Shifter's responsabilities for the Offline systems

The DQM/Offline shifter controls the following Offline systems:

- the RAW data flow (only registration and replication)
- the Shuttle

by means of:

- the dashboard
- the MonALISA Shuttle monitoring page

and takes appropriate actions, as detailed in the following and in

1 the shifters' manual in the ALOSHI pages.

The DOM/Offline shifter's duties are listed in the shifter's checklist.



The Offline station

The Offline station is the small screen at the right of the DQM screens. As Offline shifter you have autologin on the Offline station (**arcoff01**). This means you don't need a password to login.



RAW data

RAW data



RAW data flow

A: $P2 \Rightarrow CASTOR disk$

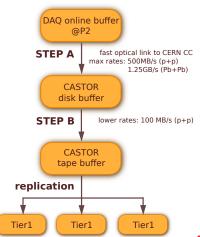
RAW data are transferred from DAQ to CASTOR disk (at different rates).

B: CASTOR disk \Rightarrow CASTOR tape

Physics runs' RAW data are copied to CASTOR tape (at lower rates).

Replication

RAW data are transfered to Tier1s.





From P2 to CASTOR disk

- Automatic and well exercised (it almost never goes wrong)
- DAQ is nominally responsible for the transfers
 - ➤ If not working, DAQ/SL notifies the shifter and/or the alice-shift-alarms@cern.ch expert list
- Offline provides the gateway for registering the files in the AliEn File Catalogue

Shifter's duties:

follow the registration of RAW data see dashboard If the registration is too far behind the data taking (>2 hours after EOR) clarify with ECS/DAQ shifter and/or shift leader or check yourself in the logbook (Run→Statistics→Data Migrated). In case of issue notify the Offline on-call.

From P2 to CASTOR disk

Note: in case of many small runs (cosmics) it is possible that they are not transferred to CASTOR for a long time (e.g. 24h) because the DAQ buffer is not full enough to trigger the transfer. ➡ Raise no alarm in this case. Again contact the ECS/DAQ shifter, verify the situation, and in case of a delay > 24 hours you can propose to trigger manually the transfer.

↑ Note: the shifter is supposed to follow the raw data flow of PHYSICS runs, while raw data for other run types might differ (e.g. no replication). Following the raw data flow for other run types might be relevant in the sense that it can point to issues of general interest (e.g. CASTOR issues).



From CASTOR disk to CASTOR tape

All PHYSICS data get copied to tape. No action required from the shifter.



Data replication

- After RAW is recorded to tape in CASTOR a copy is made to two remote T1 centres for custodial storage and processing
 - >> The replication is an automatic process, triggered at EoR
 - > Progress is displayed on the dashboard:
 - ➤ "Transfer to Tier1s" plot
 - Full details" of "Raw data registration" → "Transfer status" column
- Shifter's responsability:
 - >> the process is fully automatized
 - → if PHYSICS runs are not replicated in the last 12 hours, add a note in the EOS report (mentioning run numbers) and send list of stuck runs also to alice-shift-alarms@cern.ch



Data replication

⚠ Note: runs shorter than five minutes are not replicated and not reconstructed automatically.



The Shuttle

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The Shuttle

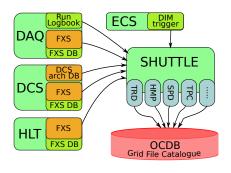
- The Shuttle: short description
- The Shuttle status (online/offline)
- The MonAlisa Shuttle web page
- How to read the Logs
- The Detectors Preprocessors Flow
- What to do in case of failures



Shuttle and Preprocessors

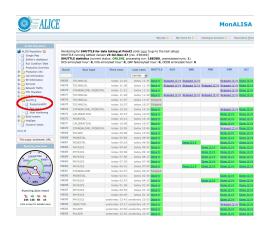
The Shuttle is the ALICE Online-Offline software framework. steers detector specific procedures (preprocessors) to:

- extract conditions (calibration and alignment) from online systems
- consolidate them and
- upload them to the OCDB





- Quick overview from the dashboard.
- Full view from the MonAlisa Shuttle monitoring page.
- Linked also from the navigation section of the MonAlisa main page: Shuttle Production@P2





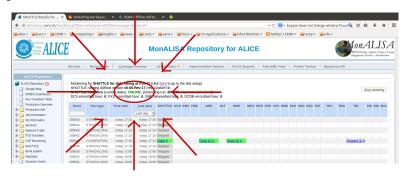
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Shuttle online/offline state

