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# User Manual

Application execution guide

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This manual provides information about how to execute COMPSs applications, how to retrieve the results and the logs of an execution and it provides an overview of the COMPSs tools usage. It is highly recommended to test the examples described in this manual with a working COMPSs installation. For this purpose we provide a *COMPSs Virtual Machine* available at <http://compss.bsc.es/> .

For information about the installation process please refer to the *COMPSs Installation Guide* available at <http://compss.bsc.es/> .

For further information about the application development please refer to the *COMPSs User Manual: Application development guide* available at <http://compss.bsc.es/> .

For an extensive list of COMPSs application examples (codes, execution commands, results, logs, etc.) please refer to the *COMPSs Sample Applications* guide at <http://compss.bsc.es/> .

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# 1 COMP Superscalar (COMPSs)

COMP Superscalar (COMPSs) is a programming model which aims to ease the development of applications for distributed infrastructures, such as Clusters, Grids and Clouds. COMP Superscalar also features a runtime system that exploits the inherent parallelism of applications at execution time.

For the sake of programming productivity, the COMPSs model has four key characteristics:

- **Sequential programming:** COMPSs programmers do not need to deal with the typical duties of parallelization and distribution, such as thread creation and synchronization, data distribution, messaging or fault tolerance. Instead, the model is based on sequential programming, which makes it appealing to users that either lack parallel programming expertise or are looking for better programmability. A task is a method or a service called from the application code that is intended to be spawned asynchronously and possibly run in parallel with other tasks on a set of resources, instead of locally and sequentially.
- **Infrastructure unaware:** COMPSs offers a model that abstracts the application from the underlying distributed infrastructure. Hence, COMPSs programs do not include any detail that could tie them to a particular platform, like deployment or resource management. This makes applications portable between infrastructures with diverse characteristics.
- **Standard programming languages:** COMPSs is based on the popular programming language Java, but also offers language bindings for Python and C/C++ applications. This facilitates the learning of the model, since programmers can reuse most of their previous knowledge.
- **No APIs:** In the case of COMPSs applications in Java, the model does not require to use any special API call, pragma or construct in the application; everything is pure standard Java syntax and libraries. With regard the Python and C/C++ bindings, a small set of API calls should be used on the COMPSs applications.

## 2 Executing COMPSs applications

### 2.1 Prerequisites

Prerequisites vary depending on the application's code language: for Java applications the users need to have a **jar archive** containing all the application classes, for Python applications there are no requirements and for C/C++ applications the code must have been previously compiled by using the *buildapp* command.

For further information about how to develop COMPSs applications please refer to the *COMPSs User Manual: Application development guide* available at the <http://compss.bsc.es/> webpage.

### 2.2 Runcompss command

COMPSs applications are executed using the **runcompss** command:

```
compss@bsc:~$ runcompss [options] application_name [application_arguments]
```

The application name must be the fully qualified name of the application in Java, the path to the *.py* file containing the main program in Python and the path to the master binary in C/C++.

The application arguments are the ones passed as command line to main application. This parameter can be empty.

The *runcompss* command allows the users to customize a COMPSs execution by specifying different options. For clarity purposes, parameters are grouped in *Runtime configuration*, *Tools enablers* and *Advanced options*.

```
compss@bsc:~$ runcompss -h

* Options:
General:
  --help, -h                Print this help message

  --opts                    Show available options

  --version, -v             Print COMPSs version

Tools enablers:
  --graph=<bool>, --graph, -g  Generation of the complete graph (true/false)
                                When no value is provided it is set to true
                                Default: false

  --tracing=<level>, --tracing, -t Set generation of traces and/or tracing level
                                ( [ true | basic ] | advanced | false)
                                True and basic levels will produce the same traces.
                                When no value is provided it is set to true
                                Default: false

  --monitoring=<int>, --monitoring, -m Period between monitoring samples (milliseconds)
                                When no value is provided it is set to 2000
                                Default: 0

  --external_debugger=<int>,
  --external_debugger        Enables external debugger connection on the
                                specified port (or 9999 if empty)
```



```

Default: false

Runtime configuration options:
--task_execution=<compss|storage>    Task execution under COMPSSs or Storage.
                                      Default: compss

--storage_conf=<path>                Path to the storage configuration file
                                      Default: None

--project=<path>                      Path to the project XML file
                                      Default: /opt/COMPSSs/Runtime/configuration/
                                      xml/projects/default_project.xml

--resources=<path>                   Path to the resources XML file
                                      Default: /opt/COMPSSs/Runtime/configuration/
                                      xml/resources/default_resources.xml

--lang=<name>                        Language of the application (java/c/python)
                                      Default: java

--log_level=<level>, --debug, -d    Set the debug level: off | info | debug
                                      Default: off

Advanced options:
--comm=<path>                        Class that implements the adaptor for communications
Supported adaptors:
    integratedtoolkit.nio.master.NIOAdaptor
    | integratedtoolkit.gat.master.GATAdaptor
Default: integratedtoolkit.nio.master.NIOAdaptor

--scheduler=<path>                  Class that implements the Scheduler for COMPSSs
Supported schedulers:
    integratedtoolkit.components.impl.TaskScheduler
    | integratedtoolkit.scheduler.readyscheduler.ReadyScheduler
Default: integratedtoolkit.scheduler.readyscheduler.
ReadyScheduler

--library_path=<path>               Non-standard directories to search for libraries
(e.g. Java JVM library, Python library,
C binding library)
Default: Working Directory

--classpath=<path>                  Path for the application classes / modules
Default: Working Directory

--base_log_dir=<path>               Base directory to store COMPSSs log files
(a .COMPSSs/ folder will be created inside this location)
Default: User home

--specific_log_dir=<path>           Use a specific directory to store COMPSSs log files
(the folder MUST exist and no sandbox is created)
Warning: Overwrites --base_log_dir option
Default: Disabled

--uuid=<int>                        Preset an application UUID
Default: Automatic random generation

--master_port=<int>                 Port to run the COMPSSs master communications.
Only for NIO adaptor
Default: 43000

--jvm_master_opts="<string>"      Extra options for the COMPSSs Master JVM.
Each option separated by "," and without
blank spaces (Notice the quotes)
Default:

--jvm_workers_opts="<string>"     Extra options for the COMPSSs Workers JVMs.
Each option separated by "," and without
blank spaces (Notice the quotes)
Default: -Xms1024m,-Xmx1024m,-Xmn400m

```

```

--task_count=<int>                Only for C/Python Bindings. Maximum number
                                   of different functions/methods, invoked from
                                   the application, that have been selected as tasks
                                   Default: 50

--pythonpath=<path>               Additional folders or paths to add to the PYTHONPATH
                                   Default: /home/cramonco/svn/compss/framework/trunk/compss

--PyObject_serialize=<bool>       Only for Python Binding. Enable the object
                                   serialization to string when possible
                                   (true/false).
                                   Default: false

* Application name:
  For Java applications: Fully qualified name of the application
  For C applications: Path to the master binary
  For Python applications: Path to the .py file containing the main program

* Application arguments:
  Command line arguments to pass to the application. Can be empty.

```

## 2.3 Running a COMPSs application

Before running COMPSs applications the application files **must** be in the **CLASSPATH**. Thus, when launching a COMPSs application, users can manually pre-set the **CLASSPATH** environment variable or can add the *-classpath* option to the *runcompss* command.

The next three sections provide specific information for launching COMPSs applications developed in different code languages (Java, Python and C/C++). For clarity purposes we will use the *Simple* application (developed in Java, Python and C++) available in the COMPSs Virtual Machine or at <https://compss.bsc.es/projects/bar> webpage. This application takes an integer as input parameter and increases it by one unit using a task. For further details about the codes please refer to the *Sample Applications* document available at <http://compss.bsc.es>.

### 2.3.1 Running Java applications

A Java COMPSs application can be launched through the following command:

```

compss@bsc:~$ cd workspace_java/simple/jar/
compss@bsc:~/workspace_java/simple/jar$ runcompss simple.Simple <initial_number>

```

In this first execution we use the default value of the *-classpath* option to automatically add the jar file to the classpath (by executing *runcompss* in the directory which contains the jar file). However, we can explicitly do this by exporting the **CLASSPATH** variable or by providing the *-classpath* value. Next, we provide two more ways to perform the same execution:

```

compss@bsc:~$ export CLASSPATH=$CLASSPATH:
                                   /home/compss/workspace_java/simple/jar/simple.jar
compss@bsc:~$ runcompss simple.Simple <initial_number>

```

```
compss@bsc:~/workspace_java/simple/jar$ runcompss simple.Simple 1
Using default location for project file: /opt/COMPSS/Runtime/scripts/user/../../configuration/xml/projects/project.xml
Using default location for resources file: /opt/COMPSS/Runtime/scripts/user/../../configuration/xml/resources/resources.xml

----- Executing simple.Simple -----

WARNING: IT Properties file is null. Setting default values
[ API] - Starting COMPSS Runtime v1.3 (build 20150820-1617.rnull)
Initial counter value is 1
Final counter value is 2
[ API] - No more tasks for app 1
[ API] - Getting Result Files 1
[ API] - Execution Finished

-----
```

Figure 1: Execution of a Java COMPSs application.

```
compss@bsc:~$ runcompss --classpath=/home/compss/workspace_java/simple/jar/simple.jar
simple.Simple <initial_number>
```

### 2.3.2 Running Python applications

To launch a COMPSs Python application users have to provide the `-lang=python` option to the `runcompss` command.

```
compss@bsc:~$ cd workspace_python/simple/
compss@bsc:~/workspace_python/simple$ runcompss --lang=python simple.py <initial_number>
```

```
compss@bsc:~/workspace_python/simple$ runcompss --lang=python simple.py 1
Using default location for project file: /opt/COMPSS/Runtime/scripts/user/../../configuration/xml/projects/project.xml
Using default location for resources file: /opt/COMPSS/Runtime/scripts/user/../../configuration/xml/resources/resources.xml

----- Executing simple.py -----

WARNING: IT Properties file is null. Setting default values
[ API] - Starting COMPSS Runtime v1.3 (build 20150820-1617.rnull)
Initial counter value is 1
Final counter value is 2
[ API] - No more tasks for app 0
[ API] - Getting Result Files 0
[ API] - Execution Finished

-----
```

Figure 2: Execution of a Python COMPSs application.

