

Data Policy: Implementation

WP18 – Data access security and authz



Setting the scene



Organization

- Since the publication of the DP (Dec 2011). http://www.ill.eu/users/ill-data-policy/
- Creation of the DPP WG (Feb 2012)
 - Objective : « Prepare the implementation of the DP »
 - Representatives: Instrument responsible + Support services (IT, Computing, Instrument control)
 - Deadline 24th of October 2012



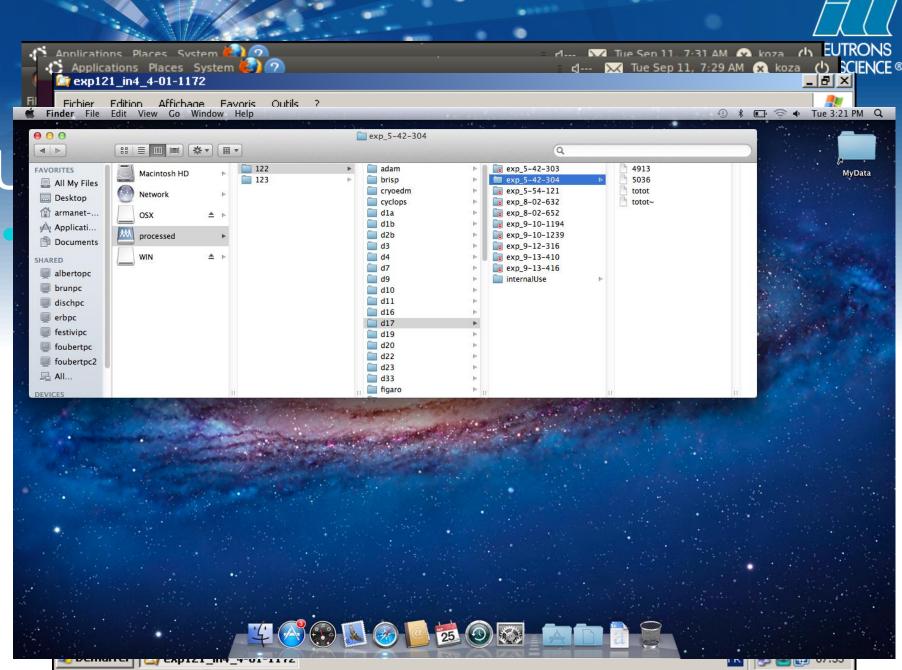
What is going to change quickly for the users

- Authentication of the users (removal of generic account)
- Identification of the raw data (Proposal #)
- Protection of the data (raw and processed)
- Change in the storage path
 - /illdata/cycle/instr/exp_9-10-1195/raw_data
 - /illdata/cycle/instr/exp_9-10-1195/processed_data



User experience improvements

- Metadata catalogue
- Security
- A single username/passord, Single Sign On in the future ?
- Better data management opens the possibility of new exiting projects.





Behind the scene



Technically

- Central Archive: move from NetApp to home made storage (100 TB replicated, \$, performance improvement but loss of functionalities).
- Authentication: Kerberos (Windows, Linux, Mac)
- Access protocol:
 - Rsync (IC),
 - CIFS, NFSv3/4 (access for workstation)



Technical difficulties encountered so far ...

- XFS (used as the archive fs): only 23 Acls per inode.
- MacOS X: NFSv4 not mature (sec=krb)
- MS AD as Kerberos server (only 1 realm)
 - Client are mostly Linux (MS often considered evil, insecure, ...)



Technical difficulties encountered so far ...

- Linux mount/export operation accepting only DES encryption (disabled on MS 2008R2 – 2102)
- Pincipal, which one ?
 - MIT Kerberos Linux: Principal
 - AD: UPN and SPN
- How to generate keytabs ?
- Heterogeneous environment
- Lack of up-to-date documentation
 - Example: Technet Kerberos interoperability (2000)

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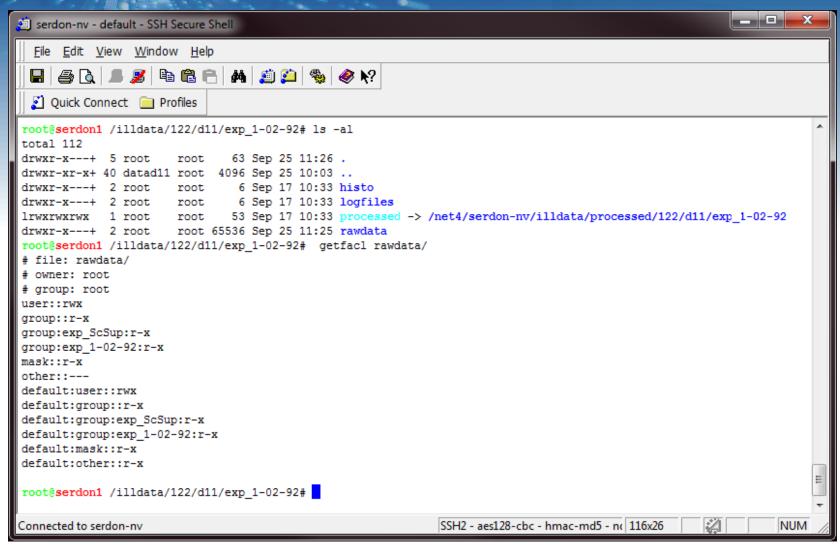
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- Commercial licenses (single user to 10,000)
- Software data path adaptation (roughly 60)

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ACLs





Time consuming

- Tests and configuration of the different clients
- Python scripts for generating, config files and ACLs from the proposal database
- Solving Problems
- Communication with the scientists



Is NFSv4 safe?

- Yes for LAN access, Kerberos ensure that the user is the one who authenticate.
- But could be improved on Linux/MacOS:
 - General adoption of AES instead of DES
 - TGT/TGS stored in memory instead of file (as done in windows env)



Planning

- August 2012: Central storage (serdon) ready
- Mid 2nd Cycle, evaluation period:
 - SendData
 - Transfer of some data to the new architecture
- Today 3 test instruments fully ready
 - Further implementation on different instruments depending on the results of the first test
 - General introduction 3rd Cycle 2012 (24th Oct)



Next task

- Define the authorization in Icat (instead of the proposal system)
- Increase the storage capacity and set of functionality