DIRAC Data Management System

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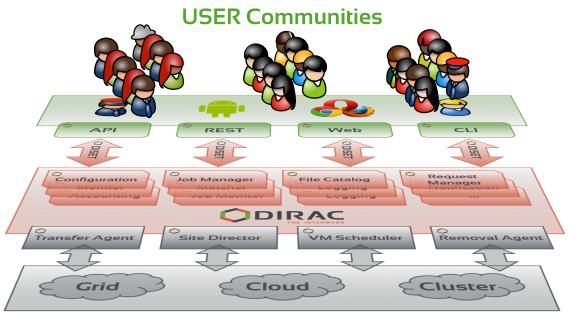




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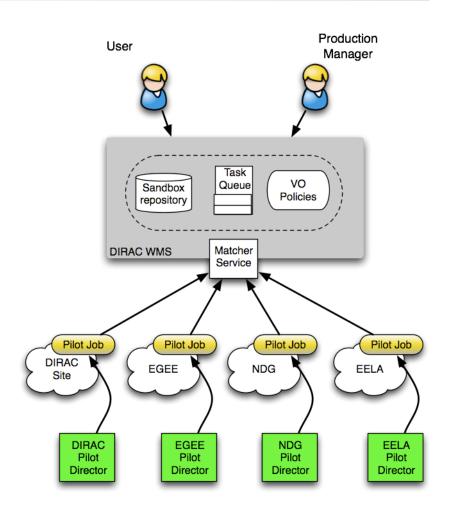


DIRAC provides all the necessary components to build ad-hoc grid infrastructures interconnecting computing resources of different types, allowing interoperability and simplifying interfaces. This allows to speak about the DIRAC interware.



Interware

- Pilot based Workload Management provides abstraction of Computing Resources
 - Allows to combine heterogeneous resources in a transparent way
- Similar patterns are applied also for the Data Management System of DIRAC







Distributed computer

 DIRAC forms an abstraction of a simple computer which has the power of thousands of CPUs and petabytes of storage behind the scene coming from various sources and various technologies (grids, clouds, etc)

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- DIRAC Web Portal is following the computer desktop paradigm
 - Natural for a non-expert user

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DM Problem to solve

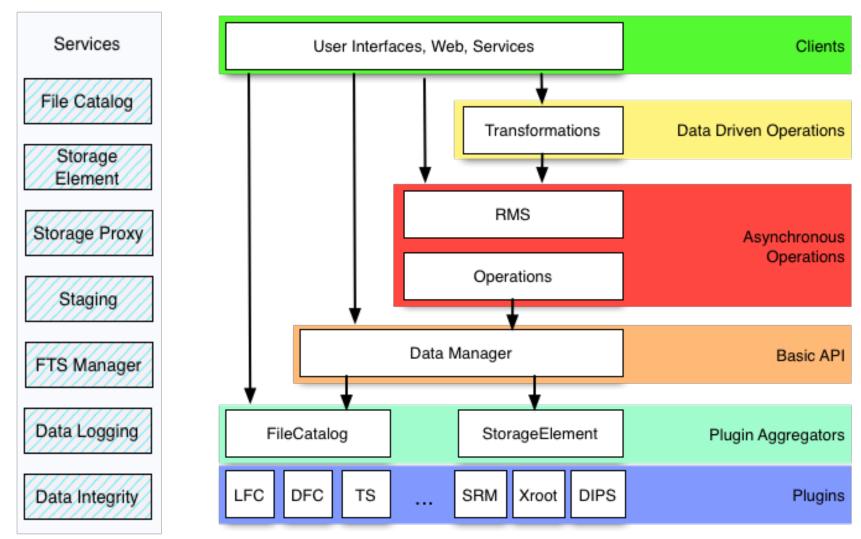
- Data is partitioned in files
- File replicas are distributed over a number of Storage Elements world wide

Data Management tasks

- Initial File upload
- Catalog registration
- File replication
- File access/download
- Integrity checking
- File removal
- Need for transparent file access for users
- Often working with multiple (tens of thousands) files at a time
 - Make sure that ALL the elementary operations are accomplished
 - Automate recurrent operations



