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Story so far: (see also e-mail of 27-Apr-00)

- At FOCUS meeting in summer 99, IT asked for reaction to proposal to reduce CERN support of 'commercial RISC' platforms (=HP, Sun, IBM, Digital,..)
- ATLAS reaction gathered, and submitted to FOCUS meeting in Dec 99. In common with other LHC experiments, ATLAS comfortable with eventual reduction to 'Linux+1', with Sun Solaris as good candidate for the '1'.

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- At the same time, ATLAS decided to drop support for AIX w.e.f. 1/Jan/00.
- Following this initial feed-back, IT were asked to consult, digest, etc and make a proposal to March FOCUS meeting. This was presented by Delfino; details (and url's) circulated to ATLAS in April 27 e-mail.
- Essential part (for ATLAS) is that HPLUS, DXPLUS and CSF(HP) become 'LEP-only' w.e.f. 1/Jan/01. The HP and Digital OS are 'frozen'. (HP already is)
- Obviously, it is timely to consider further our policy in this area.

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In 27-Apr e-mail I posed two (related) questions:

- Reaction to CERN proposal;
- Reaction to ATLAS proposal to drop support for Digital and HP w.e.f 1/Jan/01. (Digital and ATLAS are not on same footing in ATLAS: e.g. we have the HPATLxx machines.)
- Reaction, comments, discussion please.....