### 2.3.3 Running C/C++ applications

To launch a COMPSs C/C++ application users have to compile the C/C++ application by means of the `buildapp` command. For further information please refer to the *COMPSS User Manual: Application development guide* document available at <http://compss.bsc.es>. Once compiled, the `-lang=c` option must be provided to the `runcompss` command.

```
compss@bsc:~$ cd workspace_c/simple/
compss@bsc:~/workspace_c/simple$ runcompss --lang=c simple <initial_number>
```

```

compss@bsc:~$ runcompss --lang=c /home/compss/workspace_c/simple/master/simple 1
----- Executing simple -----

JVM_OPTION_FILE: /tmp/tmp.EIQA3NX3Wr

IT_HOME: /opt/COMPSSs/Runtime/scripts/user/../../

Args: 1

WARNING: IT Properties file is null. Setting default values
[ API] - Starting COMPSSs Runtime v1.3 (build 20150820-1617.rnull)
Initial counter value is 1
Final counter value is 2
[ API] - No more tasks for app 0
[ API] - Getting Result Files 0
[ API] - Execution Finished
-----

```

Figure 3: Execution of a C++ COMPSSs application.

## 2.4 Additional configurations

The COMPSSs runtime has two configuration files: *resources.xml* and *project.xml*. These files contain information about the execution environment and are completely independent from the application.

For each execution users can load the default configuration files or specify their custom configurations by using, respectively, the `--resources =< absolute_path_to_resources.xml >` and the `--project =< absolute_path_to_project.xml >` in the `runcompss` command. The default files are located in the `/opt/COMPSSs/Runtime/configuration/xml/` path. Users can manually edit these files or can use the *Eclipse IDE* tool developed for COMPSSs. For further information about the *Eclipse IDE* please refer to Section 4.4.

Next sections describe in detail the *resources.xml* and the *project.xml* files, explaining the available options.

### 2.4.1 Resources file

The *resources* file provides information about all the available resources that can be used for an execution. This file should normally be managed by the system administrators. Its full definition schema can be found at

`/opt/COMPSSs/Runtime/configuration/xml/resources/resource_schema.xsd`.

For the sake of clarity, users can also check the SVG schema located at `/opt/COMPSSs/Runtime/configuration/xml/resources/resource_schema.svg`.

This file contains one entry per available resource defining its name and its capabilities. Administrators can define several resource capabilities (see example in the next listing) but we would like to underline the importance of **ComputingUnits**. This capability represents the number of available cores in the described resource and it is used to schedule the correct number of tasks. Thus, it becomes essential to define it accordingly to the number of cores in the physical resource.

```

compss@bsc:~$ cat /opt/COMPSSs/Runtime/configuration/xml/resources/default_resources.xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<ResourcesList>
  <ComputeNode Name="localhost">
    <Processor Name="P1">
      < ComputingUnits > 4 < /ComputingUnits >
      <Architecture>amd64</Architecture>
      <Speed>3.0</Speed>
    </Processor>
    <Processor Name="P2">
      < ComputingUnits > 2 < /ComputingUnits >
    </Processor>
    <Adaptors>
      <Adaptor Name="integratedtoolkit.nio.master.NIOAdaptor">
        <SubmissionSystem>
          <Interactive/>
        </SubmissionSystem>
        <Ports>
          <MinPort>43001</MinPort>
          <MaxPort>43002</MaxPort>
        </Ports>
      </Adaptor>
    </Adaptors>
    <Memory>
      <Size>16</Size>
    </Memory>
    <Storage>
      <Size>200.0</Size>
    </Storage>
    <OperatingSystem>
      <Type>Linux</Type>
      <Distribution>OpenSUSE</Distribution>
    </OperatingSystem>
    <Software>
      <Application>Java</Application>
      <Application>Python</Application>
    </Software>
  </ComputeNode>
</ResourcesList>

```

### 2.4.2 Project file

The project file provides information about the resources used in a specific execution. Consequently, the resources that appear in this file are a subset of the resources described in the *resources.xml* file. This file, that contains one entry per worker, is usually edited by the users and changes from execution to execution. Its full definition schema can be found at

*/opt/COMPSSs/Runtime/configuration/xml/projects/project\_schema.xsd.*

For the sake of clarity, users can also check the SVG schema located at */opt/COMPSSs/Runtime/configuration/xml/projects/project\_schema.xsd.*

We emphasize the importance of correctly defining the following entries:

**installDir** Indicates the path of the COMPSSs installation **inside the resource** (not necessarily the same than in the local machine).

**User** Indicates the username used to connect via ssh to the resource. This user **must** have passwordless access to the resource (for more information check the *COMPSSs Installation Manual* available at our website <http://compss.bsc.es>). If left empty

COMPSs will automatically try to access the resource with the **same username** than the one that launches the COMPSs main application.

**LimitOfTasks** The maximum number of tasks that can be simultaneously scheduled to a resource. Considering that a task can use more than one core of a node, this value must be lower or equal to the number of available cores in the resource.

```
compss@bsc:~$ cat /opt/COMPSs/Runtime/configuration/xml/projects/default_project.xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<Project>
  <!-- Description for Master Node -->
  <MasterNode\>

  <!--Description for a physical node-->
  <ComputeNode Name="localhost">
    <InstallDir > /opt/COMPSs/ < /InstallDir >
    <WorkingDir>/tmp/Worker/</WorkingDir>
    <Application>
      <AppDir>/home/user/apps/</AppDir>
      <LibraryPath>/usr/lib/</LibraryPath>
      <Classpath>/home/user/apps/jar/example.jar</Classpath>
      <Pythonpath>/home/user/apps/</Pythonpath>
    </Application>
    <LimitOfTasks > 4 < /LimitOfTasks >
    <Adaptors>
      <Adaptor Name="integratedtoolkit.nio.master.NIOAdaptor">
        <SubmissionSystem>
          <Interactive/>
        </SubmissionSystem>
        <Ports>
          <MinPort>43001</MinPort>
          <MaxPort>43002</MaxPort>
        </Ports>
        <User > user < /User >
      </Adaptor>
    </Adaptors>
  </ComputeNode>
</Project>
```

## 2.5 Configuration examples

In the next subsections we provide specific information about the services, shared disks, cluster and cloud configurations and several *project.xml* and *resources.xml* examples.

### 2.5.1 Services configuration

To allow COMPSs applications to use WebServices as tasks, the *resources.xml* can include a special type of resource called *Service*. For each WebService it is necessary to specify its wsdl, its name, its namespace and its port.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<ResourcesList>
  <ComputeNode Name="localhost">
    ...
  </ComputeNode>

  <Service wsdl="http://bscgrid05.bsc.es:20390/hmmerobj/hmmerobj?wsdl">
```

```

    <Name>HmmerObjects</Name>
    <Namespace>http://hmmerobj.worker</Namespace>
    <Port>HmmerObjectsPort</Port>
  </Service>
</ResourcesList>

```

When configuring the *project.xml* file it is necessary to include the service as a worker by adding an special entry indicating only the name and the limit of tasks as shown in the following example:

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<Project>
  <MasterNode/>
  <ComputeNode Name="localhost">
    ...
  </ComputeNode>

  <Service wsdl="http://bscgrid05.bsc.es:20390/hmmerobj/hmmerobj?wsdl">
    <LimitOfTasks>2</LimitOfTasks>
  </Service>
</Project>

```

### 2.5.2 Cluster and grid configuration (static resources)

In order to use external resources to execute the applications, the following steps have to be followed:

1. Install the *COMPSs Worker* package (or the full *COMPSs Framework* package) on all the new resources following the *Installation manual* available at <http://compss.bsc.es> .
2. Set SSH passwordless access to the rest of the remote resources.
3. Create the *WorkingDir* directory in the resource (remember this path because it is needed for the *project.xml* configuration).
4. Manually deploy the application on each node.

The *resources.xml* and the *project.xml* files must be configured accordingly. Here we provide examples about configuration files for Grid and Cluster environments.

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<ResourcesList>
  <ComputeNode Name="hostname1.domain.es">
    <Processor Name="MainProcessor">
      <ComputingUnits>4</ComputingUnits>
    </Processor>
    <Adaptors>
      <Adaptor Name="integratedtoolkit.nio.master.NIOAdaptor">
        <SubmissionSystem>
          <Interactive/>
        </SubmissionSystem>
        <Ports>
          <MinPort>43001</MinPort>
          <MaxPort>43002</MaxPort>
        </Ports>
      </Adaptor>
    </Adaptors>
  </ComputeNode>

```



```

        </Ports>
      </Adaptor>
      <Adaptor Name="integratedtoolkit.gat.master.GATAdaptor">
        <SubmissionSystem>
          <Batch>
            <Queue>sequential</Queue>
          </Batch>
          <Interactive/>
        </SubmissionSystem>
        <BrokerAdaptor>sshtrilead</BrokerAdaptor>
      </Adaptor>
    </Adaptors>
  </ComputeNode>

  <ComputeNode Name="hostname2.domain.es">
    ...
  </ComputeNode>
</ResourcesList>

```

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<Project>
  <MasterNode/>
  <ComputeNode Name="hostname1.domain.es">
    <InstallDir>/opt/COMPSS/</InstallDir>
    <WorkingDir>/tmp/COMPSSWorker1/</WorkingDir>
    <User>user</User>
    <LimitOfTasks>2</LimitOfTasks>
  </ComputeNode>
  <ComputeNode Name="hostname2.domain.es">
    ...
  </ComputeNode>
</Project>

```

### 2.5.3 Shared Disks configuration example

Configuring shared disks might reduce the amount of data transfers improving the application performance. To configure a shared disk the users must:

1. Define the shared disk and its capabilities
2. Add the shared disk and its mountpoint to each worker
3. Add the shared disk and its mountpoint to the master node

Next example illustrates steps 1 and 2. The `<SharedDisk>` tag adds a new shared disk named `sharedDisk0` and the `<AttachedDisk>` tag adds the mountpoint of a named shared disk to a specific worker.

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<ResourcesList>
  <SharedDisk Name="sharedDisk0">
    <Storage>
      <Size>100.0</Size>
      <Type>Persistent</Type>
    </Storage>
  </SharedDisk>

  <ComputeNode Name="localhost">

```



```

...
<SharedDisks>
  <AttachedDisk Name="sharedDisk0">
    <MountPoint>/tmp/SharedDisk/</MountPoint>
  </AttachedDisk>
</SharedDisks>
</ComputeNode>
</ResourcesList>

```

On the other side, to add the shared disk to the **master node**, the users must edit the *project.xml* file (**NOT**. Next example shows how to attach the previous *sharedDisk0* to the master node:

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<Project>
  <MasterNode>
    <SharedDisks>
      <AttachedDisk Name="sharedDisk0">
        <MountPoint>/home/sharedDisk/</MountPoint>
      </AttachedDisk>
    </SharedDisks>
  </MasterNode>

  <ComputeNode Name="localhost">
    ...
  </ComputeNode>
</Project>

```

Notice that the *resources.xml* file can have multiple *SharedDisk* definitions and that the *SharedDisks* tag (either in the *resources.xml* or in the *project.xml* files) can have multiple *AttachedDisk* childrens to mount several shared disks on the same worker or master.

