



Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

EGEE Operational Procedures

(Contacts, procedures, certification)

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Introduction

Extract from SA1 Operational Procedures Manual:

"Staff within SA1, responsible for the daily operations of the EGEE grid, are broken up into the following areas:

Operations Team – COD and support tools developers Regional Operations Centre – ROC Managers, ROC support staff

Resource Centres (sites) – local support, site admins

The Operations team is responsible for detecting problems, coordinating the diagnosis, and monitoring the problems through to resolution. This has to be done in cooperation with the Regional Operations Centres to allow for a hierarchical approach and overall management of tasks."

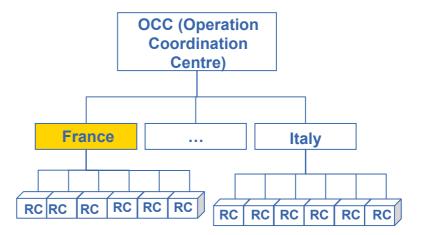
(https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/EGEE/EGEEROperationalProcedures)



Regional Operation Centre: role

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- Site representative of a region/federation
 - assistance to sites/RC in the region
 - site middleware deployment coordination
 - communication channel between project and sites
- Regional security management
- Regional monitoring
- Incident support and follow-up
- Sites certification
- Users training





ROC: French example

- Communication channel
- Incident support and follow-up
- Site creation
- Accounting



ROC FR ex.: communication channel

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Internal

- Visio conferences (15 days)
 - French participants (SA1, NA4, RAG, etc.)
 - circulation of news
 - exploitation coordination
 - minutes of EGEE meetings
 - etc.
 - exchange area between French participants to EGEE
 - specific topic meetings: security, certification authority, MPI, GGUS...
- Mailing list EGEE SA1-Fr

External

- "ROC Managers' meeting" phone conference (15 days)
- "WLCG Weekly operation meeting" (weekly)
 - weekly report about French site status
- "All ROC managers meeting" (~ 3-4 months)



- Support given by ROC is directly done through GGUS (Global Grid User Support) portal: http://gus.fzk.de
 - ROC assigns GGUS ticket to concerned site support
 - Site support team need to be registered as "ROC support staff"
 - ROC is notified about tickets updates and can intervene when it is necessary
- Interface between local helpdesk and GGUS is in progress
- Use of a specific mail address to be notified
 - 4 people behind
 - first reader takes care of the ticket replying and/or assigning it to expert



ROC-FR ex.: site creation

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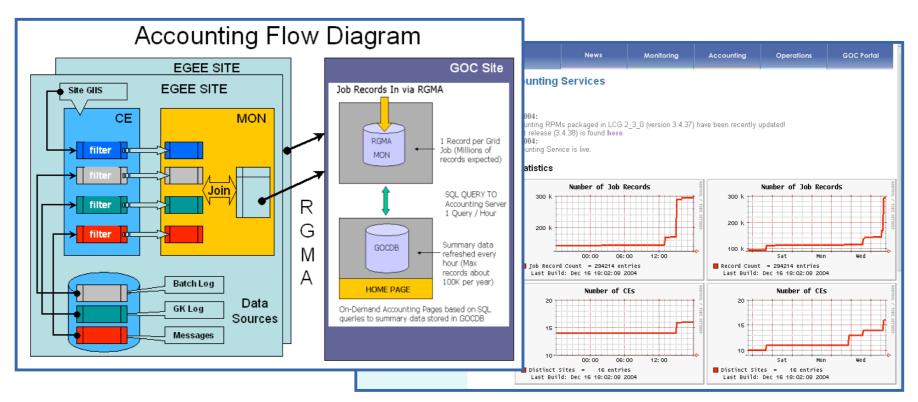
- Site candidate needs to contact its ROC
- ROC publish site candidature:
 - creation of a new entry in the GOC DB
 - site status: "Candidate to production"
 - fact sheet to be filled by the new site
 - site name on grid, site support and security contacts, etc.
 - operational worksheet of site
 - information system Idap URL of site, grid node list, "scheduled downtime" declaration, etc.
 - ⇒ used by grid tools: monitoring, information system, etc.
 - ⇒ to adapt functions of site status
 - invitation to join SA1-Fr: visio conference, mailing list, etc.
- Site deploys and configures the middleware,
 - with ROC help if needed
 - can use tools provided by the project to test a site
 - SAM Admin's Page: https://cic.gridops.org/index.php?section=roc&page=samadmin
- On site demand, ROC certifies the site
 - use of tests framework provided by the project
 - Service Availability Monitoring (SAM): https://lcg-sam.cern.ch:8443/sam/sam.py
 - when everything is OK, ROC pushes site in production
 - site status: "Certified for production"
- If needed, ROC can take out of production a site changing its status in GOC DB.



