Welcome to the 3rd **Inca Workshop**

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Workshop Goals

- Introduce features and benefits of Inca to new or interested users.
- Help existing users to better utilize Inca for their Grid.
- Gather any feedback on new features, improvements to features, etc.





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Agenda -- Day 2

9:00 - 9:30	Inside the Inca Depot
9:30 – 10:10	Data display (data consumers)
10:20 - 11:00	Writing data consumers
11:00 - 12:00	Hands-on: Data display (data consumers)





Inca Information

- Announcements: inca-users@sdsc.edu
- Email: inca@sdsc.edu
- Website: http://inca.sdsc.edu

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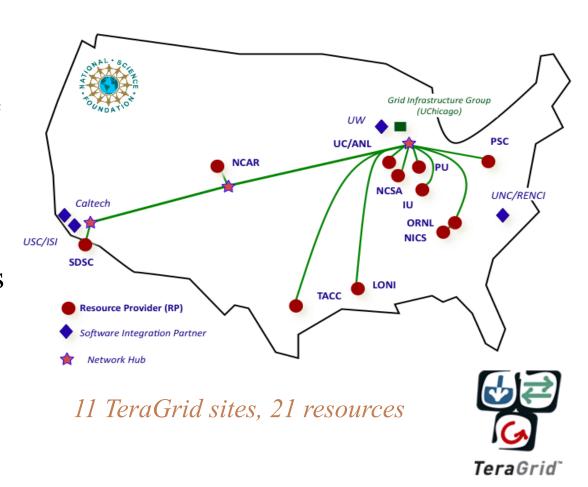






Goal: reliable grid software and services for users

- Over 750 TF
- Over 30 PB of online and archival data storage
- Connected via dedicated multi-Gbps links
- 30-63 software packages and 6-23 services per resource







Related Grid monitoring tools

BIG BROTHER™











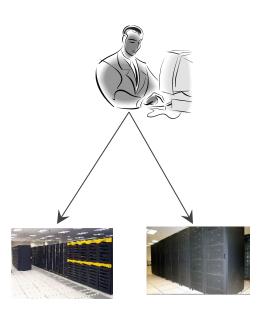
Inca's primary objective: user-level Grid monitoring





User-level grid monitoring

- Runs from a standard user account
- Executes using a standard GSI credential
- Uses tests that are developed and configured based on user documentation
- Centrally manages monitoring configuration
- Automates periodic execution of tests
- Verifies user-accessible Grid access points
- Easily updates and maintains monitoring deployment

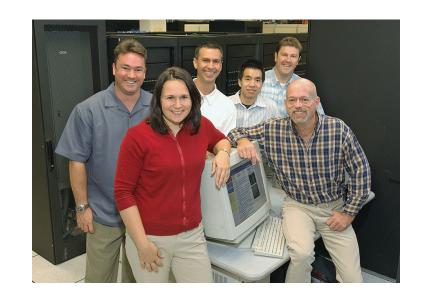






Who benefits from user-level grid monitoring?

- Grid operators
 - Verify requirements are fulfilled by resource providers
 - Identify failure trends
- System administrators
 - Email notification
 - Debugging support
- End users
 - Debug user account/environment issues
 - Advanced users: feedback to Grid/VO

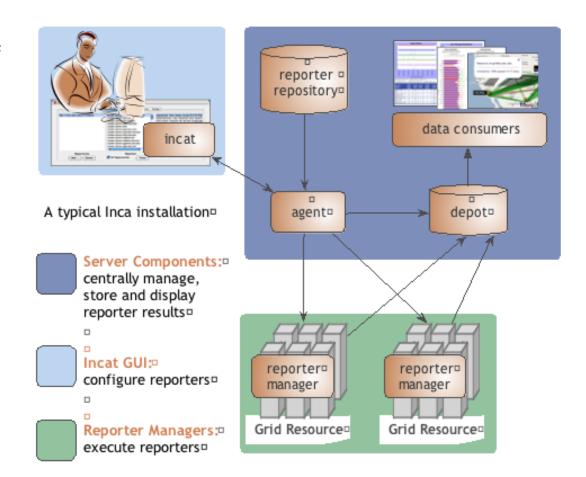






Inca provides user-level grid monitoring

- Stores and archives a wide variety of monitoring results
- Captures context of monitoring result as it is collected
- Eases the writing, deploying, and sharing of new tests or benchmarks
- Flexible and comprehensive web status pages
- Secure

