Castor Databases
Some Points for Discussion

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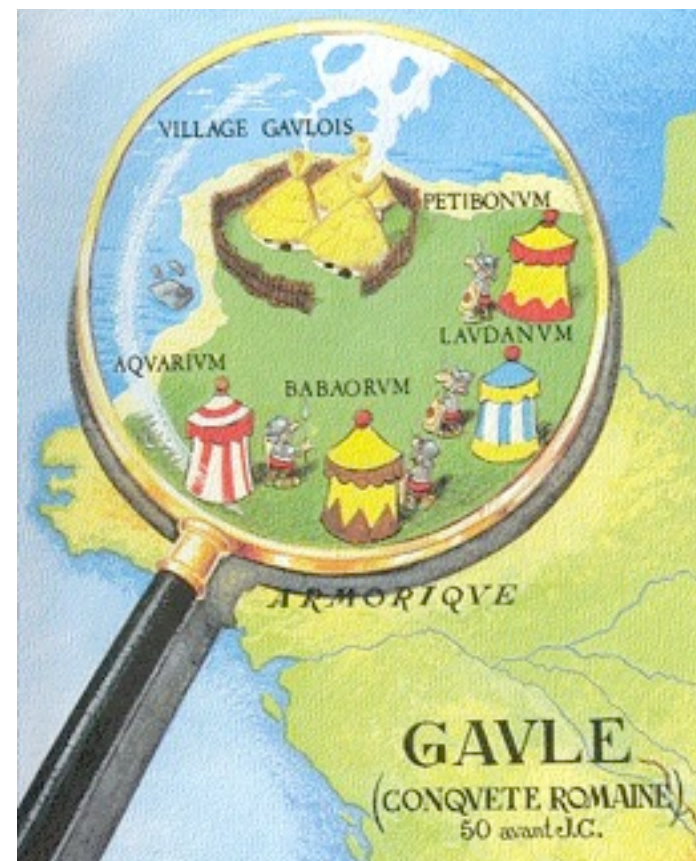
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- All LCG Oracle Databases are part of the grid control monitoring…

- … apart from a small exception: CASTOR/SRM

- We should just fix that now!

- Can we have all RACs in the 3D OEM?

- This is an old topic for experiment databases
  - we already went through the determination of safe numbers of connections via experiment test
- In case of CASTOR we need/can to tune two sides consistently
  - # thread configured in castor & srm daemons
  - # connections in the back-end DB cluster
- This should be managed deployment operation
  - documented which test are run and how to derive a safe number
  - repeated when new hardware configs become available
  - should be run at CERN for h/w deployed there
  - should be repeated at T1 in case h/w config differs
  - results shared among castor sites

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- CASTOR relies on several regular database jobs to
  - cleanup unused DB entries
  - recover from known deployment issues
- Failure to run these jobs can cause
  - performance degradation
  - requests waiting forever
- Need a reliable way to insure that jobs have actually run successfully.
  - Job execution may get stuck because of database configuration problems -> alert the DBA
  - Job execution may got stuck because of code problems -> bug report to castor developers
- Should establish common automated altering
  - Can we define a Grid Control bases alerts? Volunteers?

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- DB setups at Tier 1 sites are different from current DB deployment @ CERN
  - increased deployment risk for T1
  - difficulties for dev team to reproduce T1 problems
- Agreed already at last workshop on T1 like DB setup at CERN
  - 1. shared cluster for castor component DBs
  - 2. shared VO setup
  - DB cluster hardware is already available
- Propose to run release certification and experiment workload in this T1 testbed
  - Standard CASTOR release stress tests
  - Packaged ATLAS load test as part of STEP09?

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