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<https://github.com/EESSI/meetings/wiki>

Agenda



1. Quick introduction by new people
2. EESSI-related meetings and events in last month
3. Progress update per EESSI layer
4. Update on EESSI production repository `software.eessi.io`
5. Update on EESSI test suite + build-and-deploy bot
6. Additional EESSI repositories: `dev.eessi.io`, `riscv.eessi.io`
7. Using EESSI on macOS
8. AWS/Azure sponsorship update
9. Upcoming/recent events: ISC'24
10. Q&A

Quick introduction by new people



New people on the call: feel free to introduce yourself!

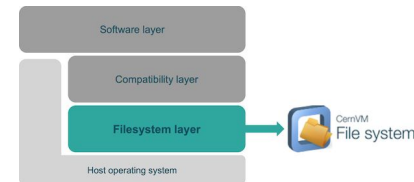
- Who are you, where do you work, on what?
- Why are you interested in the EESSI project?
- Are you planning to actively contribute,
and if so, to which aspect(s) of the project?

EESSI-related meetings & events



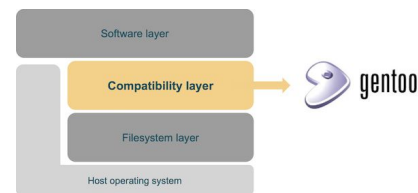
- (3+23 May'24) EESSI test suite sync meeting ([notes](#), [notes](#))
- (3 May'24) Meeting to discuss public dashboard ([notes](#))
- (13 May'24) CernVM-FS coordination meeting (preparing a 2.12 feature release)
- (14 May'24) MultiXscale WP1+WP5 sync meeting ([notes](#))
- (24 May'24) dev.eessi.io discussion ([notes](#))
- (27 May'24) sync meeting on GPU support ([notes](#))
- (May'24) Weekly support team sync meetings (*notes are in private wiki on EESSI support portal*)

Progress update: filesystem layer



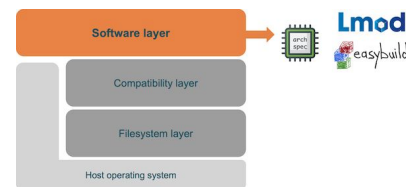
- The playbooks in the filesystem-layer GitHub repo are now using our fork of ansible-cvmfs role ([PR #179](#))
 - Includes a bunch of fixes and additional features that we need, e.g. S3 support
- Fixed DNS name of the EESSI Stratus in the Squid proxy configuration template ([PR #189](#))

Progress update: compatibility layer



- 2023.06 version in EESSI pilot repository (`pilot.eessi-hpc.org`)
 - No recent changes here, **EESSI pilot repository is no longer actively maintained!**
 - The initialization scripts now make this clear ([PR #551](#))
 - Print a deprecation message
 - Automatically use `software.eessi.io` if available
 - Stick to `pilot.eessi-hpc.org` otherwise, or if `$EESSI_FORCE_PILOT` is set
 - We will/should remove the `pilot.eessi-hpc.org` repository at some point...

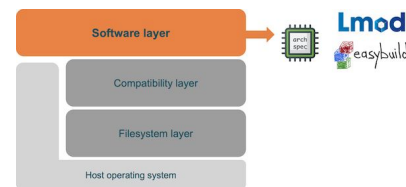
Progress update: software layer (1/3)



Recently merged PRs:

- Additional software: ESPResSo 4.2.2 ([PR #584](#)), ipympl 0.9.3 ([PR #587](#)), GATK 4.5.0.0 ([PR #588](#)), ParaView 5.11.1 + deps ([PR #590](#)), WhatsHap 2.2 + deps ([PR #592](#)), ASE ([PR #595](#)), Java 17.0.6 ([PR #588](#))
- Easyconfig that can extend EESSI ([PR #371](#))
- Add support for detecting zen4 in archdetect ([PR #451](#))
- Initial installations for x86_64/amd/zen4 CPU target: foss/2023a ([PR #565](#)), foss/2023b ([PR #566](#))
- Ship matches for name stubs of allowlist for CUDA ([PR #559](#))
- Show Lmod warning/message when ESPResSo v4.2.1 is loaded (PRs [#560](#) + [#589](#))
- Use x86_64/amd/zen3 with Zen4 until optimized software is available ([PR #569](#) + [#573](#))
- Fix CI: Rebuild GROMACS, and fix check for missing installations after updates upstream to libfabric ([PR #576](#))
- Automatically redirect RISC-V users to riscv.eessi.io + initial RISC-V support for archdetect ([PR #583](#))

