Centos / RHEL 7

The HUBzero Platform

Installation instructions for Red Hat Enterprise Linux and CentOS Linux. The Hubzero tools infrastructure is not available at this time.

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Upgrading from CentOS 6 to CentOS 7

1. Make sure your current host is fully upgraded with the latest OS packages and latest Hubzero CMS code. See https://help.hubzero.org/documentation/22/installation/redhat/updates

2. CentOS / RHEL recommends migrating to a CentOS 7 host and not a in-place upgrade. Setup a new host with the CentOS 7 installed and follow the Hubzero installation instructions at https://help.hubzero.org/documentation/22/installation/centos7/install.

3. Migrate data and some configurations. It is the responsibility of the system administrator of the host to decide what should and shouldn't be migrated to the new host. Not everything can be migrated en mass to the new operating system as it will not be compatible.
   1. CMS data migration
      1. Copy the following directories and its sub-directories to the new host at the same location. Do not copy all of /var/www/[hubname]/app/ - it will squash some of the new CMS configuration. Other directories in app/ may copied as needed if they are being used, com_component directories, in the app/components directory, for example.
         1. /var/www/[hubname]/app/site/
         2. /var/www/[hubname]/app/template/[yourtemplate]
      2. Export and Import the CMS database.
         1. Make sure the version of MariaDb are the same on the old and new host.
         2. Export the current database in its entirety as root.
         3. On the Centos7 host, as root, import the database.
         4. Update the mysql database password in /etc/hubzero.secrets/ and in /var/www/[hubname]/app/config/database.php
      3. At the discretion of the system administrator, you may want to copy log files or other data on the current host to the new host.
      4. If modifications have been made to the current host in the /etc/ directory or other conf, we recommend merging the needed configuration into the new hosts rather than a direct copy and overwrite.
Updates

The host operating system should be updated on a regular basis to ensure operating system security updates are promptly installed.

# yum upgrade

The above will also update HUBzero packages but they won't all take effect until they are applied to your site. To apply updates to your site run

This will regenerate your apache configuration files. If you modified them directly they will be overwritten. Be sure to apply apache configuration changes to /etc/httpd/sites-m4/hub.m4 and hub-ssl.m4 files in order to retain the changes between updates

# hzcms update
Installation

Target Audience

This document and the installation and maintenance of a HUBzero system has a target audience of experienced Linux administrators (preferably experienced with RedHat or CentOS distributions).

Minimum System Requirements

HUBzero (RedHat) installations require one or more dedicated hosts running RedHat or CentOS version 7.

A typical starter HUBzero installation might consist of a single physical server with dual 64-bit quad-core CPUs, 24 Gigabytes of RAM and a terabyte of disk.

Production systems should try to not limit hardware resources, HUBzero is designed to run on systems with many CPU cores and lots of RAM. If you are looking for a system to run a small site with limited physical or virtual resources this is probably not the system for you. However, for demonstration or development purposes we often create VM images with less than a gigabyte of RAM and 5 gigabytes of disk. While fully functional, these virtual machines would only be suitable for a single user doing development or testing.

System Architecture

All hardware, filesystem partitions, RAID configurations, backup models, security models, etc. and base configurations of the hosts email server, SSH server, network, etc. are the responsibility of the system administrator managing the host.

The Hubzero software expects to be installed on a headless server from a minimal ISO with only one network interface (required by OpenVZ) with an MTU no less than ‘1500’. System accounts must not be created with an id of 1000 or greater - more about that in a forthcoming section.
Linux

Install Basic Operating System

Advanced Linux system administrator skills are required, please read carefully. Selecting all the default configurations during the operating system installation may not always be suitable.

The latest version of RedHat Enterprise Linux 7 or CentOS 7 (x86_64 is the only architecture supported) should be downloaded and installed. Do not install a default LAMP environment or other server packages.

System reboots are required to complete the installation. Be sure to remove the install disk or otherwise reset your server’s boot media before rebooting.

The precise server configuration (such as disk partitioning, networking, etc) is dependent on how the hub is to be used and what hardware is being used, all the possible configuration options are not specifically outlined here. This installation guide outlines a very basic configuration but may not be suitable for larger sites. For larger sites, it is generally expected that the hub will be managed by an experienced Linux administrator who can help setup your site to meet your specific requirements.

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The following instructions only instruct how to install Hubzero software. At a minimum a "Basic Server" host, ideally from a 'minimal' ISO image, is required with network access.

The Hubzero software expects to be installed on a headless server without a Graphical User Interface.

Configure Networking and DNS

Configure your host's network as desired. A registered domain name and SSL certificate is required and should be obtained prior to installation. A static IP address is highly recommended as well.

By default, the Hubzero middleware uses IP addresses in the 192.168.0.0/16 subnet. Do not use an IP address in this range for your host.

