

# Tutorial for CMS Users: Data Analysis on the Grid with CRAB

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# In this part you will learn ...

- ❶ how to locate CMS data
- ❷ how to analyse CMS data on the grid (using CRAB)
- ❸ how to store your job output on the grid
- ❹ how to access this job output
  - by copying it to a local machine
  - interactively from the naf
  - with batch jobs on the naf
  - with grid jobs
- ❺ how to monitor your grid jobs

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# Locating Data

The Data Bookkeeping System (DBS) is the authoritative source for information about stored data in CMS

- Information about produced data like location, file names, size, creation date, run number, ...
- Information is stored in MySQL and Oracle data base backends
- Several instances for production, analysis, etc. Most important one: global DBS
- APIs allow communication with DBS used e.g. by Monte Carlo production tools
- A Query Language (QL) has been developped to support complex DBS queries. Those can be done via:
  - 1 Web interface: Data Discovery Service
  - 2 Command Line Interface

# DBS Web Interface

Webinterface for DBS searches:

[http://cmsweb.cern.ch/dbs\\_discovery/](http://cmsweb.cern.ch/dbs_discovery/)

Dashboard	DBS Discovery	DataTransfer	SiteDB	CondDB	Support	Login
Home - aSearch - Navigator - RSS - Status - Runs - Admin - Tools - Help - Contact						View

ADVANCED KEYWORD SEARCH

DBS instances  [HELP](#)

MENU-DRIVEN INTERFACE

Physics groups

Data tier

☐ composed tier, e.g. GEN-SIM:

Software releases

Data types

Primary dataset/  
MC generators

- Menu driven search
- Query Language Search
- Links to help and examples
- Different instances selectable (in 'Production' view only)



# DBS Query Language

The DBS query language is SQL syntax oriented and is rather human friendly:

- QL Syntax:

`find <key1>, <key2.attribute> where <key> <op> <value> and/or ...`

- Keywords: dataset, block, file, site, release, run, lumi, primds , procds, tier

- Operators: <=, <, >=, >, =, not like, like, in, between

- Some Attributes:

- dataset: .name

- block: .name, .size

- file: .name, .numevents, .size

- run: .number, numevents, .starttime, .endtime

Some documentation can be found on

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMS/QL>

and

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMS/DataDiscoveryInterface>

# DBS Query Language: Examples

## Examples for the Data Discovery search

- *find dataset where dataset like \**  
→ look-up all datasets in DBS
- *find dataset where dataset like \*Online\* and site like T2\_DE\**  
→ look-up datasets with dataset path matching pattern \*Online\* and located at a T2\_DE site
- *find dataset where run between 34850 and 36000 or run in (34850,34890)*  
→ look-up dataset with runs within given run ranges.
- *find file where release>CMSSW\_1\_6\_7 and site=T2\_UK*  
→ find files located on T2\_UK sites which were processed with release CMSSW\_1\_6\_7 and above.
- *find file,run where dataset=/Commissioning2008Ecal-A/Online/RAW*  
→ look-up files and runs for given dataset name
- *find sum(file.size),run where dataset=/Commissioning2008Ecal-A/Online/RAW*  
→ look-up total size of files and list runs for given dataset name

A lot of examples can be found on: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMS/QL>



# CRAB

## What is CRAB?

The CMS Remote Analysis Builder (CRAB) is a command line tool for analysis of CMS data on the grid

Its purpose is

- to allow data analysis while hiding the complexities of the grid:
  - Find the distributed data
  - Take care of the runtime environment on the grid worker nodes
  - Execute the code the user developed locally
- to automate the workflow (status tracking, resubmissions,...)  
(CRAB server)

Need to tell CRAB about the desired CMSSW version, the dataset and the CMSSW configuration file to use.

