The periodic data deletion policy of MDAS

Dear users,

Thank you for using the Multi-wavelength Data Analysis System (MDAS).

We start the periodic data deletion from the maintenance of October 2019 because the usage rate of working disk space in MDAS is increasing. Please note that the periodic data deletion policy is different from the previous system.

0. The periodic maintenance is performed once every 3 months in the present system.

The maintenance days are the third Monday of January, April, July and October, although the schedule may be changed due to Japanese holiday. We announce the decided schedule one month before the maintenance day.

- Target partitions to be deleted: Partitions of usage rate over 90% (/lfs[01-16], /wk[m,h]*) Data deletion is not executed for partitions with a usage rate of less than 90%. We will announce the current status of all disk usage one month before the maintenance. The partitions of extremely high usage rate are reported as they occur.
- 2. Target data to be deleted: Files older than 12 months from the time stamp (ctime) This policy is the same for both /lfs[01-16] and /wk[m,h*]. The "ctime" can be confirmed with "ls -cl" command. The "ctime" is the time of last modification of file status information.
- 3. Decision of target partitions: 2 weeks before the deletion

For the convenience of preparation, the target partitions are not changed after the decision even if the usage rate decreases.

4. Final decision of the target data:

The target files to be deleted are finally decided during the periodic maintenance work.

We will apply this deletion policy hereafter. Please organize and back up your data regularly. Note that the deleted data is not able to restore and we cannot take responsibility for any disadvantages caused by the data deletion.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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