Set hostname

Throughout this documentation you will see specific instructions for running commands, with part of the text highlighted. The highlighted text should be modified to your local configuration choices. (e.g. replace "example.com" with the fully qualified hostname of your machine).
HUBzero expects the `hostname` command to return the fully qualified hostname for the system. This step may be skipped if previously configured.

```
sudo hostname hubdomain.org
```

Make the change permanent:

```
sudo hostnamectl set-hostname hubdomain.org
```

**Delete local Users**

HUBzero reserves all user ids from 1000 up for hub accounts. As part of the app middleware every account must map to a corresponding system account. Therefore when starting up a hub it is required to remove all accounts that have user ids 1000 or greater. New RedHat/CentOS installations typically do not setup a non root account during setup, but if you have any accounts added to the system, those accounts can be removed as follows:

```
sudo userdel username
sudo rm -fr /home/username
```

If you require additional system accounts, they should use user and group ids in the range of 500-999 (these will not interfere with hub operations).

**Update the initial OS install**

```
sudo yum update -y
```

**Disable SELinux**

Hubzero does not currently support SELinux. Since the default install of RHEL turns it on, we have to turn it off.
sudo sed -i 's/^SELINUX=.*$/SELINUX=disabled/g' /etc/selinux/config

Reboot the system for this change to take effect
sudo reboot

Yum repository setup
Configure the hubzero repository configuration package

For RedHat Enterprise Linux 7
sudo subscription-manager repos --enable rhel-7-server-optional-rpms
sudo subscription-manager repos --enable rhel-7-server-extras-rpms
sudo subscription-manager repos --enable rhel-server-rhscl-7-rpms
sudo rpm -Uvh http://packages.hubzero.org/rpm/julian-el7/hubzero-release-julian-2.2.7-1.el7.noarch.rpm

For CentOS 7
sudo yum install -y epel-release
sudo yum install -y centos-release-scl-rh
sudo rpm -Uvh http://packages.hubzero.org/rpm/julian-el7/hubzero-release-julian-2.2.7-1.el7.noarch.rpm
Firewall

Install

```
sudo yum remove -y firewalld
sudo yum install -y hubzero-iptables-basic
```

```
sudo service hubzero-iptables-basic start
sudo chkconfig hubzero-iptables-basic on
```

If installing the Hubzero tool infrastructure:

```
sudo yum install -y hubzero-mw2-iptables-basic
```

```
sudo service hubzero-mw2-iptables-basic start
sudo chkconfig hubzero-mw2-iptables-basic on
```

HUBzero requires the use of iptables to route network connections between application sessions and the external network. The scripts controlling this can also be used to manage basic firewall operations for the site. The basic scripts installed here block all access to the host except for those ports required by HUBzero (http,https,http-alt,ldap,ssh.smtp,mysql,submit,etc).
Web Server

Install Apache Httpd Web Server

```
sudo yum install -y hubzero-apache2

sudo service httpd start
sudo chkconfig httpd on
```
PHP

Install

HUBzero still requires the use of PHP 5.6 (7.x support coming soon). For CentOS/RedHat 7 you used to be able to get 5.6 via the software collections library and when that was removed we mirrored a copy. These packages are no longer being maintained so are not recommended. The current recommendation for RedHat/CentOS 7 is to use the php56 packages from the Remi Repository (https://rpms.remireponet). These packages are still receiving security updates for serious issues despite PHP 5.6 reaching upstream EOL.

```
sudo rpm -Uvh https://rpms.remirepo.net/enterprise/remi-release-7.rpm
sudo yum install -y hubzero-php56-remi
sudo service php56-php-fpm start
sudo chkconfig php56-php-fpm on
```
Database

MySQL Database Installation

HUBzero should work with any MySQL 5.5 compatible database. We have used MySQL 5.5.x, 5.6.x, MariaDB 5.5.x, 10.1.x, 10.3.x, Percona XtraDB Cluster 5.7.x.

For CentOS 7 and Redhat Enterprise 7 we recommend MariaDB 5.5.x directly from the MariaDB rpm repositories as they are maintaining longer term support. ([https://downloads.mariadb.org/mariadb/repositories](https://downloads.mariadb.org/mariadb/repositories)).

CentOS 7 - MariaDB Database Installation

cat << EOF > /etc/yum.repos.d/mariadb-5.5.repo
# MariaDB 5.5 CentOS repository list
# http://downloads.mariadb.org/mariadb/repositories/
[mariadb]
name = MariaDB
baseurl = http://yum.mariadb.org/5.5/centos7-amd64
gpgkey=https://yum.mariadb.org/RPM-GPG-KEY-MariaDB
gpgcheck=1
EOF

sudo yum install -y MariaDB-server
sudo service mysql start
sudo chkconfig mysql on

RedHat Enterprise Linux 7 - MariaDB Database Installation

sudo cat << EOF > /etc/yum.repos.d/mariadb-5.5.repo
# MariaDB 5.5 RedHat repository list
# http://downloads.mariadb.org/mariadb/repositories/
[mariadb]
name = MariaDB
baseurl = http://yum.mariadb.org/5.5/rhel7-amd64
gpgkey=https://yum.mariadb.org/RPM-GPG-KEY-MariaDB
gpgcheck=1
EOF

sudo yum install -y MariaDB-server
sudo service mysql start
sudo chkconfig mysql on
Configure

Default configuration works well for starters. But for optimal performance you will need a database administrator capable of tuning your database to your hardware configuration and site usage.
Mail

Install Postfix

```
sudo yum install -y postfix

sudo service postfix start
sudo chkconfig postfix on
```

Test

```
sudo postfix check
```

If the 'postfix check' command returns anything, resolve the reported issues with the Postfix installation before continuing.