# CRAB Workflow

- Create task
  - Prepare jobs for remote environment
  - Split input data according to your request and its distribution among sites
- Submit the jobs
- Monitor job progress (CRAB server)
- Move job output to a storage element (or return it to the user)
- Resubmit failed jobs
- Notify about progress via email
- Publish the output (make it available for grid/CRAB jobs)

# CRAB Configuration

CRAB is steered with a single configuration file (`crab.cfg`):

- Parameters are set as `key = value` pairs
- Parameters are grouped in macro sections like `[CRAB]`, `[CMSSW]`, `[USER]`, ...

Templates with a minimal/full parameterset are distributed with the CRAB release (`$CRABDIR/python/(full_)crab.cfg`)

# CRAB Configuration Example

A minimal `crab.cfg` file looks like this:

```
[CRAB]
jobtype = cmssw
scheduler = glite

[CMSSW]
### The data you want to access (to be found on DBS)
datasetpath=/RelValTTbar/CMSSW_3_1_0-MC_31X_V1-v1/GEN-SIM-RECO
### The ParameterSet you want to use
pset=PhysicsTools/PatAlgos/test/patLayer1_fromAOD_full_cfg.py
### Splitting parameters
total_number_of_events=-1
number_of_jobs = 15
### The output files (comma separated list)
output_file = PATLayer1_Output.fromAOD_full.root

[USER]
### OUTPUT files Management
return_data = 1

[GRID]
## RB/WMS management:
rb = CNAF
group = dcms
```

Will introduce more parameters later ...

# CRAB: Before starting

First we need to set up the environment for gLite, CMSSW and CRAB:

- Set up the grid user interface: `ini glite`
- In your CMSSW `src`-directory: `cmsenv`
- Set up the local CRAB installation: `ini crab`

If you want to use the DESY WMS:

- edit your `crab.cfg` file:  
`[GRID]`  
`rb = DESY`
- copy its config in your working directory:  
`cp $GLITE_LOCATION/etc/cms/glite_wms.conf`  
`glite_wms_DESY.conf`

# CRAB: Basic commands I

After preparing the `crab.cfg` file you can start:

❶ Create jobs:

```
crab -create
```

The project is created in a directory like `crab_0_080903_142652`

❷ Submit jobs:

```
crab -submit [<all | number | range>] [-c <crab_dir>]
```

If `-c` is omitted the latest project in the current directory is taken.

❸ Get status of jobs:

```
crab -status [-c <crab_dir>]
```

❹ Get output of finished jobs:

```
crab -getoutput [<all | job number | range>] [-c  
<crab_dir>]
```

The output is by default stored in `crab_dir/res/` and for each job *i* consists of `CMSSW_i.stdout`, `CMSSW_i.stderr`, `crab_fjr_i.xml` (and `output_files`).

# CRAB: Basic commands II

## 5 Cancel jobs:

```
crab -kill <job number/range> [-c <crab_dir>]
```

## 6 Resubmit failed/cancelled jobs:

```
crab -resubmit <number | range> [-c <crab_dir>]
```

## 7 Cleanup the directory

```
crab -clean [-c <crab_dir>]
```

A descriptions of all available options can be obtained with `crab -h`  
We will introduce a few more later .

# CRAB Server

## The CRAB server

- monitors the progress of user jobs
- resubmits failed jobs
- notifies via email when a certain fraction has finished

The necessary configuration parameters are:

```
[CRAB]
```

```
server_name=bari
```

```
[USER]
```

```
eMail=your@email.address
```

```
## Fraction of finished jobs before email notification:
```

```
thresholdLevel=100
```



# CRAB: Copy output to a SE

Instead of retrieving your job output to the UI it is recommended to copy it on to storage element. In the `crab.cfg` this can be enabled with:

```
[USER]
```

```
return_data=0
```

```
copy_data=1
```

```
## Storage element at your home site or site name
```

```
storage_element= T2_DE_DESY
```

```
## subdirectory in your /store/user/<hypernews_name>
```

```
directory user_remote_dir = mySubDir
```