#### 2.5.4 Cloud configuration (dynamic resources)

In order to use cloud resources to execute the applications, the following steps have to be followed:

1. Prepare cloud images with the *COMPSs Worker* package or the full *COMPSs Framework* package installed.
2. The application will be deployed automatically during execution but the users need to set up the configuration files to specify the application files that must be deployed.

The COMPSs runtime communicates with a cloud manager by means of connectors. Each connector implements the interaction of the runtime with a given provider's API, supporting four basic operations: ask for the price of a certain VM in the provider, get the time needed to create a VM, create a new VM and terminate a VM. This design allows connectors to abstract the runtime from the particular API of each provider and facilitates the addition of new connectors for other providers.

The *resources.xml* file must contain one or more `< CloudProvider >` tags that include the information about a particular provider, associated to a given connector. The tag **must** have an attribute **Name** to uniquely identify the provider. Next example summarizes the information to be specified by the user inside this tag.

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<ResourcesList>
  <CloudProvider Name="PROVIDER_NAME">
    <Endpoint>
      <Server>https://PROVIDER_URL</Server>
      <Connector>CONNECTOR_CLASS</Connector>
      <Port>PROVIDER_PORT</Port>
    </Endpoint>
    <Images>
      <Image Name="Image1">
        <Adaptors>
          <Adaptor Name="integratedtoolkit.nio.master.NIOAdaptor">
            <SubmissionSystem>
              <Interactive/>
            </SubmissionSystem>
            <Ports>
              <MinPort>43001</MinPort>
              <MaxPort>43010</MaxPort>
            </Ports>
          </Adaptor>
        </Adaptors>
        <OperatingSystem>
          <Type>Linux</Type>
        </OperatingSystem>
        <Software>
          <Application>Java</Application>
        </Software>
        <Price>
          <TimeUnit>100</TimeUnit>
          <PricePerUnit>36.0</PricePerUnit>
        </Price>
      </Image>
      <Image Name="Image2">
        <Adaptors>
          <Adaptor Name="integratedtoolkit.nio.master.NIOAdaptor">
            <SubmissionSystem>
              <Interactive/>
            </SubmissionSystem>
            <Ports>
              <MinPort>43001</MinPort>
              <MaxPort>43010</MaxPort>
            </Ports>
          </Adaptor>
        </Adaptors>
      </Image>
    </Images>
    <InstanceTypes>
      <InstanceType Name="Instance1">
        <Processor Name="P1">
          <ComputingUnits>4</ComputingUnits>
          <Architecture>amd64</Architecture>
          <Speed>3.0</Speed>
        </Processor>
        <Processor Name="P2">
          <ComputingUnits>4</ComputingUnits>
        </Processor>
        <Memory>
          <Size>1000.0</Size>
        </Memory>
        <Storage>
          <Size>2000.0</Size>
        </Storage>
      </InstanceType>
      <InstanceType Name="Instance2">
        <Processor Name="P1">
          <ComputingUnits>4</ComputingUnits>
        </Processor>
      </InstanceType>
    </InstanceTypes>
  </CloudProvider>
</ResourcesList>

```

```

</CloudProvider>
</ResourcesList>

```

The *project.xml* complements the information about a provider listed in the *resources.xml* file. This file can contain a `< Cloud >` tag where to specify a list of providers, each with a `< Provider >` tag, whose **name** attribute must match one of the providers in the *resources.xml* file. Thus, the *project.xml* file **must** contain a subset of the providers specified in the *resources.xml* file. Next example summarizes the information to be specified by the user inside this `< Cloud >` tag.

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<Project>
  <Cloud>
    <InitialVMs>1</InitialVMs>
    <MinimumVMs>1</MinimumVMs>
    <MaximumVMs>4</MaximumVMs>
    <CloudProvider Name="PROVIDER_NAME">
      <LimitOfVMs>4</LimitOfVMs>
      <Properties>
        <Property Context="C1">
          <Name>P1</Name>
          <Value>V1</Value>
        </Property>
        <Property>
          <Name>P2</Name>
          <Value>V2</Value>
        </Property>
      </Properties>

    <Images>
      <Image Name="Image1">
        <InstallDir>/opt/COMPSS/</InstallDir>
        <WorkingDir>/tmp/Worker/</WorkingDir>
        <User>user</User>
        <Application>
          <Pythonpath>/home/user/apps/</Pythonpath>
        </Application>
        <LimitOfTasks>2</LimitOfTasks>
        <Package>
          <Source>/home/user/apps/</Source>
          <Target>/tmp/Worker/</Target>
          <IncludedSoftware>
            <Application>Java</Application>
            <Application>Python</Application>
          </IncludedSoftware>
        </Package>
        <Package>
          <Source>/home/user/apps/</Source>
          <Target>/tmp/Worker/</Target>
        </Package>
        <Adaptors>
          <Adaptor Name="integratedtoolkit.nio.master.NIOAdaptor">
            <SubmissionSystem>
              <Interactive/>
            </SubmissionSystem>
            <Ports>
              <MinPort>43001</MinPort>
              <MaxPort>43010</MaxPort>
            </Ports>
          </Adaptor>
        </Adaptors>
      </Image>
      <Image Name="Image2">
        <InstallDir>/opt/COMPSS/</InstallDir>

```

```

        <WorkingDir>/tmp/Worker/</WorkingDir>
    </Image>
</Images>

    <InstanceTypes>
        <InstanceType Name="Instance1"/>
        <InstanceType Name="Instance2"/>
    </InstanceTypes>
</CloudProvider>

    <CloudProvider Name="PROVIDER_NAME2">
        ...
    </CloudProvider>
</Cloud>
</Project>

```

The next sections provide a description of each of the currently available connectors.

#### 2.5.4.1 Cloud connectors: Amazon EC2

The COMPSs runtime features a connector to interact with the Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2).

Amazon EC2 offers a well-defined pricing system for VM rental. A total of 8 pricing zones are established, corresponding to 8 different locations of Amazon datacenters around the globe. Besides, inside each zone, several per-hour prices exist for VM instances with different capabilities. The EC2 connector stores the prices of standard on-demand VM instance types (t1.micro, m1.small, m1.medium, m1.large and m1.xlarge) for each zone. Spot instances are not currently supported by the connector.

When the COMPSs runtime chooses to create a VM in the Amazon public Cloud, the EC2 connector receives the information about the requested characteristics of the new VM, namely the number of cores, memory, disk and architecture (32/64 bits). According to that information, the connector tries to find the VM instance type in Amazon that better matches those characteristics and then requests the creation of a new VM instance of that type.

Once an EC2 VM is created, a whole hour slot is paid in advance; for that reason, the connector keeps the VM alive at least during such period, saving it for later use if necessary. When the task load decreases and a VM is no longer used, the connector puts it aside if the hour slot has not expired yet, instead of terminating it. After that, if the task load increases again and the EC2 connector requests a VM, first the set of saved VMs is examined in order to find a VM that is compatible with the requested characteristics. If one is found, the VM is reused and becomes eligible again for the execution of tasks; hence, the cost and time to create a new VM are not paid. A VM is only destroyed when the end of its hour slot is approaching and it is still in saved state.

Table 1 summarizes the provider-specific properties that must be defined in the `project.xml` file for the Amazon EC2 connector.

<b>Placement</b>	Location of the amazon datacentre to use
Access Key Id	Identifier of the access key of the Amazon EC2 account
Secret Key Id	Identifier of the secret key of the Amazon EC2 account
Key host location	Path to the SSH key in the local host, used to connect to the VMs
KeyPair name	Name of the key pair to use
SecurityGroup name	Name of the security group to use

Table 1: Properties of the Amazon EC2 connector.

#### 2.5.4.2 Cloud connectors: rOCCI

The connector uses the rOCCI binary client<sup>1</sup> (version newer or equal than 4.2.5) which has to be installed in the node where the COMPSs main application is executed.

This connector needs additional files providing details about the resource templates available on each provider. This file is located under `< COMPSs_INSTALL_DIR > /configuration/xml/templates` path. Additionally, the user must define the virtual images flavors and instance types offered by each provider; thus, when the runtime decides the creation of a VM, the connector selects the appropriate image and resource template according to the requirements (in terms of CPU, memory, disk, etc) by invoking the rOCCI client through Mixins (heritable classes that override and extend the base templates).

Table 2 contains the rOCCI specific properties that must be defined under the *Provider* tag in the *project.xml* file and Table 2 contains the specific properties that must be defined under the *Instance* tag.

<b>Provider</b>	
ca-path	Path to CA certificates directory
user-cred	Path of the VOMS proxy
auth	Authentication method, x509 only supported
owner	Optional. Used by the VENUS-C Job Manager (PMES)
jobname	

Table 2: rOCCI extensions in the `project.xml` file.

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<sup>1</sup><https://appdb.egi.eu/store/software/rocci.cli>

<b>Instance</b>	Multiple entries of resource templates.
Type	Name of the resource template. It has to be the same name than in the previous files
CPU	Number of cores
Memory	Size in GB of the available RAM
Disk	Size in GB of the storage
Price	Cost per hour of the instance

Table 3: Configuration of the  $\langle provider \rangle$  *.xml* templates file.

## 3 Results and logs

### 3.1 Results

When executing a COMPSs application we consider different type of results:

- **Application Output:** Output generated by the application.
- **Application Files:** Files used or generated by the application.
- **Tasks Output:** Output generated by the tasks invoked from the application.

Regarding the application output, COMPSs will preserve the application output but will add some pre and post output to indicate the COMPSs Runtime state. Figure 4 shows the standard output generated by the execution of the Simple Java application. The green box highlights the application *stdout* while the rest of the output is produced by COMPSs.

```
compss@bsc:~/workspace_java/simple/jar$ runcompss simple.Simple 1
Using default location for project file: /opt/COMPSs/Runtime/scripts/user/../../configuration/xml/projects/project.xml
Using default location for resources file: /opt/COMPSs/Runtime/scripts/user/../../configuration/xml/resources/resources.xml

----- Executing simple.Simple -----
WARNING: IT Properties file is null. Setting default values
[ API ] - Starting COMPSs Runtime v1.3 (build 20150820-1617.rnull)
Initial counter value is 1
Final counter value is 2
[ API ] - No more tasks for app 1
[ API ] - Getting Result Files 1
[ API ] - Execution Finished
-----
```

Figure 4: Output generated by the execution of the *Simple* Java application with COMPSs

Regarding the application files, COMPSs **does not modify** any of them and thus, the results obtained by executing the application with COMPSs are the same than the ones generated by the sequential execution of the application.

