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# perfSONAR

## Measurement Mesh Workshop

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## Why Performance Measurements?

- Consistent behaviour in performance requires correctness
- Correctness requires the ability to find and fix problems
  - You can't fix what you can't find
  - You can't find what you can't see
- **perfSONAR lets you see the performance of your network**
- Fix problems in your infrastructure
- Prove to other that your infrastructure is behaving well
  - Many players in an end to end path
  - Ability to show correct behaviour aids in problem localisation

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## What is perfSONAR?

- perfSONAR is a tool to:
  - set network performance expectations
  - find network problems (*soft failures*)
  - help fix these problems
  - all in a multi-domain environment
- Standard way to publish network monitoring and performance data:
  - Your node can be public, like many (~2000) around the world
  - You can make measurements towards any public node
  - Service Directory: <http://stats.es.net/ServicesDirectory/>

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# perfSONAR components

- Measurement tools, providing the data
- Archives, receiving and storing the data
- Middleware and scheduler: orchestrating and passing the data around
- Presentation and visualisation tools
- Administration tools

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# perfSONAR bundles

- Different ways to install perfSONAR
- Full toolkit install:
  - standalone and versatile
  - need a dedicated and powerful enough machine
- Bundles of components (more flexibility)
  - testpoint: make measurements
  - central server: organise, store and present measurements
  - toolkit: the toolkit, managed your way

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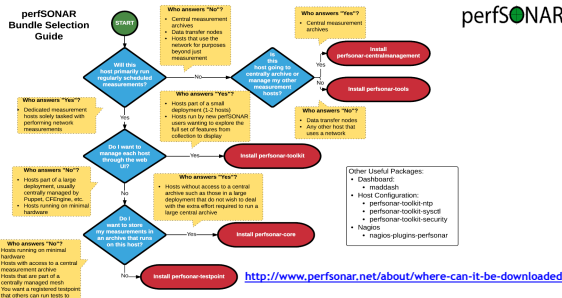
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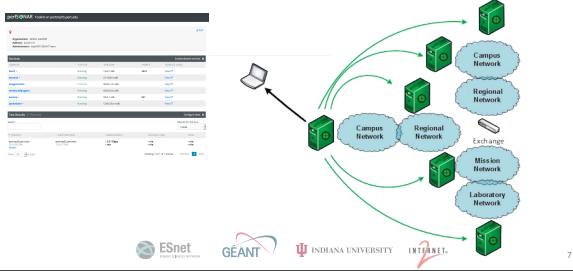
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# Performance Island

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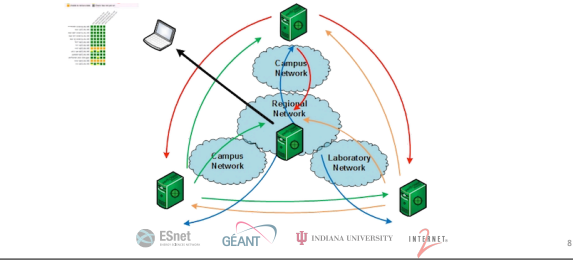
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# Performance Coordination

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# Importance of Regular Testing

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- We can't wait for user to report problem, soft failures can go unseen for years!
- Things just break sometimes:
  - failing optics
  - broken fibers
  - hardware goes bad
- Problems that get fixed have a way of coming back
  - system defaults, restoring of old configurations
  - new people don't know history of problems and corrections
- Important to continually collect, archive and alert on measurements. See trends

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DOGBERT CONSULTS  
YOU NEED A DASHBOARD APPLICATION TO TRACK YOUR KEY METRICS.

THAT'S WHY YOU'LL HAVE MORE DATA TO IGNORE WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR DECISIONS BASED ON COMPANY POLITICS.

WILL THE DATA BE ACCURATE?  
OKAY, LET'S PRETEND THAT MATTERS.

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## Workshop Objectives

- Being able to deploy a central perfSONAR server (Archive and Dashboard) for a set of preconfigured perfSONAR clients.
- Doing a deployment similar to what we've done in the *perfoSONAR on Small Devices in GEANT* project.

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## Workshop context and ... warning

- We will be working with perfSONAR 4.0-RC
- Release Candidate, still some rough edges
  - Final release expected early December ... or January
- Deployed in a lab environment, which is not what perfSONAR is at ease with
- The most important are the concepts
- Better that then a workshop on an outdated version of perfSONAR

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# Workshop Lab Setup

- Private network (OpenStack based, private address space)
- 4 *Global/ Common* Measurement Points (MP)
- Group of 2:
  - 1 Measurement Point (toolkit bundle install)
  - 1 Central Server (centralmanagement bundle)
- Building a mesh of 5 MP

