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Format: Open Discussion of Online Components

Go through the major online system components

- Look for existing technology that could be applicable
- Use the BaBar breakdown of Online system components (just as example)

a lot of them start with "O" :-)

Online Data Flow - Odf

ROM software + Event builder interface on farm

- Sevent flow management in ROMs, test trigger generation
- Feature extraction
- Crate-level event builder
- Network event builder (ROMs + farm)
- FCTS, ROM + part of farm configuration
- DAQ deadtime and performance monitoring
- Custom-developed code
 Custom-dev

Online Event Processing Oep

Sevent handling in the Farm

- Execution framework on L3 farm nodes
- Configuration (startup & teardown) of processes on farm nodes
- Fast Monitoring (Data quality)
 - Event server ("trickle stream")
 - Reconstruction
- Run-building + Data logging
- Ø Distributed histograms & collection
- GUIs for data quality monitoring
- Corba, DIM/SMI++, JAS, custom code

Online Run Control Orc

High-level management of DAQ system components

- Sequencing and state synchronization of all Orc and Oep components – data taking and calibration
- Distribution of configuration information
- Sequencing of configuration database access
- Sequencing of error handling and component recovery
- Sequencing of automated logbook entries
- Interface to detector control system (for full automation)
 - In factory-mode BaBar detector controlled by PEP state

DIM/SMI++, EPICS, custom code

Online Detector Control Odc

- Control and monitoring of detector components ("Slow control")
 - Managing subdetector states (ramp up, down, calibration, etc.)
 - Monitor actual values against set values (flows, pressures, temperature, LV/HV ...)
 - Alerts + Alarms
 - Secondary detector safety (soft safety, e.g. integrated rad doses)
 - Interface to PEP-II
 - Archiving and retrieval of time-series values ("Ambient database")

EPICS, Root, Jas, custom code

Online Databases

Database infrastructure

- Configuration DB
- Conditions DB
- Ambient DB
- Logbook DB
- Data location DB (where are the files)
- Root, MySQL, Oracle, custom code

Computing Infrastructure - CMP

- Online computing infrastructure and system administration
 - File and compute servers (farm, applications, etc)
 - Workstations & operator consoles
 - Network (event builder + infrastructure)
 - System administration & security
 - Backups (disk+tape)
 - Liaison with SLAC computing services
- Electronic Logbook + Shifter tools
 - automated paging, paging web form, etc.
- MySQL, Taylor (sysadmin tool), Amanda, etc.

Focus on Factory Mode

- A significant focus was placed on operational efficiency as part of B-Factory operation
 - Automation
 - Ramping, run start stop, error recovery, etc.
 - Optimization of automated procedures (e.g. automated rampdown on beam loss in the expectation of next fill)
 - Good shifts would run at close to 100% efficiency with no manual intervention required
 - 2 shifters for most of the time + experts on call
 - Focus on fixing problems and improving procedures
 - Keep detailed records of
 - I minute / shift adds up to 1.5h / month!