Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

Scheduled = 15301

Use of Fedora's Tools and unning = 10525

Policies outside Fedora

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GridPP

UK Computing for Particle Physics



Overview



- CERN
- LHC GRID or LCG.
 - -Scale
- Operating 300 Sites



- Integration and Deployment
 - Fedora's Packaging Polices
 - Deployment Tools koji, mock.

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- CERN**|T**Department
- fundamental research and discoveries
- technological innovation
- training and education
- bringing the world together



1954 Rebuilding Europe
First meeting of the
CERN Council



1980 East meets West
Visit of a delegation from Beijing



2008 Global
Collaboration
The Large Hadron
Collider involves over 80
countries









- Understand the fundamental laws of nature
 - Accelerate elementary particles and make them collide
 - Compare the results with the theory.
- Provide a world-class laboratory to researchers in Europe and beyond
- 2500 employees: physicists, engineers, techicians, craftsmen, administrators, secretaries, ... (shrinking)
- 6500 visiting scientists: (half of the world's particle physicists representing 500 universities and over 80 nationalities - (increasing)
- Budget: ~1 Billion Swiss Francs per year.
- Additional contributions by participating institutes.





LHC Computing GRID (LCG)





1 Tier0 @ CERN

Tier-2 Centres

• 11 Tier1s

> 250 Tier2s.

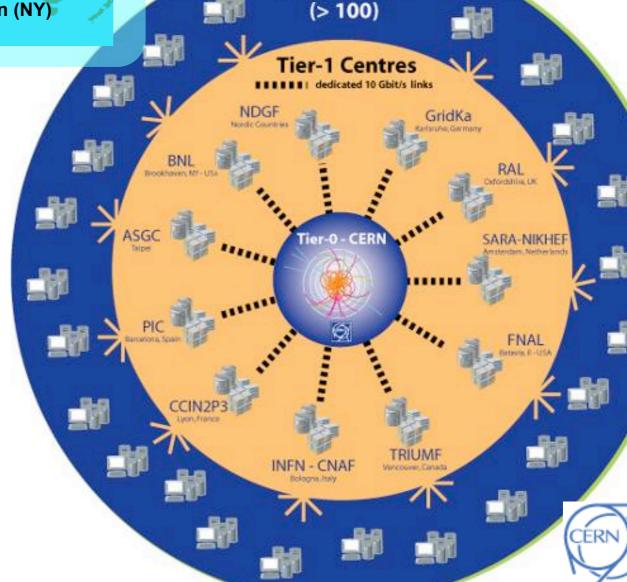
Canada – Triumf (Vancouver)
France – IN2P3 (Lyon)
Germany – Forschunszentrum Karlsruhe
Italy – CNAF (Bologna)
Netherlands – NIKHEF/SARA (Amsterdam)
Nordic countries – distributed Tier-1

Spain – PIC (Barcelona)
Taiwan – Academia SInica (Taipei)
UK – CLRC (Oxford)

US – FermiLab (Illinois)

- Brookhaven (NY)

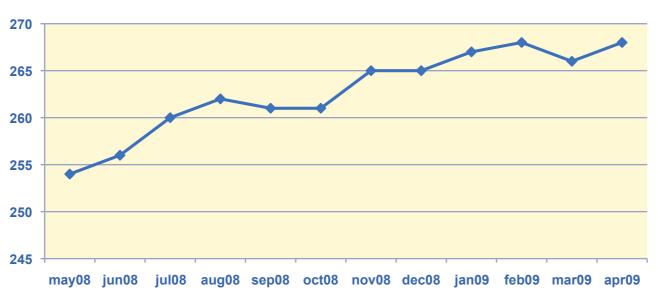
- 15 PB of data/year
- 11 * 10 Gbit links
 - -Tier0->Tier1
- Worldwide analysis
 - –Local funding.
 - Grid





Scale of LHC Computing Grid





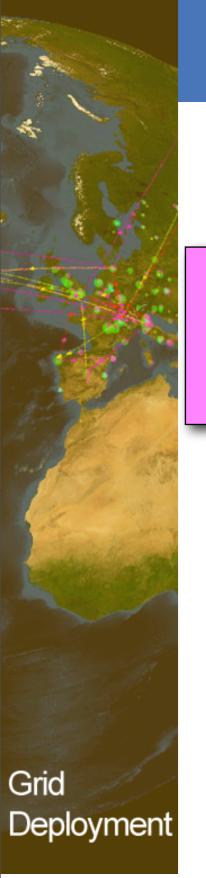
268 Certified Sites.



