

Sardana Status

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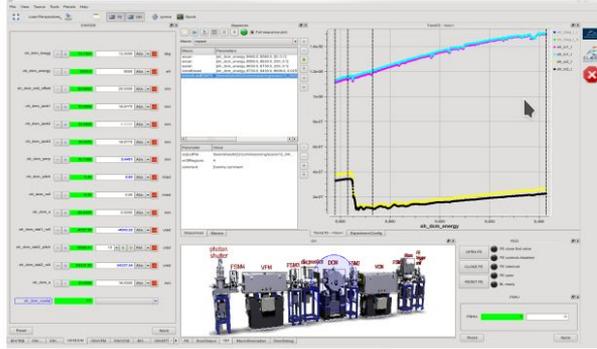
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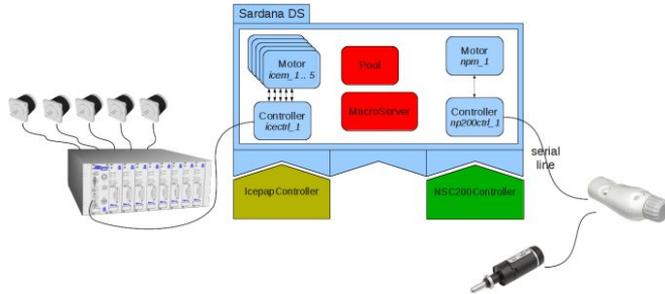
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What is Sardana?



Taurus based GUIs

Device Pool – HW access + low level control



Scientific SCADA Suite
Suite = Sardana & Taurus projects

100 % Python

Built on top of Tango CS

Extendable with plugins

Configure, don't program!

```
User_zrezela_1 [13]: lsases
-----
Active Name Timer Experia_channels
* ag_selectf oned01 oned01
  mtgrp01 ct01 ct01, ct02, ct03, ct04
  mtgrp02 ct01 ct01, ct02
  mtgrp03 ct01 ct01, ct02, ct03, ct04, oned01

User_zrezela_1 [14]: lsm
-----
Name Type Controller Axis
-----
gap01 PseudoMotor slitctrl01 1
icecap1302 Motor icecap13ctrl 2
bot01 Motor motctrl01 1
mot02 Motor motctrl01 2
mot03 Motor motctrl01 3
mot04 Motor motctrl01 4
mot05 Motor motctrl01 5
offset01 PseudoMotor slitctrl01 2
soprolec1 Motor soprolec_ctrl 1

User_zrezela_1 [15]: %scan mot01 0 1 4 0.1
operation will be saved in /home/zrezela/tmp/test_10_165
Scan #279 started at Sun Oct 12 13:43:27 2014, it will take at least 0:00:00.694422
Moving to start positions...
#Pt No. mot01 ct01 ct02 ct03 ct04 dt
0 0 0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.085824
1 0.25 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.266446
2 0.5 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.412941
3 0.75 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.579331
4 1 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.730452

operation saved in /home/zrezela/tmp/test_10_165
Scan #279 ended at Sun Oct 12 13:43:28 2014, taking 0:00:00.845693,read time 40.9%
(notion dead time 29.5%)

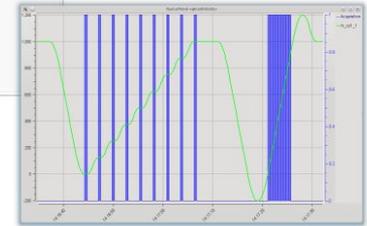
User_zrezela_1 [16]:
```

Spock – IPython based CLI

MacroServer – powerful sequencer

```
from sardana.macroserver.macro import macro

@macro()
def hello_world(self):
    """This is a hello world macro"""
    self.output("Hello, world!")
```

