Experiment Data Management
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GEFI workshop 2018
Motivations

- **Do the right thing:**
  - Proper sharing of research artifacts is a requirement for reproducibility
    - Details of SuT
    - Experiment orchestration code
    - Input & output data

- **Hype around Open Science**
  - Publications of course, but also data

- **Policies**
  - Requirements for Data Management Plans
  - *Generated data volume* as a metric for the usefulness of RIs
Requirements

- Storing data *during* experiments ~ usually on nodes
- Storing data *between* experiments
- Archiving data after experiments
  - With a stable reference (DOI)
  - On the very long-term
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Storage:

- ChameleonCloud: Swift-based object store
- Emulab: per-project NFS dir (no quotas on Virtual Wall, 100 GB on CloudLab)
- Grid’5000:
  - NFS directory per user (now with more security)
  - Disk reservation
Disk reservation on Grid’5000

Target experiments:
- Evaluation/use of Big Data solutions

Problem:
- Moving data to/from nodes is time-consuming
- Amplified by our short reservation policy (one night / one week-end)

Solution:
- Make it possible to leave data on nodes (using additional disks)
- Implemented by enabling/disabled disks in the RAID controller based on who reserved the node
  - Disks are not visible by other users

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