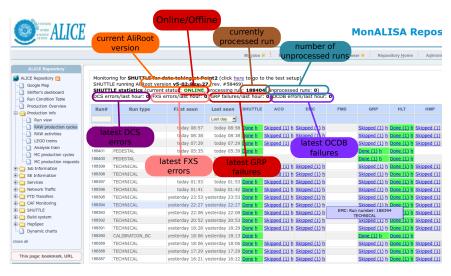
The MonAlisa Shuttle pages show the state of the Shuttle:

- it is either offline or online
- the offline state is already the result of a failed automatic restarting procedure

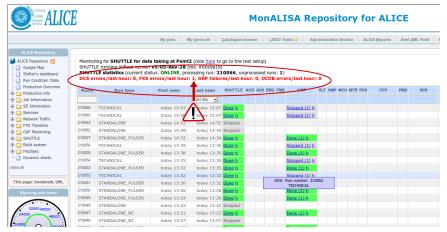


Keep regularly an eye on the Shuttle state and call the Offline on-call in case it is offline.













Messages can come either from the Shuttle or from the preprocessors.

```
2012-09-14 03:35:49 UTC (2906): GRP - run 188401 - Process - Starting processing
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:49 UTC (27935): SHUTTLE - run 188401 - Executing TGrid::Connect
=> Trying to connect to Server [0] root://pcapiserv03.cern.ch:10000 as User alidag
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:49 UTC (27935): SHUTTLE - run 188401 - ProcessCurrentDetector - Retrieving values for GRP, run 188401
T-AliShuttle::log: 2012-09-14 03:35:49 UTC (27935): SHUTTLE - run 188401 - CleanReferenceStorage - Cleaning /home/shuttle/SHUTTLE PROD/SHUTTLE/LocalShuttleRefStorage/GRP
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:49 UTC (27935): GRP - run 188401 - Checking if run type PEDESTAL is in the list of run types to be processed by this preprocessor...
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:49 UTC (27935): GRP - run 188401 - Run type found. Processing this run.
I-TFile::OpenFromCache: using local cache copy of /alien/alice/data/2012/OCDB/GRP/CTP/DummyConfig/Run@ 99999999 v1 s0.root [/tmp/OCDBCache//alice/data/2012/OCDB/GRP/CTP/Dum
I-AliGRPPreprocessor:: Initialize: Initialization of the GRP preprocessor.
I-AliGRPPreprocessor:: Initialize: Start Time DCS = 1347592864
I-AliGRPPreprocessor:: Initialize: End Time DCS = 1347593013
I-AliGRPPreprocessor::Initialize: Pressure Entries: 3
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:49 UTC (27935): SHUTTLE - run 188401 - UpdateShuttleStatus - GRP: Changing state from Started to DCSStarted
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:50 UTC (27935): GRP - run 188401 - ProcessCurrentDetector - Querying DCS Amanda server alidcsamanda.cern.ch:1337 (1 of 1)
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:50 UTC (27935): GRP - run 188401 - Querying 47 DCS aliases
I-AliDCSClient::GetValues: Retrieved entries 0..46 (total 0..46); E.g. L3Current has 7 values collected
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:52 UTC (27935): SHUTTLE - run 188401 - UpdateShuttleStatus - GRP: Changing state from DCSStarted to PPStarted
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:53 UTC (27935): GRP - run 188401 - ************ Processing DAQ logbook
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:53 UTC (27935): GRP - run 188401 - Start time for run 188401: 1347592936
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:53 UTC (27935): GRP - run 188401 - End time for run 188401: 1347592960
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:53 UTC (27935): GRP - run 188401 - Beam Energy for run 188401: 4000.000000 (NOT USING IT TO FILL THE GRP OBJECT, taking it from the LHC f
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:53 UTC (27935): GRP - run 188401 - Beam Type for run 188401: p-p (NOT USING IT TO FILL THE GRP OBJECT, taking it from the LHC file)
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:53 UTC (27935): GRP - run 188401 - Number Of Detectors for run 188401: 1
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:53 UTC (27935): GRP - run 188401 - Detector Mask for run 188401: 1024
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-09-14 03:35:53 UTC (27935): GRP - run 188401 - LHC period (DAO) for run 188401: LHC120
```

Reading the logs

- ➤ Logs are available per run for all preprocessors involved in the run (active detectors interested in the run type): click on status (Done, Failed) at run (row) DET (column) intersection.
 - Every information is associated with a timestamp which is expressed in UTC \Rightarrow corresponds to Geneva time minus one hour in winter, minus two hours in summer
- The Shuttle steering process appears in the table as all preprocessors, its logs are accessible in the same way
- ➤ In case of failure, an email is automatically sent to a list of responsibles (the recipients' email addresses are listed at the end of the log)