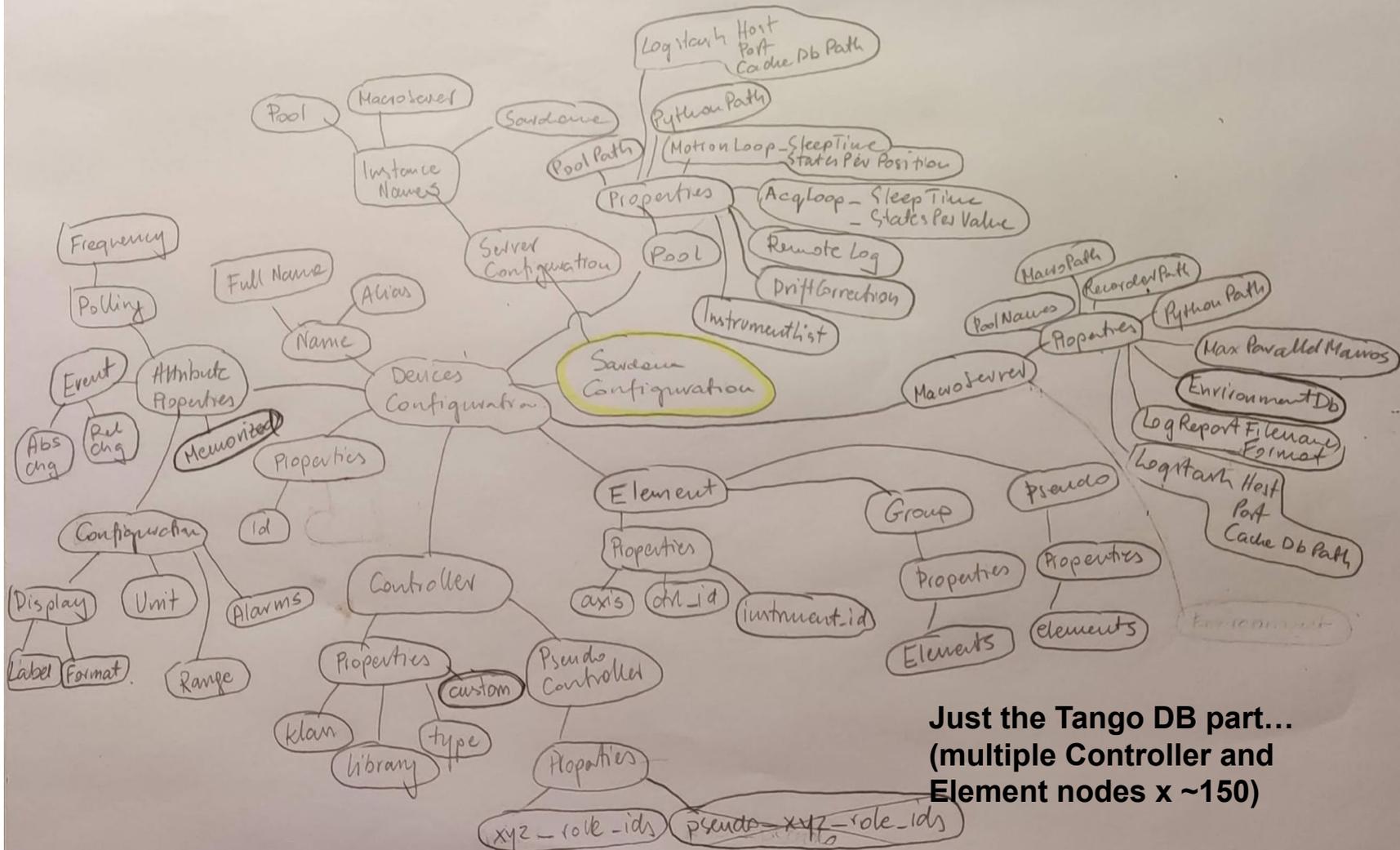


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Sardana config - motivation

- Sardana has **multiple configuration points** in Tango DB, environment DB and sardanacustomsettings.
- Different institutes developed their own and **custom solutions** for configuration
- Sardana is usually configured **dynamically**, while running:
 - things can **change** at any time, sometimes by mistake
 - things tend to **stay around**, e.g. disconnected equipment
- This leads to accidental **complexity** and is hard to **troubleshoot** and **track changes**
- **The solution must be easy and intuitive to edit and browse the Sardana configuration and track historical changes**



**Just the Tango DB part...
(multiple Controller and
Element nodes x ~150)**

Sardana config - YAML format

The “config tool” coexists with dynamic config, but can help:

- Maintain **several different setups** using separate YAML files with only relevant, working, stuff.
- Text based format can be **version controlled**; know **what** changed, **when** and by **who**.
- YAML supports **comments**, making the configuration more "self documenting".
- The YAML format follows Sardana's **logical structure** and makes the system more "readable".

```
1 tango_host: pt222.cells.es:10000
2
3 pools:
4   demol:
5     instruments:
6       /slit:
7         class: NXcollimator
8       /mirror:
9         class: NXmirror
10      /monitor:
11        class: NXmonitor
12
13    controllers:
14      motctrl01:
15        type: Motor
16        python_module: DummyMotorController.py
17        python_class: DummyMotorController
18        elements:
19          mot01:
20            axis: 1
21            instrument: /slit
22          mot02:
23            axis: 2
24            instrument: /slit
25          mot03:
26            axis: 3
27            instrument: /mirror
28          mot04:
29            axis: 4
30            instrument: /mirror
```

