

What's new in the HTCondor Software Suite (HTCSS) ? What's coming up?

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Two Parts to this Talk



The "Laundry List"

What's Cooking?

<http://survey.htcondor.com/>



Past ~12 months, there were 11 LTS releases and 13 Feature releases incorporating 140 enhancements and 90 bug fixes.

Highlights on the web, full details in the Manual

Highlights:

<https://htcondor.org/htcondor/release-highlights/>

Details:

<https://htcondor.readthedocs.io/en/latest/version-history/index.html>

- Documented all the new features / mechanisms that have been added at each version
- Notes about "gotchas" when upgrading from version X to Y

Administrator Upgrade Help Script

- › Besides information in the Manual about incompatibilities when upgrading versions, wouldn't it be great if a tool existed to help admin check the gotchas? We listened...
- › New tool [condor_upgrade_check](#) assists administrators upgrading an HTCondor installation between major version (i.e. V23 -> V24)
- › Intended for use by those running LTS release of HTCondor.
- › Checks current installation and setup for well known incompatibilities and informs administrator of actions to take to resolve said issues.

Previously-the Manual was..

Administrators' Manual

Introduction

Starting Up, Shutting Down,
Reconfiguring, and Restarting
HTCondor

Introduction to Configuration

Configuration Templates

Configuration Macros

User Priorities and Negotiation

Policy Configuration for Execute

Hosts and for Submit Hosts

Security

Networking (includes sections on
Port Usage and CCB)

DaemonCore

Hooks, Startd, Cron and Schedd

Cron

Logging in HTCondor

Monitoring

The High Availability of Daemons

» Administrators' Manual

Administrators' Manual

- Introduction

- The Different Roles a Machine Can Play
- The HTCondor Daemons

- Starting Up, Sh

- Using HTCondor

- Introduction to

- HTCondor Configuration Files
- Ordered Evaluation to Set the Configuration
- Configuration File Macros
- Comments and Line Continuations
- Multi-Line Values
- Executing a Program to Produce Configuration Macros
- Including Configuration from Elsewhere

Random Topic

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Feedback from last year:

"We use the manual a lot"

- could you please improve it?

"Especially the index, heavily used"

+ Dictum from Miron:

"HTCondor is a Software Suite: AP, EP, CM are separate products"

24.x Admin manual

Administrators' Manual

Introduction

Starting Up, Shutting Down and
Reconfiguring the System

Introduction to Configuration

Configuration Macros

Configuration for Execution Points

Configuration for Access Points

Configuration for Central Managers

Security

Networking, Port Usage, and CCB

Files, Directories and Logs

Third Party/Delegated file,
credential and checkpoint transfer

ClassAds

DAGMan Workflows

Python Bindings

» Administrators Manual

EP Subsection

Administrators' Manual

- Introduction

- The Different Roles a Machine Can Play
- Putting it all together
- The HTCondor Daemons

AP Subsection

- Starting Up, Shutting

- Daemons That Do Not Run as root
- Remote Management Features
- DaemonCore

CM Subsection

- Introduction to Configuration

- HTCondor Configuration Files
- Ordered Evaluation to Set the Configuration

Added diagrams to manual

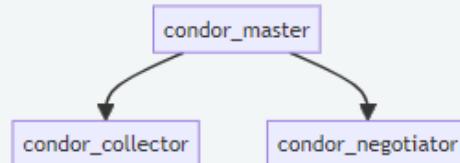
Central Manager

There can be only one central manager for the pool. This machine is the collector of information, and the negotiator between resources and resource requests. These two halves of the central manager's responsibility are performed by separate daemons, so it would be possible to have different machines providing those two services. However, normally they both live on the same machine. This machine plays a very important part in the HTCondor pool and should be reliable. If this machine crashes, no further matchmaking can be performed within the HTCondor system, although all current matches remain in effect until they are broken by either party involved in the match. Therefore, choose for central manager a machine that is likely to be up and running all the time, or at least one that will be rebooted quickly if something goes wrong. The central manager will ideally have a good network connection to all the machines in the pool, since these pool machines all send updates over the network to the central manager.

Execution Point

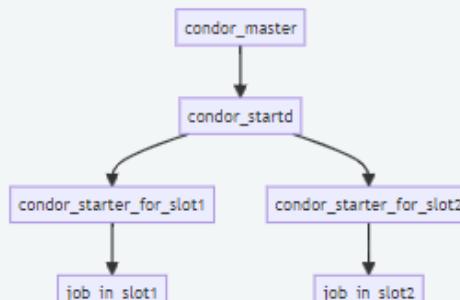
Any machine in the pool, including the central manager, can be configured as to whether or not it should execute HTCondor jobs. Obviously, some of the machines will have to serve this function, or the pool will not be useful. Being an execute machine does not require lots of resources. About the only resource that might matter is disk space. In general the more resources a machine has in terms of swap space, memory, number of CPUs, the larger variety of resource requests it can serve.

