

NA4 Steering Committee Meeting 17th April 2008

Present:

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I. Deliverables and Milestones

DNA4.2.2: Summary and Evaluation of Application Usage of EGEE-II Services
It has been recommended for approval today in PEB. Thanks to everyone for their contributions.

Periodic Report

It's due the first week of May and covers last year and the last quarter. Please see the email sent to the NA4 SC list or the EDMS page (<https://edms.cern.ch/document/907567/1>) for instructions.

Status of CC Milestone Demonstration

Mariusz updated the CC demonstration taking into account the comments from the NA4 F2F meeting. Frank, Cal, and Vangelis now agree that this satisfies the milestone. The demos has been posted (along with the fusion demo) in EDMS (<https://edms.cern.ch/document/878800/1>).

II. EGEE-II EU Review

Reminder of schedule:

- * First Rehearsal (19-20 June, CERN/Phone)
- * Dress Rehearsal (3-4 July, CERN)
- * EGEE-II EU Review (8-9 July, CERN)

Demo Preparation: Vangelis announced that we have confirmation of demos that are participating in the review: Health-e-Child and Fusion. He is preparing guidelines based on those from the User Forum and planning is proceeding very well.

Review Presentation: Will be given by Cal. Not yet ready to start preparations for this. He will ask for information from all of the SC in a couple of weeks.

III. MATLAB/gLite Integration

Status of integration

Last week we received instructions from MathWorks on how to integrate MATLAB with gLite. Cal tested this, and it works to first order. The only glitch was that the "matlabpool" doesn't work. This feedback has been given to MathWorks and there is no response yet. In parallel, the deployment of the second site with the server software (MDCE) should begin.

Call for applications for test

We can now start testing this integration with real applications. Send contacts of who would be interested for testing. We will need to know what toolkits are used by each application to understand if the application can benefit from the parallelization provided by the Parallel Computing Toolkit (PCE).

Matlab provides the licences for free for 6 months. Vangelis should get in touch with them for his own tests. For others, Cal and Vangelis will collect information and then write and ask for licences in one shot.

IV. Upcoming Meetings

EGEE-II/III Transition Meeting (6-7 May, CERN)

Cal will give a talk to introduce new partners to the project and present what we are planning to do for EGEE III. Anyone from the SC is welcome to join this meeting; there should be representatives from every partner there.

NA4 All Hands Meeting (9-10 June, Orsay, France)

The meeting should start Monday midday and end Tuesday evening. We will start with a plenary to welcome people and end with a plenary to wrap things up. Cal will prepare an initial suggestion for the program. We will open the registration ASAP.

V. Workplans (20')

This is the first deliverable for everyone for EGEE III. So be prepared to write it up by mid-May.

VI. NA4 User Portal (20')

The good news is that the new website is hosted by HealthGrid (participant in NA3). The bad news is that it won't be available until May 1st and the "User Portal" won't be available until sometime afterwards. So until then, we continue with the current portal, but this means that it will have to be updated for EGEE-III. Once we have more information concerning when a portal may be available and what technology is used, we can decide whether or not to continue/upgrade our current portal.

Inputs and comments are requested on how to update the current portal for EGEE-III.

VII.AOB (20')

Update of NA4 Poster for EGEE III

Frank sent around an email asking for updates to the NA4 poster for EGEE-III. Please take a look and send corrections as soon as possible. This will be needed for the Transition Meeting in May.

Next meeting will be scheduled for May 8 at the usual time.