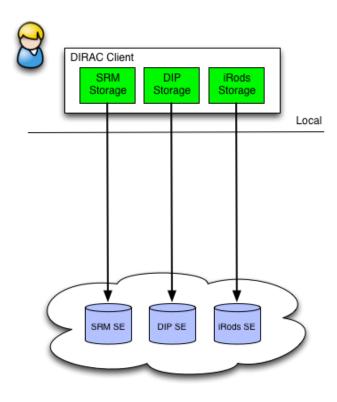
DM Software Stack



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- Storage element abstraction with a client implementation for each access protocol
 - DIPS, SRM, XROOTD, RFIO, etc
 - gfal2 based plugin gives access to all protocols supported by the library
 - DCAP, WebDAV, S3, ...
- Each SE is seen by the clients as a logical entity
 - With some specific operational properties
 - SE's can be configured with multiple protocols

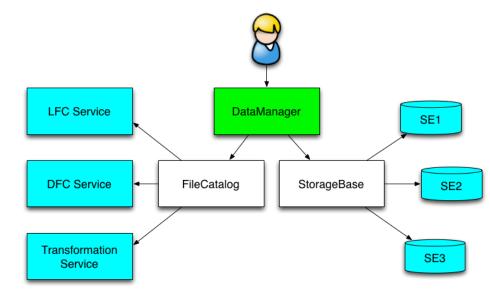




Central File Catalog (DFC, LFC, ...) is maintaining a single global logical name space

Several catalogs can be used together

- The mechanism is used to send messages to "pseudocatalog" services, e.g.
 - Transformation service (see later)
 - Bookkeeping service of LHCb
- A user sees it as a single catalog with additional features
- DataManager is a single client interface for logical data operations



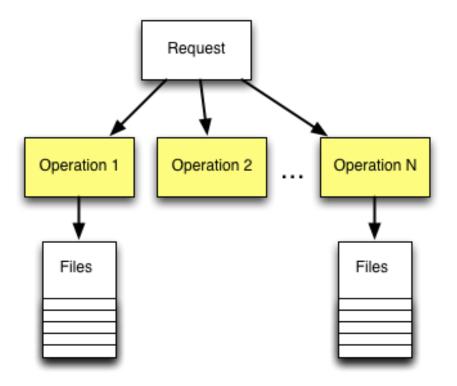


File Catalog



Asynchronous operations

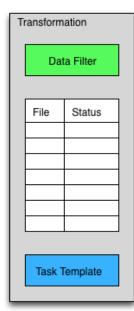
- Request Management System (RMS)
 - Keeps the database of Requests
- Request is a sequence of Operations executed in a certain order
 - Operations can have associated Files
- Each Operation type has a dedicated Executor
 - Execution is done with the credentials of the Owner of the Request
 - E.g. user defined operations
 - Examples: ForwardDISET, ReplicateFile, RemoveFile
- Executors are invoked by an agent running in a background
 - Retry logic in case of failures

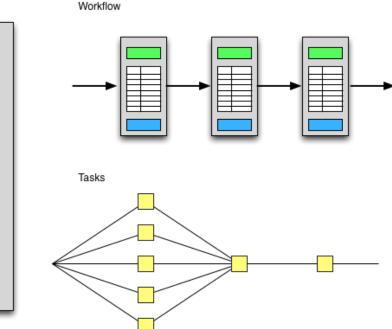




Transformation System

- Data driven workflows as chains of data transformations
 - Transformation: input data filter + recipe to create tasks
 - Tasks are created as soon as data with required properties is registered into the system
 - Tasks: jobs, data operations, etc
- Transformations can be used for automatic data driven bulk data operations
 - Scheduling RMS tasks
 - Often as part of a more general workflow