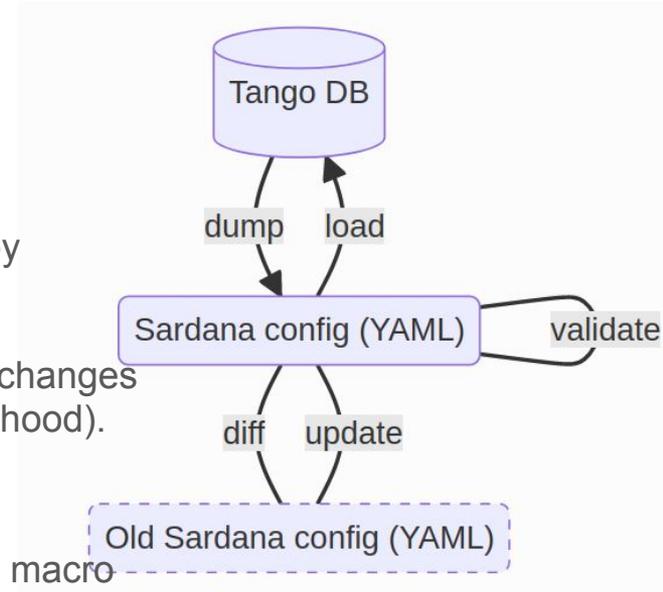
Sardana config - how does it work?

A set of **commands** that handle sardana configuration "offline".

Low level tool, intended for somewhat technical users.

```
$ sardana config --help
```

- **Define** your "whole" sardana configuration in a YAML file, either by **dumping** from an existing system, or writing it from scratch.
- **Validate** the YAML file, to catch common errors.
- **Diff** the YAML file against other files or the current system to see changes
- **Load** the config file into the Tango db (using "dsconfig" under the hood).



Note: changes don't take effect until Sardana is **restarted** (or "reconfig" macro is run).

Sardana config - current status

Only MVP feature implemented, not in general use yet (but please try it!)

Some missing features that are planned:

- Support for sardana **environment variables**
- Support for **modular** configuration (several YAML files combined)
- Better **validation**
- Future: Higher level "workflow" commands?
- Future: GUI?

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Debugging - status widget

Write your lab... Generate Generate All

Status

Macro stack ([state] macro):
 -[start] MyCustomScan 1.0
 -[start] dscan mot01 10.0 20.0 5 1.0

State

STOP
ABORT
RELEASE

Filter...

Elements	State	Status	Attribute	Actions
▼ MeasurementGroup				
▼ mntgrp01	MOVING	ct01 is On ct02 is Moving ct03 is On ct04 is On		<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> STOP ABORT RELEASE </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #e0e0ff; background-color: #e0e0ff; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">Run/Stop: RECONFIG 0%</div>
ct01	ON	ct01 is On Stopped	1.00	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> STOP ABORT RELEASE </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #e0e0ff; background-color: #e0e0ff; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">Run/Stop: RECONFIG 0%</div>
ct02	MOVING	ct02 is Moving Acquiring	0.00	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> STOP ABORT RELEASE </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #e0e0ff; background-color: #e0e0ff; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">Run/Stop: RECONFIG 0%</div>
ct03	ON	ct03 is On Stopped	3.00	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> STOP ABORT RELEASE </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #e0e0ff; background-color: #e0e0ff; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">Run/Stop: RECONFIG 0%</div>
ct04	ON	ct04 is On Stopped	4.00	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> STOP ABORT RELEASE </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #e0e0ff; background-color: #e0e0ff; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">Run/Stop: RECONFIG 0%</div>
▼ Motor				
mot01	ON	mot01 is Stopped Motor HW is ON	10.00	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> STOP ABORT RELEASE </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #e0e0ff; background-color: #e0e0ff; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">Run/Stop: RECONFIG 0%</div>

Recovery - reconfig macro

Write your lab...

Status

```
Macro stack ([state] macro):  
-[start] MyCustomScan 1.0  
-[start] dscan mot01 10.0 20.0 5 1.0
```

State



Filter...

