

Production Tools

Severus (python wrapper) + new WebUI + new DB

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Python script

- Generalization of the main operations that job does:
 - copy software to WN
 - copy input files to WN
 - copy output files in the SE and register them in the LFC
 - copy log in SE and insert it in the DB
- The specific session module now only launches the executable with specific parameters

Python script

- Automatic recognition of the access type (lcg or direct) from the worker node to the SE of the site, implemented using lcg utils.
- Different modes to specify input files:
 - DIR: user provides the path of the directory that contains files to copy
 - FILE: user provides the path of the file to copy
 - LIST: user provides a list of paths that are files to copy
 - NONE: input files aren't required

Python script

- Production use case:
 - Fast simulation is implemented and jobs finish done in about 75% of sites, in a few days the other 25% will be checked
 - Full simulation is under development, in about 2 weeks it will be done

The new SuperB Production Manager Web User Interface was built on a more generic version of the bookkeeping database, SBK4.

It introduces a Session concept that is the backbone of a process that consists of:



SBK4

Sessions:
- **FastSim**
- **FullSim**



about a particular software, identified by:

- name, version and release (V0.2.5 311 for PacProductionApp in FastSim)
- the LFN of the tjz file (f.e. lfn:/grid/superbvo.org/production/FastSim/2010_September/test_release/V0.2.5_SL-5.3_x86_64_rev311.tjz)
- the working directory and the exe path used after the decompression of the tjz

The WebUI is buildt to face to the new job wrapper, edited in python, called “Severus”, that is useful to reach a better generalization of the whole submission process.

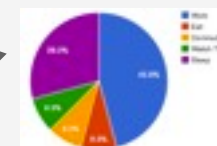
*The Web User Interface
involved technologies:*

PHP:
version 5.3.6

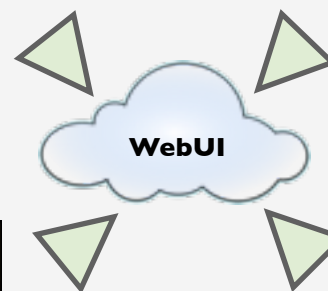


jQuery:
in order to obtain the greater
accessibility, performances

Smarty template engine:
to separate Presentation Logic Layer (HTML) from
Business Logic Layer (PHP)



Google Chart Tools:
to design charts
<http://code.google.com/intl/it-IT/apis/chart/index.html>



**Available pages:**

- PRODUCTIONS: to manages and create prod series
- PRODUCTION REQUESTS: to manage, create, modify, validate and delete production's requests
- EXPERT INIT: to submit jobs through expert interface
- JOB MONITOR: to monitor the status of user's submitted jobs, by several research filters, and to access output and log files
- HOME: user can view his last n activities (like job submissions, with shortcut to job monitor)
- SITE MANAGEMENT: to enable/disable site for a particular session/production, to manage site's thresholds and bunch dimension

“Work in progress” pages:

- SHIFT INIT: to submit jobs' bulk through shifter interface, reset sites

Future developments:

- SESSION MANAGEMENT pages: to manipulate sessions, software versions and revisions, environment vars and job parameters

link webui smarty: https://bbr-serv09.cr.cnaf.infn.it:8443/webui_smarty/

link webui smarty development: <https://bbr-serv09.cr.cnaf.infn.it:8443/~evianello/>

Productions

[FastSim]

FASTSIM PRODUCTION LIST

List of session's productions

☒ show test productions

Show 10 entries

Search:

Prod Series	Status	Soft Release	Job Stats	Requests	actions	note
2010_July		V0.2.5 311		3 Requests (1 open, 1 valid, 1 running, 0 closed)	close	
2010_July_test		V0.2.5 311		6 Requests		
2010_September_307		V0.2.5 307		56 Requests (0 open, 0 valid, 0 running, 56 closed)	open	
2010_September_307_test		V0.2.5 307		2 Requests		
2010_September_311		V0.2.5 311		43 Requests (0 open, 0 valid, 0 running, 43 closed)	open	
2010_September_311_test		V0.2.5 311		18 Requests		

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FASTSIM CREATE PRODUCTION:

GUIDE

All form fields are required.