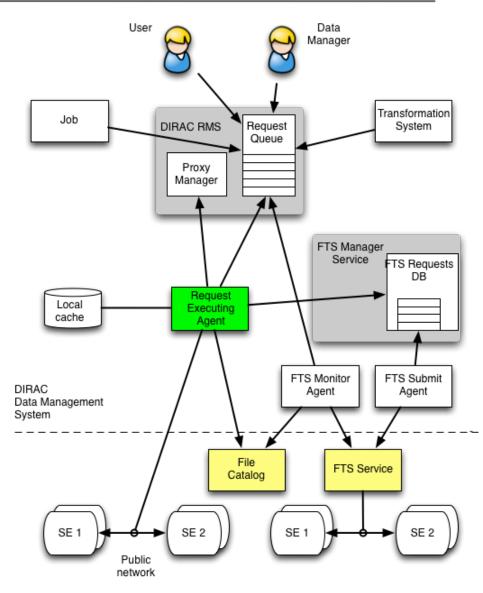




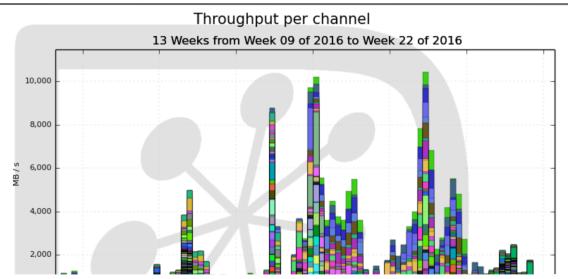


Bulk transfers

- Replication/Removal Requests with multiple files are stored in the RMS
 - By users, data managers, Transformation System
- The Replication Operation executor
 - Performs the replication itself or
 - Delegates replication to an external service
 - E.g. FTS
 - A dedicated FTSManager service keeps track of the submitted FTS requests
 - FTSMonitor Agent monitors the request progress, updates the FileCatalog with the new replicas







- System successfully managing up to 10 GB/s and GB/s of sustained transfers
- Isolated clusters of failures, usually associated with problems outside the DM system

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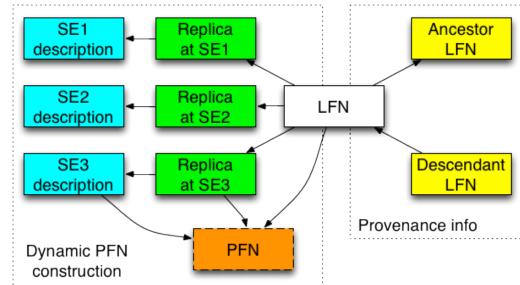
File Catalog

- DFC is the central component of the DIRAC Data Management system
- Defines the single logical name space for all the data managed by DIRAC
- Together with the data access components DFC allows to present data to users as single global file system



File Catalog: Replicas

- File standard metadata
 - Size, ownership, time stamps, ACL, checksum
- Standard Replica
 Catalog functionality
 - Optimized for bulk queries
- On the fly PFN construction
 - Small database footprint
 - Full PFN can be stored if necessary
- Ancestor-descendent relations
- Efficient storage usage reports

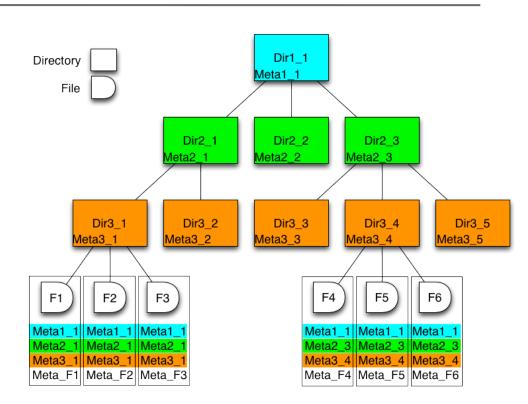


File Catalog: Metadata

- DFC is Replica and Metadata Catalog
 - User defined metadata
 - The same hierarchy for metadata as for the logical name space
 - Metadata associated with files and directories
 - Allow for efficient searches
 - Efficient Storage Usage reports
 - Suitable for user quotas



find /lhcb/mcdata LastAccess < 01-01-2012
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- Datasets defined as a resulting list of files from a given metaquery
 - > Particular case: all the files under a given directory
- Dataset objects are stored in the same directory hierarchy as files
 - ACLs, ownership, show up in the output of *Is* command as for files
- Datasets can be frozen in order not to change from one query to another
 - Can be refreshed by an explicit command, a quick check if changed since the last update
- Datasets can be annotated
- Operations on datasets
 - Replica lookup for all the files in a dataset
 - Total size, number of files report
 - Replication, removal, etc



DFC usage examples

- LHCb accomplished migration from LFC to DFC
 - ▶ ~17M files, 7M directories
 - Needed to develop a specific ACL plugin where several DIRAC groups have same ACLs for a given data
 - Not using the Metadata features of the DFC except for the Storage Usage reports
 - Using Transformation System of DIRAC for bulk data driven operations (e.g. replication, processing tasks submission, etc)
- ILC, BES III, CTA use intensively DFC as both Replica and Metadata Catalog
 - > BES III performed a detailed performance comparison with the AMGA metadata service

