JLAB Common Environment

A quest for the least evil

Purpose: having a common environment developed across the halls.

Why? Environment Variables are used during setup, compilation and run time by lot of software. Halls cooperation will minimize the risks associated with it.

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We can't get rid of these but we simplify things for users.

Back to Basis

Ideally, we need only ONE environment variable for ALL libraries:

JLAB_SOFTWARE

- > geant4
- > mysql
- > clhep
- > jana
- > gemc

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All right, let's use this model.

Software Versioning

```
JLAB_SOFTWARE
                 >> geant4
                          > 4.9.3.p02
                          > 4.9.4.p01
                                    include
                                    bin
                                    lib
                                    [...]
                 >> mysql
                 >> clhep
                 >> jana
                         > 0.6.2
                                    include
                                    bin
                                    lib
                                    [...]
```

Machine Architecture

Use the osrelease.pl script (Dave Lawrence) to determine

- OS version
- CPU architecture
- Compiler Version

This returns a string, like:

Darwin_macosx10.6-i386-gcc4.2.1 Linux_CentOS5.3-x86_64-gcc4.1.2

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Put it at the top of the path:

- So that everything below looks like the "ideal"
- Want to avoid having multiple subdirectories for each software
- Keep Sources Separated (don't mess with the .o)

The Plan

For the vast majority of users:

One Environment Variable:

JLAB_ROOT

(On the Cue Machines:

/site/12gev_phys)

Users:

```
setenv JLAB_ROOT /site/12gev_phys
source $JLAB_ROOT /ce/jlab.csh
```

Will:

- 1. Run osrelease.pl to recognize machine
- 2. Set up all the evil environment (including LD and DYLD paths)
- 3. Set default versions, unless user specifies otherwise
- 4. Output Log on Screen

System Supported:

(supported = installed at JLAB, with RPM and DEB packages available)

- CLHEP
- Xerces
- Geant4 (with GDML)
- Qt4
- ROOT
- EVIO
- GEMC
- JANA
- SCONS Scripts

Log Output

```
jlab15% ssh ifarm1101
> Common Environment
> Running as ungaro on ifarm1101
> OSRelease: Linux CentOS5.3-x86 64-qcc4.1.2
                           /site/12gev phys/Linux CentOS5.3-x86 64-gcc4.1.2
> JLAB SOFTWARE set to:
> CLHEP Version:
                           2.1.0.1
                           4.9.4.p02
> Geant4 Version:
> mysql is installed in: /site/12gev phys/Linux CentOS5.3-x86 64-gcc4.1.2/mysql
> OTDIR Version:
                           4.7.1
> ROOT Version:
                           5.28
> XERCES Version:
                           3.1.1
> EVIO is installed in:
                           $JLAB SOFTWARE/evio
                           $JLAB SOFTWARE/gemc
> GEMC is installed in:
? Attention: No SCRAT installation found.
> BANKS is installed in:
                           $JLAB SOFTWARE/banks
> Scons Scripts are in:
                           $JLAB ROOT/scons scripts
> JANA Version:
                           0.6.2
```

User Customization

1. Can set up OSRELEASE to be different than osrelease.pl

Useful for cross-compiling (e.g. 32 bit on 64 bit machines)

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2. Can set up a software version env. variable to "freeze" it

setenv GEANT4_VERSION 4.9.4.p01

The scripts will check for a user variable version before setting the default version.

The version is a string. So one could test "geant4_mauree" version.

User Customization

3. Any existing library setup will not be overwritten If you have ROOTSYS, everything ROOT related won't be overwritten

(still not so sure about that... Make it optional?)

Suggested Locations

JLAB_ROOT

On the Cue Machines:

/site/12gev_phys

On User's Linux:

/usr/local/jlab_software

On User's Mac OS X:

/sw/jlab_software

Packages distributions

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- RPMS (Fedora 15 64, RHEL5, SL4 and CentOS 64)
- **Deb** (Ubuntu10)
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The environment is distributed as a package as well. The only thing that changes is JLAB_ROOT, everything downstream of that is the same.

Environment package: "ce".

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The packages are distributed with their SOURCES as well. So users can recompile their software using the packages.

Summary

Common Environment minimizes users and developers problems, while still allowing for lot of flexibility

Installed at JLAB, trivial to install on users machine

Would be nice to cooperate on this across the Halls

CON: not for BASH (yet)