Workflow System status

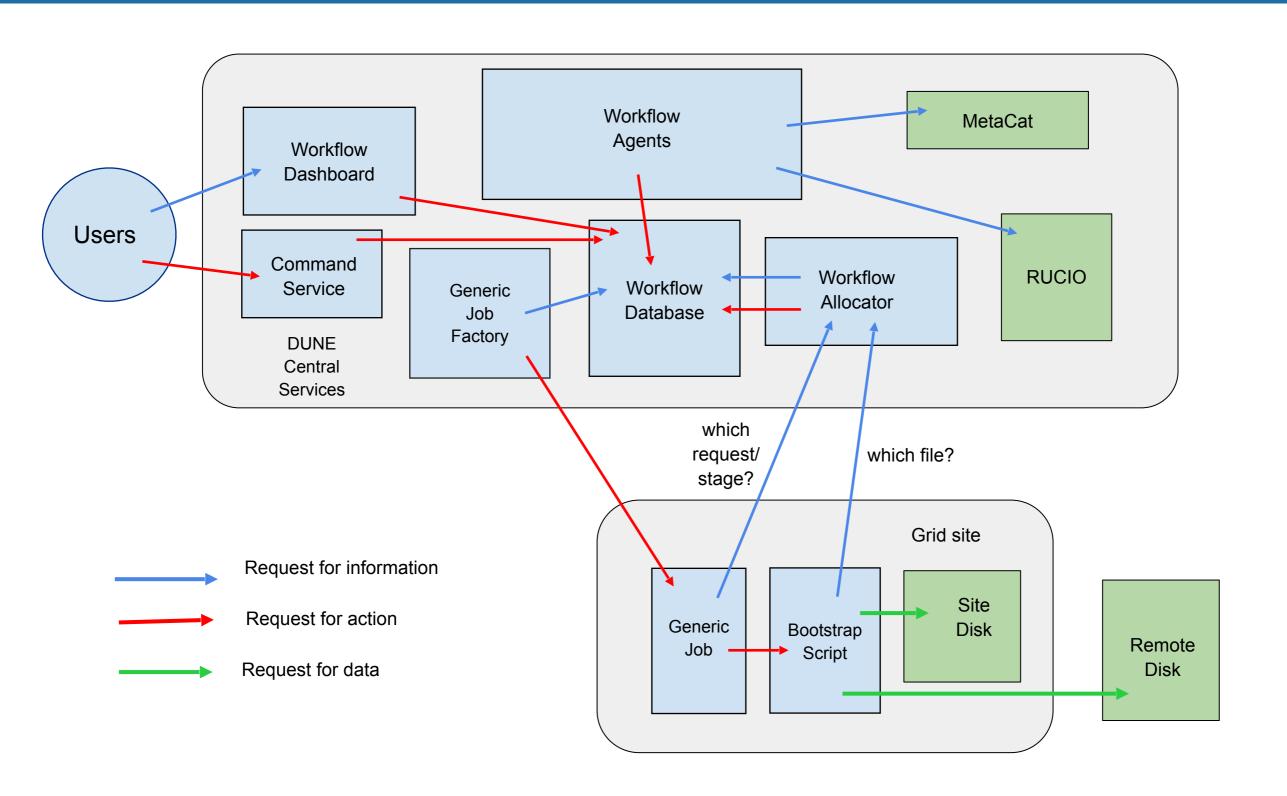
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Plan of this talk

- Short ten minute overview
 - Status of the components
 - Things we need from other parts of the project
- Lots and lots of backup slides
 - Mostly from the LBNC talk and its backup slides
 - Please look through them if anything isn't already clear

Workflow System recap



Workflow components

- Workflow Database has request descriptions, cache of file information, dynamic status of jobs, sites/storages info
- Info Collector agent gets info about sites, storages, users
- Finder agent queries MetaCat for lists of files and Rucio for location of replicas (just once, or repeatedly for a duration)
 - FNAL Finder (will) handle pins of replicas on FNAL dCache
- Generic Job Factory agent sends out jobs to be matched
- Jobs ask the Workflow Allocator service what to do now
 - "Just in time" matching based on unprocessed file locations
- The workflow command contacts the command service to display info about requests, jobs etc, or to submit requests
- · Workflow Dashboard presents monitoring on a website

"Just in time" FNAL Finder

- At most RSEs, found replicas become available for matching immediately
- At RSEs with needs_pins=TRUE (just FNAL dCache), an additional agent has to enable the replica for matching
- FNAL Finder uses the dCache Bulk REST API to request pins for these replicas, with an expiration time
 - Once the pin has been created and the file brought online, then the agent enables the replica for matching
 - "Being available" means having an "accessible_until" value that is in the future
 - FNAL Agent sets accessible_until = pin expiration time
- This can be repeated if the file remains unallocated
- There will be a "pin budget" to limit the number of pins requested
 - Oldest files get pinned first

