

NFS servers

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NFS servers overview

- Ten servers
 - One hosts the „home“ storage
 - Daily backups (except for the second day of given month)
 - VM based hosted on the enterprise storage array
 - Active Quotas 3GiB soft, 4GiB hard, one wee grace
 - Two for all users*
 - 28TiB and 91TiB
 - Planned upgrade of capacity to ~220%
 - Rest is astroparticle reserved*

* These are **NOT** backed

NFS service problems

- Servers are optimized for bulk transfers of big files
 - magnitude of gigabytes and larger
 - Small IO operations have huge overhead
 - Please try to avoid:
 - Direct IO from nfs in jobs
 - Cloning of whole git repositories (shallow clone should help)
 - Any other unnecessary IO
- Avoid running of 100+ jobs requiring data from one server
 - Limiting of running jobs on next slide



NFS concurrency limits

You can limit number of concurrently running jobs for single nfs

`concurrency_limits` condor expression:

Format is following:

```
`concurrency_limits = <nfsID>:<divisor>`
```

Example:

```
`concurrency_limits = nfs19:4`
```

Explanation:

Limit these jobs to $\frac{1}{4}$ of my running jobs limit for server nfs19

Limit is $\frac{\text{UserJobLimit}}{\text{divisor}}$

See the FAQ for more details

NFS discussion and future

- Moving to the transfer input, output files mechanics form cond
 - Unmounting of the nfs servers from worker nodes
 - More control and abuse prevention
- Distributed storage (possibly CEPH)
- Quotas?
- Upgrades and financing
- Hosting and purchases of new hardware

**Thank you for
your attention**



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