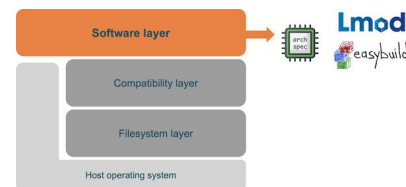
Progress update: software layer (2/3)



Recent active open PRs + issues:

- Additional software: Extrae ([PR #554](#)), QuantumESPRESSO 7.3 ([PR #504](#)), Qt6 ([PR #534](#)), OpenFOAM v2312 ([PR #563](#)), Paraver ([PR #570](#)), PyTorch-bundle ([PR #585](#))
- Add possibility to ignore certain hooks on local modules ([PR #530](#))
- Enable mounting previous overlay-upper read-only ([PR #550](#))
- Use `--from-commit` instead of `--from-pr` ([PR #558](#))
 - Requires bug fix in EasyBuild, see [framework issue #4540](#)
- Only run OSU test for now in test step ([PR #571](#))
- Use directory of called script as base dir for other scripts ([PR #580](#))
- SciPy-bundle for x86_64/amd/zen4 CPU target: PRs [#593](#) + [#594](#)

Progress update: software layer (3/3)



Adding GPU-software:

- Open PRs (work in progress): cuDNN ([PR #581](#)), PyTorch w/ CUDA ([PR #586](#))
- Discussion/plan on supporting GPUs/accelerators ([Issue #59](#))
- Build non-optimised fallback for supported CPU families (ARM, x86) which will work on all GPUs
 - Lowest non-deprecated CUDA compute capability (believed to be 6.0)
- Build a finite set of build that are specific to CPU + CUDA compute capability
 - Example installation path for EasyBuild would be (to be set via hook):

`software/x86_64/generic/accel/nvidia/cc60` (generic CPU + NVIDIA P100 or newer)

`software/x86_64/amd/zen2/{software,modules/all}` # CPU (current installation path)

`software/x86_64/amd/zen2/accel/nvidia/cc80/{software,modules/all}` # A100 (Vega)

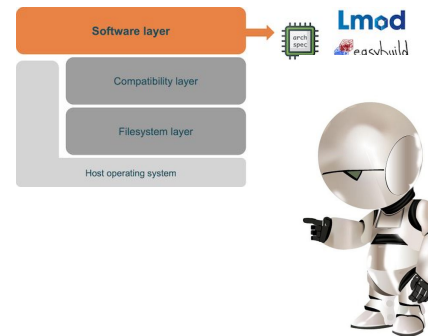
`software/x86_64/amd/zen2/accel/nvidia/cc80` (Vega: AMD Rome + A100 - compute capability 8.0)

`software/x86_64/amd/zen3/accel/amd/gfx90a` (LUMI: AMD Milan + MI250X - LLVM target gfx90a)

[Kenneth, Thomas, Richard, Pedro, Bob, Lara, Caspar, Satish, Xin, Alan, ...]

Bot for building + deploying software layer

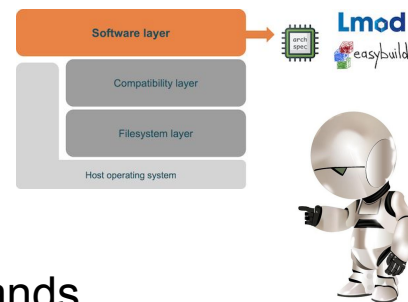
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- May'24
 - New release v0.5.0: more concise display of build targets, repo-agnostic deployment, improved handling of string constants, verification of bot configuration
- Ongoing work
 - Automatic cleanup of shared disk storage when PR has been merged [PR#271](#)
 - Enabling GPU builds (next slide)
 - Revisit software-layer [PR#267](#): cleanup of local tmp disk storage on compute nodes
 - Improve deployment (ingestion efficiency, single approval PR, flexible tasks)
- Side note: over 12,000 Slurm jobs have been submitted on AWS Slurm cluster (bot + test suite)

