

gLite WMS status & near, mid-term plans for a sustainable future

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Significant milestones & release history for the WMS

Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

EGEE-I



WMS 1.5 for SL3 WMS 3.0 for SL3 WMS 3.1 for SL3

EGEE-II

Patch #1726: WMS 3.1 for SLC4 ia32 (so as a savannah patch) – certification took place at Imperial College

- general performances and robustness improvements
- bottlenecks analyzed and fixed
- improved job submission rate and service stability

Patch #1841: WMS 3.1 for SLC4 ia32 (mega-patch, first clean ETICS build)

EGEE-III

Patch #2562/2923: WMS 3.1 for SLC4 ia32 (in production)

Patch #2597: WMS 3.2 for SL4 ia32 – performance, stability, race conditions... - in certification at IN2P3/ALICE – also builds on x86 64

Patch #2875: WMS-UI 3.2 for SL5 x86_64 (in certification) - first 64-bit ever



CGC WMS support during EGEE-III Y1

- Bug fixing (savannah)
 - ~40 Ready for test/certified/closed savannah bugs (i.e. understood, applied fix and/or definitely closed) from patch 2562 on.
- Support (GGUS)
 - ~50 solved/answered tickets (<10 are open at the moment)
- Direct support to experiments
 - frontline requests from SA1, experiments etc.
- Created Website...
 - http://web.infn.it/gLiteWMS/
 - as an official meeting place for support, information, documentation, papers etc.
- ...twikis, and...
 - Deployment & configuration HOWTOs
 - **Documentation**
 - Test reports

News from GPC'09

- GPC09: Grid and Pervasive Computing 2009
- -IWWM09: Workflow management
- -WGCV09: **Grids, clouds & virtualization**
- -SSDU09: Symposium on service, security & data management technologies

Invited speakers:

- Ian Foster
- David Anderson: seti@home & BOINC
- Bernhard Schott: Platform LSF EU-Research Program Manager Virtualization, clouds and green scheduling
- David Bernstein: VP & GM of Network Applications Infrastructure for Cisco Systems
 - "Cloud Interoperability at Internet Scale"

It will either be **history repeating**, or our collective manifest destiny, to evolve Cloud Computing to a worldwide, interoperable, transparent platform. In other words, *Cloud will become to Computing just what the Internet is for Data*.

History repeating or reinventing the wheel? Wasn't the Grid supposed to be the 'computing Internet'?

Dorian Gorgan: http://www.envirogrids.net/ (FP7) is starting using gLite and our WMS, but is he looking for?



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Enabling Grids for E-science

- –Moving towards UMD
 - Inputs from the latest JRA1/SA3 all-hands
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"Your software is a component in an infrastructure"

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- Savannah bugs posted since project day 1 by category
- -Assigned to: any, open/closed: any, status: any
 - BDII: 60, Information Providers: 150
 - BLAH: 72
 - CEMon: 48
 - CREAM: 166
 - Data Management: 784
 - LB: 197, JP: 8, LB+JP: 205
 - UI: 58, WMS: 858, WMS+UI: 916, WMS+UI+LB+JP=1121
 - Security (VOMS, but also WMS, DataMgmt, LCAS, GLEXEC, LCMAPS, CREAM): 909
 - Build system: 192
 - Glite middleware (general): 208
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Important issues for Year II