Elements	State	Status	Attribute	Actions
MeasurementGroup				
mntgrp01	MOVING	ct01 is On ct02 is Moving ct03 is On ct04 is On		<input type="button" value="STOP"/> <input type="button" value="ABORT"/> <input type="button" value="RELEASE"/> <input type="button" value="Run/Stop: RECONFIG"/> 0%
ct01	ON	ct01 is On Stopped	1.00	<input type="button" value="STOP"/> <input type="button" value="ABORT"/> <input type="button" value="RELEASE"/> <input type="button" value="Run/Stop: RECONFIG"/> 0%
ct02	MOVING	ct02 is Moving Acquiring	0.00	<input type="button" value="STOP"/> <input type="button" value="ABORT"/> <input type="button" value="RELEASE"/> <input type="button" value="Run/Stop: RECONFIG"/> 0%
ct03	ON	ct03 is On Stopped	3.00	<input type="button" value="STOP"/> <input type="button" value="ABORT"/> <input type="button" value="RELEASE"/> <input type="button" value="Run/Stop: RECONFIG"/> 0%
ct04	ON	ct04 is On Stopped	4.00	<input type="button" value="STOP"/> <input type="button" value="ABORT"/> <input type="button" value="RELEASE"/> <input type="button" value="Run/Stop: RECONFIG"/> 0%
Motor				
mot01	ON	mot01 is Stopped Motor HW is ON	10.00	<input type="button" value="STOP"/> <input type="button" value="ABORT"/> <input type="button" value="RELEASE"/> <input type="button" value="Run/Stop: RECONFIG"/> 0%

Issue with DevRestart() command fixed - thanks to Reynald (ESRF) and Michal (S2Innovation): [cppTango#888](#)

Elements browsing and relationships - status widget

Write your lab...

Status  The device is in ON state.

State 

Filter...

Elements	State	Status	Attribute	Actions
CTExpChannel				
MeasurementGroup				
Motor				
OneDExpChannel				
oned01	ON	oned01 is On Stopped	[0.00 0.00 0.00 ... 0.00 0.00 0.00]	<input type="button" value="STOP"/> <input type="button" value="ABORT"/> <input type="button" value="RELEASE"/> <input type="button" value="Run/Stop: RECONFIG"/> 0%
PseudoMotor				
gap0102	FAULT	gap0102 is in Fault gap01 is in Fault gap02 is in Alarm	0.00	<input type="button" value="STOP"/> <input type="button" value="ABORT"/> <input type="button" value="RELEASE"/> <input type="button" value="Run/Stop: RECONFIG"/> 0%
gap01	FAULT	gap01 is in Fault mot1 is in Fault mot2 is Stopped	0.00	<input type="button" value="STOP"/> <input type="button" value="ABORT"/> <input type="button" value="RELEASE"/> <input type="button" value="Run/Stop: RECONFIG"/> 0%
mot01	FAULT	mot01 is in Fault Motor HW is ON	0.00	<input type="button" value="STOP"/> <input type="button" value="ABORT"/> <input type="button" value="RELEASE"/> <input type="button" value="Run/Stop: RECONFIG"/> 0%
mot02	ON	mot02 is Stopped Motor HW is ON	0.00	<input type="button" value="STOP"/> <input type="button" value="ABORT"/> <input type="button" value="RELEASE"/> <input type="button" value="Run/Stop: RECONFIG"/> 0%
gap02	ALARM	gap02 is in Alarm mot03 is in Alarm mot04 is Stopped	0.00	<input type="button" value="STOP"/> <input type="button" value="ABORT"/> <input type="button" value="RELEASE"/> <input type="button" value="Run/Stop: RECONFIG"/> 0%
mot03	ALARM	mot03 is in Alarm Motor HW is ON	0.00	<input type="button" value="STOP"/> <input type="button" value="ABORT"/> <input type="button" value="RELEASE"/> <input type="button" value="Run/Stop: RECONFIG"/> 0%
mot04	ON	mot04 is Stopped Motor HW is ON	0.00	<input type="button" value="STOP"/> <input type="button" value="ABORT"/> <input type="button" value="RELEASE"/> <input type="button" value="Run/Stop: RECONFIG"/> 0%
TwoDExpChannel				
ZeroDExpChannel				

Thanks to Cristina Ramirez,
Miquel Navarro,
Marti Caixal
and Jordi Aguilar (ALBA) !

