CHPC WLCG Tier2 Facility and SA Grid Operations

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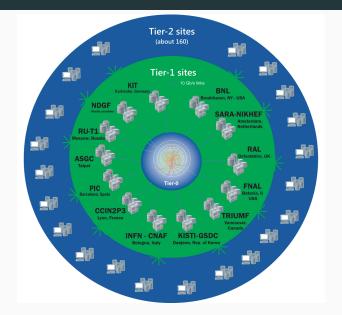
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What is the WLCG



WLCG Map of Sites



Commitments

According to Tender:

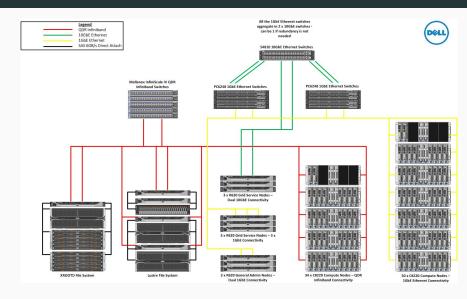
- ALICE 600 cores
- ATLAS 600 cores
- ALICE 400TB
- ATLAS 400TB

According to:

https://wlcg-rebus.cern.ch/apps/pledges/resources/

- 6000 HEPSPEC06 cores (c. 560 of our cores) [2018=10k]
- 100TB storage [2018=1.5PB and 800TB]
- All ALICE.
- now equal ALICE and ATLAS (?)
- 212Mbps International Traffic.

Computing Infrastructure



Current hardware

- 50 nodes of 48 cores 192GB RAM and 2x800TB of SSD, 2 bonded 1G.
- 28 nodes of 48 cores 96GB RAM and 1TB SATA, QDR infiniband
- c.100TB of Lustre on the 28 nodes with QDR infiniband.
 –dead
- c. 1PB luster 4 IB FDR IB, dead migrating to beegfs/eos
- 9 management servers, lower spec
 - compute element (head node,ce),
 - storage element 2 redirectors, 2 storage nodes with direct attached multipath storage
 - authentication, user interface (gone), monitoring, provisioning, site bdii.
- 16 blades of MD1000e, 384 cores. IB connection

Current Storage

- 383TB EOS for ALICE, down from 440TB
- 252 TB EOS for ATLAS, down from 400TB
- 107 TB lustre for 34 nodes.
- 1001 TB lustre 4 management nodes, 6 OSTs
- Quotes coming for 2PB EOS.
- 400TB ALICE
- 400TB ATLAS

Reduction in data sizes is due to reorganisation for reliability.

Storage questions

- c. 1PB hardware lock in ?
- c. 1PB eos/beegfs/lustre reinstall
- 2PB EOS configured how?

Availability / Reliability

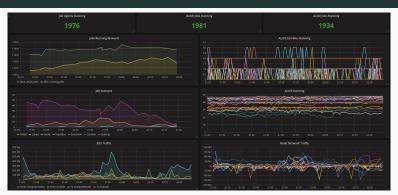
So who monitors us:

- WLCG
- EGI
- ALICE
- ATLAS
- Local via zabbix/grafana and racktables(replacing with foreman plugin)

There are a lot of eyes, ignoring the ones in this room.

Function	July	August	September	Year
Availability	100	100	100	98.6
Reliability	100	100	100	99.5

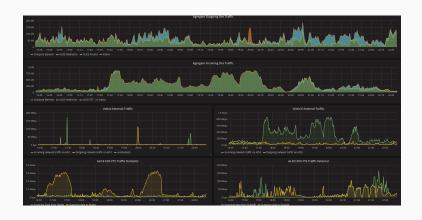
Grafana ALICE



This is currently being expanded to pull in more from MonaLisa, and more experiment and storage specific metrics to help to trivialy diagnose and forewarn problems. We want to know before everyone else.

How else are we to hide our errors

Grafana ALICE



Tier2 Processing

- ATLAS processing, pilot jobs start and then get work packages, data from Italy(T1).
- ALICE processing, job agents and leave it to central services, vobox.
- ops jobs fail due to starvation from alice. currently a dedicated machine, batch upgrade to fix.
- all software is distributed via cvmfs, both experiments.
- Both experiments have something similar to code-rade, an entire ecosystem of modules, versions, builds, etc.
- still no official validation on CC7.

Tier2 Storage operations

Thankfully both experiments use xrootd. ATLAS will soon deprecate SRM.

- ALICE has its own authentication system, controlled centrally from CERN.
- ALICE has one big block of storage.
- ATLAS uses grid pool accounts, more standard grid.
- ATLAS has various storage's on site, cut up locally.
- ATLAS on puppet, ALICE will go on puppet when upgraded, upgrade in eos required for ipv6(xrootd4).

Devops

- I am a software engineer and writing software is what I enjoy, preferably computational physics and hardware stuff.
- So in the well trodden path of a theoretical physicist.
- Think of a cow as a sphere
- Lets approximate sys admin as a software problem.
- I want everything in git and tested, and those tests automated.

Philosophy

- Keep It Simple Simpleton.
- Only use nonproprietary software.
- Stand on whom evers shoulders/heads/toes/knees I can. (Leverage the tools available)
- Abstract sys admin to a Software Engineering problem.
- Let me get back to the things that I enjoy ALICE O2, computational physics, machine learning etc.

