



Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

Building a release

Tools used, ETICS, missing tools SA3

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Implementing the SA3 process

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- This requires various tools (or mechanisms)
- Many are provided by ETICS
- But there are others too
- Discussion on the practicalities, not the process
- Responsibilities of SA3
 - Release/Update definition and distribution
 - Integration
 - Configuration
 - Certification
 - Development
 - Support



Release definition and distribution

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- Requirement Capture and TCG
- EMT and communication of status (in all directions)
- Savannah and release definition
- Distribution
 - apt/yum/rpms
 - Meta-rpms
 - Tarballs and userland installations
 - Shares or AFS distros
- Repository management, glitesoft mirror
- Documentation, wikis, versioning docs
- Release announcements and archiving



Integration

- Builds (mostly) done using the "gLite build system"
- Gradually being moved to ETICS, similar functionality, but more flexible and more easily accessible information (which tag of this component has been used in that build?)
- Integration builds done "on-demand" with content agreed by EMT and gLite coordination meetings
- Nightly and continuous builds done on SLC3 (ia32 an ia64), SLC4 (ia32, x86_64), Windows XP
- Not all code compiles, several problems with external dependencies (see also porting session)
- Need to understand better requirements for developers build and porting, how can the ITeam and ETICS help?



Certification and Testing

- Xen
- What mechanisms need to be put in place to run a distributed testbed?
 - Access control
 - "Fabric management"
 - Configuration management
 - Node allocation



Tools provided by SA3

- BDII and gip
- RGMA log file publishers
- Job monitoring utils
- Lots of glue
 - profile, gridmap
- Yaim and its community
 - Includes gLite config modules





GGUS and user interaction

- Assignment and search within support unit
- Targeted notifications
- Removal of a person from a ticket
- TPM
- Earlier ticket assignment, ROCs
- Should GGUS become (another) a place to log issues such as portability problems?



ETICS issues

- User interface not yet ready, configuration info must be inserted by ETICS team (however, CLIs and web app coming in July)
- Test automation of gLite requires more functionality that initially planned (root execution, interactive access). Work is in progress, but how long can SA3 wait for it?
- Savannah (?)
 - Which patch fixes which bug which was tagged with which tag when? Are you sure?
- Relocatable releases
 - ETICS?
- Documentation
- Announcements
- Yaim and configuration
- GGUS



Yaim future

- Node type distribution and native system the balance will change
- Simplify, but what is wrapping what? python/bash?
 What's the simplest way to simplify?
- Admin familiarity
- Community support and devolution
- Interoperability