ATLAS Input to Rucio, FTS and Network

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Key requirements and concerns



- Changes in workflows and effects of more / larger files (100GB and more?)
 - Better for Rucio/FTS scalability to have file size increase by order of magnitude than number of files
 - But brings greater reliance on network reliability (transfer timeouts, dropped packets)
 - o More workflows in the future with larger (secondary) inputs, more data transfers
 - Unknown impact of new analysis paradigms and increased use of analysis facilities
- WAN access from jobs
 - At some point this was popular but has largely died off
 - Especially with more emphasis on managing the network we cannot have uncontrolled chaotic access across the WAN
- QoS awareness at all levels from funding to storage
 - Resource providers need to be able to quantify what they provide in their pledge
 - Changing pledge structure takes years
 - Breaking the disk/tape paradigm requires coordinated QoS knowledge in Rucio, FTS and storage
- FTS as a crucial service
 - Coordination between multiple FTS instances (within and between VOs)
 - Network awareness and scheduling: FTS is the obvious place to handle this
 - Requires the above point
- Human resources
 - Long term sustainability of FTS and Rucio
 - FTS needs to be seen and supported as a critical component of HL-LHC computing
 - Rucio also needs investment, particularly from outside ATLAS as the number of communities increases