Central Manager (CM) Diagram

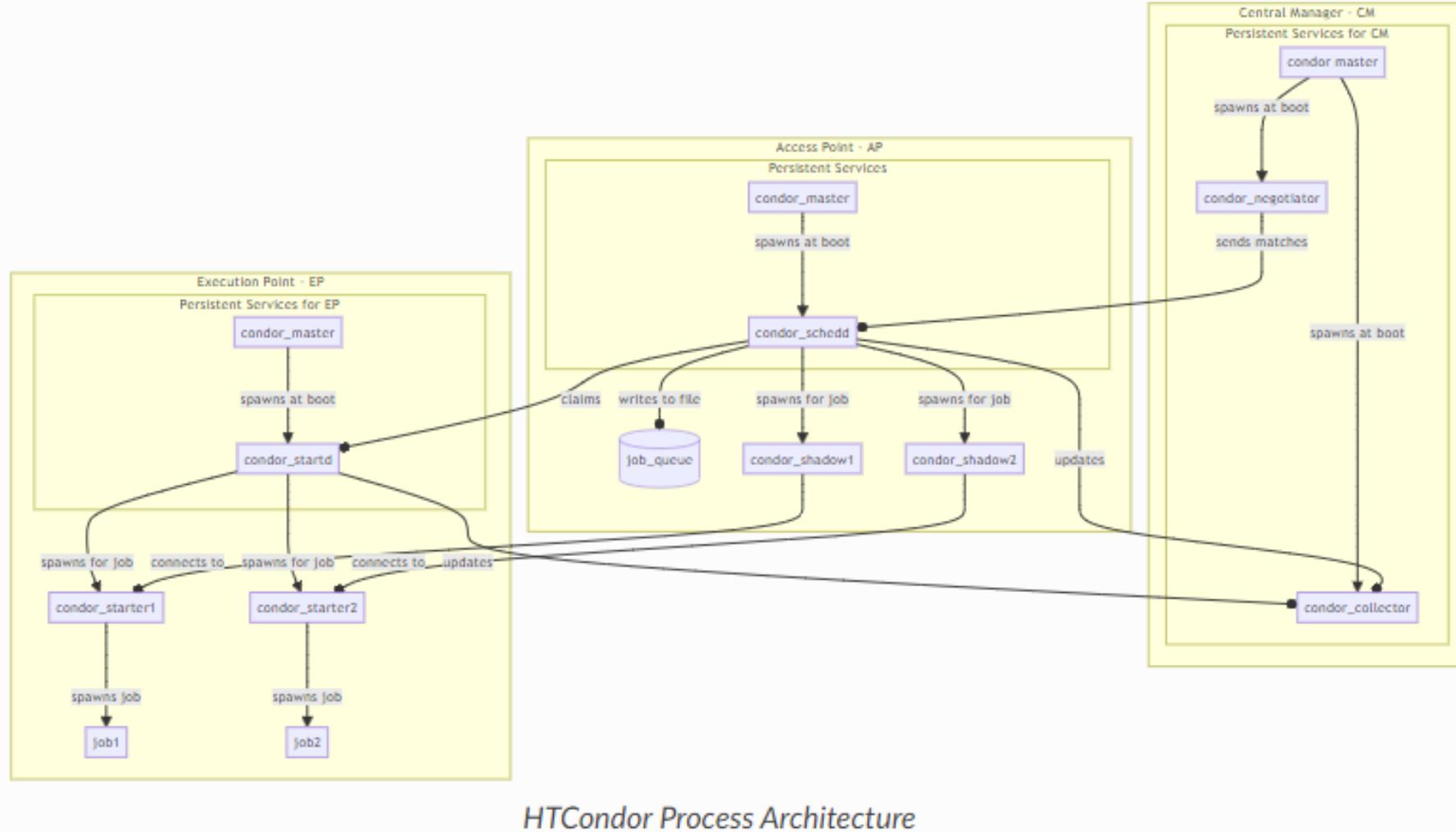


Daemons for Central Manager, both managed by a *condor_master*

Execution Point (EP) Diagram



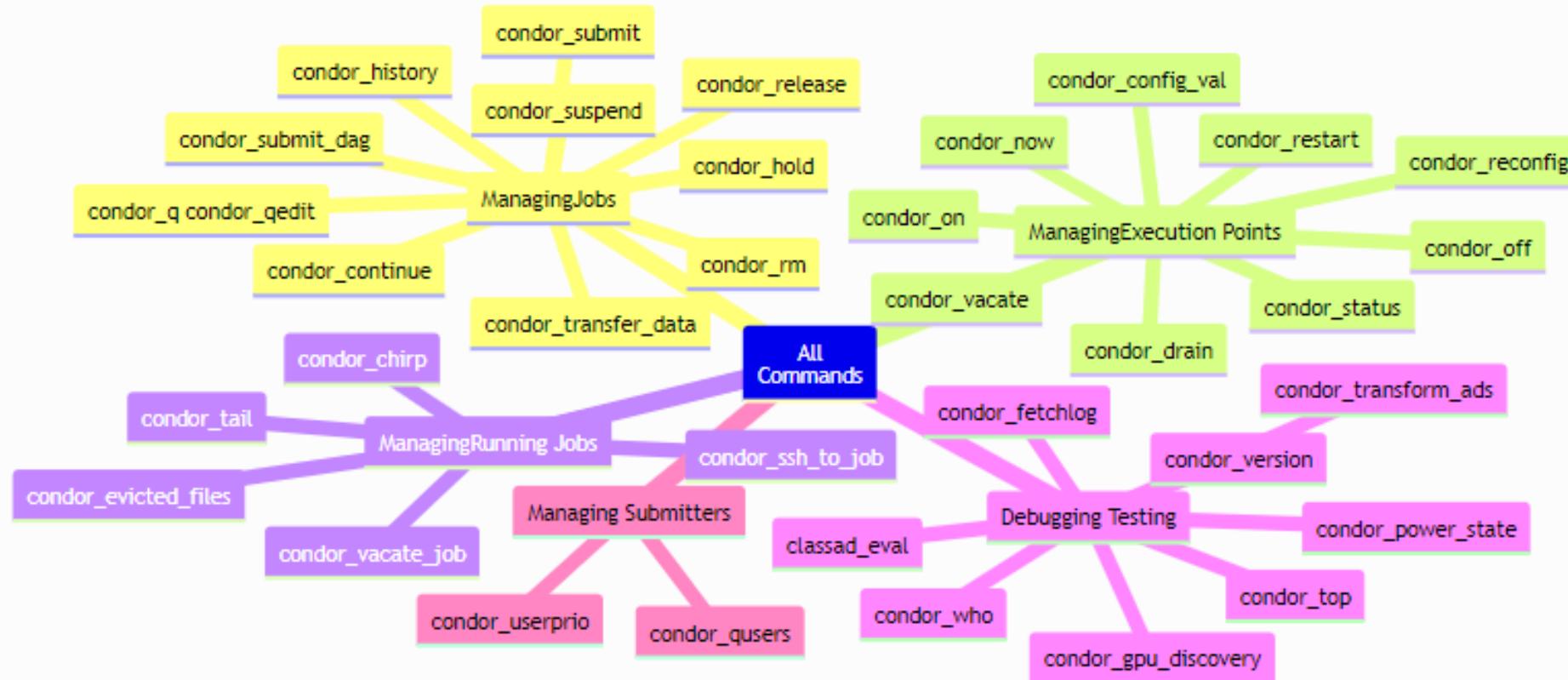
Putting it all together



The HTCondor Daemons

Commands Reference (man pages)

