OSG 3.5 EOL Update

(Also, Token Transition Updates)



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Reminder / Setting the Scene

We are in the process of retiring (end-of-life; EOL) the OSG 3.5 release series.

- The biggest notable change OSG 3.5 = > 3.6 is the removal of the Grid Community Toolkit.
 - That's not the only change! We also are ending direct OSG support for HDFS (ending a \sim 13-year run!).
- The OSG 3.5 EOL is a major step on the token transition path.
 - The token transition provides us with a different philosophy around authorization for grid services (capability-based instead of identity-based).
 - In its totality, the token transition is likely to last through 2025.



Updates since we last discussed

The original EOL date was 1 March. As sent to the OSG Council mail list, we extended this to 1 May. Two driving concerns:

- Provide CERN with additional time to improve reliability of its token issuers.
 - **Update**: Temporarily extending the lifetime of the tokens to allow survival of "3 day weekend" outages.
 - IAM improvements are on a longer timescale. ~May, the service will go "8 / 7", meaning someone will be able to handle emergencies during the CERN day on weekends. Goal: 12 hour tokens in May.
 - Later 2022, will get closer to 24/7, allowing us to reduce token lifetimes to prior goal (<6 hours).
 - It's a security tradeoff that no one is particularly happy about. It's a pragmatic consideration to minimize changes during LHC Run3.



Updates since we last discussed

- 2. Deploy a new version of XRootD with new features restoring functionality provided by Globus (LCMAPS).
 - New features are merged in the XRootD codebase.
 - X Unfortunately, the first release candidate of XRootD 5.5.0 is now not expected until May. Historically, XRootD releases can take 1-3 months from first RC.
 - We have backported the patches to XRootD 5.4.2 and are testing at Nebraska. All seems well so far...
 - We strongly dislike carrying complex patches but are willing to do this in order to keep with the May deadline.
 - Looking for input from stakeholders. Goal is to resolve this one-way-or-the-other by 1 April (or sooner!).

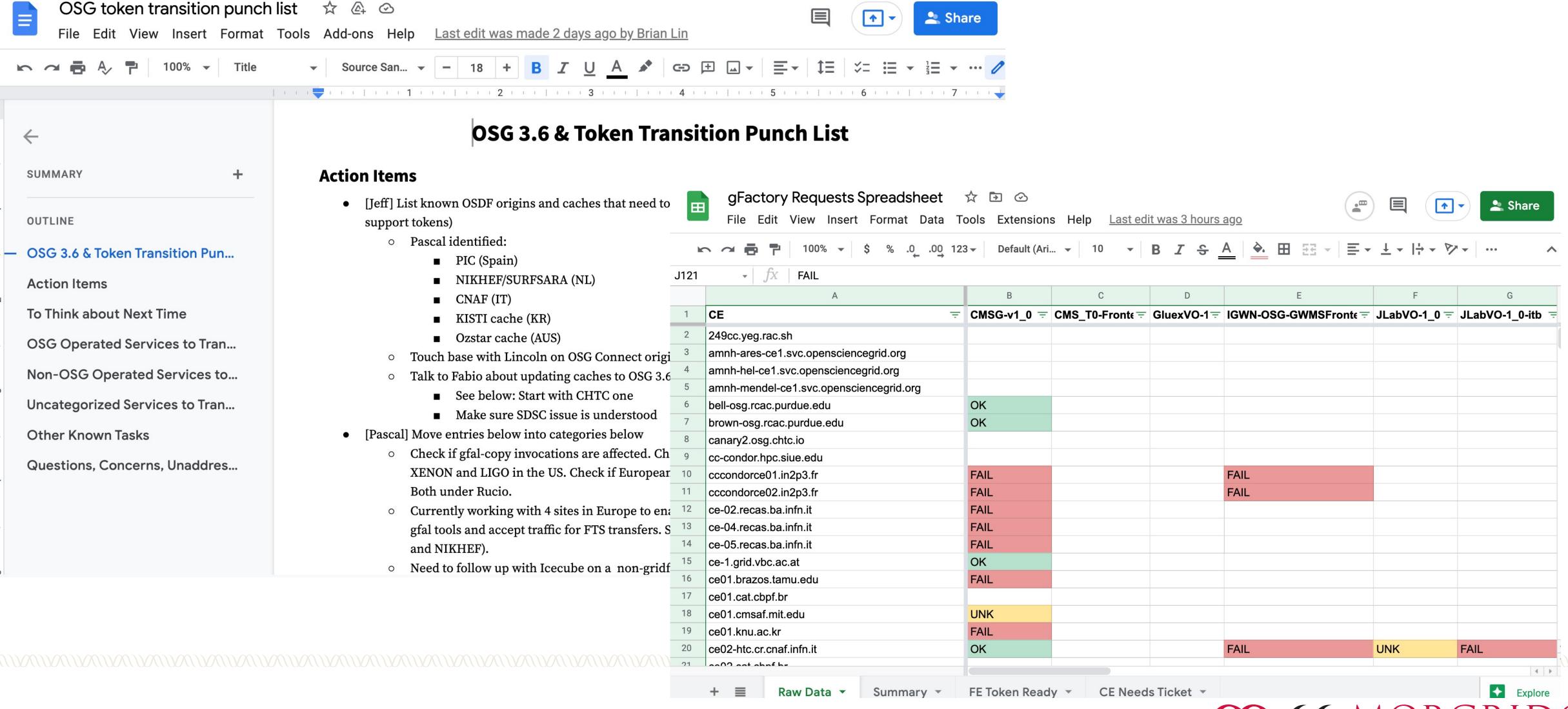
Process Improvements

We have instituted a weekly internal meeting to discuss progress against the OSG 3.5 EOL goals.

- Involves the ED, Deputy ED and the Software, Collaborations, and Operations area coordinators.
- This has provided a cross-cutting opportunity for area coordinators to bring up potential blockers.
- Tried to provide a 'checklist' / 'burndown' of the remaining items so the ET can better digest progress.



Examples





Recent Achievements

- Almost all active organizations have provided a token issuer (notable missing items next slide).
- ATLAS has given USATLAS sites the greenlight to upgrade to OSG 3.6.
 - ATLAS previously gave the greenlight to sites that they could retire GridFTP endpoints if desired.
- CMS has started filing tickets against any US site whose CE isn't accepting tokens. Issues are being quickly resolved.
 - No greenlight for GridFTP retirement. Still a few sites (Vanderbilt, CERN EOSBOX, FNAL LPC) without HTTP-TPC.
 - Greenlight for OSG 3.6 on CEs is expected in a week or two.
- ~70% of OSPool CEs now accept tokens.
- All glideinWMS frontends operated by PATh have a token issuer defined; all but one are testing with tokens.



Areas of Concern

Things to worry about:

- XRootD functionality items mentioned before.
- Belle2 has had little / no engagement with the OSG teams, even after the deadline extension.
- Can CMS finish its GridFTP migration in time?
 - Sites may try to run OSG 3.5 until the first major support / security issue then need to cut off GridFTP very quickly.
- Heard very little from the FNAL experiments on their progress.
 - Would like to see more production pilots submitted with tokens!



Will we make it?

- The two major reasons for the extension in January now have a path forward to solution.
- We have two strong external reasons for avoiding further extensions:
 - As LHC Run3 is starting, the USLHC community wants to avoid mid-year disruptions.
 - Parochially, this is a major milestone for the IRIS-HEP / OSG-LHC team and I'd love to have this "checked off" before our May review.
- Based on current pace of improvement, feel confident the current date will stick.





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