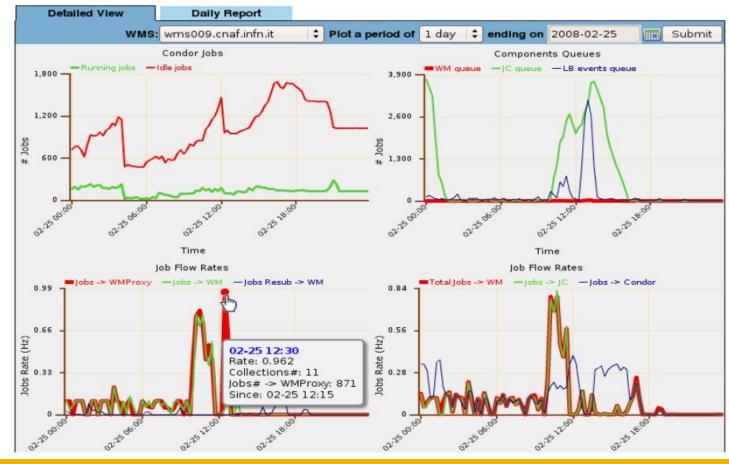
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Plots taken from WMSMon of a production instance of a WMS
 3.1 patch 2562

typical CMS use-case. Job submission based on collections (1-1

WMS-LB).

- Neither LB 2.1 nor LB 2.2 will address the issue of optimizing how to forward events to the LB server
- Bottleneck causing huge backlogs to JC
- Jobdir as input for JC (WMS 3.2) should help
- How does ICE deal with this?





Plans for Year II/1

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- WMS 3.3 for SL5 x86_64 (and ia32)
 - Restructuring of the purchaser(s) (removed Idif2classad/ii_attrutils wrapper libraries/system Idap)
 - Migration to the new LB 2.0 (basically an API change)
 - Support for GridSite (1.5) delegation 2.0
- Testing submission to CREAM via ICE
 - Stress tests (ICE+JC/LM separately, together) are very important, and need being documented
- Define (&automate) more formal testing procedures (not yet as a savannah 'task')
 - This is a key issue which should be given a higher priority
- Implement 'cancel' for collections

Oddly enough the most used/encouraged job type do not support a 'cancel'

- Support IPv6
- Address platform portability
 - Very important, especially for the UI. But we also need to evaluate how the increasing role of virtualization will deal with this, especially for the WMS

Plans for Year II/2



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- Integration with the new gLite authorisation framework
 - It will only affect authZ to submit to a given WMS
- DNS-based load balancing and client failover
- Unifying & synchronizing WMS&ICE (yaim) releases
- Mechanisms to forward requirements/parameters from the JDL to the LRM (not yet as a savannah 'task')
 - via Globus RSL for lcg-ce, but especially via classads to ICE for CREAM/BLAH
 - tune up the execution environment at the LRM side by adding/forwarding #BSUB / #PBS directives (LFS/PBS)
 - Virtualization
 - Consumable resources (i.e. licensing)
 - Interoperability (i.e. with ARC, hard-coded at the moment)
 - MPI (hard-coded at the moment)
 - HPC?



Open issues

–Moving towards UMD

- Inputs from JRA1/SA3 all-hands
 - "Additional challenges: Do the most with the resources we will have!"
 - Professional middleware for production use
 - Implement project priorities: portability, IP v6, ...
 - Change the logging format: break operations
 - Change an interface (WSDL, API, CLI): break applications
 - Change a library: force unexpected upgrades on partners
 - Clean up error codes & messages in all components
 - O Are we sure this would not break something either?
 - Reduce dependencies (review the build system components/VCS)
 - What have we all being doing during EGEE-II? What about the dependency challenge?
 - Must be able to make releases with JUST bug fixes
 - Critical issues resolved by upgrading to 'old' release
 - o but also think of more "elastic' ways of handling similar issues



Conclusions

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- End of EGEE-III: work at our best to make of the WMS a stable, performant, usable, service for productionquality Grids
 - Focus on finalizing missing functionality for the end of EGEE-III (bottlenecks, delegation 2, Ipv6, load balancing, ICE/CREAM)
 - Support (CMS in primis)
 - Extend platform portability
- Moving towards gLite consortium/UMD will require working in group even more and professional way.
 We suggest customer/supplier model even between ourselves. Quality criteria are more than needed.
- Seriously start thinking of workflows (simply as DAGs for CREAM?)
- Keep an eye to how virtualization and clouds will evolve