

Monitoring

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Monitoring

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Motivation

- Some grumbling issues with Ganglia at Glasgow (probably around multicast over network upgrades/changes in configuration)
- Upcoming cluster refresh
- Monitoring Core Ops
- Good time to take a fresh look at monitoring

Scope

- Exploring monitoring options
- Not necessarily replacing Ganglia
- Not using active monitoring - not replacing Nagios (but allowing for interfacing)
- What can we use monitoring for?
- What data can we mix in from external sources?

Graphite

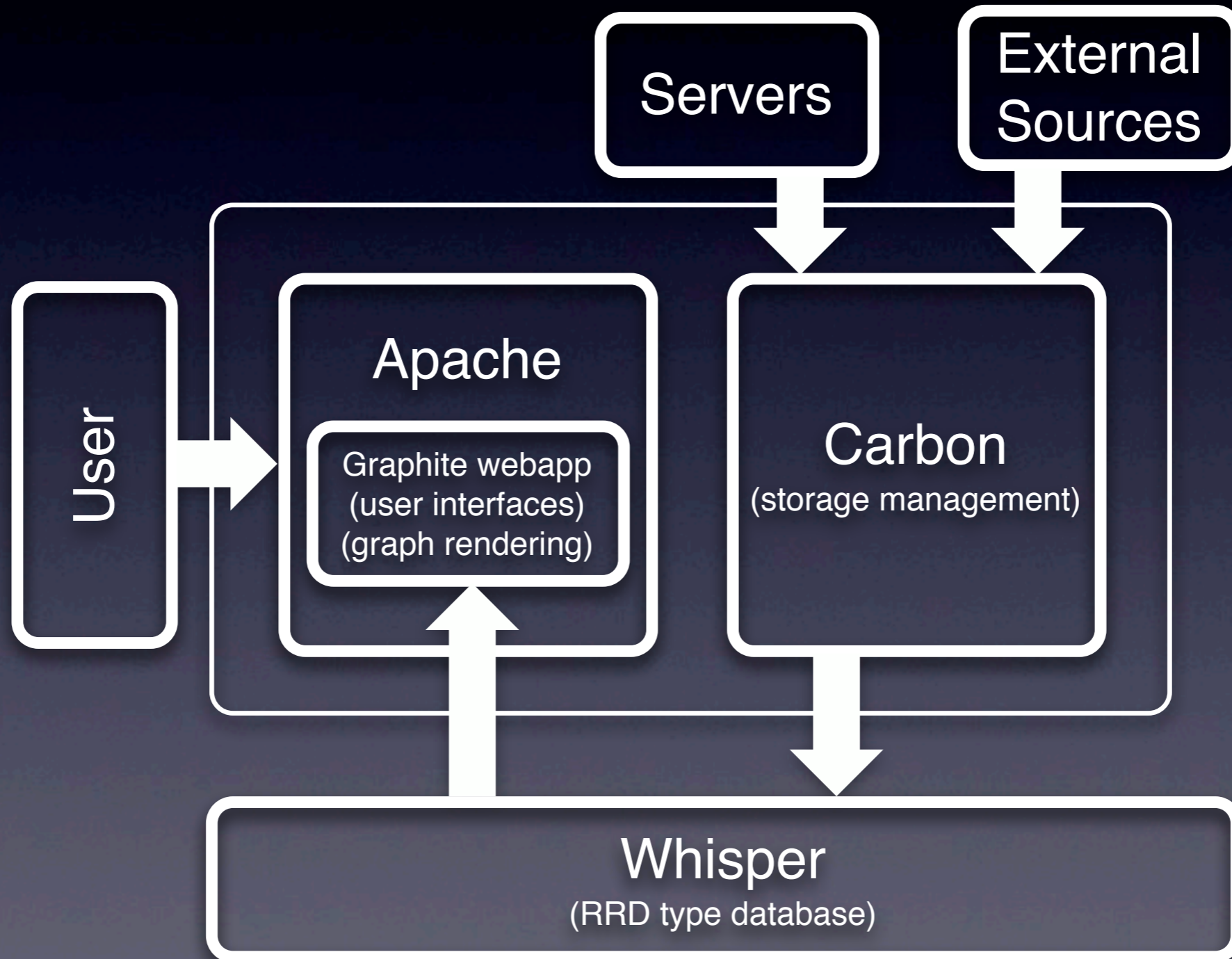
- Explored Graphite

URL

<http://graphite.readthedocs.org>

- Popular in wider community
- Lots of add-ons
- Multiple dashboards
- Good visualisations
- Very straightforward to effectively get arbitrary data in and out

