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#### Using HTCondor Since 2011







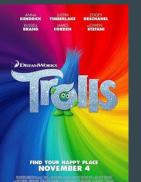
















#### Animation Studio Background

- Productions are our customers
  - Artists are the end users
- Production stages and their teams
  - Layout -> Animation -> Lighting / FX -> Finaling
- The production hierarchy Production -> Sequence -> Shot -> Frames
  - Frames are composed of many steps composited together
  - Each frame has a left- and right-eye version for 3D effect
  - ~260k frames in a movie
- Support many different applications
- Hard deadlines
  - Leads to large amounts of work during crunch time

#### Who interacts with HTCondor and how?

#### • Artists

- Submit to the farm and expect frames back
- Focus on the art, no technical knowledge of HTCondor required
- Technical Directors
  - Configure artists' software to use submission tools
  - Debug issues on the shot setup side
- TRAs (Technical Resource Admins / Render Wranglers)
  - Mange the HTCondor farm jobs
  - Answer artists' questions about the farm, and provide help
- JoSE (Job Submission and Execution, R&D team)
  - Configure HTCondor
  - Develop and maintain tools to help the TRAs manage the farm
  - Developing submission tools

### Why do we configure HTCondor the way we do?

- End users shouldn't require any technical knowledge of the scheduling system
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Available settings should be things they care about, everything else is automatic  $\;$
- The scheduling system should not noticeably impact the end users
- Admins should be able to easily manage large amounts of jobs
- Admins should have easy access to all relevant information and statistics
  - Easier troubleshooting, helps establish causation, and present information to productions
- Prioritize throughput, but consider turnaround time as well
  - Minimize wasted compute hours
  - New renderer scales very well with cores, prioritize scheduling large jobs
- Accounting groups should always get their minimum allocation
- Help productions meet deadlines anyway possible

### How do we have HTCondor configured?

- All DAG jobs
  - Many steps involved in rendering a frame
- GroupId.NodeId.JobId instead of ClusterId
  - Easier communication between departments
- No preemption (yet)
  - Deadlines are important No lost work
  - Checkpointing coming soon in new renderer
- Heavy use of group accounting
  - Render Units (RU), the scaled core-hour
  - Productions pay for their share of the farm
- Execution host configuration profiles
  - e.g. Desktops only run jobs at night
  - Easy deployment and profile switching
- Load data from JobLog/Spool files into Postgres, Influx, and analytics databases

#### **Quick Facts**

- Central Manager and backup (HA)
  - On separate physical servers
- One Schedd per show, scaling up to ten
  - Split across two physical servers
- About 1400 execution hosts
  - ~45k server cores, ~15k desktop cores
  - Almost all partitionable slots
- Complete an average of 160k jobs daily
- An average frame takes 1200 core hours over its lifecycle
- Trolls took ~60 million core-hours

#### What additional configuration have we added?

- Lots of additional ClassAd attributes (~50)
- Concurrency limits
  - Each group has their own limit
  - Software limits can be per host, and can be released early
- Error & Production Error status
  - Differentiating between held and errored jobs
- Subway Python submission API
  - In terms of studio specific constructs
  - Deferred submissions, v4 provides a REST API
- Job Policy
  - Predefined templates of several job attributes
- Heavy use of pre- and post-priorities

### How do we manage our HTCondor pool?

#### The Farm Manager (WebApp)

- GUI for managing the HTCondor pool
  - Used by TRAs, TDs, Artists, etc.
- See specific details
  - Group progress
  - Job stats and information
    - Logs, charts, etc.
  - Finished and Canceled jobs
- Perform actions on jobs
  - Supports batched actions on nodes & groups
  - Can modify jobs that haven't been submitted yet by the DAG

- Filter your view
  - Only see the groups relevant to you
- Hides most low-level HTCondor data

   ClassAds, DAGs, SDFs, etc.
- Allocate resources between shares
  - Separate allocations for day and night
- Monitor execution hosts
  - Data and charts, just like jobs
- Links to other monitoring tools

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#### How do we monitor pool stats in real-time?

#### Grafana

- Primarily used by the TRAs / Render Wranglers
- Quickly detect issues and receive alerts
- At-a-glance overview of the render farm
- Diagnose problems
  - Correlate events between metrics
- More dashboards for specific use cases
  - Software license usage, HTCondor negotiator stats, etc.

