

Operations procedures: summary for round table

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CGCC tools used in daily grid operations

- SAM Gstat 7
- SAM admin 2
- GridView 2
- CIC 3
- GOCDB 3
- GGUS 5
- Other:
 - MoniFarm (1)
 - FailRank (1)
 - Unix Monitoring Tools (1)
 - Central Logging Server (1)
 - Nagios 4
 - Ganglia 3
 - GridICE 1
 - Experiment dashboards 1
 - Local scripts 2
 - ELFMS (quattor) 3
 - Remedy 1
 - Monalisa 1



- Mw logs 4
- Replicated sam admin 1
- Operational site admin manual 3
- Firewall rules 1
- Adding of a stamp from local batch system to a job's ID to improve traceability of jobs from UI to WN 1
- Tool do to correlation statistics for difficult problems related to load etc. 1
- SAM alarms directed to the site 1
- Support for scheduled upgrades 1
- Search engine in CIC portal 1
- Service monitoring 1
- interaction CIC-CIC Operator-SAM-GOCDB-GGUS 1



- Similar scheduled/unscheduled causes in most of sites
- MANY unscheduled interventions (as many as scheduled?):
 - Cause? Some related to mw instabilities
 - Is realistic to think that the number will go down?
 - Or we better prepare for good information and recovery?



deployment

- Service Redundancy 1
- Tests/validate before deploying (in PPS or SA3 or by site) 3
- Sequential updates 1
- Only apply sw updates between LHC runs 1
- Overhead of porting to fabric management tools 2
- Updates less frequents: 1 per month? 1



Communication with users

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- Remote users
 - GGUS 4
 - Helpdesk 2
 - e-mail 5
- Local users
 - phone 3
 - face-to-face meetings 2
 - e-mail 6
 - training events and workshops 2
 - Iocal mailing list 2
- Other:
 - "Grid Clinic" day establishment (open grid lab)
 - High level meeting with users 1
 - When to use broadcast? 1



- ROC communication via regional mail, helpdesk, meetings 5
- weekly ops meetings 3
- Rollout mailing list (fast and expert advice) 5
- Ggus 3 (slow)
- Broadcast: too many! 2



- Most problems are discovered and corrected before COD ticket
- most issues detected by site admins through monitoring tools
- on some cases, issues have been reported by local users
 - 5-20% of problems detected by COD
 - 80%-10% of problems detected by users
- CIC are very useful overall 4
- links provided helping to solve the issue
- Make sure problems are solved (escalation)
 - spent more time on detecting/analysing central failures 1
 - COD people filtering information 1



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Weekly reports: some duplication 1

Weekly ops meeting not very useful (preferred meeting with ROC) 1 Not attending 1



Questions sent to the sites

- tools used in daily grid operations
- what features are missing to make your work easier
- examples of the most frequent scheduled interventions at your site
- examples of the most frequent unscheduled interventions at your site
- points to improve in communication with ROC, other sites, Vos, rest of the world...
- How do you plan deployment of updates/new versions so continuous production is not interrupted?
- Communication with users: how are you informed about operational problems at your site reported by local/remote users? Mail/GGUS/phone/other?
- Correlation of cross-site issues: is the operations meeting enough for this? How do you do it otherwise?
- What percentage of real site problems are detected and reported by central monitoring (SAM, COD) before you know about them?
- usefulness of the following operations bodies/meetings and suggestions to improve them: -
 - COD
 - your ROC support team
 - operations meeting