Accounting

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Outline

- Not a technical discussion of what is happening in the next couple of months.
- What is the long-term vision?

- Cloud and Grid
- Required Future Developments
- Viewing and Downloading



Why Accounting?

- Accounting should provide an independent, neutral record of resource usage from the point of view of:
 - User
 - -VO
 - Site
 - e-infrastructure
 - 'Management' (Country, Project, other)
- Does your bank trust you to produce your own bank statements and balances?



Grid and/or Cloud

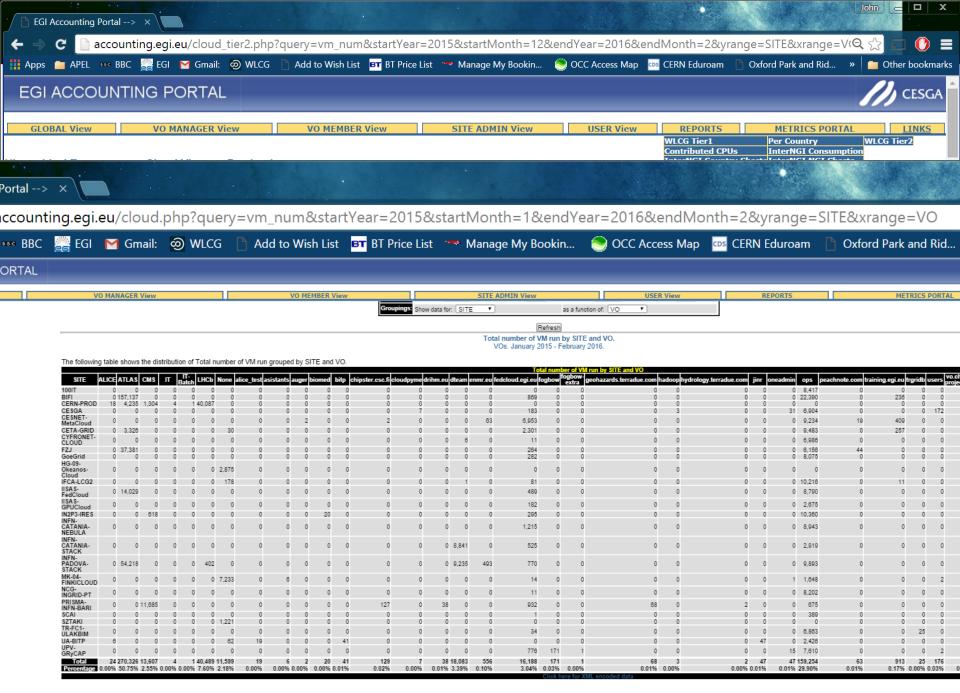
- While cloud accounting exists and is actively being developed, most existing use of cloud by LHC seems to be using VM-based batch workers which use traditional grid accounting.
 - This includes VAC and Condor. Is this going to change?
 - Experiment-based VMs which handle workloads like a pilot job does but run for a long time (a la Dirac) will bypass grid accounting and can/should use the cloud accounting of VMs.
 - If all work ends up running in some cloud then can we move to cloud-only accounting?
 - How to handle the grid+cloud mix?
 - How do we handle the public/private cloud division?
 - Is this future known or does it depend on other discussions at the workshop?



Cloud

- Tier2 view but only 5 T2s are reporting cloud usage to APEL. (no Tier1s). Of these only 1 runs LHC work. There is LHC usage at non T2 sites.
 - I know there are many tests using cloud infrastructures. Can more of them please report accounting of their VMs.
 - It is not necessary to join the EGI FedCloud but if you don't meet their criteria you may not be visible in EGI accounting, only in the WLCG views.
- The infrastructure is in place.
- Working on Monthly reporting (currently whole duration of VM gets accounted once)
- Biggest omission is cputime. I know one pays for wall but the user has a right to know what use they have made of the VM paid for.
- Issue how to combine with commercial cloud usage.





Accessing Accounting Information

- The current portal allows limited data mining via 2-D views of a small number of parameters driven by an interactive web portal.
- The portal will develop a REST interface that will allow a more programmatic download of data into experiment (or other) tools.
- Experiments should be aware and can influence this development.
 - What do you want to download? In what format(s) do you want it?
- Dynamic access to low latency accounting for global allocations and real-time access control.



What Else Can We Account?

- Storage under development.
- Data Usage
- Many other fields which can be recorded but we don't currently bother (I/o, networking, memory, ???)
- GPU? FPGA?
- Network

Other Issues

- Benchmarking
- Wallclock vs CPUtime
 - APEL currently collects and displays both.
 - A political decision

Benchmarking

- APEL Repository needs benchmarking information to calculate normalised values for the accounting reports.
 - sites that send job records send us raw cpu, wall and benchmark. We normalize.
 - sites that send summaries normalize at their end and send us both raw and normalized cpu&wall.
 - Non-APEL clients gather data and populate the same schema.
 - In both cases the client obtains benchmark from TL BDII.
- Although APEL was designed to read SubCluster benchmarks these are overriden when a site's batch system scales its reported times. In this case (almost all sites) CPUScalingReference is used to normalise.
 - When a batch system scales cpu the results are exact for each WN. No error introduced by averaging benchmark over the cluster.
 - For systems that don't scale, (GE, LSF) the APEL parser uses the scale factor provided to normalise
- APEL allows reporting one of a set of benchmarks. (SI2K, HS06)
 - This allows a smooth migration when changing but comparing data cross sites and time requires an agreed conversion.
 - In theory the UR could be extended to allow multiple benchmarks but the algorithms for handing, converting, etc would need to be clear and agreed.
- APEL benchmark retrieval is a simple query. Could be moved to an alternative source within the timescale of a client update at all sites.



Wallclock or CPU?

- APEL currently collects and displays both.
- No technical work to collect
- A political decision on what matters
- Reports would need reworking

Discuss!



Wallclock and Overcommitment



- CPU is reproducible and measured by OS. Wall can change depending on conditions.
- Many reasons for overcommitment, not all planned. I/O, expedited jobs, low priwork.
- Licence to generate wallclock with the uncertainties that introduces.
- Can be managed by (eg) benchmark/jobslot but who can guarantee it will. Major variations will be spotted in efficiency, but will minor?





Job Features

- MJF gathers benchmarking information from the resource and gives this to the payload. Is this consistent? Raw power/cpu or normalised by batch system?
- How? Sites supply \$JOBFEATURES/hs06_job to each job so the information should be there to work it out from each host's HS06/processor rather than just working with cluster-wide averages.
- Some experiments like ATLAS use benchmarking information to calculate resource utilisation. How? From REBUS? Is it consistent?
- Who/what else uses benchmarking?

