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14 **Abstract**

15 This document describes the *Distributed Resource Management Application API Version 2 (DRMAA)*, which
16 provides a generalized API to *Distributed Resource Management (DRM)* systems in order to facilitate the
17 development of portable application programs and high-level libraries for such systems. DRMAA defines
18 interfaces for a tightly coupled, but still portable access by abstracting the fundamental functions available
19 in the majority of DRM systems. The scope is limited to job submission, job control, and retrieval of job
20 and machine monitoring information.

21 This document acts as root specification for the abstract API concepts and the behavioral rules that must be
22 fulfilled by a DRMAA-compliant implementation. The programming language representation of the abstract
23 API concepts must be formulated by a separate *language binding specification* derived from this document.

24 The intended audience for this specification are DRMAA language binding designers, DRM system vendors,
25 high-level API designers and meta-scheduler architects. End users are expected to rely on product-specific
26 documentation for the DRMAA API implementation in their particular programming language.

¹ This is the non-normative annotated version of the specification with line numbers. It includes historical information concerning the content and why features were included or discarded by the working group. It also emphasizes the consequences of some aspects that may not be immediately apparent. This document is only intended for internal working group discussions.

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1 Introduction

This document describes the *Distributed Resource Management Application API Version 2 (DRMAA)* interface semantics in a generalized way by using the *OMG Interface Definition Language (IDL)* [4] syntax for a language-agnostic description. Based on this abstract specification, *language binding* standards have to be designed that map the described concepts into a library interface for a particular programming language (e.g. C, Java, Python). While this document has the responsibility to ensure consistent API semantics over all possible DRMAA implementations, the language binding has the responsibility to ensure source-code portability for DRMAA applications on different DRM systems.

An effort has been made to choose an API layout that is not unique to a particular language. However, in some cases, various languages disagree over some points. In those cases, the most meritorious approach was taken, irrespective of language.

There are other relevant OGF standards in the area of job submission and monitoring. An in-depth comparison and positioning of the obsoleted first version of the DRMAA [8] specification was provided by another publication [10].

The DRMAA specification is based on the following stakeholders:

- *Distributed resource management system / DRM system / DRMS*: Any system that supports the concept of distributing computational jobs on execution resources through the help of a central scheduling entity. Examples are multi-processor systems controlled by a operating system scheduler, cluster systems with multiple machines controlled by a central scheduler software, grid systems, or cloud systems with a job concept.
- *DRMAA implementation, DRMAA library*: The implementation of a DRMAA language binding specification with the functional semantics described in this document. The resulting artifact is expected to be a library that is deployed together with the DRM system that is wrapped by the particular implementation.
- *(DRMAA-based) application*: Software that utilizes the DRMAA implementation for gaining access to one or multiple DRM systems in a standardized way.
- *Submission host*: An execution resource in the DRM system that runs the DRMAA-based application. A submission host MAY also be able to act as execution host.
- *Execution host*: An execution resource in the DRM system that can run a job submitted through the DRMAA implementation.
- *Process*: A running or suspended instance of a job on a execution host. A bulk job or a parallel job typically lead to multiple processes on one ore more execution hosts.

1.1 Notational Conventions

In this document, IDL language elements and definitions are represented in a **fixed-width** font.

The key words “MUST”, “MUST NOT”, “REQUIRED”, “SHALL”, “SHALL NOT”, “SHOULD”, “SHOULD NOT”, “RECOMMENDED”, “MAY”, and “OPTIONAL” are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [1].

Memory quantities are expressed in *kilobyte (KB)*. 1 kilobyte equals 1024 bytes.

Parts of the specification which are normative for derived language binding specifications only are graphically marked as shaded box.

109 (See footnote)².

110 1.2 Language Bindings

A language binding specification derived from this document **MUST** define a mapping between the IDL constructs and programming language constructs, with focus on source code portability for the resulting DRMAA-based applications.

A language binding **SHOULD NOT** rely completely on the OMG language mapping standards available for many programming languages, since they have a huge overhead of irrelevant CORBA-related mapping rules. Therefore, language binding authors must carefully decide if a binding decision reflects a natural and simple mapping of the intended purpose for the DRMAA interfaces. The binding **SHOULD** reuse OMG value type mappings (e.g. IDL `long long` to Java `long`), and **SHOULD** define custom mappings for the other types. The language binding **MUST** use the described concept mapping in a consistent manner for its overall API layout.

Due to the usage of IDL, all method groups for a particular purpose (e.g. job control) are described in terms of interfaces, and not classes. The mapping to a class concept depends on the specific language-mapping rules.

It may be the case that IDL constructs do not map directly to any language construct. In this case it **MUST** be ensured that the chosen mapping retains the intended semantic of the DRMAA interface definition.

Access to scalar attributes (`string`, `boolean`, `long`) **MUST** operate in a pass-by-value mode. A language binding must ensure that this behavior is always fulfilled. For non-scalar attributes, the language binding **MUST** specify a consistent access strategy for all these attributes – either pass-by-value or pass-by-reference – according to the use cases of language binding implementations.

This specification tries to consider the possibility of a Remote Procedure Call (RPC) scenario in a DRMAA-conformant language mapping. It **SHOULD** therefore be ensured that the programming language type for an IDL `struct` definition supports the serialization and comparison of instances. These capabilities should be accomplished through whatever mechanism is most natural for the programming language.

A language binding **MUST** define a way to declare an invalid value (**UNSET**). In case, a definition per data type needs to be provided. Evaluating an **UNSET** boolean value **MUST** result in a negative result, e.g. for `JobTemplate::emailOnStarted`.

111 (See footnote)³

²The usage of kibiByte as memory quantity unit, as well as the usage of bytes as in JSDL, was rejected by the group (conf call Apr. 13th 2011)

³ The concept of a **UNSET** value was decided on a conf call (Aug 25th 2010). Boolean in C can use custom enumeration (`TRUE`, `FALSE`, `INVALID`) or pointer to static values. A numerical **UNSET** in C should use a magic number, since all long attributes are unsigned, it could be `MIN_INT`. With Python, just use `None`. For Java, Dan has an idea.

1.3 Slots and Queues

DRMAA supports the notion of slots and queues as resources of a DRM system. A DRMAA application can request them in advance reservation and job submission. However, slots and queues SHALL be opaque concepts from the viewpoint of a DRMAA implementation, meaning that the requirements given by the application are just passed through to the DRM system. This is reasoned by the large variation in interpreting that concepts in the different DRM systems, which makes it impossible to define a common understanding on the level of the DRMAA API.

(See footnote)⁴

1.4 Multithreading

High-level APIs such as SAGA [3] are expected to utilize DRMAA for asynchronous operations, based on the assumption that re-entrancy is supported by DRMAA implementations. For this reason, implementations SHOULD ensure the proper functioning of the library in case of re-entrant library calls. A DRMAA library SHOULD allow a multithreaded application to use DRMAA interfaces without any explicit synchronization among the application threads. DRMAA implementers should document their work as thread safe if they meet the above criteria. Providers of non-thread-safe DRMAA implementations should document all the interfaces that are thread unsafe and provide a list of interfaces and their dependencies on external thread unsafe routines.

2 Namespace

The DRMAA interfaces and structures are encapsulated by a naming scope, which avoids conflicts with other APIs used in the same application.

```
module DRMAA2 {
```

Language binding authors MUST map the IDL module encapsulation to an according package or namespace concept and MAY change the module name according to programming language conventions.

(See footnote)⁵

3 Common Type Definitions

The DRMAA specification defines some custom types to express special value semantics not expressible in IDL.

```
typedef sequence<string> OrderedStringList;
typedef sequence<string> StringList;
typedef sequence<Job> JobList;
typedef sequence<JobArray> JobArrayList;
typedef sequence<Queue> QueueList;
```

⁴ As one example, queues can be either treated as representation of execution hosts (Sun Grid Engine) or as central waiting line located at the scheduler (LSF).

⁵ Comparison to DRMAA v1.0: The IDL module name was change to DRMAA2, in order to intentionally break backward compatibility of the interface.

```

142     typedef sequence<Machine> MachineList;
143     typedef sequence<Reservation> ReservationList;
144     typedef sequence< sequence<string,2> > Dictionary;
145     typedef string AbsoluteTime;
146     typedef long long TimeAmount;
147     native ZERO_TIME;
148     native INFINITE_TIME;
149     native NOW;

```

150 **OrderedStringList:** An unbounded list of strings, which supports element insertion, element deletion, and
 151 iteration over elements while keeping an element order.

152 **StringList:** An unbounded list of strings, without any demand on element order.

153 **JobList:** An unbounded list of **Job** instances, without any demand on element order.

154 **MachineList:** An unbounded list of **Machine** instances, without any demand on element order.

155 **QueueList:** An unbounded list of **Queue** instances, without any demand on element order.

156 **ReservationList:** An unbounded list of **Reservation** instances, without any demand on element order.

157 **Dictionary:** An unbounded dictionary type for storing key-value pairs, without any demand on element
 158 order.

159 **AbsoluteTime:** Expression of a point in time, with a resolution at least to seconds.

160 **TimeAmount:** Expression of an amount of time, with a resolution at least to seconds.

161 **ZERO_TIME:** A constant value of type **TimeAmount** that expresses a zero amount of time.

162 **INFINITE_TIME:** A constant value of type **TimeAmount** that expresses an infinite amount of time.

163 **NOW:** A constant value of type **AbsoluteTime** that expresses the time of variable evaluation for the system.

A language binding MUST replace these type definitions with semantically equal reference or value types in the according language. This may include the creation of new complex language types for one or more of the above concepts. The language binding MUST define a consistent mapping on module level, and a mechanism for obtaining the RFC822 string representation from a given **AbsoluteTime** or **TimeAmount** instance.

164 (See footnote)⁶

165 4 Enumerations

Language bindings SHOULD define numerical values for all DRMAA constants and enumeration members, in order to foster binary portability of DRMAA-based applications.

⁶ The PartialTimestamp functionality from DRMAA 1.0 was completely removed. Absolute date and time values are now expressed as RFC822 conformant data items with stringification support (conf. call Mar 31st 2009). String list for job identifiers are replaced by Job object lists (F2F meeting July 2009)

4.1 OperatingSystem enumeration

DRMAA supports the identification of an operating system installation on execution resources in the DRM system. The `OperatingSystem` enumeration is used as data type both in the advance reservation and the DRM system monitoring functionalities. It defines a set of standardized identifiers for operating system types. The list is a shortened version of the according CIM Schema [6]. It includes only operating systems that are supported by the majority of DRM systems available at the time of writing:

```
enum OperatingSystem {
    HPUX, LINUX, IRIX, TRUE64, MACOS, SUNOS, WIN, WINNT, AIX, UNIXWARE,
    BSD, OTHER_OS};
```

AIX: AIX Unix by IBM.

BSD: All operating system distributions based on the BSD kernel.

LINUX: All operating system distributions based on the Linux kernel.

HPUX: HP-UX Unix by Hewlett-Packard.

IRIX: The IRIX operating system by SGI.

MACOS: The MAC OS X operating system by Apple.

SUNOS: SunOS or Solaris operating system by Sun / Oracle.

TRUE64: True64 Unix by Hewlett-Packard, or DEC Digital Unix, or DEC OSF/1 AXP.

UNIXWARE: UnixWare system by SCO group.

WIN: Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows ME.

WINNT: Microsoft Windows operating systems based on the NT kernel

OTHER_OS: An operating system type not specified in this list.

Implementations SHOULD NOT add new operating system identifiers to this enumeration, even if they are supported by the underlying DRM system.

The operating system information is only useful in conjunction with version information (see Section 10.1), which is also the reporting approach taken in most DRM systems. Examples:

- The Apple MacOS X operating system commonly denoted as “Snow Leopard” would be reported as “MACOS” with the version structure [“10”, “6”]
- The Microsoft Windows 7 operating system would be reported as “WINNT” with the version information [“6”, “1”], which is the internal version number reported by the Windows API.
- All Linux distributions would be reported as operating system type “LINUX” with the major revision of the kernel, such as [“2”, “6”].
- The Solaris operating system is reported as “SUNOS”, together with the internal version number, e.g. [“5”, “10”] for Solaris 10.

The DRMAA `OperatingSystem` enumeration can be mapped to other high-level APIs. Table 1 gives a non-normative set of examples.

DRMAA <code>OperatingSystem</code> value	JSDL <code>jsdl:OperatingSystemTypeEnumeration</code> value
HPUX	HPUX
LINUX	LINUX
IRIX	IRIX
TRUE64	Tru64.UNIX, OSF
MACOS	MACOS
SUNOS	SunOS, SOLARIS
WIN	WIN95, WIN98, Windows_R_Me
WINNT	WINNT, Windows_2000, Windows_XP
AIX	AIX
UNIXWARE	SCO_UnixWare, SCO_OpenServer
BSD	BSDUNIX, FreeBSD, NetBSD, OpenBSD
OTHER_OS	Other

Table 1: Mapping example for the DRMAA `OperatingSystem` enumeration

4.2 CpuArchitecture enumeration

DRMAA supports identifying the processor instruction set architecture on execution resources in the DRM system. The `CpuArchitecture` enumeration is used as data type both in the advance reservation and the DRM system monitoring functionalities. It defines a set of standardized identifiers for processor architecture families. The list is a shortened version of the according CIM Schema [6], It includes only processor families that are supported by the majority of DRM systems available at the time of writing:

```
enum CpuArchitecture {
    ALPHA, ARM, CELL, PARISC, X86, X64, IA64, MIPS, PPC, PPC64,
    SPARC, SPARC64, OTHER_CPU};
```

ALPHA: The DEC Alpha / Alpha AXP processor architecture.

ARM: The ARM processor architecture.

CELL: The Cell processor architecture.

PA-RISC: The PA-RISC processor architecture.

X86: The IA-32 line of the X86 processor architecture family, with 32bit support only.

X64: The X86-64 line of the X86 processor architecture family, with 64bit support.

IA-64: The Itanium processor architecture.

MIPS: The MIPS processor architecture.

PPC: The PowerPC processor architecture, all models with 32bit support only.

PPC64: The PowerPC processor architecture, all models with 64bit support.

SPARC: The SPARC processor architecture, all models with 32bit support only.

SPARC64: The SPARC processor architecture, all models with 64bit support.

OTHER_CPU: A processor architecture not specified in this list.

The DRMAA `CpuArchitecture` enumeration can be mapped to other high-level APIs. Table 2 gives a non-normative set of examples.

The reporting and job configuration for processor architectures SHOULD operate on a “as-is” base, if supported by the DRM system. This means that the reported architecture should reflect the current operation mode of the processor with the running operating system. For example, X64 processors executing a 32-bit operating system typically report themselves as X86 processor.

