application level monitoring for LHC experiments with the experiment dashboard

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the experiment dashboard project

- ▶ a monitoring project, showing the activity of VOs on the grid,
 - integration of several informations. For example:
 - grid info: jobs, computing/storage resources, topology,
 - ▶ VO info: type of job, application exit code, datasets.
- a project from EGEE/ARDA (CERN),
- a framework for collecting and showing information.

▶ "home page"





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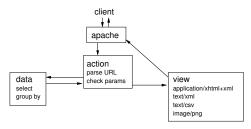
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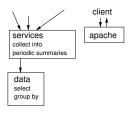
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features

- based on HTTP,
- multiple output formats (text/xml and text/csv coming for free),

```
curl -H 'Accept: text/xml' http://...
```

framework for API and CLI: based on HTTP, man pages, build of the command-line tool, common options,

```
from dashboard.api.production.ProductionQuery import ProductionQuery
query = ProductionQuery('dashb-atlas-prodsys-test.cern.ch', 80)
sites = query.errors(error='WRAPLCG_STAGEOUT_LCGCR',
    grouping='site', grid='LCG')
```

- framework for permanent services (info collectors, computation of summaries, etc.): monitoring, babysitting, common configuration, etc.
 - status exported to our main web server,
 - simple alerts in case of warning status: e-mail or SMS.





releasing and build system

- ▶ a project module has a stable/unstable/nightly release,
 - RPMs are currently distributed using apt,
 - we also distribute some external RPMs (javascript toolkits, python packages not available in SLC4),
- the build system is based on the python distutils,
 - automatic building of SLC4 RPMs running at night,
 - also builds and installs the latest documentation (docbook),
 - (doesn't run the unit tests yet.)
 - possibility to trigger the build at anytime if needed.



operations

- applications using the common framework:
 - same tools maintenance, same log files, similar services, etc.
 - maintenance guides, documentation.
- hosts are SLC4 and are quattor managed,
- about maintenance, some recent developments:
 - dashboard services and Apache now running as "dashbop" UNIX user.
 - definition of an operator quattor role,
 - operators can run a limited set of commands: restart httpd, restart dashboard services,
 - permits to implement some simple and safe maintenance by non-experts.
- ▶ but still some legacy applications (no framework, SLC3, etc.).



operations (coming)

- most of our applications don't generate much load on the same host:
 - but it's not practical to run several per host,
 - applications A and B may require at some point different releases of a common dashboard RPM,
 - maintenance of A impacts B (restart httpd, same configuration files, same log files.),
 - it's a limit of our framework (not easy to have two configurations).
- dashboard applications are probably good candidates for hardware virtualization,
 - it could probably be practical for testing purposes (check the installation on a new host or maintenance procedure, run full functionality tests.



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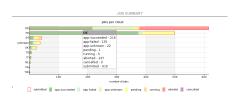
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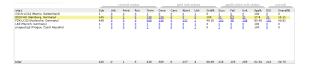
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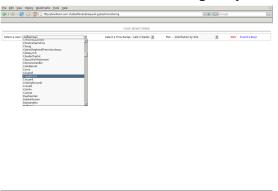
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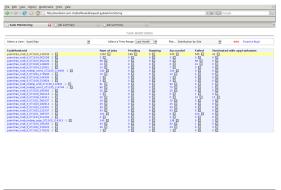




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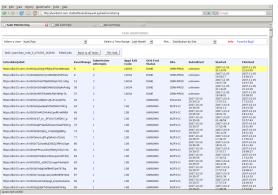




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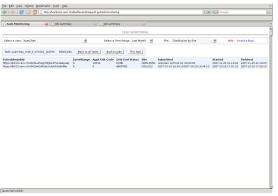




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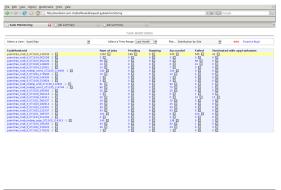




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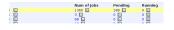




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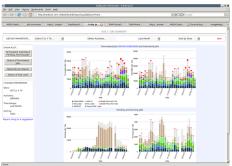
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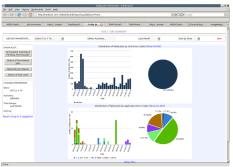
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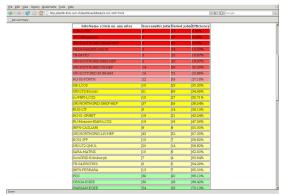


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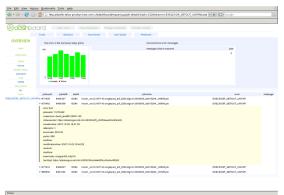
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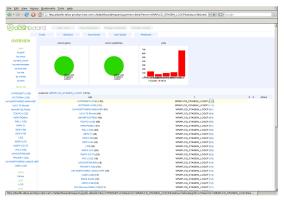
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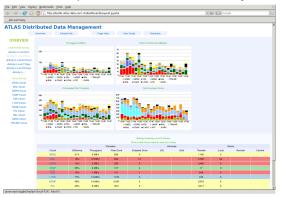






- close collaboration between CMS and the dashboard,
- the CMS production agents publish their status in the dashboard (HTTP POST) in real time,
- dashboard services are computing periodic statistics,
- ▶ the *view* is *not* implemented with the dashboard:
 - info is retrieved using the dashboard interface,
 - CMS will make their own interface on top.

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Glick on the cloud name to view list of sites										
	Transfers			Services		Errors				
Cloud	Efficiency	Throughput	Files Done	Datasets Done	DQ	Grid	Transfer	Local	Remote	Central
ASGC	21%	3 MB/s	296	0			1105	0		
BNL	19%	12 MB/s	662	13			2788	62		
CERN	14%	3 MB/s	389	0			2469	0		
CNAP	86%	2 MB/s	107	4			17	0		
FZK	10%	1 MB/s	101	1			908	0		
LYON	77%	10 MB/s	1139	2			336	0		
NDGF	48%	10 MB/s	2186	2			2333	0		
PIC	30%	5 MB/s	1021	0			2417	0		
PAL	36%	4 M8/s	345	1			621	0		
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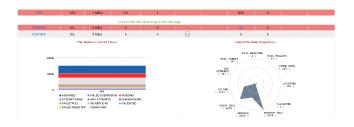
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 - installation, maintenance procedures,
 - systematic testing (unit tests).
- applications:
 - grid jobs: more info sources and support for pilot jobs,
 - ▶ integrate more our applications with themselves (!),
 - develop the integration with external tools (python API),
 - alert systems.