HTCondor ships with many command line tools. While the number may seem overwhelming at first, they can be divided into a few groups:



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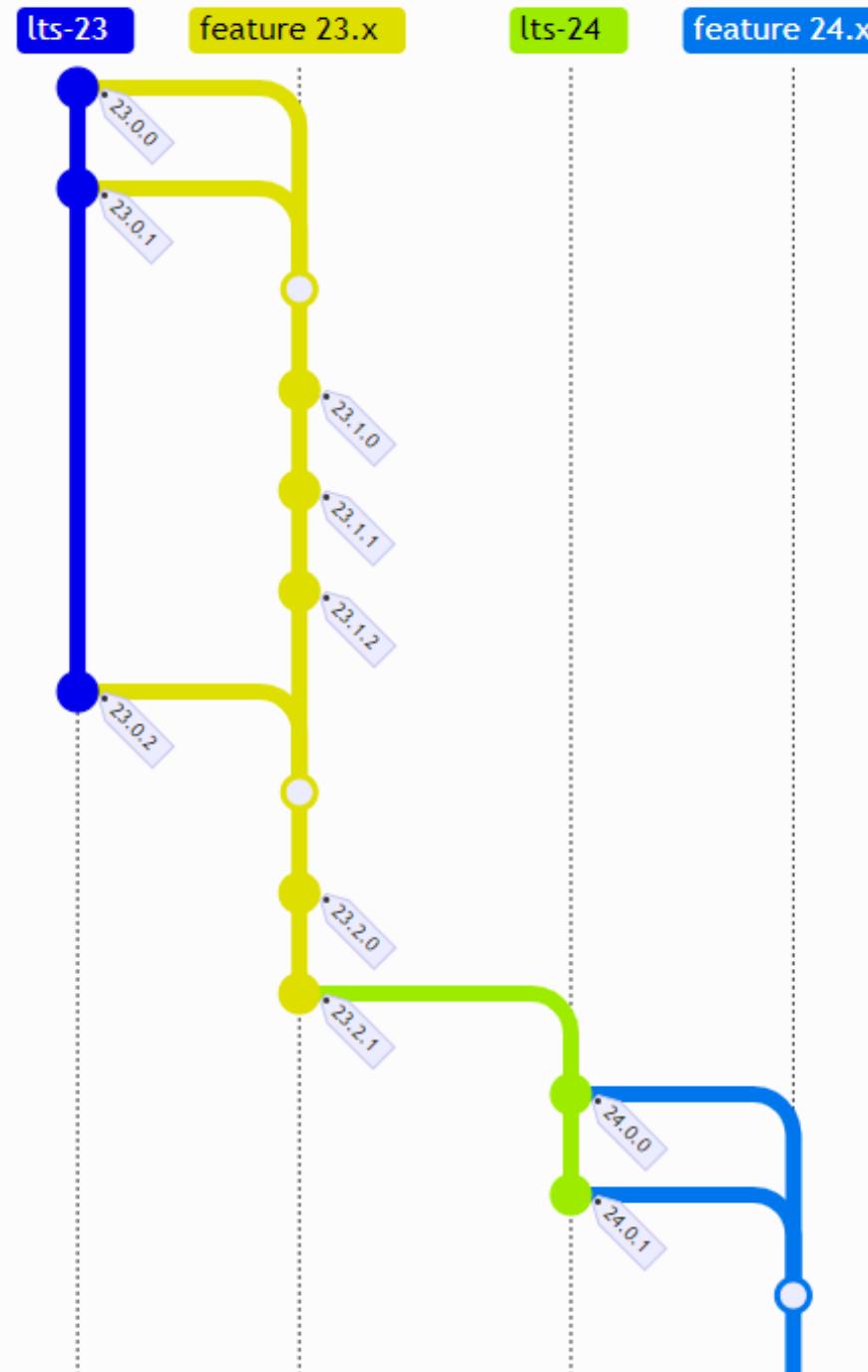
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Version History and Release Notes

