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- A problem faced by the LHCbDirac developers in 2013 to handle different workflows with respect to the usual Processing/Stripping/MC ones
- In practice the main use case was Swimming and a few working groups
- In general a typical use case for WG includes some of the following requirements:
 - Data creation(i.e. Ntuples) where the code used by the WG is quite stable but require several releases for a data taking period
 - the number of files to be processed is too high for a single user
 - Data need to be registered in the bkk



WG Production recent and future

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- Additional development has been triggered by the PID group
 - For Run 2 the PID WG has developed a Stripping-like step through the TurboCalib stream



- Given the high number of files to handle we profited of Centralized WG Productions
- The output consists of μDST and ntuples
- The internal note can be found here: https://cds.cern.ch/record/2161754
- The work for PID triggered also the implementation of ntuple merger



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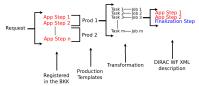
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LHCbDirac is a DIRAC extension to support LHCb specific workflows.



Some definition:

- Request: A request is a set of steps setup up by the user.
- Step: A step is the definition of an execution task. It requires the definition of input data types, output data types, and the application.
- Production: The production template creates your productions starting from the request. The system create tasks an abstract concept for a job.
- BKK query: The data on which the workflow will run.



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LHCbDirac submits to the Grid jobs executing LHCb code. So in order to run the code of a working group you have to:

- Prepare the gaudi configurables and put them under control version in an existing package or in a new one;
- Ask explicitly for Grid deployment when you release your code (code must be in cvmfs)
- Be aware of the correct environment on which your code will run. Basically LHCbDirac uses 1brun to create your particular environment and run your application through gaudirun.py



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Example of a production MC job run:

- 1b-run --use-grid -c x86_64-slc6-gcc49-opt --use="AppConfig v3r304" --use="ProdConf"Boole/v30r2 gaudirun.py -T \$APPCONFIGOPTS/Boole/Default.py \$APPCONFIGOPTS/Boole/EnableSpillover.py \$APPCONFIGOPTS/Boole/DataType-2015.py \$APPCONFIGOPTS/Boole/Boole-SetOdinRndTrigger.py \$APPCONFIGOPTS/Persistency/CompressionZLIB1.py prodConf_Boole_00061064_00012093_1.py
- --use="ProdConf" : Enable the use of the ProdConf configuration package (See in the next slides)
- prodConf_Boole_00061064_00012093_1.py : ProdConf configuration file generated automatically



The ProdConf package

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- ProdConf has been developed to act as an interface between LHCbDirac and LHCb applications. The package is under /DBASE/ProdConf
- The documentation about the ProdConf can be found here http://svnweb.cern.ch/world/wsvn/lhcb/DBASE/trunk/ProdConf/doc/description.pdf;
- The ProdConf package takes care of hiding some configurations that are used by the Gaudi application module;
- It gathers information from the definition of your application step;
- When testing a specific package, to run it on the Grid you should remember that some parameters are set by the ProdConf package
- A tutorial on step test has been prepared by Federico: https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCb/ProdReqPreLaunchTest



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Let's suppose that you are going to run a DaVinci application. This is an example of the parameters set up automatically by ProdConf:

```
from ProdConf import ProdConf
ProdConf(
   TCK='0xXYXY',
   NOfEvents=-1,
   DDDBTag='head-XYXYXY',
   CondDBTag='head-XYXYXY',
   AppVersion='vXYrZ',
   OptionFormat='merge',
   Application='baVinci',
   OutputFilePrefix='00017857_00000157_1',
   RunNumber=102790,
   InputFiles=['input list'],
   OutputFileTypes=['output.mdst'],
)
```



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You can reach the DIRAC Web portal from this link:

- https://lhcb-portal-dirac.cern.ch
- Before accessing this page you need to load in you web browser a valid grid certificate.
- You also need the lhcb_tech rights. These rights can be granted by the LHCbDirac production team.