12 Million Jobs per Month.

- 268 Sites
- 45-50 countries.
- 12,000,000
 jobs per
 month
- 139,000 CPU cores
- 25 Pb disk
- 38 Pb tape





Monitoring ~300 Sites.



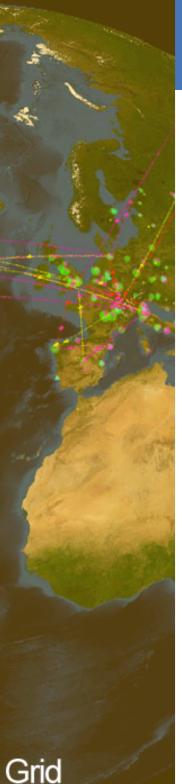
Large range of site sizes with varying quality of services

Small Sites @ University Dept' Site operated by a MSc student. No or little config mgt or monitoring.

Large Sites @ CERN + Tier1s Puppet, cfengine, quattor, ... 24hour callout support

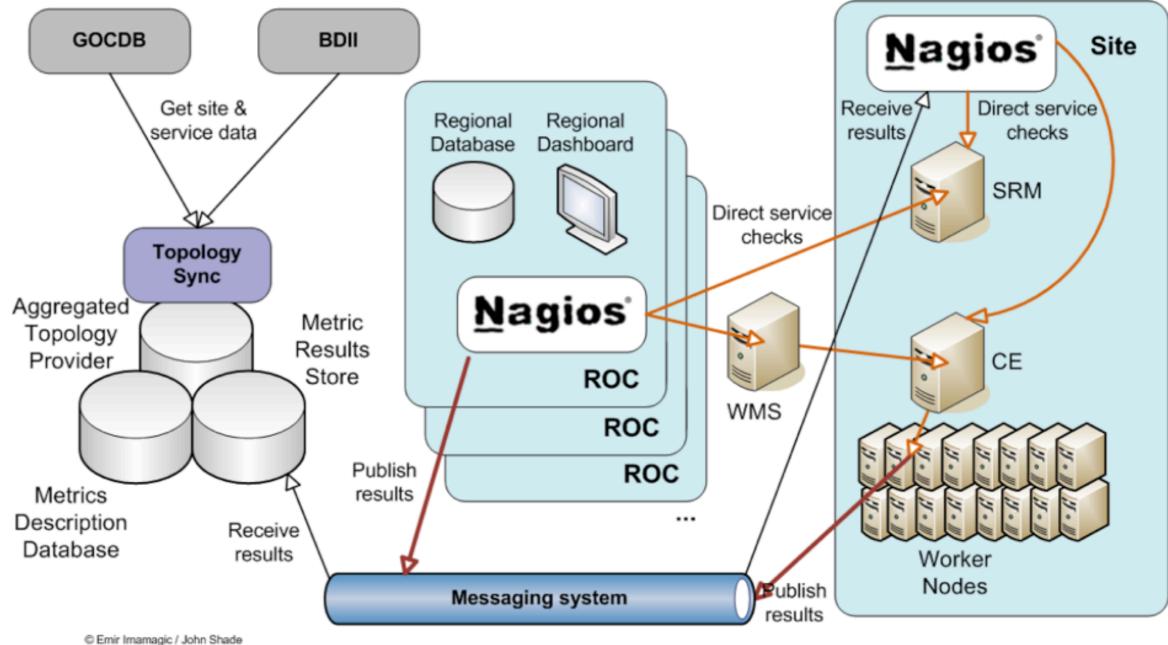
- Operation & Automation team's role.
 - Measure service availability.
 - Present results to sites.
 - Encourages sites to improve
- Improve service for users.

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Nagios and ActiveMQ Chosen





- ROC Regional Centers Monitor Regions
- Results aggregated centrally via msg-bus.