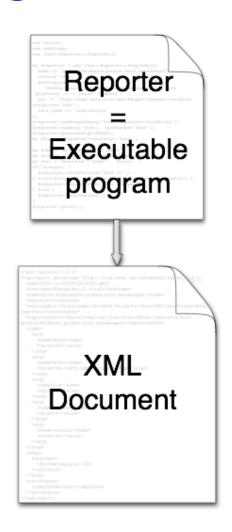






Reporters collect monitoring data

- Executable programs that measure some aspect of the system or installed software
- Supports a set of command-line options and writes XML to stdout
- Schema supports multiple types of data
- Extensive library support for perl and python scripts (most reporters < 30 lines of code)
- Independent of other Inca components

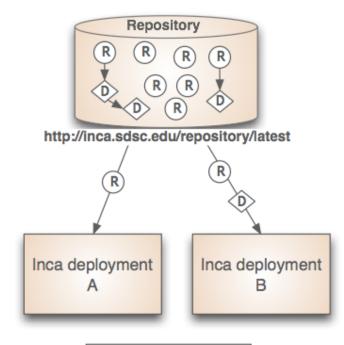






Repositories support sharing

- Collection of reporters available via a URL
- Supports package dependencies
- Packages versioned to allow for automatic updates
- Inca project repository contains 150+ reporters
 - Version, unit test, performance benchmark reporters
 - Grid middleware and tools, compilers, math libraries, data tools, and viz tool









Agent provides centralized configuration and management

- Implements the configuration specified by Inca administrator
- Stages and launches a reporter manager on each resource
- Sends package and configuration updates
- Manages proxy information
- Administration via GUI interface (incat)



Screenshot of Inca GUI tool, incat, showing the reporters that are available from a local repository

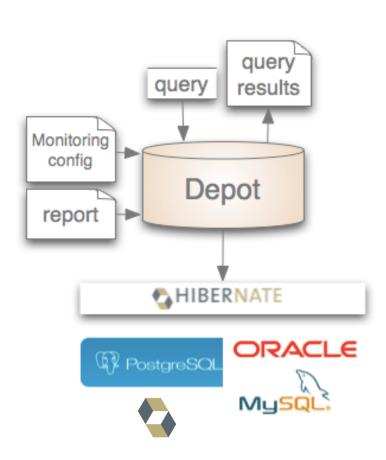






Depot stores and publishes data

- Stores configuration information and monitoring results
- Provides full archiving of reports
- Uses relational database backend via Hibernate
- Supports HQL and predefined queries
- Supports plug-in customization (e.g., email notifications, downtimes)
- Supports fault tolerance
- Web services Query data from depot and return as XML