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Improving user experience: feedback & error messages

```
Door_demo1_1 [2]: ascanct mot01 0 10 10 0.1
Operation will be saved in /tmp/scan.h5 (HDF5::NXscan from NXscanH5_FileRecorder)
Scan #2 started at Fri Jun 23 12:07:21 2023. It will take at least 0:00:00
Motor positions and relative timestamp (dt) columns contains theoretical values
```

Motor	Velocity[u/s]	Acceleration[s]	Deceleration[s]	Start[u]	End[u]
mot01	10	2	2	-10	21

#Pt	No	mot01	ct01	ct02	ct03	ct04	dt
0		0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	2
1		1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	2.1
2		2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	2.2
3		3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	2.3
4		4	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	2.4
5		5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	2.5
6		6	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	2.6
7		7	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	2.7

```
Report: Stopped during moving to waypoint/end position with:
mot01:
  State: Fault (12:07:26.390310)
  Status: mot01 is in Fault
  Traceback (most recent call last):
    File "/home/local/zreszela/workspace/sardana/src/sardana/pool/poolcontroller.py", line 643, in raw_read_axis_states
      state_info = ctrl.StateOne(axis)
    File "/home/local/zreszela/workspace/sardana/src/sardana/pool/poolcontrollers/DummyMotorController.py", line 578, in StateOne
      raise RuntimeError("Simulated error")
  RuntimeError: Simulated error (12:07:26.392019)
  Position: -7.784751517496602
  Overshoot was not corrected
Operation saved in /tmp/scan.h5 (HDF5::NXscan)
Scan #2 ended at Fri Jun 23 12:07:26 2023, taking 0:00:04.521016. Dead time 99.7% (setup time 0.3%, motion dead time 0.0%)
An error occurred while running ascanct:
ScanException: Moving to waypoint/end position failed
Hint: in Spock execute `www` to get more details

Door_demo1_1 [3]: █
```

Improving user experience: unified sardana CLI

`sardana` - single point of access with sub-commands:

- `spock` -> `sardana spock`
- `macroexecutor` -> `sardana macroexecutor`
- `sequencer` -> `sardana sequencer`
- `showscan` -> `sardana showscan`
- NEW: `sardana expconf`
- NEW: `sardana config`
- COMING SOON: `sardana status`

Pending - server executables*:

- `Pool` -> `sardana server --pool`
- `MacroServer` -> `sardana server --macro`
- `Sardana` -> `sardana server`

```
└─$ sardana --help
Usage: sardana [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...

The main sardana command

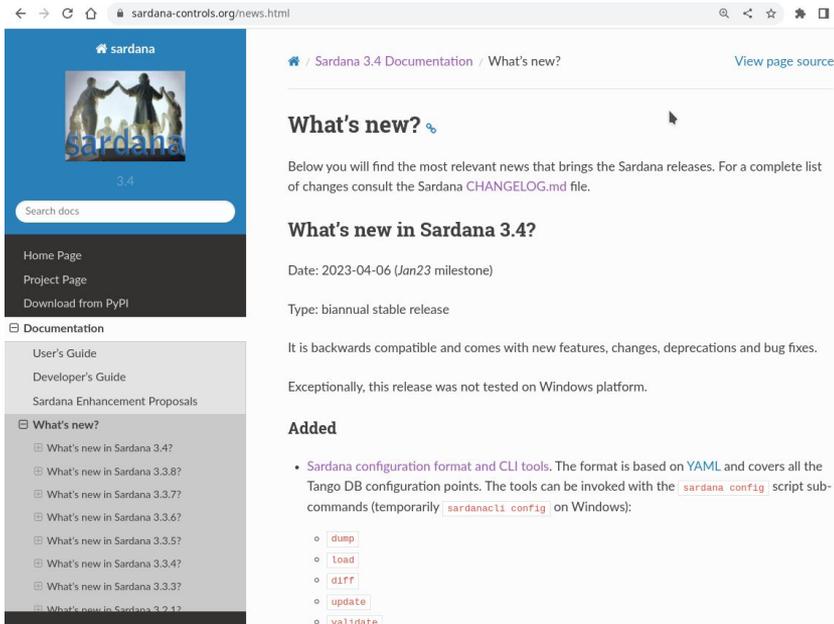
Options:
  --log-level [critical|error|warning|info|debug|trace]
                                     Show only logs with priority LEVEL or above
                                     [default: error]
  --version
                                     Show the version and exit.
  --help
                                     Show this message and exit.

Commands:
  config          This command groups the various configuration actions...
  expconf         GUI for configuring experiments.
  macroexecutor   GUI for executing macros.
  sequencer       GUI for executing macro sequences.
  showscan       GUI for online plotting of scan data.
  spock          CLI for executing macros and general control.
```

*issue with Starter - <https://gitlab.com/tango-controls/starter/-/issues/20>

Improving user experience: documentation

What's new - user friendly CHANGELOG.



