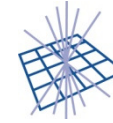




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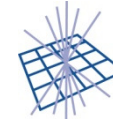
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Security Update

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HEPSYSMAN workshop, 1st July 2011



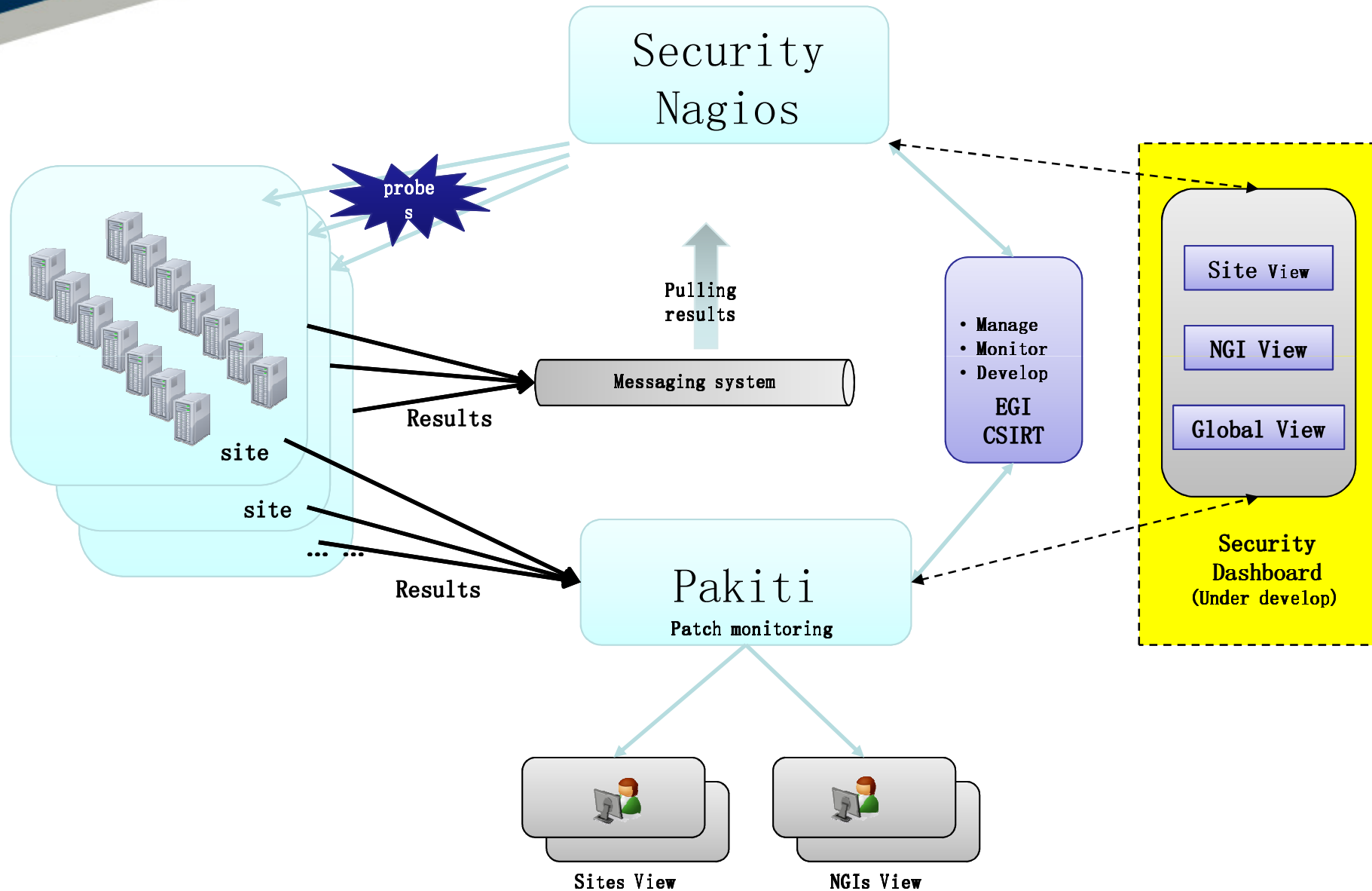
Overview

- Security Update
- Security Service Challenge 5
- Discussion

Incident and Vulnerability

- GridPP– no incident reported in the last year
 - EGI – no incident reported in last two months
- Since beginning of EGI project
 - 14 security alerts, 3 Critical, 8 high and 3 moderate
 - https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/EGI_CSIRT:Alerts
- Good communication
 - GridPP sites and security officer
- Two separation communication channel
 - One for GridPP and one for NGS
 - Ideally, one for UK NGI

Security Monitoring

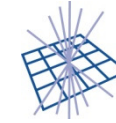


Monitoring in UK

- GridPP sites are monitored by EGI security monitoring framework
- Pakiti site view is available
- NGS sites are not monitored at the moment
 - All NGS sites are in candidate status
 - EGI only monitors certified sites
- ROD and sites can use EGI security dashboard once it is available
 - By end of 2011
- Sites internal monitoring?
 - Log monitoring and/or network monitoring?

