# Transformation System report

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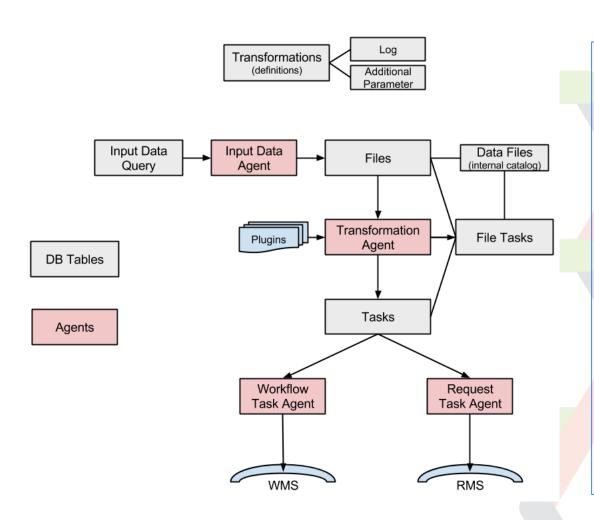


# What's the Transformation System?

- A DIRAC System as usually comprising:
  - MySQL DB, Services, Agents, Clients, Scripts and *Plugins*
- A system for handling "repetitive work", i.e. many identical tasks with a varying parameter
- 2 main usages:
  - Productions: the "same" job i.e. the same workflow is executed
    - Client for the Workload Management System
  - Data handling: replications, removal
    - Client for the Request Management System
- It handles input datasets (if present)
  - It interacts with Replica and Metadata catalogs (e.g. DFC or external catalogs)
  - Use of 'Plugins' to group tasks input files and set tasks destinations
- LHCb 'Production System' is built on top of it. Also CTA, ILC and Belle II use it for their productions



# Transformation System architecture



- Production Manager
   defines the transformations
- TransformationAgent processes the transformations and creates tasks given a Transformation Plugin
- InputDataAgent
   queries the Catalog to obtain
   files to be 'transformed'
- WorkflowTaskAgent transforms tasks into job workflows, given a TaskManager Plugin
- RequestTaskAgent transforms tasks into requests



#### **Transformation Plugins**

- Group input files of the tasks according to different criteria
  - Standard
    - □ Group files according to replica location
  - BySize
    - ☐ Group files until they reach a certain size (input size in Gb)
  - ByShare
    - □ Groups files given the share (specified in the CS) and location

#### For replication

- Broadcast
  - □ Take files at the source SE and broadcast to a given number of locations



## How it works in practice (I)?

#### See documentation at:

http://diracgrid.org/files/docs/AdministratorGuide/Systems/Transformation/index.html

#### Installation

- Need to have the Transformation System installed and running. The minimum is:
  - Service: TransformationManagerHandler
  - Database: TransformationDB
  - > Agents:
    - Transformation Agent
    - □ WorkflowTaskAgent
    - □ RequestTaskAgent
    - □ InputDataAgent
    - □ TransformationCleaningAgent



## How it works in practice (II)?

#### Configuration

Add the transformation types in the Operations/[VO]/Transformations section, *e.g.*:

```
Transformations
{
    DataProcessing = MCSimulation
    DataProcessing += Merge
    DataProcessing += Analysis
    DataProcessing += DataReprocessing
    DataManipulation = Removal
    DataManipulation += Replication
}
```

Eventually configure the WorkflowTaskAgent and the RequestTaskAgent to treat a particular transformation type



## Use cases examples (I)

#### MC Simulation

- You want to generate many identical jobs with a varying parameter (and no input files)
- The varying parameter should be built from @{JOB\_ID}, which corresponds to the *TaskID*, and it's used in the job workflow, *e.g.*:

```
job.setExecutable( './dirac_prod3_corsika', arguments = '@{JOB_ID}' )
```

Create a MC transformation

```
from DIRAC.TransformationSystem.Client.Transformation import Transformation
from DIRAC.Interfaces.API.Job import Job
j = myJob()
...
t = Transformation()
t.setTransformationName("MCProd") # This must
set Type
t.setTransformationGroup("Group1")
t.setType("MCSimulation") 
t.setDescription("MC prod example")
t.setLongDescription("This is the long description of my production") #mandatory
t.setBody ( j.workflow.toXML() )
t.addTransformation() #transformation is created here
t.setStatus("Active")
t.setAgentType("Automatic")
```



## Use cases examples (II)

- Data analysis, i.e. process a large number of files with the same program
  - You want to create many identical jobs with varying input files
  - Create a transformation with a valid type (see slide on TS configuration), e.g.:
    - □ setType("Analysis")
  - Add files to the transformation using the TransformationClient
    - Add a list of existing files
      - addFilesToTransformation(transID,infileList)
    - Add files which are the result of a DFC query
      - createTransformationInputDataQuery(transID, {'site': 'Paranal', 'particle': 'proton', 'analysis\_prog=evndisp'})
      - In this way files are added as soon as they are registered in the Catalog (InputDataAgent)
      - They are most likely the result of another on-going transformation
    - □ Set the number of input files per job, *e.g.*:
      - □ setGroupSize(10)
    - □ Define how files should be grouped, *e.g.*:
      - setPlugin("Standard")