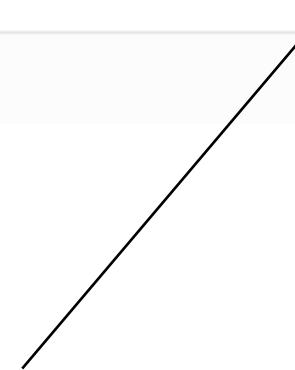
Introduction to HTCondor Versions

HTCondor Version Number Scheme

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case. Unless otherwise noted, configuration values that are expected to be numeric or boolean constants can be any valid ClassAd expression of operators on constants. Example:

```
MINUTE      = 60
HOUR        = (60 * $(MINUTE))
SHUTDOWN_GRACEFUL_TIMEOUT = ($(HOUR)*24)
```



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QUICK START GUIDES

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Quick Start Guides – right at the beginning

Many improvements to index

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- Codes and Other Needed Values
- Glossary
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[Read the Docs](#) v: main ▾

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 - example with output
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Moving recipes to manual

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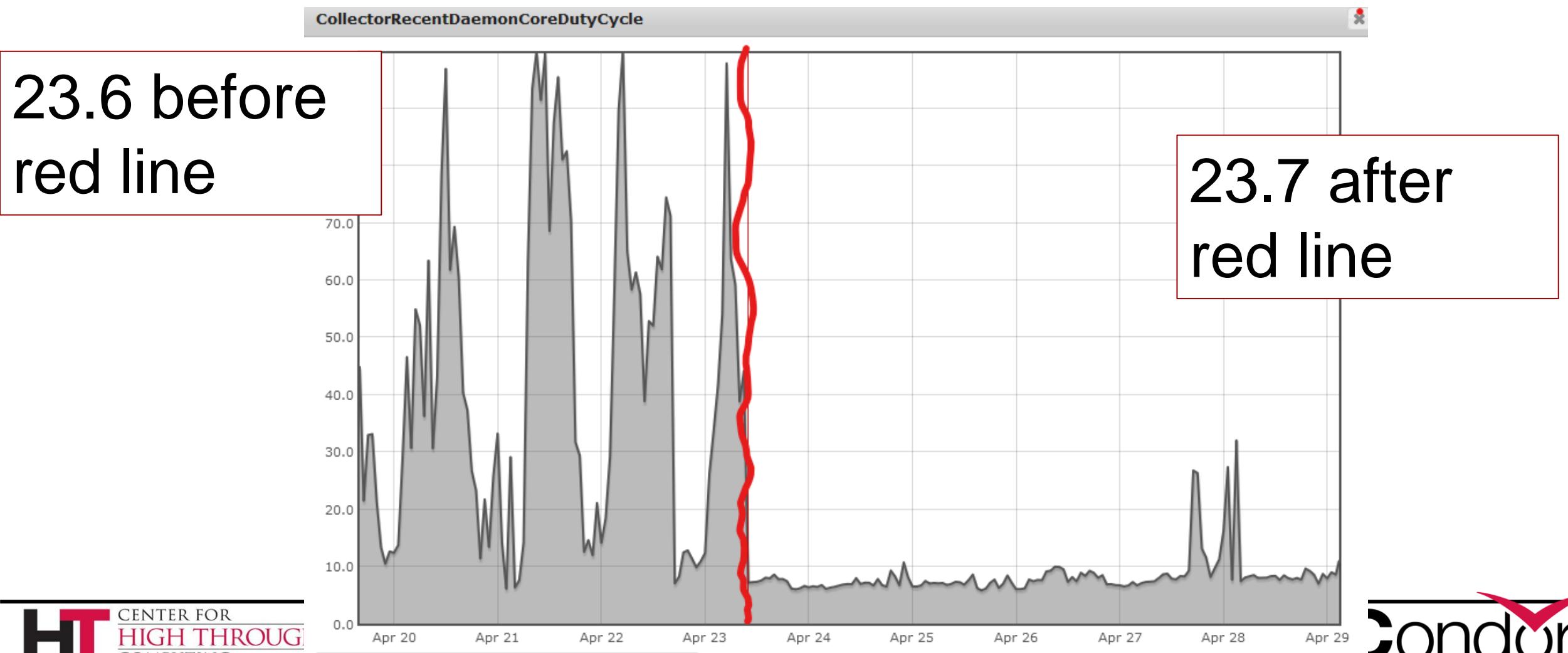
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Cgroup v2 improvements

- › "cgroups" = Linux mechanism for placing a limit on resource usage of a job
- › Addition of Cgroup v2 support was Required for EL9 and Debian 12
- › HTCondor 23 gives jobs writeable "delegated" cgroups
 - > Enables "The Dream": glideins can then have better resource management!
- › Local universe jobs now in cgroups
- › Set startd MEMORY to memory limit if it starts in a cgroup
- › Cgroups directly in proc, not via the procd
 - Means we can scale > 256 slots per startd ☺

