A Database Management System for LCCI

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Long-term Goal

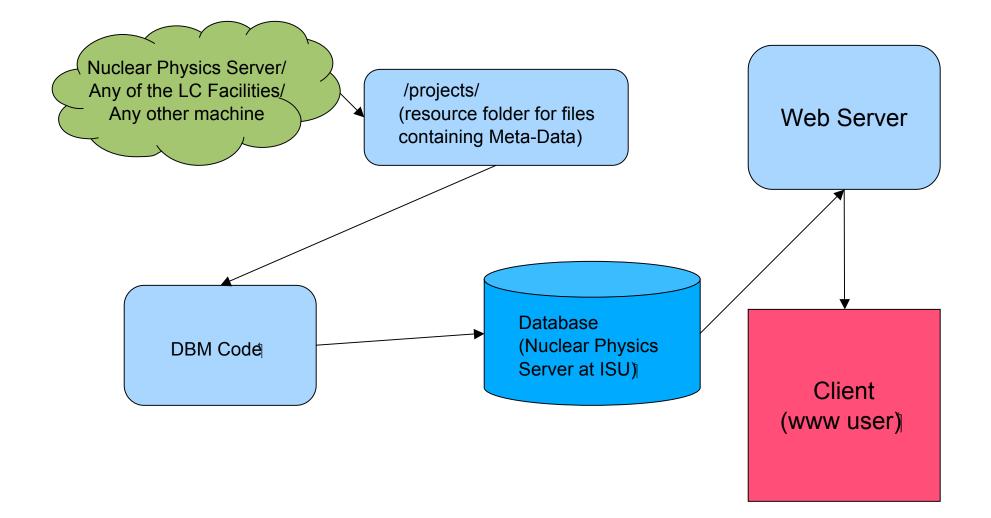
- Efficient tool for retrieving output from abinitio CI calculations
 - Currently, CI codes run on different platforms, and results are often stored under different usernames and directories
 - Step towards reproducible research
 - Record not only results, but also how those results are obtained

Current Prototype

Record meta-data of every run in database

- Data: results from LCCI ab-initio codes, typically stored on platforms where runs are performed (physical observables, OBDMEs, wavefunctions)
- Meta-data: key information about each run, consolidated and formatted in the .info file
- A curious user can access this database over the web and find out whether the runs of his interest are performed, if yes,
- ... where the *results are located.*

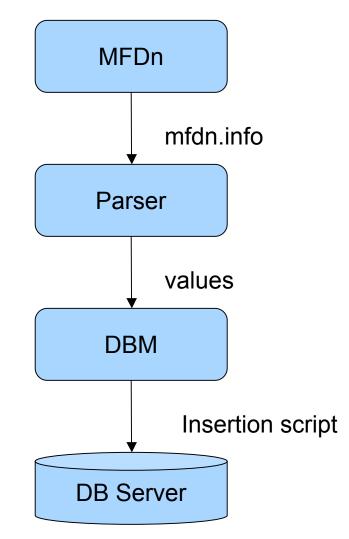
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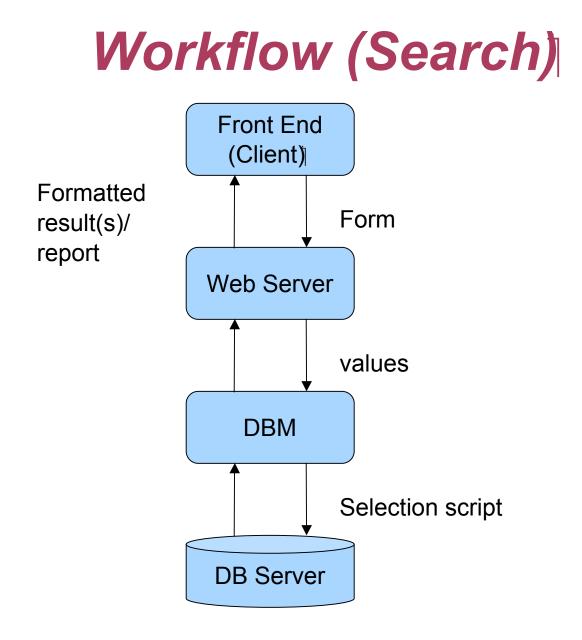


System Components

- DB Manager: parses the mfdn.info file and inserts the run record to database; serves as the backend for web-based retrieve functions.
- Web based front end: searches and lists the existing run, and allows the update on file paths.
- DB Server: stores all the related metadata for each run of MFDn.

Workflow (Insert)





Strengths and Advantages

- Running of insert script can be done manually or automatically at nuclear physics server.
 - Levels of control are defined for handling the data.
- Insert code bundled in C script and separate query library: allows for future changes in database and platform.
- Flexibility of PHP scripting with mysql: Can accommodate any kind of customized query and optimize for efficiency.
 Expect better user interaction and presentation on user end with php-mysql dynamic server side scripting: scripts can be carefully isolated from schema to a large extent.

Next Steps of Action

- Query optimization
- User interface improvements
- Extend implementation to other LCCI codes
 Other CI codes (BIGSTICK, NuShellX)
- Accommodation as much data as possible in a relational database (RDB)
 - RDB has better organization and accessibility than a DB in plain text format

Usage Demo

Input record to database

host: nuclear.physics.iastate.edu

- /project is the *Drop-box* for new .info files.
- New .info files are automatically inserted in database
 - All processed files are stored in /project/info/

View the records

access online:

http://nuclear.physics.iastate.edu/info



- View all runs list all records in the database
- Each record has a link to the detailed information for the run
- Search for specific runs
 - User may specify search criteria to retrieve runs

Search for runs (Z=0 and N=20)

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