Summary of (virtual) DIRAC Users' Workshop 2021

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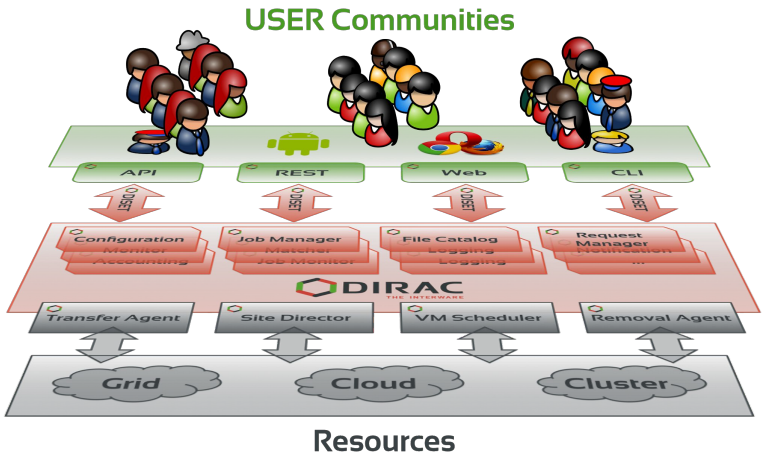
DIRAC: the interware

- A software framework for distributed computing
- A **complete** solution to one (or more) user community
- Builds a layer between users and resources



- Started as an LHCb project, experiment-agnostic in 2009
- Developed by communities, for communities
  - Open source (GPL3+), GitHub hosted
  - Python 2.7 → python 3 (see later)
  - No dedicated funding for the development of the “Vanilla” project
  - Publicly documented, active assistance forum, yearly users workshops (when possible…), open developers meetings and hackathons
- The DIRAC consortium as representing body

Users/communities/VOs

A *framework* shared by multiple experiments/projects, both inside HEP, astronomy, and life science

Experiment agnostic

Extensible

Flexible

DUWs

- 2019: 9th DUW (UK, London, IC)
- ~~2020: 10th DUW (Japan, Tsukuba, KEK)~~
- 2021: mini, virtual DUW
  - hopefully the last virtual one

DUWs are normally 3 to 4 days, ~40% presentations, ~60% discussions, tutorials, hands-on, hackathons

not well suited for online

DUW 2021: setup and participation

- Zoom only meeting, notes on hedgedoc (codiMD), recordings on the agenda
- 80 registered users
  - effectively max ~60 attending at the same time
    - a few more participants on Monday
    - many known names, many new ones
  - participation from the Americas of course problematic for the timezone

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Session legend

09:00

Introduction to the virtual DUW 2021 — *Federico Stagni*
Zoom 09:00 - 09:30

WMS and computing resources — *Andrei Tsaregorodtsev*
Zoom 09:30 - 10:00

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Integrating DIRAC workflows in Supercomputers — *Alexandre Franck Boyer*
Zoom 10:00 - 10:20

DMS and data resources — *Christophe Haen*
Zoom 10:20 - 10:40

DIRAC -> Rucio — *Cedric Serfon*
Zoom 10:40 - 11:00

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Virtual coffee
Zoom 11:00 - 11:20

DIRAC services with HTTPs — *Christophe Haen*
Zoom 11:20 - 11:30

Python3 and DIRACOS2 — *Chris Burr*
Zoom 11:30 - 12:10

12:00

On AutheNtication, AuthoriZation and Single Sign On — *Andrii Lytovchenko*
Zoom 12:10 - 12:40

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CLIC/ILC/FCC/Calice — *Andre Sailer*
Zoom 09:00 - 09:20

GridPP — *Daniela Bauer*
Zoom 09:20 - 09:40

LHCb — *Concezio Bozzi*
Zoom 09:40 - 10:00

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EGI + FG — *Gino Marchetti*
Zoom 10:00 - 10:20

Belle2 — *Yuji Kato*
Zoom 10:20 - 10:40

CTA — *Luisa Arrabito*
Zoom 10:40 - 11:00

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IHEP — *Xiaomei Zhang*
Zoom 11:20 - 11:40

JINR — *Igor Pelevanyuk*
Zoom 11:40 - 12:00

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Summary and prospects — *Federico Stagni*
Zoom 12:00 - 12:20

DIRAC general principles

- A single server can manage dozens of VOs
- Aim of being a single solution for the whole Grid/computing/“data lake”
- Lots of building blocks, and plugins for “everything”:
  - install/use (VO)DIRAC client → easy
  - install/manage (VO)DIRAC server → NOT easy
    - many functions/options
- Modular, pragmatic: DIRAC is a framework for developing custom grid solutions.

Workload Management

Focus: DIRAC pilots for exploiting all computing resources

- ARC, HTCondorCE, SSH(+batch), clouds, vac, BOINC, ...
- HPCs
  - a variety of solutions for several use cases are possible, others in development, e.g. running on closed WNs is not yet an option

No new “killer feature”: continuously evolving landscape, adaptation is key

Data Management

DMS “machinery” pretty stable ⇒ focus on supporting protocols, SEs, etc.

no multi-hop!