Graphite



Graphite

- Installation

URL

```
http://graphite.readthedocs.org/en/0.9.10/install.html#id2
```

- Originally installed from `epe1-testing` but now in `epe1` proper

Bash

```
yum install graphite-web python-carbon python-whisper  
python /usr/lib/python2.6/site-packages/graphite/manage.py syncdb  
yum install -y liberation* | for font installation only  
fc-cache  
chkconfig carbon-cache on  
chkconfig httpd on
```

Messaging

- Graphite message format

```
<metric> <value> <timestamp>
```

```
ukhep.hepsysman.users 40 1369827513
```

- Messaging Carbon

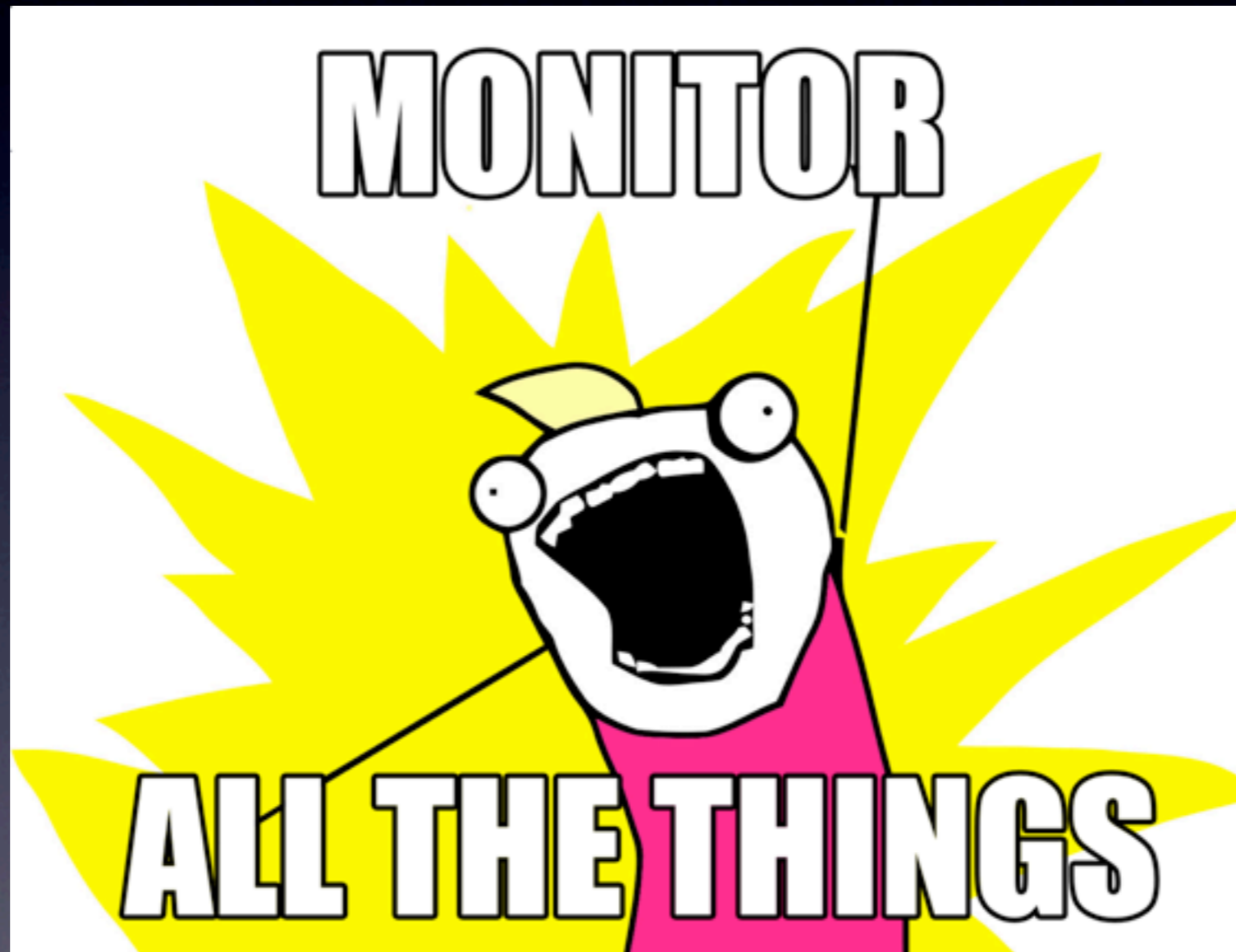
Bash

```
echo "ukhep.hepsysman.users 40 1369827513" | nc <carbon-server> <port>
```

