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UWS validation

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UWS service at AIP

- "Daiquiri" web service for data publication (catalogues)
- SQL queries on database tables
- with UWS interface (not full TAP)
- UWS = universal worker service, for asynchronous, job-oriented web services
 - user creates job, job waits in queue until executed
 - results not returned immediately
 - UWS was recently updated to version 1.1

UWS 1.1 features

- latest version at [volute-repository](#)
- example url for job list:
 - `https://gaia.aip.de/uws/query`
- new job list filtering: append keywords:
 - by phase: `?PHASE=EXECUTING&PHASE=COMPLETED`
 - latest jobs: `?LAST=100`
 - latest with phase: `?LAST=100&PHASE=EXECUTING`
 - jobs created after given date: `?AFTER=2016-01-01`
- wait-blocking behaviour for jobs:
 - just wait: `?WAIT=100`
 - with phase: `?WAIT=100&PHASE=QUEUED`
- many combinations possible, a lot of options to test

UWS tests

- created external, stand-alone test suite, using python
- uses `behave`: python module for functional tests

- called from the command line:

```
behave <options> <feature-file>
```

- define test cases with Gherkin syntax for human-readable text descriptions (features and scenarios, similar to Cucumber), e.g.:

```
Scenario: Ensure user can access UWS endpoint  
When I make a GET request to base URL  
Then the response status should be "200"
```

- even allows looping over parameters

UWS tests – loop example

Scenario **Outline**: PHASE filter

When I make a GET request to `"?PHASE=<phase>"`

Then the response status should be `"200"`

And all UWS elements `"phase"` should be `"<phase>"`

Examples: Valid phases

phase	
PENDING	
QUEUED	
EXECUTING	
COMPLETED	
ERROR	
ABORTED	
ARCHIVED	
HELD	
SUSPENDED	
UNKNOWN	

UWS tests (continued)

- **behave** python module
 - allows using tags for filtering tests for different uses, e.g.:
 - use tags for UWS1.1, slow jobs, etc. for being able to exclude them
 - takes care of collecting error messages
- => only needed to define test cases and implement the steps:

uws-validator

<https://github.com/kristinriebe/uws-validator>

UWS tests – user configuration

- parameters added via command line or config file
- parameters are:
 - server's url, e.g. `https://gaia.aip.de`
 - base URL for UWS service: `uws/query`
 - user credentials for authentication
 - job details for jobs of different (estimated) duration:
 - veryshort: finishes immediately
 - short: < 30 seconds
 - long: a couple of minutes
 - error: a job that will return with an error

Examples: testing uws I

- Check basic access and authentication:
 - `behave -D configfile="userconfig-gaia.json" features/account.feature`
- Test job list, creating veryshort job:
 - `behave [...] --tags=basics`
- For UWS 1.0, exclude all 1.1 tests:
 - `behave [...] --tags=-uws1_1`
- Do fast tests first (exclude slow and neverending jobs):
 - `behave [...] --tags=-slow --tags=-neverending`

Discussion I

- Some decisions needed to be made
- Job list checks:
 - Only use existing job list?
 - But then cannot test anything if no previous jobs
 - Use "fresh" test account with no previous jobs?
 - But no guarantee that jobs finish soon (time in queue uncertain)
- Reuse previously created jobs?
 - Would save time for some tests
 - But then tests depend on each other
 - So: rather create new jobs each time I need them and clean up afterwards

Discussion II

- WAIT checks:
 - useful for jobs in active phases (PENDING, QUEUED, EXECUTING)
 - but time until phase changes is uncertain (e.g. if WAIT=10 really waits 10 seconds is difficult to check for QUEUED jobs)
 - only PENDING phase change is controlled by user
 - server may return anytime sooner (allowed by standard)

Discussion III

- Divide into different use cases?
 1. "own" services, where I have full control:
 - need complete feature tests for services (can use short jobs, influence time in queue)
 2. validation of external services:
 - only check required features (job list)
 - no reliable possibility to check WAIT, unless further information is given, like:
 - "returned early because server is busy"
 - "server max. wait time exceeded"
- should print out validation report with features that could/could not be tested