ROC FR ex.: accounting

Accounting

- http://www3.egee.cesga.es/gridsite/accounting/CESGA/egee_view.html
- based on R-GMA (Relational Grid Monitoring Architecture)
- deployed on every RC/sites





ROC in EGEE

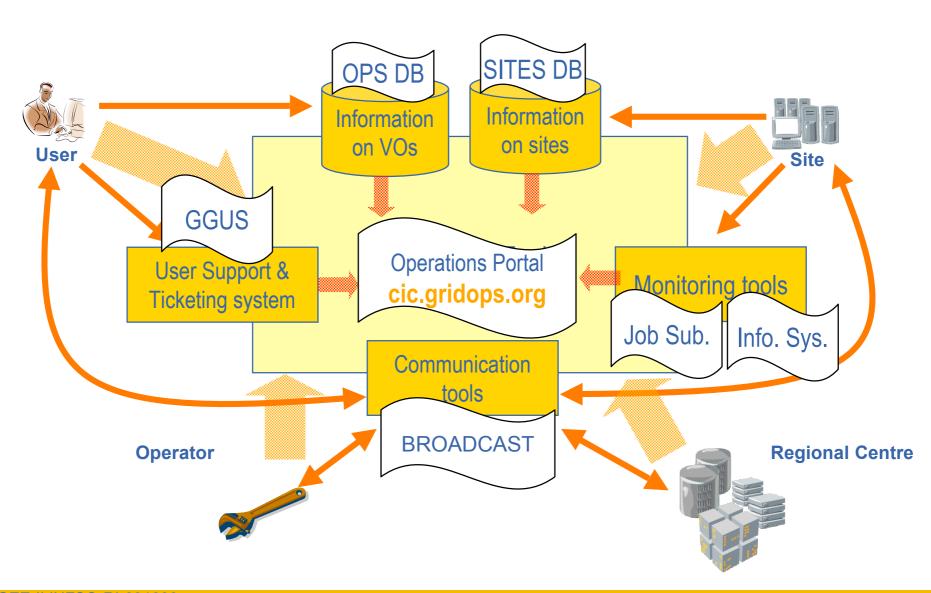
• Source: GIIS monitor (data retrieved on 29th April 2008)

ROC	Sites	Countries	Estimation Total CPU
CERN	14	8	8779
UKI	25	2	10985
Italy	36	1	7615
GermanySwitzerland	17	2	12686
France	14	1	16167
SouthEasternEurope	40	9	3782
CentralEurope	25	8	5297
NorthernEurope	28	9	4191
AsiaPacific	22	10	3490
SouthWesternEurope	20	2	2418
Russia	16	1	1657

- https://goc.gridops.org/
- Central repository of site information (a.k.a. Grid Operations Centre) developed and operated by Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL), UK.
- Keep a central repository of information on the components of the grid
 - Site registry (name, location, contact information, administrator contact, security contact, ...)
 - Site status (candidate, uncertified, production, suspended, ...)
 - History of scheduled unavailability of the site
 - Grid services operated by the site: computing elements, storage elements, file catalogue services, virtual organization management services, resource brokers, etc.
 - Services that sites want to be monitored by the grid operators
 By default, all nodes in a production site are monitored.
- Updating this information is a shared responsibility between the site operator and the federation manager