The screenshot shows a web browser at `sardana-controls.org/news.html`. The page title is "Sardana 3.4 Documentation / What's new?". A search bar is visible. The main content area is titled "What's new?" and contains the following text:

Below you will find the most relevant news that brings the Sardana releases. For a complete list of changes consult the Sardana `CHANGELOG.md` file.

What's new in Sardana 3.4?

Date: 2023-04-06 (Jan23 milestone)

Type: biannual stable release

It is backwards compatible and comes with new features, changes, deprecations and bug fixes.

Exceptionally, this release was not tested on Windows platform.

Added

- Sardana configuration format and CLI tools. The format is based on `YAML` and covers all the Tango DB configuration points. The tools can be invoked with the `sardana_config` script sub-commands (temporarily `sardanacli_config` on Windows):
 - `dump`
 - `load`
 - `diff`
 - `update`
 - `validate`

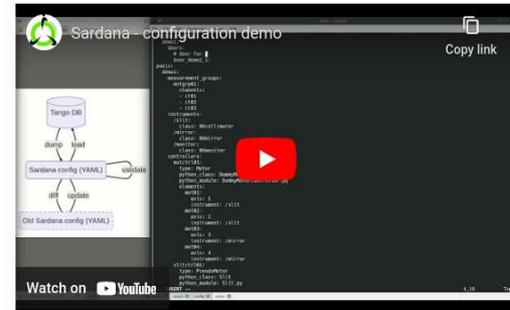
Video tutorials embedded in the docs.

Configuration format and tools

The Sardana 3.4.0 version including `SEP20` introduced a configuration text format based on `YAML` (see `sar_demo.yaml` example), and a set of CLI tools for configuring Sardana systems (check `sardana config --help` to list all of them). In the future we plan to merge all the others configuration interfaces into this format in order to provide a single point of configuration.

It is important to know that the Sardana config tools work "offline", acting directly upon the Tango DB without requiring a running Sardana instance. This means it can be used to set up a Sardana installation from scratch. However this also means that it can not modify the state of the running Sardana instance without restarting it or running the `reconfig` macro afterwards.

This video shows a short demonstration on how to use it.



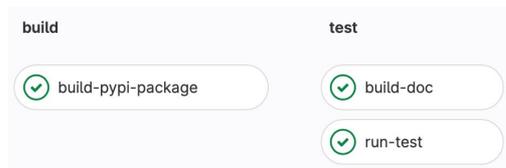
The screenshot shows a video player with the title "Sardana - configuration demo". The video content displays a diagram of the configuration process: "Tango DB" is connected to "Sardana config (YAML)", which is connected to "Sardana config (YAML)". The "Sardana config (YAML)" box has arrows pointing to "load", "update", and "validate" actions. A "Watch on YouTube" button is visible at the bottom left of the video player.

Thanks to Tango for hosting our videos on @tango-controls (YT)

Improving developer experience: refactoring of CI

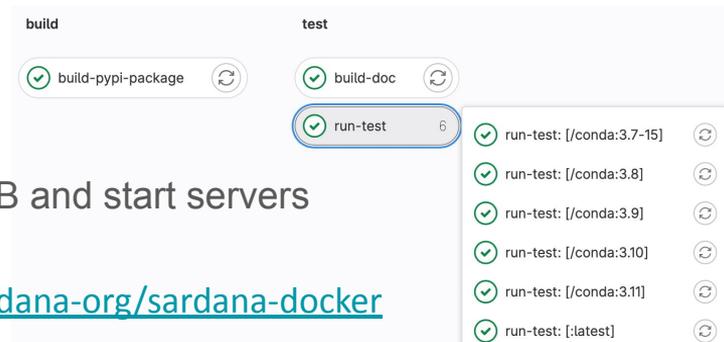
Before

- One all-in-one docker image (3.6 GB) based on Debian 9
- Only one python version tested
- Tango DB pre-populated



Now

- New images (2GB) based on mambaorg/micromamba (Python 3.7 to 3.11)
- Using GitLab CI services to start mysql and tango-db
- New **create_sar_demo** pytest fixture to populate Tango DB and start servers
- Easy to update and tests new images
- Extra: docker-compose to run locally: <https://gitlab.com/sardana-org/sardana-docker>



Thanks to Benjamin Bertrand (MAXIV) and Wojciech Zaręba, Adrianna Pytel (SOLARIS)!

