

Security Monitoring

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- 1. Policy issues and interaction with JSPG
- 2. Monitoring infrastructure
- 3. Metrics monitoring

- What documents do we need to write in order to perform security monitoring?
- What authorizations do we need? Who can deliver it?
- Can we enforce monitoring everywhere it is necessary?

- •How will the information be displayed?
- How will authentication of trusted people be managed?
- •How could that fit in existing non-monitoring infrastructure?
- •How can we implement this?

- •What are the core elements of the grid that need to be monitored?
- •How can we retrieve appropriate information from these elements?
- •How intrusive will this be?
- •How can we implement this?

Two main approaches:

- Mandatory tests model
 - tests are grid jobs, with no specific privileges
 - tests are submitted to all the CEs, no exception
 - General results (failed, passed, warning) are public
 - Detailed results are only available to a group of authenticated people
- Subscription model
 - tests are optional, sites have to ask for it
 - CEs passing the tests receive an extra "security label"
 - tests might sometimes require privileged access
 - Detailed results are only available to a group of authenticated people

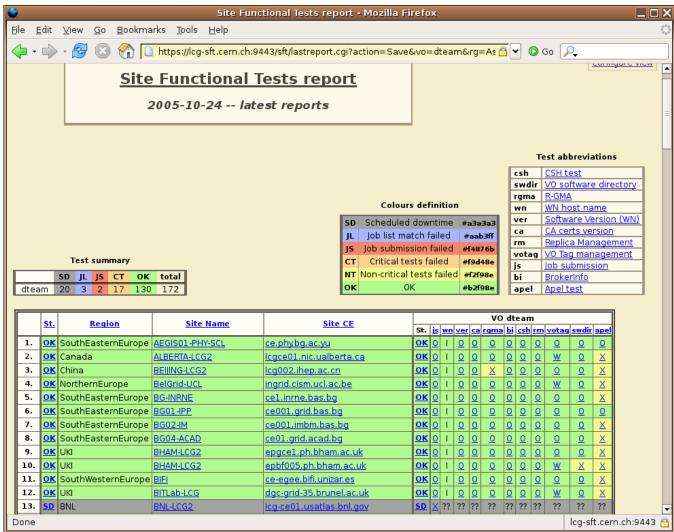


Mandatory security tests

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Ideally, mandatory tests should just be part of Site Functional Tests

(SFTs):_■



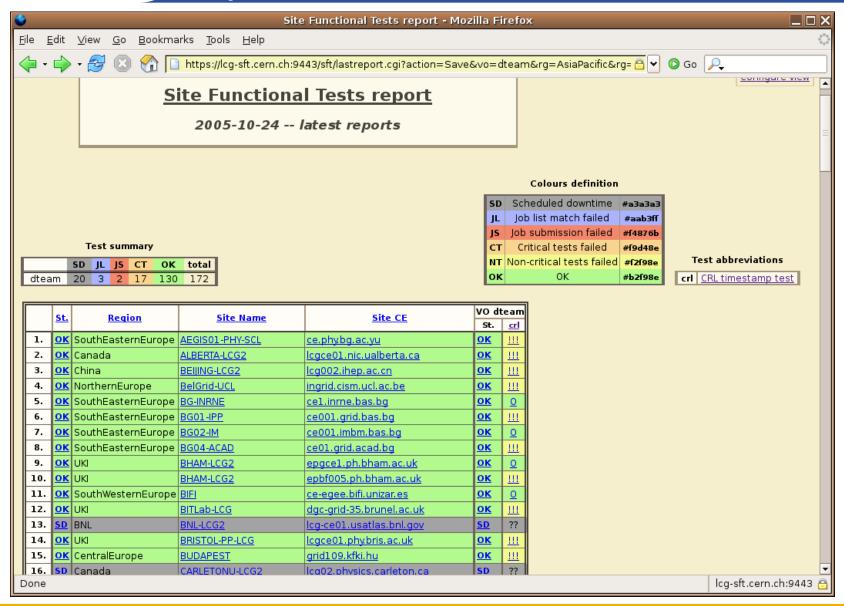


- A first "security extension" called sft-crl has been developed for SFTs
- Piotr Nyczyk has added a secure area on the Site Functional Tests report page
- sft-crl is checking the timestamps of the CRL, for each valid certificate:
 - A warning is issued if the CRL is more that 9 hours old, but less than 3 days.
 - An alert is issued if no CRL is found, or if it is older than 3 days.
- The goal is too highlight outdated CRLs or certificates with no CRL
- General results are published on the main SFT report page (public access)
- Detailed results are available to authorized people only



