Oracle XML DB

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Outline of Talk

- Why Combine XML and Databases?
- XML for pedestrians
 - GLAST Calibration files
 - DTD and Schema
 - database experts call this CREATE TABLE
 - Joanne's DTD >>> Matt's Schema
- Oracle XML Database features

Database + Excel



Why Combine XML with a DB?

- Databases Pros
 - Better at storing and searching data
 - Data integrity
 - Central support
- XML Pros
 - Better at representing data
 - All you need is emacs
 - More natural to think in terms of
 - Windows Explorer file system view
 - Linux shell filesystem view



Current Calibration File Strategy

- Use MySQL for "metadata" about XML files in a UNIX filesystem.
 - Metadata is easily queried for.
 - Calibration constants more difficult to get at.
- Issues with current strategy
 - How to get these to the end user's desktop?
 - Client side software
 - Windows
 - Linux
 - perl?, rsync?
 - How to analyze data?
 - Currently difficult
 - Ad hoc solutions use multiple redundant files.
 - How to trend, or look at time histories, of calibration data?
- Better to store all information in database and generate XML on the fly?

Typical GLAST Calibration File

```
<Pxml version="1.0"P>
<calCalib xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="http://glast06.slac.stanford.edu;8080/public/glast/calCalib_v2r2
mdl.xsd">
  <generic instrument="LAT" timestamp="2004-12-01T22:33:00" calibType="CAL_Ped"
fmtVersion="v2r2"/>
  <dimension nRow="1" nCol="1" nLayer="8" nXtal="12" nFace="2" nRange="4"/>
  <tower iRow="0" iCol="0">
     <laver iLaver="0">
        <xtal iXtal="0">
           <face end="POS">
             <calPed avg="332.81" sig="5.64154" range="LEX8"/>
             <calPed avg="189.759" sig="0.6666663" range="LEX1"/>
             <calPed avg="474.915" sig="4.21631" range="HEX8"/>
             <calPed avg="214.969" sig="0.50565" range="HEX1"/>
          </face>
          <face end="NEG">
             <calPed avg="633.525" sig="5.90657" range="LEX8"/>
             <calPed avg="216.201" sig="0.694477" range="LEX1"/>
             <calPed avg="380.887" sig="4.21721" range="HEX8"/>
             <calPed avg="228.454" sig="0.519369" range="HEX1"/>
           </face>
        </xtal>
        <xtal iXtal="1">
          <face end="POS">
             <calPed avg="439.818" sig="5.64147" range="LEX8"/>
             <calPed avg="199.699" sig="0.675" range="LEX1"/>
             <calPed avg="716.009" sig="4.12846" range="HEX8"/>
             <calPed avg="207.596" sig="0.538755" range="HEX1"/>
```

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Current Calibration File DTD (v2r2)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!-- edited with XML Spy v4.4 U (http://www.xmlspy.com) by Matthew Langston (private) -->
<!ELEMENT calCalib (generic, dimension, dac*, xpos?, tower*)>
<!ELEMENT generic (inputSample?)>
<!ATTLIST generic
  instrument (LAT | BFEM | BTEM | EM | EM2 | CU) #REQUIRED
  timestamp NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
  calibType (CAL_LightAtt | CAL_LightAsym | CAL_LightYield | CAL_Ped | CAL_ElecGain
CAL_IntNonlin | CAL_DiffNonlin | CAL_MuSlope | CAL_Asym | CAL_MevPerDac | CAL_TholdCI
CAL TholdMuon) #REQUIRED
  DTDVersion NMTOKEN "v2r2"
  fmtVersion NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT inputSample (#PCDATA)>
<!ATTLIST inputSample
  startTime NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
  stopTime NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
  triggers NMTOKENS #REQUIRED
  source NMTOKENS #REQUIRED
  mode NMTOKEN #REQUIRED
```

My Stab at a Schema (required for some Oracle features)



XML Database Benefits

- Searching using a combination of SQL and XPath.
- Integration
 - Easier to exchange data
 - You define the data types, structure, etc.
 - No DB Drivers, etc.
- Automation

 Insert data into Oracle with "drag-and-drop" using WebDAV, FTP, HTTP, etc.

SQL and XPath



where existsnode(xml, '//generic[@timestamp = xs:date("2005-04-23")]' and '//tower[@iRow = 0 and @iCol = 0]/layer[@iLayer = 2]/xtal/face[@end = "POS"]/calPed[@range = "LEX

- XPath is a rich search language for data organized hierarchically
 - Relatively simple to learn
 - Hundreds of build in functions
 - User defined functions
 - Extensible through scripting

Conclusions

- Oracle 10g is an XML database
 - has had since Oracle 8i
 - Probably the best in the world
- SLAC needs to enable XML DB Repository
 - Allows inserting data using drag-and-drop using WebDAV, FTP, HTTP, etc.