Simple Solution

Switch everything off for 4 or 5 months while we redo everything, **BUT**:



Sadly we have an MOU to fullfill.

the plan

- Keep site up and processing maintaing our Tier 2 status.
- incrementally replace systems.
- We now have a MD1000e, on infiniband, a place to test configurations and deligate to batch we not playing.

upgrades

- attempts to delay till CC7 validation have failed.
- Puppify, to auto site deployment.
- Transition to foreman from xcat.
- Rewire whole network, re-power to monitored pdu, and monitor all.
- Add inherent redundancy into 10G interfaces on ce,se,se2.
- Reinstall while TRYING to keep A/R. problems are vobox and ce.
- Storage, we now have approval for getting quotes, to fullfil our pledges for next year.



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28 nodes

28 of the 34 nodes came back for SAGrid and HEP when idle.

- Go back to SAGrid to support anybody on SAGrid VO.
- HEP user analysis, based on federated identities, no user account admin.
- either HEP user supplies their own eco system with job or build their custom ecosystem via code-rade.
- code based on CODE-RADE, or LHC experiments.
- O2 dev for O2 development with dds/mesos/pbs. (no gpu/fpga)
- Local Storage for users, eos and lustre.

deployment/provisioning

Foreman ...

- 1. deployment
- 2. configuration, puppet, chef, salt, ansible.
- 3. monitoring.

Not using the fully integrated puppet/foreman as i prefer to be tool agnostic, or at least strive for it. This might change.

puppet

A method/system to maintain a system in a known state. hiera, a key value store used by puppet. We store all site specific information in hiera, tightly integrated into puppet..

AAROC Devops and r10k

- r10k branches are mapped to environments (dev, testing, production). Option to replace with foreman
- Cant be under AAROC, so chpctier2, production branch will be synced to aaroc/devops/chpc.
- 3 branches, dev, testing and production, currently only use production.
- all puppet except for eos is standard from other places, yaim is a pain.
- is mostly the R10k file and hiera for site specific information.

Testing

Devops requires some form of automated testing.

- Unit testing via rspec.
- Function testing.
- Fact testing.
- System testing.

Beaker example

Getting there

Foreman templates written for some of beaker. Trying to integrate beaker tests and zabbix tests so tests are the same live and simulated.

Where to test

This is currently done on my desktop But not a standard dekstop



BUT

Monitoring

- zabbix all data ends up here.
- grafana on zabbix.
- racktables with zabbix link, foreman plugin seems to do an easier job for our purposes.
- foreman
- monalisa
- have singular sources of authority. idrac mostly.
- all zabbix templates, items etc. on github, not really devops, and deployed by node type.

TheForeman

- Deploy and maintain the entire lifecycle of a machine.
- Deploy to cloud (numerous),
- · deploy containers.
- monitor health e.g. puppet status.
- Combined with Katello and pulp, maintain package configurations (ignored)
- Replace r10k (at least how we use it) and keep the different branches of puppet for dev/test/prod.

We currently use it as almost a cobbler replacement, this might change.

network

This is critically important for us.

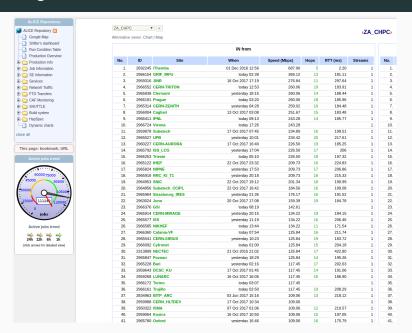
- All public interfaces are 1G cables across server room.
- change to dual 10G connections to switch.
- 10G fibre to SANREN.
- Shallow buffered swith, but in HA config.

Testing

We have been through a bout of testing, now moving to own network so can test further.

- Move outside CHPC network.
- Dedicated 10G to SANREN.
- PerfSonar installed.
- Test cleanly on our minimally buffered 10G Force10
 Switch. Anybody want to loan us a 10G deep buffered switch to test.

Testing



bandwidth

We were graciously donated a 1Gbps test.

We used it all.

We need more.....

We have cables on order and then will upgrade to 10Gbps for testing purposes.

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- William and I can sit back, drink espresso and watch some graphs

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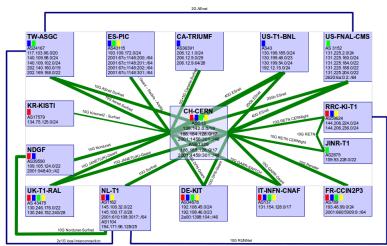
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three or more other institutes providing amongst them 52-week coverage).

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Raw data recording	4 hours	6 hours	6 hours	99%	n/a
Event reconstruction or distribution of data to Tier-1 Centres during	6 hours	6 hours	12 hours	99%	n/a

accelerator operation					
Networking service to Tier-1 Centres during accelerator operation	6 hours	6 hours	12 hours	99%	n/a
All other Tier-0 services	12 hours	24 hours	48 hours	98%	98%
All other services ⁷ – prime service hours ⁸	1 hour	1 hour	4 hours	98%	98%
All other services ⁷ - outwith prime service hours ⁸	12 hours	24 hours	48 hours	97%	97%

Annex 3.2. Tier-1 Services

Each Tier1 Centre⁹ forms an integral part of the central data handling service of the LHC Experiments. It is thus essential that each such centre undertakes to provide its services on a long-term basis (initially at least 5 years) and to make its best efforts to upgrade its installations steadily in order to keep pace with the expected growth of

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Networking service to the Tier-0 Centre during accelerator operation	12 hours	24 hours	48 hours	98%	n/a
Data-intensive analysis services, including networking to Tier-0, Tier-1 Centres outwith accelerator operation	24 hours	48 hours	48 hours	n/a	98%
All other services ⁷ - prime service hours ¹⁰	2 hour	2 hour	4 hours	98%	98%
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The response times in the above table refer only to the maximum delay before action