DIRAC Web 4.0

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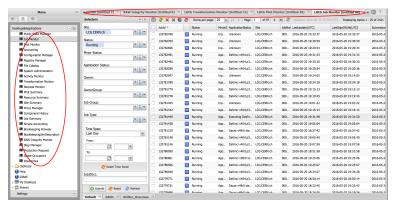


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- It provides the facility to develop, manage and test web applications.
- It provides a complex web user interface, which hides the complexity of the DIRAC system.
- Concepts:
 - User friendly
 - Fast and reliable
 - Customised web applications.
 - Browser independence; supported browsers: Safari, Chrome, Firefox, etc.
 - · Limited access by anonymous user.
 - Application/desktop sharing.
- We distinguish between application, desktop, state and theme.

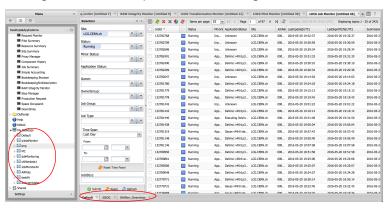
Application

 It is a web page used to monitor and interact with DIRAC components, monitoring and controlling the underlying computing resources, as well as the DIRAC system.



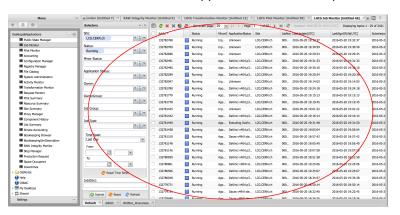
Desktop

• It is a container of web applications. Each web application is assigned to a desktop. It is the working environment.



State

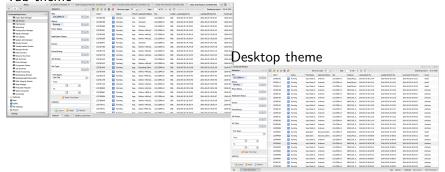
• It is the actual status of an application or a desktop.



Theme

 It is a graphical appearance of the web portal. It provides two themes: Desktop and Tab theme.

Tab theme



- Programming languages: javascript in client side and python in server side.
- Front-end:
 - ExtJS and Google Visualization API (only one application)
- Back-end:
 - Tornado non-blocking web server and web application framework, NGINX high-performance HTTP server.

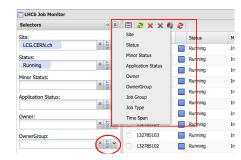
Deployment

- It can not be fully installed using the SystemAdministrator, because it time out.
- sencha-cmd must be installed to the machine (It is used to compile JS)
- Each application has to be compiled, which requires enormous time
- It can happen that applications can not be opened during the installation

Customised widgets

 customized widgets are very handful, but they are very slow.



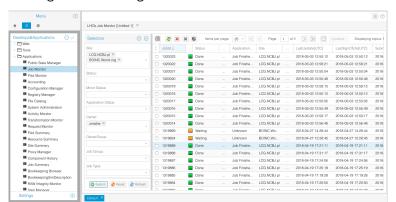


Quality of the software

- ExtJS 4 is released in 2011,
- Most of the bugs are fixed in ExtJs5 and ExtJs6
- It requires harder work for moving to the new version, if we wait too much
- benefit of the new widgets (we can drop Google Visualization API)

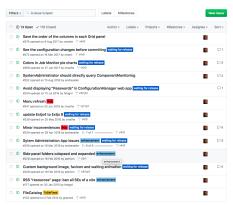
What is new in Web 4.0?

- using the latest Extjs 6
- JS compilation performs in the tar creation
- using standard widgets



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almost all bugs and new requests are implemented



- DIRAC installations:
 - without Web extension will be transparent
 - with Web extension may require modification: method names are changed or new properties are introduced
- recommendation for a DIRAC installation with Web extensions:
 - update your Web extension to ExtJs6 as soon as possible based on
 - https://github.com/DIRACGrid/WebAppDIRAC/pull/282
 - check LHCbWebAppDIRAC extension: https://gitlab. cern.ch/lhcb-dirac/LHCbWebDIRAC/merge_requests/30
 - follow WebAppDIRAC developer guide

- WebAppDIRAC v4r0, will be part of V6r21
- testing, testing, testing
- release this year (Is it really VERY optimistic?)

Thank you! Questions?