

Integrating glite 3.1: an evolutionary approach

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Overview

- General Observations
- The Software Process
- Building and ETICS
- Integration Procedure
- Integration Tools



General Observations

- Enabling Grids for E-sciencE
- SA3 has more work since glite-3.0
 - But the same number of people
- Two extra dimensions
 - Releases per node type
 - Multiple platforms

Need to do everything in parallel

- Automate everything!
- Generate and archive information
- What, where, when and the result

Main Problems

- Communication overhead
- Information recording
- Time for iteration cycles



The Software Process

- Documented May 2006
 - Jointly by SA3, SA1 and JRA1
 - Official EGEE Deliverable
 - http://edms.cern.ch/document/724371
- Defines how we should work
 - Roles, Responsibilities and Interactions
 - The workflow between JRA1, SA3 and SA1
 - Defined jointly by representatives from each activity

Implemented using Savannah

- Problems recorded as bugs
- Solutions recorded as patches



Problem Submission

Enabling Grids for E-sciencE



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Problem States



Solution States

Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

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Conclusion

- Transparent release process
 - It is clear when and why things happen
 - All information recorded
 - Statistics available

Improved communication

- And information retrieval/retention
- Coarse granularity
 - Need finer granularity for SA3 processes



The ETICS Build System

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- ETICS evaluated over the past year
 - Still many areas for improvement
 - Specifying dependencies
 - Automatic Packaging
 - Information management
 - Performance/Documentation/Quality
 - Basic functionality of a build system is available

• ETICS can replace the LCG build system

- Specifies build targets
- Maintains static version list
- Remote builds available
- ETICS can replace the glite build system
 - glite 3.1 100% successful



ETICS and Porting

- Porting code is not sustainable
 - It is relying on "hero" effort
- A release must be available for all supported platforms
 - At the same time, should stop after the release porting efforts
- Release process must be done in parallel on supported platforms
 - Code must be made portable
- ETICS has the ability to do parallel builds
 - This must become a standard part of the process
- Aim: Parallel support for multiple platforms
 - Porting does not describe this process
- Activity Should provide
 - Build platforms for ETICS
 - Testing facilities for the supported platforms
 - Problem notification
 - And problem follow-up.



- Currently using project config "glite_brach_3_1_0"
 - Updating to build each new subsystem
 - Effectively building "HEAD"
 - Causing many problems
- Need to freeze "glite_branch_3_1_0"
 - This will be the "baseline"
- Developers should do remote builds
 - To build the packages
 - And test these before submitting a patch



- Aim: Provide working software repositories
 - Taking packages from build system repository
- The ETICS repository contains all packages
 - Developers should ensure that they get there
- Need to control which versions are taken
 - In addition create a few meta-packages
- Information enters system as a patch
 - New node types can be considered a patch
- Integration finishes with a repository populated
 - And meta packages created
- The problem is only information management!
 - But needs to be automated!



Repository Structure

- **Production**
 - release
 - updates
 - externals (not supported)
- PPS
 - pps-updates
- Certification
 - Patches/Number
- PPS and Cert also use production repository for release and updates



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Integration Procedure





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- Integration requires package name and version
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- Currently using flat files
 - grep for querying across multiple lists
 - update-version script for bulk operations on multiple lists
 - Patch lists "screen scraped" from Savannah.
 - Node type lists stored in CVS
 - One from PPS and one for Production



Creating a repository

- Get the list of packages
 - This can be "screen scraped" from the Savannah patch
- Check that the packages exist
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Update the repository

- For certification
 - Create a subdirectory with patch number in patches
- For PPS
 - Update the node lists with new versions from the patch
 - May require manual intervention for new packages and node types
 - Create new meta packages if needed
 - Add all new packages to pps-updates
- For production
 - Same as pps but using different node lists





- Certification requires testing
 - Not discussed here!
- Iteration cycles need to be small
 - In order to make progress in the shortest possible time
 - One problem fixes shows up another

• Communication is the biggest problem area

- Causing slow iterative cycles
- Information lost
 - IM, e-mail, meetings, pair wise work etc.
 - Every problem needs to be recorded.





Integration Dashboard

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https://grid-deployment.web.cern.ch/grid-deployment//cgi-bin/reports.cgi?action=testing

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Integration Tooling





- Enabling Grids for E-sciencE
- Software process is working
 - Information and communication via Savannah

• ETICS can be used as a "simple" build system

- The parallel builds are a definite advantage
- glite 3.1 branch should be frozen
 - Developers should start doing remote builds themselves
- Everything that we do needs to be automated
 - Do it, understand it, do it again, then automate
- Integration procedure has been defined
 - And is in the middle of being automated
 - "move-patch" command should drive everything
 - Integration dashboard gives a good overview
 - Test reports have proven help information flow and communication

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Move-patch command

- Move-patch certification
 - Get_patch()
 - input: patch number
 - Output: list of require packages found from savannah page
 - Check_packages()
 - Input: list of packages corresponding to patch
 - Output: Found packages to stdout, missing to stderr
 - Update-repository()
 - Input: repository location, list
 - Output: updates the certification repository
- Move-patch certified
 - Update-savannah state()
 - Input: patch, state
 - Output: updates Savannah state page
 - Remove-patch()
 - Input: patch number
 - Output: removes patch from certification



Move-patch command

- Move-patch pps
 - Get_patch()
 - input: patch number
 - Output: list of require packages found from savannah page
 - Should fail if patch not in state "certified"
 - Update-nodelist()
 - Input: patch list
 - Output: updated node lists in CVS and tag.
 - Should warn if package can't be found
 - Check_packages()
 - Input: list of packages corresponding to patch
 - Output: Found packages to stdout, missing to stderr
 - Update-repository()
 - Input: repository location, list
 - Output: updates the certification repository