# Manipulating files on the SE

If you need to handle your files on a storage element

- dCache storage at DESY is mounted under `/pnfs/desy.de/cms/` and can be still explored using `ls`
- For managing your files on a storage element however you need to use grid tools
- You must setup the gLite UI and create a grid proxy before you can use them

Copy file from local disk to SE:

```
srmcp -2 "file:///path/file  
srm://dcache-se-cms.desy.de:8443/srm/managerv2?SFN=  
/pnfs/desy.de/cms/tier2/store/user/yourname/file"
```

Copy file from SE to local disk:

```
srmcp -2 -streams_num=1  
"srm://dcache-se-cms.desy.de:8443/srm/managerv2?SFN=  
/pnfs/desy.de/cms/tier2/store/user/yourname/file file:///path/file"
```

List directory:

```
srm ls "srm://dcache-se-cms.desy.de:8443/srm/managerv2?SFN=  
/pnfs/desy.de/cms/tier2/store/user/yourname/"
```

# More SRM Commands

Move/rename file:

```
srmmv "srm://dcache-se-cms.desy.de:8443/srm/managerv2?SFN=
/pnfs/desy.de/cms/tier2/store/user/yourname/oldfile
srm://dcache-se-cms.desy.de:8443/srm/managerv2?SFN=
/pnfs/desy.de/cms/tier2/store/user/yourname/newfile"
```

Remove file:

```
srmrm "srm://dcache-se-cms.desy.de:8443/srm/managerv2?SFN=
/pnfs/desy.de/cms/tier2/store/user/yourname/file"
```

If you want to remove all files from a directory:

```
for i in `ls /pnfs/desy.de/cms/tier2/store/user/user_name/directory` ; do
srmrm "srm://dcache-se-cms.desy.de:8443/srm/managerv2?SFN=
/pnfs/desy.de/cms/tier2/store/user/user_name/directory/$i" ; done
```

Make directory:

```
srmmkdir "srm://dcache-se-cms.desy.de:8443/srm/managerv2?SFN=
/pnfs/desy.de/cms/tier2/store/user/yourname/newdir"
```

Remove (empty) directory:

```
srmrmdir "srm://dcache-se-cms.desy.de:8443/srm/managerv2?SFN=
/pnfs/desy.de/cms/tier2/store/user/yourname/dir"
```

# Publishing your files in DBS I

Output files which you want to analyse further with CRAB jobs (e.g. a private MC production) have to be published in DBS.

[USER]

```
return_data=0
copy_data=1
storage_element= T2_DE_DESY
publish_data=1
publish_data_name=aNameForYourDataSet
# There are several instances, ask the expert in your institute which one
to use
dbs_url_for_publication=
https://cmsdbprod.cern.ch:8443/cms_dbs_ph_analysis_02_writer/servlet/DBSServlet
publish_with_import_all_parents=0
```

**The files will appear at:**

SE+/store/user/<hypernewsname>/<PDName>/aNameForYourDataSet/<hash>

# Publishing your files in DBS II

Run CRAB as usual and retrieve the output. If all jobs have been successful do:

```
crab -publish
```

You can check the results on the command line:

```
InspectDBS2.py -DBSURL=<dbs_url> -datasetPath=<name_of_your_dataset>
```

or on the DBS web interface selecting the right instance in the production view

In order to run CRAB jobs on your own dataset you need to set:

[CMSSW]

```
dbs_url=
```

```
http://cmsdbprod.cern.ch/cms_dbs_ph_analysis_02/servlet/DBSServlet  
datasetpath=/OriginalDataSet/aNameForYourDataSet/USER
```

For details consult <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMS/SWGuideCrabForPublication>

You can delete your dataset from DBS with:

```
python DBSDeleteData.py -DBSURL=<dbs_url_for_administrator>  
-datasetPath=<name_of_your_dataset>
```

# Documentation and Help

CRAB is documented on several webpages:

https:

[//twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMS/WorkBookRunningGrid](https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMS/WorkBookRunningGrid)

https:

[//twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMS/SWGuideCrabHowTo](https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMS/SWGuideCrabHowTo)

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMS/SWGuideCrabFaq>

Hypernews list for CRAB support:

[hn-cms-crabFeedback@cern.ch](mailto:hn-cms-crabFeedback@cern.ch)

Most problems are very frequent, so search the forum before writing

# CRAB on the NAF

CRAB can be used to submit jobs to the NAF batch system.

```
[CRAB]
```

```
scheduler=sge
```

```
[GRID]
```

```
# From the NAF you can only access data located at DESY
```

```
se_whitelist=desy.de
```

```
[SGE]
```

```
# parameters for SGE job submission
```

```
resource = -V -l h_vmem=2G -l site=hh -l h_cpu=0:60:00 -l os='ls4|s15'
```

Important: When using the local batch system you **cannot**:

- run on data located at other sites

# Common Problems

## Troubleshooting:

- Strange python errors or commands not found: Environment not set up correctly. Set up gLite, CMSSW and CRAB in this order
- Failed jobs: After `crab -getoutput` do a `crab -status` to see the exit codes. Check the wiki for their meaning: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMS/JobExitCodes>
- Many failures are related to the job output:
  - 60302: output file not found → check file name to be identical in `crab.cfg` your CMSSW config file
  - 60303: file already exists in SE → Delete it or change the storage path
  - 70000: output too big → The size of the output sandbox is limited, use the `copy_data` option
- No compatible site found: Check your job requirements, availability of data and CMSSW version
- Get more information from the WMS about failed/aborted jobs: `crab -postMortem`



# Manual Job Control

One can manage CRAB jobs using the gLite tools:

- Get the job IDs for your crab jobs / the job collection
  - by `crab -printId`
  - by searching in `crab_dir/log/crab.log` for the Collection ID, e.g.:  
`https://lb106.cern.ch:9000/s22aPplJptmt6dsm2B9LWg`
- Use the glite commands to manage these jobs
  - `glite-wms-job-status <jobID>`
  - `glite-wms-job-logging-info <jobID>` (equivalent to `-postMortem` option)
  - `glite-wms-job-output <jobID>`
  - `glite-wms-job-cancel <jobID>`
- inspect JDL with `crab -createJdl 1`

# Monitoring Grid Jobs

Go to: <http://dashboard.cern.ch/cms/> → Task monitoring for the analysis users

Task Monitoring - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Help

<http://dashb-cms-sam.cern.ch/dashboard/request.py/taskmonitoring>

HamburgWikiComputingNAF < CMS... Task Monitoring

**ddashboard** Select your name here TASK MONITORING

Select a User: BenediktMura Select a Time Range: Last 2 Weeks Plot... Distribution by Site Info Found a Bug?

TaskMonitorId	Num of Jobs	Pending	Running	Successful	Failed	Terminated with appli unknown
bmura_crab_0_080829_172432	16	0	0	0	16	0
bmura_crab_0_080901_142749	3	0	0	3	0	0
bmura_crab_0_080901_145456	12	0	0	16	0	0
bmura_crab_0_080901_162028	1	0	0	0	1	0
bmura_crab_0_080901_163645	16	0	0	16	0	0
bmura_crab_0_080901_171412	16	0	0	16	0	0
bmura_crab_0_080901_174133	16	0	0	16	0	0
bmura_crab_0_080902_121320	16	0	0	0	16	0
bmura_crab_0_080902_134908	16	0	0	16	0	0
bmura_crab_0_080903_141431	1	1	0	0	0	0
bmura_crab_0_080903_142652	16	0	3	30	1	0

Get info about failed jobs

Select a User: BenediktMura Select a Time Range: Last 2 Weeks Plot... Distribution by Site Info Found a Bug?