DRMAA <code>CpuArchitecture</code> value	JSDL <code>jsdl:ProcessorArchitectureEnumeration</code> value
ALPHA	other
ARM	arm
CELL	other
PA-RISC	parisc
X86	x86_32
X64	x86_64
IA-64	ia64
MIPS	mips
PPC	powerpc
PPC64	powerpc
SPARC	sparc
SPARC64	sparc
OTHER	other

Table 2: Mapping example for DRMAA `CpuArchitecture` enumeration

4.3 ResourceLimitType enumeration

Modern DRM systems expose resource constraint capabilities from the operating system for jobs on the execution host. The `ResourceLimitType` enumeration represents the typical *ulimit(3)* parameters [5] in different DRM systems. All parameters relate to the operating system process representing some job on the execution host.

```
enum ResourceLimitType {
    CORE_FILE_SIZE, CPU_TIME, DATA_SEG_SIZE, FILE_SIZE, OPEN_FILES,
    STACK_SIZE, VIRTUAL_MEMORY, WALLCLOCK_TIME };
```

CORE_FILE_SIZE: The maximum size of the core dump file created on fatal errors of the process, in kilobyte. Setting this value to zero SHOULD disable the creation of core dump files on the execution host.

CPU_TIME: The maximum accumulated time in seconds the process is allowed to perform computations on all processors in the execution host. This value includes only time the job is spending in `JobState::RUNNING` (see Section 8.1). If the job consists of multiple processes, the result SHOULD be the accumulated CPU time of all processes.

DATA_SEG_SIZE: The maximum amount of memory the process can allocate on the heap e.g. for object creation, in kilobyte.

FILE_SIZE: The maximum file size the process can generate, in kilobyte.

OPEN_FILES: The maximum number of file descriptors the process is allowed to have open at the same time.

STACK_SIZE: The maximum amount of memory the process can allocate on the stack, e.g. for local variables, in kilobyte.

VIRTUAL_MEMORY: The maximum amount of memory the process is allowed to allocate, in kilobyte.

WALLCLOCK_TIME: The maximum wall clock time in seconds the job is allowed to exist. The time amount **MUST** include the time spent in **RUNNING** state, and **MAY** also include the time spent in **SUSPENDED** state (see Section 8.1). If the job consists of multiple processes, the result **SHOULD** be the accumulated wall clock time of all processes.

If not stated explicitly, the semantics of these values for jobs with multiple processes are implementation-specific.

(See footnote)⁷

4.4 JobTemplatePlaceholder enumeration

The `JobTemplatePlaceholder` enumeration defines constant macros to be used in string attributes of a `JobTemplate` instance.

```
enum JobTemplatePlaceholder {
    HOME_DIRECTORY, WORKING_DIRECTORY, PARAMETRIC_INDEX };

```

A `HOME_DIRECTORY` placeholder **SHOULD** be only allowed at the beginning of a `JobTemplate` attribute value. It denotes the remaining portion as a directory / file path resolved relative to the job users home directory at the execution host.

A `WORKING_DIRECTORY` placeholder **SHOULD** be only allowed at the beginning of a `JobTemplate` attribute value. It denotes the remaining portion as a directory / file path resolved relative to the jobs working directory at the execution host.

The `PARAMETRIC_INDEX` placeholder **SHOULD** be usable at any position within an attribute value that supports place holders. It **SHALL** be substituted by the parametric job index in a `JobSession::runBulkJobs` call (see Section 8.2.7). If the job template is used for a `JobSession::runJob` call, `PARAMETRIC_INDEX` **SHOULD** be substituted with a constant implementation-specific value.

(See footnote)⁸

4.5 DrmaaCapability

The `DrmaaCapability` enumeration expresses DRMAA features and data attributes that may or may not be supported by a particular implementation. Applications are expected to check the availability of optional capabilities through the `SessionManager::supports` method (see Section 7.1).

⁷ “Pipe size” was not added, since there is no use case in DRM systems with a job concept. “Max user processes” was omitted because it operates on the notion of users, which is not an explicit concept in DRMAA.

The understanding of wall clock time was decided in the Apr 6th and 13th 2011 conf call. Condor and Grid Engine also add the **SUSPEND** time, but LSF does not.

⁸ Placeholders for other job template attributes were rejected, in order to avoid circular dependencies (Conf. call Oct 20th 2010). Any extended semantic of placeholders in comparison to DRMAA1 was rejected, since the support in the DRM system didn’t change. (conf call Apr. 20th 2011)

```

279     enum DrmaaCapability {
280         ADVANCE_RESERVATION, RESERVE_SLOTS, CALLBACK, BULK_JOBS_LIMIT,
281         RI_RESERVEDMACHINES, JT_EMAIL, JT_STAGING, JT_DEADLINE, JT_MAXSLOTS,
282         JT_ACCOUNTINGID, RT_DURATION, RT_MACHINEOS, RT_MACHINEARCH
283     };

```

284 **ADVANCE_RESERVATION:** Indicates that the advance reservation interfaces (`ReservationSession`,
285 `Reservation`) are functional in this implementation.

286 **RESERVE_SLOTS:** Indicates that the advance reservation support is targeting slots. If this capability is
287 not given, the advance reservation is targeting whole machines as granularity level.

288 **CALLBACK:** Indicates that the implementation supports event notification through a `DrmaaCallback`
289 interface in the application.

290 **RI_RESERVEDMACHINES:** Indicates that the optional `ReservationInfo::reservedMachines` at-
291 tribute is supported by the implementation.

292 **JT_EMAIL:** Indicates that the optional `JobTemplate::email`, `JobTemplate::emailOnStarted`, and `JobTemplate::email`
293 attributes are supported by the implementation.

294 **JT_STAGING:** Indicates that the optional `JobTemplate::stageInFiles` and `JobTemplate::stageOutFiles`
295 attributes are supported by the implementation.

296 **JT_DEADLINE:** Indicates that the optional `JobTemplate::deadlineTime` attribute is supported by the
297 implementation.

298 **JT_MAXSLOTS:** Indicates that the optional `JobTemplate::maxSlots` attribute is supported by the
299 implementation.

300 **JT_ACCOUNTINGID:** Indicates that the optional `JobTemplate::accountingId` attribute is supported
301 by the implementation.

302 **RT_STARTNOW:** Indicates that the `ReservationTemplate::startTime` attribute accepts the `NOW` value.

303 **RT_DURATION:** Indicates that the optional `ReservationTemplate::duration` attribute is supported
304 by the implementation.

305 **RT_MACHINEOS:** Indicates that the optional `ReservationTemplate::machineOS` attribute is supported
306 by the implementation.

307 **RT_MACHINEARCH:** Indicates that the optional `ReservationTemplate::machineArch` attribute is
308 supported by the implementation.

309 5 Extensible Data Structures

310 DRMAA defines a set of data structures commonly used by different interfaces to express information
311 for and from the DRM system. A DRMAA implementation is allowed to extend these structures with
312 *implementation-specific attributes* in all cases. Behavioral aspects of such extended attributes are out of
313 scope for DRMAA. The interpretation is implementation-specific, implementations MAY even ignore such
314 attribute values.

315 Implementations SHALL only extend data structures in the way specified by the language binding. The
316 introspection about supported implementation-specific attributes is supported by the `DrmaaReflective`

317 interface (see Section 5.8). Implementations **SHOULD** also support native introspection functionalities if
 318 defined by the language binding.

A language binding **MUST** define a consistent mechanism to realize implementation-specific structure extension, without breaking the portability of DRMAA-based applications that relies on the original version of the structure. Object oriented languages **MAY** use inheritance mechanisms for this purpose. Instances of these structures **SHALL** be treated in a “call-by-value” fashion, meaning that the collection of struct member values is handed over as one to the called interface method.

Language bindings **MAY** define how native introspection capabilities of the language or it’s runtime environment can also be used to work with implementation-specific attributes. These mechanisms **MUST** work in parallel to the `DrmaaReflective` interface.

319 (See footnote)⁹

320 5.1 Queue structure

321 Queue is an opaque concept from the perspective of the DRMAA application (see Section 1.3). The `Queue`
 322 struct contains read-only information.

```
323     struct Queue {
324         string name;
325     };
```

326 5.1.1 name

327 This attribute contains the name of the queue as reported by the DRM system. The format of the queue
 328 name is implementation-specific. The naming scheme **SHOULD** be consistent for all strings returned.

329 5.2 Version structure

330 The `Version` structure denotes versioning information for an operating system, DRM system, or DRMAA
 331 implementation.

```
332     struct Version {
333         string major;
334         string minor;
335     };
```

336 Both the `major` and the `minor` part are expressed as strings, in order to allow extensions with character
 337 combinations such as “rev”. Original version strings containing a dot, e.g. Linux “2.6”, **SHOULD** be
 338 interpreted as having the major part before the dot, and the minor part after the dot. The dot character
 339 **SHOULD NOT** be added to the `Version` attributes.

⁹ Comparison to DRMAA 1.0: The binding of job template attribute names and exception names to strings was removed. Language bindings have to define their own mapping, if needed.

One example for native language introspection support could be attributes.

There was a discussion to remove the attribute ignorance possibility for implementations, in order to have a defined error when unknown attributes are used. This was rejected on the Apr. 13th conf call, since applications do not need the error as indication for missing attribute support. Instead, they should use the given introspection capabilities.

5.3 Machine structure

The **Machine** structure describes the properties of a particular execution host in the DRM system. It contains read-only information. An implementation or its DRM system MAY restrict jobs in their resource utilization even below the limits described in the **Machine** structure. The limits given here MAY be imposed by the hardware configuration, or MAY be imposed by DRM system policies.

```

struct Machine {
    string name;
    boolean available;
    long sockets;
    long coresPerSocket;
    long threadsPerCore;
    double load;
    long physMemory;
    long virtMemory;
    OperatingSystem machineOS;
    Version machineOSVersion;
    CpuArchitecture machineArch;
};

```

5.3.1 name

This attribute describes the name of the machine as reported by the DRM system. The format of the machine name is implementation-specific, but MAY be a DNS host name. The naming scheme SHOULD be consistent among all machine struct instances.

subsubsectionavailable

This attribute expresses the usability of the machine for job execution at the time of querying. The value of this attribute SHALL NOT influence the validity of job template instances containing a **candidateHosts** setting, since the availability of machines is expected to change at any point in time. DRM systems may allow to submit jobs for unavailable machines, where these jobs are queued until the machine becomes available again.

5.3.2 sockets

This attribute describes the number of processor sockets (CPUs) usable for jobs on the machine from operating system perspective. The attribute value MUST be greater than 0. In the case where the correct value is unknown to the implementation, the value MUST be set to 1.

5.3.3 coresPerSocket

This attribute describes the number of cores per socket usable for jobs on the machine from operating system perspective. The attribute value MUST be greater than 0. In case where the correct value is unknown to the implementation, the value MUST be set to 1.

5.3.4 threadsPerCore

This attribute describes the number of threads that can be executed in parallel by a job's process on one core in the machine. The attribute value **MUST** be greater than 0. In case where the correct value is unknown to the implementation, the value **MUST** be set to 1.

5.3.5 load

This attribute describes the 1-minute average load on the given machine, similar to the Unix *uptime* command. The value has only informative character, and should not be utilized by end user applications for job scheduling purposes. An implementation **MAY** provide delayed or averaged data here, if necessary due to implementation issues. The implementation strategy on non-Unix systems is undefined.

5.3.6 physMemory

This attribute describes the amount of physical memory in kilobyte available on the machine.

5.3.7 virtMemory

This attribute describes the amount of virtual memory in kilobyte available for a job executing on this machine. The virtual memory amount is defined as the sum of physical memory installed plus the configured swap space for the operating system. The value is expected to be used as indicator whether or not an application is able to get its memory allocation needs fulfilled on a particular machine. Implementations **SHOULD** derive this value directly from operating system information, without further consideration of additional memory allocation restrictions such as address space range or already running processes.

5.3.8 machineOS

This attribute describes the operating system installed on the described machine, with semantics as specified in Section 4.1.

5.3.9 machineOSVersion

This attribute describes the operating system version of the machine, with semantics as specified in Section 4.1.

5.3.10 machineArch

This attribute describes the instruction set architecture of the machine, with semantics as specified in Section 4.2.

5.4 JobInfo structure

The **JobInfo** structure describes job information that is available for the DRMAA-based application.

```
struct JobInfo {
    string jobId;
    long exitStatus;
    string terminatingSignal;
    string annotation;
```

```

410     JobState jobState;
411     any jobSubState;
412     OrderedStringList allocatedMachines;
413     string submissionMachine;
414     string jobOwner;
415     long slots;
416     string queueName;
417     TimeAmount wallclockTime;
418     long cpuTime;
419     AbsoluteTime submissionTime;
420     AbsoluteTime dispatchTime;
421     AbsoluteTime finishTime;
422 };

```

423 The structure is used in two occasions - first for the expression of information about a single job, and second
 424 as filter expression when retrieving a list of jobs from the DRMAA implementation.

425 In both usage scenarios, the structure information has to be understood as snapshot of the live DRM system.
 426 Multiple values being set in one structure instance should be interpreted as “occurring at the same time”.
 427 In real implementations, some granularity limits must be assumed - for example, the `wallclockTime` and
 428 the `cpuTime` attributes might hold values that were measured with a very small delay one after each other.

429 DRMAA makes no assumption on the `JobInfo` availability for jobs in a “Terminated” state (see Section
 430 8.1). Implementations SHOULD allow to fetch information about such jobs, complete or incomplete, for
 431 a reasonable amount of time. For such terminated jobs, implementations MAY also decide to return only
 432 partially filled `JobInfo` instances due to performance restrictions in the communication with the DRM
 433 system.

434 For additional DRMS-specific information, the `JobInfo` structure MAY be extended by the DRMAA imple-
 435 mentation (see Section 5).

436 (See footnote)¹⁰

437 5.4.1 jobId

438 For monitoring: Returns the stringified job identifier assigned to the job by the DRM system.

439 For filtering: Returns the job with the chosen job identifier.

¹⁰ In comparison to DRMAA 1.0, the `JobInfo` value type was heavily extended for providing more information (solves issue #2827). `JobInfo::hasCoreDump` is no longer supported, since the information is useless without according core file staging support, which is not implementable in a portable way. (conf. call Jun 9th 2010) `resourceUsage` is no longer supported, since this should be modelled with implementation-specific attributes (conf call Apr 13th 2011).

Some DRM systems (SGE / Condor at least) support the automated modification of job template attributes after submission, and therefore allow to fetch the true job template attributes at run-time from the job. The monitoring for such data was intentionally not included in DRMAA (mailing list July 2010).

A comment attribute was rejected (conf call May 11th).

Several conf. calls in 2011 ended up in the conclusion that data reaping cannot be clarified by DRMAA. There are too many completely different use cases in local and distributed systems.

5.4.2 `exitStatus`

For monitoring: The process exit status of the job, as reported by the operating system. If the job is not in one of the terminated states, the value should be `UNSET`.

For filtering: Return the jobs with the given `exitStatus` value. Jobs without exit status information should be filtered out by asking for the appropriate states.

5.4.3 `terminatingSignal`

For monitoring: This attribute specifies the UNIX signal that reasoned the end of the job. Implementations should document the extent to which they can gather such information in the particular DRM system (e.g. with Windows hosts).

For filtering: Returns the jobs with the given `terminatingSignal` value.

5.4.4 `annotation`

For monitoring: Gives a human-readable annotation describing why the job is in its current state or sub-state. Implementations MAY decide to offer such description only in specific cases.

For filtering: This attribute is ignored for filtering.

