Nuggets from the European HTCondor Week Workshop

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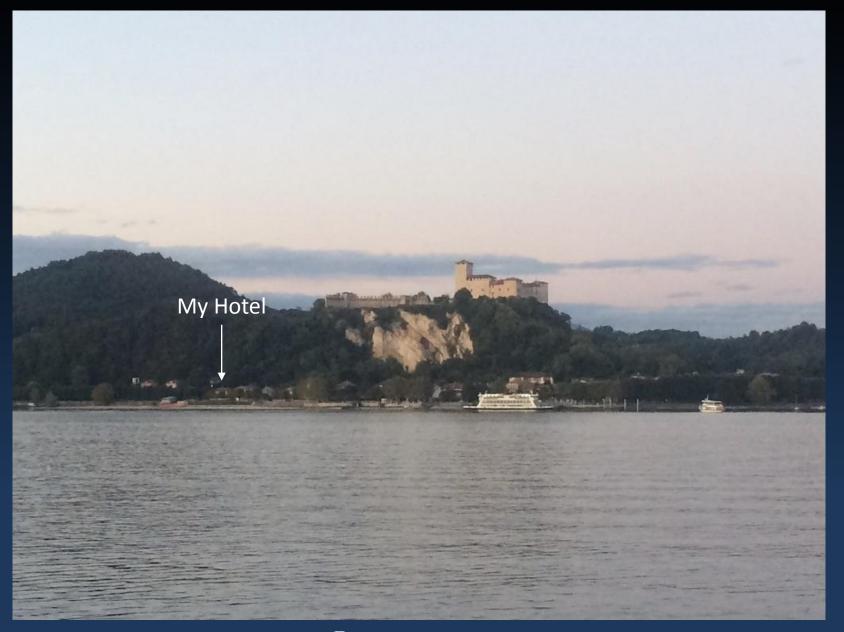


The workshop

https://indico.cern.ch/event/817927/timetable/#all.detailed

- Attendees:
 - 61 registered participants
 - 27 different affiliations
- Presentations:
 - 38 contributions by 21 speakers
 - 19 hours 20 minutes
 - HTCondor team: 12 hours 15 minutes







Some Highlights

- Authentication and Security
- Maps and Transforms
- Negotiator Config
- HTCondorCE
- Python and Condor/Condor and Python
- Containers and VMs
- Coffee Break Gleanings



Security

https://indico.cern.ch/event/817927/contributions/3570551/attachments/1916450/3168528/SecurityBasics.pdf

- Walkthrough of basic HTCondor security concepts
- User and Daemon Authentication
- Authentication Methods
- Introducing Tokens
- Data Encryption, on wire and/or at rest on WN

Maps and Transforms

https://indico.cern.ch/event/817927/contributions/3570542/attachments/1913668/3162964/ScheddTransforms.pdf

- Limits of SUBMIT_ATTRS
- Basic Job Policies
- Basic Job Transform
- Locking Attributes
- UserMaps



Negotiator Configuration

https://indico.cern.ch/event/817927/contributions/3570509/attachments/1914340/3164391/Negotiator.pdf

- Good walkthrough of Negotiator options
- Takes you through:
 - Concurrency Limits
 - Submitters and Priorities
 - Shares
 - Accounting Groups



HTCondorCE

https://indico.cern.ch/event/817927/timetable/#20190926.detailed

- Practically a whole day of talks on the HTCondorCE
- Highlights
 - Support moved from OSG to HTCondor team
 - De-OSGed the RPMs, now distributed from the HTCondor repos



Python and Condor

https://indico.cern.ch/event/817927/contributions/3570437/attachments/1913787/3163222/PythonBindings_Ispra_0919.pdf https://indico.cern.ch/event/817927/contributions/3570469/attachments/1914594/3164806/HTMap HTC Notebooks.pdf

Python Bindings:

- Two key modules, classad and htcondor
- Pythonic interfaces to interact with the daemons in a similar way to the CLI
 - Build, submit, monitor, and retrieve jobs
 - Query and modify daemon Configuration
- HTMap
 - Augments python map function to spawn jobs to run the map function



Python and Condor 2

- condor_restd
 - Daemon built on the python bindings to provide a RESTful interface to the pool
- Jupyterhub BatchSpawner
 - Supports condor submission to spawn job to run jupyter notebooks



Containers and Clouds

https://indico.cern.ch/event/817927/contributions/3570534/attachments/1916488/3168809/Containers.pdf

- Containers
 - Built in Containers
 - CGroups, Namespaces, ...
 - Docker Universe
 - Singularity
 - Kubernettes coming
- condor_annex
 - Fire up (and tear down) worker nodes on cloud



Coffee Break Gleanings

- Condorbeat
 - Push ClassAds to ElasticSearch
 - https://github.com/retzkek/condorbeat
- Only start MCore jobs for 2 cycles after an MCore job finishes
- HTCondor HowTos:
 - https://htcondorwiki.cs.wisc.edu/index.cgi/wiki?p=HowToAdmi nRecipes