Regarding the tasks output, COMPSs introduces some modifications due to the fact that tasks can be executed in remote machines. After the execution, COMPSs stores the *stdout* and the *stderr* of each job (a task execution) inside the `/home/$USER/.COMPSs/$APPNAME/$EXEC_NUMBER/jobs/` directory of the main application node.

Figures 5 and 6 show an example of the results obtained from the execution of the *Hello* Java application. While Figure 5 provides the output of the sequential execution of the application (without COMPSs), Figure 6 provides the output of the equivalent COMPSs execution. Please note that the sequential execution produces the "Hello World! (from a task)" message in the *stdout* while the COMPSs execution stores the message inside the `job1_NEW.out` file.

```
compss@bsc:~/workspace_java/hello/jar$ java -cp hello.jar hello.Hello
Hello World! (from main application)
Hello World! (from a task)
```

Figure 5: Sequential execution of the *Hello* java application

```

compss@bsc:~/workspace_java/hello/jar$ runcompss -d hello.Hello
Using default location for project file: /opt/COMPSS/Runtime/scripts/user/../../configuration/xml/projects/project.xml
Using default location for resources file: /opt/COMPSS/Runtime/scripts/user/../../configuration/xml/resources/resources.xml

----- Executing hello.Hello -----

WARNING: IT Properties file is null. Setting default values
[ API] - Deploying COMPSS Runtime v1.3 (build 20150820-1617.rnull)
[ API] - Starting COMPSS Runtime v1.3 (build 20150820-1617.rnull)
[ API] - Initializing components
[ API] - Ready to process tasks
Hello World! (from main application)
[ API] - Creating task from method sayHello in hello.HelloImpl
[ API] - There is 0 parameter
[ API] - No more tasks for app 1
[ API] - Getting Result Files 1
[ API] - Stop IT reached
[ API] - Stopping AP...
[ API] - Stopping TD...
[ API] - Stopping Comm...
[ API] - Execution Finished

-----
compss@bsc:~$ more ~/.COMPSS/hello.Hello_01/jobs/job1_NEW.out
2015-08-20 16:47:31,615 [DEBUG|integratedtoolkit.Worker|Executor] Creating sandbox for job 1
WORKER - Parameters of execution:
* Method class: hello.HelloImpl
* Method name: sayHello
* Parameter types:
* Parameter values:
Hello World! (from a task)
2015-08-20 16:47:31,616 [DEBUG|integratedtoolkit.Worker|Executor] Removing sandbox for job 1

```

Figure 6: COMPSs execution of the *Hello* java application

## 3.2 Logs

COMPSs includes three log levels for running applications but users can modify them or add more levels by editing the logger files under the `/opt/COMPSS/Runtime/configuration/log/` folder. Any of these log levels can be selected by adding the `--log_level =< debug|info|off >` flag to the `runcompss` command. The default value is `off`.

The logs generated by the *NUM\_EXEC* execution of the application APP by the user USER are stored under `/home/$USER/.COMPSS/$APP/$EXEC_NUMBER/` folder (from this point on: **base log folder**). The *EXEC\_NUMBER* execution number is automatically used by COMPSs to prevent mixing the logs of data of different executions.

When running COMPSs with **log level off** only the errors are reported. This means that the *base log folder* will contain two empty files (**runtime.log** and **resources.log**) and one empty folder (*jobs*). If somehow the application has failed, the *runtime.log* and/or the *resources.log* will not be empty and a new file per failed job will appear inside the *jobs* folder to store the *stdout* and the *stderr*. Figure 7 shows the logs generated by the execution of the Simple java application (without errors) in **off** mode.

```

.COMPSS/
├── [4.0K] simple.Simple_01
│   ├── [4.0K] jobs
│   ├── [ 0] resources.log
│   ├── [ 0] runtime.log
│   └── [4.0K] tmpFiles

```

Figure 7: Structure of the logs folder for the Simple java application in **off** mode

When running COMPSs with **log level info** the *base log folder* will contain two files (**runtime.log** and **resources.log**) and one folder (*jobs*). The **runtime.log** file contains the execution information retrieved from the master resource, including the file



transfers and the job submission details. The **resources.log** file contains information about the available resources such as the number of processors of each resource (slots), the information about running or pending tasks in the resource queue and the created and destroyed resources. The jobs folder will be empty unless there has been a failed job. In this case it will store, for each failed job, one file for the *stdout* and another for the *stderr*. As an example, Figure 8 shows the logs generated by the same execution than the previous case but with **info** mode.



Figure 8: Structure of the logs folder for the Simple java application in **info** mode

The runtime.log and resources.log are quite large files, thus they should be only checked by advanced users. For an easier interpretation of these files the COMPSs Framework includes a monitor tool. For further information about the COMPSs Monitor please check Section 4.2.

Figures 9 and 10 provide the content of these two files generated by the execution of the *Simple* java application.

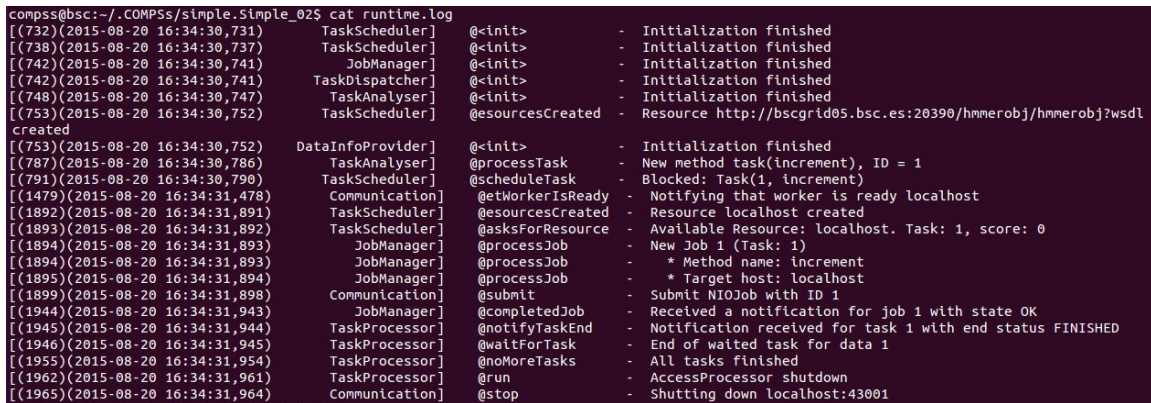


Figure 9: runtime.log generated by the execution of the *Simple* java application

Running COMPSs with **log level debug** generates the same files as the info log level but with more detailed information. Additionally, the *jobs* folder contains two files per **submitted** job; one for the *stdout* and another for the *stderr*. In the other hand, the COMPSs Runtime state is printed out on the *stdout*. Figure 11 shows the logs generated by the same execution than the previous cases but with **debug** mode.

The runtime.log and the resources.log files generated in this mode can be **extremely large**. Consequently, the users should take care of their quota and manually erase these files if needed.

When running Python applications a *pycompss.log* file is written inside the *base log folder* containing debug information about the specific calls to PyCOMPSs.

```

compss@bsc:~/COMPSS/simple.Simple_02$ cat resources.log
TIMESTAMP = 1440081270727
INFO_MSG = [New resource available in the pool. Name = http://bscgrid05.bsc.es:20390/hmmerobj/hmmerobj?wsdl]
TIMESTAMP = 1440081270752
LOAD_INFO = [
  CORE_INFO = [
    COREID = 0
    NO_RESOURCE = 0
    TO_RESCHEDULE = 0
    ORDINARY = 0
    MIN = 100
    MEAN = 100
    MAX = 100
  ]
]

TIMESTAMP = 1440081271891
INFO_MSG = [New resource available in the pool. Name = localhost]
TIMESTAMP = 1440081271962
INFO_MSG = [Stopping all workers]
TIMESTAMP = 1440081271962
LOAD_INFO = [
  CORE_INFO = [
    COREID = 0
    NO_RESOURCE = 0
    TO_RESCHEDULE = 0
    ORDINARY = 0
    MIN = 56
    MEAN = 56
    MAX = 56
  ]
]

```

Figure 10: resources.log generated by the execution of the *Simple* java application

```

.COMPSS/
├── [4.0K] simple.Simple_03
│   ├── [4.0K] jobs
│   │   ├── [ 0] job1_NEW.err
│   │   └── [380] job1_NEW.out
│   ├── [612] resources.log
│   ├── [70K] runtime.log
│   └── [4.0K] tmpFiles

```

Figure 11: Structure of the logs folder for the Simple java application in **debug** mode

Furthermore, when running *runcompss* with additional flags (such as monitoring or tracing) additional folders will appear inside the *base log folder*. The meaning of the files inside these folders is explained in Section 4.

## 4 COMPSs Tools

### 4.1 Application graph

At the end of the application execution a dependency graph can be generated representing the order of execution of each type of task and their dependencies. To allow the final graph generation the *-g* flag has to be passed to the *runcompss* command; the graph file is written in the *base\_log\_folder/monitor/complete\_graph.dot* at the end of the execution.

Figure 12 shows a dependency graph example of a *SparseLU* java application. The graph can be visualized by running the following command:

```
compss@bsc:~$ gengraph ~/.COMPSs/sparseLU.arrays.SparseLU_01/monitor/complete_graph.dot
```

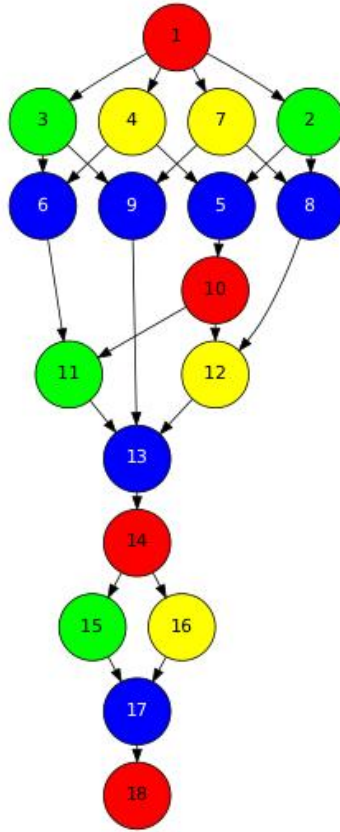


Figure 12: The dependency graph of the SparseLU application

### 4.2 COMPSs Monitor

The COMPSs Framework includes a Web graphical interface that can be used to monitor the execution of COMPSs applications. COMPSs Monitor is installed as a service and can be easily managed by running any of the following commands:

```
compss@bsc:~$ sudo service compss-monitor usage
Usage: /usr/sbin/service compss-monitor
       {start | stop | reload | restart | try-restart | force-reload | status}
```

#### 4.2.1 Service configuration

The COMPSs Monitor service can be configured by editing the `/opt/COMPSs/Tools/monitor/apache-tomcat/conf/compss-monitor.conf` file which contains one line per property:

- `IT_MONITOR` Default directory to retrieve monitored applications (defaults to the `.COMPSs` folder inside the `root` user).
- `COMPSs_MONITOR_PORT` Port where to run the compss-monitor web service (defaults to 8080).
- `COMPSs_MONITOR_TIMEOUT` Web page timeout between browser and server (defaults to 20s).