Bot for building + deploying software layer

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Enabling GPU builds: changes/additions to `bot: build ...` commands

- Traditional command syntax `bot: build architecture:linux/x86_64/amd/zen3`
 - Submit job to zen3 node *AND* to set value of `$EESSI_SOFTWARE_SUBDIR_OVERRIDE`
- Extend this to build for compute capabilities (CC) and to submit to nodes w/out GPUs

`arch:zen3+cc80` -> arch value defines install directory and requests CUDA CC

`node:zen3+cc80` -> node value ensures job is submitted to node with zen3 CPU and cc80 GPU

`bot: build arch:zen3+cc80 node:zen3+cc80` -> software tests that require a GPU could run

`bot: build arch:zen3+cc80 node:zen3` -> software tests that require a GPU could NOT run

Maybe use `target` instead of `architecture`?

One could add specifiers like `cpu` and `gpu` to value parts, e.g., `arch:cpu-zen3+gpu-cc80`

EESSI production repository

eessi.io/docs

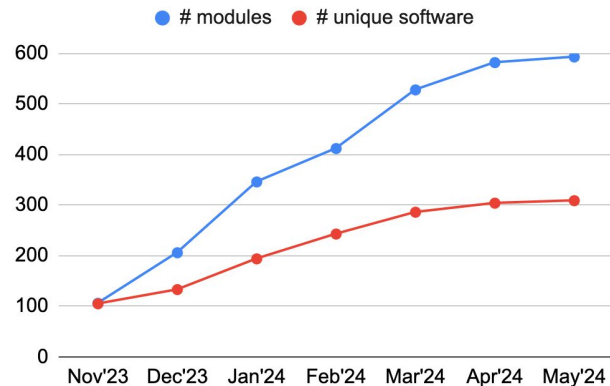


`software.eessi.io` is the **production-ready EESSI repository**

Version 2023.06 is now being populated with software via [PRs to software-layer repo](#) + build-and-deploy bot

- 8 supported CPU targets: see eessi.io/docs/software_layer/cpu_targets
- Initial support for NVIDIA GPUs is in place, see eessi.io/docs/gpu
- **Currently: 593 software installations per CPU target**
(+11 compared to last EESSI update meeting)
 - 309 different software projects (+5),
4,827 software installations (across 8+1 CPU targets, +152)
- Current focus:
 - Providing optimized software installations for AMD Genoa (Zen4) + Intel Sapphire Rapids
 - Adding more software, processing incoming contributions, fixing broken builds/test suites

software installations in EESSI 2023.06 (per CPU target)



EESSI documentation

eessi.io/docs - GitHub repo github.com/EESSI/docs



Improvements to the EESSI documentation - 27 closed PRs!

- How to setup private Stratum 1 ([PR #157](#))
- How to debug test step ([PR #158](#))
- How to rebuild software ([PR #170](#))
- Known issues ([PR #172](#))

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Improvements to the EESSI documentation - 27 closed PRs!

- Add blog post on ISC'24 ([PR #178](#))
- CI improvements ([PR #180](#), [#181](#), [#187](#), [#196](#))
- Add overview of available software ([PR #161](#), [#162](#), [#163](#), [#184](#), [#186](#), [#189](#), [#190](#), [#192](#), [#193](#), [#194](#), [#195](#), [#197](#), [#199](#))
- Several expansions / improvements to existing docs ([PR #173](#), [#176](#), [#177](#), [#182](#))

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Overview of available software in EESSI (`software.eessi.io`, version 2023.06)

- High-level overview: https://www.eessi.io/docs/available_software/overview
- Separate page per supported software project with more details, see for example https://www.eessi.io/docs/available_software/detail/OpenFOAM
- GitHub Actions workflow in place to keep this automatically updated as more software gets added (not running automatically yet, but will soon)

