

A gridified version of rsync

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Impact

This talk is of interest for server administrators that need to upload or replicate data to “the grid”.

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This ‘rsync-for-the-grid’ uses SSHFS to list the data on the remote server. This listing is compared against a shadow file system, which reflects the data stored on the grid. If files on the SSHFS system have been updated (or are new) then they are automatically uploaded to a storage element (SE) at Nikhef.

In this talk we will show how this ‘rsync-to-the-grid’ system works and how it can be applied to other projects as well.

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