#### 4.2.2 Usage

In order to use the COMPSs Monitor users need to start the service as shown in Figure 13.

```
compss@bsc:~$ /etc/init.d/compss-monitor start
* Starting COMPS Monitor
* Checking JAVA Installation...
Warning: JRE_HOME not defined
Info: JAVA_HOME found.
Loading JRE_HOME from JAVA_HOME
Success
* Checking IT_HOME...
WARNING: IT_HOME not defined. Trying default location /opt/COMPSs/
Success
* Checking IT_MONITOR...
IT_MONITOR=/home/compss/.COMPSs/
Success
* Checking COMPSs Monitor Port...
Warning: COMPSs_MONITOR_PORT not defined.
Loading from configuration file.
COMPSs_MONITOR_PORT=8080
Success
* Checking COMPSs Monitor Timeout...
Warning: COMPSs_MONITOR_TIMEOUT not defined.
Loading from configuration file.
COMPSs_MONITOR_TIMEOUT=20000
Success
* Configuring COMPSs Monitor service...
Success
Using CATALINA_BASE: /opt/COMPSs/Tools/monitor/apache-tomcat
Using CATALINA_HOME: /opt/COMPSs/Tools/monitor/apache-tomcat
Using CATALINA_TMPDIR: /opt/COMPSs/Tools/monitor/apache-tomcat/temp
Using JRE_HOME: /usr/lib/jvm/java-7-openjdk-amd64/jre
Using CLASSPATH: /opt/COMPSs/Tools/monitor/apache-tomcat/bin/bootstrap.jar:/opt/COMPSs/Tools/monitor/apache-tomcat/bin/tomcat-juli.jar
Tomcat started.
```

Figure 13: COMPSs Monitor start command

And use a web browser to open the specific URL:

```
compss@bsc:~$ firefox http://localhost:8080/compss-monitor &
```

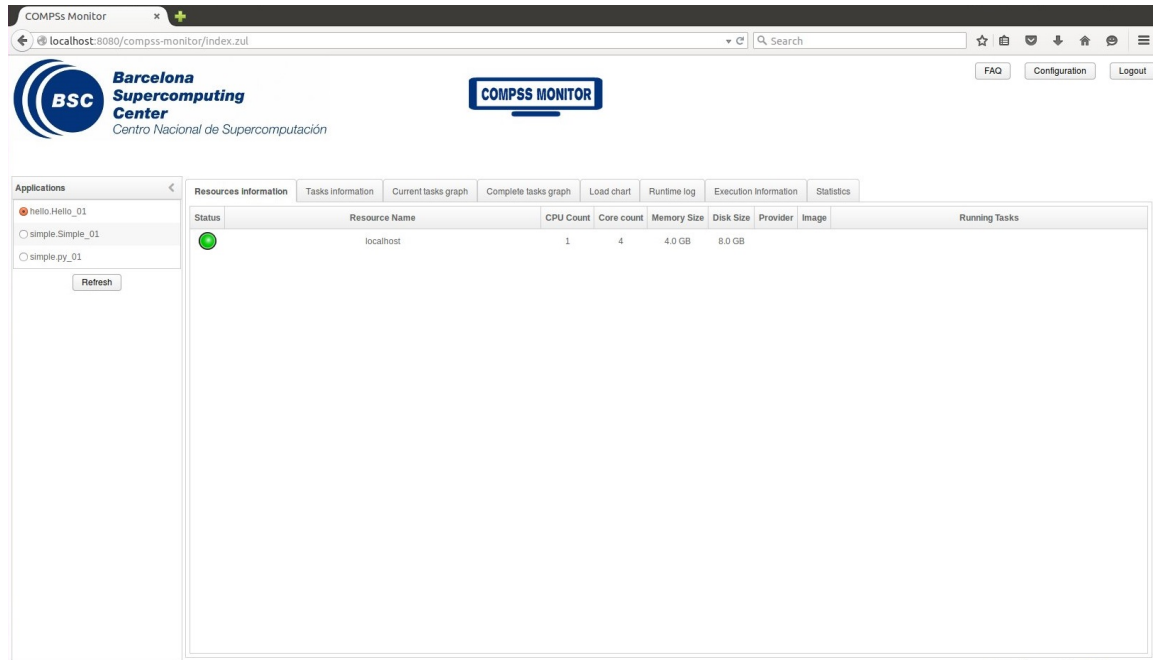


Figure 14: COMPSs monitoring interface

The COMPSs Monitor allows to monitor applications from different users and thus, users need to first login to access their applications. As shown in Figure 14, the users can select any of their executed or running COMPSs applications and display it.

To enable **all** the COMPSs Monitor features, applications must run the `runcompss` command with the `-m` flag. This flag allows the COMPSs Runtime to store special information inside inside the *log base folder* under the *monitor* folder (see Figures 15 and 16). Only advanced users should modify or delete any of these files. If the application that a user is trying to monitor has not been executed with this flag, some of the COMPSs Monitor features will be disabled.

```
compss@bsc:~/workspace_java/simple/jar$ runcompss -dm simple.Simple 1
Using default location for project file: /opt/COMPSSs/Runtime/scripts/user/../../configuration/xml/projects/project.xml
Using default location for resources file: /opt/COMPSSs/Runtime/scripts/user/../../configuration/xml/resources/resources.xml

----- Executing simple.Simple -----
WARNING: IT Properties file is null. Setting default values
[ API] - Deploying COMPSs Runtime v1.3 (build 20150820-1617.rnull)
[ API] - Starting COMPSs Runtime v1.3 (build 20150820-1617.rnull)
[ API] - Initializing components
[ API] - Ready to process tasks
[ API] - Opening file /home/compss/workspace_java/simple/jar/counter in mode WRITE
[ API] - File URI: any://bsc/home/compss/workspace_java/simple/jar/counter
[ API] - File target Location: /home/compss/workspace_java/simple/jar/counter
Initial counter value is 1
[ API] - Creating task from method increment in simple.SimpleImpl
[ API] - There is 1 parameter
[ API] - Parameter 1 has type FILE_T
Final counter value is 2
[ API] - No more tasks for app 1
[ API] - Getting Result Files 1
[ API] - Stop IT reached
[ API] - Stopping AP...
[ API] - Stopping TD...
[ API] - Stopping Comm...
[ API] - Execution Finished
-----
```

Figure 15: Execution of the Simple Java application with the monitoring flag enabled



```

compss@bsc:~$ cd .COMPSS/
compss@bsc:~/.COMPSS$ tree
.
├── simple.Simple_01
│   ├── jobs
│   │   ├── job1_NEW.err
│   │   └── job1_NEW.out
│   ├── monitor
│   │   ├── complete_graph.dot
│   │   ├── COMPSS_state.xml
│   │   └── current_graph.dot
│   ├── resources.log
│   ├── runtime.log
│   └── tmpFiles

```

Figure 16: Logs generated by the Simple java application with the monitoring flag enabled

### 4.2.3 Graphical Interface features

In this section we provide a summary of the COMPSs Monitor supported features available through the graphical interface:

- **Resources information**  
Provides information about the resources used by the application
- **Tasks information**  
Provides information about the tasks definition used by the application
- **Current tasks graph**  
Shows the tasks dependency graph currently stored into the COMPSs Runtime
- **Complete tasks graph**  
Shows the complete tasks dependency graph of the application
- **Load chart**  
Shows different dynamic charts representing the evolution over time of the resources load and the tasks load
- **Runtime log**  
Shows the runtime log
- **Execution Information**  
Shows specific job information allowing users to easily select failed or uncompleted jobs
- **Statistics**  
Shows application statistics such as the accumulated cloud cost.

The webpage also allows users to configure some performance parameters of the monitoring service by accessing the *Configuration* button at the top-right corner of the web page.

For specific COMPSs Monitor feature configuration please check our *FAQ* section at the top-right corner of the web page.

**Attention:** To enable all the COMPSs Monitor features applications must run with the `-m` flag.

## 4.3 Application tracing

COMPSs Runtime can generate a post-execution trace of the execution of the application. This trace is useful for performance analysis and diagnosis.

A trace file may contain different events to determine the COMPSs master state, the task execution state or the file-transfers. The current release does not support file-transfers informations.

During the execution of the application, an XML file is created in the worker nodes to keep track of these events. At the end of the execution, all the XML files are merged to get a final trace file.

In this manual we only provide information about how to obtain a trace and about the available Paraver (the tool used to analyze the traces) configurations. For further information about the application instrumentation or the trace visualization and configurations please check the *COMPSs Tracing Manual* available at <http://compss.bsc.es>.