Task: bmura\_crab\_0\_080829\_172432 All Jobs back to all tasks this task

**Info about jobs in this task**

EventRange	Submission Attempts	Site	Submitted	Started	Finished
1	1	unknown	2008-08-29 19:28:41	unknown	2008-09-02 09:28:51
10	1				
11	1				
12	1				
13	1				
14	1				
15	1				
16	1				
2	1				
3	1				
4	1				
5	1				
6	1				
7	1				
8	1				
9	1				

**Info about this task**

Select a User: BenediktMura Select a Time Range: Last 2 Weeks

Back All Tasks This Task

**TaskMonitorId:** bmura\_crab\_0\_080829\_172432  
**TaskId:** 1512997  
**TaskCreatedTimeStamp:** 2008-08-29 15:28:28.546770  
**TaskType:** analysis  
**NTaskSteps:** 1  
**TaskStatus:** unknown  
**JobCore:** unknown  
**NEventsPerJob:** 0  
**Application:** unknown  
**ApplicationVersion:** unknown  
**Executable:** craslan  
**InputCollection:** /RelVal7MM/CMSSW\_2\_1\_4\_STARTUP\_V5\_V1/GFN-SIM-DIGI-RAW-HI TOFFRUG-BFCO  
**SubmissionTool:** crab  
**SubmissionUrl:** tcs031.kaf.desy.de

# Monitoring Grid Jobs

Go to: <http://dashboard.cern.ch/cms/> → Interactive View

Job summary - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Help

http://dashb-cms-cb.cern.ch/dashboard/request.py/jobsummary?grid=&date1=2008-09-01%2011%3A18%3A32&date2=2008-09-05%2011%3A18%3A32

Job summary

**JOB SUMMARY**

You found a bug? You have a suggestion?

jobsummary | waitingtime | runningtime

Select your name here

grid

Re VaZM/CHSSW\_2\_1\_4\_STARTUP\_V5\_V1/GEN-SIN-DIGI-RAW+LTDEBUG-RECO

/Zmuu/Summer03\_IDCAL\_V2\_V1/RECO

/ReVaZM/testCD05patLayer1\_CHSSW214/USER

Click on bar to sort by other quantity

sort by: Class

grid

site

re

user

submission tool

activity

application

rb

dataset

task

submission type

all jobs

number of jobs

submitted | app succeeded | app failed | app unknown | pending | running | aborted | cancelled

2008-09-01 11:13:32 to 2008-09-05 11:18:32

all jobs regardless submission time

sort by category

bars in the plot

Submit

Get more info, e.g. exit codes of these jobs

dataset	Sub	Line	Prod	Run	Term	Drwn	Canc	Avcr	Ink	Grid%	Sec	Fail	Line	App%	7/5	Overall%
/Re Va ZM/CHSSW_2_1_4_STARTUP_V5_V1/GEN-SIN-DIGI-RAW+LTDEBUG-RECO	84	0	0	0	84	52	13	0	16	100	67	1	16	98.53	51	66.71
/Re Va ZM/testCD05patLayer1_CHSSW214/USER	32	0	2	0	32	22	0	0	0	100	16	35	0	50	16	50
/Zmuu/Summer03_IDCAL_V2_V1/RECO	37	0	1	0	37	22	0	0	2	100	23	4	0	88.89	28	82.33
<b>total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>84.55</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>63.92</b>

# Monitoring Grid Jobs

- There is a delay for your jobs to show up
- Info on dashboard may differ from CRAB/glite job info. The later is more reliable, because reporting to the dashboard might fail.
- If many of your jobs fail check if this is a site problem:
  - Check if they all ran at the same site and if other user get the same errors at that site
  - Check the 'Site status board' link on the dashboard: check the 'Analysis' column
  - If you have problems at a particular site try to use another one hosting that dataset (black/white list in crab.cfg)
  - If the problem persists inform site admins/open a GGUS ticket