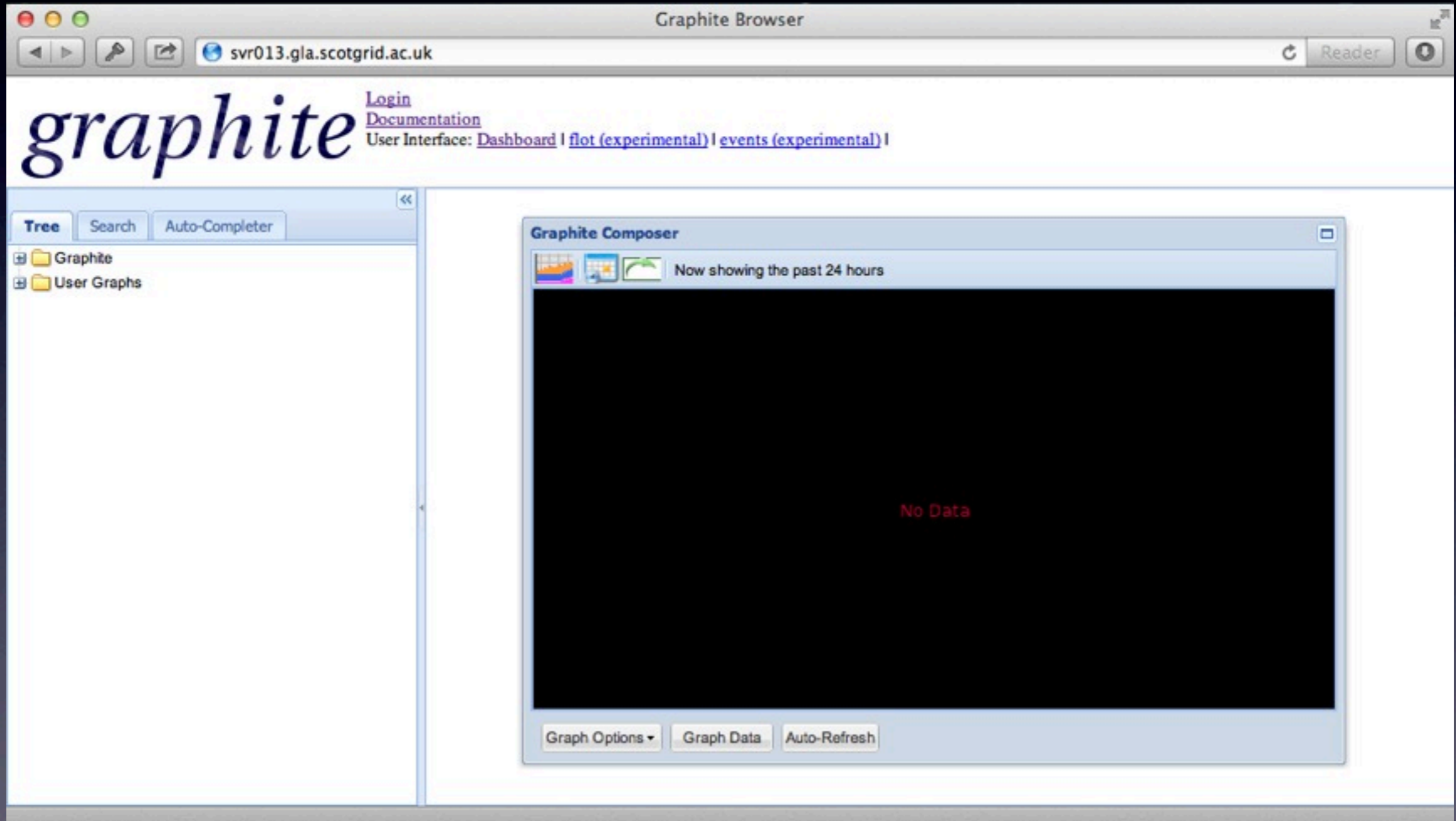
Python

```
sock.connect( (<carbon-server>, <port>) )  
...  
lines.append("ukhep.hepsysman.users %s %d" % (users, now))  
...  
sock.sendall(message)
```