### 4.3.1 Trace Command

In order to obtain a post-execution trace file one of the following options `-t`, `-tracing`, `-tracing=true`, `-tracing=basic` must be added to the `runcompss` command. All this options activate the basic tracing mode; the advanced mode is activated with the option `-tracing=advanced`. For further information about advanced mode check the *COMPSs Tracing Manual*. Next, we provide an example of the command execution with the basic tracing option enabled for a java k-means application.

```
*** RUNNING JAVA APPLICATION KMEANS
Resolved: /path/to/jar/kmeans.jar:
----- Executing kmeans.Kmeans -----

Extrae: WARNING!
Extrae: WARNING! XML parser version and property 'xml-parser-id' do not match. Check the XML file. Trying
to proceed...
Extrae: WARNING!
Extrae: xml-parser-id found 'Id: xml-parse.c 3682 2015-11-26 14:32:27Z harald $' when expecting 'Id: xml-
parse.c 3918 2016-03-11 14:59:01Z harald $'.
Welcome to Extrae 3.3.0 (revision 3966 based on extrae/trunk)
Extrae: Parsing the configuration file (/opt/COMPSs/Runtime/scripts/user/../../configuration/xml/tracing/
extrae_basic.xml) begins
Extrae: Tracing package is located on /opt/COMPSs/Dependencies/extrae/
Extrae: Generating intermediate files for Paraver traces.
Extrae: Warning! change-at-time time units not specified. Using seconds
Extrae: PAPI domain set to ALL for HWC set 1
Extrae: HWC set 1 contains following counters < PAPI_TOT_INS (0x80000032) PAPI_TOT_CYC (0x8000003b)
PAPI_L2_DCM (0x80000002) PAPI_L3_TCM (0x80000008) > - never changes
Extrae: Warning! change-at-time time units not specified. Using seconds
WARNING: IT Properties file is null. Setting default values
[ API] - Deploying COMPSs Runtime v1.4 (build 20160412-1147.r2040)
[ API] - Tracing is activated
[ API] - Starting COMPSs Runtime v1.4 (build 20160412-1147.r2040)
```

```

...
...
...
merger: Output trace format is: Paraver
merger: Extrae 3.3.0 (revision 3966 based on extrae/trunk)
mpi2prv: Assigned nodes < Marginis >
mpi2prv: Assigned size per processor < <1 Mbyte >
mpi2prv: File set-0/TRACE@Marginis.0000001904000000000000.mpit is object 1.1.1 on node Marginis assigned to
processor 0
mpi2prv: File set-0/TRACE@Marginis.0000001904000000000001.mpit is object 1.1.2 on node Marginis assigned to
processor 0
mpi2prv: File set-0/TRACE@Marginis.0000001904000000000002.mpit is object 1.1.3 on node Marginis assigned to
processor 0
mpi2prv: File set-0/TRACE@Marginis.0000001980000001000000.mpit is object 1.2.1 on node Marginis assigned to
processor 0
mpi2prv: File set-0/TRACE@Marginis.0000001980000001000001.mpit is object 1.2.2 on node Marginis assigned to
processor 0
mpi2prv: File set-0/TRACE@Marginis.0000001980000001000002.mpit is object 1.2.3 on node Marginis assigned to
processor 0
mpi2prv: File set-0/TRACE@Marginis.0000001980000001000003.mpit is object 1.2.4 on node Marginis assigned to
processor 0
mpi2prv: File set-0/TRACE@Marginis.0000001980000001000004.mpit is object 1.2.5 on node Marginis assigned to
processor 0
mpi2prv: Time synchronization has been turned off
mpi2prv: A total of 9 symbols were imported from TRACE.sym file
mpi2prv: 0 function symbols imported
mpi2prv: 9 HWC counter descriptions imported
mpi2prv: Checking for target directory existence... exists, ok!
mpi2prv: Selected output trace format is Paraver
mpi2prv: Stored trace format is Paraver
mpi2prv: Searching synchronization points... done
mpi2prv: Time Synchronization disabled.
mpi2prv: Circular buffer enabled at tracing time? NO
mpi2prv: Parsing intermediate files
mpi2prv: Progress 1 of 2 ... 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% 35% 40% 45% 50% 55% 60% 65% 70% 75% 80% 85% 90% 95%
done
mpi2prv: Processor 0 succeeded to translate its assigned files
mpi2prv: Elapsed time translating files: 0 hours 0 minutes 0 seconds
mpi2prv: Elapsed time sorting addresses: 0 hours 0 minutes 0 seconds
mpi2prv: Generating tracefile (intermediate buffers of 838848 events)
This process can take a while. Please, be patient.
mpi2prv: Progress 2 of 2 ... 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% 35% 40% 45% 50% 55% 60% 65% 70% 75% 80% 85% 90% 95%
done
mpi2prv: Warning! Clock accuracy seems to be in microseconds instead of nanoseconds.
mpi2prv: Elapsed time merge step: 0 hours 0 minutes 0 seconds
mpi2prv: Resulting tracefile occupies 991743 bytes
mpi2prv: Removing temporal files... done
mpi2prv: Elapsed time removing temporal files: 0 hours 0 minutes 0 seconds
mpi2prv: Congratulations! ./trace/kmeans.Kmeans_compss_trace_1460456106.prv has been generated.
[ API] - Execution Finished

```

At the end of the execution the trace will be stored inside the *trace* folder under the application log directory.

```

compss@bsc:~$ cd .COMPSS/kmeans.Kmeans/trace/
compss@bsc:~$ ls -l
hammerobj.kmeans.Kmeans_compss_trace_1460456106.pcf
hammerobj.kmeans.Kmeans_compss_trace_1460456106.prv
hammerobj.kmeans.Kmeans_compss_trace_1460456106.row

```



### 4.3.2 Trace visualization

The traces generated by an application execution are ready to be visualized with *Paraver*. *Paraver* is a powerful tool developed by *BSC* that allows users to show many views of the trace data by means of different configuration files. Users can manually load, edit or create configuration files to obtain different trace data views.

If *Paraver* is installed, issue the following command to visualize a given tracefile:

```
compss@bsc:~$ wxparaver path/to/trace/trace_name.prv
```

For further information about *Paraver* please visit the following site:

<http://www.bsc.es/computer-sciences/performance-tools/paraver>

## 4.4 COMPSs IDE

COMPSs IDE is an Integrated Development Environment to develop, compile, deploy and execute COMPSs applications. It is available through the *Eclipse Market* as a plugin and provides an even easier way to work with COMPSs.

For further information please check the *COMPSs IDE User Guide* available at: <http://compss.bsc.es> .

## 5 Special Execution Platforms

This section provides information about how to run COMPSs Applications in specific platforms such as *Docker*, *Chameleon* or *MareNostrum*.

### 5.1 Docker

#### 5.1.1 Introduction

Docker is an open-source project that automates the deployment of applications inside software containers, by providing an additional layer of abstraction and automation of operating-system-level virtualization on Linux. In addition to the Docker container engine, there are other Docker tools that allow users to create complex applications (Docker-Compose) or to manage a cluster of Docker containers (Docker Swarm).

COMPSs supports running a distributed application in a Docker Swarm cluster.

#### 5.1.2 Requirements

In order to use COMPSs with Docker, some requirements must be fulfilled:

- Have **Docker** and **Docker-Compose** installed in your local machine.
- Have an available **Docker Swarm cluster** and its Swarm manager ip and port to access it remotely.
- A **Dockerhub account**. Dockerhub is an online repository for Docker images. We don't currently support another sharing method besides uploading to Dockerhub, so you will need to create a personal account. This has the advantage that it takes very little time either upload or download the needed images, since it will reuse the existing layers of previous images (for example the COMPSs base image).

### 5.1.3 Execution

The runcompss-docker execution workflow uses Docker-Compose, which is in charge of spawning the different application containers into the Docker Swarm manager. Then the Docker Swarm manager schedules the containers to the nodes and the application starts running.

The COMPSs master and workers will run in the nodes Docker Swarm decides. To see where the masters and workers are located in runtime, you can use:

```
docker -H '<swarm_manager_ip:swarm_port>' ps -a
```

The execution of an application using Docker containers with COMPSs **consists of 2 steps**:

#### 5.1.4 Execution step 1: Creation of the application image

The very first step to execute a COMPSs application in Docker is creating your application Docker image.

This must be done **only once** for every new application, and then you can run it as many times as needed. If the application is updated for whatever reason, this step must be done again to create and share the updated image.

In order to do this, you must use the **runcompss-docker-gen-image** tool, which is available in the standard COMPSs application. This tool is the responsible of taking your application, create the needed image, and upload it to Dockerhub to share it.

The image is created injecting your application into a COMPSs base image. This base image is available in Dockerhub. In case you need it, you can pull it using the following command:

```
docker pull compss/compss
```

The **runcompss-docker-gen-image** script receives 2 parameters:

- **--c, --context-dir:**  
Specifies the **context directory** path of the application. This path **MUST BE ABSOLUTE**, not relative. The context directory is a local directory that **must contain the needed binaries and input files of the app (if any)**. In its simplest case, it will contain the executable file (a .jar for example). Keep the context-directory as lightest as possible.  
  
For example: **--context-dir='/home/compss-user/my-app-dir'** (where 'my-app-dir' contains 'app.jar', 'data1.dat' and 'data2.csv'). For more details, this context directory will be recursively copied into a COMPSs base image. Specifically, it will create all the path down to the context directory inside the image.
- **--image-name:**  
Specifies a name for the created image. It **MUST** have this format: 'DOCKERHUB-USERNAME/image-name'.

The `DOCKERHUB_USERNAME` must be the username of your personal Dockerhub account.

The `image_name` can be whatever you want, and will be used as the identifier for the image in Dockerhub. This name will be the one you will use to execute the application in Docker.

For example, if my Dockerhub username is john123 and I want my image to be named "my-image-app": `-image-name="john123/my-image-app"`.

As stated before, this is needed to share your container application image with the nodes that need it. Image tags are also supported (for example "john123/my-image-app:1.23").

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

After creating the image, be sure to write down the absolute context-directory and the absolute classpath (the absolute path to the executable jar). You will need it to run the application using **runcompss-docker**. In addition, if you plan on distributing the application, you can use the Dockerhub image's information tab to write them, so the application users can retrieve them.

#### 5.1.5 Execution step 2: Run the application

To execute COMPSs in a Docker Swarm cluster, you must use the **runcompss-docker** command, instead of runcompss.

The command **runcompss-docker** has some **additional arguments** that will be needed by COMPSs to run your application in a distributed Docker Swarm cluster environment. The rest of typical arguments (classpath for example) will be delegated to runcompss command.

These additional arguments must go before the typical runcompss arguments. The runcompss-docker additional arguments are:

- **--w, --worker-containers:**  
Specifies the number of **worker containers** the app will execute on. One more container will be created to host the **master**. If you have enough nodes in the Swarm cluster, each container will be executed by one node. This is the default schedule strategy used by Swarm.  
For example: **--worker-containers=3**
- **--s, --swarm-manager:**  
Specifies the Swarm manager ip and port (format: ip:port).  
For example: **--swarm-manager='129.114.108.8:4000'**
- **--i, --image-name:**  
Specify the image name of the application image in Dockerhub. Remember you must generate this with runcompss-docker-gen-image. Remember as well that the format must be: `'DOCKERHUB_USERNAME/APP_IMAGE_NAME:TAG'` (the :TAG is optional).  
For example: **--image-name='john123/my-compss-application:1.9'**

- **--c, --context-dir:**

Specifies the **context directory** of the app. It must be specified by the application image provider.

For example: **--context-dir='/home/compss-user/my-app-context-dir'**.

As **optional** arguments:

- **--c-cpu-units:**

Specifies the number of cpu units used by each container (default value is 4).

For example: **--c-cpu-units=16**

- **--c-memory:**

Specifies the physical memory used by each container in GB (default value is 8 GB).