Configure Postfix

Configure Postfix as desired. The default installation may only handle mail on the localhost. HUBzero expects to be able to send mail to registered user's email address to confirm registration and also to send group and support ticket related messages. Incoming mail is also expected to work (see Mailgateway section) in order to receive support ticket updates and email replies to group forum messages. Setting up an appropriate mail configuration is up to the site administrator. The Mailgateway service expects postfix to be the Mail Transfer Agent on CentOS and RedHat systems.
CMS

Installation

```sh
sudo yum install -y hubzero-cms-2.2
sudo yum install -y hubzero-texvc
sudo yum install -y hubzero-textifier
sudo yum install -y wkhtmltopdf
```

Configuration

```sh
sudo hzcms install hubname
```

It is necessary to immediately run the updater to apply fixes that have not been incorporated into the initial installation.

```sh
sudo hzcms update
```

SSL Configuration

The default SSL certificate is a self signed certificate (aka snakeoil) meant for evaluation purposes only. Some browsers will not accept this certificate and will not allow access to the site without special configuration (https://support.mozilla.org/en-US/questions/1012036). For a production hub you will need to obtain a valid SSL certificate. A certificate may contain two or three pieces: a public certificate, a private key, and sometimes an intermediate certificate. All files are expected to be in PEM format.

Let's Encrypt and Certbot may be a viable option to obtain SSL certificates - https://certbot.eff.org/lets-encrypt/centosrhel7-apache.html

```
**Do NOT use Snap. "yum install -y certbot python-certbot-apache", then follow the rest of the instructions to run the 'certbot' commands - start with step #7 'just get a certificate' "certbot certonly --apache".
```

Once you obtain the certificate, copy the SSL certificate files to the httpd SSL configuration directories and restart httpd.
sudo cp [your certificate pem file] /etc/httpd/conf/ssl.crt/hubname-cert.pem
sudo cp [your certificate private key pem file] /etc/httpd/conf/ssl.key/hubname-privkey.pem
sudo cp [your certificate intermediate certificate pem file] /etc/httpd/conf/ssl.crt/hubname-chain.pem
sudo chown root:root /etc/httpd/conf/ssl.crt/hubname-cert.pem
sudo chown root:root /etc/httpd/conf/ssl.key/hubname-privkey.pem
sudo chown root:root /etc/httpd/conf/ssl.crt/hubname-chain.pem
sudo chmod 0640 /etc/httpd/conf/ssl.crt/hubname-cert.pem
sudo chmod 0640 /etc/httpd/conf/ssl.key/hubname-privkey.pem
sudo chmod 0640 /etc/httpd/conf/ssl.crt/hubname-chain.pem
sudo hzcms reconfigure hubname
sudo service httpd restart

If you are using the HTML5 VNC Proxy Server, you must update your certificate settings there as well.

First Hub Account Creation

You should now be able to create a new user account for yourself via hub web registration at "/register". Depending on your email hosting you may not receive the confirmation email. After your new user account is created, you can confirm, approve, and promote the new account as the installing admin by logging into /administrator with the admin account credentials. The 'admin' user password is stored in /etc/hubzero.secrets and can only be read by root user. The admin account is only to be used once to approve and promote your individual user account and should be disabled in the CMS afterwards.
SOLR Search

Install

```bash
sudo yum install -y hubzero-solr
```
Mailgateway

Install the Hubzero Mailgateway

```
sudo yum install -y hubzero-mailgateway
```

Configure the Hubzero Mailgateway

```
sudo hzcms configure mailgateway --enable
```
Submit

Introduction

The submit command provides a means for HUB end users to execute applications on remote resources. The end user is not required to have knowledge of remote job submission mechanics. Jobs can be submitted to traditional queued batch systems including PBS and Condor or executed directly on remote resources.

Installation

```
sudo yum install -y hubzero-submit-pegasus
sudo yum install -y hubzero-submit-condor
sudo yum install -y hubzero-submit-common
sudo yum install -y hubzero-submit-server
sudo yum install -y hubzero-submit-distributor
sudo yum install -y hubzero-submit-monitors

sudo hzcms configure submit-server --enable
sudo service submit-server start
sudo chkconfig submit-server on
```

At completion of the yum install commands several files will be located in the directory /opt/submit. Excluding python files, the directory listing should like the following:

```
$ ls -a -I "[A-Z]*.py" -I "[A-Z]*.pyc" -I "." -I "."identity.distributor.sh
distributor.py
monitorJob.py
monitorTunnelA.py
monitorTunnelD.py
monitorTunnelI.py
monitorTunnelR.py
servers.py
```

Configuration

Submit provides a mechanism to execute jobs on machines outside the HUB domain. To
accomplish this feat, some configuration is required on the HUB and some additional software must be installed and configured on hosts in remote domains. Before attempting to configure submit it is necessary to obtain access to the target remote domain(s). The premise is that a single account on the remote domain will serve as an execution launch point for all HUB end users. It is further assumes that access to this account can be made by direct ssh login or using an ssh tunnel (port forwarding).

