dsat Documentation

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References

DSat is a comprehensive distributed solution made of satellites communicating with a messaging system.

The basic:

- a process is a directed graph with alternates fixed points (routers) and moving parts (workers);
- the output of a worker are the input of the next worker;
- the satelite set of worker/processor does the monitoring of the load of the pool of workers process and propagate messages outside the satelite;
- the Status of a pipelined task can be followed either dynamically (cf status_for) or statically by requesting the State(s) object
- the workers are encapsulated in a state_machine wrapper ensuring the reporting of the finite state machine corresponding to the task
- the solution provides native load balancing with round robin

Content

2.1 Status handling

Status are stored in a backend that ensures we are threadsafe and that we have serialization.

2.2 State Machine

A simple wrapper around a process that provides communication around the execution and (should) handle time outs.

2.3 Messaging

normally not needed outside of satlive (except parse_event) Ensures a consistency between message emission and reception

2.4 Topological connection settings

state_machine.get_connection set the connections of your step magically according to the imperative of the graph. Because, a distributed system is mainly processes connected in a directed graph.

Version

This a **safe** subset of http://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0440/#version-scheme Given it is broken for now I use a safe subset : Given a version *X*.*Y*.*Z* where X Y Z are strings by convention X and Y are numbers Z is alphanumeric lower case default "0"

- X is the major version number. X+=1 <=> big change in philosophy API
- Y is the minor version number. Y+=1 <=> API has changed (ascendant compatibility is broken)
- Z is a bugfix/feature addition: it shall not break any program already using the API

V1 > V2 should be true has much as in number as in alphanumeric sens.

- Z belongs to [a-z0-9]
- X and Y belongs to [0-9]+

Yes we are limited to 36 versions per API if needed and you must extends Z remember to keep string and number sorting consistent.

Changes

4.1 0.5.0

As perfect as an alpha can be :)