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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

This document specifies high-level requirements for the SPIRE ICC interfaces, both within the ICC and with external organisations.

1.2 Documents

1.2.1 Applicable Documents

AD1	SPIRE ICC Interactions Document	SPIRE-RAL-DOC-003117	1.0	6 th August 2008
AD2	HERSCHEL HSC-ICC Interactions Document	HERSCHEL-HSC-DOC-1184	1.0	5 th August 2008

1.2.2 Reference Documents

RD1	Herschel Bulk Product Transfer ICD	HERSCHEL-HSC-ICD-1083	1.0	19 th February 2008
RD2	Herschel Science Ground Segment FTP ICD	HERSCHEL-HSC-ICD-0968	draft 1.0	5 th August 2008
RD3	Herschel Science Ground Segment CVS ICD	HERSCHEL-HSC-ICD-0967	draft 1.0	5 th August 2008
RD4	SPIRE ICC Operational Hardware	SPIRE-RAL-DOC-003123	1.0	5 th August 2008

1.3 Acronyms

CVS	Concurrent Versions System
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
HAIO	Herschel Archive Interoperability
HSA	Herschel Science Archive
HSC	Herschel Science Centre
HOD	Herschel Operational Database
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
ICC	Instrument Control Centre
IOD	ICC Operational Database
MOC	Mission Operations Centre
PAL	Product Access Layer
RAL	Rutherford Appleton Laboratory
SFTP	Secure File Transfer Protocol
SSH	Secure Shell

2. INTERFACES WITH THE HSC

2.1 Database Propagation

Database propagation is the means by which data in the (Versant) object database at the HSC (HOD) is transferred to the ICC object database at RAL (IOD). The configuration from a RAL-centric perspective is described in [RD4].



PROP-010	Propagation shall take place over the leased line connection to the HSC.
PROP-020	There shall be a backup mechanism in place in case of failure of the leased line. It shall be possible to either correct the failure or switch to the backup within 24 hours. <i>It is unclear whether there is a backup line or whether the internet can be used.</i>
PROP-030	Propagation shall use the ports 2378 (primary), 2379, 2380 (used for simultaneous propagation of multiple databases). <i>If the internet is used as backup, these ports must be open to the HSC at the RAL firewall.</i>
PROP-040	It shall be possible to run propagation continuously without need for manual starting and stopping.
PROP-050	At any time when data propagation is complete i.e. all data had been transferred, the contents of the HOD and the IOD shall be identical.
PROP-060	Messages from the propagation process shall be logged.
PROP-070	The minimum acceptable average transfer rate is 100 Kbyte/s.

2.2 Bulk transfer of products from HSC to ICC

This is the systematic transfer of data products from the HSC to the ICC, see [RD1].

BULK-010	Data transfer shall use the HAIO protocol, backed by HTTP.
BULK-020	Messages from the bulk transfer process shall be logged.
BULK-030	It shall be possible to run the process automatically without user intervention.
BULK-040	The minimum acceptable average transfer rate is 1MByte/s. <i>In practice this means that the transfer should bypass the RAL HTTP proxy.</i>

2.3 Herschel Archive access

This refers to “standard” usage of the archive system, both internal and external to RAL.

ARCH-010	It shall be possible to issue queries on the archive system.
ARCH-020	It shall be possible to retrieve the data products resulting from a query.

2.4 Transfer of files from HSC to ICC

TFHI-010	It shall be possible to transfer files from the HSC to the ICC using FTP via the leased line, see [RD2]. A user name and password is required.
TFHI-020	It shall be possible to transfer files from the HSC CVS repository to the ICC via the internet, see [RD3]. The leased line shall not be required for this. A user name and password is required.

2.5 Transfer of files from ICC to HSC

TFIH-010	It shall be possible to transfer files from the ICC to the HSC using FTP via the leased line, see [RD2]. A user name and password is required.
TFIH-020	It shall be possible to transfer files from the ICC to the HSC CVS repository via the internet, see [RD3]. The leased line shall not be required for this. A user name and password is required.



