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Shared EOS instance at JINR

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Multifunctional Information and Computing Complex

- Experimental data
 - dCache
 - EOS
 - CephFS
- HPC
 - Lustre
- Cloud computing (Virtualization)
 - Ceph RBD
- Miscellaneous (CI artifacts, backups, etc)
 - Ceph S3

External network connectivity: 3x100 Gbps



EOS Configuration Overview

- In operation since 2019
- Single instance shared among multiple projects
- Fault tolerance
 - Active-passive HA for MGM/MQ
 - RAFT HA for QuarkDB
 - Replica layout, 2 replicas
 - ZFS on FSTs (RAID-Z2, 4 partitions per server)
- Software
 - Scientific Linux 7 everywhere
 - EOS/QDB 5.2.17
- Protocols:
 - eos shell and xrdcp are most widely used
 - **Fuse** mounts are available, but users are recommended not to use them to write data
 - HTTPS/WebDAV configured
 - TPC configured for both WebDAV and xrootd









Hardware and Usage

- ~23 PB raw capacity
- 92 FST servers (each FST daemon serves 4 zfspartitions)
- 1832 drives
- 2x10 Gbps network connectivity
- Mostly Dell servers
- Evaluating other server vendors



Usage Stats



- ~8 PB of data stored in over 50 million files
- ~14 PB of physical space occupied
- Top consumers are neutrino experiments (Baikal-GVD, DayaBay and JUNO) and international experiments on Nuclotron-based Ion Collider fAcility (NICA) - BM@N and MPD
- Experiments are pretty demanding, e.g. JUNO plans on ~1 PB per year increase

Data Consistency Issues

- We had numerous data consistency problems
 - Incorrect checksums
 - Data not visible to users, but present on FSTs
 - Corrupted files
- Hard to detect, in most cases discovered when users try to access the data
- In many cases we were unable to determine the exact cause of the problems
- In some cases the data was not recovered
- Hard to define the scale, but one of experiments reported 0.2 % data corruption (out of ~400k files) of "passive" data in half a year
- Some projects consider developing external data consistency checkers
- Community of the forum is responsive to the problems and we usually get the help

QRAIN Migration

- Massive data loss during Replica \rightarrow QRAIN data migration
 - JINR network to blame in the first place, but handling data consistency by EOS may need to be revised
 - Basically all the files larger than 500 MB were lost or abandoned due to hardness of detection of damaged data
 - Documentation was not quite clear at the moment or some important points were missing
- Consequences
 - We had to reload lots of data from other data centers
 - Some of the data had no replicas in other DCs, but luckily it was MC and the data was generated again
 - Some experiments moved to other storages
- RAIN documentation is not clear

Summary and Plans

- Data consistency issues are making us worry
- Some projects decided to move to other storages
- Despite the issues we don't plan abandoning EOS
- Move to new OS due to SL 7 EOL (presumably AlmaLinux 9)
- Consider moving large data consumers to dedicated EOS instances for reliability

P.S. Documentation needs improvement!

Thanks!

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