Having attained account access to one or more remote domains, it is possible to proceed with submit configuration. To get started, the ssh public generated by the installation should be transferred to the remote domain host(s).

HUB Configuration

The behavior of submit is controlled through a set of configuration files. The configuration files contain descriptions of the various parameters required to connect to a remote domain, exchange files, and execute simulation codes. There are separate files for defining remote sites, staged tools, multiprocessor managers, file access controls, permissible environment variables, remote job monitors, and ssh tunneling. Most parameters have default values and it is not required that all parameters be explicitly defined in the configuration files. A simple example is given for each category of configuration file.
Remote sites are defined in the file sites.dat. Each remote site is defined by a stanza indicating an access mechanism and other account and venue specific information. Defined keywords are:

- **[name]** - site name. Used as command line argument (-v/--venue) and in tools.dat (destinations)
- **venues** - comma separated list of hostnames. If multiple hostnames are listed one site will chosen at random.
- **tunnelDesignator** - name of tunnel defined in tunnels.dat.
- **siteMonitorDesignator** - name of site monitor defined in monitors.dat.
- **venueMechanism** - possible mechanisms are ssh and local.
- **remoteUser** - login user at remote site.
- **remoteBatchAccount** - some batch systems requirement that an account be provided in addition to user information.
- **remoteBatchSystem** - the possible batch submission systems include CONDOR, PBS, SGE, and LSF. SCRIPT may also be specified to specify that a script will be executed directly on the remote host.
- **remoteBatchQueue** - when remoteBatchSystem is PBS the queue name may be specified.
- **remoteBatchPartition** - slurm parameter to define partition for remote job
- **remoteBatchPartitionSize** - slurm parameter to define partition size, currently for BG machines.
- **remoteBatchConstraints** - slurm parameter to define constraints for remote job
- **parallelEnvironment** - sge parameter
- **remoteBinDirectory** - define directory where shell scripts related to the site should be kept.
- **remoteApplicationRootDirectory** - define directory where application executables are located.
- **remoteScratchDirectory** - define the top level directory where jobs should be executed. Each job will create a subdirectory under remoteScratchDirectory to isolated jobs from each other.
- **remotePpn** - set the number of processors (cores) per node. The PPN is applied to PBS and LSF job description files. The user may override the value defined here from the command line.
- **remoteManager** - site specific multi-processor manager. Refers to definition in
managers.dat.

- remoteHostAttribute - define host attributes. Attributes are applied to PBS description files.
- stageFiles - A True/False value indicating whether or not files should be staged to remote site. If the job submission host and remote host share a file system file staging may not be necessary. Default is True.
- passUseEnvironment - A True/False value indicating whether or not the HUB 'use' environment should passed to the remote site. Default is False. True only makes sense if the remote site is within the HUB domain.
- arbitraryExecutableAllowed - A True/False value indicating whether or not execution of arbitrary scripts or binaries are allowed on the remote site. Default is True. If set to False the executable must be staged or emanate from /apps. (deprecated)
- executableClassificationsAllowed - classifications accepted by site. Classifications are set in appaccess.dat
- members - a list of site names. Providing a member list gives a layer of abstraction between the user facing name and a remote destination. If multiple members are listed one will be randomly selected for each job.
- state - possible values are enabled or disabled. If not explicitly set the default value is enabled.
- failoverSite - specify a backup site if site is not available. Site availability is determined by site probes.
- checkProbeResult - A True/False value indicating whether or not probe results should determine site availability. Default is True.
- restrictedToUsers - comma separated list of user names. If the list is empty all users may garner site access. User restrictions are applied before group restrictions.
- restrictedToGroups - comma separated list of group names. If the list is empty all groups may garner site access.
- logUserRemotely - maintain log on remote site mapping HUB id, user to remote batch job id. If not explicitly set the default value is False.
- undeclaredSiteSelectionWeight - used when no site is specified to choose between sites where selection weight > 0.
- minimumWallTime - minimum walltime allowed for site or queue. Time should be expressed in minutes.
- maximumWallTime - maximum walltime allowed for site or queue. Time should be expressed in minutes.
- minimumCores - minimum number of cores allowed for site or queue.
- maximumCores - maximum number of cores allowed for site or queue.
- pegasusTemplates - pertinent pegasus templates for site, rc, and transaction files.

