



gb2_ds_merge: gb2 tool for merging files

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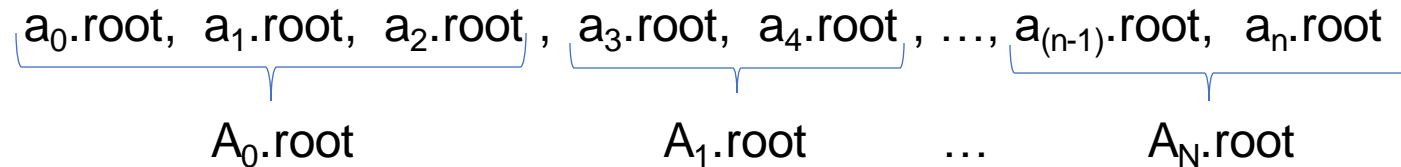
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Syntax:

gb2_ds_merge -p <project_name> -i <input_file> --input_lfn <file.txt> -w <weight>

Required params:

- p [PROJECT_NAME] : Name of the output project/folder with the merged jobs.
- i [INPUT_FILE] : Path of input project with/or lfn(s).

Optional_params ("important ones"):

- input_dslist [FILE] : Uses a file(.txt/.lst, ...) which contains the input lfns to be merged.
- w [WEIGHT] : Maximum size (in MB) of each merged output file.
If not used, a default value will be assigned (let's say 100 MB).
This default value must be greater than the greatest of all input lfns.

Comments (already implemented on local files):

1. A param for the name of the output merged files is not needed; the tool can identify the name pattern of the input files and to name the output merged files based on that.

Example:

```
input_ifns = ['<path>/ntuple_chB_ee_xxxxx_jobxxxxx_xx.root',  
              '<path>/ntuple_chB_ee_yyyyyy_jobyyyyy_yy.root',  
              '<path>/ntuple_chB_ee_zzzzzz_jobzzzzz_zz.root', ...]
```

The name pattern is: `ntuple_chB_ee`
The format is: `.root`

2. Only will be made the hadd (merge) on input files with the same *name pattern* and *format* (.root). In future, another formats (.hdf5, ...) will be considered for merging.
3. Each output file will be made up of *organized* input files. Thus, the order of entries don't be changed.

$a_0.root, a_1.root, a_2.root, a_3.root, a_4.root, \dots, a_{(n-1)}.root, a_n.root$
 $A_0.root \quad A_1.root \quad \dots \quad A_N.root$

4. The size of each output file will be similar (determined by the *w* param), with exception of the last one (will be lighter).

Questions:

- Where could be better located the new tool *gb2_ds_merge()*, in `datasetCLController.py` or `projectCLController.py`?