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Background

- SingAREN is Singapore's research and education network.
 - \rightarrow Incorporated in 2003 as a non-profit society
 - → Funded by members' subscriptions & NRF (National Research Foundation) project funding
- SingAREN advocates and champions advanced network applications and technology in Singapore
- Provides dedicated local & international networks for Singapore's research and education community



SingAREN Members

Government, Institutes, Industries

NP Nanyang Polytechnic











SingAREN Partners:

































SingAREN Lightwave Internet Exchange Topology

- SLIX1.0: 2013
- SLIX 2.0: 2019
- Dual Points-of-Presence (PoPs):
 - GlobalSwitch(SOE-1)
 - Equinix (SOE-2)
- Dual homing from SLIX partner nodes to SLIX PoPs
- Secondary DC at SLIX partner campus for intra-campus resilience
- Automatic failover arising from
 - PoP disruption
 - Link breakage



SingAREN Open Exchange – physical topology





International Connectivity

- Asia-Pacific Oceania Network
 (APOnet):
 - An MoU was signed on 15 Jun 21 with the 11-partner consortium for network resilience.





International Connectivity

- Extension of MoU for Asia-Pacific Europe Ring (AER)
 - 10-partner consortium for network resilience, consisting of 100G network ring between Europe and Asia
 - New partners: HARNET(Hong Kong) and KAUST (Saudi Arabia)









The EU co-funded Asi@Connect project provides a dedicated regional high capacity and high quality internet network, Trans Eurasia Information Network(TEIN), for Research and Education (R&E) communities across Asia-Pacific and Europe, and leverages e-infrastructures developed for public service projects.



(Map as at Dec 2020) Source: Asi@Connect website https://www.tein.asia

circumstances be regarded as reflecting the position of the European Union.

Possibilities with Asi@Connect





- Global wireless service for secure internet connectivity across eduroam-participating institutes, through the user's home institution account and password
- Worldwide federation of RADIUS servers that facilitates network access for roaming users - available in over 100 territories and 25,000 locations worldwide
- Service is available in institutes of higher learning and research institutes in Singapore



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SingAREN Services

Singapore Access Federation (SGAF)

- Federated Identity Management authentication and authorisation system based on SAML (Security Assertion Markup Language)
- Facilitates Single Sign-On for online services and applications
- Convenience of using user's home organization credentials
- Institutions connected to SGAF:
 - Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR)
 - National University of Singapore (NUS)
 - Nanyang Technological University (NTU)
 - Singapore Management University (SMU)
 - Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD)
 - Singapore Polytechnic (SP)
 - Temasek Polytechnic (TP)
- https://www.singaren.net.sg/SGAF-services.php



SingAREN Services

Singapore Access Federation (SGAF)





- Allows users to send large file attachments
- Up to 50GB per file
- Secure authenticated service

Single sign-on to NSCC facilities

SingAREN Services

Database Mirroring Service

- Enables high speed downloads of major scientific databases for Singapore's R&E community
- Relevant for users with frequent access to large overseas databases
- Examples of mirrored databases:
 - National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), U.S.
 - UCSC Human Genome Browser, U.S.
 - European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI)
 - GenomeNet, Japan
- For more information, please visit <u>https://www.singaren.net.sg/network-services/database-mirroring/</u>
- To access the service, please visit <u>ftp://dbmirror.singaren.net.sg/</u> sign



SINGAREN EVENTS



Inaugural SingAREN Virtual Roadshow: 21 May 2021

- Objectives
 - To engage the Research and Education community
 - Share case studies of benefits of connecting to SingAREN Open Exchange
 - To seek community inputs how SingAREN can enhance value to IHL/RIC institutional members in these areas:
 - Technology network infrastructure
 - Value-added services
 - Awareness building
- Keynote Speech by NUS Chief IT Officer, Ms. Tan Shui-Min
- Launch + Overview of SLIX 2.0
- Kickoff of Engagement Series with IHLs/RICs
- Over 40 participants from the community





Asi@Connect DTN Project: Training Workshops: APAN51 Meeting, 3 Feb 2021

- Organised as part of the "Large Data Transfer Infrastructure and Training for Asi@Connect" project, funded by EU and managed by TEIN*CC
- "Setting Up and Running a Globus DTN and perfSONAR Node" by Prannoy Sablok (SingAREN):
 - 42 attendees
- "Building a Computational Platform with Kubernetes" jointly conducted by Jordan Tan, Alex Neo, Chalermpol Charnsripinyo, Ridnarong Promya, and Napat Chuangchunsong (NTU, SingAREN and NECTEC, Thailand):
 - 58 attendees





Cybersecurity Webinar: Leveraging on Threat Intelligence to Protect Your Research and Proprietary Data, 20 Aug 2021



- Objective: To help participants gain a better understanding of how threat intelligence can be a tool in helping to safeguard their organisations' data
- Over 20 participants from the community
- Positive feedback:
 - Participants gained a better understanding of the importance of threat intelligence
 - Raised awareness levels on cyber threats

Cybersecurity Workshop: Safeguarding Your Networks Against Modern DDoS Attacks With Award-Winning Technology, 30 June 2022





SINGAREN ACTIVITIES WORKING WITH NSCC



High Speed Data Transfer



Gadi supercomputer NCI(AUS)











Access to Fugaku

- Users in Singapore, have access to 2nd TOP500 supercomputer.
- The path from Singapore to Fugaku supercomputer, at RIKEN in Japan, is via the international links set-up by SingAREN and its partners.





Data Mover Challenge 2021 – Organised by NSCC

- SingAREN is a supporting partner for the Data Mover Challenge 2021 (DMC21) event, together with other international R&E network partners.
 - Objective: challenge international teams to come up with the most advanced and innovative solutions for data transfer across servers located in various countries, connected by 100Gbps international research and education networks.



Image credit: https://www.nscc.sg/data-mover-challenge-2021/



NSCC and SingAREN

- SingAREN work closely with NSCC to support its network needs.
 - Local connectivity: Dark fiber support for NTU, NUS, A*STAR, etc
 - International connectivity: USA, Europe, Oceania, Asia.
 - PoC: QKD testing, Science DMZ, etc..









THANK YOU



Q&A

