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The White Areas Lecture Series



Map of Turkey from 1561. The map shows the part of the country with white areas yet unknown for the travellers

*"Who asks, is stupid in that minute,
but who doesn't, will remain dumb forever..."*

White areas were used to mark the unknown regions on old maps.

What is this?

White Area lectures are informal talks and discussion about services and plans of our peers that we know nothing about. They are meant to help us understand better the service internals and strategy choices in our group and provide mutual support. The audience is meant to be the group members but exceptionally, lectures could be opened to other colleagues, interested in a particular subject.

Lectures are held monthly, **every last Monday of the month at 3pm in the IT CDA Social Room (building 28-1)**. Since March 2020, due to the COVID-19 lockdown, the lectures take place in Zoom. The duration is 30'-45' minutes, with possibility, for those interested, to stay in the room and further discuss technical details.

Contact

Announcements will be done via **the IT-CDA mattermost channel** the Thursday before and the morning of the day. Text should be posted with "@all" to create notifications. If you have any suggestions for a White Area lecture, please contact Maria Dimou.

Information for speakers

White area lectures are ment to discover new areas interesting or necessary to IT CDA members. If you are giving a lecture about a particular service or technology, do not give many technical details but instead focus on:

- Introduction or overview of the topic since there may be people who are new to it
- How the topic is relevant to IT-CDA related activities?
- How does it fit to the group strategy?
- What is the support structure and needs?
- What are the current challenges? What is the future work?
- What other similar technologies exist in the market and whether they have been evaluated or considered at some point.

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- <https://indico.cern.ch/category/11108>

Historical stuff: Previous lectures

White Area lectures are inspired by a regular event of the past see Indico category, on an idea of Markus Schulz at the time of Grid deployment. Maria Dimou was organising them during the 2013-2015 period.

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First semester

Date	Subject	Presenter	Notes
2007 mar 9	glite workload (WMS, gliteCE)	Di/Nuno	513-1-027, 10:30
2007 mar 16	Everything you ever wanted to know about the cert testbed but were afraid to ask (again)	Louis	28-R-015, 10:30
2007 mar 23	DPM, LFC, FTS and Data Management in general	Gergo	28-R-015, 10:30
2007 mar 30	GIP, BDII, Information System, Glue Schema	Laurence	28-R-015, 10:30
2007 apr 6	No presentation		
2007 apr 13	No presentation		
2007 apr 20	Castor	Felix	28-R-015, 10:30
2007 apr 27	No presentation		
2007 may 04	SMART domains, SmartFrog, Virtualization, etc...	Andreas & Xavier	28-R-015, 10:30
2007 may 11	ETICS, build, releases	Joachim	
2007 may 18	No presentation		
2007 may 25	No presentation		
2007 jun 15	Building and integration gLite 3.1 with ETICS	Juha	
2007 jun 22	Virtualization and Vgrid	Omer	
2007 jun 29	Everything you wanted know about PPS	Antonio	
2007 jul 06	Alphabet soup - who makes the decisions around here?	Oliver	
2007 jul 13	Usage of the testbed in a secure way	Louis	

Second semester

2007 oct 19	Pilot jobs	Oliver	513-1-023, 10:30	Pilot jobs slides
2007 oct 26	LSF, CERN cluster management	Ulrich	513-1-023, 10:30	LSF slides
2007 nov 9	Experiments and the Grid - part 1	Patricia (Alice) and Roberto (LHCb)	28-R-015, 10:30	Lhcb slide
2007 nov 16	Experiments and the Grid - part 2	Simone (Atlas) and Andrea (CMS)	28-S-029 , 10:30	CMS slides

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2007 nov 23	AMGA - The Metadata Catalog	Birger Koblitz	28-S-029 , 10:30	AMGA slides
2007 nov 30	-	-	-	-
2007 dec 5	History of computing @ CERN	Judy Richards	513-1-024 , 15:00	
2008 jan 25	BDII scaling, performance, GLUE 2.0, future	Felix Ehm	28-S-029, 10:30	BDII slides
2008 feb 8	IPv6 and its effects on the Grid	Xavier Jeannin	28-S-029, 10:30	IPv6 Slides
2008 feb 29	Savannah news and our certification process	Joachim Flammer	28-R-015 , 10:30	Savannah slides
2008 marc 7	SAM tests - Past, present and future	Piotr 'Sam' Nyczyk	28-S-029 , 10:30	SAM slides
2008 apr 4	Torque and Maui	Steve Traylen	28-S-029, 10:30	keynote, slides
2008 may 16	Cream CE	Massimo Sgravatto	40-S-D01 , 10:30	CREAM slides
2008 may 23	Messaging systems (for the Grid)	Daniel Rodrigues	28-S-029, 10:30	MSG slides
2008 jun 13	ITIL - IT Information Library	John Shade	28-S-029, 10:30	ITIL slides
2008 jun 20	AFS and the Grid	Harry Renshall	28-S-029, 10:30	AFS slides
2008 jul 25	SRM and s2 tests	Flavia Donno	28-S-029, 10.30	S2 slides
2008 sep 19	ETICS explained in 3 books	Lorenzo Dini	28-S-029, 10.30	ETICS slides
2008 oct 1	Introduction to FTS	Paolo Tedesco	28-S-029, 10.30	FTS-1 slides
2008 oct 10	FTS Administration and Troubleshooting	Paolo Tedesco	28-S-029, 10.30	FTS-2 slides
2008 oct 24	CernVM Project	Predrag Buncic	28-S-029, 14:30	CernVM
2008 nov 21	Testing in D4Science using ETICS	Pedro Andrade	28-S-029, 10.30	D4Science
2008 dic 5	The GLite patch release procedure	Felix Ehm	28-S-029, 10.30	WA-felix_ehm.pptx WA-felix_ehm.pdf
2009 jan 9	The Savannah Command Line Interface	Fidel Alfaro Almagro	28-S-029, 10.30	Savannah-CLI.pdf
2009 jan 30	Information Dump	Laurence Field	28-R-015, 10.30	WA_LField.ppt

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