Not tested yet though
 - NoSQL: Hadoop anyone? Others?



Final picture

Accounting:

- Data is stored after consolidation
- Long-term information storage

Monitoring

- Data is stored in raw format (probably)
 - State changes + full counters
- Short-term information storage

Benefits.

- Remove accounting overload
- Provide real monitoring information



Other stuff





Current web framework

- Was nice and did the job
 - Lacked some functionality but was mostly solving the problem

- BUT it was based on:
 - ExtJS2 (no longer supported)
 - Pylons (no longer exists...)
 - lighttpd (works but there are better alternatives now)
 - Welcome to maintenance hell...



Let's do this!

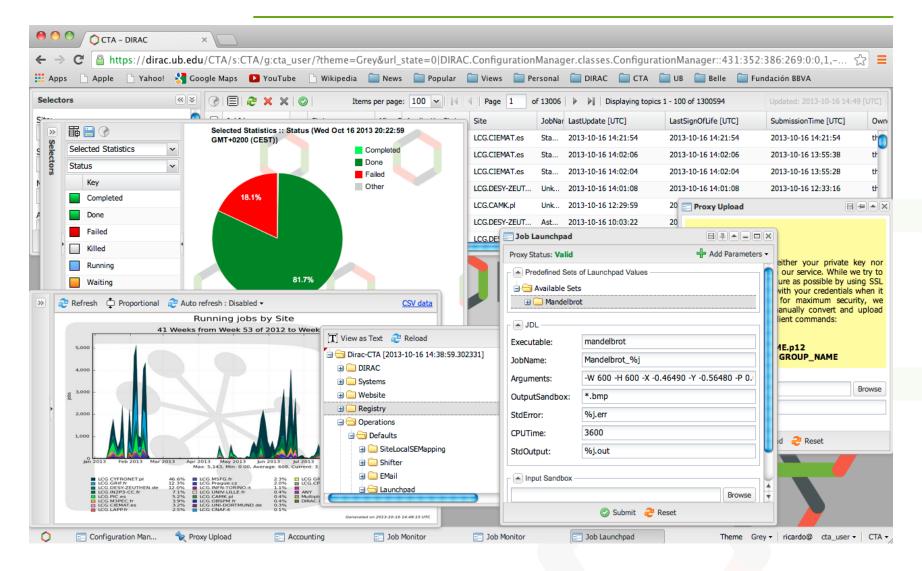
New framework

- Based on
 - ExtJS4
 - Tornado
 - Nginx

Faster and has more features



It's there ©







- Allow to save any state the web is in and recall it later
- Allows to share application states between users
- Almost all the old functionality is there!
- Still not auto-installable like the old one...
 - pip install tornado, compile js and install and configure nginx..
 - working on that...
 - v1r0 tagged yesterday :P



- Accessible now for you
 - https://dirac.ub.edu
 - Need to move it out from ub.edu. Network is crappy...
- Check out Zoltan's & Nikola session tomorrow



Other stuff

- The grid will migrate to RFC proxies instead of the current grid proxies at some point in the distant future
 - ▶ We're almost ready. (Same as last year :P)
- > SHA-2 certs are widely used today
 - No problem! ☺
- Heartbleed bug hit us (like the rest of the internet)
 - ▶ Took a while to react ≅
 - Thanks to the guys that recompiled DIRAC externals with the fix
 - ▶ But it's ok now ☺

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New modules!

COMDIRAC:

- Unix-like shorter commands
 - dinit, dkill, dsub, dput, dget, drm...
- DIRAC4Android
 - DIRAC interface for android
 - Based on RESTDIRAC interface
- TestDIRAC
 - Unit tests for DIRAC
 - Not very complete... help us! ☺



MySQL bits n' pieces

- 1 connection per thread
 - Less connections to MySQL
 - Still more than 1k...

- Transaction support
 - Fabled v7 required

- All DIRAC DBs have been migrated to InnoDB
 - Headaches passed and several tweaks required...