

User Accounting Data Retention

User Community Board
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- We have been storing UserDN accounting data for longer than we should.
- We propose to delete older data.
- Anyone relying on the existence of the old UserDN data should be aware.

- The EGI Policy on collection of accounting data endorses the general principle of sensitive data curation:
 - that the data should not be kept any longer than necessary or reasonable.
- Since the general security policy requires sites to keep logs etc for a minimum of 6 months it was felt reasonable to keep UserDN data for a year.

- In practice, APEL proposed 13 months to allow the production of annual reports just after the end of a year.
- The policy is currently under review to include storage accounting. 13 months will be stated in this.
 - At least one NGI questioned whether this was long enough. 18 months was suggested. The discussion has not been concluded.

- During a review of APEL we found that we had never implemented this policy and were keeping UserDN data indefinitely. The CESGA portal pulls the User Summaries and makes them available to the user, site and VO management.
- We now propose to erase all UserDN data older than 13 months and are giving notice. The proposal was to do this on 1st July but UCB hadn't met by then. Now propose 1 October (post-TF)
- If you or anyone in your VO is assuming the existence of this data then get in touch with me.

- Access to UserDN accounting data can be visualised in the CESGA Accounting Portal <http://accounting.egi.eu>
- Access is restricted to:
 - The User (all their jobs everywhere)
 - The site administrator (jobs run at their site)
 - VO Manager (a VOMS role)
 - *Outstanding request for access by NGI Operations Manager*