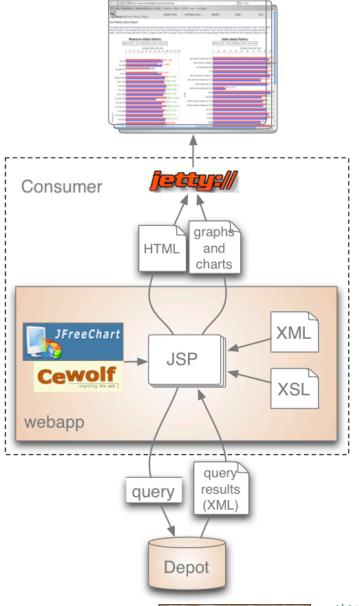






Consumer displays data

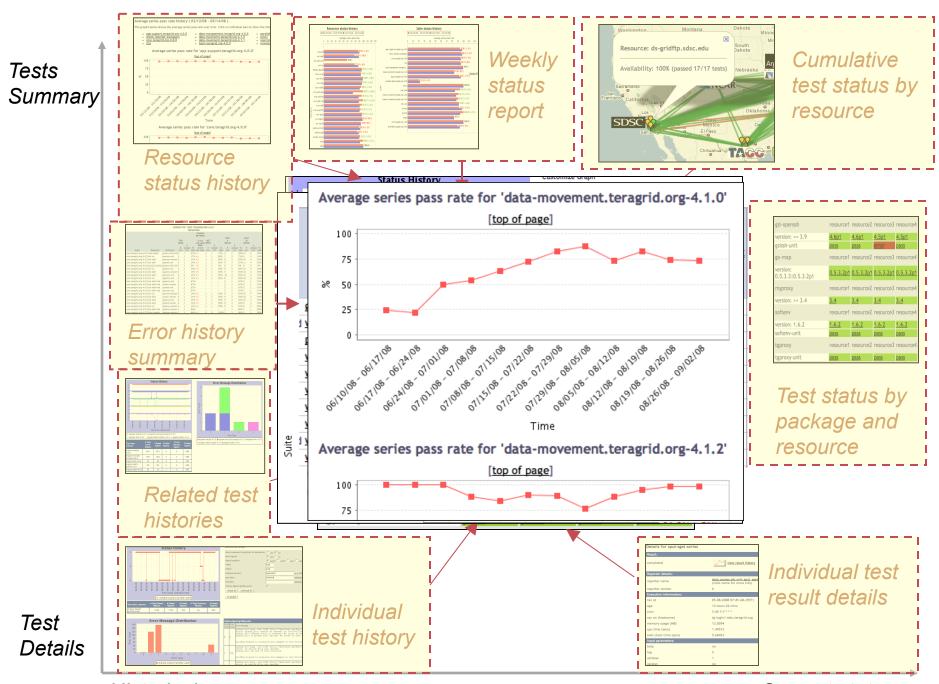
- Current and historical views
- Web application packaged with Jetty
- JSP 2.0 pages/tags to query data and format using XSLT
- CeWolf/JFreeChart to graph data
- Ability to fetch Inca data in HTML or XML format via REST URLs *new*
- Allow "run nows" from the Inca web status pages *new*











Historical

Current status

Inca components communicate using SSL

- Provides credential based authentication for all communication
- Credentials created during setup % inca createauth
- Configure via inca.properties inca.consumer.auth = true | false

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inca. consumer.password=stdin:password>

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Software status and deployments

Current software version: 2.5 (final 2.6 release within a month)

http://inca.sdsc.edu



















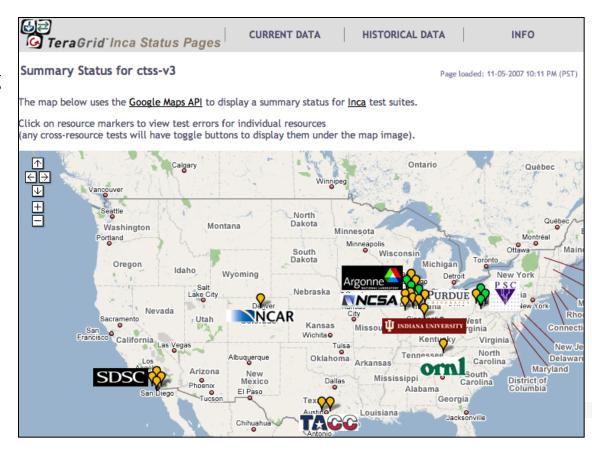






Inca TeraGrid deployment

- Running since 2003
- Total of 2660 tests running on 20 login nodes, 3 grid nodes, and 3 servers
- Coordinated software and services
- Cross-site tests
- GRAM usage
- CA certificate and CRL checking
- Resource registration in information services



Screenshot of Inca status pages for TeraGrid

http://inca.teragrid.org/







Inca monitoring benefits TeraGrid end users



"Inca reported errors mirror failures we've observed and as they are addressed we've noticed an improvement in TeraGrid's stability."