Reading the logs

- **▶** Each preprocessor sets (in its code) the run types of interest
- Only runs taken within the ECS framework can be processed by the Shuttle (not runs from the DAQ Run Control)
- >> The GRP preprocessor is run only for a subset of run types
- >> Two different error codes conventions for:
 - → preprocessors AliDETPreprocessor::Process
 - ✓ exit code 0 ⇔ success
 - × exit code >0 ⇔ failure
 - → AliShuttle steering method AliShuttle::ProcessCurrentDetector

 - × 0 ⇔ failure



Reading the logs

In practice:

- Process Client process of 192029 DET is exiting now with 1.
 - ⇔ the preprocessor for DET was processed successfully
- I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-11-08 17:04:04 UTC (16044): DET run 191760 ProcessCurrentDetector Preprocessor failed. Process returned 1.

 I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-11-08 17:04:04 UTC (16044): Shuttle run 191760 UpdateShuttleStatus DET: Changing state from PPStarted to PPError

 I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-11-08 17:04:04 UTC (16044): Shuttle run 191760 ****** run 191760 DET: ERROR ******

 I-AliShuttle::Log: 2012-11-08 17:04:04 UTC (16044): Shuttle run 191760 Process Client process of 191760 DET is exiting now with 0.
 - ⇔ the preprocessor for DET failed.



When to take action

- Take action for GRP, DCS and FXS errors → see next slides. In particular keep an eye on the heading of the monitoring page (if the line summing up the errors in the last hour is red).
- ⚠ If not solved, those errors prevent the possibility to reconstruct the concerned runs.
- ⚠ Check the log files by clicking on the Failed or PPError or DCSError or FXSError. The last lines will be particularly revealing of the cause of the failure.
- ⚠ The additional presence of system errors might indicate a Shuttle machine bad state: call the Offline on-call.



When to take action

- StoreError: in case the problem persists for more than 1 hour, checked whether the OCDB is accessible (try connecting to AliEn) and notify the offline on-call.
- ➤ Failing subdetectors' preprocessors (PPError, Failed): do not inform experts: responsibles are notified automatically (GRP is a special preprocessor, not a subdetector, it needs your action).
- Do not report issues which appeared and were already reported in previous shifts.



GRP failures: take action!

- ⚠ In case of a GRP failure, check the log file of the run by clicking on the Failed or PPError symbol for the GRP in the given run.
- ⚠ Take action already after the first failure, although a retrial is foreseen: a timely intervention could allow to restore the conditions before loosing the run
- ▲ Contact the DCS shifter for DCS FXS issue or missing data points
- ⚠ For missing or wrong conditions in the DCS FXS coming from an upstream system (CTP or LHC Interface), contact the on-call of the corresponding upstream system
- $\underline{\wedge}$ Report all the informations made available by the log
- ⚠ Inform the shift leader: no reconstruction will be possible for that rup

GRP failures: Take action!

The last lines of the log will clarify the issue, in particular the string following GRP Preprocessor FAILS!!!. According to the rules above:

```
DCS FRROR
                                                    contact DCS shifter
DCS data points ERROR
Trigger Scalers not found in FXS
Trigger Configuration ERROR
                                                     call CTP on-call
Trigger Aliases wrong or not found in DCS FXS
CTP timing ERROR
LTU Configuration Error
LHC Clock Phase Error (from LHC Data)
                                                     call LHC Interface on-call
FXS Error for LHC Data
LHC Data Error
DAQ logbook ERROR
                                                    contact DAO shifter
DAQ FXS ERROR
```



DCS and FXS errors: Take action!

- Note the detector that fails with DCSError and inform the DCS shifter about the problem. Look together at the logs.
- ⚠ Look in the log file of the preprocessor that fails in FXSError to find out which subsystem FXS retrieval failed (can be DAQ or DCS or HLT). Inform the corresponding subsystem shifter and the SL. Examples of error messages:
 - → (FXS Error for LHC Data)
- ⚠ In case of combined errors (e.g. DCS FXS Error for CTP Data) contact the system which is upstream (e.g. the CTP on-call in this example) and notify the shift leader.
- After you (successfully) tried to understand the issue from the logs, propose the SL and the concerned on-line system shifter to look at them together.
- For all the critical issues mentioned above, report the problem in the End Of Shift report

Extra cases

When we have several preprocessors failing in contiguous runs, most likely we have a common problem shared among them (check the logs).