(Additional) Motivation



Graphite Webapp



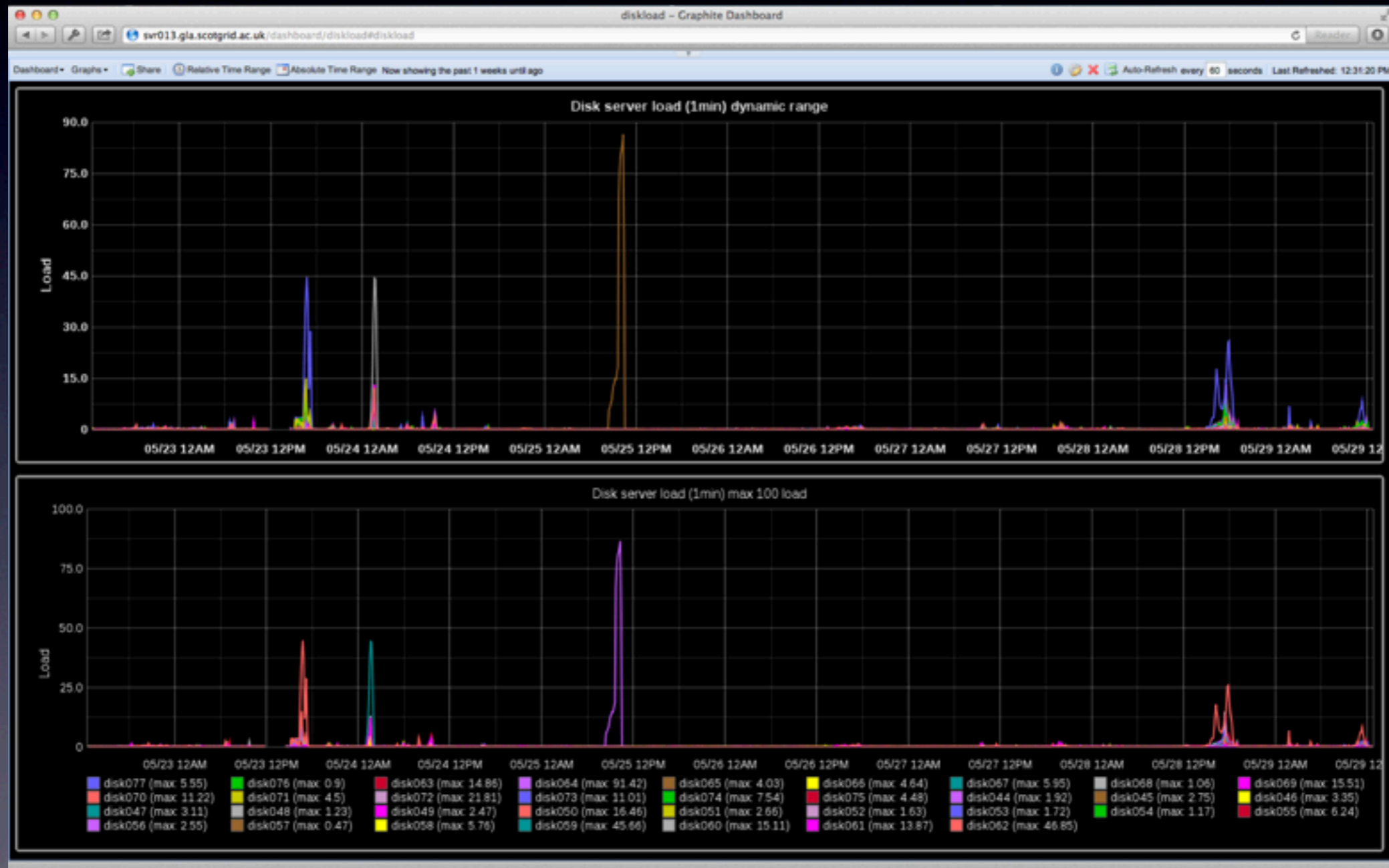
Dashboard

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Data sources (internal)

- Currently using timed cron jobs
- System monitoring
 - New collectors (disk load *via* python) - not all Ganglia metrics mirrored
 - Collecting from Ganglia (currently batch data collected using brute force `netcat` method + `qstat | grep` + messaging)
- Local environment monitoring
 - Temperature (existing bash scripts + messaging)

