Glance Search Library

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The Glance Project



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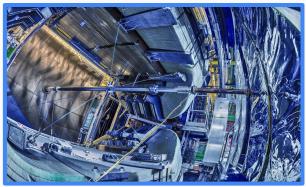
- Active since 2003
- Used by 3 CERN experiments
- +20 web systems

LHCb Systems



Membership

- 96 Institutes
- **1571** Members
- **1077** Authors
- 21 Countries



Equipment Management

- **53617** Assets
- 1080 Models
- **25110** Cables



Radiological Protection Survey

- 10536 radiation measurements
- **240** surveys
- **83** points

LHCb Challenges



How many members joined the Collaboration in 2023?



Which assets were removed from the detector last week?



How to extract all radioactive measurements in CSV?



Glance Search Library

Precursor: FENCE

The FENCE Framework

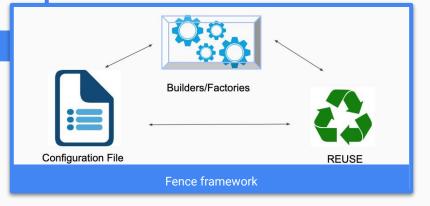
- A software framework:
 - is an environment that provides already implemented functionalities to be used as part of a system that is being developed.
 - provides a standard way to implement systems.
 - a framework (structure that serves as a support or guide) is wider than a library (building blocks that can be used anywhere).
- FENCE is an object oriented framework:
 - Gathers the required knowledge to develop systems that are suitable to CERN.
 - It is continuously being evolved by innovation.
 - o Promotes reuse and gathers the concepts of inheritance.
 - Standardization on how to develop systems
 - Minimize the impacts of team turnover (less effort to be trained understand requirements, etc)
 - Offers high level of configuration (heterogeneous users/needs).
 - Offers transition between:
 - Static relational and normalized BD x Dynamic and procedural system