For example, in this case, each container would use as maximum 32 GB of physical memory: **--c-memory=32**

Here is the **format** you must use with **runcompss-docker** command:

```
runcompss-docker --worker-containers=N
                  --swarm-manager='<ip>:<port>'
                  --image-name='DOCKERHUB_USERNAME/image_name'
                  --context-dir='CTX_DIR'
                  [rest of classic runcompss args]
```

Or alternatively, in its shortest form:

```
runcompss-docker --w=N --s='<ip>:<port>' --i='DOCKERHUB_USERNAME/image_name' --c='CTX_DIR'
                  [rest of classic runcompss args]
```

### 5.1.6 Execution with TLS

If your cluster uses **TLS** or has been created using **Docker-Machine**, you will have to **export two environment variables** before using **runcompss-docker**:

On one hand, **DOCKER\_TLS\_VERIFY** environment variable will tell Docker that you are using TLS:

```
export DOCKER_TLS_VERIFY="1"
```

On the other hand, **DOCKER\_CERT\_PATH** variable will tell Docker where to find your TLS certificates. As an example:

```
export DOCKER_CERT_PATH="/home/compss-user/.docker/machine/machines/my-manager-node"
```

In case you have created your cluster using **docker-machine**, in order to know what your *DOCKER\_CERT\_PATH* is, you can use this command:

```
docker-machine env my-swarm-manager-node-name | grep DOCKER_CERT_PATH
```

In which *swarm-manager-node-name* must be changed by the name **docker-machine** has assigned to your swarm manager node.

With these environment variables set, you are ready to use **runcompss-docker** in a cluster using TLS.

### 5.1.7 Execution results

The execution results will be retrieved from the master container of your application.

If your context-directory name is **'matmul'**, then your results will be saved in the **'matmul-results'** directory, which will be located in the same directory you executed runcompss-docker on.

Inside the **'matmul-results'** directory you will have:

- A folder named **'matmul'** with all the result files that were in the same directory as the executable when the application execution ended. More precisely, this will contain the context-directory state right after finishing your application execution.

Additionally, and for more advanced debug purposes, you will have some intermediate files created by runcompss-docker (Dockerfile, project.xml, resources.xml), in case you want to check for more complex errors or details.

- A folder named **'debug'**, which (in case you used the runcompss debug option (-d)), will contain the **'.COMPSs'** directory, which contains another directory in which there are the typical debug files runtime.log, jobs, etc.  
Remember **.COMPSs** is a **hidden** directory, take this into account if you do **ls** inside the debug directory (add the **-a** option).

To make it simpler, we provide a **tree visualization** of an example of what your directories should look like after the execution. In this case we executed the **Matmul example application** that we provide you:

```
.
├── matmul
│   ├── matmul.jar
│   └── matmul-results
│       ├── debug
│       │   ├── .COMPSs
│       │   │   └── matmul.files.Matmul_01
│       │   │       ├── jobs
│       │   │       │   ├── job1_NEW.err
│       │   │       │   ├── job1_NEW.out
│       │   │       │   ├── job2_NEW.err
│       │   │       │   ├── job2_NEW.out
│       │   │       │   ├── job3_NEW.err
│       │   │       │   └── job3_NEW.out
│       │   │       ├── resources.log
│       │   │       ├── runtime.log
│       │   │       └── tmpFiles
│       └── matmul
│           ├── A.0.0
│           ├── A.0.1
│           ├── A.0.2
│           ├── B.0.0
│           ├── B.0.1
│           ├── B.0.2
│           ├── Dockerfile
│           ├── matmul.jar
│           ├── project.xml
│           └── resources.xml
```



### 5.1.8 Execution examples

And here is one example to run the Matmul example application. Imagine we have our Matmul application in `/home/john/matmul` and inside the `'matmul'` dir we only have the file `'matmul.jar'`.

We have created a Dockerhub account with username `'john123'`.

The first step will be creating the image:

```
runcompss-docker-gen-image --context-dir='/home/john/matmul'
--image-name='john123/matmul-example'
```

Now, we write down the context-dir (`/home/john/matmul`) and the classpath (`/home/john/matmul/matmul.jar`). We do this because they will be needed for future executions.

Since the image is created and uploaded, we won't need to do this step anymore.

Now we are going to execute our Matmul application in a Docker cluster. Take as assumptions:

- We will use **5 worker docker containers**.
- The **swarm-manager ip** will be `129.114.108.8`, with the Swarm manager listening to the **port 4000**.
- We will use **debug (-d)**.
- Finally, as we would do with the typical runcompss, we specify the **main class** name and its **parameters** (16 and 4 in this case).

In addition, we know from the former step that the image name is `'john123/matmul-example'`, the **context directory** is `/home/john/matmul`, and the classpath is `/home/john/matmul/matmul.jar`. And this is how you would run **runcompss-docker**:

```
runcompss-docker --worker-containers=5
--swarm-manager='129.114.108.8:4000'
--context-dir='/home/john/matmul'
--image-name='john123/matmul-example'
--classpath=/home/john/matmul/matmul.jar
-d
matmul.objects.Matmul 16 4
```

Here we show another example using the short arguments form, with the KMeans example application, that is also provided as an example COMPSs application to you:

First step, create the image once:

```
runcompss-docker-gen-image --context-dir='/home/laura/apps/kmeans'
--image-name='laura-67/my-kmeans'
```

And now execute with 30 worker containers, and Swarm located in `'110.3.14.159:26535'`.

```
runcompss-docker --w=30 --s='110.3.14.159:26535' --c='/home/laura/apps/kmeans'  
--image-name='laura-67/my-kmeans'  
--classpath=/home/laura/apps/kmeans/kmeans.jar  
kmeans.KMeans
```

## 5.2 Chameleon

### 5.2.1 Introduction

The Chameleon project is a configurable experimental environment for large-scale cloud research based on a *OpenStack* KVM Cloud. With funding from the *National Science Foundation (NSF)*, it provides a large-scale platform to the open research community allowing them explore transformative concepts in deeply programmable cloud services, design, and core technologies. The Chameleon testbed, is deployed at the *University of Chicago* and the *Texas Advanced Computing Center* and consists of 650 multi-core cloud nodes, 5PB of total disk space, and leverage 100 Gbps connection between the sites.

The project is led by the *Computation Institute* at the *University of Chicago* and partners from the *Texas Advanced Computing Center* at the *University of Texas* at Austin, the *International Center for Advanced Internet Research* at *Northwestern University*, the *Ohio State University*, and *University of Texas* at *San Antoni*, comprising a highly qualified and experienced team. The team includes members from the *NSF* supported *FutureGrid* project and from the *GENI* community, both forerunners of the *NSFCloud* solicitation under which this project is funded. Chameleon will also sets of partnerships with commercial and academic clouds, such as *Rackspace*, *CERN* and *Open Science Data Cloud (OSDC)*.

For more information please check <https://www.chameleoncloud.org/> .

### 5.2.2 Execution

Currently, COMPSs can only handle the Chameleon infrastructure as a cluster (deployed inside a lease). Next, we provide the steps needed to execute COMPSs applications at Chameleon:

- Make a lease reservation with 1 minimum node (for the COMPSs master instance) and a maximum number of nodes equal to the number of COMPSs workers needed plus one
- Instantiate the master image (based on the published image *COMPSs\_1.4.rc10\_CC-CentOS7*)
- Attach a public IP and login to the master instance (the instance is correctly contextualized for COMPSs executions if you see a COMPSs login banner)
- Set the instance as COMPSs master by running `/etc/init.d/chameleon_init start`
- Copy your CH file (API credentials) to the Master and source it
- Run the *chameleon\_cluster\_setup* script and fill the information when prompted (you will be asked for the name of the master instance, the reservation id and number of workers). This scripts may take several minutes since it sets up the all cluster.
- Execute your COMPSs applications normally using the *runcomps* script

As an example you can check this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrQ6anPHjAU> performing a full setup and execution of a COMPSs application at Chameleon.

## 5.3 SuperComputers

To maintain the portability between different environments, COMPSs has a pre-build structure (see Figure 17) to execute applications in SuperComputers. For this purpose, users must use the `enqueue_compss` script provided in the COMPSs installation. This script has several parameters (see `enqueue_compss -h`) that allow users to customize their executions for any SuperComputer.

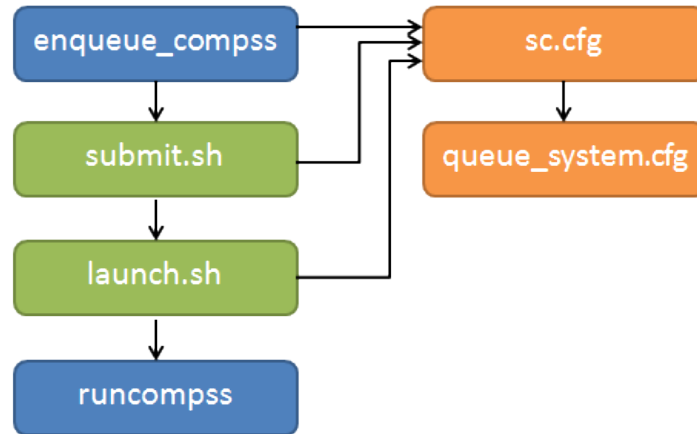


Figure 17: Structure of COMPSs queue scripts. In Blue user scripts, in Green queue scripts and in Orange system dependant scripts

To make this structure works, the administrators must define a configuration file for the queue system and a configuration file for the specific SuperComputer parameters. The COMPSs installation already provides queue configurations for *LSF* and *SLURM* and several examples for SuperComputer configurations. To create a new configuration we recommend to use one of the configurations provided by COMPSs (such as the configuration for the *MareNostrum III* SuperComputer) or to contact us at `support-compss@bsc.es`.

### 5.3.1 MareNostrum III

For information about how to submit COMPSs applications at MareNostrum III (BSC) please refer to the *COMPSs at BSC* manual available at [http://compss.bsc.es/releases/compss/latest/docs/COMPSs\\_MareNostrum\\_Manual.pdf](http://compss.bsc.es/releases/compss/latest/docs/COMPSs_MareNostrum_Manual.pdf).

## 6 Common Issues

This section provides answers for the most common issues of the execution of COMPSs applications. For specific issues not covered in this section, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

`support-compss@bsc.es`

### 6.1 How to debug

When the application does not behave as expected the first thing users must do is to run it in **debug** mode executing the *runcompss* command with the *-d* flag to enable the debug log level.

In this case the application execution will produce the following files:

- runtime.log
- resources.log
- jobs folder

First, users should check the last lines of the runtime.log. If the file-transfers or the tasks are failing an error message will appear in this file. If the file-transfers are successfully and the jobs are submitted, users should check the *jobs* folder and look at the error messages produced inside each job. Users should notice that if there are *\_RESUBMITTED* files something inside the job is failing.

