

Options for a Central CVS service at CERN. IT/PS/Unix Infrastructure.

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- Why do we need a central CVS service?.
- What are the user requirements?.
- What are NOT user requirements?.
- Constraints.
- Proposals.



- More than 30 CVS servers at CERN. 5 CVS services in IT.
- Managing a CVS service is a resource consuming activity.
- An IT request to rationalize CVS services.
- Triggered by Helge's presentation on Atlas' CVS Services
 http://wwwinfo/seminars/2001/2001-OtherFormats/t-011024.pdf
- Scope: A robust central CVS service (for IT and others).



Experts (thanks to):

- Helge Meinhard: Atlas CVS service. 21/1/2002.
- Gunter Folger: Geant 4 CVS service. 5/2/2002.
- Andreas Pfeiffer: Anaphe CVS service. 6/2/2002.
- W.Jank and H.-P. Wellisch: CMS CVS service. 8/2/2002
- Arash Khodabandeh: FrameWork CVS service.13/2/2002

• Sergei Sadilov: Bonsai interface to Geant 4 CVS service. 13/3/2002.

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User requirements (I):

- H.A. Downtime: Few hours/year, 0 for CMS.
- CVS locks monitoring.
- Over 100 repositories (CVSROOT's).
- Performance
- Access control: Kserver, Pserver* and SSH.
- Scalability: dynamically expandable.
- Manageability: Zero administration (other than Librarian)

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User requirements (II):

- No CVS repository data loss permitted.
- Easy migration of existing projects.
- Monitoring system <-> CNSURE
- Accessibility from both UNIX and Windows
- CVSWEB, Bonsai and tinderbox (Security holes, Development and Maintenance!!!)
 - Bugzilla and Ixr
 - Direct administration access (login) for Librarians

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User requirements (III):

- Project Management features:
 - Automated, versioned, WEB Documentation system
 Official and unofficial tagging
 Hierarchical Access Control Lists
 Associates Modules with Development tasks
 Standardization of directory structures for packages and projects
 Ensures uniqueness of package-names
 Lots of development behind these features.....

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Central CVS service WILL NOT provide:

• CVS client distribution on UNIX and Windows platforms at CERN. Strong dependency between CVS server and client software (not all versions are compatible). Use standard channels.

• Librarian duties for each development project:

Defines access rights for each developer in his/her project

Defines who can tag and who can check-in

Takes actions on CVS locks

....etc.

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- Hardware: 2 * (800MHZ Elonex PC + 3ware IDE)
- Performance and Reliability: Serious testing
- In production during the course of 2002
- Resources: 18 man-weeks (delivered by Philippe, Ignacio and I)



Objectives

Version Objectives	Description					
O1 SVC definiton	Take input and requirements for a central CVS service. Define service mapping requirements onto resources					
O2 Implementation	Implement the service validating the implementation on a small pilot.					
O3 Deployment	Put the CVS service in production					
	Milestones					

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Milestone	Description	Date planned	Date delivered	Delivery review by GL and DDL	Comments
M1	Requirements Presented	1 March			Post C5 presentation?
M2	Service definition presented	1 April			Post C5 presentation?
M3	Pilot implementation available for test	1 June			Some testers required
M4	Pilot implementation accepted	1 July			Somebody should do acceptance
M5	Service in production	15 July			

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Personnel (Staff, Fellows, Paid and Unpaid Associates, Technical and Doctoral Students)

			Year		Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		
				Alloc	Used	Estim	Actua I	Estim	Actua I	Estim	Actua I	Estim	Actua I
Activity Description	SPPA	Name	Grp	pers- week s									
Collect technical input		Manuel Guijarro	PS	1		1							
Collect requirements		Manuel Guijarro	PS	1		1							
Write service definition		Manuel Guijarro	PS	1		1							
Service Implementation		Manuel Guijarro	PS	4				4					
Pilot test and validation		Manuel Guijarro	PS	2				2					
Roll Out		Manuel Guijarro	PS	2						2			
CVS Consultancy		Philippe Defert	PS	5		2		3					
Project Support		Ignacio Reguero	PS	2		1		1					

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Implement all User Requirements?:

• All mentioned requirements will be assigned a given priority and cost following project constraints.

• Not everything will be implemented (at least initially).



Proposal I: Hot Spare



Requires: Keeping up-to-date repository copy. Switch via a written procedure Advantages: Fastest Access, No AFS dependency, Hardware already available Disadvantages: Not Scalable, Manual Procedure to switch, Several Single points of failure, Disk controller failure=> Data loss, Disk Array Maintenance

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Proposal II: Cheap HA



Requires: Real Reliability Testing, ISS and impersonal AFS accounts (to protect).

Advantages: No single point of failure, Scalable, No human intervention, No DiskArray, High Manageability, Hardware already available

Disadvantages: AFS and DNS dependency (which is already the case for eveybody).

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Proposal III: Expensive HA



Requires: New Hardware and Clustering software

Advantages: No single point of failure, Scalable, No human intervention, High Manageability, No AFS dependency, CMS tested for CVS.

Disadvantages: DiskArray and Clustering Software administration, Expensive hardware and expensive Sun Maintenance cost.

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Other concerns:

- CVS Setup: locking policies and others
- CVSUPD: is it a real requirement?
- CVSWEB, Bonsai, etc.: to public WEB servers?