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- ► ~30M files
- Working on complex metadata queries and dataset algebra (dataset relations, intersections, unions, etc)
- Eiscat-3D prototype
 - ▶ ~8M files (complete sample of ~100M files)
 - Scalability and usability tests with metadata operations
- FG-DIRAC multi-community service
 - ~I.5M files
 - Several VOs using the same catalog service





- Command line tools
 - Multiple dirac-dms-... commands
- COMDIRAC
 - Representing the logical DIRAC file namespace as a parallel shell
 - dls, dcd, dpwd, dfind, ddu etc commands
 - dput, dget, drepl for file upload/download/replication
- Web Interface
 - Using a standard file browser paradigm
 - Possibility to define metadata queries
 - Under development
 - Better connection to other systems (WMS)
 - Better support of the DIRAC "computer" paradigm

DIRAC for CTA: DIRAC File Catalog



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In use since 2012 in parallel with LFC. Full migration to DFC in summer 2015 •

CTA - DIRAC

- More than 21 M of replicas registered •
- About 10 meta-data defined to characterize MC datasets •

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DFC web interface

Query example:

cta-prod3-query --site=Paranal -particle=gamma --tel_sim_prog=simtel --array_layout=hex --phiP=180 --thetaP=20 --outputType=Data

Typical queries return several hundreds of thousands of files

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Accounting

DIRAC includes a general purpose Accounting System

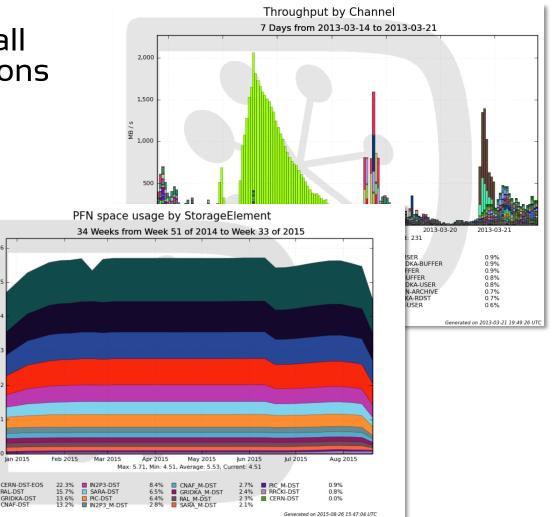
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- For all the activities
- Accounting reports for all the data related operations
 - Transfer rates and volumes
 - Storage usage
 - Success/failure rates
 - Etc

Plots selectable by

- **Storage Elements**
- Transfer channels
- Owner of the data
- Dates
- Etc, etc







- Data Logging service
 - Each operation on a chosen subset of name space changing the status of the file is recorded
 - Storage, identity of the operation initiator, status, etc
 - Useful in debugging problems with the data flows

Data Integrity service

- Each file access problem can be reported and accumulated in the Data Integrity database
- Problem resolution either automatically or manually

FTS Manager service

- Interacts with the FTS3 service
- Keeps track og ongoing FTS operations

Staging service

- Bringing data online before job submission
 - Asynchronous staging requests with polling for progress status
 - Pin time management



- DIRAC has a well defined architecture and development framework
 - Standard rules to create DIRAC extension
 - ▶ LHCbDIRAC, BESDIRAC, ILCDIRAC, ...
- Large part of the functionality is implemented as plugins
 - Almost the whole DFC service is implemented as a collection of plugins
- Examples
 - Support for datasets first added to the BESDIRAC
 - LHCb has a custom Directory Tree module in the DIRAC File Catalog
- Allows to customize the DIRAC functionality for a particular application with minimal effort



- DIRAC combines various distributed computing and storage resources in a coherent system seen by the user as a single large computer
- The Data Management Model of DIRAC is organizing storage resources in a large distributed logical File System optimized for massive operations with data
- Recurrent bulk data operations can be automated an their integrity is ensured by the Request Management System
- DIRAC DMS is extensible due to its modular architecture and can be easily adapted to the needs of particular applications