5.4.5 `jobState`

For monitoring: This attribute specifies the jobs current state according to the DRMAA job state model (see Section 8.1).

For filtering: Returns all jobs in the specified state. If the given state is simulated by the implementation (see Section 8.1), the implementation SHOULD raise an `InvalidArgumentException` explaining that this filter can never match.

5.4.6 `jobSubState`

For monitoring: This attribute specifies the jobs current DRMAA implementation specific sub-state (see Section 8.1).

For filtering: Returns all jobs in the specified sub-state. If the given sub-state is not supported by the implementation (see Section 8.1), the implementation SHOULD raise an `InvalidArgumentException` explaining that this filter can never match.

5.4.7 `allocatedMachines`

This attribute expresses the set of machines that are utilized for job execution. Implementations MAY decide to give the ordering of machine names a particular meaning, for example putting the master node in a parallel job at first position. This decision should be documented for the user. For performance reasons, only the machine names are returned, and SHOULD be equal to the according `Machine::name` attribute in monitoring data.

For monitoring: This attribute lists the set of names of the machines to which this job has been assigned.

For filtering: Returns the list of jobs which have a set of assigned machines that is a superset of the given set of machines.

5.4.8 submissionMachine

This attribute provides the machine name of the submission host for this job. For performance reasons, only the machine name is returned, and SHOULD be equal to the according `Machine::name` attribute in monitoring data.

For monitoring: This attribute specifies the machine from which this job was submitted.

For filtering: Returns the set of jobs that were submitted from the specified machine.

5.4.9 jobOwner

For monitoring: This attribute specifies the job owner as reported by the DRM system.

For filtering: Returns all jobs owned by the specified user.

5.4.10 slots

For monitoring: This attribute reports the number slots that were allocated for the job. The value MAY be greater than `JobTemplate::maxSlots`, but SHOULD NOT be smaller than `JobTemplate::minSlots`.

For filtering: Return all jobs with the specified number of reserved slots.

(See footnote)¹¹

5.4.11 queueName

For monitoring: This attribute specifies the queue in which the job was queued or started (see Section 1.3).

For filtering: Returns all jobs that were queued or started in the specified queue.

5.4.12 wallclockTime

For monitoring: The accumulated wall clock time, with the semantics as defined in Section 4.3.

For filtering: Returns all jobs that have consumed at least the specified amount of wall clock time.

5.4.13 cpuTime

For monitoring: The accumulated CPU time, with the semantics as defined in Section 4.3.

For filtering: Returns all jobs that have consumed at least the specified amount of CPU time.

5.4.14 submissionTime

For monitoring: This attribute specifies the time at which the job was submitted. Implementations SHOULD use the submission time recorded by the DRM system, if available.

For filtering: Returns all jobs that were submitted at or after the specified submission time.

¹¹The special rule for *slots* exceeding `maxSlots` was add for Grid Engine (conf call Apr. 13th 2011)

5.4.15 dispatchTime

For monitoring: The time the job first entered a “Started” state (see Section 8.1). On job restart or re-scheduling, this value does not change.

For filtering: Returns all jobs that entered a “Started” state at, or after the specified dispatch time.

5.4.16 finishTime

For monitoring: The time the job first entered a “Terminated” state (see Section 8.1).

For filtering: Returns all jobs that entered a “Terminated” state at or after the specified finish time.

5.5 ReservationInfo structure

The **ReservationInfo** structure describes reservation information information that is available for the DRMAA-based application.

```
struct ReservationInfo {
    string reservationId;
    string reservationName;
    AbsoluteTime reservedStartTime;
    AbsoluteTime reservedEndTime;
    StringList usersACL;
    long reservedSlots;
    OrderedStringList reservedMachines;
    boolean inErrorState;
};
```

The structure is used for the expression of information about a single advance reservation. Information provided in this structure, despite **ReservationInfo::inErrorState**, SHOULD NOT change over the reservation lifetime from activities with the DRMAA implementation. However, implementations MAY reflect the altering of advance reservations outside of DRMAA sessions.

For additional DRMS-specific information, the **ReservationInfo** structure MAY be extended by the DRMAA implementation (see Section 5).

5.5.1 reservationId

Returns the stringified job identifier assigned to the advance reservation by the DRM system.

5.5.2 reservationName

This attribute describes the reservation name that was stored by the implementation or DRM system, derived from the original **reservationName** attribute given in the **ReservationTemplate**.

5.5.3 reservedStartTime

This attribute describes the start time for the reservation. If the value is **UNSET**, it expresses an unrestricted start time (i.e. “minus infinity”) for this reservation.

5.5.4 reservedEndTime

This attribute describes the end time for the reservation. If the value is **UNSET**, the behavior is implementation-specific.

(See footnote)¹²

5.5.5 usersACL

The list of the users that are permitted to submit jobs to the reservation.

5.5.6 reservedSlots

This attribute describes the number of slots that was reserved by the DRM system, based on the original **minSlots** and **maxSlots** arguments in the **ReservationTemplate**.

(See footnote)¹³

5.5.7 reservedMachines

This attribute describes the set of machines which was reserved under the conditions described in the according reservation template. Every machine name in the list should be repeated as many times as the number of slots reserved on this machine.

The support for this attribute is optional, expressed by the **DrmaaCapability::RI_RESERVEDMACHINES** flag.

5.5.8 inErrorState

This attribute helps to detect error conditions related with the reservation (e.g. one of the reserved nodes went down). If the value is **True**, this indicate that the reservation is not fully usable, however such reservation MAY still be a valid input for the job submission. The opposite does not hold, i.e. if the value is **False**, it does not have to mean that the reservation is fully usable. An error state may be a transient situation.

(See footnote)¹⁴

5.6 JobTemplate structure

In order to define the attributes associated with a job, a DRMAA application uses the **JobTemplate** structure. It specifies any required job parameters and is passed to the DRMAA **JobSession** instance when job execution is requested.

```
struct JobTemplate {
    string remoteCommand;
    OrderedStringList args;
    boolean submitAsHold;
```

¹²Mai 18th 2011 conf call rejected to treat **UNSET** as unrestricted end time (i.e. “plus infinity”) here.

¹³Similar to *JobInfo::slots*, the result is expected to never be a range.

¹⁴In DRMAA 2.0 we do not have an explicit state model for advance reservations as the reservation state can be easily deducted by comparing current time with reservation start and time.

Same maxSlots dependency as with JobInfo::slots ??

Slot reporting needs group approval. Info structures are not supposed to have optional parts.

NEW, not so crucial. Needs group approval

```

567     boolean rerunnable;
568     Dictionary jobEnvironment;
569     string workingDirectory;
570     string jobCategory;
571     StringList email;
572     boolean emailOnStarted;
573     boolean emailOnTerminated;
574     string jobName;
575     string inputPath;
576     string outputPath;
577     string errorPath;
578     boolean joinFiles;
579     string reservationId;
580     string queueName;
581     long minSlots;
582     long maxSlots;
583     long priority;
584     OrderedStringList candidateMachines;
585     long minPhysMemory;
586     OperatingSystem machineOS;
587     CpuArchitecture machineArch;
588     AbsoluteTime startTime;
589     AbsoluteTime deadlineTime;
590     Dictionary stageInFiles;
591     Dictionary stageOutFiles;
592     Dictionary hardResourceLimits;
593     string accountingId;
594 };

```

595 The DRMAA job template concept makes a distinction between *mandatory* and *optional* attributes. Manda-
 596 tory attributes **MUST** be supported by the implementation in the sense that they are evaluated on job
 597 submission. Optional attributes **MAY** be evaluated on job submission, but **MUST** be provided as part of the
 598 **JobTemplate** structure in the implementation. If an unsupported optional attribute has a value different to
 599 **UNSET**, the job submission **MUST** fail with a **UnsupportedAttributeException**. DRMAA applications are
 600 expected to check for the availability of optional attributes before using them (see Section 4.5).

601 Implementations **MUST** set all attribute values to **UNSET** on struct allocation. This ensures that both the
 602 DRMAA application and the library implementation can determine untouched attribute members. If not
 603 described differently in the following sections, all attributes **SHOULD** be allowed to have the **UNSET** value
 604 on job submission.

605 An implementation **MAY** support **JobTemplatePlaceholder** macros in more occasions than defined in this
 606 specification.

A language binding specification **SHOULD** define how a **JobTemplate** instance is convertible to a string

for printing, through whatever mechanism is most natural for the implementation language. The resulting string **MUST** contain the values of all set properties.

The initialization to **UNSET** **SHOULD** be realized without additional methods in the DRMAA interface, if possible. The according approach **MUST** be specified by the language binding.

607 (See footnote)¹⁵

608 5.6.1 remoteCommand

609 This attribute describes the command to be executed on the remote host. In case this parameter contains
 610 path information, it **MUST** be seen as relative to the execution host file system and is therefore evaluated
 611 there. The implementation **SHOULD NOT** relate the value of this attribute to binary file management or
 612 file staging activities. The behavior with an **UNSET** value is implementation-specific.

613 The support for this attribute is mandatory.

614 5.6.2 args

615 This attribute contains the list of command-line arguments for the job(s) to be executed.

616 The support for this attribute is mandatory.

617 5.6.3 submitAsHold

618 This attribute defines if the job(s) should be submitted as **QUEUED** or **QUEUED_HELD** (see Section 8.1). Since
 619 the boolean **UNSET** value defaults to **False**, jobs are submitted as non-held if this attribute is not set.

620 The support for this attribute is mandatory.

621 5.6.4 rerunnable

622 This flag indicates if the submitted job(s) can safely be restarted by the DRM system, for example on a
 623 node failure or some other re-scheduling event. Since the boolean **UNSET** value defaults to **False**, jobs are
 624 submitted as not rerunnable if this attribute is not set. This attribute **SHOULD NOT** be used by the
 625 implementation to let the application denote the checkpointability of a job.

626 The support for this attribute is mandatory.

627 (See footnote)¹⁶

¹⁵ Comparison to DRMAA 1.0: JobTemplate is now a value type, meaning that it maps to a struct in C. This removes the need for DRMAA-defined methods for construction and destruction of job templates. An eventual RPC scenario for DRMAA gets easier with this approach, since it is closer to the JSDL concept of a job description document.

Supported string placeholders for job template attributes are now listed in the JobTemplatePlaceholder enumeration, and must be filled with values by the language binding. Invalid job template settings are now only detected on job submission, not when the attribute is set.

DRMAA1 supported the utilization of new DRM features through an old DRMAA implementation, based on the **nativeSpecification** field. A conf call (Jul 14th 2010) voted for dropping this intentionally. Implementations should use according implementation-specific attributes for this.

¹⁶ The differentiation between rerunnable and checkpointable was decided on a conf call (Aug 25th 2010). Checkpointability indication was intentionally left out, since there is no common understanding in the DRM systems (conf call Apr. 27th, 2011).

5.6.5 jobEnvironment

This attribute holds the environment variable key-value pairs for the execution machine(s). The values SHOULD override the execution host environment values if there is a collision.

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

5.6.6 workingDirectory

This attribute specifies the directory where the job or the bulk jobs are executed. If the attribute value is UNSET, the behavior is implementation dependent. Otherwise, the attribute value MUST be evaluated relative to the file system on the execution host. The attribute value MUST be allowed to contain either the `JobTemplatePlaceholder::HOME_DIRECTORY` or the `JobTemplatePlaceholder::PARAMETRIC_INDEX` placeholder (see Section 4.4).

The `workingDirectory` attribute should be specified by the application in a syntax that is common at the host where the job is executed. Implementations MAY perform according validity checks on job submission. If the attribute is set and no placeholder is used, an absolute directory specification is expected. If the attribute is set and the job was submitted successfully and the directory does not exist on the execution host, the job MUST enter the state `JobState::FAILED`.

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

5.6.7 jobCategory

DRMAA facilitates writing DRM-enabled applications even though the deployment properties, in particular the configuration of the DRMS, cannot be known in advance.

Through the `jobCategory` string attribute, a DRMAA application can specify additional needs of the job(s) that are to be mapped by the implementation or DRM system itself to DRMS-specific options. It is intended as non-programmatic extension of DRMAA job submission features. The mapping is performed during the process of job submission. Each category expresses a particular type of job execution that demands site-specific configuration, for example path settings, environment variables, or application starters such as MPIRUN.

A valid input SHOULD be one of the returned strings in `MonitoringSession::drmsJobCategoryNames` (see Section 10.1), otherwise an `InvalidArgumentException` SHOULD be raised.

A non-normative recommendation of category names is maintained at:

<http://www.drmaa.org/jobcategories/>

In case the name is not taken from the DRMAA working group recommendations, it should be self-explanatory for the user to understand the implications on job execution. Implementations are recommended to provide a library configuration facility, which allows site administrators to link job category names with specific product- and site-specific configuration options, such as submission wrapper shell scripts.

The interpretation of the supported `jobCategory` values is implementation-specific. The order of precedence for the `jobCategory` attribute value or other attribute values is implementation-specific. It is RECOMMENDED to overrule job template settings with a conflicting `jobCategory` setting.

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

5.6.8 email

This attribute holds a list of email addresses that should be used to report DRM information. Content and formatting of the emails are defined by the implementation or the DRM system. If the attribute value is **UNSET**, no emails **SHOULD** be sent to the user running the job(s), even if the DRM system default behavior is to send emails on some event.

The support for this attribute is optional, expressed by the **DrmaaCapability::JT_EMAIL** flag. If an implementation cannot configure the email notification functionality of the DRM system, or if the DRM system has no such functionality, the attribute **SHOULD NOT** be supported in the implementation.

(See footnote)¹⁷

5.6.9 emailOnStarted / emailOnTerminated

The **emailOnStarted** flag indicates if the given email address(es) **SHOULD** get a notification when the job (or any of the bulk jobs) entered one of the “Started” states. **emailOnTerminated** fulfills the same purpose for the “Terminated” states. Since the boolean **UNSET** value defaults to **False**, the notification about state changes **SHOULD NOT** be sent if the attribute is not set.

The support for these attributes is optional, expressed by the expressed by the **DrmaaCapability::JT_EMAIL** flag.

5.6.10 jobName

The job name attributes allows the specification of an additional non-unique string identifier for the job(s). The implementation **MAY** truncate any client-provided job name to an implementation-defined length.

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

5.6.11 inputPath / outputPath / errorPath

This attribute specifies standard input / output / error stream of the job as a path to a file. If the attribute value is **UNSET**, the behavior is implementation dependent. Otherwise, the attribute value **MUST** be evaluated relative to the file system of the execution host in a syntax that is common at the host. Implementations **MAY** perform according validity checks on job submission. The attribute value **MUST** be allowed to contain any of the **JobTemplatePlaceholder** placeholders (see Section 4.4). If the attribute is set and no placeholder is used, an absolute file path specification is expected.

If the **outputPath** or **errorPath** file does not exist at the time the job is about to be executed, the file **SHALL** first be created. An existing **outputPath** or **errorPath** file **SHALL** be opened in append mode.

If the attribute is set and the job was submitted successfully and the file cannot be created / read / written on the execution host, the job **MUST** enter the state **JobState::FAILED**.

