

SquidMonitoringTF20121004MeetingNotes < LCG < TWiki

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The current monitoring I'm talking about transferring to WLCG responsibility is based on MRTG and is here:

<http://frontier.cern.ch/squidstats/indexcms.html>
<http://frontier.cern.ch/squidstats/indexatlas.html>
<http://frontier.cern.ch/squidstats/indexcvmfs.html>

MRTG is used mainly for expert debugging after problems are detected because of either SUM test failures or detection of failover traffic at the Frontier or CVMFS servers

- There is an urgency to get this moved, because since MRTG does polling via SNMP it requires specific IP address(es) allowed in the firewall at most sites and the squid access control lists at all sites, and the current monitor machines have to retire at least by the end of May 2013. We want to minimize the number of times the address(es) change.

ATLAS also sees a need for better automated notifications of problems to shifters

- This can be a separate phase, but the top priority is to adapt the existing CMS notification system based on awstats statistics from the central servers that automatically notifies administrators (by email) of sites causing failover traffic. It also graphs recent failover traffic:

http://frontier.cern.ch/squidstats/nonproxycms_summary.html

- The awstats tool the above is based on monitors the reverse-proxy squids on the central "launchpad" servers:

<http://frontier.cern.ch/awstatscms.html>

<http://frontier.cern.ch/awstatsatlas.html>

<http://frontier.cern.ch/awstatscvmfs.html>

I wasn't thinking of transitioning that also to WLCG, because it is only for the central servers, but maybe it should be; they are squids, after all.

What does it mean to transition squid monitoring to WLCG?

- do things the common WLCG way, report to the WLCG organization
- may or may not be something run by CERN/IT. Might be the same people running it now, just in a slightly different way.

What about existing WLCG monitoring, could it be adapted instead?

- WLCG Dashboard: doesn't have this type of real-time monitoring
- SUM: can test direct connections (it doesn't need to use grid jobs), but even with that it cannot be as real time as MRTG; it is more like at most every half hour
- A tool that gives MRTG-like frequently-updated performance information is required for debugging by the experts

The main development needed is to auto-generate the MRTG configuration from a common information database

- ATLAS currently bases theirs on their own AGIS information system, and CMS configures theirs by hand but has an automated audit comparing it to another source of information about squids (local site configurations checked in to CERN CVS)
- GOCDB & OIM are the WLCG ways to define information about sites
- OSG/U.S. uses OIM, Europe uses GOCDB
- we're not sure what to do with non-grid tier 3 sites
- Alastair will check with GOCDB people, and I will check with Doug Benjamin about OIM and we will report what we found to the task force group
- Alessandro says its no problem for AGIS to change to get its squid information from GOCDB/OIM instead of being the primary source

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