Supporting Big Data experiments on Grid'5000

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Several use cases

Object/Block storage consumer

 Alice would like to deploy a Cloud, and use an object store for VM images, without having to care about the technical details.
Best-effort performance is enough.

File-based storage consumer

 Bob would like to test his image-processing application on large datasets, hosted on a POSIX-like filesystem (his application does not support any other data access). Best-effort performance is enough.

Home-made storage framework experimenter

 Carol developed her own storage system and would like to evaluate its performance. Of course, stable performance of the underlying components is critical for reproducibility.

Standard but customized storage framework experimenter

 Dave would like to experiment (measure stuff) with a customized version of Ceph or Hadoop or Spark. Again, stable performance is critical for reproductibility.

Tentative requirements & current status

Object/Block storage consumer

- Managed (permanent) object/block store
- (or dedicated object/block store on reserved nodes)

File-based storage consumer

- Managed (permanent) POSIX-like distributed/network filesystem
- (or dedicated distributed filesystem on reserved nodes)
- Home-made storage framework experimenter
 - Nodes with many disks (SSDs, HDDs)
 - Managed (permanent) storage to keep data between experiments
 - Tool for efficient data import (managed storage → reserved nodes)
 - ★ Or disks reserved on nodes, invisible to other users?

Standard but customized storage framework experimenter

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- Tools that help with the setup of common Big Data frameworks on reserved nodes

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