## Use cases examples (III)

- Data Management Transformations
  - ▶ Bulk data replication, i.e. replicate many files to a list of Target SEs
    - □ You want to create many identical replication requests with varying input files
    - Create a Replication transformation
      - Define the type of requests to be executed
        - setBody('ReplicateAndRegister')
      - Set a valid type (see slide on TS configuration)
        - setType("Replication")
      - □ Set the source and the target SEs for replication
        - setSourceSE(['CYF-STORM-Disk','DESY-ZN-Disk'])
        - setTargetSE(['CEA-Disk'])
        - setPlugin("Broadcast")
  - Bulk data removal (see details in documentation)



## Evolutions since last year

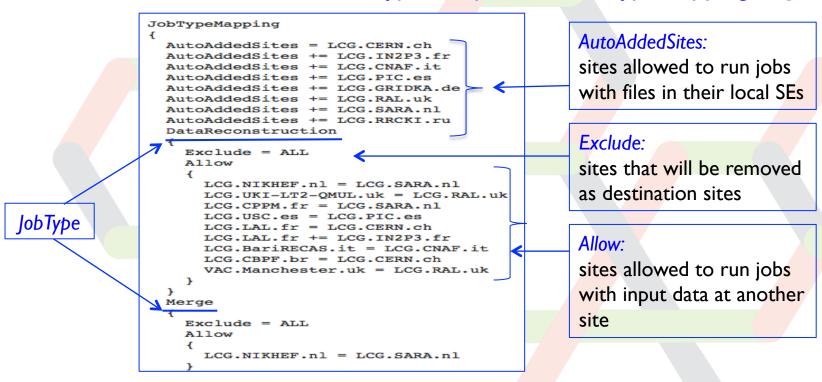
- Support for parametric jobs (in v6r15)
  - Improvement of job submission
  - TaskManager prepares and submit a bunch of jobs in one go
  - It's activated by Transformations/BulkSubmission flag in CS
- Introduction of new TaskManager Plugins (already in v6r13)
  - Used to specify tasks destination
    - BySE
      - Default plugin
      - Set jobs destination depending on the input data location
    - ByJobType
      - It allows to implement any distributed computing model by simple configuration in the CS
        - By default, all sites are allowed to run every job
        - □ Different rules for site destination can be specified in the CS for each JobType



#### JobByType Plugin: how it works?

#### Configuration

- Set Operations/Transformations/DestinationPlugin = ByJobType
- Define the rules for each JobType in Operation/JobTypeMapping, e.g.:



 Here 'Merge' jobs having input data at LCG.SARA.nl can run both at LCG.SARA.nl and LCG.NIKHEF.nl



#### JobByType Plugin: how it works?

#### Create your transformation

▶ Set JobType in the job workflow, *e.g.*:

```
from DIRAC.TransformationSystem.Client.Transformation import Transformation
from DIRAC.TransformationSystem.Client.TransformationClient import TransformationClient
from DIRAC.Interfaces.API.Job import Job
job = Job()
job.setType( "Merge" )
                                     set JobType
...
t = Transformation()
tc = TransformationClient()
                                         set Type
t.setType( "Merge" ) <
t.setDescription( "EvnDisp3 example" )
                                                          set Body
t.setLongDescription( "EvnDisplay analysis" )
                                                                                                               set input data
t.setGroupSize(1)
t.setBody ( job.workflow.toXML() )
t.addTransformation()
                                              transformation is created here
t.setAgentType( "Automatic" )
transID = t.getTransformationID()
tc.addFilesToTransformation( transID['Value'], {'particle': 'qamma', 'site': 'Paranal', 'analysis_prog': 'sim_telarray', 'thetaP':20.} )
```



## Future plans

- Already discussed last year, see RFC #21:
  - https://indico.cern.ch/event/372717/contributions/1793972/attachments/ 741943/1017819/PrsentationTS.pdf
  - https://github.com/DIRACGrid/DIRAC/wiki/Transformation-System-evolution
- Motivations for improvement:
  - Large catalog queries may be a bottleneck (experience from LHCb)
    - Proposal to make the TS fully 'data-driven' by implemeting 'meta-filters'
    - Work already started
  - Need to support 'chained transformations'
    - Example: in LHCb chained transformations, e.g. Re-processing -> Merging -> Removal, are handled by a dedicated Production System
    - Proposal to extend the TS to support chained transformations as basis for each community to build its own 'Production System'
  - Agents in the TS work in 'polling' mode
    - Proposal to use a Message Queuing System complementary to polling