Production Series:

Software Release:

Create Test prod_series? ☒

Create New Production

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i Checking prod_series value [ '2011_September' ] ... OK
i Retrieving svn info ... [ '/storage/gpfs_superb/prod/FastSim_test_releases/SuperB/FastSim/V0.2.5/' ] ... OK

production name: 2011_September
production root: /storage/gpfs_superb/prod/
software release: V0.2.5 311
release work dir: /storage/gpfs_superb/prod/FastSim_test_releases/SuperB/FastSim/V0.2.5/

svn info: Path: /storage/gpfs_superb/prod/FastSim_test_releases/SuperB/FastSim/V0.2.5
/ReleaseFiles URL: https://sbrepo.pd.infn.it:8910/Releases/FastSim/V0.2.5 Repository Root:
https://sbrepo.pd.infn.it:8910/Releases Repository UUID: a4350e25-c451-0410-a7f4-b41d6e663f70
Revision: 307 Node Kind: directory Schedule: normal Last Changed Author: brownd Last Changed
Rev: 307 Last Changed Date: 2010-09-13 11:51:48 +0200 (Mon, 13 Sep 2010)

✓ The Production [ '2011_September' ] was created successfully!
✓ The Production [ '2011_September_test' ] was created successfully!
    
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○-----→ EVERY REQUEST HAS A TEST REQUEST ASSOCIATED

FASTSIM PRODUCTION

Select a production from list: show/hide details

○-----→ production selector

FASTSIM CREATE NEW REQUEST

Select custom request and job parameters' values or import them from another production request:

Import From...

production: request:

Job Parameters:

Analysis: Generator: Geometry: Background:

⚠ A Production Request with the selected parameters already exists!

Request settings:

priority: minrunnum: required events: evt/job: number of jobs: expected event time (sec):
max wct (sec):

Input:

input mode: input path:

Output:

output directory (lfn):
output directory (absolute):
☐ Same output directories for the associated test request
test request's output directory (lfn):
test request's output directory (absolute):

outputs' sites:

<input type="checkbox"/> CIT_CMS_T2B	<input type="checkbox"/> CIT_HEP_CE	<input type="checkbox"/> GRIF	<input type="checkbox"/> GRISU_UNINA	<input type="checkbox"/> IN2P3-CC	<input type="checkbox"/> INFN-BARI
<input type="checkbox"/> INFN-CAGLIARI	<input type="checkbox"/> INFN-FERRARA	<input type="checkbox"/> INFN-LNL-2	<input type="checkbox"/> INFN-MILANO	<input type="checkbox"/> INFN-NAPOLI-ATLAS	<input type="checkbox"/> INFN-PERUGIA
<input type="checkbox"/> INFN-PISA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFN-T1	<input type="checkbox"/> INFN-TORINO	<input type="checkbox"/> RAL-LCG2	<input type="checkbox"/> SLAC	<input type="checkbox"/> UKI-LT2-QMUL
<input type="checkbox"/> UKI-SOUTHGRID-OX-HEP	<input type="checkbox"/> UKI-SOUTHGRID-RALPP	<input type="checkbox"/> UNINA-EGEE	<input type="checkbox"/> VICTORIA-LCG2	<input type="checkbox"/> VICTORIA-LCG2-SL4	

Other:

note: (max. 255 characters)

user can import request settings (and then modify them) from any request of any production

job parameter's value selection (check if the request already exists) - dependent from session

static request settings, independent from session

specify input mode

specify output directories (both main request and test request associated)

specify sites where output files have to be stored

CREATE REQUESTS

FASTSIM EXPERT UI FOR JOB SUBMISSION

Production:

Select a production from list: 2010_July show/hide details

1. select production

Submission Sites:

- | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIT_CMS_T2B | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CIT_HEP_CE ✓ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRIF ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> GRISU_UNINA ✗ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN2P3-CC ✓ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFN-BARI ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> INFN-CAGLIARI ✗ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFN-FERRARA ✓ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFN-LNL-2 ✓ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFN-MILANO ✓ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INFN-NAPOLI-ATLAS ✗ | <input type="checkbox"/> INFN-PERUGIA ✗ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFN-PISA ✓ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFN-T1 ✓ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFN-TORINO ✓ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RAL-LCG2 ✗ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLAC ✓ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UKI-LT2-QMUL ✓ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UKI-SOUTHGRID-OX-HEP ✓ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UKI-SOUTHGRID-RALPP ✓ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UNINA-EGEE ✗ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VICTORIA-LCG2 ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> VICTORIA-LCG2-SL4 | | |

Select all | supported | none

2. select submission sites

Job Details:

Test Job? ☐ Number of runs: 10 Number of events: 80000 Request: [HadRecoilCocktail, BOB0bar_Btag-HD_Cocktail, DG_4, MixS]

☐ Log files to be stored in the bookkeeping database

first bulk

Test Job? ☒ Number of runs: 1 Number of events: 1 Request: [HadRecoilCocktail, BOB0bar_SL, DG_4, PacProduction.tcl]

second bulk (test)

Analysis: HadRecoilCocktail Generator: BOB0bar_SL Geometry: DG_4 Background: No Backgrounds

✓ Production Request exists!

