Framework for Data Retrieval and Integration for ATLAS

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ATLAS and Its Dynamic Environment



Fonte: https://atlas.cern

- 5869 members of 295 institutes in 43 countries
- Students, physicists, engineers and technicians: geographically **dispersed**, different **time zones**, different **experiences**, high **turnover**

The Need for Automation

The challenge is:

- Information centralization
- Communication between groups
- Continuity of workflows

The solution was:

- Automation \rightarrow **Glance**.

What is Glance?

- Technology agnostic framework to integrate data sources.
- Search queries can be posed to this data integrated environment, reducing the latency to get the information needed.
- Web user interfaces are easy to be developed on top of Glance, allowing the automation of many ATLAS-related processes.
- Migration from "super search" to a set of REST API services further improving its usability.

The Glance Project

ATLAS:

- 15 systems
- ~6k users
- +10 new tickets per week;
- Long-term project

Extended to other experiments (due to synergy):

- ALICE: 2 systems
- LHCb: 3 systems



The Glance Project Team & Resources

- 12 current developers (~30 developers over the project history)
 - ATLAS: 10
 - LHCb: 3
 - ALICE: 2
- Geographically scattered
- Mainly undergraduate (part-time) students from POLI / UFRJ
 - Scholarships
 - Internships
 - In loco internships
- 2 startups whose founders are COPPE alumni with ATLAS background
- Budget: 100,000 SFR/years (CERN + UFRJ)
- Contributions from other institutes (mainly UDINE / Italy and LIPE / Portugal)

How are We Addressing This?

- Roadmap planning
- One project at a time
- All hands on deck
- Fail fast, learn fast!
- Time-boxed development window
- Frequent discussion about the sprint items
- Embracing change
- Deliverables tied to the ATLAS upgrade



Now-Next-Later Roadmap





Analysis

- Supports ATLAS documents' lifecycle
- Automates email notifications
- Keeps track of documents and reviews stored in CERN Document Server.



Membership

- System to mainly manage ATLAS's:
 - Personnel
 - Institutes
 - Authorship
- Member's profile gathers all information from other systems in one place
 - Contract dates
 - Appointments
 - Analysis papers
 - Given and future talks
 - Operational Task Planning data
 - Thesis
 - Volunteer for talks
- Institutes and Funding Agencies
- Plot generator

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Glance Main Users

- ATLAS deputy spokesperson
- Physics coordinators
- Publication Committee chairs
- ATLAS Secretariat
- Authorship Committee
- Physics Office
- Resource Coordinator
- Technical Coordination
- TDAQ Upgrade Project Leader

Project Roadmap

- Intense work on requirements gathering
 - Identify common use-cases across different user groups.
 - Anticipate unmapped functionalities.
 - Lead stakeholders to a more generic proposal.
- Highly configurable solutions
 - Configuration files usage to deploy interfaces.
 - Use-cases encapsulation to promote reusable code.
- Modular implementations
 - Services available to be consumed by different applications.
 - Modules versioning to allow evolving resiliently.
- Computing Intelligence
 - Natural language processing strategies for guiding ATLAS Management.
 - Machine learning for relevant content recommendation.





Technical Roadmap

- Refactoring the code base
 - Over 15 web applications running for ATLAS.
 - Technical debt acquired over more than 5 years.
 - Refactoring at every new implementation or fix.
 - Big project requests are great opportunities for change.
- Infrastructure maintenance
 - Remote work and diverse development environments.
 - Complex setup for applications to run properly.
 - Docker usage to produce out of the box environments.
 - Consistency and portability.
- Knowledge perpetuation
 - Several discussions over requirements and technical aspects.
 - Adoption of an integrated documentation tool to centralize references.
 - Knowledge production philosophy.
 - RFC Requests for Comments.

Glance Spin-Off

- The very own existence of the 2 startups involved in this project
 - TWIST
 - NEMESYS
- Tuberculosis diagnosis related applications
- Data quality projects
- COVID-19 related endeavors

Obrigado!