Managing Data







Data management components

- **Storage Elements**
- File Catalogs
- DIRAC conventions for user data
- Data operation commands
- Data bookkeeping with the File Catalog CLI
 - Replica Catalog
 - Metadata Catalog

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Storage Elements

- gLite/EGI Storage Elements
 - Standard SRM interface
 - Gridftp protocol
 - Need Globus libraries, limited number of platforms
 - Allow third party transfers between them
 - Managed by the site managers within EGI SLAs

DIRAC Storage Elements

- DISET based components
- DIPS (Dirac Secure Protocol)
- Does not allow third party transfers
 - Replication through local cache
 - Third party transfers will be available in the future
- Irods Storage Elements

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File Catalogs

LCG File Catalog (LFC) Part of the EGI middleware Service provided by the NGI **ORACLE** backend Client tools: command line, Python API Need Globus libraries No User Metadata support **DIRAC** File Catalog DISET based components Part of the DIRAC set of services Community service MySQL backend Client tools: command line, CLI, Python API Support of the User Metadata

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For DIRAC users the use of any Storage Element or File Catalog is transparent

Community choice which components to use

Different SE types can be mixed together

Several File Catalogs can be used in parallel

Complementary functionality

Redundancy

Users see depending on the DIRAC Configuration

Logical Storage Elements

e.g. DIRAC-USER, M3PEC-disk, MCIA-irods

Logical File Catalog

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Each file is identified by its Logical File Name (LFN)

Primary unique identifier

GUIDs are supported but their uniqueness is under the responsibility of user applications

This is different from LFC

Mostly for support of some applications, e.g. ROOT I/O

LFN construction

Starts always with the VO name

/vo.formation.idgrilles.fr/...

User data

/vo.formation.idgrilles.fr/user/v/vhamar/...

PFN (Physical File Name) construction

Always contains LFN as it trailing part

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- dirac-dms-add-file
 - Upload file to the grid SE (lcg-cr)
- dirac-dms-get-file
 - Download file to the grid SE (lcg-cp)
- dirac-dms-replicate-lfn
 - Make another replica of a file (lcg-rep)
- dirac-dms-lfn-replicas
 - List replicas of a given file (lcg-lr)
- dirac-dms-user-lfns
 - Get a list of all the user files
- Plus others …
 - See tutorial materials

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COMDIRAC Data Management Commands

- dput works like a kind of scp command (in the local->remote direction):
 - dput <local-source-path> [<lfn-destination-file-or-directory>]
 - dput <local-source-path>... <lfn-destination-directory>
 - dget works in the opposite direction (remote->local):
 - dget <lfn-source-path>
 - dget <lfn-source-path>... <local-destination-directory>

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COMDIRAC File Catalog Commands

- dpwd shows current directory
- aca change directory
- ais list FC directory contents
- dmkdir create directory
- drmdir remove directory
- dreplicas file replication
- arm file and directory removal

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DIRAC Web Portal File Catalog

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Tutorial

<u>Usefull links</u>

Follow this tutorial:

https://github.com/DIRACGrid/COMDIRAC/wiki/Data-Management

Other DIRAC data management tools

https://github.com/DIRACGrid/DIRAC/wiki/DataManagement

https://github.com/DIRACGrid/DIRAC/wiki/FileCatalog

With DIRAC command line tools

- Getting data files to the grid
- Downloading data files from the grid
- Replicating files
- Exploring the File Catalog console



Backup slides

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- File Catalog operations are generally synchronous
 - Quick, can wait for the prompt
- Physical data operations can take very long time
 - And even fail in the end
- For example, consider removing data:
 - Delete replicas on all the SEs
 - Delete files (Ifns)
 - Delete directories (recursively)
- Long operations are performed asynchronously
 - Do not wait for completion
 - Make sure the operation is accomplished despite possible problems



Metadata can be associated with each directory as key:value pairs to describe its contents Int, Float, String, DateTime value types Some metadata variables can be declared indices Those can be used for data selections Subdirectories are inheriting the metadata of their parents Data selection with metadata queries

Example:

find /dirac/user Meta1=Value1 Meta2>3 Meta2<5 Meta3=2,3,4

File metadata can also be defined

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