Improvement in ClassAd memory and CPU usage (OSPool, ~80k slots)



Packaging Updates / New Platforms / OSes

- › Support for Debian 12 (Bookworm)
- › Support for Ubuntu 22.04 (Noble Numbat)
- › Support for **openSUSE** LEAP 15
- › HTCondor Docker images are now based on Alma Linux 9
- › HTCondor Docker images are now available for the **ARM64** CPU architecture
- › Python Bindings for **ARM64** available with PIP
- › Apptainer and Pelican included in the tarballs
- › Debian and RPM packages line up (same names and structures)

File Transfer Enhancements

- › Submit macro `preserve_relative_paths = True`

```
transfer_input_files = result_data/x
```

ends up creating 'result_data/x' on EP job sandbox, not 'x'.
(applies to input, output, and checkpoint transfers)

- › **OSDF** (Pelican) File Transfer Client comes with HTCSS, so can use it out of the box

```
transfer_input_files = pelican:///foo/xxx/yyy
```

Job Epoch History

- › Write the current Job Ad for each run instance of a job to a specified history file.
- › Enable by setting
JOB_EPOCH_HISTORY=/path/to/filename
- › Query all job epochs from history via
condor_history -epochs
- › Query from the python bindings via **jobEpochHistory()**
- › **condor_adstash** can store job epoch ads in Elastic Search along with history ads

Persistent User records in the schedd

- › A user record must exist for each job owner
 - Created automatically by submitting a job
 - Default behavior, but can be turned off
 - Created by an admin running `condor_qusers -add`
- › New tool : `condor_qusers`
 - Add, enable, disable and edit user records
 - Disabled users cannot submit new jobs
 - Also python bindings for these commands
- › Allows the schedd to separate who owns a job from who to impersonate when running the job.

Evolving new command line user interface

- › *htcondor <noun> <verb>*
 - "*htcondor job submit*", "*htcondor job status*", ...
 - "*htcondor dag submit*", "*htcondor dag status*", ...
 - "*htcondor jobset submit*", "*htcondor jobset status*", ...
 - "*htcondor annex create*", "*htcondor annex status*", ...
 - "*htcondor eventlog read*"
- › Legacy tools (`condor_q`, `condor_submit`, `condor_history`, ...) not going anywhere...

condor_q - looking at one running job

```
$ condor_q 123.45
```

```
-- Schedd: login04.osgconnect.net : <192.170.231.217:9618?... @ 07/12/23  
21:43:13
```

OWNER	BATCH_NAME	SUBMITTED	DONE	RUN	IDLE	TOTAL	JOB_IDS
toddt	ID: 123	7/12 21:37	-	1	-	10000	123.45

```
Total for query: 1 jobs; 0 completed, 0 removed, 0 idle, 1 running, 0  
held, 0 suspended
```

condor_q - looking at the details

```
$ condor_q -l 123.45
```

```
AccountingGroup = "group_opportunistic.EvolSims.toddt"
AcctGroup = "EvolSims"
AcctGroupUser = "anushd"
AllowedExecuteDuration = 72000
Args = "44"
AutoClusterId = 3232
BytesRecv = 0.0
BytesSent = 0.0
ClusterId = 36371245
Cmd = "/home/anushd/cluster_code/cwrapper.sh"
CommittedSlotTime = 0
CommittedSuspensionTime = 0
CommittedTime = 0
CondorPlatform = "$CondorPlatform: X86_64-CentOS_7.9 $"
CondorVersion = "$CondorVersion: 10.6.0 2023-06-26 PackageID: 10.6.0-0.656423 RC $"
CoreSize = 0
CpusProvisioned = 1
...
...
```

New Job Status

\$ htcondor job status 123.45

Job 123.45 is currently running on host exec221.chtc.wisc.edu.

It started running again 2.1 hours ago.

It was submitted 3.6 hours ago.

Its current memory usage is 2.5 GB out of 4.0 GB requested.

Its current disk usage is 3.8 GB out of 5.5 GB requested.

It has restarted 2 times.

Goodput is 80% (0.5 hours badput, 2.1 hours goodput).

What about a DAGMan workflow?

\$ htcondor dag status 223

DAGMan Job 223.0 [simple.dag] has been running for 52 days 04:12:46.

DAG has submitted 382 individual job(s), of which:

45 are running.

10 are idle.

0 are held.

162 have completed successfully

DAG has failed nodes but will continue until all possible work is finished:

5 nodes failed.

10 nodes waiting to begin.

24 nodes running.

[#####-----] 34% complete.

htcondor eventlog read ...

```
$ htcondor eventlog read my_log_file
```

Job	Host	Start Time	Evict Time	Evictions	Wall Time	CPU Usage
79.0	foo	7/6 17:24	7/6 17:25	1	0+00:01:00	0+00:00:52
80.0	foo	7/6 17:35	7/6 17:36	1	0+00:01:00	0+00:00:52
81.0	foo	7/6 17:43	7/6 17:44	1	0+00:01:00	0+00:00:53

And with group-by

```
$ htcondor eventlog read -group-by GLIDEN_Site my_log_file
```

Site	CPU Usage	Job Starts	Job Successes	Job Failures
MWT2	0+01:13:00	59	57	2
NWICG_NDCMS	0+00:50:20	2	1	0
UConn-HPC	0+00:05:00	2	1	0
UColorado_HEP	0+00:51:11	2	1	0
NMSU-Discovery-CE	0+04:24:01	7	5	0

EP Disk Reservation and Enforcement



Allows HTCondor to utilize the Linux Logical Volume Manager to provide isolated work environments and strong disk usage enforcement for jobs executing on EP's.