Total Farm Stats

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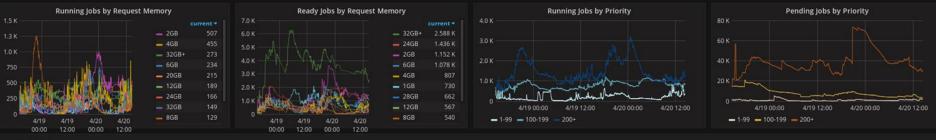
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Inventory Makeup by Core

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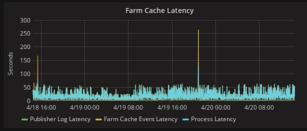




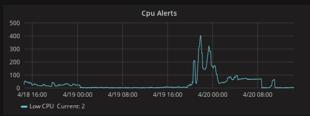




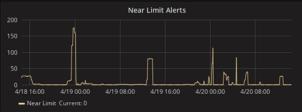




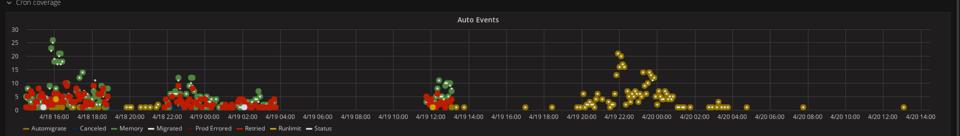
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## Viewing Historical Data

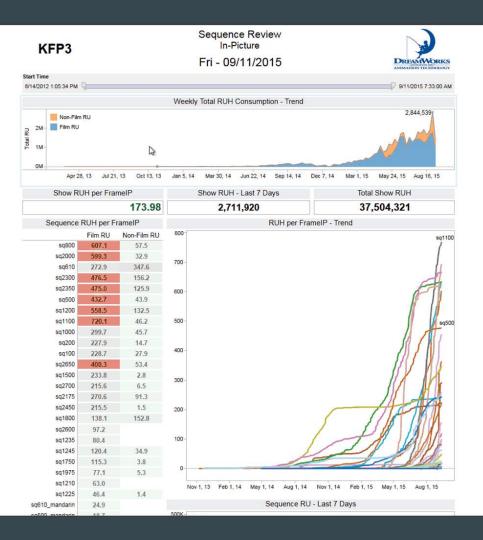
#### Tableau

#### • Big Picture

- Trends over time
- Comparison between productions
- Used primarily for scheduling
  - Can we fit all of the rendering we're planning on doing into the render farm concurrently?
  - How do we move things around to make it all fit?
  - Are there areas we can optimize to better use the existing farm resources?
  - Are we still on schedule?
- Historical data stored in a separate database

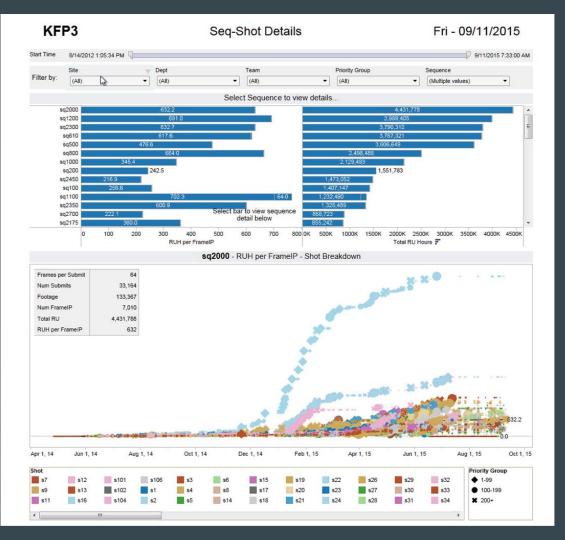
### **RU Per Frame**

- Shows historically how much compute is being used for each sequence
- Tracks overall trends and identifies complex sequences
- Userful for scheduling production work, allocating resources between teams



### Sequence-Shot Details

- Shows RU usage for every farm job, broken down by sequence and shot
- Useful for identifying outliers and specific issues



# **Overnight Rendering Summary**

- Tracks nightly render farm performance
- Number of jobs submitted by each production
  - Grouped by priority, with percent completed
- Amount of RU used by each production compared to their allocations, broken down by team
- Total RU used compared to capacity, broken down by production
- Proportion of capacity allocated to each production compared to what they actually used
- Memory usage compared to capacity



# **Question Time**