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From Web Services to Grid: Internal ad external use

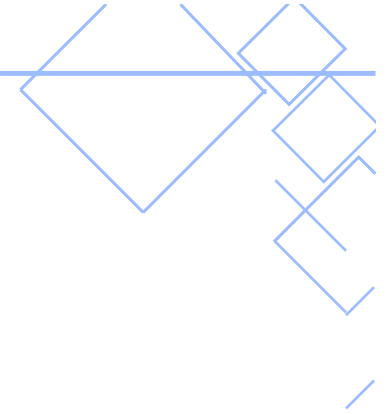
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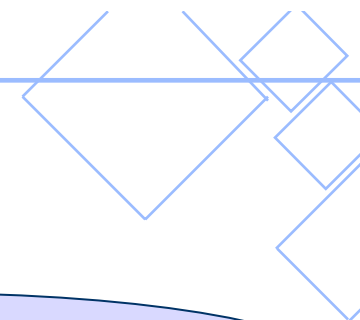
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Il Gruppo MPS



Employees: ~ 27.000

Retail Banking

1.886 Domestic Branches
2.180 ATM
66.930 POS

Banks

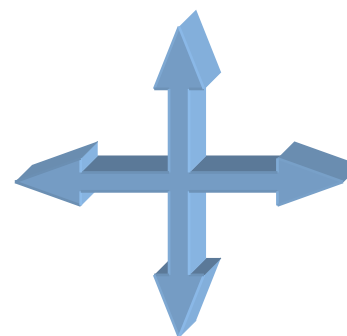
Foreign presence

❖ 33 Branches and Offices

Corporate
Center

Products
company

Service
Company





Il Consorzio Operativo GMPS



“Il consorzio ha il compito istituzionale di gestire i sistemi informativi ed i servizi amministrativi, accentrati e non, nell’ottica della centralizzazione dell’informatica e dei servizi amministrativi stessi a livello di gruppo bancario M.P.S., fornendo supporto alle più generali strategie di gruppo, in coerenza con le esigenze di evoluzione tecnologica del gruppo stesso e degli altri consorziati”

Art. 2 Statuto del Consorzio

Le aziende consorziate:



Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena



Banca Toscana



Banca Agricola Mantovana



MPS Banca Personale



MPS Banca Per l'Impresa



MPS Leasing & Factoring



MPS Gestione Crediti Banca

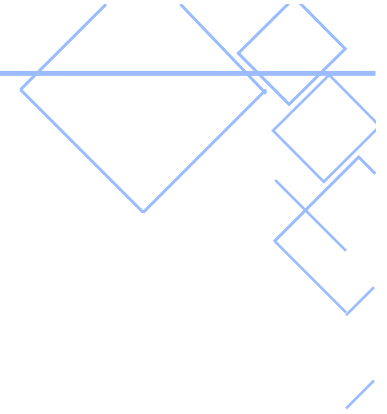


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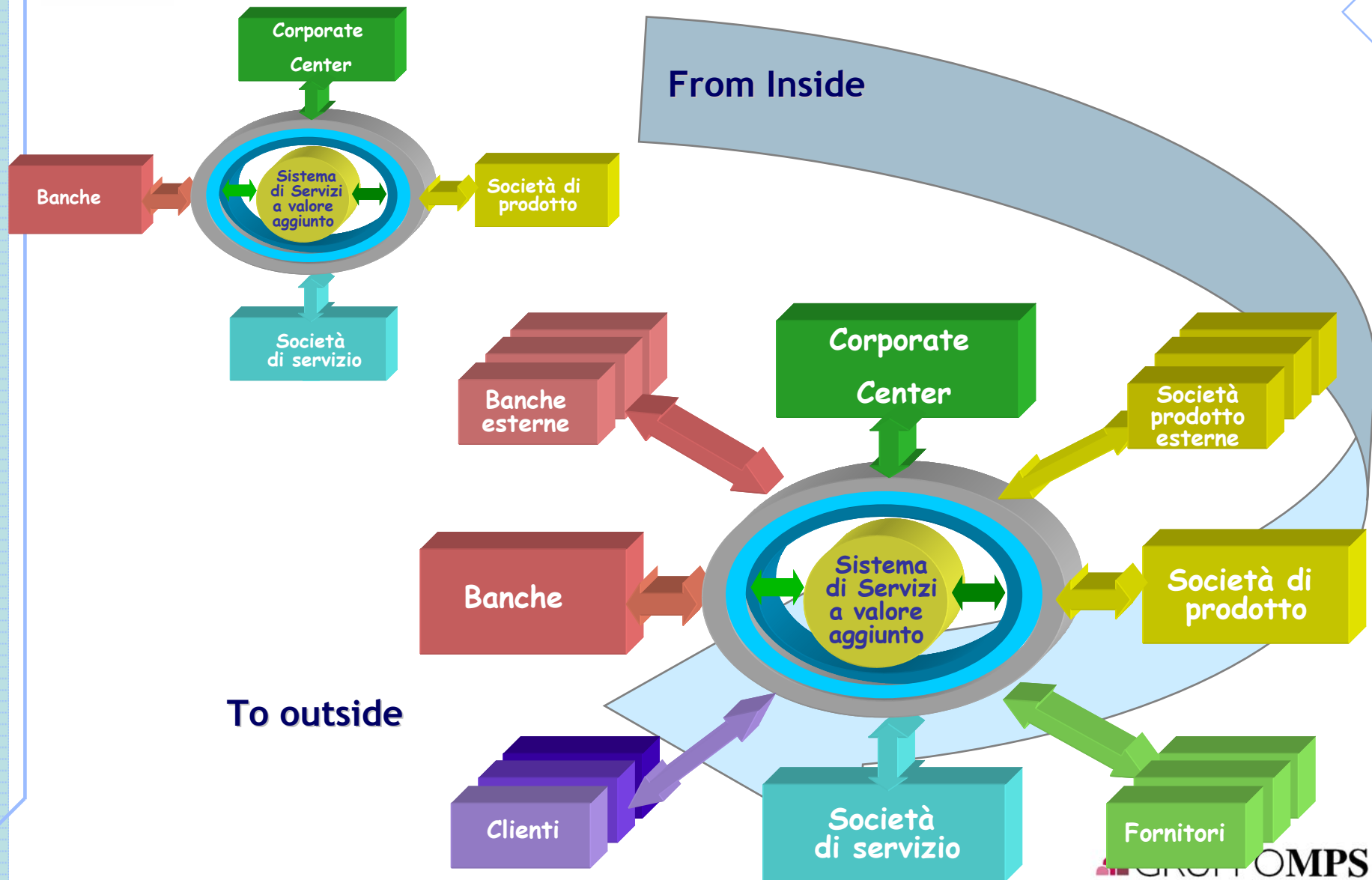
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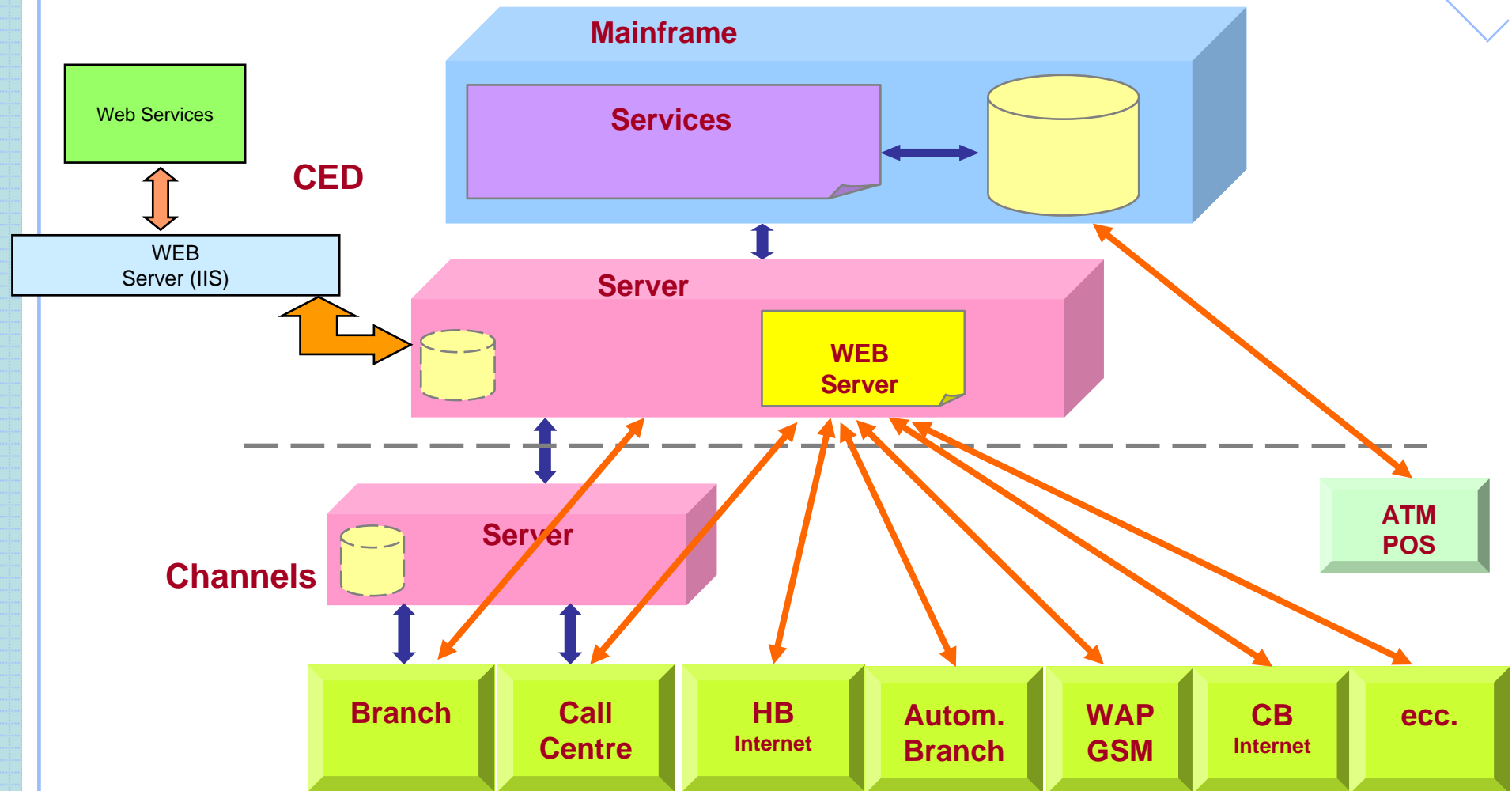
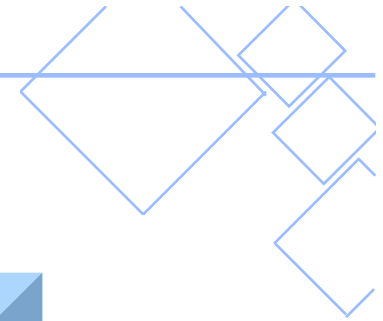
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Group's Information System