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Improvements to the EESSI documentation - open PRs:

- How to build on top of EESSI without EB ([PR #175](#))
- Update known issues ([PR #183](#))
- Add zen4 to software overview (draft) ([PR #185](#))
- How to do site-specific configuration, deploy Lmod hooks, etc ([PR #188](#))

EESSI website



- <https://www.eessi-hpc.org> now auto-redirects to <https://eessi.io>
- Outdated non-maintained old website is now gone (was top search result in Google & co)
- eessi-hpc.org domain is owned by Univ. of Groningen (was Dell)



[Slack channel](#) | [Documentation](#) | [Paper \(open access\)](#) | [Get support](#) | [GitHub](#) | [YouTube](#) | [Twitter/X](#) | [MultiXscale](#)

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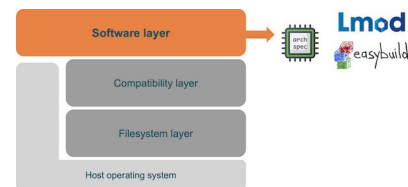
EESSI receives sponsorship from:



[Bob, Henk-Jan, Alan, Kenneth]

EESSI test suite

eessi.io/docs/test-suite - github.com/EESSI/test-suite



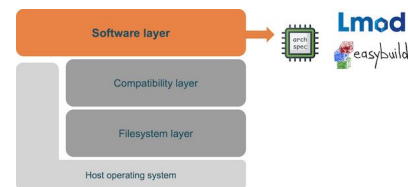
ReFrame

Merged pull requests:

- Test for QuantumEspresso ([PR #128](#))
- Fixed process binding hook + applied to GROMACS ([PR #139](#))
- Renamed two scales, for easier tag selection ([PR #140](#))
- Set `$SRUN_CPUS_PER_TASK` to avoid issues with certain SLURM versions ([PR #141](#))
- Fix MPI issues for daily runs on Karolina ([PR #142](#))
- Reduce OSU iteration count for faster test to keep runtime reasonable on slower networks ([PR #143](#))
- Use `software.eessi.io` for CI ([PR #146](#))
- Fix some forgotten version updates for 0.2.0 release and release instructions ([PR #147](#), [PR #148](#))

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ReFrame

Open pull requests:

- Test for PyTorch, ready for review ([PR #130](#))
- Test for ESPResSo, ready for review ([PR #144](#))
- Test for LAMMPS, depends on hook from CP2K PR ([PR #131](#))
- Test for CP2K, depends on hook from QuantumEspresso (now merged) ([PR #133](#))
- Test for mpi4py (WIP), simple test, will serve as example for documentation on how to write tests for the EESSI test suite ([PR #149](#))

EESSI RISC-V repository

eessi.io/docs/repositories/riscv.eessi.io/



`riscv.eessi.io` is the **development repository for a RISC-V software stack**

- Same client config: if you can access `software.eessi.io`, you can also access `riscv.eessi.io`
- Version 20240307 has been removed, version 20240402 is currently being worked on
 - Compat layer in `/cvmfs/riscv.eessi.io/versions/20240402/compat/linux/riscv64/`
 - Sourcing the init script of `software.eessi.io` will automatically redirect you to `riscv.eessi.io`
 - The `foss/2023b` toolchain has been installed, and some additional software on top
 - R 4.3.3, GROMACS 2024.1, OSU-Micro-Benchmarks 7.2, etc
 - See notes in <https://github.com/EESSI/software-layer/issues/552> and #risc-v Slack channel
 - Only doing generic builds for now (EB support added in framework PR [#4489](#))
 - EasyBuild's upcoming `foss/2024a` toolchain should fully support RISC-V out of the box, no components with backported RISC-V support anymore

EESSI development repository



`dev.eessi.io` is the **development repository for EESSI**

Allows developers to make pre-release versions available, facilitate testing across various systems, avoid rebuilding pre-release versions...