An example stanza is presented for a site that is accessed through ssh.
[cluster]
venues = cluster.campus.edu
remotePpn = 8
remoteBatchSystem = PBS
remoteBatchQueue = standby
remoteUser = yourhub
remoteManager = mpich-intel64
venueMechanism = ssh
remoteScratchDirectory = /scratch/yourhub
siteMonitorDesignator = clusterPBS

Tools

Staged tools are defined in the file tools.dat. Each staged tool is defined by a stanza indicating an where a tool is staged and any access restrictions. The existence of a staged tool at multiple sites can be expressed with multiple stanzas or multiple destinations within a single stanza. If the tool requires multiprocessors a manager can also be indicated. Defined keywords are

- **[name]** - tool name. Used as command line argument to execute staged tools. Repeats are permitted to indicate staging at multiple sites.
- **destinations** - comma separated list of destinations. Destination may exist in sites.dat or be a grid site defined by a ClassAd file.
- **executablePath** - path to executable at remote site. The path may be given as an absolute path on the remote site or a path relative to remoteApplicationRootDirectory defined in sites.dat.
- **restrictedToUsers** - comma separated list of user names. If the list is empty all users may garner tool access. User restrictions are applied before group restrictions.
- **restrictedToGroups** - comma separated list of group names. If the list is empty all groups may garner tool access.
- **environment** - comma separated list of environment variables in the form e=v.
- **remoteManager** - tool specific multi-processor manager. Refers to definition in managers.dat. Overrides value set by site definition.
- **state** - possible values are enabled or disabled. If not explicitly set the default value is
An example stanza is presented for a staged tool maintained in the yourhub account on a remote site.

```
[earth]
destinations = cluster
executablePath = ${HOME}/apps/planets/bin/earth.x
remoteManager = mpich-intel

[sun]
destinations = cluster
executablePath = ${HOME}/apps/stars/bin/sun.x
remoteManager = mpich-intel
```

**Monitors**

Remote job monitors are defined in the file monitors.dat. Each remote monitor is defined by a stanza indicating where the monitor is located and to be executed. Defined keywords are

- [name] - monitor name. Used in sites.dat (siteMonitorDesignator)
- venue - hostname upon which to launch monitor daemon. Typically this is a cluster headnode.
- venueMechanism - monitoring job launch process. The default is ssh.
- tunnelDesignator - name of tunnel defined in tunnels.dat.
• remoteUser - login user at remote site.
• remoteBinDirectory - define directory where shell scripts related to the site should be kept.
• remoteMonitorCommand - command to launch monitor daemon process.
• state - possible values are enabled or disabled. If not explicitly set the default value is enabled.

An example stanza is presented for a remote monitor tool used to report status of PBS jobs.

```
[clusterPBS]
venue = cluster.campus.edu
remoteUser = yourhub
remoteMonitorCommand = ${HOME}/SubmitMonitor/monitorPBS.py
```

**Multi-processor managers**

Multiprocessor managers are defined in the file managers.dat. Each manager is defined by a stanza indicating the set of commands used to execute a multiprocessor simulation run. Defined keywords are

• [name] - manager name. Used in sites.dat and tools.dat.
• computationMode - indicate how to use multiple processors for a single job. Recognized values are mpi, parallel, and matlabmpi. Parallel application request multiprocess have there own mechanism for inter process communication. Matlabmpi is used to enable the an Matlab implementation of MPI.
• preManagerCommands - comma separated list of commands to be executed before the manager command. Typical use of pre manager commands would be to define the environment to include a particular version of MPI amd/or compiler, or setup MPD.
• managerCommand - manager command commonly mpirun. It is possible to include strings that will be sustituted with values defined from the command line.
• postManagerCommands - comma separated list of commands to be executed when the manager command completes. A typical use would be to terminate an MPD setup.
- `mpiRankVariable` - define environment variable set by manager command to define process rank. Recognized values are: `MPIRUN_RANK`, `GMPI_ID`, `RMS_RANK`, `MXMPI_ID`, `MSTI_RANK`, `PMI_RANK`, and `OMPI_MCA_ns_nds_vpid`. If no variable is given an attempt is made to determine process rank from command line arguments.
- `environment` - comma separated list of environment variables in the form `e=v`.
- `moduleInitialize` - initialize module script for sh
- `modulesUnload` - modules to be unloaded clearing way for replacement modules
- `modulesLoad` - modules to load to define mpi and other libraries
- `state` - possible values are enabled or disabled. If not explicitly set the default value is enabled.

An example stanza is presented for a typical MPI instance. The given command should be suitable for `/bin/sh` execution.

```
[mpich-intel]
preManagerCommands = . $(MODULESHOME)/init/sh, module load mpich-intel/11.1.038
managerCommand = mpirun -machinefile ${PBS_NODEFILE} -np NPROCESSORS
```

The token `NPROCESSORS` is replaced by an actual value at runtime.

**File access controls**

Application or file level access control is described by entries listed in the file `appaccess.dat`. The ability to transfer files from the HUB to remote sites is granted on a group basis as defined by white and black lists. Each list is given a designated priority and classification. In cases where a file appears on multiple lists, the highest priority takes precedence. Simple wildcard operators are allowed in the filename declaration allowing for easy listing of entire directories. Each site lists acceptable classification(s) in `sites.dat`. Defined keywords are

- `[group]` - group name.
- `whitelist` - comma separated list of paths. Wildcards allowed.
- blacklist - comma separated list of paths. Wildcards allowed.
- priority - higher priority wins
- classification - apps or user. User class are treated are arbitrary executables.
- state - possible values are enabled or disabled. If not explicitly set the default value is enabled.