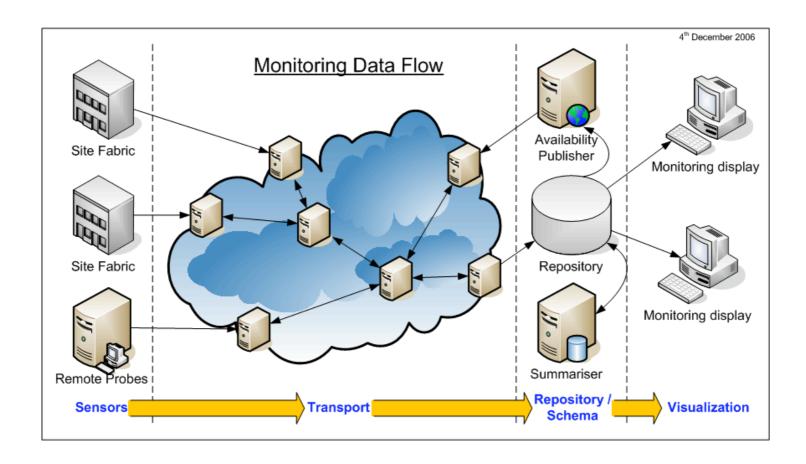


Daily operations





Site monitoring





Site monitoring

- Grid operators have a global view of the status of the infrastructure
 - Service of probes sent to every site to check it on a regular basis
 - Service for regularly testing the consistency of the dynamic information published by the site in the grid information system
 - Information on the result of those tests is available to grid operators, site managers and end-users
 - Virtual Organization managers can use this information to select a set of sites they intend to use
 - Monitoring services developed and operated by CERN,
 Academia Sinica (Taiwan), GridPP (UK) and INFN (Italy)
- Sites failing the tests receive a problem ticket
 - Escalation procedure for solving site-related problems
 - Involves the regional operator and the site operator

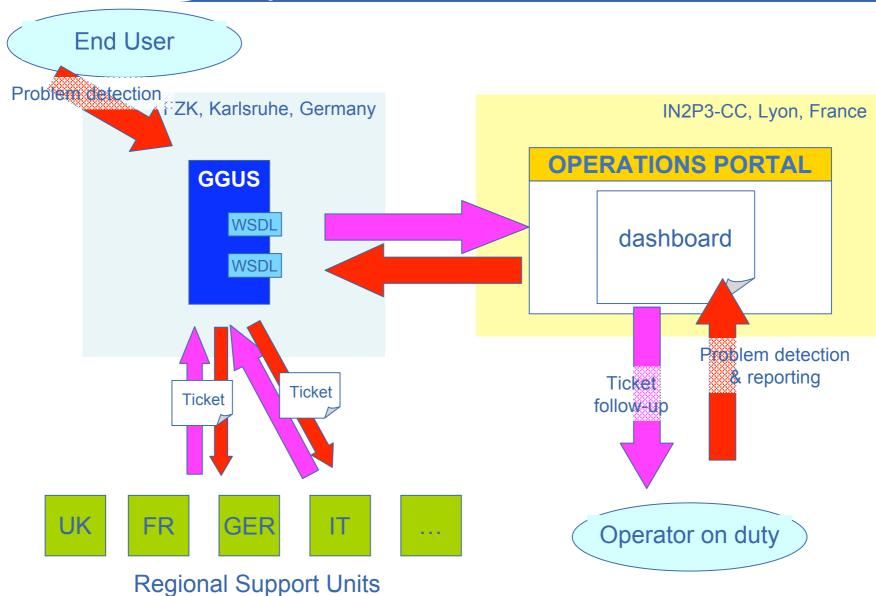


- https://gus.fzk.de/
- Central incident tracking tool developed/operated by Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe (DE)
 - Unique channel for opening tickets (e-mail and web interface)
 - End-users : e.g. job submission failures, data transfer failed
 - Operators : e.g. job submission failures
 - Classification and 1^{rst} assignment done by the Ticket Process Manager (TPM)
 - Tickets are assigned to support units one per domain of expertise
 - Grid operators, applications, federations, m/w experts, ...



