Desktop Forum

Very brief highlights since June 2004

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LINUX

- Retirement of CERN Linux 7.3 is planned for July this year for lxplus and lxbatch
- Almost all HEP sites use Scientific Linux 3 now
- SLC4 certification Q3 2005
- SLC5 Q2/3 2006
- Split certification
  - OS
  - Experiment compilers and software
Windows

• W2000 no longer supported at CERN (Microsoft will support it until 2009)
• XP SP2 the recommended OS
• There will be no forced migration
• Heavily used PCs > 4 years old should be replaced
Security

• Connecting to CERN: VPN should be avoided – alternatives described at http://security.web.cern.ch/security/vpn/
• Privately hosted web sites encouraged to move to centrally hosted
• Web security scans to be done in next weeks
Other

• LISTBOX migration almost complete
• Software licenses for Home Use
  – Microsoft products, principally Windows and Office
  – Symantec Anti-virus
  – Mathematica and MATLAB
  – Some NAG and TGS tools
  – Autocad (under limited conditions)
• MAC software licensing mechanism in place
• Desktop PC contract still not submitted to FC (was to be done in December)
Next meeting

• Tomorrow morning
  • Indico: The Future of CDS Agenda
  • Update on PC and computing hardware procurement
  • Update on the Desktop Support Contract

➢ Raise question of support for older platforms