An example file giving permissions reminiscent of those defined in earlier submit releases is presented here:

```
[public]
whitelist = /apps/.*
priority = 0
classification = apps

[submit]
whitelist = ${HOME}/.*
priority = 0
classification = home
```

The group public is intended to include all users. Your system may use a different group such as users for this purpose. The definitions shown here allow all users access to files in /apps where applications are published. Additionally members of the submit group are allowed to send files from their $HOME directory.

**Environment variables**

Legal environment variables are listed in the file environmentwhitelist.dat. The objective is to prevent end users from setting security sensitive environment variables while allowing application specific variables to be passed to the remote site. Environment variables required to define multiprocessor execution should also be included. The permissible environment variables should be entered as a simple list - one entry per line. An example file allowing use of a variables used by openmp and mpich is presenter here.

```
# environment variables listed here can be specified from the command line with -e/--env option. Attempts to specify other environment variables will be ignored and the values will not be passed to the remote site.
```
Tunnels

In some circumstances, access to clusters is restricted such that only a select list of machines is allowed to communicate with the cluster job submission node. The machines that are granted such access are sometimes referred to as gateways. In such circumstances, ssh tunneling or port forwarding can be used to submit HUB jobs through the gateway machine. Tunnel definition is specified in the file tunnels.dat. Each tunnel is defined by a stanza indicating gateway host and port information. Defined keywords are

- [name] - tunnel name.
- venue - tunnel target host.
- venuePort - tunnel target port.
- gatewayHost - name of the intermediate host.
- gatewayUser - login user on gatewayHost.
- localPortOffset - local port offset used for forwarding. Actual port is localPortMinimum + localPortOffset

An example stanza is presented for a tunnel between the HUB and a remote venue by way of an accepted gateway host.

```
[cluster]
venue = cluster.campus.edu
venuePort = 22
gatewayHost = gateway.campus.edu
gatewayUser = yourhub
localPortOffset = 1
```
Initialization Scripts and Log Files

The submit server and job monitoring server must be started as daemon processes running on the submit host. If ssh tunneling is going to be used an addition server must be started as a daemon process. Each daemon process writes to a centralized log file facilitating error recording and debugging.

Initialize daemon scripts

Scripts for starting the server daemons are provided and installed in /etc/init.d. The default settings for when to start and terminate the scripts are adequate.

Log files

Submit processes log information to files located in the /var/log/submit directory tree. The exact location varies depending on the vintage of the installation. Each process has its own log file. The three most important log files are submit-server.log, distributor.log, and monitorJob.log.

submit.log

The submit-server.log file tracks when the submit server is started and stopped. Each connection from the submit client is logged with the command line and client ip address reported. All log entries are timestamped and reported by submit-server process ID (PID) or submit ID (ID:) once one has been assigned. Entries from all jobs are simultaneously reported and intermingled. The submit ID serves as a good search key when tracing problems. Examples of startup, job execution, and termination are given here. The job exit status and time metrics are also recorded in the MyQSL database JobLog table.

[Sun Aug 26 17:28:24 2012] 0: ########################################
[Sun Aug 26 17:28:24 2012] 0: Listening: protocol='tcp', host='', port =830

[Sun Sep 23 12:33:28 2012] (1154) =---------------
[Sun Sep 23 12:33:28 2012] 0: Server will time out in 60 seconds.
[Sun Sep 23 12:33:28 2012] 0: Cumulative job load is 0.84. (Max: 510.00)
[Sun Sep 23 12:33:38 2012] (1154) ====================================
[Sun Sep 23 12:33:38 2012] 0: Server will time out in 60 seconds.
[Sun Sep 23 12:33:38 2012] 1670: Job Status: venue=1:local status=0 cpu=0.030000 real=0.000000 wait=0.000000
[Sun Sep 23 12:33:38 2012] 1670: Job Status: venue=2:local status=0 cpu=0.040000 real=0.000000 wait=0.000000
[Sun Sep 23 12:33:38 2012] 1670: Job Status: venue=3:local status=0 cpu=7.050000 real=7.000000 wait=0.000000
[Sun Sep 23 12:33:38 2012] 1670: Job Status: venue=4:local status=0 cpu=0.080000 real=0.000000 wait=0.000000
[Sun Sep 23 12:33:38 2012] 1670: Job Status: venue= status=0 cpu=10.428651 real=9.561828 wait=0.000000
[Sun Sep 23 12:48:44 2012] (1154) ====================================

[Sun Aug 26 17:28:17 2012] 0: Server(10836) was terminated by a signal 2.