First "security extension" to SFTs

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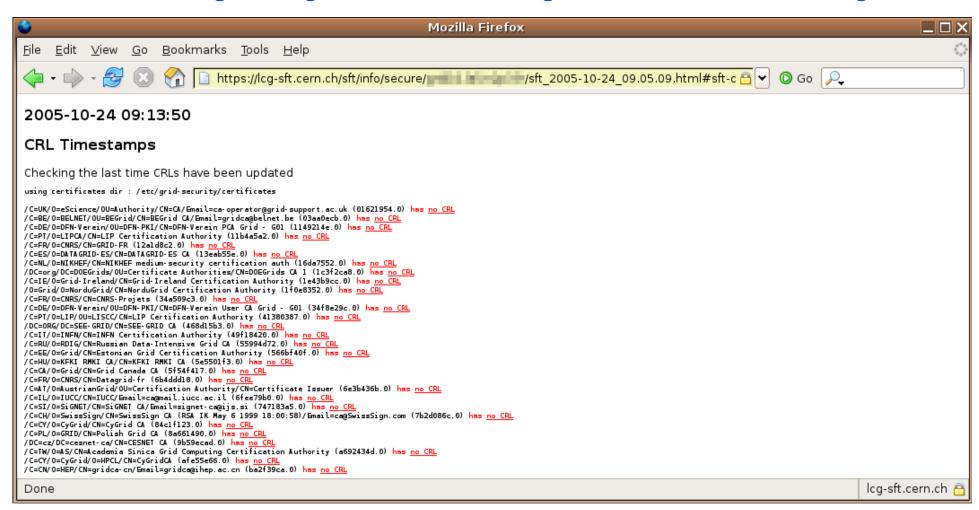




sft-crl, first results

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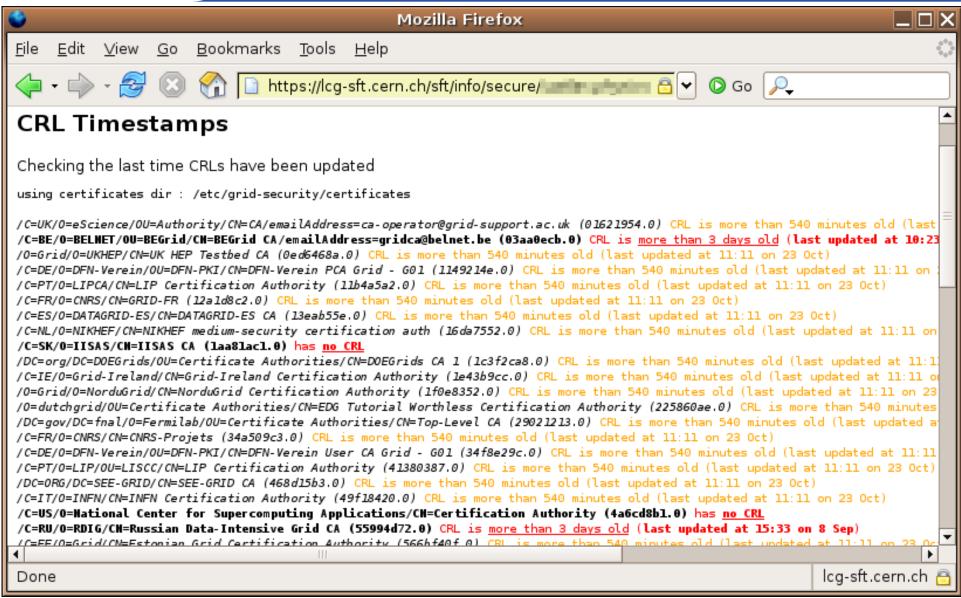
- Surprise: 106 sites on 172 failed!
- Main causes: bugs in edg-fetch-crl, bad configuration, no mechanism to get CRLs





sft-crl detailed results

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- Security extensions are useful
- Developing the tool was very easy (thanks to Piotr's secure area)
- Sites' configuration need to be more tested
- Some work still need to be done:
 - To authenticate people from the GOCDB
 - To have some more sft security extensions
 - Possibly to be able to launch sft tests on the CEs, not only on the WNs.

In order to provide an efficient security monitoring on the Grid:

- Some critical elements of the Grid requires dedicated monitoring (RBs, etc.)
- Some tests could require privileged access to gather information (for ex: from the log files)

However:

- None of this can be done via SFTs
- It would be difficult to "force" sites to install such monitoring tools (lots of policy issues)

Therefore a subscription based model is being adopted.



Current issues to be discussed:

- What other SFT extension would be useful?
- How could we implement a mechanism to check patching status of Grid nodes?
- How to have sites to "buy" our subscription based model?
- Which parameters should be monitored on the core Grid elements?

Plantoning patching Patching Patching Crids for ESite atus of Grid nodes

- It is extremely useful
- •It should be part of next security service challenge
- •How do we do this?

Two proposals:

- Having a grid job that would:
 - Get the list of installed RPM and Linux distribution
 - Report it to one or more central service
 - The central server(s) will compare this list with the latest list of the vendor
 - Security patches will be highlighted from the list (how?)
- Having a program, install by local sysadmins that would:
 - Launch a command to retrieve the list of pending updates (a la Yumit)
 - Report the list to one or more central service
 - Security patches will be highlighted from the list (how?)