### 6.2 Tasks are not executed

If the tasks remain in **Blocked** state probably there are no existing resources matching the specific task constraints. This error can be potentially caused by two facts: the resources are not correctly loaded into the runtime, or the task constraints do not match with any resource.

In the first case, users should take a look at the *resources.log* and check that all the resources defined in the *project.xml* file are available to the runtime. In the second case users should re-define the task constraints taking into account the resources capabilities defined into the *resources.xml* and *project.xml* files.

### 6.3 Jobs fail

If all the application's tasks fail because all the submitted jobs fail, it is probably due to the fact that there is a resource miss-configuration. In most of the cases, the resource that the application is trying to access has no passwordless access through the configured user. This can be checked by:

- Open the project.xml. (The default file is stored under */opt/COMPSs/ Runtime/-configuration/xml/projects/project.xml*)

- For each resource annotate its name and the value inside the *User* tag. Remember that if there is no *User* tag COMPSs will try to connect this resource with the same username than the one that launches the main application.
- For each annotated resourceName - user please try *ssh user@resourceName*. If the connection asks for a password then there is an error in the configuration of the ssh access in the resource.

The problem can be solved running the following commands:

```
compss@bsc:~$ scp ~/.ssh/id_dsa.pub user@resourceName:./mydsa.pub
compss@bsc:~$ ssh user@resourceName "cat mydsa.pub >> ~/.ssh/authorized_keys; rm ./mydsa.pub"
```

These commands are a quick solution, for further details please check the *Additional Configuration* section inside the *COMPSs Installation Manual* available at our website <http://compss.bsc.es>.

## 6.4 Compilation error: @Method not found

When trying to compile Java applications users can get some of the following compilation errors:

```
error: package integratedtoolkit.types.annotations does not exist
import integratedtoolkit.types.annotations.Constraints;
~

error: package integratedtoolkit.types.annotations does not exist
import integratedtoolkit.types.annotations.Method;
~

error: package integratedtoolkit.types.annotations does not exist
import integratedtoolkit.types.annotations.Parameter;
~

error: package integratedtoolkit.types.annotations.Parameter does not exist
import integratedtoolkit.types.annotations.Parameter.Direction;
~

error: package integratedtoolkit.types.annotations.Parameter does not exist
import integratedtoolkit.types.annotations.Parameter.Type;
~

error: cannot find symbol
@Parameter(type = Type.FILE, direction = Direction.INOUT)
~
    symbol:   class Parameter
    location: interface APPLICATION_Itf

error: cannot find symbol
@Constraints(processorCoreCount = 2)
~
    symbol:   class Constraints
    location: interface APPLICATION_Itf

error: cannot find symbol
@Method(declaringClass = "application.ApplicationImpl")
~
    symbol:   class Method
    location: interface APPLICATION_Itf
```

All these errors are raised because the *compss-engine.jar* is not listed in the CLASS-PATH. The default COMPSs installation automatically inserts this package into the

CLASSPATH but it may have been overwritten or deleted. Please check that your environment variable CLASSPATH contains the *compss-engine.jar* location by running the following command:

```
$ echo $CLASSPATH | grep compss-engine
```

If the result of the previous command is empty it means that you are missing the *compss-engine.jar* package in your classpath.

The easiest solution is to manually export the CLASSPATH variable into the user session:

```
$ export CLASSPATH=$CLASSPATH:/opt/COMPSS/Runtime/compss-engine.jar
```

However, you will need to remember to export this variable every time you log out and back in again. Consequently, we recommend to add this export to the *.bashrc* file:

```
$ echo "# COMPSS variables for Java compilation" >> ~/.bashrc
$ echo "export CLASSPATH=$CLASSPATH:/opt/COMPSS/Runtime/compss-engine.jar" >> ~/.bashrc
```

Attention: The *compss-engine.jar* is installed inside the COMPSS installation directory. If you have performed a custom installation, the path of the package may be different.

## 6.5 Jobs failed on method reflection

When executing an application the main code gets stuck executing a task. Taking a look at the *runtime.log* users can check that the job associated to the task has failed (and all its resubmissions too). Then, opening the *jobX\_NEW.out* or the *jobX\_NEW.err* files users find the following error:

```
[ERROR|integratedtoolkit.Worker|Executor] Can not get method by reflection
integratedtoolkit.nio.worker.executors.Executor$JobExecutionException: Can not get method by reflection
    at integratedtoolkit.nio.worker.executors.JavaExecutor.executeTask(JavaExecutor.java:142)
    at integratedtoolkit.nio.worker.executors.Executor.execute(Executor.java:42)
    at integratedtoolkit.nio.worker.JobLauncher.executeTask(JobLauncher.java:46)
    at integratedtoolkit.nio.worker.JobLauncher.processRequests(JobLauncher.java:34)
    at integratedtoolkit.util.RequestDispatcher.run(RequestDispatcher.java:46)
    at java.lang.Thread.run(Thread.java:745)
Caused by: java.lang.NoSuchMethodException: simple.Simple.increment(java.lang.String)
    at java.lang.Class.getMethod(Class.java:1678)
    at integratedtoolkit.nio.worker.executors.JavaExecutor.executeTask(JavaExecutor.java:140)
    ... 5 more
```

This error is due to the fact that COMPSs cannot find one of the tasks declared in the Java Interface. Commonly this is triggered by one of the following errors:

- The *declaringClass* of the tasks in the Java Interface has not been correctly defined.
- The parameters of the tasks in the Java Interface do not match the task call.
- The tasks have not been defined as *public*.

## 6.6 Jobs failed on reflect target invocation null pointer

When executing an application the main code gets stuck executing a task. Taking a look at the *runtime.log* users can check that the job associated to the task has failed (and all its resubmissions too). Then, opening the *jobX\_NEW.out* or the *jobX\_NEW.err* files users find the following error:

```
[ERROR|integratedtoolkit.Worker|Executor]
java.lang.reflect.InvocationTargetException
    at sun.reflect.NativeMethodAccessorImpl.invoke0(Native Method)
    at sun.reflect.NativeMethodAccessorImpl.invoke(NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:57)
    at sun.reflect.DelegatingMethodAccessorImpl.invoke(DelegatingMethodAccessorImpl.java:43)
    at java.lang.reflect.Method.invoke(Method.java:606)
    at integratedtoolkit.nio.worker.executors.JavaExecutor.executeTask(JavaExecutor.java:154)
    at integratedtoolkit.nio.worker.executors.Executor.execute(Executor.java:42)
    at integratedtoolkit.nio.worker.JobLauncher.executeTask(JobLauncher.java:46)
    at integratedtoolkit.nio.worker.JobLauncher.processRequests(JobLauncher.java:34)
    at integratedtoolkit.util.RequestDispatcher.run(RequestDispatcher.java:46)
    at java.lang.Thread.run(Thread.java:745)
Caused by: java.lang.NullPointerException
    at simple.Ll.printY(Ll.java:25)
    at simple.Simple.task(Simple.java:72)
    ... 10 more
```

This cause of this error is that the Java object accessed by the task has not been correctly transferred and one or more of its fields is null. The transfer failure is normally caused because the transferred object is not serializable.

Users should check that all the object parameters in the task are either implementing the serializable interface or following the *java beans* model (by implementing an empty constructor and getters and setters for each attribute).

## 6.7 Tracing merge failed: too many open files

When too many nodes and threads are instrumented, the tracing merge can fail due to an OS limitation, namely: the maximum open files. This problem usually happens when using advanced mode due to the larger number of threads instrumented. To overcome this issue users have two choices. **First option**, use *Extrac* parallel MPI merger. This merger is automatically used if COMPSs was installed with MPI support. In Ubuntu you can install the following packets to get MPI support:

```
sudo apt-get install libcr-dev mpich2 mpich2-doc
```



To check if COMPSs was deployed with MPI support, you can check the installation log and look for the following *Extrae* configuration output:

```
Package configuration for Extrae 3.3.0 based on extrae/trunk rev. 3966:
-----
Installation prefix: /gpfs/apps/MN3/COMPSs/Trunk/Dependencies/extrae
Cross compilation: no
CC: gcc
CXX: g++
Binary type: 64 bits

MPI instrumentation: yes
  MPI home: /apps/OPENMPI/1.8.1-mellanox
  MPI launcher: /apps/OPENMPI/1.8.1-mellanox/bin/mpirun
```

On the other hand, if you already installed COMPSs, you can check *Extrae* configuration executing the script `/opt/COMPSs/Dependencies/extrae/etc/configured.sh`. Users should check that flags `-with-mpi=/usr` and `-enable-parallel-merge` are present and that MPI path is correct and exists. Sample output:

```
EXTRAE_HOME is not set. Guessing from the script invoked that Extrae was installed in /opt/COMPSs/
Dependencies/extrae
The directory exists .. OK
Loaded specs for Extrae from /opt/COMPSs/Dependencies/extrae/etc/extrae-vars.sh

Extrae SVN branch extrae/trunk at revision 3966

Extrae was configured with:
$ ./configure --enable-gettimeofday-clock --without-mpi --without-unwind --without-dyninst --without-
binutils --with-mpi=/usr --enable-parallel-merge --with-papi=/usr --with-java-jdk=/usr/lib/jvm/java-7-
openjdk-amd64/ --disable-openmp --disable-nanos --disable-smpss --prefix=/opt/COMPSs/Dependencies/
extrae --with-mpi=/usr --enable-parallel-merge --libdir=/opt/COMPSs/Dependencies/extrae/lib

CC was gcc
CFLAGS was -g -O2 -fno-optimize-sibling-calls -Wall -W
CXX was g++
CXXFLAGS was -g -O2 -fno-optimize-sibling-calls -Wall -W

MPI_HOME points to /usr and the directory exists .. OK
LIBXML2_HOME points to /usr and the directory exists .. OK
PAPI_HOME points to /usr and the directory exists .. OK
DYNINST support seems to be disabled
UNWINDing support seems to be disabled (or not needed)
Translating addresses into source code references seems to be disabled (or not needed)

Please, report bugs to tools@bsc.es
```

**Disclaimer:** the parallel merge with MPI will not bypass the system's maximum number of open files, just distribute the files among the resources. If all resources belong to the same machine, the merge will fail anyways.

The **second option** is to increase the OS maximum number of open files. For instance, in Ubuntu:

```
nano /etc/init.d/neo4j-service
```

Add `« ulimit -n 40000 »` just before the `start-stop-daemon` line in the `do_start` section.

Please find more details on the COMPSs framework at  
**`http://compss.bsc.es`**