GGUS: tickets workflow

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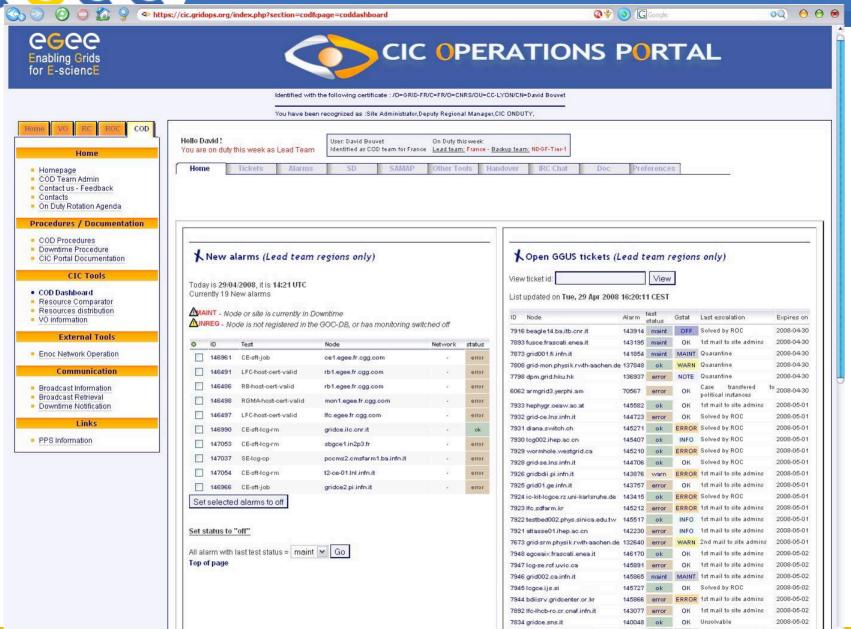
CIC portal: putting all together

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- http://cic.gridops.org/
- Developed and operated by CC-IN2P3, failover instance at CNAF
- Web portal for integrating all the tools and sources of operations-related information into one single place
 - Provides and maintains an integrated operations dashboard for grid on duty operator
 - Provides mechanisms for keeping information needed for appropriate hand over between operators on duty
 - Easy access to appropriate contact information on every actor involved in the operations of the grid
 - Provides communication tools

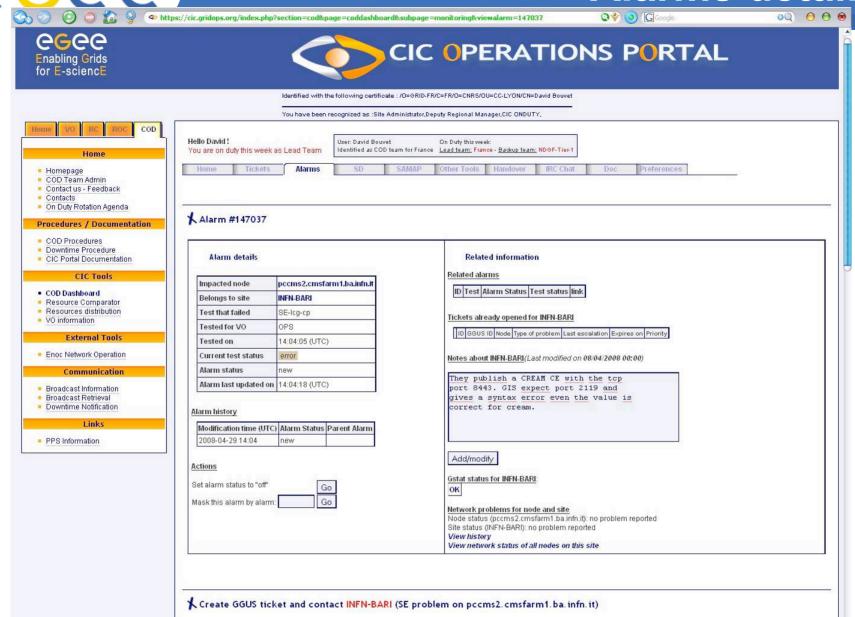


Alarms dashboard





Alarms details





Downtimes overview



01/03/2009 11:55

07/05/2008 13:00

07/05/2008 13:00

07/05/2008 13:00

10/05/2008 11:26

Testbed

draining for hardware replacement

This site is going to be shut down and replaced by PSNC site.

