Subject: GDB report
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Alberto, as well as being on holiday this week I will be at EGEE08 next week. Since I do not know what the connectivity will be like there, it may be as well to mention some points from last week's GDB in my absence.

John

1. Storage – we need to check whether the tiered model of support is working for storage. Local and regional support is working in some places but do all sites have reasonably local support for their storage solution of choice?

The observed dcache problems would be helped if dcache T1s attended the weekly phone conferences more often, especially when they have issues. As well as this weekly meeting there is a need for regular planning meetings to consider the longer term issues. The castor sites have regular meetings but their DBAs would also benefit from meeting to compare experiences.

2. WN Client Installation. There was very little support for the proposal. The issue of support for multiple versions was agreed to be a responsibility of the VOs. CERN GD will work with the experiments to consider whether a standard solution could meet their requirements.

3. Other Middleware. There are several changes in the pipeline (SCAS, SL5, CREAM, etc) but there was no consensus on how/when they would be deployed – during shutdown? All sites?

4. 24x7 Most sites expected to have scheduled downtime and expected that these would be outside of beamtime. A means of proposing and advertising T1 downtimes. Experiments already populate calendars with alerts from GOCDB for downtime for all their sites. Will this be sufficient? Or should something similar be deployed just for T1s?

(Ian, were there any other questions/actions from this session? Sites who did not report perhaps?

5. Benchmarking. A group has been formed, chaired by Gonzalo Merino, who will consider how the agreed benchmark can be introduced for WLCG.

6. I will try to agree themes for GDBs longer in advance so that appropriate OSG people may attend.