- No LVM ? EP will create a loopback filesystem on the fly!
- Introduced in v23.5.2
- Requires an HTCondor EP running on Linux as root

Look in the Manual for config knob **STARTD_ENFORCE_DISK_LIMITS**

HTCondor Python Bindings Version 2

- The version 1 bindings depend on an unsupported library (`boost.python`), so we needed to do something to make sure the bindings would remain available.
- Bindings are intended to be generally compatible; `import htcondor2 as htcondor` should mostly just work.
 - However: We removed some of the things marked as deprecated in the version 1 bindings, and will be deprecating a few other APIs that are not widely used
- Win for users: Compared to version 1, the new version 2 bindings will be much less picky about the specific version of Python interpreter being used ☺

"Container Universe"

- › EP advertises container runtimes available, and uses whichever one can get the job done
- › Now EP does a lot of testing of container runtimes and the container image to determine if errors are the system's fault or the job's fault



- › New world order:

```
container_image = /cvmfs/my/image/dir/  
# Or container_image = docker://Debian  
# Or container_image = myImage.sif  
# Or container_image = http://xxx/image.sif
```



Containers, cont.

- › First class EP support for a default container image to use
 - EP can be configured by the administrator to always run jobs inside a specified container (unless the job brings along its own container)
- › Apptainer is included/packed into HTCSS EP Product
 - Allows an EP to run containers without requiring the admin to install any additional software
- › Todo: Deal with Docker Hub banning

GPU Scheduling Activities

- › HTCondor has long been able to
 - detect GPU devices and schedule GPU jobs
 - monitor/report job GPU utilization
- › New: Support for heterogenous GPUs in one server
 - E.g. a server with two different models of GPU cards
 - NVIDIA Multi-Instance GPU (MIG) partitioning
- › New: Jobs can only see the GPU devices assigned by the EP by using cgroup device namespaces (STARTER_HIDE_GPU_DEVICES)
- › New: Support for AMD ROCm
- › More first-class keywords in submit file



Submit File Example:

```
Executable = foo.exe
RequestGPUs = 1
gpus_minimum_capability = 7.0
gpus_minimum_memory = 16GB
Queue
```

First-class Backfill pslots

- › Motivating Scenario: I want my GPU rich server to give priority to GPU jobs, but backfill with CPU-only jobs
- › A p-slot provisioned from a shadow set of resources that tracks contention with the primary set of resources

```
SLOT_TYPE_<N>_BACKFILL = TRUE
```
- › BACKFILL slots have special attributes

```
BackfillSlot = true
```

```
ResourceConflict = "Memory, GPUs, GPU-aabbccdd"
```
- › ResourceConflict given the names of the resources that contend with an active primary slot

Ex: Backfill the CPUs on a GPU node

```
# make a TYPE_1 primary P-slot and give it all of the resources
#
use FEATURE : GPUs
use FEATURE : PartitionableSlot(1, 100%)
SLOT_TYPE_1_START = TARGET.RequestGpus > 0

# make a TYPE_2 backfill P-slot with 90% of the shadow resources and no GPUs
#
SLOT_TYPE_2_BACKFILL = true
use FEATURE : PartitionableSlot(2, 90%, GPUs=0)
SLOT_TYPE_2_PREEMPT = size(ResourceConflict?:"") > 0

# The backfill slot should only run jobs that opt in as BackfillJob
SLOT_TYPE_2_START = TARGET.BackfillJob
```

Will likely expose  as "use policy: PreferGPUJobs"

New ClassAd for the EP

- › Single ad for the STARTD as a whole
 - Not suitable for matchmaking.
- › For use in
 - Querying the STARTD address
 - Monitoring Overall health and usage of the EP
 - Detected/provisioned/in-use resources on the EP as a whole
- › Requires a newer condor_collector
 - Collector version 23.2 or later to store these ads
 - Collector version 23.7 or later to query these ads (without using -any)

CE Improvements

- › CE Dashboard (for hosted CE's at first...)
- › condor_ce_test_token: new tool to generate short lived SciTokens to more easily test resource provisioning requests to the CE
- › condor_ce_upgrade_check: new tool helps look for compatibility problems before upgrading your CE
- › condor_ce_trace: can now test batch system integration without needing to have a SciToken
- › GPUs: Ensure that jobs requesting GPUs land on HTCondor EPs with GPUs

CE Upgrade to v24

- › There is a new, more powerful syntax for expressing job routes on your CE
 - Must use the new syntax in v24
 - Will include a tool to help you change your route syntax to the new style
 - Details at <https://htcondor.com/htcondor-ce/v6/configuration/job-router-overview/#route-syntaxes>

New defaults – might be surprising

- › Dropping support for multiple queue statements in a single submit file
(Use queue foreach, etc.)
- › Partitionable Slots will be enabled by default (instead of static partitioning)
- › The job's executable will no longer be renamed to 'condor_exec.exe'
- › GPU discovery is enabled on all Execution Points by default

What's Cooking in the Kitchen...



