

SLAC to FSSC transition questions

This page is designed to be a place to post and answer questions related to the transition of operations from SLAC staff to the FSSC.

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There are a number of different types of permissions to consider. Access to the glast and glastraw accounts, i.e., login privilege, is granted by AFS groups. (See [AFS Group Structure and Ownership Hierarchy](#) for details). Currently, there are four individuals who can modify the 'login' privileges: richard, tonyj, dragon, heather. This list could potentially be expanded in the future.

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Partial answer from Brian on Slack relative to permissions: "I think you need to be added to the `gloonline` group" to access the directory

You do need to be a member of gloonline. There doesn't seem to be a web interface. Steve accesses it through an emacs plugin.

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Steve Tether updated the page we created to keep track of this ([ISOC SVN Repository Information](#)) with a lot of information. It's still partially incomplete but a lot closer.

Is responsibility for maintaining the Fermi LAT Portal and its associated Java web applications (<http://glast-ground.slac.stanford.edu>) moving the FSSC as well or is that staying at SLAC?

Partial answer from Brian (definitive answer still needed):

For the web applications, I think we are having a discussion about that, but in general they stay at SLAC because they rely on Oracle. I think we're still going to try to figure out how support for them will work.

Some of the applications are used by other experiments, so we are still maintaining those (and will have to keep maintaining them)

Is there any documentation on what the SLAC computing center is looking at for containers going forward? There was some talk about it at the software week and IIRC it wasn't docker. I'd like to start getting tied into their plans for the future of the pipeline.

The technology to be used is Singularity. Still need documentation on the plans.

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No. Tom Glanzman

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After a few hours. It does typically depend on the job but if a job is not making any progress after an hour or so, it's probably hung. This is not really documented anywhere.

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I think at least the how to open and close hosts is documented somewhere here in confluence, need to find it and link it in. Need answers on determining when to do so.

Answered Questions

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Done, Tom is regularly monitoring the pipeline and will be training Don and Joe E.

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http://www.slac.stanford.edu/exp/glast/wb/prod/IA_II_instrAnalysis_Home.htm

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The bstop and bresume command are used to pause and resume jobs respectively. They require the jobID value of the batch job to run.

You need to be logged in as the pipeline user (glastraw) in order to execute the commands.

You can run on multiple batch jobs at a time with a command similar to:

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bresume `bjobs -u glastraw -q medium | awk '/USUSP/{print $1}' | head -100`
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which would select jobs from user glastraw in the medium queue that have the state USUSP and list out the first 100 jobID values to be submitted to bresume.

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No.