Workflow To Do list

- More testing of system at scale
 - See what rate brings the services down
 - See what queries are slow and look at adding extra indexes
 - Look at how to recover if timeouts, stalled jobs etc happen
- Complete FNAL Finder
 - Basic testing done
 - Including some ad-hoc stuff via ssh/curl
- Add more monitoring pages to the web Dashboard
 - More search options ("show jobs running for me within a given date range" etc)
- Test uploads with MetaCat and Rucio clients inside the generic jobs

Workflow "Shopping List"

- We need a working Rucio client that can upload inside jobs on random grid worker nodes
 - Queries are fine but running up against gfal2 dependency mismatches for uploads
 - Ideally from cvmfs but a recipe would be fine too
- Same for MetaCat client inside jobs
- Need access to the dCache Bulk REST API from outside FNAL
 - This is needed by the FNAL Finder agent
- Would like to see the job scripts intended to be run during the DC so bootstrap versions of them can be produced and tested
- Need to plan keep-up strategy, using Finder refind option?

Backup

Request, stages, files, replicas

- Requests are high level descriptions of processing campaigns, produced by people
 - Data to be processed is defined in terms of MetaCat MQL expressions
 - MetaCat gives us a list of input files to start each request
- Stages are steps within a request, with one or more input files per job and an identifiable application/script to be run
- Files exist on one or more storages as replicas
 - Workflow System uses Rucio to find where replicas are
 - Files have a state within each stage they are part of:
 - Unprocessed, allocated, processed

Workflow constraints (1)

- Up to now, DUNE has used SAM to manage the progress of each "project" but we are replacing SAM with Rucio+MetaCat+????
 - First constraint: design and create a simpler and easier to maintain Workflow System, that works with Rucio and DUNE's MetaCat
- SAM clients built into the applications request the next file in the project the job is from
 - SAM has some limited ability to choose a suitable replica based on where the job is running
 - Can process a series of files inside a job slot, reducing set up costs and adapting to CPU / IO / time limit.
 - Second constraint: retain the ability to use the SAM "next file" model inside applications

Workflow constraints (2)

- As we shift processing outside Fermilab, the varied "landscape" of sites vs storages is becoming obvious
 - Studies for the CDR show that accessing data at different sites can change a job's efficiency by an order of magnitude
 - Sites also have finite bandwidth which we can saturate in some cases with too many jobs accessing remote data
- Third constraint: workflow matching must be able to take the location of *unprocessed* files into account.
- There are different ways to resolve this but the solution we're prototyping is to extend the SAM "next file" model
 - Jobs ask a central service which workflow to work on
 - Then ask for unprocessed files from that workflow

Workflow Allocator

- Jobs ask a central Workflow Allocator service which request/stage to work on
- Allocator works out which stages have unprocessed files with a replica "near enough" the job
 - Files are ranked by request priority, request date, etc.
 - Stages as marked as taking data from anywhere or just "nearby" storages
 - "Just in time" matching rather than trying to plan/guess ahead
- A single SQL query does the matching
 - Assigns the job to the highest ranked eligible stage
 - Job gets a bootstrap script etc in tar file
 - Script/application requests files and best replica URLs

Generic Jobs

- These are sent to sites via HTCondor
 - Sends the JSON request to the Workflow Allocator
 - Receives a tar file from the Allocator
 - Contains bootstrap script to run for that stage
 - Metadata about the request etc for debugging
- Generic Job runs the bootstrap script
 - In future, could be inside a container as the user
 - Bootstrap script or application requests file(s) to process
- Afterwards, Generic Job uploads the output files
 - Can be done with a higher privileged identity than user

Workflow command

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./workflow create-request --name "My request number 1" \
--mql "files from protodune-sp:np04 raw run number 5769"
./workflow show-requests
./workflow show-requests --request-id 2
./workflow create-stage --request-id 2 --stage-id 1 \
--max-wall-seconds 7200 --max-rss-bytes 2123456789 \
--upload-file req1-bootstrap.sh --processors 1
./workflow show-stages --request-id 2
./workflow show-files --request-id 2 --stage-id 1
./workflow show-replicas --request-id 2 --stage-id 1
./workflow approve-request -- request-id 2
./workflow show-storages
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Tests with production jobs

- Adapted production jobs to work with the Workflow System
- Workflow Database populated with file names and locations
 - Initially from SAM but now from Rucio
- Input files already located at FNAL, CERN etc
- Generic jobs sent to the sites
- Jobs start up and talk to the Workflow Allocator
 - Get bootstrap scripts and files
 - Run processing as normal
- As more components have been added, more of the set up is done automatically by agents rather than by ad-hoc scripts

