FTS – Managing VO shares using File limits aka “The RAL Approach”

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Introduction

- Brainchild of Matt Hodges – RAL FTS Admin
- In use before and throughout CCRC08 Phase 1

Rationale

- Better representation of underlying SE(s)
  - Separate Castor instance per VO
    - No gain from other VO inactivity
  - Channels tuned to VO's service class capabilites
    - LSF slots per server

Implementation

- Per channel:
- Files per VO set according to service class capability
- Shares set equal to Files
- Maximum Files = ∑ Files per VO

Advantages

- File bandwidth guaranteed per channel/VO combination
  - PhEDEx limitation
- File bandwidth limited per channel/VO combination
  - Lopsided resources
- Independence
  - VO files can be adjusted without affecting file bandwidth of other VOs.