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Deployment





Architecture Reality

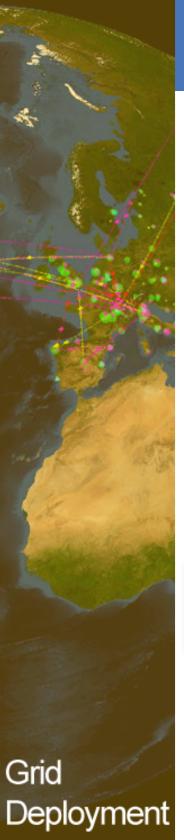




- Built in many countries
- JSON, XML, YAML, SQL, Stomp, LDIF, email, private, ... protocols and connections.
- Retrofitted system.
- Tied together with python, perl, nagios and messaging.
- Deployed to all sites and regions
 - rpm , yum and TWiki pages.

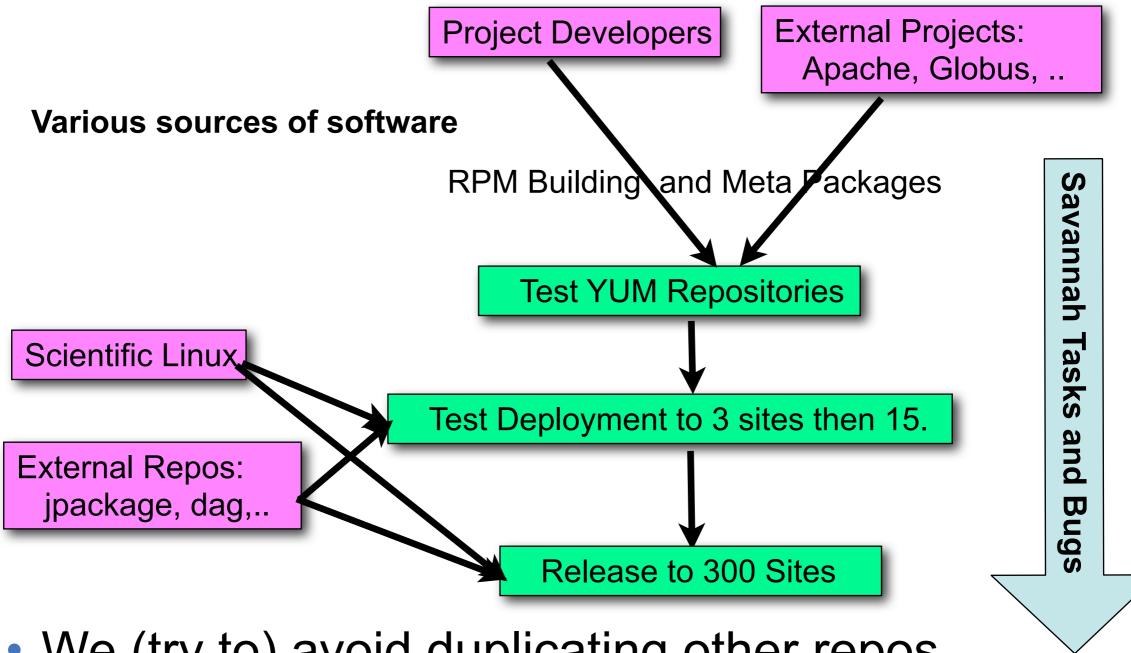
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Integration and Deployment





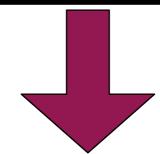
- We (try to) avoid duplicating other repos.
 - -We use dag and jpackage but this has hit us.
- EPEL hopefully better, missing just a few.

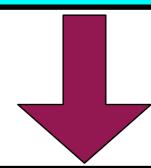






- Admins were worried about software quality.
- Developers did not want to trash the farms.
- There were no public RPM guidelines
 - FHS of course did exist.



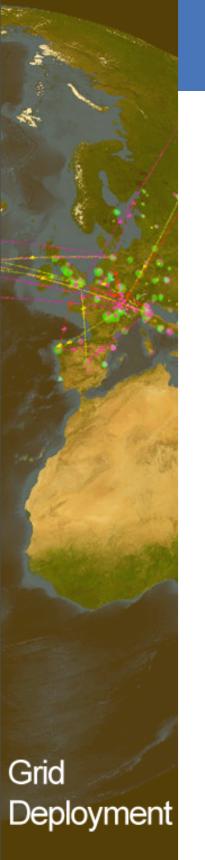


- Compromise "Don't touch the OS!!!"
- %post, %pre scripts are banned
- Install all files in /opt/<ProjectName>
- e.g /opt/globus/ , /opt/egee, /opt/lcg
- Config' mgt' tools (quattor) were expected to fill the gap.