Diskload



Batch



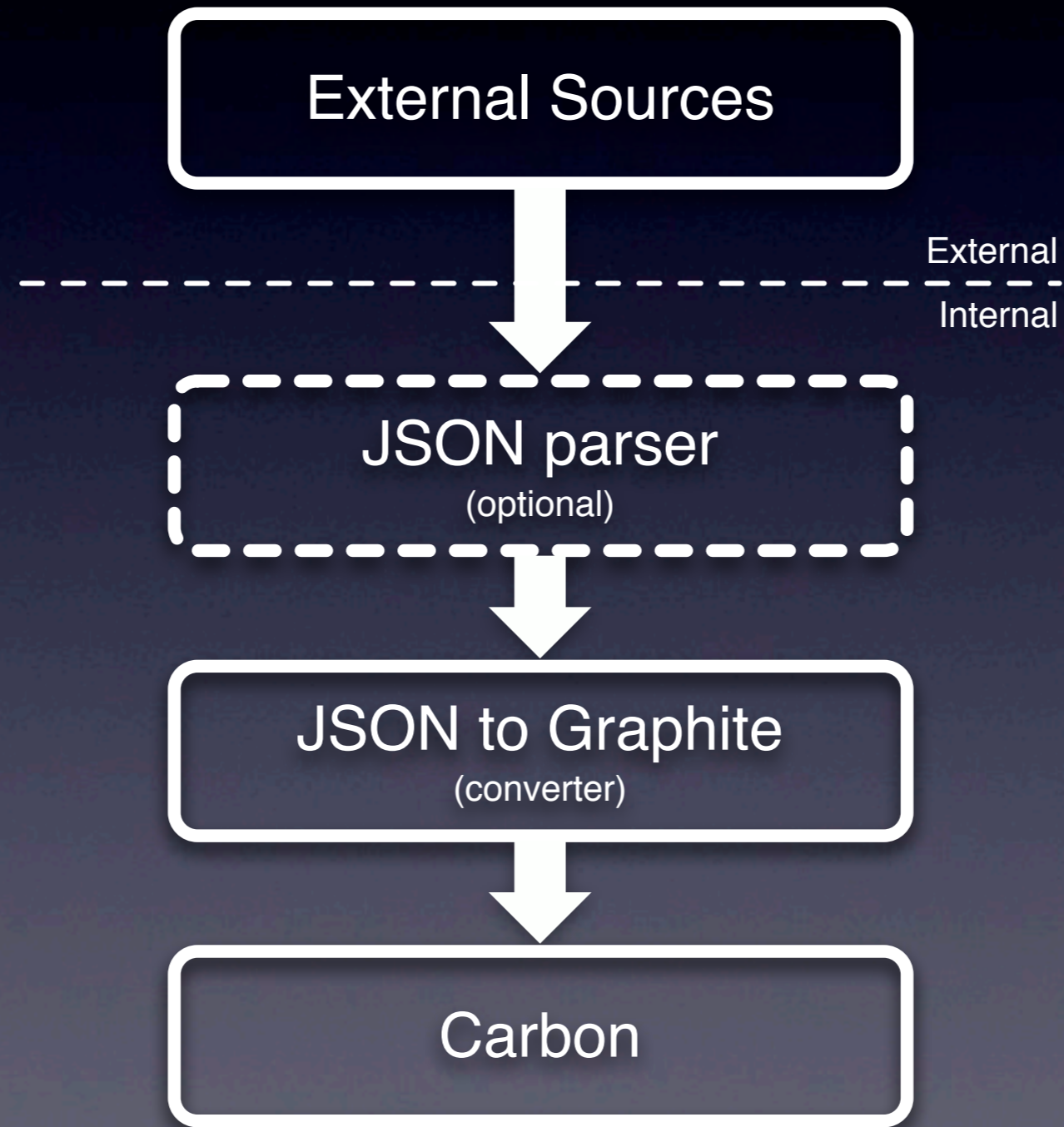
Temperature



Data sources (external)

- As well as local data sources, tested gathering data from external sources
- Could use netcat, etc., but cleaner method would be to use something like JSON (one possible output from Graphite)

Graphite JSON



Graphite JSON

- Modified version of `httpJsonStats`
- (single shot vs daemon)
- Reads remote JSON
- Currently take external JSON/CSV formats and use hand-written parsers to return following format:

```
JSON
{
  "users": 40
}
```

JSON-Graphite converter config

```
JSON
{
  "global": {
    "GRAPHITE_SERVER" : "127.0.0.1",
    "GRAPHITE_PORT"   : 2003,
    "INTERVAL"        : 600,
    "LOG_FILE"         : "/var/log/httpJsonStats.log",
    "ERR_LOG_FILE"    : "/var/log/httpJsonStats.log",
    "PID_FILE"         : "/var/run/httpJsonStats.pid"
  },
  "ukhep":
  {
    "host": "<JSON host>",
    "port": "<port>",
    "groups": {
      "hepsysman": {
        "URN": "/json/users.json"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

External examples - Panda

- Panda

URL