Improving developer experience: pytest core fixtures

- pytest provides a more pythonic and modular way of developing tests
- sardana built-in fixtures defined in ***sardana.pool.test*** for all basic elements e.g **mot01, ct01, motctrl01, ...**

```
def test_motor_user_pos_after_set_sign(mot01):  
    mot01.define_position(3)  
    mot01.sign = -1  
    assert mot01.position.value == -3
```

- all built-in fixtures are off-the-shelf, highly customizable and allow creating complex test cases

```
@pytest.mark.parametrize("moveable", ["mot01", "gap01"])  
def test_get_moveable_position(moveable, request):  
    moveable = request.getfixturevalue(moveable)  
    assert moveable.position.value == 0
```

- core fixtures are so parameterizable that are suitable for controller (plugins) tests

```
pool_mark = pytest.mark.attrs({"pool": {"pool_path": [pool_path]}})  
  
ctrl_mark = pytest.mark.kwargs({  
    "motctrl01": {  
        "klass": "TangoAttrMotorController",  
        "library": "TangoAttrMotorCtrl.py"  
    }  
})  
  
mot_mark = pytest.mark.attribute_values({  
    "mot01": {  
        "TangoAttribute": "sys/tg_test/1/ampli",  
    }  
})  
  
pytestmark = [pool_mark, ctrl_mark, mot_mark]
```

Thanks to Michał Piekarski (SOLARIS)!

Improving developer experience: packaging

pip

Before 3.4.0: `pip3 install sardana`

In 3.4.0, added **sardana[config]**

For > 3.4.0, new extras: **spock**, **qt**, **config**, **all**
“`pip3 install sardana`” will install `pytango` but not `itango`. You can use:

- `pip3 install “sardana[spock]”`
- `pip3 install “sardana[spock,qt]”`

“`sardana[spock]`” is equivalent to the `sardana` from before

conda

Before 3.4.0: `conda install sardana`

Since 3.4.0, **sardana** is a metapackage that includes:

- **sardana-core**
- **sardana-qt**
- **sardana-config**

Install only what you need!

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Sardana Community

- Active members: **DESY, MAXIV, MBI-Berlin, SOLARIS** and **ALBA**
- **Periodic** Sardana follow-up **meetings** for discussion about new developments and issues:
 - review of the kanban board
 - backlog refinement
- **Specific meetings** dedicated to concrete topics/tasks: bug solving, documentation, tools, new big features
- Remote **pair programming when needed**
- **Collaborative developments** e.g. SEP20, test fixtures

Community events



2022: 2nd Sardana Bug Squashing Party @ ALBA

What's next?

- Continuous Scans Workshop @ SOLARIS
- Introduction to sardana macros during Tango Workshop @ ICALEPCS 2023

- 22 participants from different institutes (14 local and 8 remote)
- pair-programming sessions
- 16 issues closed
- 18 MR finished

CONTINUOUS SCANS WORKSHOP

20th-21st September, SOLARIS, hybrid



- **sharing experience** in the field of continuous scans
- looking for **possible ways of collaboration**
- speakers of similar frameworks will contribute: **Bliss, Bluesky, Flyscan (to be confirmed), DESY, PSI and Diamond**
- discussion of possible solutions for Sardana continuous scans **missing features**
- roadmap for the eventual **enhancement projects**

We invite you to participate!

[Sardana workshop \(20-21 September 2023\)](#)



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Thanks to Michał Piekarski (SOLARIS)!

Summary

- **Configuration, debugging and recovery** were significantly improved.
- We **continuously improve** user and developer experience.
- Soon we will evaluate the need for **enhancing continuous scans**.
- Tango is a solid base for Sardana and we are **grateful for the received support from the Tango Community!**
- All this was possible **thanks to the involvement of the Sardana Community**: DESY, MAXIV, MBI-Berlin, SOLARIS, S2Innovation and ALBA.

Thank you for your attention!

Improving developer experience: pytest Tango fixtures

CI improvements were made possible thanks to some test refactoring.

New `create_sar_demo` pytest fixture to start the Pool and MacroServer.