☒ Log files to be stored in the bookkeeping database

add/remove bulk



Submit Data And Generate Summary

- User can submit jobs on different requests on the same production, or jobs on both main production and associated test production (as shown in the picture)
- In case of a test job, if the values of the job parameters does not exist in any of the request on the db, the request will be created before submit

As you can see from the picture, here is an example of 2 bulk submissions:

- the first of 10 jobs of 80000 events per job on 2010_July for the specified request
- the second of one test job of one event on the associated test production (2010_July_test) for another request

When all is ready to submit, press Submit Data And Generate Summary and check the summary before confirm to submit jobs:

Summary

The UI will launch 2 set(s) of **normal** jobs (a total of 22 jobs, 1600002 events) for the Production **2010_July** with the following parameters:

PRODUCTION DATA - SUMMARY											
Production Series:		2010_July									
Software:		V0.2.5 311									
Test release:		lfn:/grid/superbvo.org/production/FastSim/2010_September/test_release/V0.2.5_SL-5.3_x86_64_rev311.tjz									

JOB BULK DATA - SUMMARY											
Set	#Jobs	Site	First RUNNUM	Last RUNNUM	#Events	Analysis	Generator	Geometry	Background	Target Site(s)	Log in DB
1	10	INFN-FERRARA	10000003	10000012	800000 (80000 ea.)	HadRecoilCocktail	B0B0bar_Btag-HD_Cocktail	DG_4	MixSuperbBkg_NoPair.tcl	INFN-T1	no
1	10	INFN-TORINO	10000013	10000022	800000 (80000 ea.)	HadRecoilCocktail	B0B0bar_Btag-HD_Cocktail	DG_4	MixSuperbBkg_NoPair.tcl	INFN-T1	no
20					1600000						

✓ Production Request exists! 2010_July
 Input mode: **DIR** Input path: lfn:/grid/superbvo.org/production/FastSim/2010_September/Input
 output directory's name: /production/FastSim/2010_July/output/HadRecoilCocktail/DG_4/B0B0bar_Btag-HD_Cocktail
 output directory's lfn: lfn:/grid/superbvo.org/production/FastSim/2010_July/output/HadRecoilCocktail/DG_4/B0B0bar_Btag-HD_Cocktail

JOB BULK DATA - SUMMARY											
Set	#Jobs	Site	First RUNNUM	Last RUNNUM	#Events	Analysis	Generator	Geometry	Background	Target Site(s)	Log in DB
2	1	INFN-FERRARA	10001367	10001367	1 (1 ea.)	HadRecoilCocktail	B0B0bar_SL	DG_4	PacProduction.tcl	INFN-T1	yes
2	1	INFN-TORINO	10001368	10001368	1 (1 ea.)	HadRecoilCocktail	B0B0bar_SL	DG_4			
2					2						

✓ Production Request exists!
 Input mode: **DIR** Input path: lfn:/grid/superbvo.org/production/FastSim/2010_September/Input
 output directory's name: /production/FastSim/2010_July_test/output/HadRecoilCocktail/DG_4/B0B0bar_SL
 output directory's lfn: lfn:/grid/superbvo.org/production/FastSim/2010_July_test/output/HadRecoilCocktail/DG_4/B0B0bar_SL

Production Initialization and Script Generation
☒ Automatic Submission

Automatic Submission is performed by confirming the summary (if checked - default is true). If a valid proxy for the user can be created, all will go fine. The output of the bash command launched is shown on a dialog window:

Automatic submission output

Submission in Progress...Submission Done! (11.657 s)

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Submit general file... 1/1
Executing... /data1/script_webui/FastSim/gangascripts/sbk4/2010_July_test/VICTORIA-LCG2_10000065_10000065.sh