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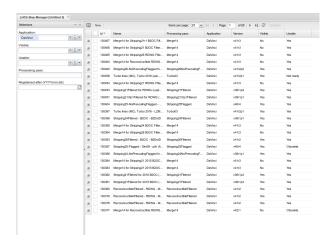
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• From the Dirac web portal you can choose the Step Manager page





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• Click on New to be prompted on this page.



 After filling with appropriate values you save the step and it will be then ready for use



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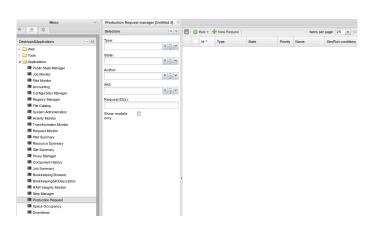
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 Now that you have submitted your steps you are ready to set up your production request. From the dirac web portal choose Production → Request Manager as Ihcb_user.





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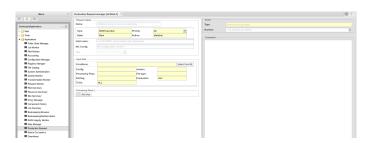
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• In the top left box you can define the name of your production. This will be the name that will appear in the dirac web portal.





Request setup: Bookkeeping Query

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 In the second box you can select the BKK query on which run your production.



 Click on Select from BKK a BKK selection dialog window pops up has been chosen.



Request setup: Add steps

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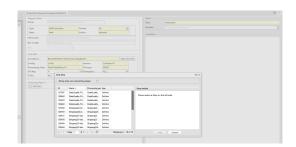
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- The third box on the left side is the place you can add your step/steps.
- When completed you can Submit to the production team





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- When you submit a request each production will be notified.
- If the application fails you will be notified and the production manager will give you all the details to understand what went wrong. But no debug will be tempted.
- You can also ask for a special kind of production called Validation production. This is used when you want produce a small bunch of files to see if they fullfill your expectations
- A validation production will put your data in the BKK under the VALIDATION folder so this test data will not be mixed with the real prodution



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- After some initial development made few years WG has been used successfully by the PID WG (https://cds.cern.ch/record/2161754)
- This trigger some additional development on the LHCbDirac side that make the WG production a viable way to generate data centrally by the WGs
- To profit of this possibility the code have to be tested carefully
- The advantages are enormous from the point of view of users as well as for the Grid infrastructure
- https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCb/WGProductions

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- Name: A string meaningful for you that identify your step. It will be identified also by an ID. Although it's not compulsory but just a good habit I would advise to use dashes of underscores instead of blank spaces.
- Processing pass: This string will be used to build the BKK path. You can control this with the visibility flag.
- Application: Your main application and version. You can choose from a list of grid deployed projects and versions.
- Option Files: Your gaudi configurable.
- Option Format: This is related to ProdConf options handling. Refer to the documentation.



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- Extra packages: Additional packages to enrich your environment. Usually this is the package under which you released your code.
- Runtime project: Another additional project if you need.
- CondDB, DDDB: CondDB and DDDB tags.



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- DQTag: Not yet available.
- Visibility: The visibility flag if set to Y will trigger the attachment of the processing pass to the BKK path of the output files. This needs to be checked carefully. If you have multiple steps It would be a nice idea to set the visibility flag to Y only for one of the steps (the last one) to avoid a lenghty BKK path with redundant informations. On the other hand let's suppose that you have two requests. Both of them with three steps i.e. Selection → Intermediate step → Merge. Let's again suppose that there are two similar selections with a different set of cuts and the remaining steps are exactly the same. This is a use case where it would be nice to separate the two output in the BKK otherwise they will be mixed, and distinguish them can be not that easy.



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• Input File Types: The input files of your step.

Output File Types: The output file of your step. If your are going to use a
particular filename you can use the LHCbDIRAC CLI to enter a new
filename in the BKK.

[lxplus430] \$dirac-bookkeeping-filetypes-insert

Filetype: <You new type>

Or you can do it directly from the portal taking care of not inserting blanks.