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RPM Guidelines written 2003



- These simple RPMS (almost tar balls) resulted in:
 - A lot of extra documentation
 - A lot of extra configuration management
 - 67,000!!! lines of bash written to configure.
 - –Constant headaches with:
 - PATH, LD_LIBRARY_PATH, PYTHONPATH, ...
 - 32bit to 64bit was and still is bad.
 - Configuration being dificult has been
 - Blamed for site failures.







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Moving, Forward with our RPMs



- Proposing & evaluating Fedora's pkg guidelines
 - their application to our grid deployment.
 - -they are the most comprehensive today?
- Advantages:
 - Guidelines with a 3rd party.
 - We can influence.
 - We make more use of tricks and tools.
 - /etc/cron.d , /etc/logrotate.d
 - rpmlint
 - -Easier to subsequently contribute to Fedora.
- Disadvantages:
 - Change we are meant to be stabilizing for LHC (re-)startup in Autumn.





Use Fedora Pkg Guidelines?

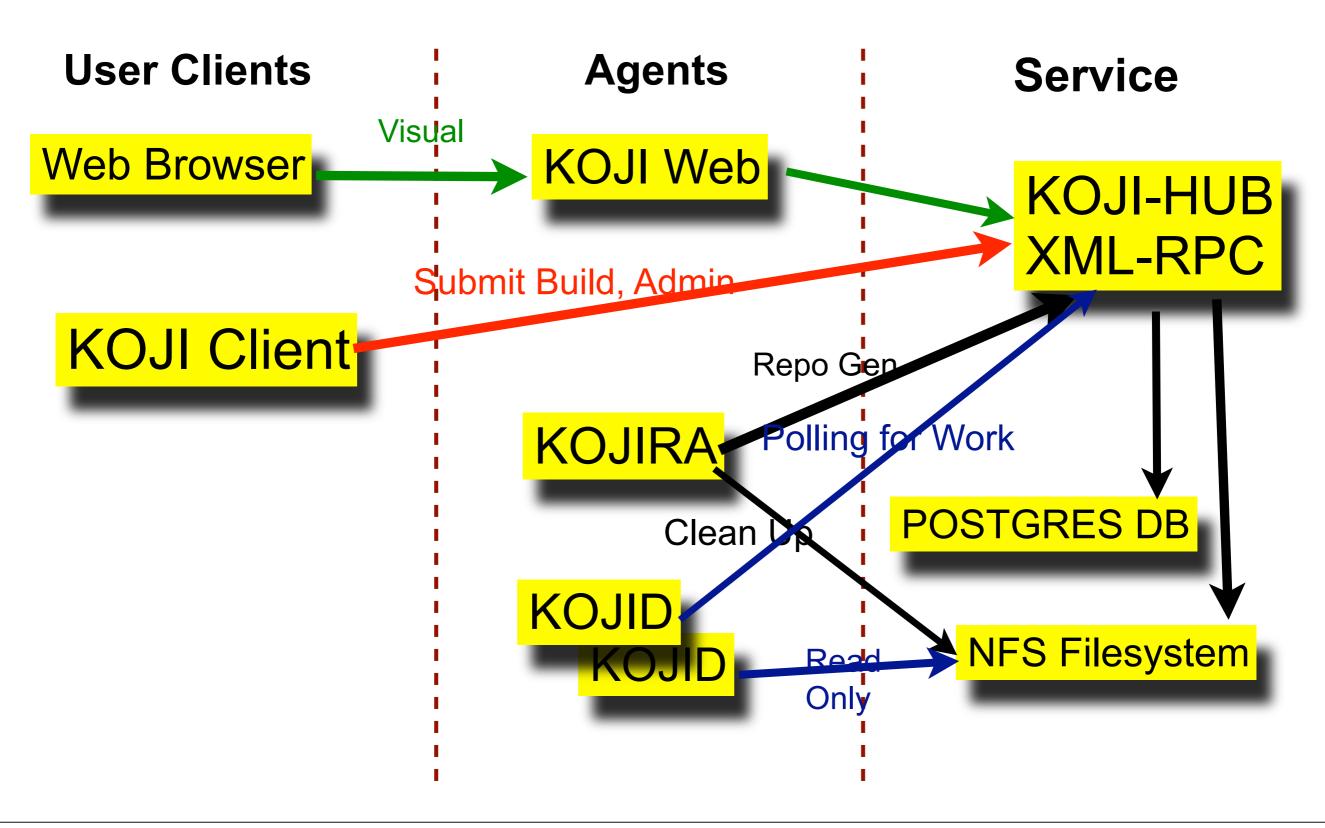


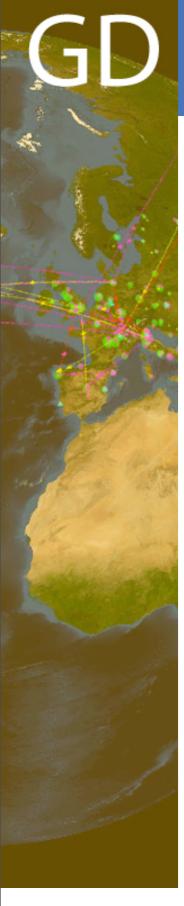
- Our Developers, Integrators have accepted.
- Site representative views being processed.
 - -300 sites => a lot of views range from..