<http://survey.htcondor.com/>

Tight Integration with Pelican (OSDF)

Self-Checkpointing Applications

- Self-checkpointing jobs have been a success, especially on the OS Pool, where runtimes are shorter and frequently interrupted.
- By default, self-checkpointing jobs store their checkpoints on the AP at which they were placed. This adds a lot of file - transfer and -storage load on the AP.
- We've therefore been working on the ability to store checkpoints to third-party services including **Pelican (OSDF)**. We are current testing the initial implementation with OSPool users.

Pelican Local Cache on the EP

- › Cache files coming from OSDF (Pelican) on the EP
 - use feature: PelicanCache
 - or use feature: PelicanCache(size of cache)
- › Especially thinking about caching Apptainer container images (SIF files)! (as a viable alternative to CVMFS?...)
- › Up next: AP control over which files are cached on the AP or not

Propagation of Errors Pelican->HTCSS Really Bad...

Transfer input files failure at execution point slot1_1@node2228.cluster.ldas.cit while receiving files from access point condor-f5. Details: Error from slot1_1@node2228.cluster.ldas.cit: FILETRANSFER:1:non-zero exit (11) from /usr/libexec/condor/stash_plugin. |Error:

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Better... but not there yet...

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(Version: 7.9.2; Site: VU-AUGIE)

Simpler User Experience for jobs w/ Tokens:

Let the AP fetch tokens
from issuers on behalf of
the user

Prometheus Exporter ?



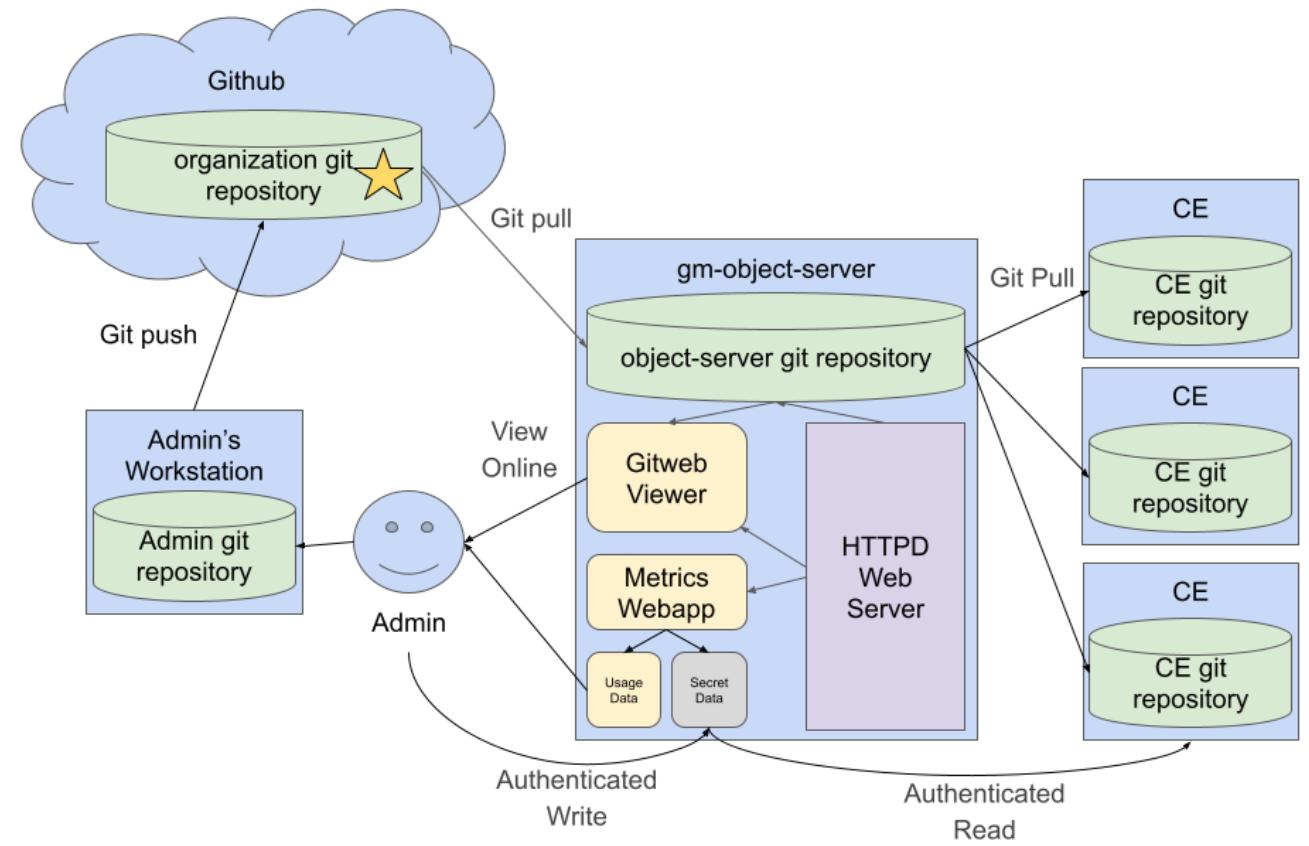
The "Glidein Manager" Activity

The Glidein Manager - Problem Statement

- Capacity in the grid (e.g. CMS Global Pool, OSPool, etc) is provisioned through input provided by multiple stakeholders
 - Centrally managed Glidein Factory specifies HTCondor and GlideinWMS binaries used across the entire pool
 - Research Organizations apply configuration to Glideins at runtime via the GlideinWMS Frontend
- This leads to complications in system observability and updatability
- The Glidein Manager will provide organizations a central location to specify both binaries and configuration for their Glideins

