





An Overview of Grid Computing and its Impact on Information Technology

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Topics for Discussion

Current Status of Information Technology Motivation to explore the Grid Grid services Grid high-level concepts Sample Application Demos of our grid installation







Beginnings of The Grid

- Beginnings of the grid in Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence (seti@home project)
- http://planetary.org/html/UPDATES/seti/index.html
 - The Wow signal
 - http://planetary.org/html/UPDATES/seti/SETI@ho me/wowsignal.html







Current Grid Users

- A survey of 180 companies last summer by research firm Summit Strategies found that 4% of respondents had implemented a grid, and 12% were currently evaluating the technology.
- Gartner predicted in 2002 that grid-based distributed systems will return by 2004-2007.
- Oracle Server 10g: g stands for grid. (Oracle 9i: i was for Internet)
- Grid middleware from companies such as <u>DataSynapse</u> and <u>Platform</u> provides users the ability to manage workloads across the shared resources.
- IBM used grid-base infrastructure for 2004 US Open: Enterprise Networks Aug 2004.
- Burlington Coat Factory is investing its IT future on a grid-based, virtualized architecture: Enterprise Network June 2004.
- HR outsourcer Hewitt Associates put grid to work for crunching pension calculations.



Current Status(1)

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Internet and related applications such as world wide web (www) and email have transformed businesses and life.







Current Status (2)

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Where are we heading?









Web Services Standard

- A common operation on the Internet is search, the results of which is consumed by humans.
- We want to develop complex multi-business applications that are beyond the current search-type applications.
- Webservices (WS) is a standard that has been introduced by W3 consortium to address this important transition.
- Grid takes the web services to the next level: a grid service (GS) is a web service.
- GS = WS + state + standard features for security, reliability, integration, ...
- Grid specifies a standard architecture, infrastructure, protocols and application program interface (API) for an open enterprise system.





Technology Pipeline







Grid Growth

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Grid Organizations

Global Grid Forum (GGF):

- www.globalgridforum.org
- a community-initiated forum of thousands of individuals from industry and research leading the global standardization effort for grid computing.

The Globus Alliance:

www.globus.org

 conducts research and development to create fundamental technologies behind the "Grid," which lets people share computing power, databases, and other on-line tools securely across corporate, institutional, and geographic boundaries without sacrificing local autonomy.





Future Outlook









Internet and Web Standards

Grid Standards

It is expected

- either the Internet will evolve into the grid or
- the grid concepts will be adapted into the Internet standard.
- Similar to current push in IT to "web enabling", future will have you "grid enable".
- Bottom line: it is worthwhile learning about the grid to strategize for the future of IT in your business.

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What can the Grid do?

Grid specifies a standard architecture, infrastructure, protocols and application program interface (API) for building an open enterprise system.

It can provide

- Middleware supporting network of systems to facilitate sharing, standardization and openness.
- Infrastructure and application model dealing with sharing of compute cycles, data, storage and other resources.
- A framework for high reliability, availability and security.
- Interoperation of batch-oriented and service-based architectures.
- Standard service level feature definitions and higher level concepts for inter and intra-business collaboration.





Types of Grid



Batch-oriented

- Compute-intensive jobs processing using sophisticated scheduling and resource discovery.
- 2. High performance applications
- 3. High Throughput applications
- <u>The Condor Project</u>
 Example: Condor
- 6. Our installation: CSECCR grid

Service-Oriented

- 1. View all the resources and functions as services.
- 2. Build application models around services.
- <u>Anatomy of the grid</u>
 Physiology of the grid
- 5. It is this genre of grid that will move the grid technology towards business applications.
- 6. Example: Globus
- Our installation: CSELinux Grid







Service-oriented Standards

Open Grid Services Architecture (OGSA)
 Open Grid Services Infrastructure (OGSI)
 Globus Toolkit (Gt3) is a reference implementation

- We will discuss next:
 - service-level concepts and
 - higher-application-level concepts.



OGSA, OGSI and WS

From tutorial: Satomayor's GT3 Tutorial http://www.casa-sotomayor.net/gt3-tutorial-working/







Standard Features of Grid Service







Sample Grid Service: Notification

- Foundational concepts: messaging, queues, source and sink for messages, subscription model, loose coupling, push and pull notification
- Grid related concepts: Service data element (SDE), OGSINotification API
- SDE is XML structure for holding service chaaracteristics/state.
- Implement a service that is a producer of notification.
- Notification can be triggered by change in SDE.
- Implement a client application that invokes a service that produces notification; an associated listener that consumes the notification.





Client

Notification Explained



Example: Grid service (GS) can be a Math Service with notifyChange to SDE on invocation of add Subtract methods. GWSDL file: extends="ogsi": GridServiceogsi:NotificationSource (declarative vs programmatic)

Listener has: NotificationSinkManager to which is added a listener to Math Service's GSH and SDE. Listener has deliveryNotification() method to process notification.

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Higher Level Grid Concepts

Virtualization of services and resources
 Federation of Data
 Provisioning
 Lifecycle Management
 Virtual Organization





Virtualization

- Encapsulating service operations behind a common message-oriented service interface is called service virtualization.
- Isolates users from details of service implementation and location.
- Assumes support of a standard architecture.
- Webservices (WS) can do this, however grid life cycle management, fault handling and other features we have seen in the GT3 tutorial are not available with WS.
- OGSI specification addresses these issues using a core set of standard services.

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Virtual Organization (VO)





Grid service handle (GSH) and Grid service reference (GSR), registry and handlemap, discovery of services, index services, application of notification, logging.

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T UB Infrastructure(1): CSELinux Grid

- Goal: To facilitate development of service-oriented applications for the grid.
- Two major components: Staging server and Production grid Server.
- Grid application are developed and tested on staging server and deployed on a production server.
- Production grid server:
 - Three compute nodes with Red Hat Linux and Globus 3.0.2 instance.
 - One utility gateway node with Free BSD and Globus 3.0.2.

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CSELinux: Development Environment

Production Server Cerf **Staging Server** Poste Mills **OS:** FreeBSD Grid: Globus 3.0.2 Vixen Function: fileserver, firewall OS: Solaris 8.0

OS: Red Hat Linux 9.2 Grid: Globus3.0.2 Function: Deploy services

OS: Solaris 8.0 Grid: Globus 3.0.2 Function: Debug and test services

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Grid UB Infrastructure(2): CSECCR

- Goal: To run jobs submitted in a distributed manner on a Condor-based computational cluster Condor.
- Composed of 50 Sun recycled used Sparc4 machines, which form computational nodes, headed by a frontend Sun server.
- The installation scripts are custom-written facilitating running of jobs in a distributed manner.
- Partially supported by Center for Computational Research (CCR).







CSECCR Grid Monitor (Ganglia)









Getting to know the grid?

- Start with reading the literature on Condor and Globus grid.
- Start working with Web services by transforming your applications using easily available WS framework.
- Try out the grid tutorials and reference implementations.
- Explore newer businesses and business models.
 - Example: storage service, personal database service (personal identity management)
 - Work on a reference implementation of grid specification.







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