Fence goals

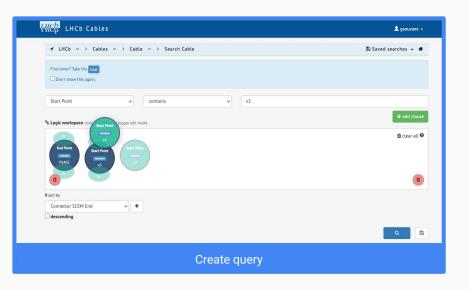


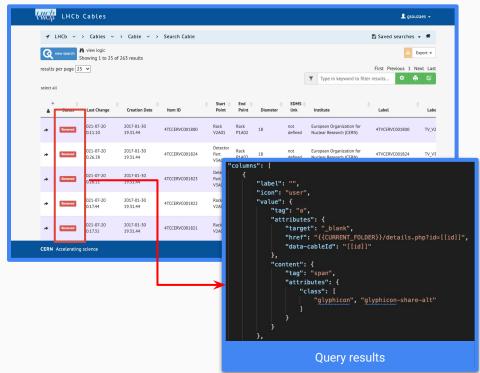
Issues

- High coupling
- Limited customization
- Lack of documentation

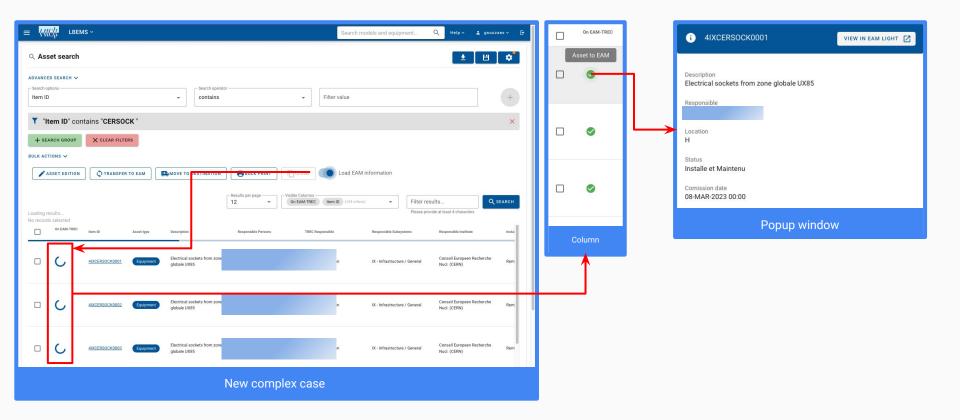


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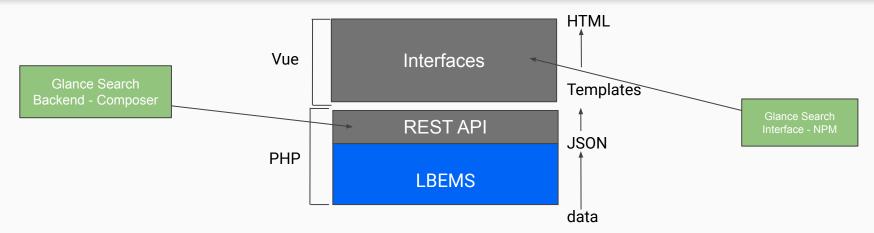




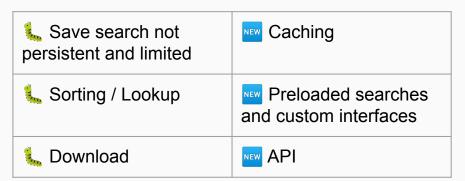
New complex interfaces



New architecture



The new architecture inherited a backlog of 20 issues from the Fence Super Search



Glance Search Library Backend - Query language

🥊 Create a query language that is easy to write and translate to a SQL WHERE clause

Search Statement

- 🛼 "I want to see all active members who joined LHCb in 2022 and all members who left that year. "
- 🥌" (startDateInLHCb >= 01-01-2022 AND startDateInLHCb <= 31-12-2022 AND employmentStatus = active) OR (endDateInLHCb >= 01-01-2022 AND endDateInLHCb <= 31-12-2022)"

Elements that compose a Search **Filter**:

- Search field
- Search Operator
- Search Value
- Conjunction
- Grouping mark

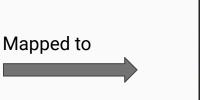


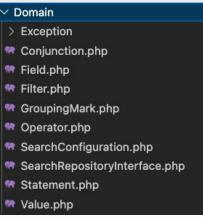
```
WHERE ((START_DATE_IN_LHCB >= TO_DATE('2022-01-01', 'YYYY-MM-DD') AND START_DATE_IN_LHCB <=
TO_DATE('2022-12-31','YYYY-MM-DD') AND UPPER(EMPLOYMENT_STATUS) = UPPER('Active')) OR (
END DATE IN LHCB >= TO DATE('2022-01-01', 'YYYY-MM-DD') AND END DATE IN LHCB <= TO DATE
('2022-12-31', 'YYYY-MM-DD')));
```

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Glance Search Library Backend - Provider

- Search field
- Search Operator
- Search Value
- Conjunction
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• A **Provider** class exposes all methods available. **Search configuration** provides the necessary information to map a Search field to a database table column. It also includes **caching** information.

```
public function runSearch(SearchInputDTO $command, string $configurationPath): array
public function saveSearch(array $input, int $agentId): int
public function getSearchConfigurationById(int $searchId): array
public function getMemberSearchConfigurations(int $memberId): array
public function deleteSearch(int $searchId): void
```

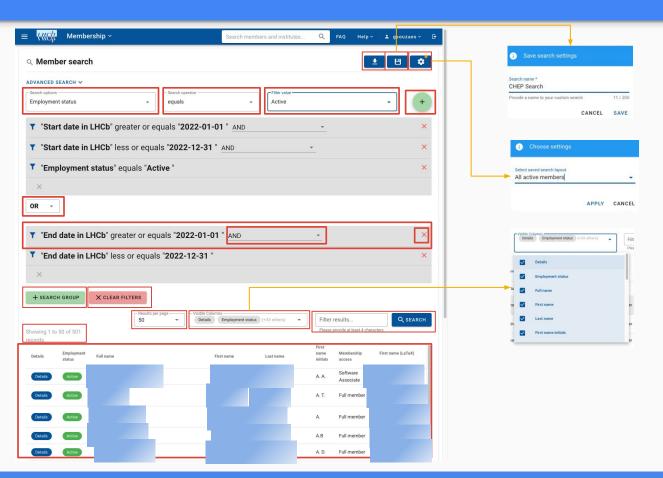
Glance Search Library Backend - Configuration



