The EuroStore Project – Results and Deployment @ DESY

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Overview

- The EuroStore Project
 - and Results
- The Model (@ DESY)
- The Implementation (@ *DESY*)

The EuroStore Project

- Esprit Project (funded by EU)
- Started March 1st 1998 for 2 years (extended to July 2000)
- Organizational Structure
 - 4 Full Partners CERN(S), DESY(S), QSW(I), HCSA(I)
 - 3 Associate Partners TERA(S), HNMS(I), AMC(I)
 - Separated into *Development* and *End-user* partners
 - Development Tasks QSW, DESY
- GOAL
 - develop a compact and scalable high performance Storage System based on existing components and long term experience.

Work Structure

- Tasks separated into
 - Development
 - Parallel Filesystem (PFS) by QSW
 - Hierarchical Storage Manager (HSM) by DESY
 - Requirements/Evaluation & Tests
 - Prototype housing and tests by CERN
 - Tests by TERA, HNMS, AMC, HCSA
 - Commercialization/Market Survey
 - by QSW, HCSA

Development Tasks

- Parallel Filesytem (PFS) done by QSW, started with *background*
 - high performance parallel FS, running on single or multiple nodes
 - data distribution on several nodes and disks
 - UNIX System V layered FS
- HSM done by DESY, started from scratch
 - distributed network centric architecture (for scaling purposes)
 - service built out of distributed sub-services implemented as discrete process or thread
 - the *black hole* (and inverse) for all type of data, managing all tertiary storage components

Results (PFS Extensions)

- File migration (*transparent move data to/from HSM*)
- Global Lock Manager
- Performance (internal structure, Data Path)
- RMS Integration
- ELAN Integration (*ELAN based Kernel RPC*)
 - proprietary network, high bandwidth/low latency
- MPI/IO
- mmap support
- HSM aware Backup and Restore

Results (HSM)

- JAVA based (less than 5% in C)
- internal interface for easy adoption of new robotics & drives
- Small & Compact (Philosophy)
- Secure control and administration/monitoring connections
- Easy Admin JAVA/Applets or interactive *ssh*
- Scalable (*Mainframe to Laptop or many of these*)
- simple *PUT/GET* C based API (versatile

Applicability for DESY

- Need
 - natural cut between namespace and IO operations
 - single instance namespace service
 - Arbitrary number of IO agents
 - homogenous access profile from arbitrary number of heterogeneous client systems

Only HSM component of EuroStore

Base Model



Model



Implementation – *Nameservice*

- PNFS
 - maps pathname to opaque metadata (stored in DB)
 - introduced 1996
 - See
 - CHEP'97 (Berlin) Talk of P. Fuhrmann
 - http://watphrakeo.desy.de/pnfs
 - in production with OSM

Implementation – *DiskCache*

- Old idea evolving design
- Increase Demand @ DESY (OSM)
- Started Collaboration with FNAL in September 99
- See
 - Poster of P. Fuhrmann (at this conference)
 - http://wizard.desy.de

Implementation – *HSM*

- EuroStore HSM Prototype as *Base*
 - continue Development efforts in EuroStore II (proposed follow-on Project)
 - Hints
 - SAN Integration
 - More Platforms (Linux)
 - etc.