-- Suresh Marru (LEAD developer)

- Tests resources and services used by LEAD. E.g.
 - Pings service every 3 mins
 - Verifies batch job submission every hour
- Automatically notifies admins of failures
- Show week of history in custom status pages









Inca GEON deployment

- Running since Feb 2008
- Total of 206 tests running on 5 login nodes and 6 servers
- LiDAR workflow services
- Web servers
- Ssh connectivity
- Base system information (Rocks, Gcc, Java, etc.)



Screenshot of Inca status map for GEON

http://inca-geon.sdsc.edu

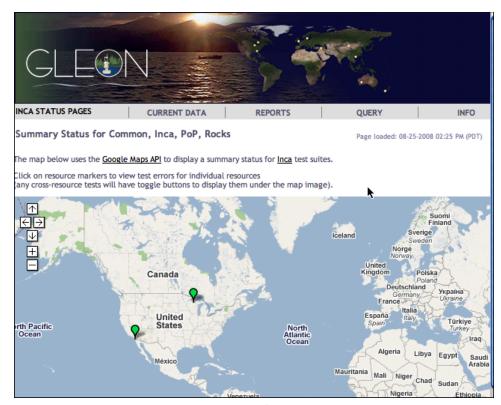






Inca GLEON deployment

- Sensors in lake:
 dissolved oxygen level,
 temperature, velocity
 (some), etc.
- Monitoring Data Turbine deployments since Oct 2007
- Total of 26 tests running on data server at SDSC and windows box in Northern Temperate Lakes in Wisconsin





Empowering the Scientific Community with Streaming Data Middleware

http://inca-gleon.sdsc.edu

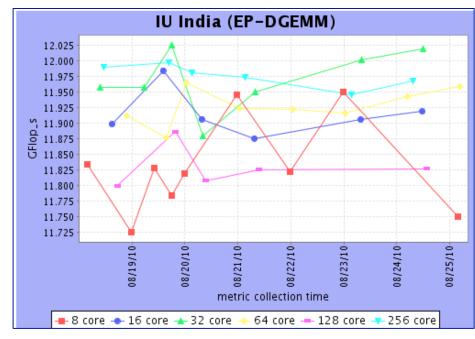






Inca performance deployments

- Past
 - GrASP performance measurements in 2006
 - Deployed IPM instrumented MPI applications to TeraGrid in 2009
- New for 2.6
 - Deployed HPCC and other planned benchmarks for FutureGrid
 - Deployed HPCC for SDSC's Dash
 - Deployed MADbench, hycomm, and others to TeraGrid



Partial HPCC results on FutureGrid machine at IU



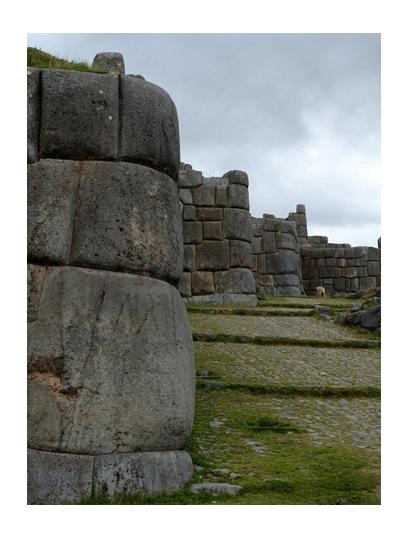






Benefits of using Inca

- Detect problems before the users notice them
- Easy to write and share tests and benchmarks
- Easy to deploy and maintain
- Flexible and comprehensive displays









Future work

- More support for benchmarks
- Consolidate user interfaces
- Publish suites in Inca repository
- More data management of Inca report data (e.g., limit on stored histories)





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