- `dev.eessi.io` CernVM-FS repository is available, along with (private) GitHub repository
- Discussion with EESSI maintainers and MultiXscale software developers on 24 May ([notes](#))
 - Obtain needs and requirements from the scientific side, plan next steps
 - Initial goal: be able to build `ESPResso` from a specific commit and then deploy it semi-automatically to `dev.eessi.io`
- Next steps (progress in support portal [#61](#)):
 - Setup Slurm cluster
 - Set up private config repository
 - Adjust scripting / bot build container

Using EESSI on macOS (via Lima)



- A support question came in about using EESSI on macOS (using a container):
<https://gitlab.com/eessi/support/-/issues/70>
- Alan found out that [Lima](#) can be used to run Apptainer on macOS
 - It will run a small Linux VM
 - Somewhat similar to WSL on Windows
- You can actually create custom Lima template files (see [examples](#)) for the VM to be created
 - Example for one that includes a native CVMFS installation can be found in [Bob's comment](#) in the issue, removing the need for Apptainer
- Lara is working on adding this to the EESSI documentation

Using EESSI on macOS (via Lima)



- Install Lima: `brew install lima`
- Create VM: `limactl create --name=eessi eessi.yaml`
- Start VM: `limactl start eessi`
- Open shell in VM: `limactl shell eessi`
- Access & use EESSI:

```
kehoste@lima-eessi $ source /cvmfs/software.eessi.io/versions/2023.06/init/bash
```

```
Found EESSI repo @ /cvmfs/software.eessi.io/versions/2023.06!
```

```
archdetect says aarch64/neoverse_n1
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```
Using aarch64/neoverse_n1 as software subdirectory.
```

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...
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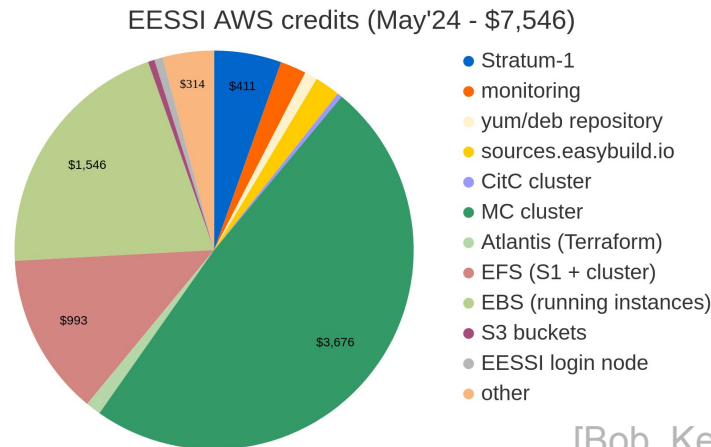
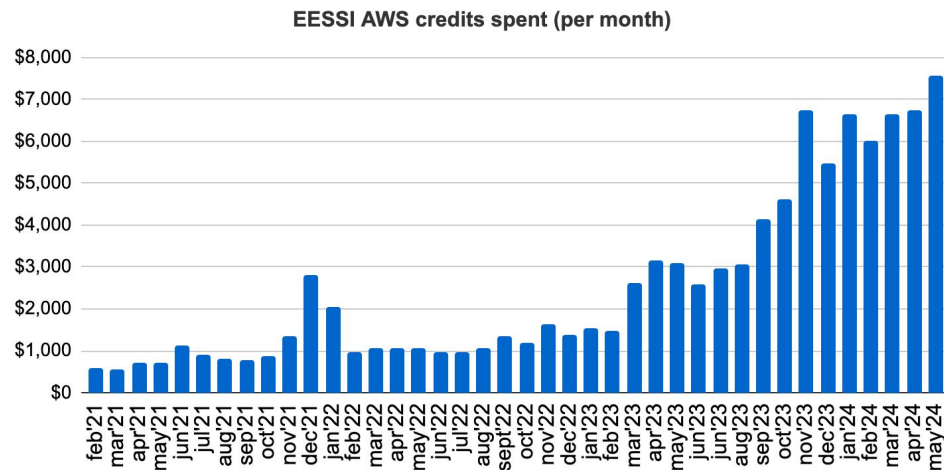
```
Environment set up to use EESSI (2023.06), have fun!
```