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

¹⁷ The blockEmail attribute in the JobTemplate was replaced by the **UNSET** semantic for the email addresses. (conf. call July 28th 2010). This became an optional attribute, since we mandate the ‘switch off’ semantic in case of **UNSET**.

5.6.12 joinFiles

Specifies whether the error stream should be intermixed with the output stream. Since the boolean `UNSET` value defaults to `False`, intermixing SHALL NOT happen if the attribute is not set.

If this attribute is set to `True`, the implementation SHALL ignore the value of the `errorPath` attribute and intermix the standard error stream with the standard output stream as specified by the `outputPath`.

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

5.6.13 stageInFiles / stageOutFiles

Specifies what files should be transferred (staged) as part of the job execution. The data staging operation MUST be a copy operation between the submission host and the execution host(s) (see also Section 1 for host types). File transfers between execution hosts are not covered by DRMAA.

The attribute value is formulated as dictionary. For each key-value pair in the dictionary, the key defines the source path of one file or directory, and the value defines the destination path of one file or directory for the copy operation. For `stageInFiles`, the submission host acts as source, and the execution host(s) act as destination. For `stageOutFiles`, the execution host(s) acts as source, and the submission host act as destination.

All values MUST be evaluated relative to the file system on the host in a syntax that is common at that host. Implementations MAY perform according validity checks on job submission. Paths on the execution host(s) MUST be allowed to contain any of the `JobTemplatePlaceholder` placeholders. Paths on the submission host MUST be allowed to contain the `JobTemplatePlaceholder::PARAMETRIC_INDEX` placeholder (see Section 4.4). If no placeholder is used in the values, an absolute path specification on the particular host SHOULD be assumed by the implementation.

Relative path specifications for the submission host should be interpreted starting from the current working directory of the DRMAA application at the time of job submission. The behavior for relative path specifications on the execution is implementation-specific. Implementations MAY use *JobTemplate::workingDirectory* as starting point on the execution host in this case, if given by the application.

Jobs SHOULD NOT enter `JobState::DONE` unless all staging operations are finished. The behavior in case of missing files is implementation-specific. The support for wildcard operators in path specifications is implementation-specific. Any kind of recursive or non-recursive copying behavior is implementation-specific.

If the job category (see Section 5.6.7) implies a parallel job (e.g. MPI), the copy operation SHOULD target the parallel job master host as destination. It MAY also distribute the files to the other hosts participating in the parallel job execution.

The support for this attribute is optional, expressed by the `DrmaaCapability::JT_STAGING` flag.

(See footnote)¹⁸

¹⁸ Comparision to DRMAA 1.0: New job template attributes for file transfers were introduced. They allow to express a set of file staging activities, similar to the approach in LSF and SAGA. They replace the old `transferFiles` attribute, the according `FileTransferMode` data structure and the special host definition syntax in `inputPath` / `outputPath` / `errorPath` (different conf. calls, SAGA F2F meeting, solves issue #5876)

5.6.14 reservationId

Specifies the identifier of the advance reservation associated with the job(s). The application is expected to create an advance reservation through the **ReservationSession** interface, the resulting **reservationId** (see Section 9.2) then acts as valid input for this job template attribute. Implementations MAY support an reservation identifier from non-DRMAA information sources as valid input.

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

5.6.15 queueName

This attribute specifies the name of the queue the job(s) should be submitted to. In case this attribute value is **UNSET**, and **MonitoringSession::getAllQueues** returns a list with a minimum length of 1, the implementation SHOULD use the DRM systems default queue.

The **MonitoringSession::getAllQueues** method (see 10.1) supports the determination of valid queue names. Implementations SHOULD allow these queue names to be used in the **queueName** attribute. Implementations MAY also support queue names from other non-DRMAA information sources as valid input. If no default queue is defined or if the given queue name is not valid, the job submission MUST lead to an **InvalidArgumentException**.

If **MonitoringSession::getAllQueues** returns an empty list, this attribute MUST be only accepted with the value **UNSET**.

Since the meaning of “queues” is implementation-specific, there is no implication on the effects in the DRM system when using this attribute. As one example, requesting a number of slots for a job in one queue has no implication on the number of utilized machines at run-time. Implementations therefore SHOULD document the effects of this attribute accordingly.

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

5.6.16 minSlots

This attribute expresses the minimum number of slots requested per job (see also Section 1.3). If the value of **minSlots** is **UNSET**, it SHOULD default to 1.

Implementations MAY interpret the slot count as number of concurrent processes being allowed on one machine. If this interpretation is taken, and **minSlots** is greater than 1, than the **jobCategory** SHOULD also be demanded on job submission, in order to express the nature of the intended parallel job execution.

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

5.6.17 maxSlots

This attribute expresses the maximum number of slots requested per job (see also Section 1.3). If the value of **maxSlots** is **UNSET**, it SHOULD default to the value of **minSlots**.

Implementations MAY interpret the slot count as number of concurrent processes being allowed on one machine. If this interpretation is taken, and **maxSlots** is greater than 1, than the **jobCategory** SHOULD also be demanded on job submission, in order to express the nature of the intended parallel job execution.

The support for this attribute is optional, as indicated by the **DrmaaCapability::JT_MAXSLOTS** flag.

766 (See footnote)¹⁹ .

767 5.6.18 priority

768 This attribute specifies the scheduling priority for the job. The interpretation of the given value incl. an
769 UNSET value is implementation-specific.

770 The support for this attribute is mandatory.

771 5.6.19 candidateMachines

772 Requests that the job(s) should run on any subset (with minimum size of 1), or all of the given machines.
773 If the attribute value is UNSET, it should default to the result of the `MonitoringSession::getAllMachines`
774 method. If this resource demand cannot be fulfilled, an `InvalidArgumentException` SHOULD be raised
775 on job submission time. If the problem can only be detected after job submission, the job should enter
776 `JobState::FAILED`.

777 The support for this attribute is mandatory.

778 5.6.20 minPhysMemory

779 This attribute denotes the minimum amount of physical memory in kilobyte expected on the / all execution
780 host(s). If this resource demand cannot be fulfilled, an `InvalidArgumentException` SHOULD be raised
781 at job submission time. If the problem can only be detected after job submission, the job SHOULD enter
782 `JobState::FAILED` accordingly.

783 The support for this attribute is mandatory.

784 5.6.21 machineOS

785 This attribute denotes the expected operating system type on the / all execution host(s). If this resource de-
786 mand cannot be fulfilled, an `InvalidArgumentException` SHOULD be raised on job submission time. If the
787 problem can only be detected after job submission, the job SHOULD enter `JobState::FAILED` accordingly.

788 The support for this attribute is mandatory.

789 (See footnote)²⁰

790 5.6.22 machineArch

791 This attribute denotes the expected machine architecture on the / all execution host(s). If this resource
792 demand cannot be fulfilled, an `InvalidArgumentException` SHOULD be raised on job submission time. If
793 the problem can only be detected after job submission, the job should enter `JobState::FAILED`.

794 The support for this attribute is mandatory.

¹⁹Torque does not support maxSlots on job submission, conf call on May 11th decided to keep it as optional feature. Expected use cases are billing limitations and parallel job scalability considerations

²⁰ Requesting a specific operating system version beyond the type is not supported by the majority of DRM systems (conf call Jul 28th 2010)

5.6.23 `startTime`

This attribute specifies the earliest time when the job may be eligible to be run.

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

5.6.24 `deadlineTime`

Specifies a deadline after which the implementation or the DRM system **SHOULD** change the job state to any of the “Terminated” states (see Section 8.1).

The support for this attribute is optional, as expressed by the `DrmaaCapability::JT_DEADLINE`.

5.6.25 `hardResourceLimits`

This attribute specifies the limits on resource utilization of the job(s) on the execution host(s). The valid dictionary keys and their value semantics are defined in Section 4.3. An implementation **MAY** map the settings to an `setrlimit` call in the operating system, if available. If a resource limit is reached, the system **SHOULD** according to the behavior described in Table 3.

ResourceLimitType violated	Job changes to FAILED state
<code>CORE_FILE_SIZE</code>	No
<code>CPU_TIME</code>	Yes
<code>DATA_SEG_SIZE</code>	No
<code>FILE_SIZE</code>	Yes
<code>OPEN_FILES</code>	No
<code>STACK_SIZE</code>	Yes
<code>VIRTUAL_MEMORY</code>	Yes
<code>WALLCLOCK_TIME</code>	Yes

Table 3: Reaction on violation of defined hard resource limits for jobs.

The support for this attribute is mandatory. If only a subset of the attributes from `ResourceLimitType` is supported by the implementation, and some of the unsupported attributes are used, the job submission **SHOULD** raise an `InvalidArgumentException` expressing the fact that resource limits are supported in general.

Conflicts of these attribute values with any other job template attribute or with referenced advance reservations are handled in an implementation-specific manner. Implementations **SHOULD** try to delegate the decision about parameter combination validity to the DRM system, in order to ensure similar semantics in different DRMAA implementations for this system.

(See footnote)²¹

²¹ In comparison to DRMAA 1.0, resource usage limitations can now be expressed by two dictionaries and an according standardized set of valid dictionary keys (`LimitType`). The idea is to allow a direct mapping to `ulimit(3)` semantics, which are supported by the majority of DRM system today. A separate run duration limit is no longer needed, since this is covered by the new `CPU_TIME` limit parameter. (conf. call Jun 9th 2010).

This distinguishing between different reactions on limit violation was restricted to the job entering, or not entering, the FAILED state. All further effects (e.g. no more `open()` calls possible) are out of scope for DRMAA, since they relate to operating system behavior on execution host (conf call May 4th 2011).

The attribute is mandatory, since the missing general support for resource limits can be simply expressed by raising `InvalidArgumentException` for all types.

5.6.26 accountingId

This attribute denotes a string that can be used by the DRM system for job accounting purposes. Implementations SHOULD NOT utilize this information as authentication token, but only as identification information in addition to the implementation-specific authentication (see Section 12).

The support for this attribute is optional, as described by the `DrmaaCapability::JT_ACCOUNTINGID` flag.

5.7 ReservationTemplate structure

In order to define the attributes associated with an advance reservation, the DRMAA application creates an `ReservationTemplate` instance and requests the fulfilment through the `ReservationSession` methods in the DRM system.

```
struct ReservationTemplate {
    string reservationName;
    AbsoluteTime startTime;
    AbsoluteTime endTime;
    TimeAmount duration;
    long minSlots;
    long maxSlots;
    StringList usersACL;
    OrderedStringList candidateMachines;
    long minPhysMemory;
    OperatingSystem machineOS;
    CpuArchitecture machineArch;
};
```

Similar to the `JobTemplate` concept (see Section 5.6), there is a distinction between *mandatory* and *optional* attributes. Mandatory attributes MUST be supported by the implementation in the sense that they are evaluated in a `ReservationSession::requestReservation` call. Optional attributes MAY NOT be evaluated by the particular implementation, but MUST be provided as part of the `ReservationTemplate` structure in the implementation. If an optional attribute is not evaluated by the particular implementation, but has a value different to `UNSET`, the call to `ReservationSession::requestReservation` MUST fail with a `UnsupportedAttributeException`.

Implementations MUST set all attribute values to `UNSET` on struct allocation. This ensures that both the DRMAA application and the library implementation can determine untouched attribute members.

A language binding specification SHOULD model the `ReservationTemplate` representation the same way as the `JobTemplate` interface (see Section 5.6), and therefore MUST define the realization of implementation-specific attributes, printing, and the initialization of attribute values.

5.7.1 reservationName

A human-readable reservation name. If this attribute is omitted then the name of the reservation SHALL be automatically defined by the implementation. The implementation MAY truncate or alter any application-provided job name in order to adjust it to the DRMS specific constraints.

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

5.7.2 `startTime` / `endTime` / `duration`

The time frame in which resources should be reserved. Table 4 explains the different possible parameter combinations and their semantic.

<code>startTime</code>	<code>endTime</code>	<code>duration</code>	Description
UNSET	UNSET	UNSET	Invalid, SHALL leave to a <code>InvalidArgumentException</code> on the reservation attempt.
Set	UNSET	UNSET	Invalid, SHALL leave to a <code>InvalidArgumentException</code> on the reservation attempt.
UNSET	Set	UNSET	Invalid, SHALL leave to a <code>InvalidArgumentException</code> on the reservation attempt.
Set	Set	UNSET	Perform reservation attempt to get resources in the specified time frame.
UNSET	UNSET	Set	Perform reservation attempt the get resources at least for the time amount given in <code>duration</code> .
Set	UNSET	Set	Implies <code>endTime = startTime + duration</code>
UNSET	Set	Set	Implies <code>startTime = endTime - duration</code>
Set	Set	Set	If <code>endTime - startTime</code> is larger than <code>duration</code> , perform a reservation attempt where the demanded <code>duration</code> is fulfilled at the earliest point in time after <code>startTime</code> , and without extending <code>endTime</code> . If <code>endTime - startTime</code> is smaller than <code>duration</code> , the reservation attempt SHALL leave to a <code>InvalidArgumentException</code> . If <code>endTime - startTime</code> and <code>duration</code> are equal, <code>duration</code> SHALL be ignored.

Table 4: Parameter combinations for the advance reservation time frame. If `duration` is not supported, it should be treated as UNSET.

The support for `startTime` and `endTime` is mandatory. The support for `duration` is optional, as described by the `DrmaaCapability::RT_DURATION` flag. Implementations that do not support the described "sliding window" approach for the SET / SET / SET case SHOULD express this by NOT supporting the `duration` attribute.

Implementations MAY support `startTime` to have the constant value NOW (see Section 3), which expresses that the reservation should start at the time of reservation template approval in the DRM system. The support for this feature is declared by the `DrmaaCapability::RT_STARTNOW` flag.

5.7.3 `minSlots`

The minimum number of requested slots (see also Section 1.3). If the attribute value is UNSET, it should default to 1.

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

5.7.4 `maxSlots`

The maximum number of requested slots (see also Section 1.3). If the attribute value is UNSET, it should default to the value of `minSlots`.

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

5.7.5 usersACL

The list of the users that would be permitted to submit jobs to the created reservation. If the attribute value is `UNSET`, it should default to the user running the application.

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

5.7.6 candidateMachines

Requests that the reservation SHALL be created for exactly the given set of machines. Implementations and their DRM systems MAY decide to reserve only a subset of the given machines. If this attribute is not specified, it should default to the result of `MonitoringSession::getAllMachines` (see Section 10.1).

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

(See footnote)²²

5.7.7 minPhysMemory

Requests that the reservation SHALL be created with machines that have at least the given amount of physical memory in kilobyte. Implementations MAY interpret this attribute value as filter for candidate machines, or as memory reservation demand on a shared execution resource.

The support for this attribute is mandatory.

(See footnote)²³

5.7.8 machineOS

Requests that the reservation must be created with machines that have the given type of operating system, regardless of its version, with semantics as specified in Section 4.1.

The support for this attribute is optional, as described by the `DrmaaCapability::RT_MACHINEOS` flag.

(See footnote)²⁴

5.7.9 machineArch

Requests that the reservation must be created with machines that have the given instruction set architecture, with semantics as specified in Section 4.2.

The support for this attribute is optional, as described by the `DrmaaCapability::RT_MACHINEARCH` flag.