Configuration:

- Simpler configuration files
- Proper lookup
- Results can be exposed with API
- Cache a specific query

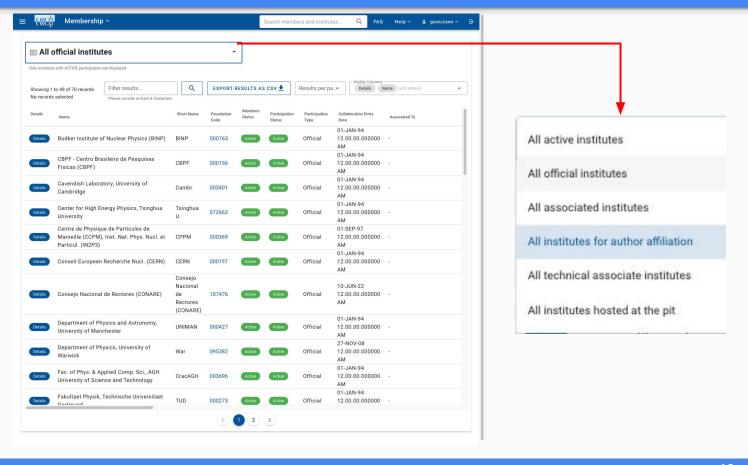
Glance Search Library Frontend



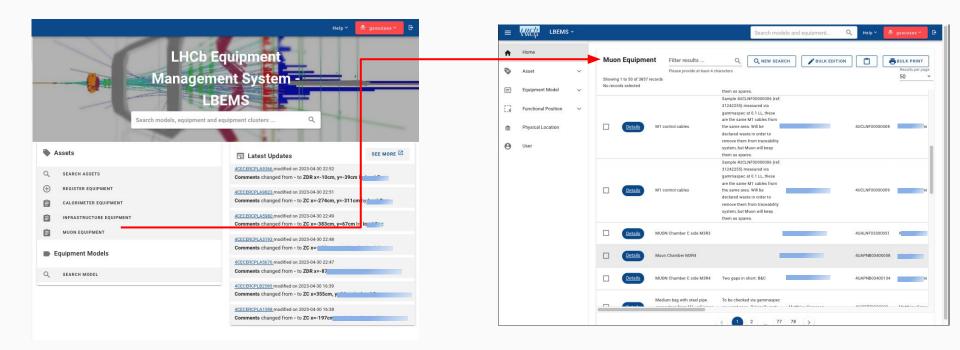
- ✓ Save search
- Pagination
- Lookup
- Download all
- Caching
- All components are grouped in a wrapper: **SuperSearch.vue**. This component receives a set of properties that define the available search fields.



Glance Search Library Frontend - Predefined searches



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Summary

Results

- 10 search interfaces currently deployed to production, helping hundreds of active users;
- 2 external applications querying our APIs to power their systems;
- The Glance Search Library fulfilled one of the most important requirements among all applications maintained by Glance in LHCb. This made possible the upgrade of Legacy Systems to a more modern stack.

Goals for the future:

- Implement the Glance Search Library on every future LHCb Glance system;
- Keep adding new features to the Glance Search Library;
 - Improving both the user and the developer experience;
- Adoption of the Glance Search Library by the other experiments at Glance;
 - For now, only LHCb uses the library.

Thanks!

Glance project presentations at CHEP 2023:

- The ALICE Glance Membership system
 - Poster session, Poster #13, 15:30 16:30
- The ALICE Glance Service Work system
 - T8 May 8th, 2023, 15:00 15:15
- Iterative and incremental development of the ATLAS Publication Tracking system
 - T5 May 9th 2023, 14:00 14:15
- Enhancing data consistency in ATLAS and CERN databases through automated synchronization
 - T5 May 9th 2023, 14:15 14:30
- The migration to a standardized architecture for developing systems on the Glance project
 - T5 May 9th 2023, 14:45 15:00

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