



Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

Data Management cluster summary

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Introduction

Will summarise

- Recently completed and ongoing work
- Next tasks
- Longer term issues
- For each of the components
 - FTS, DPM, LFC, EDS & Hydra, GFAL, lcg_utils



- Support: 60% of effort
 - Support of CERN FTS instance and expert support for existing ROC/T1 instances / PPS instances
 - Patches and fixes as required
 - Inter-site expert support to debug service problems
- Next user-visible features
 - Delegation in FTS
 - Will also allow for better use of MyProxy for proxy renewal
 - Planned for certification end September
 - SRM v2.2 support
 - Both SRM v2.2 and SRM v1.1 supported
 - Cleaner error classes and messages for monitoring
 - Cleaner SRM interactions to ease service debugging
 - Planned for certification end October
- Better service monitoring and debugging tools is the next highest development priority
 - This is required to provide the necessary service level for EGEE Vos
- Other feature requests are pending but service management and stability is the real focus for next year



DPM (Background)

- Provide a scalable solution to replace the Classic Storage Elements at Tier2s
- The DPM has become very popular (59 sites are using it for 82 VOs)
- This implies:
 - Users/sites support (5-10 % FTE at CERN)
 - More features are requested by
 - Site admins
 - Large variety of users (biomed needs encryption, different data access protocols)
- But manpower very limited



SRM v2.2 interface

- Defined at FNAL workshop in May
- A test version has already been made available in July and is being tested by Jiri Mencak (RAL) and Alex Sim (LBNL) for stability and compatibility with other implementations

CASTOR-DPM common RFIO library

- CASTOR RFIO does not integrate grid security
- Different interface to the backend but same I/O protocol
- Requested by CMS for the Data Challenge in October
- Development done by Jiri Kosina in collaboration with the CASTOR team

Xrootd plugin

- Requested by ALICE
- Could also be used by ATLAS and CMS later
- Perl interface (Tomas Kouba)



Short Term (September - October 2006)

- CASTOR-DPM common RFIO library (now)
- Support for XROOTD transfer protocol (October 2006)
- SRM v2.2 interface (October 2006)

Medium Term (end of 2006)

- Port to SLC4 and VDT 1.3
- MySQL backups
- srmCopy
- DPM DSI plugin for Globus 4 gridFTP server
- Integration with fabric monitoring
 - Lemon sensors?



DPM longer term

- Longer Term (first half of 2007)
 - ACLs propagation during replication between SEs (RRS/RMS ?)
 - Quotas
 - Streaming mode (SRM v3)
 - Limit number of streams per disk server (may be useful for some applications like bulk replication, so pool dependent)
 - Implementation of a migrator/recaller to either recall/migrate files automatically between Tier1 and Tier2 or interface to a tape/DVD backend



• LFC: recent changes (v1.5.7 to 1.5.9)

- Addition of client side retry timeout
- New calls to set/get some replica attributes
- Some bug fixes

LFC longer term

- Some changes relating to performance
 - Ssl session reuse
 - Buffer size tuning
 - Possibly introduce some new server side functions
- encryption of network traffic between clients and LFC

LFC is also being used

- By CMS as a Dataset catalog
- By the RCAT project to hold database endpoints and passwords



Encrypted Data Storage & Hydra

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- EDS & Hydra keystore: to do
 - Integrate use of GFAL into EDS tools
 - Splitting of keys between hydra stores



GFAL & lcg_utils

GFAL and lcg_utils current activity

- SRM v2.2 support is ongoing (for October)
- A number of bug fixes are to be introduced and tested

Longer term

- Cache information system queries
- Retry with different replica in case of failure
- Thread safety