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Report on PCaPAC 2010

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PCaPAC 2010

- Held from October 5-8, 2010 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.
- 1 Day of workshops and 3 days of plenary sessions and poster sessions.
- Workshops not handled by SPMS

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- SPMS Setup as per documentation/help from others.
- Takes much getting used to where everything is and what it does.
- Much thanks to Matt and Martin for their invaluable assistance.

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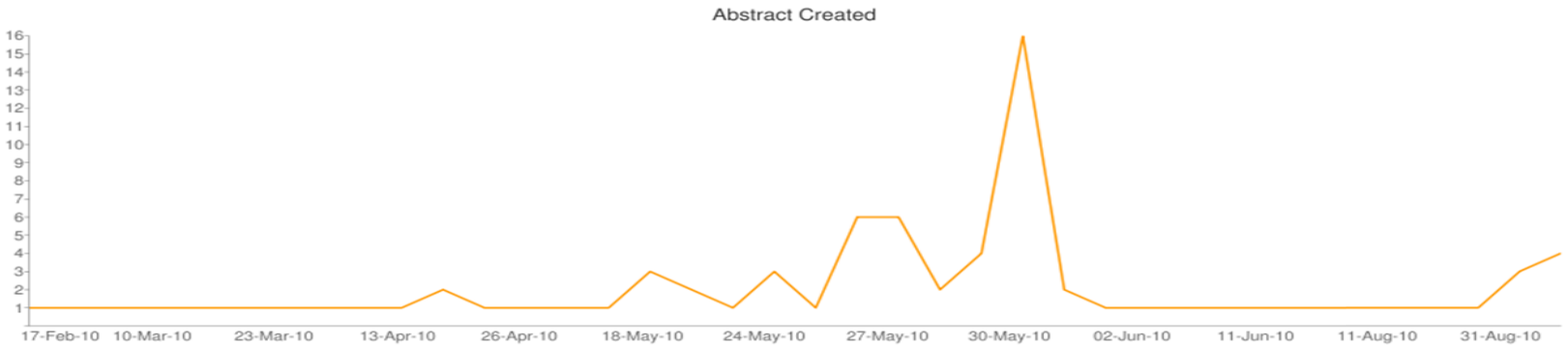
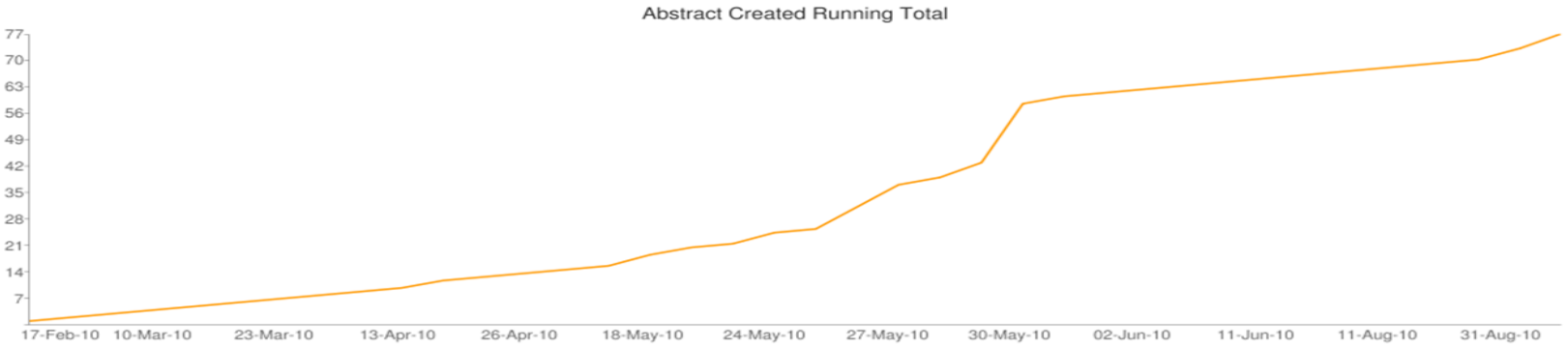
- File Server - set up Nov 2009.
- Used Scientific Linux 5.3 on a virtual machine.
- Set up as per instructions on JACoW site
- Perl Scripts ver 3 installed.
- Very easy to install and configure – all due to excellent documentation.
- Connected to SPMS database with no problems.