 - Yes about bl**y time ...
 - No don't do that ever...
- The request to Fedora.
 - -Please keep generic and avoid process.
 - -It is 95% good, some counter examples:
 - A few mentions to consulting FESCo.
 - An architecture failure, should have a bug with bug blocking on a FE-ExcludeArch-x86 bug.
 - Not a problem in reality common sense works.



KOJI Architecture.



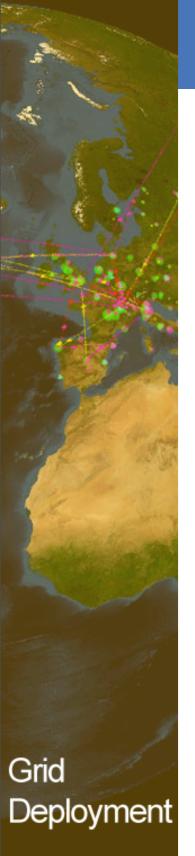




KOJI Components



- KOJI-HUB PYTHON xml-rpc
 - Interacts with database, the brain.
- KOJI Client very simple client.
 - Adding users, submitting builds.
- KOJI Web a client to koji-hub.
 - Visualization, Some admin, Some build resubmission.
- KOJID Ask koji-hub for work.
 - e.g Building an RPM or rebuilding a yum repo
- KOJIRA Clean up tasks.
 - Destroy redundant buildroots and repositories.
 - Ask koji-hub to rebuild new repositories as needed.







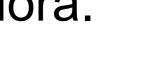
Metric	Value
Number of Users	9 (5 active)
Number of Hosts	1 for everything
Architectures	i386, x86_64
SRPM Names "N"	110, e.g gocdb-downtime
Unique Builds. "NVR"	356, e.g gocdb- downtime-0.1.el4
Build Success/Failed/ Cancelled*	262/18/4
Targets	SL4, 5 and FC10.