(See footnote)²⁵

²²May 18th 2011 conf call identified the subset reservation feature to be only available in some of the systems, so it is no promise here.

²³May 18th 2011 conf call identified the different understandings of memory reservation.

²⁴May 18th 2011 conf call identified support in DRM systems to be mainly given by additional configuration only.

²⁵May 18th 2011 conf call identified support in DRM systems to be mainly given by additional configuration only.

5.8 DrmaaReflective Interface

Generic DRMAA-based applications such as portals might need to determine, get, and set supported non-mandatory attributes at runtime. The **DrmaaReflective** interface is intended to standardize the access to such optional and implementation-specific attributes, especially in programming languages that do not support introspection. Applications are expected to determine the supported optional attributes through the **SessionManager::supports** method (see Section 7.1).

```
interface DrmaaReflective {
    readonly attribute StringList jobTemplateImpl;
    readonly attribute StringList jobInfoImpl;
    readonly attribute StringList reservationTemplateImpl;
    readonly attribute StringList reservationInfoImpl;
    readonly attribute StringList queueImpl;
    readonly attribute StringList machineImpl;
    readonly attribute StringList notificationImpl;

    string getAttr(any instance, in string name);
    void setAttr(any instance, in string name, in string value);
    string describeAttr(any instance, in string name);
};
```

5.8.1 jobTemplateImpl

This attribute provides the list of supported implementation-specific **JobTemplate** attributes.

5.8.2 jobInfoImpl

This attribute provides the list of supported implementation-specific **JobInfo** attributes.

5.8.3 reservationTemplateImpl

This attribute provides the list of supported implementation-specific **ReservationTemplate** attributes.

5.8.4 reservationInfoImpl

This attribute provides the list of supported implementation-specific **ReservationInfo** attributes.

5.8.5 queueImpl

This attribute provides the list of supported implementation-specific **Queue** attributes.

5.8.6 machineImpl

This attribute provides the list of supported implementation-specific **Machine** attributes.

5.8.7 notificationImpl

This attribute provides the list of supported implementation-specific **DrmaaNotification** attributes.

5.8.8 getAttr

This method allows to retrieve the attribute value for **name** from the structure or interface instance given in the **instance** parameter. The return value is the stringified variant of the current attribute value.

5.8.9 setAttr

This method allows to set the attribute **name** to **value** in the structure or interface instance given in the **instance** parameter.

What to do on type cast errors when converting from string to native type ?

5.8.10 describeAttr

This method returns a human-readable description of the attribute described by **name** in the structure or interface instance given in the **instance** parameter. The content and language of the return value is implementation-specific, but should consider the intended use case of portal applications.

6 Common Exceptions

The exception model specifies error information that can be returned by a DRMAA implementation on method calls.

```
exception DeniedByDrmsException {string message;};
exception DrmCommunicationException {string message;};
exception TryLaterException {string message;};
exception SessionManagementException {string message;};
exception TimeoutException {string message;};
exception InternalException {string message;};
exception InvalidArgumentException {string message;};
exception InvalidSessionException {string message;};
exception InvalidStateException {string message;};
exception OutOfMemoryException {string message;};
exception UnsupportedAttributeException {string message;};
exception UnsupportedOperationException {string message;};
exception NotEnoughSlotsException {string message;};
exception InvalidReservationException: {string message;};
```

If not defined otherwise, the exceptions have the following meaning:

DeniedByDrmsException: The DRM system rejected the operation due to security issues.

DrmCommunicationException: The DRMAA implementation could not contact the DRM system. The problem source is unknown to the implementation, so it is unknown if the problem is transient or not.

TryLaterException: The DRMAA implementation detected a transient problem with performing the operation, for example due to excessive load. The application is recommended to retry the call.

SessionManagementException: A problem was encountered while trying to create / open / close / destroy a session.

Should we have DuplicatedSessionNameException instead ? Could this be completely removed ?

- 965 **TimeoutException:** The timeout given in one the waiting functions was reached without successfully
 966 finishing the waiting attempt.
- 967 **InternalException:** An unexpected or internal error occurred in the DRMAA library, for example a system
 968 call failure. It is unknown if the problem is transient or not.
- 969 **InvalidArgumentException:** From the viewpoint of the DRMAA library, a function parameter is invalid
 970 or inappropriate for the particular function call.
- 971 **InvalidSessionException:** The session used for the function is not valid, for example since it was closed
 972 before.
- 973 **InvalidStateException:** The function call is not allowed in the current state of the job.
- 974 **OutOfMemoryException:** This exception can be thrown by any method at any time when the DRMAA
 975 implementation has run out of free memory, or when an application-provided buffer is too small for
 976 the data to be added by the implementation.
- 977 **UnsupportedAttributeException:** The optional attribute is not supported by the DRMAA implemen-
 978 tation.
- 979 **UnsupportedOperationException:** The function is not supported by the DRMAA implementation. One
 980 example is the registration of an event callback function.
- 981 **NotEnoughSlotsException:** The advance reservation request could not be fulfilled due to unavailability of
 982 resources in the requested time window.
- 983 **InvalidReservationException:** The reservation do not exist in the DRM system.
- 984 .

The DRMAA specification assumes that programming languages targeted by language bindings typically support the concept of exceptions. If a destination language does not support them (like ANSI C), the language binding specification SHOULD map error conditions to an appropriate consistent concept. A language binding MAY chose to model exceptions as numeric error code return values, and return values as additional output parameters of the operation. In this case, the language binding specification SHOULD specify numeric values for all DRMAA error constants.

The representation of exceptions in the language binding MUST support a possibility to express an exception cause as textual description. Implementations MAY use this text to express DRMS-specific error conditions that are outside of the DRMAA scope.

Object-oriented language bindings MAY decide to derive all exceptions from one or multiple exception base classes, in order to support generic catch clauses. Whenever it is appropriate, language bindings SHOULD replace DRMAA exceptions by their semantically equivalent native exception from the application runtime environment.

Language bindings MAY decide to introduce a hierarchical ordering of the DRMAA exceptions through class derivation. In this case, any new exceptions added for aggregation purposes SHOULD be prevented from being thrown, for example by marking them as abstract.

The **UnsupportedAttributeException** may either be raised by the setter function for the attribute or by the job submission function. A consistent decision for either one or the other approach MUST be made by the language binding specification.

Two new exceptions. Group approval needed.

We might want to introduce **InvalidTempl** for separating input parameter issues

985 (See footnote)²⁶

986 7 The DRMAA Session Concept

987 DRMAA relies on an overall session concept, which supports the persistency of job and advance reservation
 988 information over multiple application runs. This supports short-lived applications that need to work with
 989 DRM system state spanning multiple application runs. Typical examples are job submission portals or
 990 command-line tools. The session concept is also intended to allow implementations to perform DRM system
 991 attach / detach operations at dedicated points in the application control flow.

992 7.1 SessionManager Interface

```

993 interface SessionManager{
994     readonly attribute string drmsName;
995     readonly attribute Version drmaaVersion;
996     boolean supports(in DrmaaCapability capability);
997     JobSession createJobSession(in string sessionName,
998                               in string contactString);
999     ReservationSession createReservationSession(in string sessionName,
1000                                               in string contactString);
1001     MonitoringSession createMonitoringSession (in string contactString);
1002     JobSession openJobSession(in string sessionName);
1003     ReservationSession openReservationSession(in string sessionName);
1004     void closeJobSession(in JobSession s);
1005     void closeReservationSession(in ReservationSession s);
1006     void closeMonitoringSession(in MonitoringSession s);
1007     void destroyJobSession(in string sessionName);
1008     void destroyReservationSession(in string sessionName);
1009     StringList getJobSessions();
1010     StringList getReservationSessions();
1011 };
  
```

1012 The **SessionManager** interface is the main interface for establishing communication with a given DRM system.
 1013 By the help of this interface, sessions for job management, monitoring, and/or reservation management
 1014 can be maintained.

1015 Job and reservation sessions maintain persistent state information (about jobs and reservations created)
 1016 between application runs. State data **SHOULD** be persisted by the library implementation or the DRMS
 1017 itself (if supported) after closing the session through the according method in the **SessionManager** interface.

1018 The re-opening of a session **MUST** be possible on the machine where the session was originally created.
 1019 Implementations **MAY** also offer to re-open the session on another machine.

1020 The state information **SHOULD** be kept until the job or reservation session is explicitly reaped by the
 1021 according destroy method in the **SessionManager** interface. If an implementation runs out of resources for

²⁶ Comparison to DRMAA 1.0: The `InconsistentStateException` was removed, since it is semantically equal to the `InvalidStateException` (conf. call Jan 7th 2010) The former `HoldInconsistentStateException`, `ReleaseInconsistentStateException`, `ResumeInconsistentStateException`, and `SuspendInconsistentStateException` from DRMAA v1.0 are now expressed as single `InvalidStateException` with different meaning per raising method. (F2F meeting July 2009)

storing the session information, the closing function SHOULD throw a `SessionManagementException`. If an application ends without closing the session properly, the behavior of the DRMAA implementation is undefined.

An implementation MUST allow the application to have multiple sessions of the same or different types instantiated at the same time. This includes the proper coordination of parallel calls to session methods that share state information.

(See footnote)²⁷

7.1.1 drmsName

A system identifier denoting a specific type of DRM system, e.g. “LSF” or “GridWay”. It is intended to support conditional code blocks in the DRMAA application that rely on DRMS-specific details of the DRMAA implementation. Implementations SHOULD NOT make versioning information of the particular DRM system a part of this attribute value.

7.1.2 drmaaVersion

A combination of minor / major version number information for the DRMAA implementation. The major version number MUST be the constant value “2”, the minor version number SHOULD be used by the DRMAA implementation for expressing its own versioning information.

7.1.3 createJobSession / createReservationSession / createMonitoringSession

The method creates a new session instance of the particular type for the application. On successful completion of this method, the necessary initialization for making the session usable MUST be completed. Examples are the connection establishment from the DRMAA library to the DRM system, or the prefetching of information from non-thread-safe operating system calls, such as `getHostByName`.

The `contactString` parameter is an implementation-dependent string that SHALL allow the application to specify which DRM system instance to use. A contact string represents a specific installation of a specific DRM system, e.g. a Condor central manager machine at a given IP address, or a Grid Engine ‘root’ and ‘cell’. Contact strings are always implementation dependent and therefore opaque to the application. If `contactString` has the value `UNSET`, a default DRM system SHOULD be contacted. The manual configuration or automated detection of a default contact is implementation-specific.

The `sessionName` parameter denotes a unique name to be used for the new session. If a session with such a name was created before, the method MUST throw an `InvalidArgumentException`. In all other cases, including if the provided name has the value `UNSET`, a new session MUST be created with a unique name generated by the implementation. A `MonitoringSession` instance has no persistent state, and therefore does not support the name concept.

If the DRM system does not support advance reservation, than `createReservationSession` SHALL throw an `UnsupportedOperationException`.

²⁷ Comparison to DRMAA 1.0: The concept of a factory from GFD.130 was removed (solves issue #6276). Version 2.0 of DRMAA supports restartable sessions by the newly introduced `SessionManager` interface. It allows creating multiple concurrent sessions for job submission (solves issue #2821), which can be restarted by their generated session name (solves issue #2820). `Session.init()` and `Session.exit()` functionalities are moved to the according session creation and closing routines. The descriptions were fixed accordingly (solves issue #2822). The `AlreadyActiveSession` error was removed. (F2F meeting July 2009) The `drmaaImplementation` attribute from DRMAA 1.0 was removed, since it was redundant to the `drmsInfo` attribute. This one is now available in the new `SessionManager` interface. (F2F meeting July 2009).

7.1.4 openJobSession / openReservationSession

The method is used to open a persisted `JobSession` or `ReservationSession` instance that has previously been created under the given `sessionName`. The implementation MUST support the case that the session have been created by the same application or by a different application running on the same machine. The implementation MAY support the case that the session was created or updated on a different machine. If no session with the given `sessionName` exists, an `InvalidArgumentException` MUST be raised.

If the session described by `sessionName` was already opened before, implementations MAY return the same job or reservation session instance.

If the DRM system does not support advance reservation, `openReservationSession` SHALL throw an `UnsupportedOperationException`.

7.1.5 closeJobSession / closeReservationSession / closeMonitoringSession

The method MUST do whatever work is required to disengage from the DRM system. It SHOULD be callable only once, by only one of the application threads. This SHOULD be ensured by the library implementation. Additional calls beyond the first SHOULD lead to a `NoActiveSessionException` error notification.

For `JobSession` or `ReservationSession` instances, the according state information MUST be saved to some stable storage before the method returns. This method SHALL NOT affect any jobs or reservations in the session (e.g., queued and running jobs remain queued and running).

If the DRM system does not support advance reservation, `closeReservationSession` SHALL throw an `UnsupportedOperationException`.

7.1.6 destroyJobSession / destroyReservationSession

The method MUST do whatever work is required to reap persistent session state and cached job state information for the given session name. If session instances for the given name exist, they MUST become invalid after this method was finished successfully. Invalid sessions MUST throw `InvalidSessionException` on every attempt of utilization. This method SHALL NOT affect any jobs or reservations in the session in their operation, e.g. queued and running jobs remain queued and running.

If the DRM system does not support advance reservation, `destroyReservationSession` SHALL throw an `UnsupportedOperationException`.

7.1.7 getJobSessions / getReservationSessions

This method returns a list of `JobSession` or `ReservationSession` names that are valid input for a `openJobSession` or `openReservationSession` call.

If the DRM system does not support advance reservation, `getReservationSessions` SHALL throw an `UnsupportedOperationException`.

8 Working with Jobs

A DRMAA job represents a single computational activity that is executed by the DRM system on a execution host, typically as operating system process. The `JobSession` interface represents all control and monitoring functions commonly available in DRM systems for such jobs as a whole, while the `Job` interface represents the

common functionality for single jobs. Sets of jobs resulting from a bulk submission are separately represented by the `JobArray` interface. `JobTemplate` instances allow to formulate conditions and requirements for the job execution by the DRM system.

8.1 The DRMAA State Model

DRMAA defines the following job states:

```
enum JobState {
    UNDETERMINED, QUEUED, QUEUED_HELD, RUNNING, SUSPENDED, REQUEUED,
    REQUEUED_HELD, DONE, FAILED};
```

UNDETERMINED: The job status cannot be determined. This is a permanent issue, not being solvable by querying again for the job state.

QUEUED: The job is queued for being scheduled and executed.

QUEUED_HELD: The job has been placed on hold by the system, the administrator, or the submitting user.

RUNNING: The job is running on a execution host.

SUSPENDED: The job has been suspended by the user, the system or the administrator.

REQUEUED: The job was re-queued by the DRM system, and is eligible to run.

REQUEUED_HELD: The job was re-queued by the DRM system, and is currently placed on hold.

DONE: The job finished without an error.

FAILED: The job exited abnormally before finishing.

If a DRMAA job state has no representation in the underlying DRMS, the DRMAA implementation MAY never report that job state value. However, all DRMAA implementations MUST provide the `JobState` enumeration as given here. An implementation SHOULD NOT return any job state value other than those defined in the `JobState` enumeration.

