



Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

Grif site report

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GRIF(1/2)

- 1 unique grid site with HW AND technical team spread over several locations
- Large autonomy of each site regarding local integration of grid resources, grid services, OS versions used, shared/non shared home directories...
- 1 common version of grid MW everywhere but ability to upgrade site by site (ability to run different versions).
- 2 key organizational choices: Quattor with one configuration DB for the whole site and one technical team with 1 face to face meeting every month + everyday communication through an email list.



- Quattor configuration based on QWG Templates (originally developed at LAL), a standard set of templates for configuring grid services shared by 40 sites. Benefit from others' developments and our additions for GRIF needs shared with others.
- Quattor allows high level of load sharing for management tasks like MW upgrades (+ rollback capabilities). Try to install gLite updates in the week after the release (less for high priority). Generally done by one person for the whole site.
- Some services are unique :
 - VOMS server
 - LCG RB
- One service has a backup:
 - Site bdii
- The sites do not support the same set of VOs



Tools used

- Quattor (installation and configuration)
- Nagios (monitoring)
- Lemon (monitoring and alarm mechanism)
- SAM portal to verify the site status
- Monalisa Web page to see site status for ALICE VO
- Mailing list EGEE broadcast and LCG-ROLLOUT
- GOC database (accounting, site contacts)
- CIC portal (VO information, EGEE broadcast)
- Local grid support helpdesk/Wiki ...



interventions

Scheduled interventions

- Electricity/Security maintenance
- machines update : hardware and software (depends of updates)
- network update : hardware

Unscheduled interventions

- Corrupted databases
- Network instability
- Cooling problems
- Electricity cuts



Operational problems

- How it is detected at our site:
 - by local/remote users (mail, toc toc at the door, phone):80%
 - by SAM tests (alarm mail by the CIC: very useful):10 %
 - COD via GGUS ticket (after a weekend): 5%
 - by sysadmin (job submission, LEMON, network): 5%
- Correlation of cross-site issues :
 - SA1-fr, LCG-fr Visio conference, very useful for this
 - SA1-fr and LCG-fr mailing lists
 - LCG-ROLLOUT
 - EGEE broadcast
- Participation in the "System Management and Monitoring" working group of HEPiX



HELP! HELP!

- Support appreciated at our site:
 - LCG-ROLLOUT
 - ROC support but not for all the tools (ROC with specific batch system, specific SE and installer via AFS)
- what features are missing to make our work easier:
 - search engine on the CIC portal on specific recognized grid pages