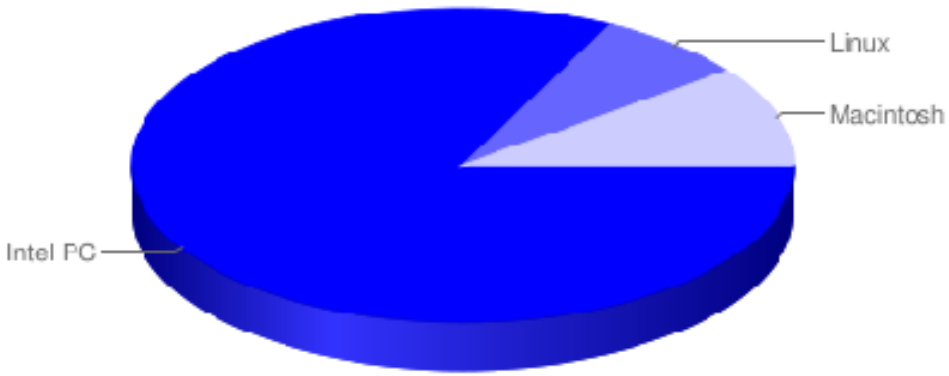
- Abstract submission
  - Presented few problems. Most authors were already familiar with procedure.





- Abstract Booklet
  - Created in house by CLS due to time constraints.
  - Created in 1.5 hours.
  - 4 man-hours to print/staple and fold 150 Booklets.
  - Abstract/author list taken from SPMS Data extract and copy/pasted into Word Doc.

- Paper submission
  - Presented few problems. Most authors were already familiar with procedure and how to write papers.
  - Many used the templates correctly.
  - Those who did not use them correctly did not 'copy/paste special'.



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- Hotel/Delegate Registration
  - Handled by a contracted company due to difficulty in setting up payment procedure at the CLS.
  - 115 Delegates from 14 countries.
  - 4 major sponsors and 6 exhibitors.

- Editor Computer setup
  - Very easy using the documentation on the JACoW site.

- Editor Computer setup
  - 8 identical Dell laptops with XP and Acrobat 7 etc.
    - 2 for editors
    - 1 for authors
    - 1 for Dot board
    - 1 for presentations
    - 3 as spares
  - 1 color Dell Laser printer (no postscript problems!)
  - Gigabit network/wireless dedicated to editors
  - Delegates used hotel Wireless

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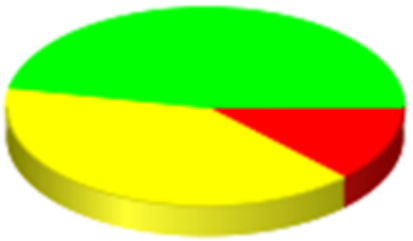
- Paper Processing
  - 40% done before the conference started.
  - 100% done by end of conference.
  - One ‘RED’ paper was never resubmitted so only Oral presentation published.
  - 69 papers
  - 45 posters
  - 34 talks

Initial Paper Status		
Red	10	12.66 %
Yellow	32	40.51 %
Green	37	46.84 %



- Slide Processing (into PDF)
  - 70% done by end of conference and 100% 2 days later.
  - Fairly easy once we downloaded the Split Animations file – Thanks Raphael and Michaela!

- Presentation Management
  - Short of staff so I had to do it - really slowed down the paper processing.
  - Only one venue so easy to setup and load PPT files.
  - Found Presentation Management very, very useful . . . Thank you !
  - 5% of users used own laptop due to demo software and web server being on own laptop.

- Running the scripts
  - Started by using SCS2007 because that was on the documentation on the JACoW Site. Later switched to SCS2009 after Maria remembered seeing it available (also on the JACoW site).
  - Papers would not download – needed ver 4 of Perl scripts on file server instead of ver 3.
  - Steep learning curve but went fairly well with the excellent support provided by Volker.

- Problems
  - Internet – slow connection first 2 1/2 days
  - Downloading files (0 byte file length) – needed ver 4 of Perl scripts on file server instead of ver 3.
  - Authors not being able to upload PPT after paper made green.
  - Authors not uploading files for processing.
  - Lack of manpower (for presentation management).
  - Did not make sure paper length was correct (my fault).