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select filePath,size,fileChecksum from dcsfes where run=257028 and detector="TOF" and fileId="TofFeeMap" (/home/shuttle/aliroot/AliRoot/SHUTTLE/AliShuttle.cxx:2216)
I-AliShuttle::Log: 2016-06-26 06:34:19 UTC (13206): TOF -run 257028 - GetFile - No entry in DCS FXS db for: Id = TofFeeMap, source = none

Ignore the errors related to QAThresholds, they are expected.

select distinct DAQsource from daqFES_files where run=258923 and detector="FIT" and fileId="QAThresholds" (/nome/shuttle/aliroot/AliRoot/SHUTTLE/AliShuttle.cxx:2455)
1-AliShuttle:Log: 2016-08-01 15:07:23 UTC (18757): FIT - nu 258923 - GelFileSources - No entry in DQM FXS table for id: QAThresholds
E-AliGRPTPerprocessor::ProcessDqmTxx: No sources found for QAThresholds from detector FIT, skipping
No valid QAThresholds entries found, storing nothing in the OCDB
onerFileResult for QAThresholds entries found, storing nothing in the OCDB

openFileResult for QAThr processing would be 1, but we return kTRUE anyway storeResultQAThr for QAThr processing would be 1, but we return kTRUE anyway

I-AliShuttle::Log: 2016-08-01 15:07:23 UTC (18757): GRP - run 258923 - DQM FXS, successful!



Information for the Offline shifters

Information for the Offline shifters



ALOSHI: single access point for information

https://aloshi.cern.ch

The ALICE Offline SHifter Interface (ALOSHI) provides to the Offline Shifter a single point of access for browsing and editing information and documentation.



It allows to:

- publish structured documentation for Shifter's operations and tasks;
- search easily for information in the database of the shift reports and the documentation.



Offline Shifter documentation on ALOSHI

- Any member of ALICE collaboration can access ALOSHI (https://aloshi.cern.ch) with its AFS-NICE CERN password.
 - >> No registration is needed.
- The main page contains (among others) links to:
 - ➤ Shifter's Operations Checklist;
 - Offline Shifter's Operation Manual;
 - Offline Shifter's Dashboard;
 - ➤ ALICE DAQ Logbook.
- Any authenticated user can edit documentation. Modifications to Offline documentation must be agreed with Offline RC.



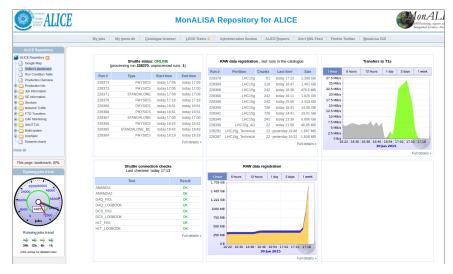
The shifter's dashboard

The shifter's dashboard provides an overview of the systems to be monitored. In particular the shifter can monitor raw data registration and replication and the state of the Shuttle connections with online systems:

- 1 Compare the last registered runs (from the **RAW data registration** table) to the last taken runs (from the DAQ monitor).
- 2 Click Full details of the **RAW data registration** table to access data replication info by run (Replication status column).
- 3 Check **Shuttle connection checks** in case of hints to bad connections to online systems.



The shifter's dashboard





The shifter's check list

Summary of required actions:

The shifter's check list



The shifter's check list

Summary of shifters' duties available in the shifter's checklist:

RAW data registration

>> Compare PHYSICS runs' start/stop in logbook with corresponding run raw data registration to CASTOR

```
registration errors (runs not
registered >2 hours after ⇒ report to Offline on-call
migration)
```

RAW data replication

Periodic check of replication status

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The shifter's check list

Shuttle operation

DCS FXS broken connection or missing DCS shifter file*, missing DPs* CTP configuration problem* CTP on-call DAQ FXS problem (broken connection or ECS/DAQ shifter \Rightarrow missing file) *Affecting GRP persistent detector preprocessor failures note in EOS report Shuttle offline (automatic restart procedure

Reporting issues

run-related issue report in logbook with reference to run

summary of operations

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EOS report (in ALICE-logbook) August 2, 2016

Offline shifter tutorial

Offline on-call

failed) or ML down

The right mood

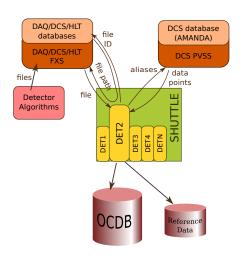
- Before pressing the make sure to apply the procedures and rules defined for each failure type
- Understand the failure, then:
 - >> contact the appropriate support channel if foreseen
 - aloshi has a search feature, use it to look for similar problems and solutions
 - describe the issue in the appropriate place (including the solution, if any)



Enjoy your shifts!



Shuttle and Preprocessors



Steered by the Shuttle, detector preprocessors retrieve:

- files from the File eXchange Servers
- a map of Data Points from the DCS interface

valid for the given detector and the given run/time stamp.

These data are processed and publibshed in the Offline Conditions Data Base as CDB objects (root files in AliEn).



Preprocessors' status flow