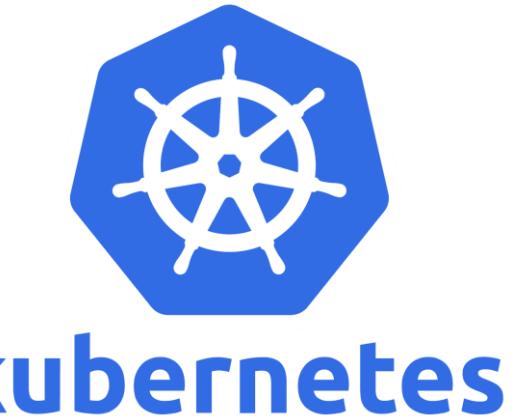
The Glidein Manager

- New service that provides Organizations a central location to specify executable versions and config for their Glideins
- Git Server that mirrors an upstream repository
 - Utilize popular GitOps workflows
- Hosts config files and executable specifications as structured text
- Allows executables and config to be versioned in lockstep via Git commits
- Collects usage metrics and generates reports



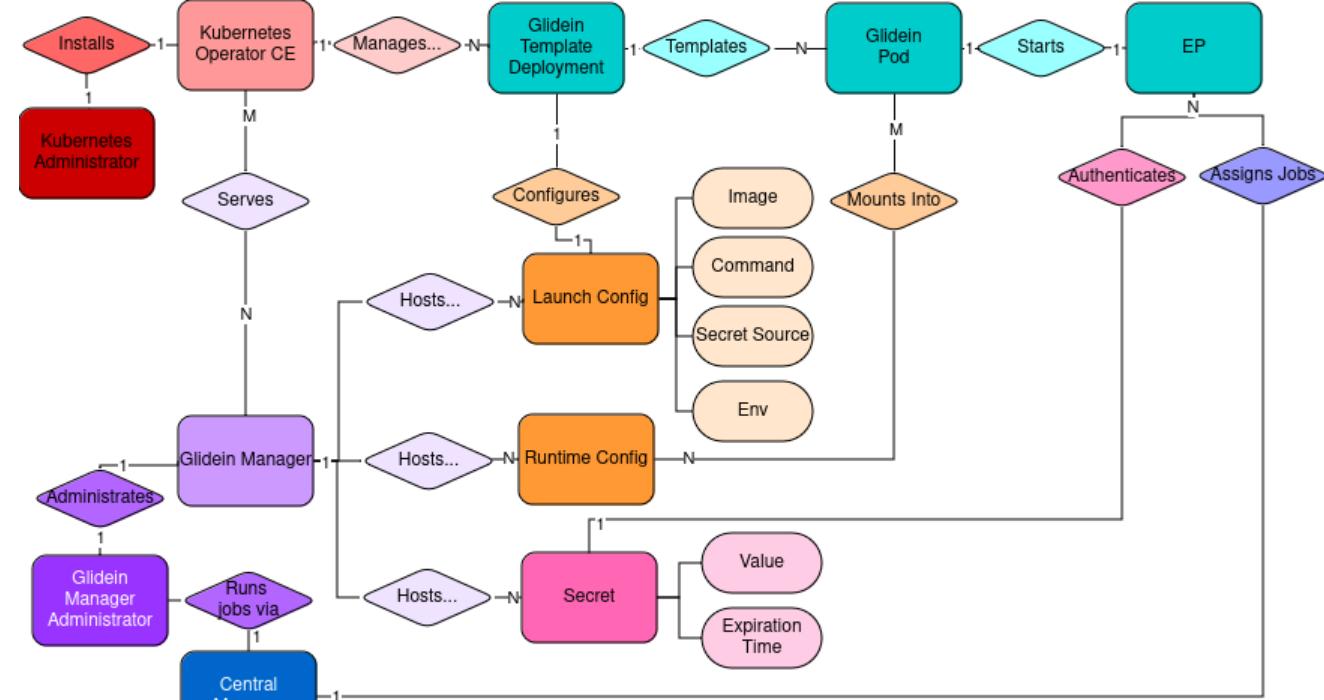
Side Lesson: Kubernetes Operators

- Kubernetes - Popular container orchestration service
- Kubernetes Operator - Privileged container within a cluster that programmatically manages other containers
 - Built in Go via several well-supported Open Source SDKs
- Glideins can be run as containers within a Kubernetes Cluster
- A Kubernetes Operator that creates Glidein containers can act as a Compute Entrypoint



The Glidein Manager: Kubernetes Operator CE Edition

- Kubernetes Operator that acts as a Compute Entrypoint for a cluster,
- Translates versioned config data from a Glidein Manager into Glidein-running resources in its cluster
 - launching Glideins via autoscaling deployment
- Updates resources within its cluster when new Git commits are pushed to the Glidein Manager
- Lets cluster owners allocate resources to research organizations, and research organizations configure how those resources are used



HPC Annex

**Added Delta (at NCSA) and
Perlmutter (NERSC)...**

**...looking at how to "template"
adding an HPC (Slurm) site so
you could add your own**

Thank You!



*Please add your institution
to our world map of HTCondor Users at:
<https://htcondor.org/user-map>
and click "Add Your Institution" on upper right*



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