Launching Jobs
/tmp/tmp.IGerb28567

Executing command [/opt/exp_software/superb/ganga/install/5.5.26/bin/ganga --config-path=/data1/script_webui/FastSim/gangascripts/superB.ini -o[Configuration]user=evianello -o[Configuration]gangadir=/tmp/tmp.IGerb28567 /gangadir /data1/script_webui/FastSim/gangascripts/severus_ganga.gpi /data1/script_webui/FastSim/confscripts/2010_July_test/VICTORIA-LCG2_10000065_10000065.conf 10000065 10000065 VICTORIA-LCG2 2010_July_test FastSim]

*** Welcome to Ganga ***
Version: Ganga-5-5-26
Documentation and support: http://cern.ch/ganga
Type help() or help('index') for online help.

This is free software (GPL), and you are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions; type license() for details.

[0;0mGanga.GPIDev.Lib.Job      : INFO      submitting job 0[0;0m
[0;0mGanga.GPIDev.Lib.Job      : INFO      job 0 status changed to
"submitting"[0;0m
  
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Monitoring the job:

Show 25 entries

hide/show columns

Search:

66 jobs found matching the search criteria.

runnum	events	Analysis	Generator	Geometry	Background	Status	wct (s)
10000065	1	HadRecoCocktail	B0B0bar_Btag-HD_Cocktail	DG_4	PacProduction.tcl	running	
evianello							

RUNNING-02 Coping software...

more details of running status - improvement from Severus

Search:

Status	gjid	VICTORIA-LCG2
running		

RUNNGEN01 the script is started Rest is OK
logger is OK sounds good!

Filter dialog for a job monitor research:

Job Monitor Filters

Filter Jobs by selecting:

User: evianello

Production: 2011_September

Requests: - all -

Runnums: from to

Status: ☒ prepared ☒ submitted ☒ running ☒ done ☒ failed ☒ sys-failed ☒ timeout

Select all | none | pending | notdone

Error code: - all -

Other: ☐ last 50 jobs

☐ submitted from more than 24 hours

☐ prepared from to

Sites:

☒ CIT_CMS_T2B ☒ CIT_HEP_CE
☒ GRIF ☒ GRISU_UNINA
☒ IN2P3-CC ☒ INFN-BARI
☒ INFN-CAGLIARI ☒ INFN-FERRARA
☒ INFN-LNL-2 ☒ INFN-MILANO
☒ INFN-NAPOLI-ATLAS ☒ INFN-PERUGIA
☒ INFN-PISA ☒ INFN-T1
☒ INFN-TORINO ☒ RAL-LCG2
☒ SLAC ☒ UKI-LT2-QMUL
☒ UKI-SOUTHGRID-OX-HEP ☒ UKI-SOUTHGRID-RALPP
☒ UNINA-EGEE ☒ VICTORIA-LCG2
☒ VICTORIA-LCG2-SL4

Select all | none

search jobs



Job Monitor Filters

Filter Jobs by selecting:

User:

Production:

Requests:

Runnums: from to

Status: ☒ prepared ☒ submitted ☒ running ☒ done ☒ failed ☒ sys-failed ☒ timeout
Select all | none | pending | notdone

Error code:

Other: ☐ last jobs
☐ submitted from more than hours
☐ prepared from to

Sites:

☒ CIT_CMS_T2B ☒ GRIF
☒ IN2P3-CC ☒ INFN-BARI
☒ INFN-CAGLIARI ☒ INFN-LNL-2
☒ INFN-NAPOLI-ATLAS ☒ INFN-PISA
☒ INFN-T1 ☒ INFN-TORINO
☒ RAL-LCG2 ☒ SLAC
☒ UKI-LT2-QMUL ☒ UKI-SOUTHGRID-RALPP
☒ VICTORIA-LCG2 ☒ VICTORIA-LCG2-SL4

Select all | none

multiple status selection

multiple site selection

selection of a particular request or from one to all job parameters' values

☒ prepared
prepared
submitted
running
terminated

Sep 2010

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Time 15:23

Hour

Minute

Requests:

Analysis:

Generator:

Geometry:

Background:

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Job Monitor

FASTSIM JOB LIST

show filter dialog refresh last search error codes

Show 10 entries

hide/show columns

1350 jobs found matching the search

runnum	events	Analysis	Generator	Geometry	Background	Status	GJid	Site	wct (s)
1007212524	50000	Generics	B0B0bar_generic	DG_4	MixSuperb	done	gjid	INFN-T1	38309.87
1007212523	50000	Generics	B0B0bar_generic	DG_4	MixSuperb	done	gjid	INFN-T1	38023.19
1007212522	50000	Generics	B0B0bar_generic	DG_4	MixSuperb	done	gjid	INFN-T1	85779.33
1007212521	50000	Generics	B0B0bar_generic	DG_4	MixSuperb	done	gjid	INFN-T1	39098.15
1007212520	50000	Generics	B0B0bar_generic	DG_4	MixSuperb	done	gjid	INFN-T1	39002.56
1007212519	50000	Generics	B0B0bar_generic	DG_4	MixSuperbBkg_NoPair.tcl	done	gjid	INFN-T1	39129.67
1007212518	50000	Generics	B0B0bar_generic	DG_4	MixSuperbBkg_NoPair.tcl	done	gjid	INFN-T1	97592.22
1007212517	50000	Generics	B0B0bar_generic	DG_4	MixSuperbBkg_NoPair.tcl	sys-failed 007	gjid	INFN-T1	39653.42
1007212516	50000	Generics	B0B0bar_generic	DG_4	MixSuperbBkg_NoPair.tcl	done	gjid	INFN-T1	38992.40
1007212515	50000	Generics	B0B0bar_generic	DG_4	MixSuperbBkg_NoPair.tcl	done	gjid	INFN-T1	85653.79

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string search filter

open filters

refresh last research

hide/show columns

open job details, list of output files and log

- use datatables to format the query results (www.datatables.net) via jQuery, perform string filter, sorting, pagination
- to prevent reaching php limit on output dimension, the query results is sent on sequential pages
- to prevent reaching browser script time limit every page is asked after a timeout from previous page download
- the query results are sent json encoded



User's HOME page:

Home Page

USER INFO:



Hi Enrico Vianello!

user-id: **evianello**

auto-sub: **enabled**

you are member of **5**

group(s):

- webui
- webuiFastProdMgr
- webuiFullProdMgr
- webuiShift
- WebUiDeveloper

user privileges:

- create productions
- create requests
- shifter ui
- expert ui
- monitoring jobs

GUIDE

Use the Horizontal Menu to access the various section of the WebUI.

See the 'Guide' boxes in the appropriate section...

RESOURCES

- Shifter Guide



user info, ldap groups and webui privileges

YOUR SESSIONS' STATISTICS:

session	job launched	job graph	events generated	total wct (s)
FastSim	51		51	2092.20

user statistics by session

last N activities

YOUR LAST 10 ACTIVITIES:

Show 10 entries

Search:

time	type	session	info
2011-09-07 15:12:52	JOBSUBMISSION	FastSim	job status: Job submitted: 1 (events: 1) on 2010_July_test view details
2011-09-05 18:45:19	JOBSUBMISSION	FastSim	job status: Job submitted: 1 (events: 1) on 2010_July_test view details
2011-09-05 18:37:21	JOBSUBMISSION	FastSim	job status: Job submitted: 1 (events: 1) on 2010_July_test view details
2011-09-05 11:33:59	JOBSUBMISSION	FastSim	job status: Job submitted: 4 (events: 4) on 2010_July_test view details
2011-09-05 11:33:06	JOBSUBMISSION	FastSim	job status: Job submitted: 4 (events: 4) on 2010_July_test view details
2011-09-05 11:30:16	JOBSUBMISSION	FastSim	job status: Job submitted: 2 (events: 2) on 2010_July_test view details
2011-09-05 11:26:34	JOBSUBMISSION	FastSim	job status: Job submitted: 2 (events: 2) on 2010_July_test view details
2011-09-05 11:25:25	JOBSUBMISSION	FastSim	job status: Job submitted: 2 (events: 2) on 2010_July_test view details
2011-09-05 11:24:13	JOBSUBMISSION	FastSim	job status: Job submitted: 2 (events: 2) on 2010_July_test view details
2011-09-05 10:48:46	JOBSUBMISSION	FastSim	job status: Job submitted: 4 (events: 4) on 2010_July_test view details

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3 kinds of activity type:

- job submission
- production created
- request created

link to the submission status on job monitor page

FASTSIM JOB LIST

show filter dialog refresh last search error codes

Show 25 entries hide/show columns Search:

4 jobs found matching the search criteria.