The status values relate to the DRMAA job state transition model, as shown in Figure 1.

The transition diagram in Figure 1 expresses the classification of possible job states into “Queued”, “Started”, and “Terminated”. This is relevant for the job waiting functions (see Section 8.2 and Section 8.4), which operate on job state classes only. The “Terminated” class of states is final, meaning that further state transition is not allowed.

Implementations SHALL NOT introduce other job transitions (e.g. from `RUNNING` to `QUEUED`) beside the ones stated in Figure 1, even if they might happen in the underlying DRM system. In this case, implementations MAY emulate the necessary intermediate steps for the DRMAA-based application.

When an application requests job state information, the implementation SHOULD also provide the `subState` value to explain DRM-specific information about the job state. The possible values of this attribute are implementation-specific, but should be documented properly. Examples are extra states for staging phases or details on the hold reason. Implementations SHOULD define a DRMS-specific data structure for the sub-state information that can be converted to / from the data type defined by the language binding.

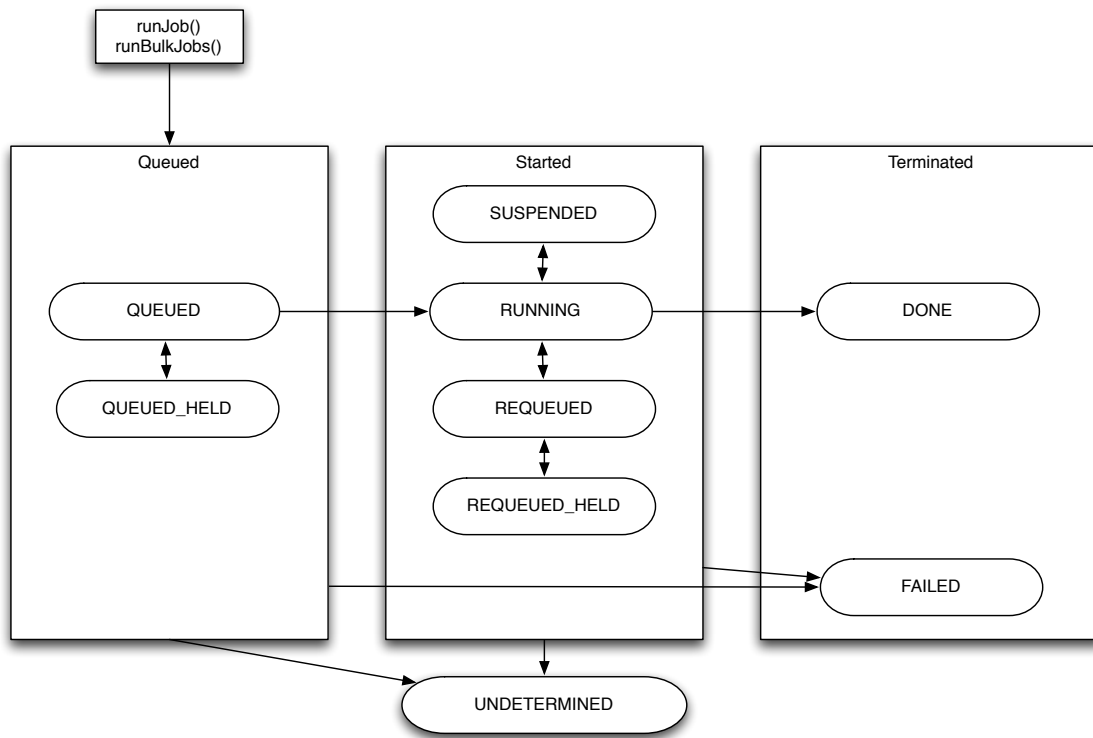


Figure 1: DRMAA Job State Transition Model

The IDL definition declares the sub state attributes as type **any**, expressing the fact that the language binding **MUST** map the data type to a generic language type (e.g. *void**, *Object*) that maintains source code portability across DRMAA implementations and still accepts an **UNSET** value.

1128 The DRMAA job state model can be mapped to other high-level API state models. Table 5 gives a non-
1129 normative set of examples.

1130 (See footnote)²⁸

²⁸ Comparison to DRMAA 1.0:

The differentiation between the system hold, user hold, and system / user hold job states was removed (conf. call Jan 20th 2009). There is only one hold state now. A job can now change its state from one of the SUSPENDED states to the QUEUED_ACTIVE state (conf. call Jan 20th 2009, solves issue #2788). The job state UNDETERMINED is now clearer defined. It expressed a permanent issue, meaning that the job state will not change by just waiting. Temporary problems in the detection of the job state are now expressed by the TryLaterException (conf. call Feb 5th 2009, solves issue #2783). The description of the FAILED state was extended to support a more specific differentiation between different job failure reasons. The new subState feature allows the DRMAA implementation to provide better information, if available. There was no portable way of standardizing extended failure information in a better way. (conf. call May 12th 2009, solves issue #5875) The different suspend job states from DRMAA1 (user suspended, system suspended, user / system suspended) are now combined into one suspend state. DRM systems with the need to express the different suspend reasons can use the new sub-state feature (conf. call Mar 5th 2010).

REQUEUED and REQUEUED_HELD maps to RUNNING in BES, since BES does not allow a transition between Running and Pending (mailing list, Apr. 2011)

DRMAA JobState	SAGA JobState [3]	OGSA-BES Job State [2]
UNDETERMINED	N/A	N/A
QUEUED	Running	Pending (Queued)
QUEUED_HELD	Running	Pending (Queued)
RUNNING	Running	Running (Executing)
SUSPENDED	Suspended	Running (Suspended)
REQUEUED	Running	Running (Queued)
REQUEUED_HELD	Running	Running (Queued)
DONE	Done	Finished
FAILED	Cancelled, Failed	Cancelled, Failed

Table 5: Example Mapping of DRMAA Job States

8.2 JobSession Interface

A job session instance acts as container for job instances controlled through the DRMAA API. The session methods support the submission of new jobs, the monitoring and the control of existing jobs. The relationship between jobs and their session MUST be persisted, as described in Section 7.1.

```

interface JobSession {
    readonly attribute string contact;
    readonly attribute string sessionName;
    readonly attribute StringList jobCategories;
    JobList getJobs(in JobInfo filter);
    JobArray getJobArray(in string jobArrayId);
    Job runJob(in JobTemplate jobTemplate);
    JobArray runBulkJobs(
        in JobTemplate jobTemplate,
        in long beginIndex,
        in long endIndex,
        in long step,
        in long maxParallel);
    Job waitAnyStarted(in JobList jobs, in TimeAmount timeout);
    Job waitAnyTerminated(in JobList jobs, in TimeAmount timeout);
    void registerEventNotification(in DrmaaCallback callback);
};

```


1152 (See footnote)²⁹

1153 8.2.1 `contact`

1154 This attribute contains the `contact` value that was used in the `SessionManager::createJobSession` call
1155 for this instance (see Section 7.1). If no value was originally provided, the default contact string from the
1156 implementation MUST be returned. This attribute is read-only.

1157 8.2.2 `sessionName`

1158 This attribute contains the `sessionName` value that was used in the `SessionManager::createJobSession`
1159 or `SessionManager::openJobSession` call for this instance (see Section 7.1). This attribute is read-only.

1160 8.2.3 `jobCategories`

1161 This method provides the list of of valid job category names which can be used for the `jobCategory` attribute
1162 in a `JobTemplate` instance. The semantics are described in Section 5.6.7.

1163 8.2.4 `getJobs`

1164 This method returns a sequence of jobs that belong to the job session. The `filter` parameter allows one
1165 to choose a subset of the session jobs as return value. The attribute semantics for the `filter` argument are
1166 explained in Section 5.4. If no job matches or the session has no jobs attached, the method MUST return
1167 an empty sequence instance. If `filter` is UNSET, all session jobs MUST be returned.

1168 Time-dependent effects of this method, such as jobs no longer matching to filter criteria on evaluation time,
1169 are implementation-specific. The purpose of the filter parameter is to keep scalability with a large number
1170 of jobs per session. Applications therefore must consider the possibly changed state of jobs during their
1171 evaluation of the method result.

1172 8.2.5 `getJobArray`

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²⁹ Comparison to DRMAA 1.0: The original separation between `synchronize()` and `wait()` was replaced by a complete new synchronization semantic in the API. DRMAA2 has now two methods, `waitStarted()` and `waitTerminated()`. The first waits for any state that expresses that the job was started, the second for any terminal status. Both methods are available on session level (wait for any of the given jobs to start / end) or on single job level (solves issue #5880 and #2838). The function returns always a Job object, in order to allow chaining, e.g. `job.wait(JobStatus.RUNNING).hold()`. The session-level functions implement the old DRMAA `wait(SESSION_ANY)`. The old `synchronize()` semantics are no longer directly supported - instead, the DRMAA application should use a looped `Job.wait...` / `JobSession.waitAny...` call. The result is a more condensed and responsive API, were the application can decide to keep the user informed during synchronization on a set of jobs. DRMAA library implementations should also become easier to design, since the danger of multithreading side effects inside the DRMAA API is reduced by this change. As a side effect, `JOB_IDS_SESSION_ANY` and `JOB_IDS_SESSION_ALL` are no longer needed. The special consideration of a partial failures during `SESSION_ALL` wait activities is also no longer necessary (F2F meeting July 2009). The `JobSession` now allows to fetch also information about jobs that were not submitted through DRMAA (conf. call June 23th 2010).

Add descrip-
tion

I did not add
*getJobAr-
rays*, since
this would
demand to
define filter-
ing semantics
on some new
JobArrayInfo
thing. Needs
discussion.

8.2.6 runJob

The `runJob` method submits a job with the attributes defined in the job template parameter. It returns a `Job` object that represents the job in the underlying DRM system. Depending on the job template settings, submission attempts may be rejected with an `InvalidArgumentException`. The error details SHOULD provide further information about the attribute(s) responsible for the rejection.

When this method returns a valid `Job` instance, the following conditions SHOULD be fulfilled:

- The job is part of the persistent state of the job session.
- All non-DRMAA and DRMAA interfaces to the DRM system report the job as being submitted to the DRM system.
- The job has one of the DRMAA job states.

8.2.7 runBulkJobs

The `runBulkJobs` method creates a set of parametric jobs, each with attributes defined in the given job template. Each job in the set is identical, except for the job template attributes that include the `JobTemplatePlaceholder::PARAMETRIC_INDEX` macro (see Section 5.6).

If any of the resulting parametric job templates is not accepted by the DRM system, the method call MUST raise an `InvalidArgumentException`. No job from the set SHOULD be submitted in this case.

The first job in the set has an index equal to the `beginIndex` parameter of the method call. The smallest valid value for `beginIndex` is 1. The next job has an index equal to `beginIndex + step`, and so on. The last job has an index equal to `beginIndex + n * step`, where `n` is equal to $(\text{endIndex} - \text{beginIndex}) / \text{step}$. The index of the last job may not be equal to `endIndex` if the difference between `beginIndex` and `endIndex` is not evenly divisible by `step`. The `beginIndex` value must be less than or equal to the `endIndex` value, and only positive index numbers are allowed, otherwise the method SHOULD raise an `InvalidArgumentException`.

Jobs can determine the index number at run time with the mechanism described in Section 8.6.

The `maxParallel` parameter allows to specify a hint about how many of the bulk job's processes are allowed to run in parallel on the utilized resources. Implementations MAY consider this value if the DRM system supports such functionality, otherwise the parameter MUST be silently ignored. If the parameter value is `UNSET`, no limit SHOULD be applied on the bulk job.

The `runBulkJobs` method returns a `JobArray` (see Section 8.5) instance that represents the set of `Job` objects created by the method call under a common array identifier. For each of the jobs in the array, the same conditions as for the result of `runJob` SHOULD apply.

The largest (syntactically) allowed value for `endIndex` MUST be defined by the language binding.

Further restrictions on the maximum `endIndex` MAY be implied by the implementation.

(See footnote)³⁰

³⁰ There was a discussion (mailing list Jan 2011) about having specialized job templates for bulk submission, with support for the start / end index and a slots limit. We rejected that, since job templates are intended for re-usage.

The May 4th 2011 conf call identified Grid Engine, Torque and LSF as the only systems having support for `maxParallel`. The feature was determined as critical enough for still adding it, therefore the ignorance rule and the MAY semantics are applied.

8.2.8 waitAnyStarted / waitAnyTerminated

The `waitAnyStarted` method blocks until any of the jobs referenced in the `jobs` parameter entered one of the “Started” states. The `waitAnyTerminated` method blocks until any of the jobs referenced in the `jobs` parameter entered one of the “Terminated” states (see Section 8.1). If the input list contains jobs that are not part of the session, `waitAnyStarted` SHALL fail with an `InvalidArgumentException`.

The `timeout` argument specifies the desired behavior when a result is not immediately available. The constant value `INFINITE_TIME` may be specified to wait indefinitely for a result. The constant value `ZERO_TIME` may be specified to return immediately. Alternatively, a number of seconds may be specified to indicate how long to wait for a result to become available. If the invocation exits on timeout, an `TimeoutException` SHALL be raised.

In a multi-threaded environment with multiple `JobSession::waitAny...` calls, only one of the active thread SHOULD get the status change notification for a particular job, while the other threads SHOULD continue waiting. If there are no more queryable jobs left in the session, all remaining waiting threads SHOULD fail with an `InvalidStateException`. If thread A is waiting for a specific job with `Job::wait...`, and another thread, thread B, waiting for that same job or with `JobSession::waitAny...`, then B SHOULD receive the notification that the job has finished, thread A SHOULD fail with an `InvalidStateException`. Waiting for a job state is a read-only operation.

An application waiting for some condition to happen in *all* jobs of a set is expected to perform looped calls of these waiting functions.

(See footnote)³¹

8.2.9 registerEventNotification

This method is used to register a `DrmaaCallback` interface (see Section 8.3) implemented by the DRMAA-based application. If the callback functionality is not supported by the DRMAA implementation, the method SHALL raise an `UnsupportedOperationException`, and the capability `DrmaaCapability::CALLBACK` MUST NOT be indicated (see Section 4.5). Implementations with callback support MAY allow the registration of multiple methods.

A language binding specification MUST define how the reference to an interface-compliant method can be given as argument to this method.

8.3 DrmaaCallback Interface

The `DrmaaCallback` interface allows the DRMAA library or the DRM system to inform the application about relevant events from the DRM system in an asynchronous fashion. One expected use case is lossless monitoring of job state transitions. The support for such callback functionality is optional, indicated by `DrmaaCallback::CALLBACK`, but all implementations MUST define the `DrmaaCallback` interface type as given in the language binding.

```
interface DrmaaCallback {
    void notify(in DrmaaNotification notification);
```

³¹ People typically ask for the `waitAll..()` counterparts of these functions. Since they are so easy to implement in the application itself, we could not see any benefit in adding them. Due to their intended long-blocking operation, the DRM system would not be able to offer any better (meaning much faster) implementation to be wrapped by DRMAA.

```

1241     };

1242     struct DrmaaNotification {
1243         DrmaaEvent event;
1244         Job job;
1245         JobState jobState;
1246     };

1247     enum DrmaaEvent {
1248         NEW_STATE, MIGRATED, ATTRIBUTE_CHANGE
1249     };

```

1250 The application callback interface is registered through the `JobSession::registerEventNotification`
 1251 method (see Section 8.2). The `DrmaaNotification` structure represents the notification information from
 1252 the DRM system. Implementations MAY extend this structure for further information (see Section 5). All
 1253 given information SHOULD be valid at least at the time of notification generation.

