

Unprivileged singularity

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Proposal for unprivileged singularity

- Goal: convert as much as possible of WLCG to unprivileged singularity
 - Preferably running out of cvmfs instead of rpm for easier upgrades
- Suggested plan:
 - Start with more testing on RHEL 7.6 with unprivileged namespaces
 - Fermilab & Nebraska are waiting on kernel fix for bug that breaks their use of docker containers – who else can volunteer in the meantime?
 - Using rpm with 'allow setuid = no' still installs suid binary, but very low risk
 - Next, convert VOs that are using singularity in production to try running singularity out of cvmfs at least if not found in \$PATH
 - Announcement from security teams to enable unprivileged namespaces and encourage removing singularity rpm (preferably) or set 'allow setuid = no'
- GlideinWMS (CMS, OSG VO, FIFE) agreed strategy to find singularity:
 - If VO configures a SINGULARITY_BIN path, it is tried first
 - Next, singularity is searched for in \$PATH
 - If those fail, runs from /cvmfs/oasis.opensciencegrid.org/mis/singularity/bin
 - Each attempt tries it with VO-supplied container and bind mount points