Using GitLab CI services to start mysql and tango-db

Locally, one can use docker-compose. Check the README from

<https://gitlab.com/sardana-org/sardana-docker>

```
run-test:
  stage: test
  tags: [saas-linux-small-amd64]
  parallel:
    matrix:
      # pin conda:3.7-15 due to #1829
      - SARDANA_IMAGE: ["latest", "/conda:3.7-15", "/conda:3.8", "/conda:3.9", "/conda:3.10", "/conda:3.11"]
  image: registry.gitlab.com/sardana-org/sardana-docker${SARDANA_IMAGE}
  variables:
    GIT_STRATEGY: none
    MYSQL_HOST: "gitlab-runner-tango-mysql:3306"
    MYSQL_DATABASE: "tango"
    MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD: "root"
    MYSQL_USER: "tango"
    MYSQL_PASSWORD: "tango"
    # Required for communication between services to be enabled
    FF_NETWORK_PER_BUILD: "true"
  services:
    - name: registry.gitlab.com/tango-controls/docker/mysql:5
      alias: gitlab-runner-tango-mysql
    - name: registry.gitlab.com/tango-controls/docker/tango-db
      alias: gitlab-runner-tango-db
```

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version: "3"
services:
  mysql:
    image: registry.gitlab.com/tango-controls/docker/mysql:5
    environment:
      - MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=root
  tango-db:
    image: registry.gitlab.com/tango-controls/docker/tango-db
    expose:
      - "10000"
    environment:
      - MYSQL_HOST=mysql:3306
      - MYSQL_USER=tango
      - MYSQL_PASSWORD=tango
      - MYSQL_DATABASE=tango
    depends_on:
      - mysql
  sardana:
    image: registry.gitlab.com/sardana-org/sardana-docker/conda:3.10
    container_name: sardana
    environment:
      - TANGO_HOST=tango-db:10000
    # You could mount the sardana source as volume
    # volumes:
    #   - "./build"
    command: sleep infinity
    depends_on:
      - tango-db
```

Project maintenance

Maintenance and housekeeping

Periodic releases (~ twice per year):

- not followed by all institutes but setting a point for summarising updates/news
- manual tests in all relevant platforms, helping to discover “hidden” bugs and checking compatibilities with systems and other software packages

Keep compatibility with updates/developments of extern software packages:

- important amount of work is dedicated to keep the compatibility with external packages
- issues with new versions of Python and PyQt played an important role in the past, up to now they are fixed

Backlog:

- keep track of all issues
- classify and label issues according to urgency/amount of work/impact, ...

Kanban board

- review and label issues to put in backlog
- prioritise and keep track of issues/bugs to work on
- updates/reviewed in periodic meetings
- prepared *to-dev* stage makes it easier for volunteers

The image shows a Kanban board with columns representing different stages of development. The columns are: Open, state to-design, state to-review-design, state to-review-design, state to-dev, state to-dev, and state to-review-dev. Each column contains several task cards with titles, descriptions, and various labels indicating priority, status, and other attributes.

Key tasks visible include:

- Open:** macro execution widgets fails to load a persistent configuration without model (MacroServer) (SF#17), Software limits problems between motors and pseudomotors (SF#54), DOOR filter for elements and macros (SF#78), Lint sardana source code and start checking it as part of CI, Two level of pseudomotors do not work in all cases (SF#192), sardana servers by default do not inform when the start-up has finished (SF#124), pseudo/physical roles on the controller instance level (SF#137), Measurement group asynchronous start (SF#149), Interactive macros using Qt InputHandler give problems when aborting them or when aborting other macros (using CH4-C) (SF#153), many snapshot groups but only a subset of them active (SF#173).
- state to-design:** Allow direct access to the default plot in NIXcan recorder when using PyMCA (MacroServer) (SF#216), Stop channels using software trigger/gate on software synchronizer's end event, epoch as default counter in addition to dt, expconf reports unnecessary measurement groups changes popup, mesh scans with virtual motors sharing physical motors, hand motor dial_limits to hardware controller, Document how to handle errors in controllers and macros, Problems with moving motors with Tango polling, ID used as Referable.
- state to-review-design:** DummyMotorController position is inconsistent after hitting lower limit (SF#216), Value of physical_pos in CalcPseudo, Duplicate alias on same tango hosts, Error running nested scan in sequencer, expconf reports unnecessary measurement groups changes popup, How to use NXInstrument properly, 'ReloadControllerLib' and 'ReloadControllerClass' Tango commands do not fully reconfigure controller instances, More informative error messages wanted, Scan hangs if the contents of the Active MG are changed during the execution, Add units to motors and counters, Keep last scan data in the memory.
- state to-dev:** Eliminate temporary motor groups, Introduce controller API version specification and validation, MacroServer Environment dir name problem (SF#190), Insert new controller Library in Pool when it is Running (SF#80), Pseudocounter in fly scan, Consider removing dtype from the measurement group configuration, Document RecordData attribute, Add developers documentation on exception handling, call newfile macro in expconf storage dialog, Scan never ends when invalid data returned due to exception in recorder.