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MICE computing infrastructure

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Infrastructure

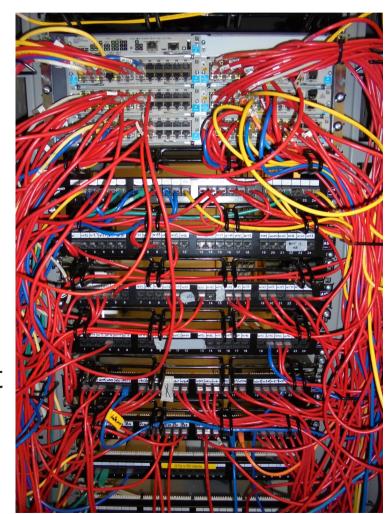
The computing infrastructure group is responsible for:

- the maintenance of networking and computing infrastructure in the MICE local (and remote) control room (hardware and OS)
- GRID services, including data archival
- the Configurations Database
- various MICE web services

Network



- micenet: secure virtual LAN administered by RAL networking
- Network stack in Rack Room 1 near MLCR
- Network stable and no major issues reported in last several months after the installation of the new network switch: Hewlett Packard 5406R zl2 (dropouts with the old switch solved)
- Sufficient capacity (136 ports) to support the experiment completion
- External access through a gateway, using ssh key pairs



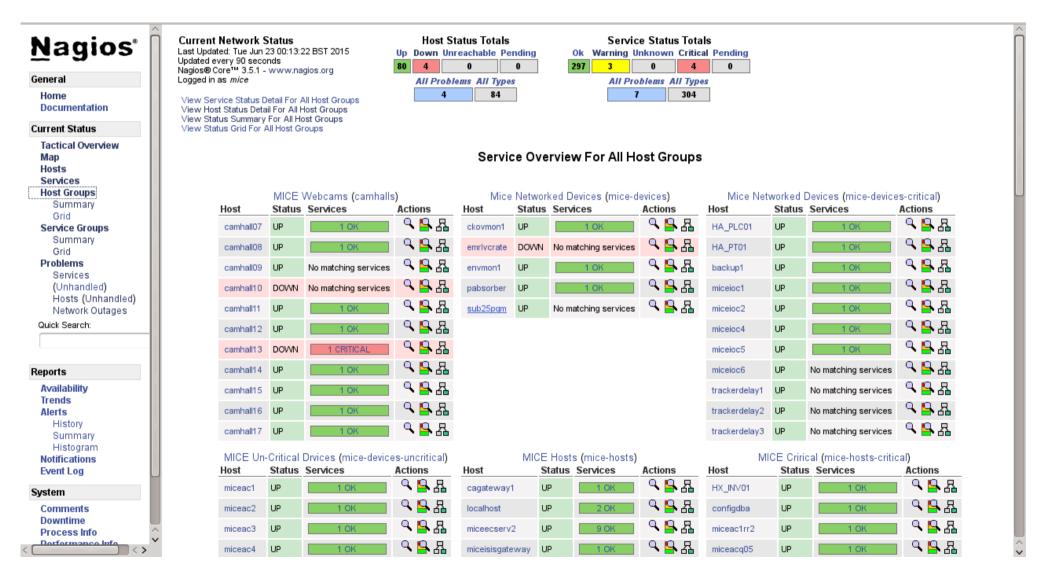
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Monitoring

- All machines monitored using NAGIOS:
 - 80 machines and around 300 services
 - Our Nagios machine is monitored by the RAL PPD Nagios
 - I do not know who's monitoring the RAL PPD Nagios
 - ping, file system and space available, load, NTP synchronisation, zombie processes, etc.
 - Nagios is on MICENet (so you need a tunnel): http://nagios.micenet.rl.ac.uk/nagios
 - Nagios will also be used to monitor the data movement chain
 - Please email me if you need to implement a check on a specific machine on MICENet



Monitoring





MICE Local Control Room

- Two LCD TV screens have been wall-mounted in MLCR:
 - one shows the real-time status of the various EPICS controls and monitoring subsystems and the alarm handler
 - the second one acts as a "web whiteboard" (MICE webcams, MICE Hall and ISIS status, plots from online reconstruction and the eLog)





MICE Remote Control Room

- A remote control room is going to be fitted up in the MICE office in the ATLAS building
- The machines will be connected to the MICENet in order to permit a quick access to the C&M and Online resources
- TV screens will show the status of the current run (online reconstruction plots, ...)





Spares and backups

- All the critical machines are relatively new and still under warranty
- miceiocpc2, miceeecerv2 and miceiocpctk (C&M servers for the EPICS client, software and tracker controls) have been replaced with new servers
- Backup machines ready in place
- Several Intel NUCs hot-swappable spares used as general purpose EPICS IOC machines



Automated data-mover

- The goal: process data and make them available for analysis as quickly as possible
- Data movement chain fully tested:
 - raw data from the DAQ is first compacted along with outputs from online reconstruction and online monitoring programs
 - data moved into micestore
 - data copied into tape (CASTOR)
- File compaction script runs automatically in the Run Control after the stop of each run
- Required a Nagios monitor/alarm



Batch processing

- Automated script submits jobs for reconstruction on the GRID
- Reconstruction performed on the fast-response Tier-1 queue at RAL
- Reconstructed data moved on permanent storage and available on web
- Further (re)processing will be done on the Tier-2 queues (Brunel and Imperial College)
- GRID proxy renewal for job submission is now manual
- Required a monitor as well



Batch processing

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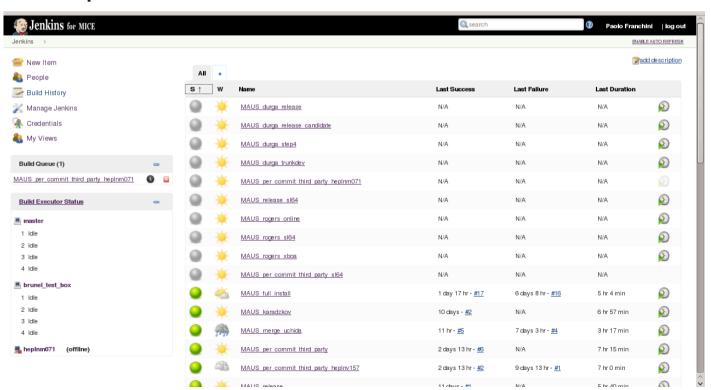
Configurations Database

- Infrastructure group take care of:
 - CDB servers
 - table implementations
 - API (Python and C)
- Beamline C-API (aka Run Control API) developed (90% done, pending one minor get function)
- Available on launchpad
- Requires further tests to make sure things work



New Jenkins v1.6 installation

- New installation on a SL 6.4 PPD machine 157
- All the users jobs copied in this machine
- Tests undergoing http://heplnv157.pp.rl.ac.uk/
- Soon will replace the old installation





Conclusions

- The computing infrastructure is in good shape
- The data mover is reliable and fully integrated in the Run Control
- Batch reconstruction worked well in last weeks of run
- Old machines have been replaced and backup machines are in place
- Need a better monitor for the file compaction → data movement
 → job submission chain