



CASTOR

known features & outstanding bugs



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Castor software status

- 2 major versions of the software coexist
- 2.1.4 :
 - first release in September 2007
 - stable and deployed widely...
 - ... but has a number of known problems
- 2.1.6 :
 - first release end of January (2 weeks ago)
 - provides many improvements...
 - ... but only deployed for 12 days



- Some of the 2.1.6 improvements
 - introduces scheduling of internal replication
 - avoids killing disk servers and then a full pool
 - much improved internal consistency checks

Workarounds and cleanup scripts exists for 2.1.4 but put significant load on operation teams

- introduces policies for migration and recall
 - aims to improving tape efficiency
- introduces disk checksums
 - prevents data loss in case of bad disks
- Gain experience



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2.1.6 status as of today

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- Deployed on CMS for 12 days and Atlas for 7 days
- A couple of non critical problems have been found and fixed
- So far, no known remaining problems with 2.1.6
 - all workarounds have been dropped





Castor deployment

- Tier 0
 - Atlas and CMS run 2.1.6-10
 - Lhcb, Alice and public run 2.1.4-10
 - plans to upgrade to 2.1.6 as soon as possible
- Tier 1s (CNAF, RAL, ASGC)
 - run 2.1.4-10
 - all have plans to upgrade after the CCRC



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Castor's next step

- Next version (2.1.7) planned for beginning of April
 - in time for deployment mid April, before CCRC
- Foreseen improvements :
 - addressing the potential issues of first CCRC
 - scheduling optimizations
 - more scalable garbage collection
 - fix load balancing for all daemons



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SRM software status

- Version 1.3-12 has been released few days ago
 - last iteration of a set of bug fix releases
 - fixing all known problems, including srm-copy
- version 1.3-10 is the minimum recommended for CCRC
 - it addresses issues around GET requests without space tokens
 - sites using 1.3-10 will not be able to use srm-copy



SRM deployment

- Tier 0
 - running version 1.3-12
 - all space tokens are setup
- CNAF
 - running version 1.3-11
 - finalizing the definitions of space tokens
- ASGC
 - running version 1.3-10
 - finalizing the definition of space tokens
- RAL
 - running version 1.3-8, currently upgrading to 1.3-12
 - all space tokens are setup



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SRM's next step

- By end of March
 - remove the restriction on number of daemons
 - improve database garbage collection
 - provide more admin tools if required
- By end of May
 - implement `purgeFromSpace`

