The Next Generation ATLAS Production System.

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Outline

• Production system – what it is?

• Current state of the ATLAS production system

• Tasks requests system development overview

Production system

- During this week you've heard about many technologies and concepts which are used in HEP: Big Data, GRID, HPC, virtualization ...
- It raises many question from end user point of view, when it's used for big experiment, such an ATLAS:
 - How to start your task?
 - How to monitor the progress?
 - How to manage tasks which are running?
 - How to recover failed tasks?
 - How to connect your task with already produced results?

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• To answer all these questions we are developing "production system".

Motivation

- In the ATLAS experiment, the Big Data processing generates a multiplicity of requirements as more data and use cases emerge
 - For Big Data processing, we adopted the data driven approach, where software applications transform the input data into the output data
 - In the ATLAS production system, each data transformation is represented by a task a collection of many jobs submitted by the ATLAS workload management system (PanDA) and executed on the Grid



- Over the years, the success of our data transformation approach resulted in the exponential growth both in the number of data transformation applications and in the rate of task submissions
- The LHC shutdown presented an opportunity to reengineer the ATLAS Big Data processing infrastructure, adding extra layers further improving the system scalability and flexibility –ProdSys2

ProdSys2 Components

- Web UI for Managers and Users provides the interface for task and production request managing and monitoring at the higher level
- Database Engine for Tasks (DEFT): is responsible for formulating the tasks, **chains** of tasks and also task groups (**production request**), complete with all necessary parameters
 - It also keeps track of the state of production requests, chains and their constituent tasks



- Job Execution and Definition Interface (JEDI): is an intelligent component in the panda server to have capability for **task-level** workload management.
 - Key part of it is '**Dynamic**' job definition, which highly optimizes resources usage compare to 'Static' model used in ProdSys1.
 - Dynamic job definition in JEDI is also crucial for multi-core, HPC's and other new requirements

Statistics

- ProdSys2 is in production for ATLAS since December of 2014
 - More than 400 000 done tasks
 - More than 4000 production requests
 - Dozens of implemented workflows
 - Hundred papers used results, which are based on data produced with the production system
- Development of ProdSys2 is always on-going:
 - New workflows appear as users become familiar with the system;
 - Future automation allows to achieve faster request completion time.



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ProdSys2 use-cases

- Production system is a workflow driven system and it's used for dealing with the all variety of ATLAS activities:
 - Simulation (MC production)
 - Data processing ("Tier0" processing and reprocessing)
 - High Level Trigger (HLT) reprocessing
 - Derivation and train production (slimming, skimming...)
 - Event Index
- Typical ATLAS workflow composed of many data transformation steps, e.g. the Monte Carlo simulations workflow is composed of many steps: generate hard-processes, hadronize signal and minimum-bias events, simulate energy deposition in the ATLAS detector, digitize electronics response, simulate triggers, reconstruct data, transform the reconstructed data into reduced forms for physics analysis



DEFT and WEB U/I Development

- Key development points
 - Agile methodology: continuous meetings with the main users and often releases;
 - Using open source;
 - «Model View ViewModel» approach;
- Django is used on server side (Django ORM as Model)
- JavaScript(jQuery, AngularJS) is used on a client side





Server and client logic (View and ViewModel)

- "ViewModel" maintains access to data in a easy or an "used to" for concrete group of users way:
 - Most of functionality is shared, so writing code in reusable way is extremely important.
 - Using third open source library where it's possible.
- "View" mostly repeats Model on client side
 - It includes checks which could be done on client side;
 - Optimized to be used for quite big amount of manageable data (thousands tasks on one page).



Production system data model

- Model is represented by multilevel relational instances:
 - Request -> Slice(chain of steps) -> Step -> Task
 - Depends on workflow each instance could play a role of a template;
 - Tasks are created by initiating step instance.



MC production request creation

- Creating of production request is one of the examples how different workflows can be integrated to the system
- For MC Google spreadsheet were used by user to provide a data for MC tasks. In ProdSys2 it was adopted so user can submit input data in the same format as they use before.

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Reprocessing production request creation

• Reprocessing workflow has a tree structure, where output of one task can be an input for several more tasks – interface for creating such structure was developed for it.

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HLT production request creation

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Derivation production request creation

• Derivation is using so called "train" model, there each input runs on some of many predefined outputs. To manage with complexity, pattern request is created first, and system is using this pattern to generate possible options for the specific derivation production request creation interface.

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Work with production request

- Tasks requests Web U/I provides many general and experiment specific features:
 - Bookkeeping.
 - Approve management. E.g. MC production request required several levels of approval.
 - Monitoring. User can easily follow progress of a running tasks.
 - Error Handling. Task could failed because of many permanent (e.g. bug in software) and temporal (storage is down) reasons. To be able quickly understand root of the problem and fix it by redefining the task is one of the major feature of the production system.
 - Chaining one production to the other. E.g. derivation production could be chained to MC or reprocessing task, that significantly speed up them.
 - Automation task submission. User can defined a pattern and when new data appears tasks are started automatically.

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Summary

• Production system is a layer which connects distributed computing and physicists in a user-friendly way.

 Development of the ProdSys2 would be impossible without experience gained from Run1 operation and input provided by experts, who run production for many years.