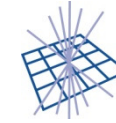
Security Training

- Training session at EGI TF2011 planned
 - Six hours requested
 - 3 hours operational security - EGI CSIRT
 - 3 hours grid middleware security - middleware security experts and developers
 - Provisional list of training topics discussed
 - Will finalise the detail once the requested sessions are confirmed



Security Drills

- Security Service Challenge (SSC)
 - SSC 1-3 were carried out in EGEE ear
 - Continue in EGI
 - Much improved SSC framework
 - SSC4: 13 sites including all WLCG Tier1 sites were challenged last year
 - SSC5: started on 25th May 2011
- UK SSC 4 is being planned
 - the SSC framework will be made available by middle of September 2011
 - UK SSC4 will be done by end of 2011

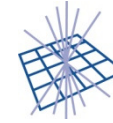


Plan

- To form a small security team to cover UK NGI operational security
 - GridPP and NGS
- Site security review
 - Self audit
 - Cross-site audit
- SSC4 UK run
- To have a long term strategy for security monitoring



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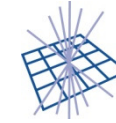
SSC5 update

SSC5

- Participants/Players
 - 40 sites in 20 countries
 - https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/EGI_CSIRT:Security_challenges
 - ATLAS VO
 - ATLAS Pilot framework for job submission
 - 2 Certificate Authorities
 - NGI security officers assisted sites investigation
 - EGI CSIRT coordinated the overall response

The Scenario

- SSC5 operator simulated a **large scale cross NGIs incident** by submitting “malicious jobs” to multiple sites with “**compromised**” certificates
- The “malicious jobs” running at multiple sites built up a “**botnet**”
- The “bot (malicious job)” periodically reported to **C&C server**
- The “bot” was **controlled** by C&C server



The Challenge

- Affected site
 - To identify malicious jobs/bots running at sites
 - To identify malicious job owner(s)
 - To identify malicious network traffic
 - To identify compromised DNs
 - To contain the incident
 - To find further information related to the malicious job and/or compromised DNs
 - To report findings to EGI CSIRT promptly

The key is to follow incident handling procedure

The Challenge

- NGI security officers
 - To assist site's investigation
 - To coordinate NGI wide response
- EGI CSIRT
 - To assist site and NGI security officer
 - To coordinate with sites, VO, CA and NGI security officer to contain the incident as soon as possible
 - To understand the nature of the incident and possible damage
 - To do the forensic analysis of malicious binaries
 - To manage information flow among all involved parties

Timeline

- Stage 0 – preparation
 - Improved SSC framework and SSC monitoring
 - NGI security officers identified participating sites
 - Informed sites about SSC5
- Stage 1 – incident simulation
 - Wednesday 26th May 2011 until Friday 28th May 2011
- Stage 2 – final report collection
 - Done
- Stage 3 – feedback collection
 - On going
- Stage 4 – final result/evaluation
 - On going

Some Early Observations

- Most sites were able to identify the malicious job and compromised DN(s)
- The quality of incident report from sites was various
- The template for incident report improved the quality of site' s report
 - But some sites did not use it
- Some sites provided detail forensic analysis of malicious binaries
 - A member of EGI CSIRT provided very detail analysis in just a few hours

Some Early Observations

- A few sites still failed to ban the malicious DNs at the first attempt
 - Most due to mis-configuration
- Revoked V0 membership could not effectively contain the incident
- However, revoked compromised certificate can contain the incident
 - But might have serious impact on V0, e.g. revoke pilot user certificate
 - Might not comply with CA' s CP/CPS policy



Some Early Observations

- To spot malicious SE activities was tricky, but we did manage to discover them
- For incident coordinator, to manage information flow was challenging
 - RTIR ticket system did help to some extent
 - Too many emails (more than 500 in about 3 days), many information was duplicated
 - This will be discussed further within EGI CSIRT

Summary

- Still in a early stage, still processing sites reports and other information
- Final result will be made available in due course
- A detail report will be given at next EGI TF

SSC5 video