Why KOJI

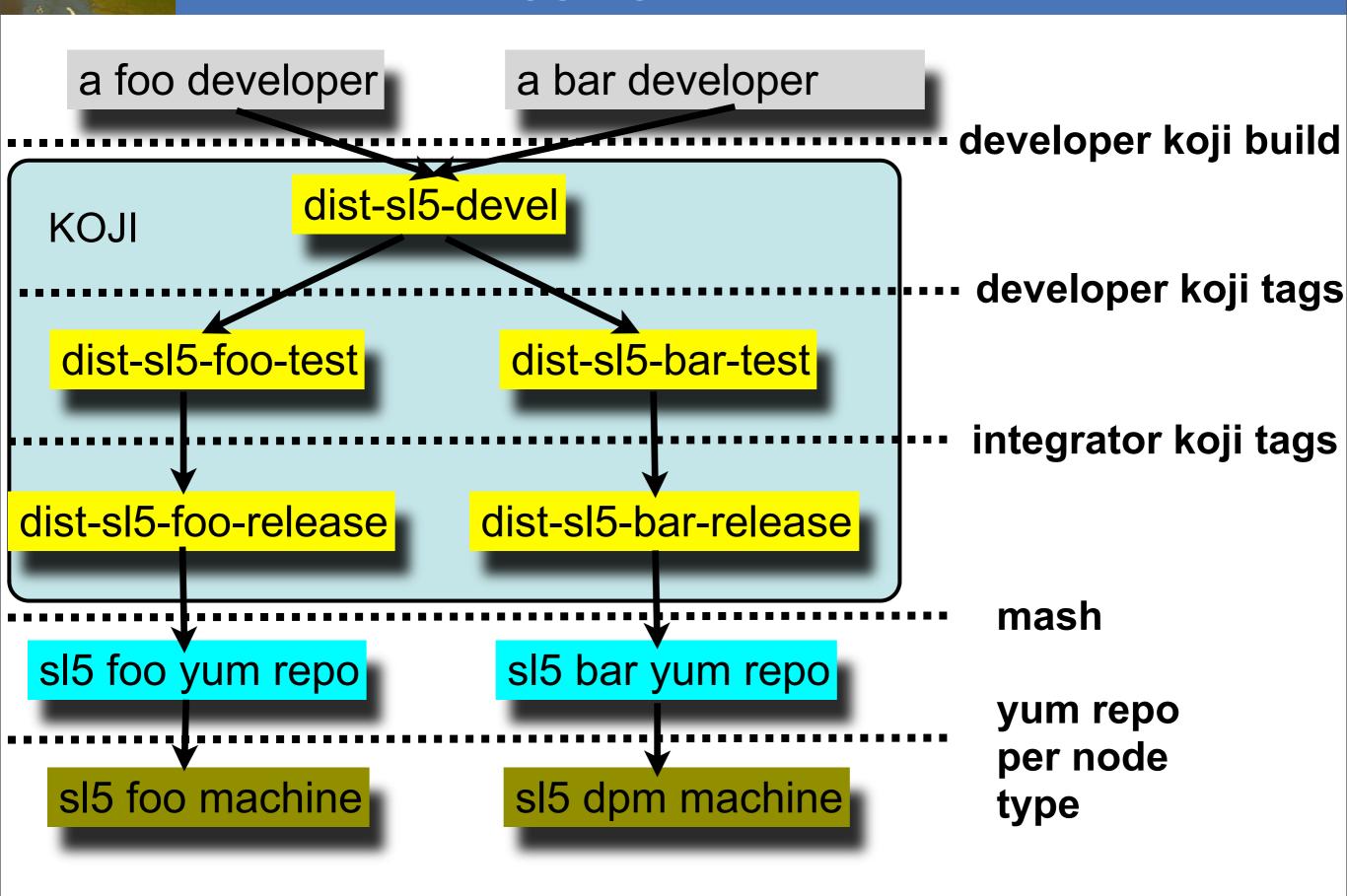


- KOJI supports X509 certificates.
 - We have a PKI infrastructure already.
- Previous process problems:
 - One build system from cvs to release.
 - Code modifications went back to the developer.
 The trigger in the system.
 - Even a rebuild against new lib.
- Use KOJI only for integration step.
- KOJI recently added support for external repos.
 - Done for the purposes of EPEL.
 - -We do exactly the same as EPEL.
- KOJI is used by an open project fedora.



Our KOJI Tagging Scheme











- Package signing.
 - -Koji supports signatures but not signing.
 - Something else does it but what?
- Debian .debs.
 - -We need to make them. Options:
 - Use pbuilder, debbootstrap, buildd,...
 - Add to koji, a good job for a summer student.
 - -Is it feasible, interest?
 - Use something else to koji.
- bhodi
 - -Should/could we use it?









- Software is landing in fedora from many directions.
 - Globus recently added by Mattias Ellert.
 - Redhat's MRG adding Condor.
 - -Sun's grid-engine now present.
- Its time the established grid software was added.
 - –CERN ran webservers for 5 years before one was added to Redhat. (I think)
 - 1989 -> 1994 (Redhat 4)?
 - (Of course CERN had the first one so not fair)
 - -It's time grid software was just part of the OS.
 - Contribution the name of game of course.







Questions and Links



Thank you, and Questions?

- CERN http://cern.ch/
- LHC Computing Grid http://cern.ch/lcg
- KOJI: http://skoji.cern.ch/koji
- Multi-level-monitoring

https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/EGEE/MultiLevelMonitoringOverview

 Mock/Koji/Mash presentation to CERN. http://indico.cern.ch/event/55091



