

Diagnostic Tool Brainstorming

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- Work out the functional interface to Diagnostic Tool (i.e. it's UI)
- Have to think in terms of how a user will interact with tool
- User's interactions with tool:
 - request entry
 - request submission
 - result display
 - result analysis
 - save and load request/results/analysis
 - anything else?
- We have to decide
 - what each of these consist of
 - which of these we should implement
 - do these impose more requirements on NPM Mediator?



- Examples of current tools
- Discuss users interactions
 - request entry
 - request submission
 - result display
 - result analysis
 - save and load request/results/analysis
 - anything else?

Decide on interaction format and scope for MJRA4.6

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Choose times and hosts and submit request





Request Input

- What is this?
 - the components of a request
 - how the components are entered by a user

Components

- source/destination
- characteristic & parameters
- statistic
- timeframe
- number of results required
- anything else?



Request Input: src/dest

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- What is the form of these?
 - IPv4, IPv6
 - host name
 - router name
 - compute element name
 - storage element name
 - measurement point name
 - above + port
 - other choice?
 - all of the above?
- How does the user enter source/destination?
 - type it in
 - predefined list
 - graphical topology map
 - other choice?
 - all of the above?



- Characteristics and parameters
 - should user only be given to option of characteristics/parameters available depending on source/destination?
 - should users be able to enter all parameters specified in NM-WG v1?



Request Input: statistics

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- Which to support?
 - raw
 - min
 - mean
 - median
 - max
 - standard deviation
 - percentile
 - confidence



- How to specify timeframe?
 - target time, -ve tolerance, +ve tolerance (NM-WG)
 - will this make sense to user?
 - start date, end date
 - give user some predefined timeframes?
- Number of results
 - allow user to limit number of results? (NM-WG max results)
 - if limiting number of results should results:
 - group around target time
 - be spread out uniformly over time period



Request Submission

- Simple?
 - "Execute" button!
 - should the user be allowed to submit more than one request at a time?
- Performance?
 - how long will a user be willing to wait?



Result Display

How should results be displayed to users?

- text
 - tabular
- graphically
 - line graph
 - bar graph
 - other?
- switch between text and graphical
- show multiple results
 - graphically one or more on a single graph?



Result Analysis

- Do we need any client side analysis?
- If so, what?



Save and Load

- What is this?
 - allow user to save a query they do often, so they can reload and edit each time they use it
 - allow a user to save results for later analysis, or to allow them to input into another tool
 - allow a user to export analysis to use in a report
- Why do this?
 - ease of use for user
- Why not to do this?
 - it's not must have functionality



Anything Else?

Is there anything missing?



Conclusions

• Summary of what's been decided...