```
http://dashb-atlas-job.cern.ch/dashboard/templates/web-job2/
```

- XML target \rightarrow JSON
- Parsed into separate job types for inclusion

Panda monitoring (JSON)



Accounting

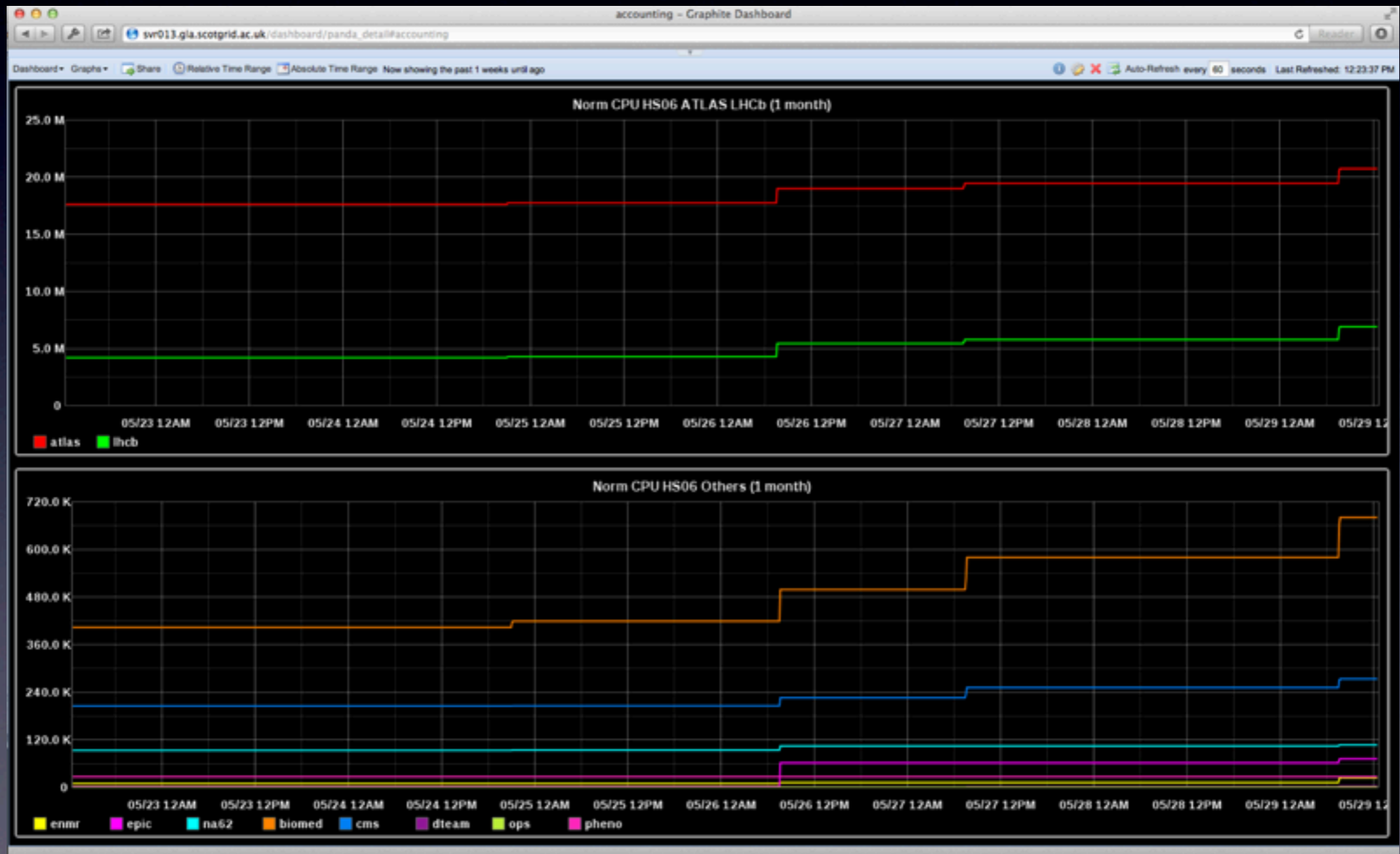
- EGI Accounting data for Glasgow

URL