**distributor.log**

The distributor.log file tracks each job as it progresses from start to finish. Details of remote site...
assignment, queue status, exit status, and command execution are all reported. All entries are
timestamped and reported by submit ID. The submit ID serves as the key to join data reported
in submit-server.log. An example for submit ID 1659 is listed here. Again the data for all jobs are
intermingled.

```
[Sun Sep 23 00:04:21 2012] 0: quotaCommand = quota -w | tail -n 1
[Sun Sep 23 00:04:21 2012] 1659: command = tar vchf 00001659_01_input.tar --exclude='*.svn*' -C /home/hubzero/user/data/sessions/3984L.__local_jobid.00001659_01 sayhiinquire.dax
[Sun Sep 23 00:04:21 2012] 1659: remoteCommand pegasus-plan --dax ./sayhiinquire.dax
[Sun Sep 23 00:04:21 2012] 1659: workingDirectory /home/hubzero/user/data/sessions/3984L
[Sun Sep 23 00:04:21 2012] 1659: command = tar vrfh 00001659_01_input.tar --exclude='*.svn*' -C /home/hubzero/user/data/sessions/3984L/0001659/01 00001659_01.sh
[Sun Sep 23 00:04:21 2012] 1659: command = nice -n 19 gzip 00001659_01_input.tar
[Sun Sep 23 00:04:21 2012] 1659: command = /opt/submit/bin/receiveinput.sh /home/hubzero/user/data/sessions/3984L/00001659/01 /home/hubzero/user/data/sessions/3984L/00001659/01/.__timestamp_transferred.00001659_01
[Sun Sep 23 00:04:21 2012] 1659: command = /opt/submit/bin/submitbatchjob.sh /home/hubzero/user/data/sessions/3984L/00001659/01 ./00001659_01.pegasus
[Sun Sep 23 00:04:23 2012] 1659: remoteJobId = 2012.09.23 00:04:22.996 EDT:   Submitting job(s).
2012.09.23 00:04:23.002 EDT:   1 job(s) submitted to cluster 946.
2012.09.23 00:04:23.012 EDT:   ---------------------------------------
2012.09.23 00:04:23.017 EDT:   Your Workflow has been started and runs
```

in base directory given below

2012.09.23 00:04:23.064 EDT: cd /home/hubzero/user/data/sessions/3984L/00001659/01/work/pegasus
2012.09.23 00:04:23.070 EDT: *** To monitor the workflow you can run ***
2012.09.23 00:04:23.075 EDT: pegasus-status -l /home/hubzero/user/data/sessions/3984L/00001659/01/work/pegasus
2012.09.23 00:04:23.080 EDT: *** To remove your workflow run ***
2012.09.23 00:04:23.085 EDT: pegasus-remove /home/hubzero/user/data/sessions/3984L/00001659/01/work/pegasus
2012.09.23 00:04:23.090 EDT: Time taken to execute is 0.993 seconds
2012.09.23 00:04:23.101 EDT: [Sun Sep 23 00:04:23 2012] 1659: status:Job N WF-DiaGrid
2012.09.23 00:04:23.106 EDT: [Sun Sep 23 00:04:23 2012] 1659: status:DAG R WF-DiaGrid
2012.09.23 00:04:23.111 EDT: [Sun Sep 23 00:04:23 2012] 1659: status:Simulation I DiaGrid
2012.09.23 00:10:42 2012: 0: quotaCommand = quota -w | tail -n 1
2012.09.23 00:10:42 2012: 1660: command = tar vchf 00001660_01_input.tar --exclude='*.svn*' -C /home/hubzero/clarksm .__local_jobid.00001660_01 noerror.sh
2012.09.23 00:10:42 2012: 1660: workingDirectory /home/hubzero/clarksm
2012.09.23 00:10:42 2012: 1660: command = tar vrhf 00001660_01_input.tar --exclude='*.svn*' -C /home/hubzero/clarksm/00001660/01 00001660_01.sh
2012.09.23 00:10:42 2012: 1660: command = nice -n 19 gzip 00001660_01_input.tar
2012.09.23 00:10:42 2012: 1660: command = /opt/submit/bin/receiveinput.sh /home/hubzero/clarksm/00001660/01 /home/hubzero/clarksm/00001660/01/__timestamp_transferred.00001660_01
2012.09.23 00:10:42 2012: 1660: command = /opt/submit/bin/submitbatchjob.sh /home/hubzero/clarksm/00001660/01 ./00001660_01.condor
2012.09.23 00:10:42 2012: 1660: remoteJobId = Submitting job(s). 1 job(s) submitted to cluster 953.
2012.09.23 00:10:42 2012: 1660: status:Job N DiaGrid
2012.09.23 00:12:07 2012: 1660: Received SIGINT!
2012.09.23 00:12:07 2012: 1660: waitForBatchJobs: nCompleteRemoteJobIndexes = 0, nIncompleteJobs = 1, abortGlobal = True
2012.09.23 00:12:07 2012: 1660: command = /opt/submit/bin/killbatchjob.sh 953.0 CONDOR
monitorJob.log

The monitorJob.log file tracks the invocation and termination of each remotely executed job monitor. The remote job monitors are started on demand when job are submitted to remote sites. The remote job monitors terminate when all jobs complete at a remote site and no new activity has been initiated for a specified amount of time - typically thirty minutes. A typical report should look like:

```
[Sun Aug 26 17:29:16 2012] (1485) **************************************************
[Sun Aug 26 17:29:16 2012] (1485) * distributor job monitor started *
[Sun Aug 26 17:29:16 2012] (1485) **************************************************
[Sun Aug 26 17:29:16 2012] (1485) loading active jobs
[Sun Aug 26 17:29:16 2012] (1485) 15 jobs loaded from DB file
```
It is imperative that the job monitor be running in order for notification of job progress to occur. If users report that their job appears to hang check to make sure the job monitor is running. If necessary take corrective action and restart the daemon.

monitorTunnel.log

The monitorTunnel.log file tracks invocation and termination of each ssh tunnel connection. If users report problems with job submission to sites accessed via an ssh tunnel this log file should be checked for indication of any possible problems.

