



ATLAS NUC

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(DESY)



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ATLAS Docker Hub
Repos:
atlas-centos7-os
Accessible via cvmfs I
believe

CERN CentOS7:
Docker Images

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6) Configurable Jupyter notebook node resources

ATLAS VO does not really use Jupyter notebooks for heavy data analysis work but the evolving requirements of libraries for data science are starting to approach the current 8-10GB setup

Recent Issues



→ File Transfer via SFTP protocol:

SSHFS command works for mounting drives locally

SFTP command does not work apparently for some users for file transfer. Strange given common sftp protocol with sshfs

→ Internal DESY Network Single OTP sign-on does not function?

Some misunderstanding that if connected to internal ethernet then you would not need the OTP every login?

→ *Kerberos tickets/tokens with internal DESY network connection does not need OTP everytime?*

However seems that the configuring kerberos tickets on Linux & Mac systems varies a lot and yields different results:

→ **NAF Instructions:** <https://wiki.desy.de/confluence/IS/238055964.html>

→ **CERN Instructions:** <https://linux.web.cern.ch/docs/kerberos-access/>

CERN lxplus instructions seem to actually more consistently work, but Mac still problematic.

→ NAF usage statistics have proven useful in finding ‘poorly’ configured jobs due to reduced NAF throughput:

→ *In February large fraction of CPU nodes seemingly dropped out of the system ~ 25-30%*

→ *Ticket raised outlined that the jobs were running but the nodes only appeared to be absent*

→ *Overallly aggressive requirements of user jobs resulted in this issue*

→ *What was the rough parameters of the jobs that caused this issue?*

→ *There are several key conferences:*

March = Moriond

June/July = ICHEP

September = EPS

that are often time pressured

→ *Can we expand NAF health status reporting with more usage statistics?*

NAF users at DESY

NAF users at German Institute

NAF users not in a German institute?

