Research Computing Advisory Committee

Minutes Sep 14, 2015 (taken by Erik Deumens)

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Updates

- HiPerGator 2.0 was delivered during the week of Sept 8 and is being assembled during the week of Sept 14. The systems is big: It has a total of 24 racks.
- The FISMA moderate environment is operating since June 30; work is still being done to complete all tasks by Sep. 30.
- GatorVault is a HIPAA compliant environment and will be ready Sep 30.
- The Department of Defense has categorized controlled unclassified information (CUI), governed by the International Trade of Arms Regulation (ITAR) to have confidentiality rating of at least moderate.
- Regulatory compliance for data associated with research and contracts will grow more complex in the coming years. The Office of Research and UFIT Research Computing are trying to build an environment that is secure and scalable for researcher to work in when dealing with data that falls under one of many regulatory requirements.

Discussion

The chair received a document with request for comment to start a University-wide discussion on the development of best practices and policies for managing and working with data. There is increasing pressure from funding agencies to adhere to standards with regards to data management. To be prepared when these turn into requirements, the University will try to develop a comprehensive framework, including best practices, infrastructure, and policies.

Organization

Next meeting will be on Monday October 5, 2015 at the usual location in NPB 2205 from 1:30 – 2:30 pm.