ce.egee.man.poznan.pl 08/04/2008 13:55

test-gliteCE.uibk.ac.at | 08/04/2008 14:00

08/04/2008 14:00

08/04/2008 14:00

17/04/2008 11:26

test-logCE.uibk.ac.at

test-dpm.uibk.ac.at

ce112.cern.ch

egee.man.poznan.pl

HEPHY-UIBK

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CERN-PROD



Tracking incidents

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Service Availability Monitoring - gRB

rb118.cern.ch - CERN-PROD (CERN)

2007/06/20 - 04:58:01

Tests Displayed

ops

GRB-host-cert-valid

show ops critical tests

Display limit (days): 5

ShowHistory

show	stat	description	sum
V	NA	no status available	0
V	OK	normal status	100
V	INFO	useful information	0
V	NOTE	important information	0
✓	WARN	subject may fail soon	0
K	ERROR	subject has failed and problem is localized	1
V	CRIT	subject has failed and problem is fatal	0
V	MAINT	subject is under maintenance	0

No	Timestamp	Status	ops
	(submission time)		cert
1	20-Jun-2007 04:14:13	ок	<u>ok</u>
2	20-Jun-2007 03:11:53	ок	<u>ok</u>
3	20-Jun-2007 02:18:42	ок	<u>ok</u>
4	20-Jun-2007 01:19:07	ок	<u>ok</u>
5	20-Jun-2007 00:23:30	ок	<u>ok</u>
6	19-Jun-2007 23:20:50	ERROR	error

		ops tests
testname	desc	crit
cert	Test if the service host certificate is valid.	СТ

SAM test: g282-host-cert-valid
Submitter VO: ops
Node: rb118.cers.cb
Execution time: 19-Jun-2007 23:20:50

Current time: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 23:1950 +00000

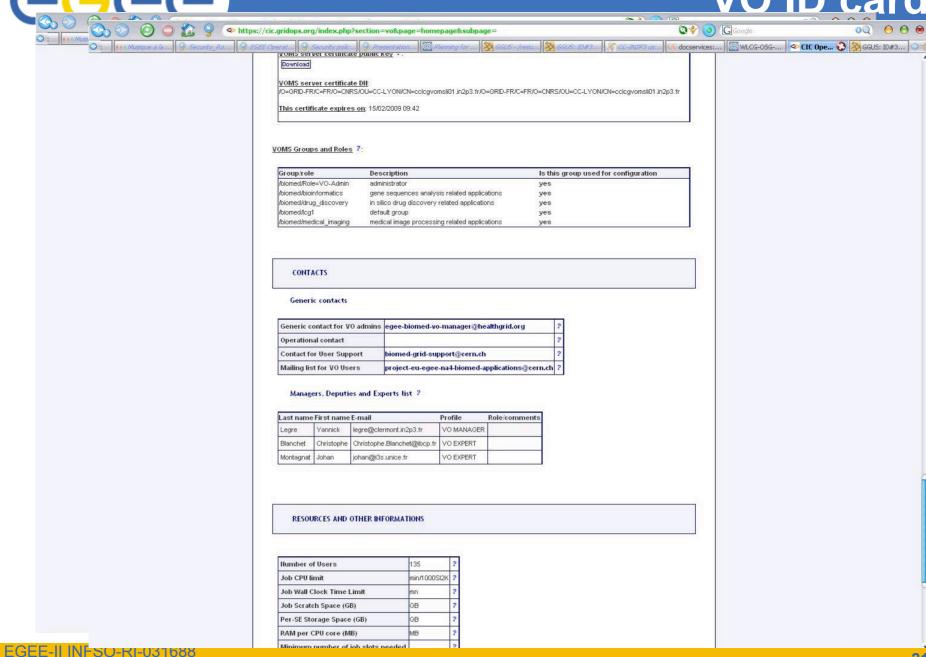
Checking rb118.cem.ch (128:142.173.154.2811) using GSIFTP protocol
Timeout after 60 seconds

