



# Catalogue schema verification and migration tool

What is done and discussions to move forward

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The catalogue schema verification tool

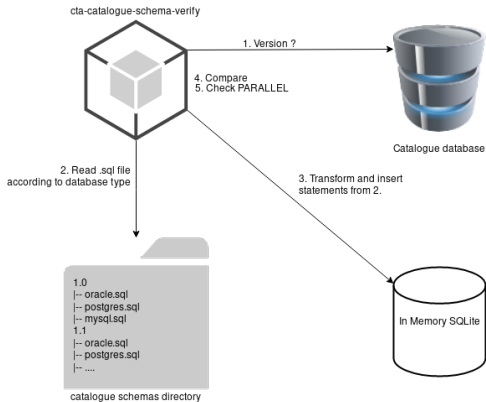
The catalogue schema migration tool

# The catalogue schema verification tool

- What it does
  - Checks INDEX names
  - Checks TABLE names
  - Checks COLUMN names and types
  - Checks CONSTRAINT names
    - ⇒ NOT for MySQL
    - ⇒ NOT NOT NULL constraints for PostgreSQL
  - Display WARNING for Oracle PARALLEL TABLES
- What it does not
  - Does not check for triggers ⇒ no triggers should be implemented in the Catalogue

# The catalogue schema verification tool

- How does it work ?



# The catalogue schema verification tool

- The output

```
$ cta-catalogue-schema-verify cta-catalogue-oracle.conf -s ~/CTA/catalogue/
Schema version : 1.0
Checking indexes...
    SUCCESS
Checking tables, columns and constraints...
    SUCCESS
Status of the checking : SUCCESS
```

Schema verification SUCCESS

```
$ cta-catalogue-schema-verify cta-catalogue-oracle.conf -s ~/CTA/catalogue/
Schema version : 1.0
Checking indexes...
    SUCCESS
Checking tables, columns and constraints...
    ERROR: IN TABLE TAPE, CONSTRAINT TAPE IF NN is missing in the catalogue but is defined in the schema
    ERROR: IN TABLE TAPE, CONSTRAINT TAPE IS FULL BOOL OK is missing in the catalogue but is defined in the schema
    ERROR: TABLE TAPE from schema has a column named IS_FULL that is missing in the catalogue.
    FAILED
Status of the checking : FAILED
```

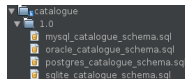
Missing IS\_FULL column in table TAPE

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$ cta-catalogue-schema-verify cta-catalogue-oracle.conf -s ~/CTA/catalogue/
Schema version : 1.0
Checking indexes...
    SUCCESS
Checking tables, columns and constraints...
    SUCCESS
Status of the checking : SUCCESS
WARNING : TABLE TAPE is set as PARALLEL
```

Table TAPE has been set as PARALLEL

# The catalogue schema verification tool

- What needs to be discussed
  - Where do we put the folder containing all the versions of the schema ?
    - Create a RPM of the cta-catalogue-schema-verify tool and stick the folder with it.  
⇒ This folder will be in the same place as the executable
  - Other ideas ?



# The database schema migration tool

- Problem to solve
  - Schema modifications  $\Rightarrow$  new schema version !
    - Schema version format : MAJOR.MINOR
    - MAJOR changes ONLY if schema modifications are not backward compatible with previous schema version
  - How do we do catalogue schema migration from one version to the next one ?



# The catalogue schema migration tool

- CASTOR's way of schema migration : PL/SQL file !
  - 1. Check database schema version
  - 2. Update tables, procedures, etc... (COMMIT after each update)
  - 3. Recompile all procedures, triggers...
    - If all is successful, update a table UpgradeLog with status COMPLETE
    - Else ROLLBACK current update and update UpgradeLog by increasing a failure counter, list the failed-to-compile objects

# The catalogue schema migration tool

- What would change between one schema version and the next one ?
  - Creation/deletion/modification of tables, columns, constraints, sequences
  - Data changes within tables
  - Creation/deletion/modification of PL/SQL procedures

# The catalogue schema migration tool

- The migration of the schema should
  - be idempotent
  - do verification before each update (e.g: does a column exists before updating its type ?)
  - be a step by step migration (one modification at a time)
  - be rollbackable
  - be traceable
  - be easy to execute
- The migration tool should be the same during the whole life of CTA

# The catalogue schema migration tool

- What kind of tool should we use to migrate the catalogue schema from one version to the next one ?
  - Four ways
    - Use a framework/language-dependant library
    - Use an independent Database-Migration-Focused software
    - Develop a tool ourselves
    - Use simple PL/SQL scripts because after all, modifications will be little ones

# The catalogue schema migration tool

- Use a framework/language-dependent library
  - Python (alembic), Ruby (Active Record)
  - No built-in support for Oracle databases  $\Rightarrow$  We would need to use an ORM (Object-relational mapping) tool and plug a migration framework to it.

# The catalogue schema migration tool

- Use an independent Database-Migration-Focused software
  - Liquibase [▶ Link](#)
  - Flyway [▶ Link](#)

# The catalogue schema migration tool

- Liquibase
  - Open-source command-line tool based on Java. Apache v2 License
  - Compatible with our 4 database types
  - Easy-to-use : `liquibase -changeLogFile=migration1.0To1.1.sql update`
  - `changeLogFile` = sql file for doing the migration + Liquibase-related metadata
  - Rollback changes
  - Adds two Liquibase-related tables to the database

# The catalogue schema migration tool

- Flyway
  - Command-line tool based on Java. Apache v2 License
  - Compatible with our 4 database types
  - Easy-to-use : *flyway migrate*
  - Migration scripts have to be put in a specific folder. (Naming convention).
  - Adds one history table to the database : `flyway_schema_history`
  - A lot of functionalities only in PRO versions :-)



# The catalogue schema migration tool

- Use simple PL/SQL scripts because after all, modifications will be little ones
  - What do you think ?

# The catalogue schema migration tool

- Conclusion

Migration strategy	Pros	Cons
Framework/language-dependent lib	Use of existing lib to do migrations	No built-in support for Oracle
Database-Migration software	Easy migrations, well defined migration organization, Rollback	Timeline for our 4 databases support ? Changing technology might be difficult
Develop a tool ourselves	We depend on nobody except us	Time consuming. Safe ?
PL/SQL Scripts	Very easy to execute	Migration failure management