1254 The `DrmaaEvent` enumeration defines standard event types for notification:

1255 **NEW_STATE** The job entered a new state, which is described in the `jobState` attribute of the notification
 1256 structure.

1257 **MIGRATED** The job was migrated to another execution host, and is now in the given state.

1258 **ATTRIBUTE_CHANGE** A monitoring attribute of the job, such as the memory consumption, changed
 1259 to a new value. The `jobState` attribute MAY have the value UNSET on this event.

1260 DRMAA implementations SHOULD protect themselves from unexpected behavior of the called application.
 1261 This includes indefinite delays or unexpected exceptions from the callee. An implementation SHOULD
 1262 also disallow any library calls while the callback function is running, to avoid recursion scenarios. It is
 1263 RECOMMENDED to raise `TryLaterException` in this case.

1264

1265 Scalability issues of the notification facility are out of scope for this specification. Implementations MAY
 1266 decide to support non-standardized throttling configuration options.

1267 (See footnote)³²

1268 8.4 Job Interface

1269 Every job in the `JobSession` is expressed by an own instance of the `Job` interface. It allows one to instruct
 1270 the DRM system for a job status change, and to query the status attributes of the job in the DRM system.

```

1271     interface Job {
1272         readonly attribute string jobId;
1273         readonly attribute JobSession session;
1274         readonly attribute JobTemplate jobTemplate;
1275         void suspend();
1276         void resume();

```

³² We intentionally did not add `subState` to the notification information, since this would make callback interface implementations specific for the DRM system, without any chance for creating a portable DRMAA application.

The recursion restriction renders the given Job object useless.

```

1277     void hold();
1278     void release();
1279     void terminate();
1280     JobState getState(out any jobSubState);
1281     JobInfo getInfo();
1282     Job waitStarted(in TimeAmount timeout);
1283     Job waitTerminated(in TimeAmount timeout);
1284 };

```

1285 (See footnote)³³

1286 8.4.1 jobId

1287 This attribute provides the string job identifier assigned to the job by the DRM system. It is intended as
 1288 performant alternative for fetching a complete `JobInfo` instance for this information.

1289 8.4.2 session

1290 This attribute offers a reference to the `JobSession` instance that represents the session used for the job
 1291 submission creating this `Job` instance.

1292 8.4.3 jobTemplate

1293 This attribute provides a reference to a `JobTemplate` instance that has equal values to the one that was
 1294 used for the job submission creating this `Job` instance.

1295 8.4.4 suspend / resume / hold / release / terminate

1296 The job control functions allow modifying the status of the single job in the DRM system, according to the
 1297 state model presented in Section 8.1.

1298 The **suspend** method triggers a transition from `RUNNING` to `SUSPENDED` state. The **resume** method triggers
 1299 a transition from `SUSPENDED` to `RUNNING` state. The **hold** method triggers a transition from `QUEUED` to
 1300 `QUEUED_HELD`, or from `REQUEUED` to `REQUEUED_HELD` state. The **release** method triggers a transition from
 1301 `QUEUED_HELD` to `QUEUED`, or from `REQUEUED_HELD` to `REQUEUED` state. The **terminate** method triggers a
 1302 transition from any of the “Started” states to one of the “Terminated” states. If the job is in an inappropriate
 1303 state for the particular method, the method **MUST** raise an `InvalidStateException`.

1304 The methods **SHOULD** return after the action has been acknowledged by the DRM system, but **MAY**
 1305 return before the action has been completed. Some DRMAA implementations **MAY** allow this method
 1306 to be used to control jobs submitted externally to the DRMAA session, such as jobs submitted by other

³³ In comparison to DRMAA v1.0, DRMAA2 replaces the identification of jobs by strings with Job objects. This enables a tighter integration of job meta-data and identity, for the price of reduced performance in (so far not existing) DRMAA RPC scenarios. The former DRMAA `control()` with the `JobControlAction` structure is now split up into dedicated functions (such as `hold()` and `release()`) on the `Job` object.

Even though the DRMAAv2 surveys showed interest in interactive job support, this feature was intentionally left out. Reasons are the missing support in some major DRM systems, and the lack of a relevant DRMAA-related use case (conf. call Jan 7th 2010)

Issue #5877 (support for direct job signaling) was rejected, even though there was an according request from the SAGA WG. Issue #2782 (change attributes of submitted, but pending jobs) was rejected based on group decision.

We must clarify if this attribute should be UNSET for non-session jobs

DRMAA sessions in other DRMAA implementations or jobs submitted via native utilities. This behavior is implementation-specific.

8.4.5 `getState`

This method allows one to gather the current status of the job according to the DRMAA state model, together with an implementation specific sub state (see Section 8.1). It is intended as performant alternative for fetching a complete `JobInfo` instance for state checks. The timing conditions are described in Section 5.4.

(See footnote)³⁴

8.4.6 `getInfo`

This method returns a `JobInfo` instance for the particular job under the conditions described in Section 5.4.

8.4.7 `waitStarted` / `waitTerminated`

The `waitStarted` method blocks until the job entered one of the “Started” states. The `waitTerminated` method blocks until the job entered one of the “Terminated” states (see Section 8.1). The `timeout` argument specifies the desired behavior when a result is not immediately available. The constant value `INFINITE_TIME` may be specified to wait indefinitely for a result. The constant value `ZERO_TIME` may be specified to return immediately. Alternatively, a number of seconds may be specified to indicate how long to wait for a result to become available. If the invocation exits on timeout, an `TimeoutException` SHALL be raised. If the job is in an inappropriate state for the particular method, the method MUST raise an `InvalidStateException`.

8.5 `JobArray` Interface

The following section explains the methods and attributes defined in the `JobArray` interface. An instance of this interface represent a *job array*, a common concept in many DRM systems for a set of jobs created by one operation. In DRMAA, `JobArray` instances are only created by the `runBulkJobs` operation (see Section 8.2). `JobArray` instances differ from the `JobList` data structure due to their potential for representing a DRM system concept, while `JobList` is a DRMAA-only concept realized by language binding support. Implementations SHOULD realize the `JobArray` functionality as wrapper for DRM system job arrays, if possible. If the DRM system has only single job support or incomplete job array support with respect to the DRMAA-provided functionality, implementations MUST realize the `JobArray` functionality on their own, for example based on looped operations with a list of jobs.

```
interface JobArray {
    readonly attribute string jobArrayId;
    readonly attribute JobList jobs;
    readonly attribute JobSession session;
    readonly attribute JobTemplate jobTemplate;
    void suspend();
    void resume();
    void hold();
    void release();
}
```

³⁴ The `getState()` function now also returns job subState information. This is intended as additional information for the given DRMAA job state, and can be used for expressing the hold state differentiation from DRMAA 1.0 (conf. call Mar 31st 2009).

```

1344     void terminate();
1345 };

```

1346 (See footnote)³⁵

1347 8.5.1 jobArrayId

1348 This attribute provides the string job identifier assigned to the job array by the DRM system. If the DRM
 1349 system has no job array support, the implementation **MUST** generate a system-wide unique identifier for
 1350 the result of the successful **runBulkJobs** operation.

1351 8.5.2 jobs

1352 This attribute provides the static list of jobs that are part of the job array.

1353 (See footnote)³⁶

1354 8.5.3 session

1355 This attribute offers a reference to a **JobSession** instance that represents the session which was used for the
 1356 job submission creating this **JobArray** instance.

1357 8.5.4 jobTemplate

1358 This attribute provides a reference to a **JobTemplate** instance that has equal values to the one that was
 1359 used for the job submission creating this **JobArray** instance.

1360 (See footnote)³⁷

1361 8.5.5 suspend / resume / hold / release / terminate

1362 The job control functions allow modifying the status of the job array in the DRM system, with the same
 1363 semantic as with the counterparts in the **Job** interface (see Section 8.4). If one of the jobs in the array is in
 1364 an inappropriate state for the particular method, the method **MUST** raise an **InvalidStateException**.

1365 The methods **SHOULD** return after the action has been acknowledged by the DRM system for all jobs in
 1366 the array, but **MAY** return before the action has been completed. Some DRMAA implementations **MAY**
 1367 allow this method to be used to control job arrays created externally to the DRMAA session, such as job
 1368 arrays submitted by other DRMAA sessions in other DRMAA implementations or job arrays submitted via
 1369 native utilities. This behavior is implementation-specific.

³⁵ We are aware of the fact that some systems (e.g. LSF at the time of writing) do not support all DRMAA control operations offered for job arrays. Since we intended to avoid optional DRMAA operations wherever we could, the text here mandates the implementation to simulate the array support on its own. For example, looping over all jobs in the array and calling “suspend” for each one is trivial to implement and fulfills the same purpose.

³⁶ We were asked for offering a filter support similar to **JobSession** here. This was rejected by discussion on the list (Jan 2011), since the number of jobs returned here is normally comparatively short. In this case, the DRM system cannot provide any benefit over the looped check in the application itself.

³⁷ The use case from SAGA perspective is that the user can easily resubmit the same job - just changing for example some command line parameter, but leaving the remainder fixed (mail by Andre Merzky, July 29th 2010).

8.6 The DRMAAINDEX environment variable

DRMAA implementations SHOULD configure an environment variable on each execution host with the name *DRMAAINDEX*. This environment variable MUST contain the name of the environment variable provided by the DRM system that holds the parametric job index. By using an indirect fetching of the environment variable value, jobs are enabled to get their own parametric index regardless of the DRM system type. For non-bulk jobs, the variable SHOULD still be set. For DRM systems that do not set such an environment variable, *DRMAAINDEX* SHOULD have an empty value.

An expected implementation strategy would be the transparent addition of an environment variable specification on job submission. However, this definition SHOULD NOT be visible for the application in the *JobTemplate* instances. If the application defines its own *DRMAAINDEX* environment variable, it SHOULD override the implementation-defined value.

Completely new, needs group approval

9 Working with Advance Reservation

Advance reservation is a DRM system concept that allows the reservation of execution resources for jobs to be submitted. DRMAA encapsulates such functionality of a DRM system with the interfaces and data structures described in this chapter.

DRMAA implementations for DRM systems that do not support advance reservation still MUST implement the described interfaces, in order to keep source code portability for DRMAA-based applications. Support for advance reservation is expressed by the `DrmaaCapability::ADVANCE_RESERVATION` flag (see Section 4.5). If no support is given by the implementation, all methods related to advance reservation MUST raise an `UnsupportedOperationException` if being used.

9.1 ReservationSession Interface

Every `ReservationSession` instance represents a set of advance reservations in the DRM system. Every `Reservation` instance SHALL belong only to one `ReservationSession` instance.

```
interface ReservationSession {
    readonly attribute string contact;
    readonly attribute string sessionId;
    Reservation getReservation(in string reservationId);
    Reservation requestReservation(in ReservationTemplate reservationTemplate);
    ReservationList getReservations();
};
```

9.1.1 contact

This attribute contains the `contact` value that was used in the `createReservationSession` call for this instance (see Section 7.1). If no value was originally provided, the default contact string from the implementation MUST be returned. This attribute is read-only.

1405 9.1.2 `sessionName`

1406 This attribute contains the name of the session that was used for creating or opening this **Reservation**
1407 instance (see Section 7.1). This attribute is read-only.

1408 9.1.3 `getReservation`

1409 This method returns a **Reservation** instance that has the given `reservationId`. Implementations MAY
1410 support the access to reservations created outside of a DRMAA session scope, under the same regulari-
1411 ties as for the `MonitoringSession::getAllReservations` method (see Section 10.1.2). If no reservation
1412 matches, the method SHALL raise an `InvalidArgumentException`. Time-dependent effects of this method
1413 are implementation-specific.

1414 9.1.4 `requestReservation`

1415 The `requestReservation` method SHALL request an advance reservation in the DRM system with at-
1416 tributes defined in the provided `ReservationTemplate`. On a successful reservation, the method returns a
1417 **Reservation** instance that represents the advance reservation in the underlying DRM system.

1418 The method SHALL raise:

- 1419 • `DeniedByDrmsException` if the current user is not authorized to create reservations,
- 1420 • `NotEnoughSlotsException` if there is not enough resources in the requested time window,
- 1421 • `InvalidArgumentException` if the reservation cannot be performed by the DRM system due to invalid
1422 format/value of one of the `ReservationTemplate` attributes (e.g. the start time is in the past).
1423 It SHOULD further provide detailed information about the rejection cause in the extended error
1424 information (see Section 6).

1425 In case some of the conditions are not fulfilled after the reservation was successfully created, for example due
1426 to execution host outages, the reservation itself SHOULD remain valid, as long as it wasn't cancelled either
1427 through or outside of DRMAA.

refer the
JobInfo::inErr

1428 9.1.5 `getReservations`

1429 This method returns the list of reservations successfully created so far in this session, regardless of their start
1430 and end time. The list of **Reservation** instances is only cleared in conjunction with the destruction of the
1431 actual session instance through `SessionManager::destroyReservationSession` (see also Section 7.1).

1432 9.2 Reservation Interface

1433 The **Reservation** interface represents attributes and methods available for an advance reservation success-
1434 fully created in the DRM system.

```
1435 interface Reservation {
1436     readonly attribute string reservationId;
1437     readonly attribute ReservationSession session;
1438     readonly attribute ReservationTemplate reservationTemplate;
1439     ReservationInfo getInfo();
1440     void terminate();
1441 };
```

9.2.1 reservationId

The **reservationId** is an opaque string identifier for the advance reservation. If the DRM system has identifiers for advance reservations, this attribute SHOULD provide the according stringified value. If not, the DRMAA implementation MUST generate value this is unique in time and extend of the DRM system.

9.2.2 session

This attribute references the **ReservationSession** which was used to create the advance reservation instance.

9.2.3 reservationTemplate

This attribute provides a reference to a **ReservationTemplate** instance that has equal values to the one that was used for the advance reservation creating this **Reservation** instance. This attribute value MUST be **UNSET** if the referenced reservation was created outside of a DRMAA session.

9.2.4 getInfo

This method returns a **ReservationInfo** instance for the particular job under the conditions described in Section 5.5. This method SHOULD throw **InvalidReservationException** if the reservation expired (i.e. its end time passed) or was terminated.

9.2.5 terminate

This method terminates the advance reservation represented by this **Reservation** instance. All jobs submitted with a reference to this reservation SHOULD be terminated by the DRM system or the implementation, regardless of their current state.

10 Monitoring the DRM System

The DRMAA monitoring facility supports four basic units of monitoring:

- Properties of the DRM system as a whole (e.g. DRM system version number) that are independent from the particular session and contact string,
- Properties of the DRM system that depend on the current contact string (e.g. list of machines in the currently accessed Grid Engine cell)
- Properties of individual queues known from a **getAllQueues** call
- Properties of individual machines available with the current contact string (e.g. amount of physical memory in a chosen machine)

The **MonitoringSession** interface in DRMAA supports the monitoring of execution resources in the DRM system. This is distinct from the monitoring of jobs running in the DRM system, which is covered by the **JobSession** and the **Job** interface.