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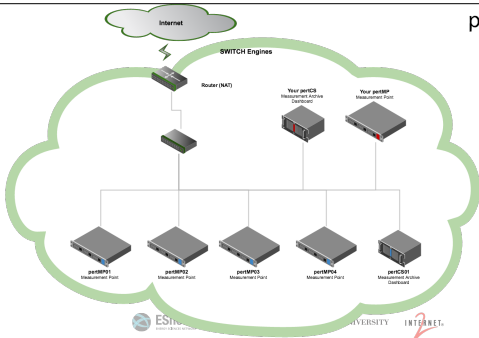
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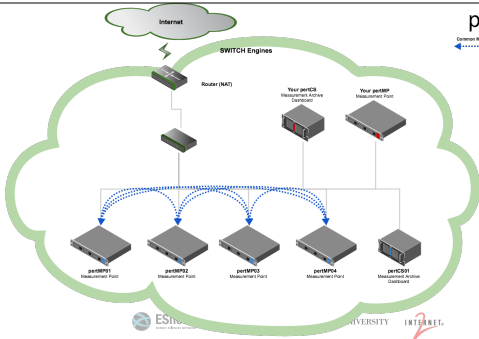
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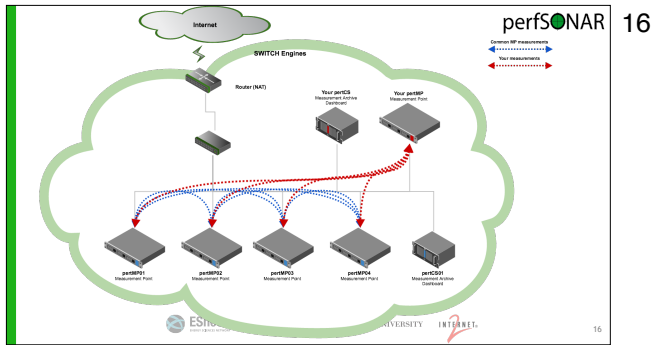
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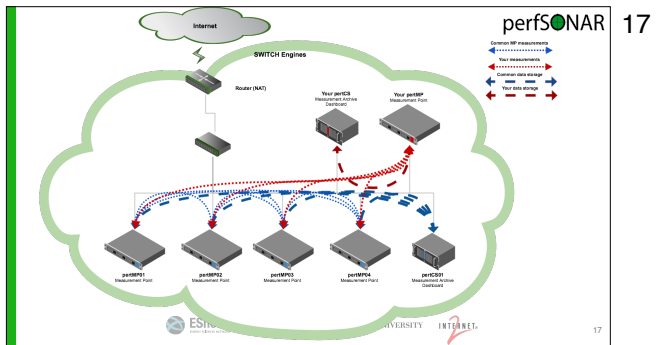
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## Hands-On: Central MA

- Central Measurement Archive (MA)
  - esmond
  - part of the perfsonar-centralmanagement bundle
- What we'll do:
  - Configure repository
  - Install software bundle
  - Configure esmond
  - Look at log files
- Wiki for commands: <https://wiki.geant.org/display/gn42na1/During+the+training#Duringthetraining-CentralMeasurementArchive>

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## Central MA: Commands

```
rpm -hUv http://software.internet2.edu/rpms/el6/x86_64/main/RPMS/Internet2-
repo-0.6-1.noarch.rpm
rpm -hUv https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/6/x86_64/epel-release-6-8.noarch.rpm
yum install perfsonar-centralmanagement
# Log files
tail /var/log/httpd/error_log
less /var/log/esmond/esmond.log
ps aux | grep httpd
ps aux | grep cassandra
netstat -tunlep
```

## Hands-On: Sending data to MA

- Toolkit install
  - storage on local MA
  - authentication through API key (part of regular installation)
- Central Server
  - authentication through API key, must distribute key
  - authentication based on IP, must know the MP IP
- Workshop
  - IP based authentication setup
  - Wiki for commands: <https://wiki.geant.org/display/gn42na1/During+the+training#Duringthetraining-IPAuthentication>

## MA Config: Commands

```
cd /usr/lib/esmond
source /opt/rh/python27/enable
/opt/rh/python27/root/usr/bin/virtualenv --prompt="(esmond)" .
. bin/activate
python esmond/manage.py add_user_ip_address example_user 10.0.172.1
python esmond/manage.py add_user_ip_address another_example_user
10.0.182.1/24
```

## Hands-On: MaDDash

- Already installed (part of perfsonar-centralmanagement bundle)
- Configuring web interface (YAML format)
  - default dashboard, multiple dashboards
  - external menu, grid colours and sizes
  - welcome/redirect page
- Look at MaDDash report (on your mesh) and log files
- See wiki: <https://wiki.geant.org/display/gn42na1/During+the+training#Duringthetraining-Dashboardsetup>
- Example: <https://percs01.switch.ch/maddash-webui/>

## MaDDash Config: Commands

```
cd /etc/maddash/maddash-webui
# Compare config.json and config.example.json
vi config.json
# Reload http://percsXY.switch.ch/maddash-webui/etc/config.json
# Add a redirect in /var/www/html/index.html
# Running processes
ps aux | grep maddash
ps aux | grep httpd
# Log files
tail /var/log/httpd/access_log
/etc/init.d/maddash-server start|stop|restart
```