[Alan, Kenneth, Bob, Lara]

Sponsored AWS credits



- Ask in #aws-resources Slack channel to get access!
- ~\$7,546 “spent” in May’24 on Stratum-1 servers, monitoring, sources.easybuild.io, debugging (build) issues, demos, **Slurm clusters (build bot)**, testing on Sapphire Rapids, ...
- **Bulk of consumed credits due to EESSI build-and-deploy bot**
- Frequent sync meetings with Brendan/Angel/Matt/Francesco (AWS)

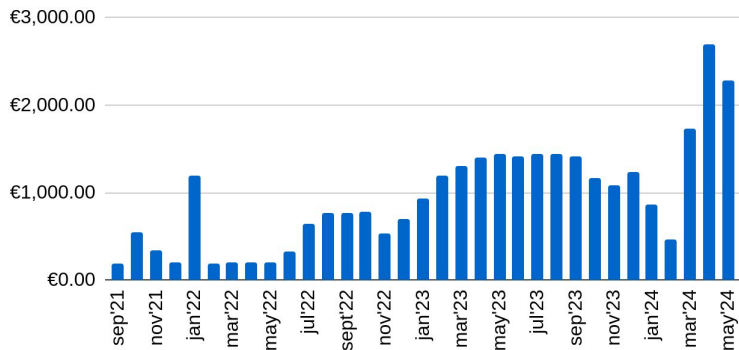


Sponsored Azure credits

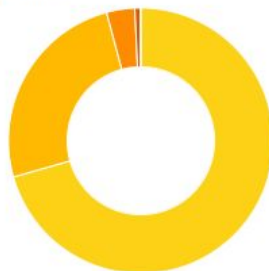


- Ask in #azure-resources Slack channel to get access!
- In May: ~€2,283 worth of credits spent
- Used for: **Slurm cluster for bot (Zen4)**, Stratum-1 mirror servers, GitHub Runners
- Slurm cluster with Magic Castle in place for EESSI build-deploy bot

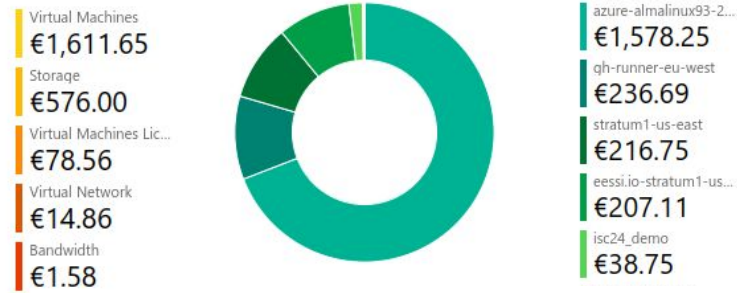
EESSI Azure credits spent (per month)



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Resource group name ▾



May'24

[Bob, Kenneth]

EESSI @ ISC'24



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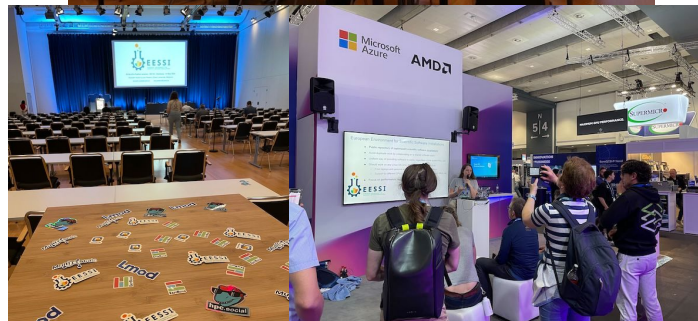
- 12-16 May 2024 in Hamburg (Germany) - isc-hpc.com

- EESSI was part of official program:

- Birds-of-a-Feather session
- 3 workshops: RISC-V, Arm, POP CoE

- Also present at ISC exhibit:

- Azure booth (two 1h talks + 4h demo session)
- MultiXscale talk at EuroHPC booth



- Detailed report available at <https://www.eessi.io/docs/blog/2024/05/17/isc24>