10.1 MonitoringSession Interface

The **MonitoringSession** interface represents a set of stateless methods for fetching information about the DRM system and the DRMAA implementation itself. It MAY be used to implement DRM system monitoring tools like **qstat**.

```
interface MonitoringSession {
    readonly attribute Version drmsVersion;
    ReservationList getAllReservations();
    JobList getAllJobs(in JobInfo filter);
    QueueList getAllQueues(in StringList names);
    MachineList getAllMachines(in StringList names);
};
```

All returned data SHOULD be related to the current user running the DRMAA-based application. For example, the **getAllQueues** function MAY be reduced to only denote queues that are usable or generally accessible for the DRMAA application and user performing the query.

Because no guarantee can be made as to future accessibility, and because of cases where list reduction may demand excessive overhead in the DRMAA implementation, an unreduced or partially reduced result MAY be returned on all methods returning lists. The behavior of the DRMAA implementation in this regard should be clearly documented. In all cases, the list items MUST all be valid input for job submission or advance reservation through the DRMAA API.

10.1.1 drmsVersion

This attribute provides the DRM-system specific version information. While the DRM system type is available from the **SessionManager::drmsName** attribute (see Section 7.1), this attribute provides the according version of the product. Applications are expected to use the information about the general DRM system type for accessing product-specific features. Applications are not expected to make decisions based on versioning information from this attribute - instead, the value should only be utilized for informative output to the end user.

(See footnote)³⁸

10.1.2 getAllReservations

This method returns the list of all DRMS advance reservations accessible for the user running the DRMAA-based application. In contrast to a **ReservationSession::getReservations** call, this method SHOULD also return reservations that were created outside of DRMAA (e.g. through command-line tools) by this user. The returned list MAY also contain reservations that were created by other users if the security policies of the DRM system allow such global visibility. The DRM system or the DRMAA implementation is at liberty, however, to restrict the set of returned reservations based on site or system policies, such as security settings or scheduler load restrictions.

This method SHALL raise an **UnsupportedOperationException** if advance reservation is not supported by the implementation.

³⁸This is intentionally not part of the SessionManager interface, in order to make it harder to use it

10.1.3 `getAllJobs`

This method returns the list of all DRMS jobs visible to the user running the DRMAA-based application. In contrast to a `JobSession::getJobs` call, this method SHOULD also return jobs that were submitted outside of DRMAA (e.g. through command-line tools) by this user. The returned list MAY also contain jobs that were submitted by other users if the security policies of the DRM system allow such global visibility. The DRM system or the DRMAA implementation is at liberty, however, to restrict the set of returned jobs based on site or system policies, such as security settings or scheduler load restrictions.

Querying the DRM system for all jobs might result in returning an excessive number of `Job` objects. Implications to the library implementation are out of scope for this specification.

The method supports a `filter` argument for fetching only a subset of the job information available. Both the return value semantics and the filter semantics SHOULD be similar to the ones described for the `JobSession::getJobs` method (see Section 8.2).

Language bindings SHOULD NOT try to solve the scalability issues by replacing the sequence type of the return value with some iterator-like solution. This approach would break the basic snapshot semantic intended for this method.

(See footnote)³⁹

10.1.4 `getAllQueues`

This method returns a list of queues available for job submission in the DRM system. All `Queue` instances in this list SHOULD be (based on their `name` attribute) a valid input for the `JobTemplate::queueName` attribute (see Section 5.6). The result can be an empty list or might be incomplete, based on queue, host, or system policies. It might also contain queues that are not accessible for the user (because of queue configuration limits) at job submission time.

The `names` parameter supports restricting the result to `Queue` instances that have one of the names given in the argument. If the `names` parameter value is `UNSET`, all `Queue` instances should be returned.

10.1.5 `getAllMachines`

This method returns the list of machines available in the DRM system as execution host. The returned list might be empty or incomplete based on machine or system policies. The returned list might also contain machines that are not accessible by the user, e.g. because of host configuration limits.

The `names` parameter supports restricting the result to `Machine` instances that have one of the names given in the argument. If the `names` parameter value is `UNSET`, all `Machine` instances should be returned.

11 Annex A: Complete DRMAA IDL Specification

The following text shows the complete IDL specification for the DRMAAv2 application programming interface. The ordering of IDL constructs here has no normative meaning, but ensures the correct compilation with a standard CORBA IDL compiler for syntactical correctness checks. This demands only some additional forward declarations to resolve circular dependencies.

³⁹ The non-argumentation about the scalability problem was the final result of a clarification attempt. We hand this one over to the implementors. (conf call Jul 14th 2010)

```

1541 module DRMAA2 {
1542     enum JobState {
1543         UNDETERMINED, QUEUED, QUEUED_HELD, RUNNING, SUSPENDED, REQUEUED,
1544         REQUEUED_HELD, DONE, FAILED};
1545     enum OperatingSystem {
1546         HPUX, LINUX, IRIX, TRUE64, MACOS, SUNOS, WIN, WINNT, AIX, UNIXWARE,
1547         BSD, OTHER_OS};
1548     enum CpuArchitecture {
1549         ALPHA, ARM, CELL, PARISC, X86, X64, IA64, MIPS, PPC, PPC64,
1550         SPARC, SPARC64, OTHER_CPU};
1551     enum ResourceLimitType {
1552         CORE_FILE_SIZE, CPU_TIME, DATA_SEG_SIZE, FILE_SIZE, OPEN_FILES,
1553         STACK_SIZE, VIRTUAL_MEMORY, WALLCLOCK_TIME };
1554     enum JobTemplatePlaceholder {
1555         HOME_DIRECTORY, WORKING_DIRECTORY, PARAMETRIC_INDEX };
1556     enum DrmaaEvent {
1557         NEW_STATE, MIGRATED, ATTRIBUTE_CHANGE
1558     };
1559     typedef sequence<string> OrderedStringList;
1560     typedef sequence<string> StringList;
1561     typedef sequence<Job> JobList;
1562     typedef sequence<JobArray> JobArrayList;
1563     typedef sequence<Queue> QueueList;
1564     typedef sequence<Machine> MachineList;
1565     typedef sequence<Reservation> ReservationList;
1566     typedef sequence< sequence<string,2> > Dictionary;
1567     typedef string AbsoluteTime;
1568     typedef long long TimeAmount;
1569     native ZERO_TIME;
1570     native INFINITE_TIME;
1571     native NOW;
1572     struct JobInfo {
1573         string jobId;
1574         long exitStatus;
1575         string terminatingSignal;
1576         string annotation;
1577         JobState jobState;
1578         any jobSubState;
1579         OrderedStringList allocatedMachines;
1580         string submissionMachine;

```

```
1581     string jobOwner;
1582     long slots;
1583     string queueName;
1584     TimeAmount wallclockTime;
1585     long cpuTime;
1586     AbsoluteTime submissionTime;
1587     AbsoluteTime dispatchTime;
1588     AbsoluteTime finishTime;
1589 };

1590 struct ReservationInfo {
1591     string reservationId;
1592     string reservationName;
1593     AbsoluteTime reservedStartTime;
1594     AbsoluteTime reservedEndTime;
1595     StringList usersACL;
1596     long reservedSlots;
1597     OrderedStringList reservedMachines;
1598     boolean inErrorState;
1599 };

1600 struct JobTemplate {
1601     string remoteCommand;
1602     OrderedStringList args;
1603     boolean submitAsHold;
1604     boolean rerunnable;
1605     Dictionary jobEnvironment;
1606     string workingDirectory;
1607     string jobCategory;
1608     StringList email;
1609     boolean emailOnStarted;
1610     boolean emailOnTerminated;
1611     string jobName;
1612     string inputPath;
1613     string outputPath;
1614     string errorPath;
1615     boolean joinFiles;
1616     string reservationId;
1617     string queueName;
1618     long minSlots;
1619     long maxSlots;
1620     long priority;
1621     OrderedStringList candidateMachines;
1622     long minPhysMemory;
1623     OperatingSystem machineOS;
1624     CpuArchitecture machineArch;
1625     AbsoluteTime startTime;
1626     AbsoluteTime deadlineTime;
```

```
1627     Dictionary stageInFiles;
1628     Dictionary stageOutFiles;
1629     Dictionary hardResourceLimits;
1630     string accountingId;
1631 };

1632 struct ReservationTemplate {
1633     string reservationName;
1634     AbsoluteTime startTime;
1635     AbsoluteTime endTime;
1636     TimeAmount duration;
1637     long minSlots;
1638     long maxSlots;
1639     StringList usersACL;
1640     OrderedStringList candidateMachines;
1641     long minPhysMemory;
1642     OperatingSystem machineOS;
1643     CpuArchitecture machineArch;
1644 };

1645 struct DrmaaNotification {
1646     DrmaaEvent event;
1647     Job job;
1648     JobState jobState;
1649 };

1650 struct Queue {
1651     string name;
1652 };

1653 struct Version {
1654     string major;
1655     string minor;
1656 };

1657 struct Machine {
1658     string name;
1659     boolean available;
1660     long sockets;
1661     long coresPerSocket;
1662     long threadsPerCore;
1663     double load;
1664     long physMemory;
1665     long virtMemory;
1666     OperatingSystem machineOS;
1667     Version machineOSVersion;
1668     CpuArchitecture machineArch;
1669 };
```

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1670     exception DeniedByDrmsException {string message;};
1671     exception DrmCommunicationException {string message;};
1672     exception TryLaterException {string message;};
1673     exception SessionManagementException {string message;};
1674     exception TimeoutException {string message;};
1675     exception InternalException {string message;};
1676     exception InvalidArgumentException {string message;};
1677     exception InvalidSessionException {string message;};
1678     exception InvalidStateException {string message;};
1679     exception OutOfMemoryException {string message;};
1680     exception UnsupportedAttributeException {string message;};
1681     exception UnsupportedOperationException {string message;};
1682     exception NotEnoughSlotsException {string message;};
1683     exception InvalidReservationException: {string message;};

1684     interface DrmaaReflective {
1685         readonly attribute StringList jobTemplateImpl;
1686         readonly attribute StringList jobInfoImpl;
1687         readonly attribute StringList reservationTemplateImpl;
1688         readonly attribute StringList reservationInfoImpl;
1689         readonly attribute StringList queueImpl;
1690         readonly attribute StringList machineImpl;
1691         readonly attribute StringList notificationImpl;
1692
1693         string getAttr(any instance, in string name);
1694         void setAttr(any instance, in string name, in string value);
1695         string describeAttr(any instance, in string name);
1696     };

1697     interface DrmaaCallback {
1698         void notify(in DrmaaNotification notification);
1699     };

1700     interface ReservationSession {
1701         readonly attribute string contact;
1702         readonly attribute string sessionName;
1703         Reservation getReservation(in string reservationId);
1704         Reservation requestReservation(in ReservationTemplate reservationTemplate);
1705         ReservationList getReservations();
1706     };

1707     interface Reservation {
1708         readonly attribute string reservationId;
1709         readonly attribute ReservationSession session;
1710         readonly attribute ReservationTemplate reservationTemplate;
1711         ReservationInfo getInfo();
1712         void terminate();
1713     };
```



```
1714 interface JobArray {
1715     readonly attribute string jobArrayId;
1716     readonly attribute JobList jobs;
1717     readonly attribute JobSession session;
1718     readonly attribute JobTemplate jobTemplate;
1719     void suspend();
1720     void resume();
1721     void hold();
1722     void release();
1723     void terminate();
1724 };

1725 interface JobSession {
1726     readonly attribute string contact;
1727     readonly attribute string sessionName;
1728     readonly attribute StringList jobCategories;
1729     JobList getJobs(in JobInfo filter);
1730     JobArray getJobArray(in string jobArrayId);
1731     Job runJob(in JobTemplate jobTemplate);
1732     JobArray runBulkJobs(
1733         in JobTemplate jobTemplate,
1734         in long beginIndex,
1735         in long endIndex,
1736         in long step,
1737         in long maxParallel);
1738     Job waitAnyStarted(in JobList jobs, in TimeAmount timeout);
1739     Job waitAnyTerminated(in JobList jobs, in TimeAmount timeout);
1740     void registerEventNotification(in DrmaaCallback callback);
1741 };

1742 interface Job {
1743     readonly attribute string jobId;
1744     readonly attribute JobSession session;
1745     readonly attribute JobTemplate jobTemplate;
1746     void suspend();
1747     void resume();
1748     void hold();
1749     void release();
1750     void terminate();
1751     JobState getState(out any jobSubState);
1752     JobInfo getInfo();
1753     Job waitStarted(in TimeAmount timeout);
1754     Job waitTerminated(in TimeAmount timeout);
1755 };

1756 interface MonitoringSession {
1757     readonly attribute Version drmsVersion;
1758     ReservationList getAllReservations();
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1759     JobList getAllJobs(in JobInfo filter);
1760     QueueList getAllQueues(in StringList names);
1761     MachineList getAllMachines(in StringList names);
1762 };

1763 interface SessionManager{
1764     readonly attribute string drmsName;
1765     readonly attribute Version drmaaVersion;
1766     boolean supports(in DrmaaCapability capability);
1767     JobSession createJobSession(in string sessionName,
1768                                in string contactString);
1769     ReservationSession createReservationSession(in string sessionName,
1770                                                 in string contactString);
1771     MonitoringSession createMonitoringSession (in string contactString);
1772     JobSession openJobSession(in string sessionName);
1773     ReservationSession openReservationSession(in string sessionName);
1774     void closeJobSession(in JobSession s);
1775     void closeReservationSession(in ReservationSession s);
1776     void closeMonitoringSession(in MonitoringSession s);
1777     void destroyJobSession(in string sessionName);
1778     void destroyReservationSession(in string sessionName);
1779     StringList getJobSessions();
1780     StringList getReservationSessions();
1781 };

1782 };

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12 Security Considerations

The DRMAA API does not specifically assume the existence of a particular security infrastructure in the DRM system. The scheduling scenario described herein presumes that security is handled at the point of job authorization/execution on a particular resource. It is assumed that credentials owned by the application using the API are in effect for the DRMAA implementation too.

It is conceivable an authorized but malicious user could use a DRMAA implementation or a DRMAA enabled application to saturate a DRM system with a flood of requests. Unfortunately for the DRM system this case is not distinguishable from the case of an authorized good-natured user who has many jobs to be processed. For temporary load defense, implementations **SHOULD** utilize the **TryLaterException**. In case of permanent issues, the implementation **SHOULD** raise the **DeniedByDrmsException**.

DRMAA implementers should guard against buffer overflows that could be exploited through DRMAA enabled interactive applications or web portals. Implementations of the DRMAA API will most likely require a network to coordinate subordinate DRMS; however the API makes no assumptions about the security posture provided the networking environment. Therefore, application developers should further consider the security implications of “on-the-wire” communications.

For environments that allow remote or protocol based DRMAA clients, the implementation **SHOULD** offer support for secure transport layers to prevent man in the middle attacks.

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