

Computing at MPI

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Personell C/N Group

Head of group: Leupold, U.

	Linux	MS	SW	LAN	HW	Pr	Grid
Leupold, U.	x	x	x	x	x		
Kriesel, A.	x(reg.)				x	x	
Kraemer, M.				x			
Pan, Y.	(x)	x					
Salihagic, D.	x		x				x
Vidal, M.	x(AIX)		x		x		
Krebs, K.				x			

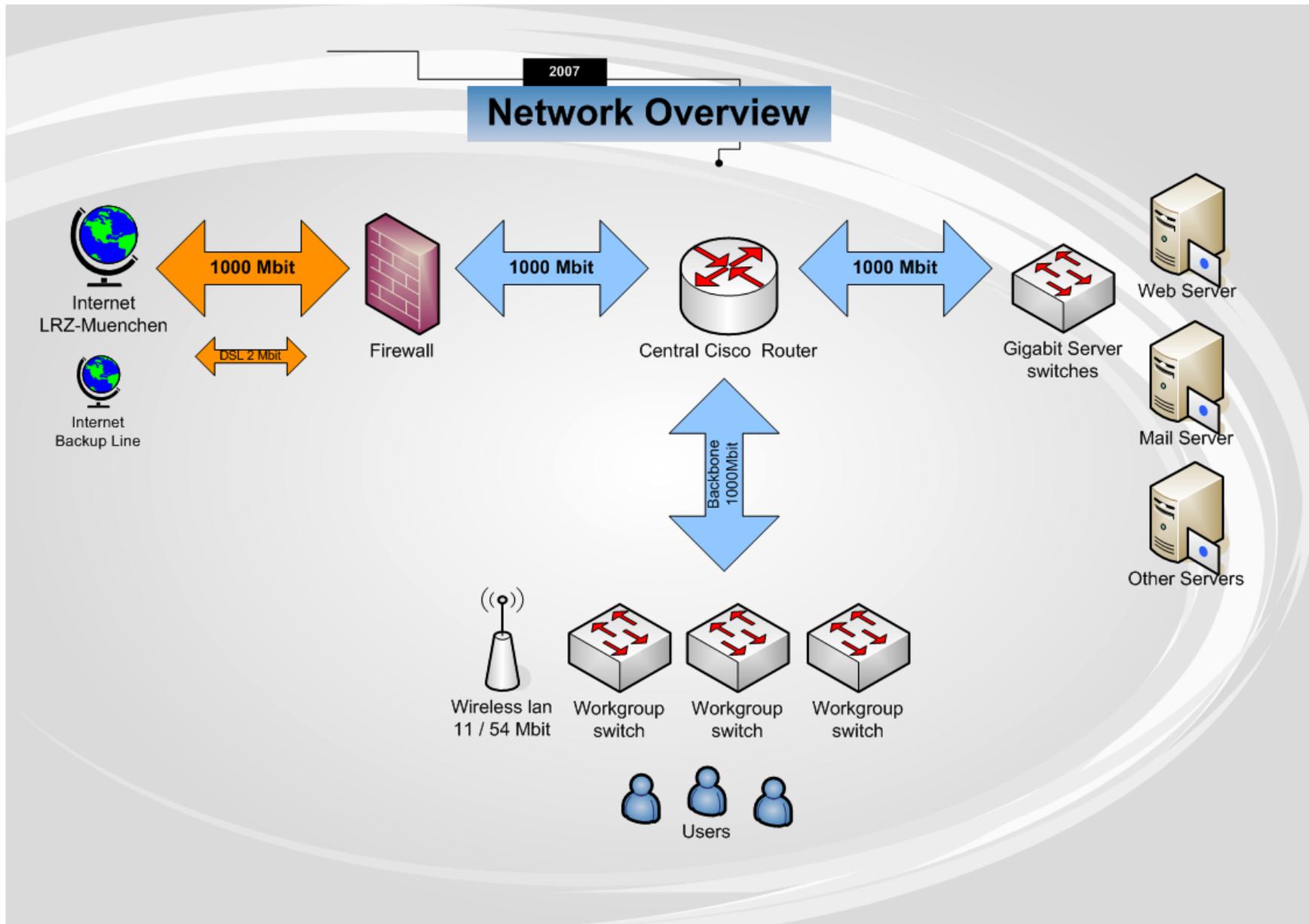
Hardware Overview

- Central servers
 - batch farm (15 dual CPU servers), condor
 - 18 file servers with 38 TB
 - mail, web, DNS, accounts, backup
- Experimental and engineering groups
 - > 300 PCs, 2/3 Linux, 1/3 MS, Intel and AMD, partially condor
- Theory group
 - ~80 PCs (Linux), Intel and AMD, condor

Hardware News

- Homedirectory servers (ATLAS)
 - keep home directories on central nfs
- Oracle 10 Servers (MDT, cms)
 - database services
- Restructuring of central services
 - new racks, better cabling, partial server replacement

LAN



Software overview

- OS
 - Linux (MPI, Debian (ATLAS), peb (theory))
 - AIX (going fast), Solaris (Elektronik)
 - MacOSX, VMS without C/N support
 - MS Windows (Admin, Labs, h1win, thwin)
- Applications/libraries
 - Mathematica, Maple, Portland pgf compiler, IDL, NAG, Matlab (Theory); xlf on OSX (Exp.)
 - OSS in consultation with C/N group

MPI computing commission

- Subcommittee of IA
 - Members: Bethke, Hahn, Kluth, Leupold, Wagner, (Schieck), (Reimann)
- Mandate
 - oversight of C/N operations
 - medium- and longterm planning
- Please consult before buying hardware or requiring services

Rahmenverträge

- MPG joined procurement contracts for IT
 - Hardware, LAN, software, services
 - order without tendering procedure
 - competitive prices (still check F&L prices)
 - FSC, HP(LAN), Acer, IBM, Dell, ...
- Experience
 - Good for standard orders
 - Companies respond well

Current activities and plans

- Hardware replacements
 - new servers for mail, web, h1win, thwin, indico, backup
 - new WLAN access points (54 Mb/s)
 - begin replacement of 100 Mb/s edge switches
 - 2nd Oracle server ATLAS/MDT
- Software
 - Migrate ATLAS to Debian 4.0
 - ...

Computing at RZG

- MPP Linux cluster at RZG
 - 9 IBM BladeCenter, 126 servers
 - HS20 dual Xeon 3/3,2 Ghz, 4 GB RAM
 - HS21 dual Xeon quad-core, 16 GB RAM
 - ca. 60 TB Fileserver
 - SLES9, SGE, LCG3/glite, mr-afs, dcache
- New hardware for christmas
 - 4 BladeCenter with HS21
 - 14 storage server with 250 TB

Computing at RZG

- Operation
 - Main users ATLAS (WLCG), MAGIC
 - Open for all MPI groups (10% share)
- Usage
 - need RZG account (via web-form)
 - direct access e.g. “ssh s01.t2.rzg.mpg.de”
 - direct access to dcache storage

Computing at RZG Experience

- Hardware
 - CPU Server: no failures
 - Fileserver: stable this year (all disks replaced)
- Software
 - install dcache (ATLAS/glite/LCG)
- Operation
 - usually efficient, 5x8 support
 - support@rzg.mpg.de

Computing at RZG

- Major expansion ongoing
 - ATLAS Tier-2/3 and MDT calibration centre
 - MAGIC analysis centre
 - Other MPI groups?
- Other tasks possible at RZG
 - AIX (xlf)
 - Parallel computing