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LHCb Software Distribution

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Outline



- The librarian job: configuration and installation
- The Software Manager job: distribution



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The librarian...

- The software, once released by developers, is properly packaged into tarball files by librarians.
- The structure of these tarballs reflects the final structure of the distributed application on the site.
- Dependencies and conflicts are all managed at this level by expert hands of package managers.





The librarian (cont'd)

- The software is organized in projects.
 - Each project has its version and supported platforms
- Each project is organized in packages
 - A package is the minimum self-consistent quantum of software that can be installed
- Dependencies and conflicts are described in configuration files (with opportune conventions)
 - pre-cooked installation.

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CMT

- LHCb librarians use CMT (Configuration Management Tool - http://www.cmtsite.org/)
 - CMT is just an environment that
 - Defines conventions (for *naming* packages, files, directories and for *addressing* them)
 - Provides tools for *automating* as much as possible the implementation of these conventions.
 - Permits the *description* of the configuration requirements
 - Automatically deduces from the description the effective set of configuration parameters needed to operate the packages (typically for *building* them or for *using* them).





🕑 LHCb distribution page - Mozilla Firefox

•LCG-AA provides "external" packages containing utilities used by LHCb application (like ROOT,CORAL,POOL, SEAL...). These go into the LCGCMT package that represents then the interface to all non-LHCB specific packages.

•The same mechanism is used now also to deploy grid-middleware clients (gfal/lcg-utils/lfc...) . The motivations:

- 1. Having a tighter control on their version (guaranteeing stability of the environment as soon as some configuration is demonstrated working fine)
- 2. Requested features becomes suddenly available instead of waiting for the whole release and deployment cycle that might take a very long time

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Installation



- The well structured tarballs from librarians make the installation a <u>trivial operation</u>
 - Wget for downloading the necessary tar files from a web server that sees the LHCb software repository organized in packages <u>conventionally versioned</u>
 - Untar the archive into the Shared Area
 - Set few environment variables
 - The complexity of the configuration and installation is only translates one step above, at packaging level.
 - The software is compiled in building nodes centrally at CERN and binary are only shipped





Distribution

SAM framework (<u>now integrated in DIRAC</u>) is used for running (*on a continuous basis*) jobs for distributing and validating software on the sites:

- Dedicated queues/priorities to sgm users → speeding up resource access
- SAM jobs have to run in any case → minimization of resources wasting
- Publication of results → allowing for a better understanding of the installation process
- Pertinence of the activity → software validation/distribution is part of a site monitoring

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• The job guesses the platform. If fails (because not recognized) it exits.

Distribution: workflow

The job checks all projects that must be installed (it contacts the central DIRAC Configuration Service that contains all official releases to be distributed)

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- The jobs checks which packages are installed and which version/platform
- The job installs the
 missing packages for
 completing the requested
 project installation
- The job validates thesoftware by running theapplication against fewtest events

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