

NGS Resource Broker

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Talk Outline

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- Background
- What is an Resource Broker (RB)?
- gLite WMS-LB
- Future work

Introduction

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- NGS Helpdesk
- Services: CA, MyProxy
 - NGS: BDII, RB, Monitoring etc.
 - EGEE: GOCDB, UKI ROC etc.

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RB Background

- NGS started in 2004
- Globus 2.4 based middleware (*not* EGEE)
- RB always high on wishlist
- RB+UI: pre-production from 2007/03
- Core sites RB-compliant
- RB: now being evaluated by users

RB – What is it (and isn't)?

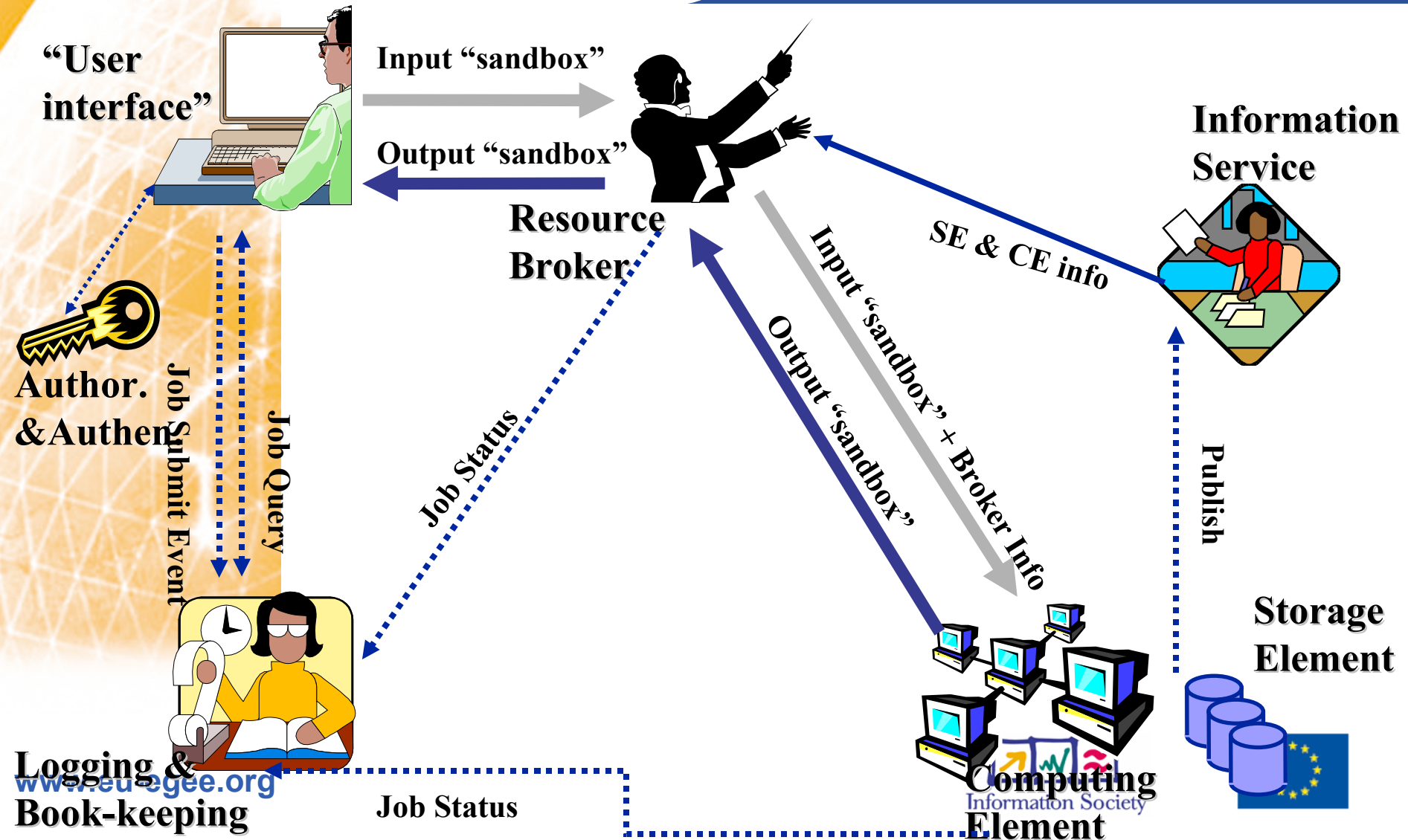
- [...] *component to allow users to submit **jobs** and performs all tasks required to submit them, without exposing the user to the complexities of the Grid¹*
- An interface to Grid resources
- It can:
 - chose the best resource to run your job
 - submit job input files and retrieve job output files
- It enables:
 - resources to scale transparently
 - load balancing
- It is **not** anything to do with the Storage Resource Broker (SRB)!

NGS Resource Broker

- Based on gLite WMS-LB
- Used to submit job to the Grid (NGS, or other Grids)
- Can be used from:
 - web portals (P-GRADE, in future NGS Portal)
 - from a User Interface (UI) by command line

Simple Workflow

1. Log onto User Interface box
2. Write job description in JDL, + required files. Specify resource requirements
3. Submit job with `glite-job-submit`
<RB chooses best resource matching description>
4. Check status with `glite-job-status`
5. Retrieve output with `glite-job-output`



EGEE gLite-speak glossary

- **WMS-LB** \approx Workload Management System and Logging and Bookkeeping System
- **CE** (Computing Element) \approx Queue on NGS node
- **SE** (Storage Element) \approx No equivalent yet on NGS
- **UI** (User Interface) \approx Machine with client tools installed

Information Service provides up-to-date status of resources (BDII)

Sample JDL file

```
Type = "Job";
JobType = "Normal";
Executable = "/usr/ngs/GAUSSIAN_G03_C02";
StdInput = "/usr/local/applications
    chemistry/gaussian/g03_C02/g03/tests/com/test001.com";
StdOutput = "test001.out";
StdError = "test001.err";
OutputSandbox = {"test001.out", "test001.err"};
RetryCount = 4;
ShallowRetryCount = -1;
Requirements = Member("GAUSSIAN_G03_C02",
    other.GlueHostApplicationSoftwareRunTimeEnvironment) &&
    Mds-Computer-platform == "i686" ;
```

RB Resource matching

- To see the resources matching your JDL:

```
$>glite-job-list-match --rank sample.jdl
```

```
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```

COMPUTING ELEMENT IDs LIST

The following CE(s) matching your job requirements have been found:

CEId

Rank

grid-data.man.ac.uk:2119/jobmanager-pbs-router	0
grid-data.rl.ac.uk:2119/jobmanager-lsf-normal	-92160
grid-compute.leeds.ac.uk:2119/jobmanager-pbs-router	-428703
grid-compute.oesc.ox.ac.uk:2119/jobmanager-pbs-router	-4036455

```
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```

Future work

- Enable all NGS nodes to be RB-compliant
- Make NGS Portal RB aware
- Possibly roll out User Interfaces across UK
- Standardize job execution across NGS
(role out a Uniform Execution Environment)
- Better EGEE interoperability

Summary

- RB – smart & easy way of submitting jobs across resources
- User interacts with RB by Portal or UI
- RB chooses best resource for your job

Thank you!

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Questions?

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