NAF Status Report 2012

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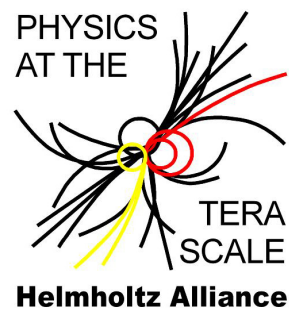
Problems since last NUC _ 1

> Some users report AFS access problems ("cp: cannot open … Permission denied)

  ▪ Suspect arcx server to be bottleneck for large array jobs. Still under investigation

> Users report jobs not starting while slots are free / waiting forever while other jobs get in

  ▪ All reports could be nailed down to large resource requests (h_vmem=5 GB or 6 GB)

  ▪ Natural that SGE prefers other jobs or even cannot schedule these jobs

  ▪ Lowering requests helps

> Empty Sonas files observed

  ▪ Unclear, still under investigation. Very large output files (~20 Gbyte) might be the cause

> Some Sonas (and Lustre) mounts disappeared

  ▪ Automounter on some nodes not working properly. Restart helped.

Problems since last NUC _ 2

> 30.10. 16:00-~22:00: NAF troubled due to failures in central DESY SAN infrastructure

- NAF AFS not directly involved, but several SW products located on DESY AFS were not available, e.g. Grid UI.

- Login *from* DESY machines of course also troubled, as was the whole DESY infrastructure

> "Memory issues" on ATLAS WGS

- Symptom: "ini glite" fails because java cannot allocate enough memory

- "Reason": Maybe you recall the slow ATLAS WGS at the beginning of the year. We fixed this by disabling memory overcommitment on the WGS.

- Either: The WGS gets sloooow because of heavy swapping

- Or: ini NNN does not work because of memory issues

> Qstat output: Reverted back changes made because of "qstat abuse" now solved

NAF 2.0 Status

> HH

  - WGS installed, and opened to some DESY users

  - Access to BIRD opened

  - Since 1.11.: NAF Remote Desktop offered

> Some early reports – mainly CMS

  - Qstat not reporting: Needs tweaking and reporting

  - AFS scratch: Working on this. Should be possible

  - Job throughput: Would like to have more nodes. Working on putting some older Grid WNs as a temporary measure

  - -l site=hh … does not work in Hamburg. Not necessary

> Still need to find an easy way to get external people a DESY account

  - Will have a scheme for 1.12.2012 / Alliance workshop – with some manual work inbetween for a handful of users

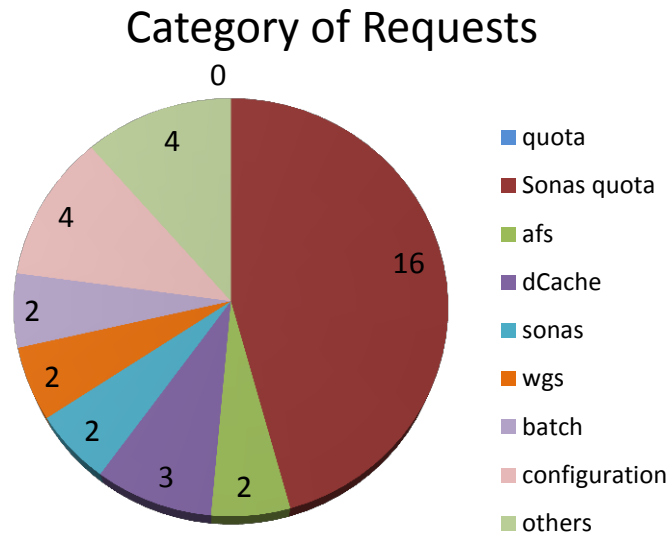 - The final and production solution will not be there 1.12.2012

Some words on Lustre and other products

> On 1.11.2012 we should have mounted the HH-Lustre read-only (of course announcing one week in advance)

> We have not done this. Why?

> IBM Sonas should replace Lustre, and working OK until now.

> We would need more space in near future – requests from users

> IBM pricing scheme for capacity extension not yet final (hopefully) – but needed for future plans. Once purchase plans are clear, we can continue with Lustre decommissioning and Sonas deployment.
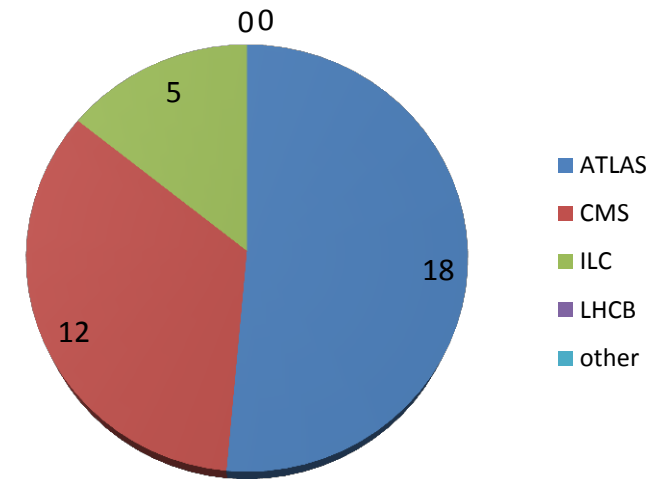
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Category of Requests

- quota
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- others

35 tickets in total

Mainly Sonas quota requests

Requests by Experiment

- ATLAS
- CMS
- ILC
- LHCB
- other

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