3. INTERFACES WITHIN THE ICC

3.1 Access to the IOD at RAL

This is the ICC operational object database, located at RAL.

IOD-010	The IOD shall only be directly accessible using the Versant protocol from within the RAL firewall with one exception: the HSC may access it via the leased line for propagation purposes.
IOD-020	No user account shall have write access to the IOD with the exception of the account used for propagation. Only users who have completed and signed the ICC User application may access the IOD.
IOD-030	A subset of the IOD shall be accessible by registered ICC users external to RAL. This subset shall include telemetry packets and a summary of available observations. A user name and password are required for external users to be granted access. This interface shall use the HTTP protocol and be read-only.
IOD-040	All external access to the IOD shall be logged.

3.2 Access to data products at RAL

Typically, although not exclusively, these are the products transferred by bulk data transfer, see section 2.2.

PROD-010	Normal users shall have only read access to the data products area. Exceptions are user accounts used for bulk data transfer and trend analysis processing (these may be the same account). Only users who have completed and signed the ICC User application may access the data products.
PROD-020	The data products shall be accessible with a PAL interface at RAL.
PROD-030	The data products shall be accessible with a PAL interface external to RAL using the HTTP protocol. A user name and password is required.
PROD-040	The data products shall be accessible with an FTP interface on the standard port 21.
PROD-050	All external access shall be logged.

3.3 Transfer of files from RAL

TFFR-010	It shall be possible to transfer files from RAL via the RAL web site using the HTTP protocol. A username and password is required for private data. File transfers shall be logged.
TFFR-020	It shall be possible to transfer files from RAL using the FTP protocol. A username and password is required for private data. Anonymous FTP shall be available for public or non-protected data. File transfers shall be logged.
TFFR-030	It shall be possible to transfer files from RAL using the SFTP protocol. A username and password is always required for this.



3.4 Transfer of files to RAL

TFTR-010	Upload of files to the RAL web site via HTTP shall be forbidden. <i>Note that this means that the save operation of the remote PAL interface is also forbidden.</i>
TFTR-020	It shall be possible to transfer files to RAL using the FTP protocol. A username and password is required. Uploading files via anonymous FTP shall be forbidden. File transfers shall be logged.
TFTR-030	It shall be possible to transfer files to RAL using the SFTP protocol. A username and password is required.

3.5 Remote logon to server at RAL

This applies to ICC users external to RAL, including travelling RAL staff.

RLOG-010	Registered ICC users external to RAL shall be able to logon to operational servers on which they have an account.
RLOG-020	All login access shall be via SSH running on the standard port 22.
RLOG-030	All access shall be logged.
RLOG-040	External logon access shall be restricted to a single server. Access to other servers is possible in turn from the entry server.

3.6 ICC web sites

WEB-010	The ICC shall provide a web server at RAL.
WEB-020	The ICC shall also have a Wiki site available. <i>This may or may not be the same as the RAL web site. Currently this is envisaged to be the service hosted by PACS/Leuven.</i>
WEB-030	Each web site shall function as an entry point into the SPIRE documentation and data distribution system. Cross links shall be used to facilitate this.

Requirements on a web server at RAL:

WEB-040	The web server shall use the HTTP protocol running on port 80. Servers installed for test purposes may use other non-privileged ports, typically 8080.
WEB-050	The web server shall contain both public and private areas. Designated private areas require a username and password for access.
WEB-060	The web server shall support Java servlets and Java Server Pages. <i>This is needed for the remote telemetry and data product services.</i>
WEB-070	The web server shall support PHP. <i>This is needed for the Kayako help desk software.</i>

Requirements on a Wiki system:

WEB-080	A username and password shall be required to view the site.
WEB-090	It shall be possible to restrict modification of certain pages to specified users.



4. OTHER INTERFACES

4.1 Remote access to ICC@MOC

MOC-010	It shall be possible to logon to the ICC machines at the MOC. <i>This is for configuration and monitoring purposes.</i>
MOC-020	The ICC shall be able to remotely monitor housekeeping telemetry in real-time.