



The Offline shift organization

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General

- Offline is running full set of shifts (24/7) during the commissioning exercises
 - One person per shift
- At present the shifts are fully supported by the Core offline team (4-5 shifts per period/person)
- In addition to CR shifts, Core offline and IT experts supports all ALICE Grid services through piquet
 - On call 24/7, 6 people in total

General (2)

- Next exercise start on 5-th of May and is open-ended
 - First estimate – 21 June
 - Current estimate – 1 December
- Starting from May, Offline shifts should be supported by
 - All members of the ALICE Offline team
 - Collaboration wide
 - The piquet service will be supported by Core offline/IT experts
- A message asking for shift contributions will be sent next week

Shifter responsibilities

- Outlined in the Offline shifter manual
- In general, the Offline shifts are 'light', a lot of effort has been made to automatize the operations
 - Nonetheless, a presence of a shifter is mandatory
- In May and beyond, the Offline shifter will be responsible for the online reconstruction of data
 - Running on the DAQ monitoring framework

Training

- Mandatory security training (common for all shifts)
- The procedures are in the shifter manual
 - These are regularly updated
- New shifter are asked to read the manual and to take at least one shift with a more experienced shifter
- We did not foresee special training sessions

Summary

- Offline supports 24/7 shifts during data taking
- From May, these should be supported by all members of the ALICE Offline team
- Majority of the shifter tasks are automatized and (relatively) well documented
 - New tasks will be added in May
 - **Welcome to the Offline shifts!**