

Client installation

DIRAC Project



DIRAC Client Software

- Many operations can be performed through the Web interface
 - Even more to come
- However, certain things should be done using the DIRAC client software
 - Obtaining proxies
 - Intensive work with jobs, data scripting tools
 - E,g, using Ganga
- Client software available for MacOS and various flavours of Linux
 - Windows client was demonstrated but not maintained





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Installing DIRAC client

- ▶ Getting DIRAC installer *dirac-install* script from the web
- Run it with the France-Grilles default
 - dirac-install -V gridfr
- Configure the DIRAC client installation
- Detailed instructions
 - https://github.com/DIRACGrid/DIRAC/wiki/ClientInstallation
 - If the user certificate is not yet set up, do that now
- Is needed to finish the DIRAC client configuration



Installing user certificate

- Obtaining user grid certificate is specific for each Certification Authority
 - Out of scope of this tutorial
 - You are supposed to have your personal certificate or a temporary training certificate
 - ▶ In p12 form
- DIRAC is providing a dirac-cert-convert.sh tool to convert the certificate in p12 form into the form suitable for the Grid use
 - dirac-cert-convert.sh <cert_file.p12>
 - ▶ User cert and key files in PEM format are in ~/.globus





- Users must generate and upload long proxies to the ProxyManager before using DIRAC
 - Single command, use it for any proxy generation
 - ▶ Analogous to voms-proxy-init
 - Gets also VOMS extensions if possible
 - Checks the long proxy status and uploads as necessary
 - Creates short working proxy
 - dirac-proxy-init -g dirac_user



Tutorial page:

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- Client installation
- 2. Managing certificates and proxies

The goal is to get a fully functional DIRAC user environment ready for subsequent exercises