Remote Domain Configuration

For job submission to remote sites via ssh it is necessary to configure a remote job monitor and a set of scripts to perform file transfer and batch job related functions. A set of scripts can be used for each different batch submission system or in some cases they may be combined with appropriate switching based on command line arguments. A separate job monitor is need for each batch submission system. Communication between the HUB and remote resource via ssh requires inclusion of a public key in the authorized_keys file.
Job monitor daemon

A remote job monitor runs a daemon process and reports batch job status to a central job monitor located on the HUB. The daemon process is started by the central job monitor on demand. The daemon terminates after a configurable amount of inactivity time. The daemon code needs to be installed in the location declared in the monitors.dat file. The daemon requires some initial configuration to declare where it will store log and history files. The daemon does not require any special privileges any runs as a standard user. Typical configuration for the daemon looks like this:

```
$ cat monitors.dat
[cluster PBS]
venue = cluster.campus.edu
remoteUser = yourhub
remoteMonitorCommand = $HOME/Submit/monitorPBS.py
```

The directory defined by MONITORLOGLOCATION needs to be created before the daemon is started. Sample daemon scripts used for PBS, LSF, SGE, Condor, Load Leveler, and Slurm batch systems are included in directory BatchMonitors.

File transfer and batch job scripts

The simple scripts are used to manage file transfer and batch job launching and termination.
The location of the scripts is entered in sites.dat.

```
$ cat sites.dat
[clusterPBS]
venue = cluster.campus.edu
remoteUser = yourhub
remoteBinDirectory = ${HOME}/bin
```

Examples scripts suitable for use with PBS, LSF, Condor, Load Leveler, and Slurm are included in directory Scripts. After modifications are made to monitors.dat the central job monitor must be notified. This can be accomplished by stopping and starting the submon daemon or a HUP signal can be sent to the monitorJob.py process.

**File transfer - input files**

Receive compressed tar file containing input files required for the job on stdin. The file transferredTimestampFile is used to determine what newly created or modified files should be returned to the HUB.

```
receiveinput.sh jobWorkingDirectory jobScratchDirectory transferredTimestampFile
```

**Batch job script - submission**

Submit batch job using supplied description file. If arguments beyond job working directory and batch description file are supplied an entry is added to the remote site log file. The log file provides a record relating the HUB end user to the remote batch job identifier. The log file should be placed at a location agreed upon by the remote site and HUB.

```
submitbatchjob.sh jobWorkingDirectory jobScratchDirectory jobDescriptionFile
```
The jobId is returned on stdout if job submission is successful. For an unsuccessful job submission the returned jobId should be -1.

File transfer - output files

Return compressed tar file containing job output files on stdout.

transmitresults.sh jobWorkingDirectory

File transfer - cleanup

Remove job specific directory and any other dangling files

cleanupjob.sh jobWorkingDirectory jobScratchDirectory jobClass

Batch job script - termination

Terminate given remote batch job. Command line arguments specify job identifier and batch system type.

killbatchjob.sh jobId jobClass

Batch job script - post process

For some jobClasses it is appropriate to preform standard post processing actions. An example of such a jobClass is Pegasus.

postprocessjob.sh jobWorkingDirectory jobScratchDirectory jobClass

Access Control Mechanisms

By default tools and sites are configured so that access is granted to all HUB members. In some cases it is desired to restrict access to either a tool or site to a subset of the HUB membership. The keywords restrictedToUsers and restrictedToGroups provide a mechanism to apply restrictions accordingly. Each keyword should be followed by a list of comma separated values
of userids (logins) or groupids (as declared when creating a new HUB group). If user or group restrictions have been declared upon invocation of submit a comparison is made between the restrictions and userid and group memberships. If both user and group restrictions are declared the user restriction will be applied first, followed by the group restriction.

In addition to applying user and group restrictions another mechanism is provided by the executableClassificationsAllowed keyword in the sites configuration file. In cases where the executable program is not pre-staged at the remote sites the executable needs to be transferred along with the user supplied inputs to the remote site. Published tools will have their executable program located in the /apps/tools/revision/bin directory. For this reason submitted programs that reside in /apps are assumed to be validated and approved for execution. The same cannot be said for programs in other directories. The common case where such a situation arises is when a tool developer is building and testing within the HUB workspace environment. To grant a tool developer the permission to submit such arbitrary applications the site configuration must allow arbitrary executables and the tool developer must be granted permission to send files from their $HOME directory. Discrete permission can be granted on a file by file basis in appaccess.dat.