New plugin: Rucio FC

- “yet another catalog plugin”
- developed/used by Belle2
  - PR in DIRAC, reviewed, waiting for developer
    - 3(!) presentations at CHEP

New stuff

- dips:// → https:// (from “DIRAC protocol” to http)
  - based on tornado
- Python3
  - DIRAC Client ready
    - `pip install DIRAC` -- from 7.2 (https://pypi.org/project/DIRAC/)
  - DIRAC server almost there
- DIRACOS2 as environment
  - built using conda constructor and conda-forge (source of packages.
  - support for aarch64 and ppc64le
- Deprecating dirac-install command

New stuff /2

AuthN + AuthZ + SSO, via tokens

- from X509 to tokens
  - EGI Check-in, IaM
  - (but won't force anyone)
- following and using "standards"
  - design and libraries
- probably python3 only

DIRAC development summary

- Code maintainability is the drive for several DIRAC developments
  - e.g.: m2crypto, py3, DIRACOS2, ...
  - modern code = turn-key for future DIRAC developments
- VOMS → CheckIn/IaM/?
  - drive for re-thinking of DIRAC AuthN/Z

Day 2: Experiments' reports

Set questions + free contribution

- What do you use DIRAC for, and which DIRAC functionalities you don't use, and why?
- Do you have a DIRAC extension? Why?
  - If yes, do you think some of it could become part of the vanilla projects?
- What is your biggest frustration with DIRAC?
- You can magically add one feature to DIRAC, what is it?
- Any notable operations incident in the last year?
- To support your "Grid", do you have to use other systems than DIRAC?
- How would you rate the communication?
- In the last two years, what has been the DIRAC usage in terms of jobs ran, CPU (or wall time) used, and data transfers?

Experiments' reports -- answers /1

- Everyone's using WMS and Accounting
  - VMDIRAC (extension of WMS, for clouds) used by some
    - one day will be fully merged in DIRAC
- Everyone's using at least partially the DMS
  - everyone (but Belle2) uses the DFC
  - most communities are using FTS (via DIRAC DMS/RMS)
- Several using RMS + TS
  - "Requests Management" and "Transformation" systems
  - for jobs productions + dataset management
  - Vanilla DIRAC ProductionSystem also available, but not widely used yet because it's too recent

Experiments' reports -- answers /2

- Community-lead DIRAC extensions are common
  - for support of community software, or production requirements
  - for integrating external DBs (e.g. LHCb bookkeeping, Belle2 AMGA)
- Some in-house developments have the potential of becoming part of vanilla DIRAC
  - for component monitoring (i.e. stuck agents) - (Belle2 and ILCDirac)
  - FC ACL plugin (EISCAT)
  - Transformations and DM "bits" (LHCb and CTA)
  - Site Monitoring testing (with RSS) and UserJobs/Tasks grouping (IHEP)
- Some interest in puppet modules

Experiments' reports -- answers /3

- No "biggest frustration", but monitoring is never enough
  - Pilots monitoring seems particularly requested (cited in at least 3 reports)
  - Many installations using ElasticSearch -- IMHO this is a great news!
- No documentation requests!
  - and communication is deemed good by all
- LHCb is still the largest experiment when it comes to resources usage.

For Devs

BILD meetings:

"BiWeekly 'Loyal' DIRAC Developers meetings"

every 2nd week

Thursday at 10:00 AM CET

LHCb hosted

Clic, Belle2, EGI/FG, BES3/Juno, GridPP, IHEP, Jinr represented

→ *you want to be invited? Just let me know*

Where releases and issues are discussed!

Certification hackathons:

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Thursday at 10:00 AM CET

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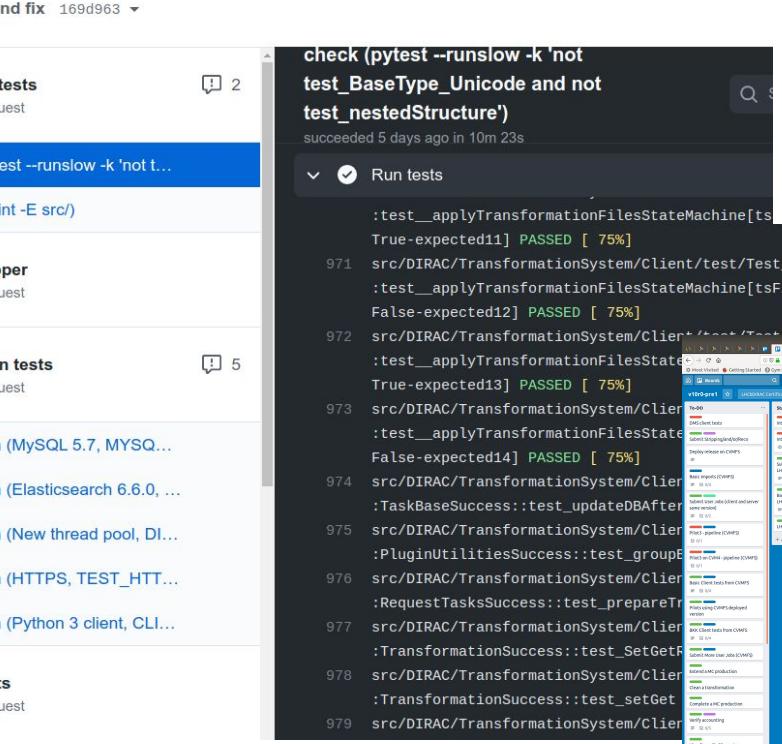
lhcbdirac.slack.com + Trello

Development and testing

~6 FTE as core developers, a dozen contributing developers



Tests, certification, integration process is a daily work.

- We use GitHub Actions, GitLab CI/CD (+ Jenkins…)
  - link: instructions on how to run it locally

DIRAC Consortium news

Board of representatives on May 10th

- Consortium Agreement expires in Feb 2022
  - Agreed to prepare an Amendment extending the Consortium Agreement for 5 more years
- Election of the coordinators for the next 2 years:
  - Andrei Tsaregorodtsev confirmed as DIRAC coordinator
  - Federico Stagni confirmed as DIRAC technical coordinator

In conclusion

Despite the lack of face to face discussions and hands-on, it was a useful workshop.

Hope to **see** DIRAC users and developers at the next DUW.

next time, for real!

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Questions/comments

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