Contact: SAM Support Mailing List (<asp-page-risideen ch>)

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Last multified: May 24 2007, 16 28

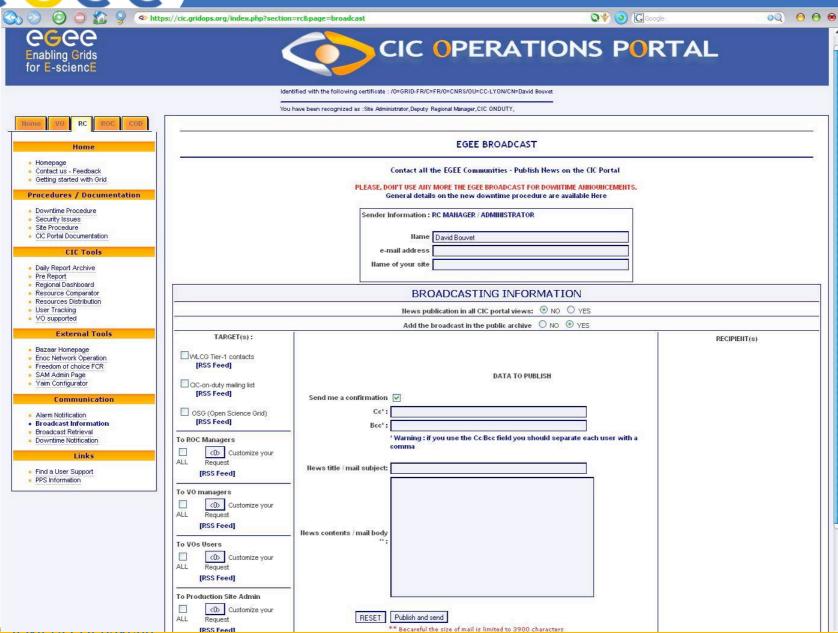


VO ID card





Broadcast tool

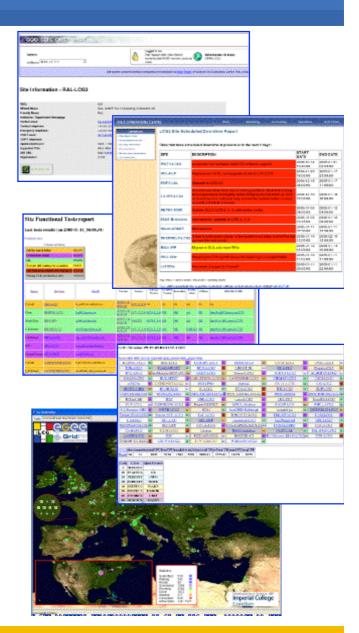




Useful links

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- COD operators
 - weekly rota on ROC to give an operator team (CIC On Duty)
- User support : GGUS
 - https://gus.fzk.de/pages/home.php
- Monitoring tools:
 - CIC portal
 - http://cic.gridops.org/
 - entry point to the other tools
 - integrated view for COD operator use
 - Service Availability Monitoring (SAM)
 - https://lcg-sam.cern.ch:8443/sam/sam.py
 - Grid Operations Centre Core Database (GOCDB)
 - https://goc.gridops.org/
 - GIIS monitor (Gstat)
 - http://goc.grid.sinica.edu.tw/gstat
 - GOC monitoring tools
 - http://www.gridpp.ac.uk/wiki/Links_Monitoring_pages
 - GOC job real time monitor
 - http://gridportal.hep.ph.ic.ac.uk/rtm/
- Accounting
 - http://www3.egee.cesga.es/gridsite/accounting/CESGA/ege e_view.html





ATLAS Dashboard