- Other Notes
  - Documentation needed was sometimes difficult to find. Once I found it, I generally found it to be quite good. Suggest organizing the info into a task list of things to be done in order of sequence.
    - Setting Up SPMS database server (if needed)
      - Setting up SPMS
        - » Hotel
    - Setting up your local file server (needed for logo, dots)
      - OS Requirements
      - Installing Perl Scripts

      Etc, Etc, Etc

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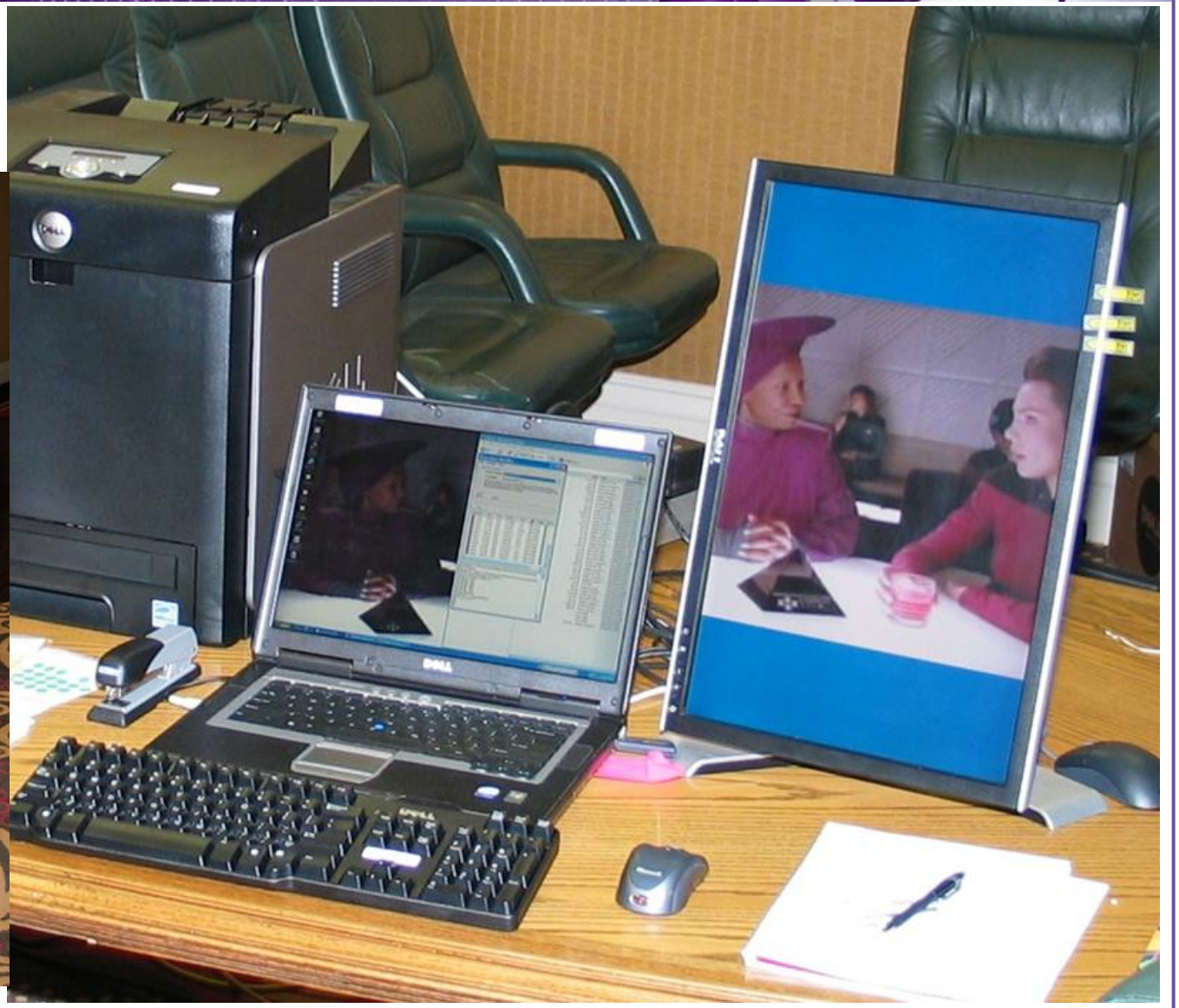
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