runname	events	Analysis	Generator	Geometry	Background	Status	Grid	Site	wct (s)
10000038 evianello	1	HadRecoCocktail	BOB00ar_Btag-HD_Cocktail	DG_4	PacProduction.tcl	done	grid	VICTORIA-LCG2	70.80
10000037 evianello	1	HadRecoCocktail	BOB00ar_Btag-HD_Cocktail	DG_4	PacProduction.tcl	done	grid	GRIF	52.10
10000036 evianello	1	HadRecoCocktail	BOB00ar_Btag-HD_Cocktail	DG_4	PacProduction.tcl	done	grid	VICTORIA-LCG2	83.60
10000035 evianello	1	HadRecoCocktail	BOB00ar_Btag-HD_Cocktail	DG_4	PacProduction.tcl	failed null	grid	GRIF	13.60

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table generated in '0000:00:01.17' (destroyed in: 0000:00:00.00)

SITE MANAGEMENT

SITES

- CIT_CMS_T2B
- CIT_HEP_CE
- GRIF
- GRISU_UNINA
- IN2P3-CC
- INFN-BARI
- INFN-CAGLIARI
- INFN-FERRARA
- INFN-LNL-2**
- INFN-MILANO
- INFN-NAPOLI-ATLAS
- INFN-PERUGIA
- INFN-PISA
- INFN-T1
- INFN-TORINO
- RAL-LCG2
- SLAC
- UKI-LT2-QMUL
- UKI-SOUTHGRID-OX-HEP
- UKI-SOUTHGRID-RALPP
- UNINA-EGEE
- VICTORIA-LCG2
- VICTORIA-LCG2-SL4

SITE INFO

prepared	Thresholds		Bunch dimension
	running	failed	
30	500	10	50

Description:

SESSION/PRODUCTION SITE INFO

Show 10 entries

Search:

session	enabled	supported	job graph	last activity		
FastSim				2011-10-31 15:07:48	disable	unsupport
production	allow	job graph	last submission			
2010_July		# jobs: 1 # events: 80000		Submitted by manzali on 2011-09-30 18:20:10	not allow	test
2010_September_307		# jobs: 1829 # events: 112910000		Submitted by tomassetti on 2010-09-23 07:44:00	allow	test
2010_September_311		# jobs: 625 # events: 39000000		Submitted by afella on 2010-10-02 12:12:00	allow	test
FullSim					enable	support

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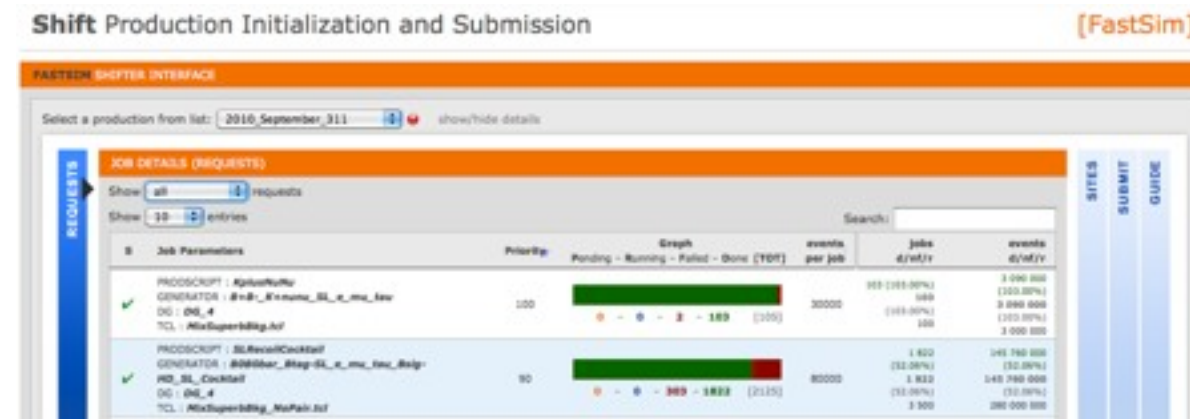
First Previous 1 Next Last

modify: thresholds, bunch dimension and description

select site

future developments: we could add a chart section with site statistics and add a test-site functionality here, too.

- Shift Init page : the work is in progress and as soon as possible it will be available



- Nagios site monitor functionality integration
- Session Management : pages that allow session managers to add new sessions, define job parameters, add software revisions, ...