```
http://accounting.egi.eu/egi.php?ExecutingSite=UKI-SCOTGRID-GLASGOW
```

- Extended CSV target
- Locally parsed into JSON and split into separate VOs

EGI Accounting (CSV → JSON)



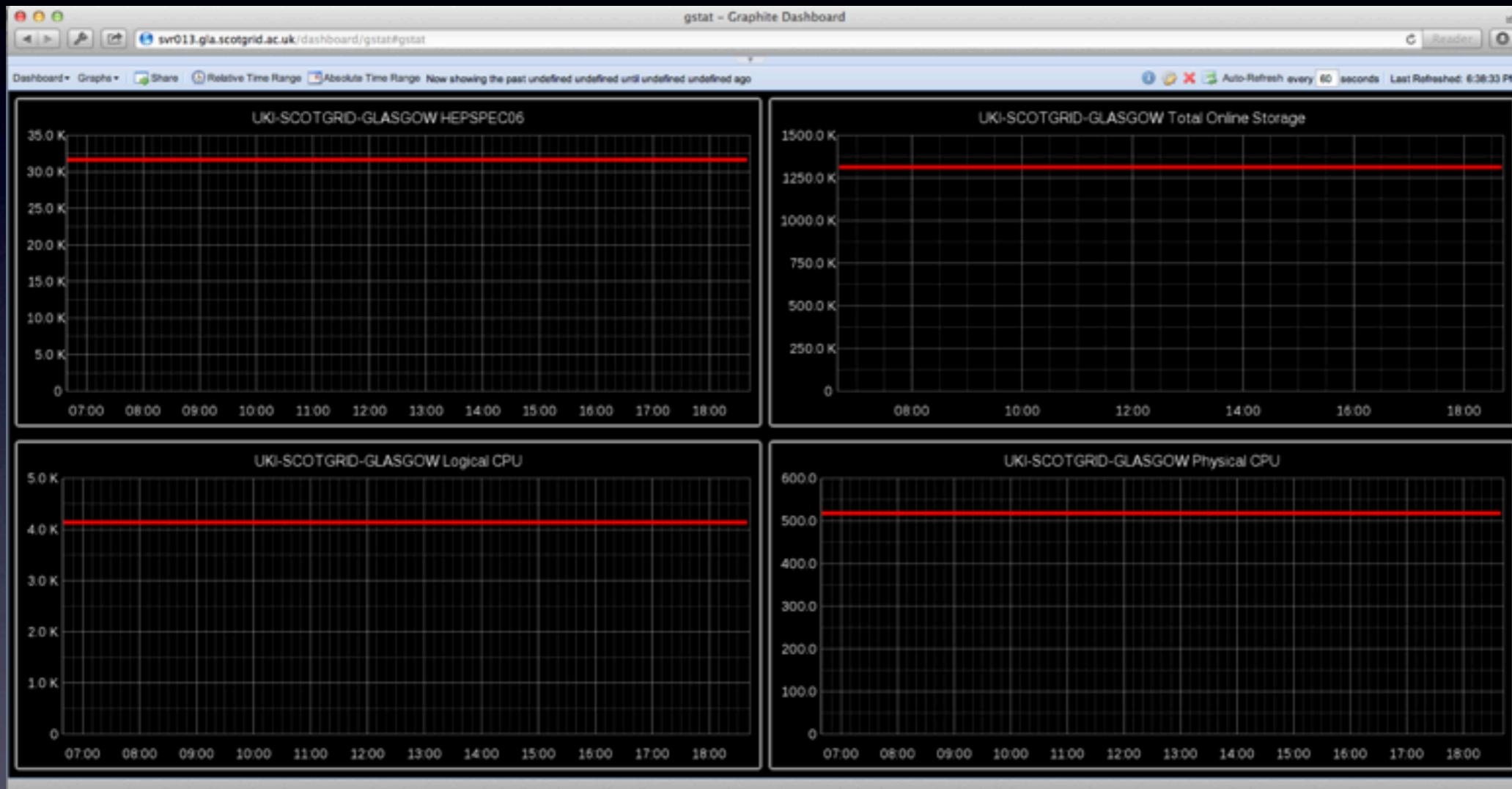
GStat

- Also used the GStat JSON target

URL
<http://gstat2.grid.sinica.edu.tw/gstat/summary/json/>

- No real additional parsing required

GStat (JSON)



Building graphs

- Currently built visually using dashboard GUI
- Can do so in a scripted fashion - next thing to investigate, possibly with additional dashboard interfaces
- Nice graph interface, generates nice visualisations

Next steps

- Security (x509 https)
- New dashboards
 - Graphene
- Scripted graph dashboards
- Syslog monitoring/system monitoring
 - Logster, quickstatd, collectd
- Nagios integration (use Graphite thresholds to trigger alerts)
- Transforming metrics - data outputs

Positives & possible wider uses

- High level monitoring/visualisation
- Useful for prototyping metrics
- Might be useful for local monitoring hubs - perhaps for metrics tracked for separate sites in a Tier 2?
- Feels similar to Perfsonar - might be interesting to gauge interest in other metrics?
- Not reinventing the wheel!

Summary

- Investigated Graphite as useful replacement/companion to Ganglia for local monitoring
- Looked at pulling in external data sources
- Explored where this might be useful on a larger scale
- Questions, thoughts, ideas gladly received!