LHCb & the HEP Software Foundation

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LHCb point of view

- LHCb committed to sharing software
  (e.g. Gaudi, GaudiHive, DIRAC, EvtGen, LCG Application Area...)

  and willing to extend the effort

- Many interesting ideas in the HSF white papers!
  - Marco will present the application developer's vision

    providing infrastructure and support for the projects is necessary.
    but not enough....

  - From the Experiment Librarian side, one crucial point:

    "HSF to Facilitate compatibility, interoperability and integration testing"

A HEP Software "distribution" ?

- We see value in working together on a **consistent** HEP Software distribution:

  The **catalogue** effort already started is mandatory

  Also need **unified tools** and **conventions** that allow users to easily check-out, build and distribute their own consistents stacks.

    - Lightweight framework where users pick and choose their tools/versions

    - ***NOT one stack for all, of course***
    - ***We don't want to impose (too many) constraints on developers***
      Not all projects have to be included (c.f. hosted/endorsed projects)
      ...we need solid metadata management

- We feel this would bring benefit for both users and developers:
    - Sharing of software becomes easier (better visbility, better integration)
    - Faster test/adoption of new tools

How to get started ?

- Start with existing tools:
  e.g. A generalized/extended LCG Applications Area scripts?

  – Interesting starting point

  – But needs generalization...

- LHCb willing to help

  – by taking part of potential working groups

  – and by providing development effort

- Potential gradual approach:

  – HSF can start with just providing tools

  – services at a later stage

    (e.g. providing builds etc)