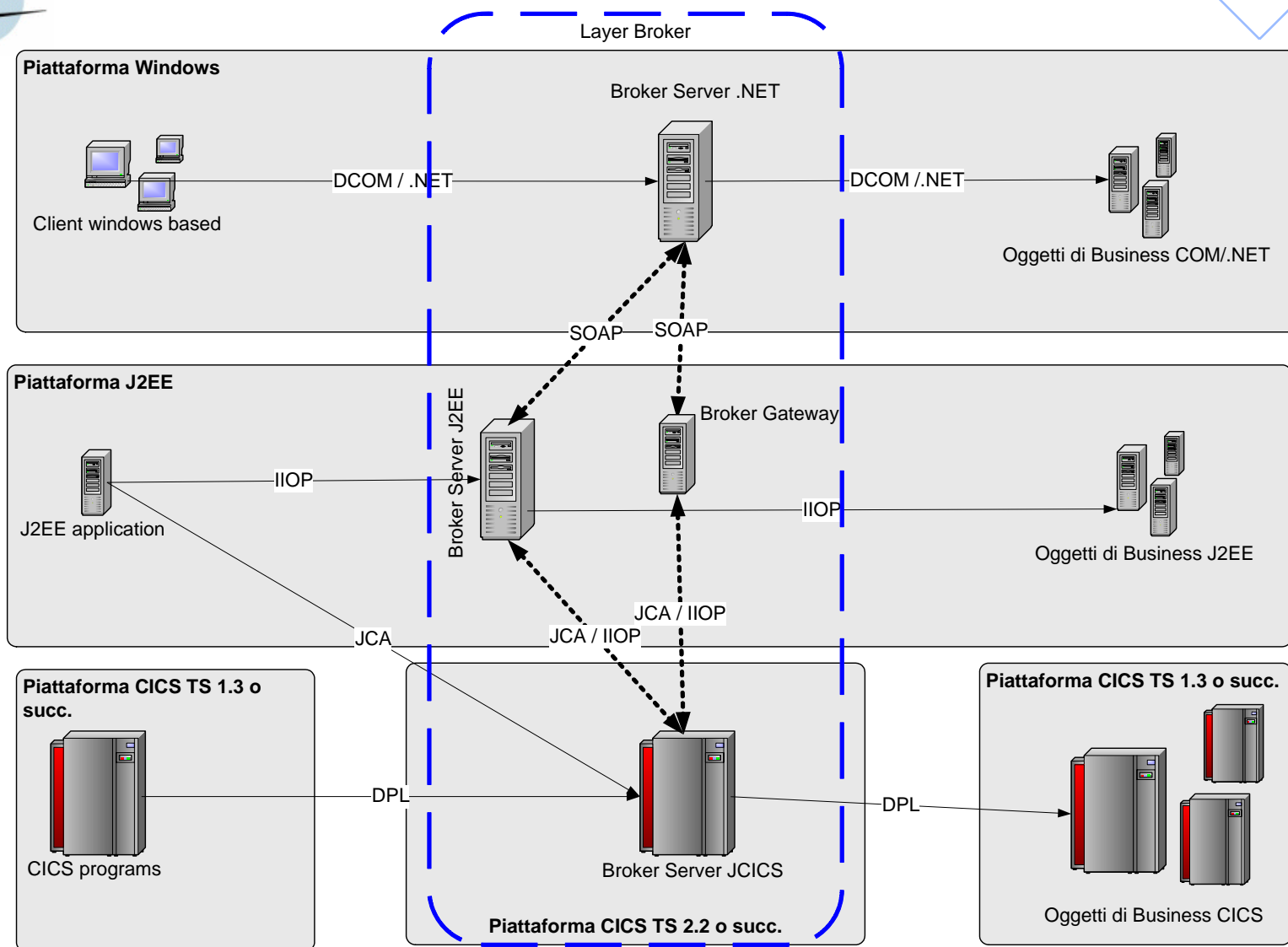




Extended Multichannel Architecture



Broker



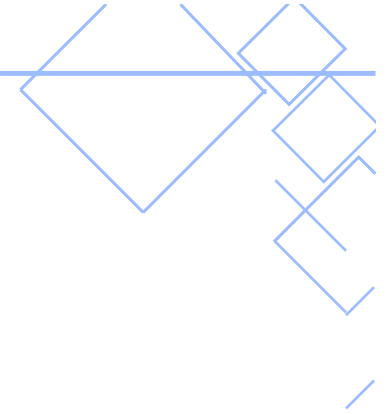
Infrastructure

Partners: Microsoft & IBM





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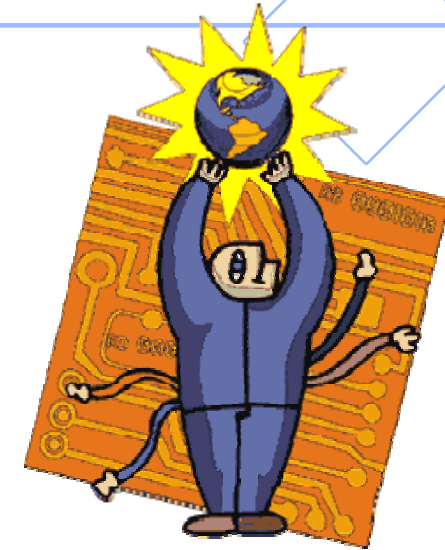
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Web Services since 2001 →

- Virtual POS
- Financial Desktop
- Selling MPS NET' product
- Insurance simulation: MPS VITA
- Interactions for "Loans" Banks ⇔ Consum.it
- Unix Private Banking ⇔ multichannel
- Corporate Banking
- CERVED services
- "Mandati:Reversali" with digital signature
- New Channel for multichannel
- ...

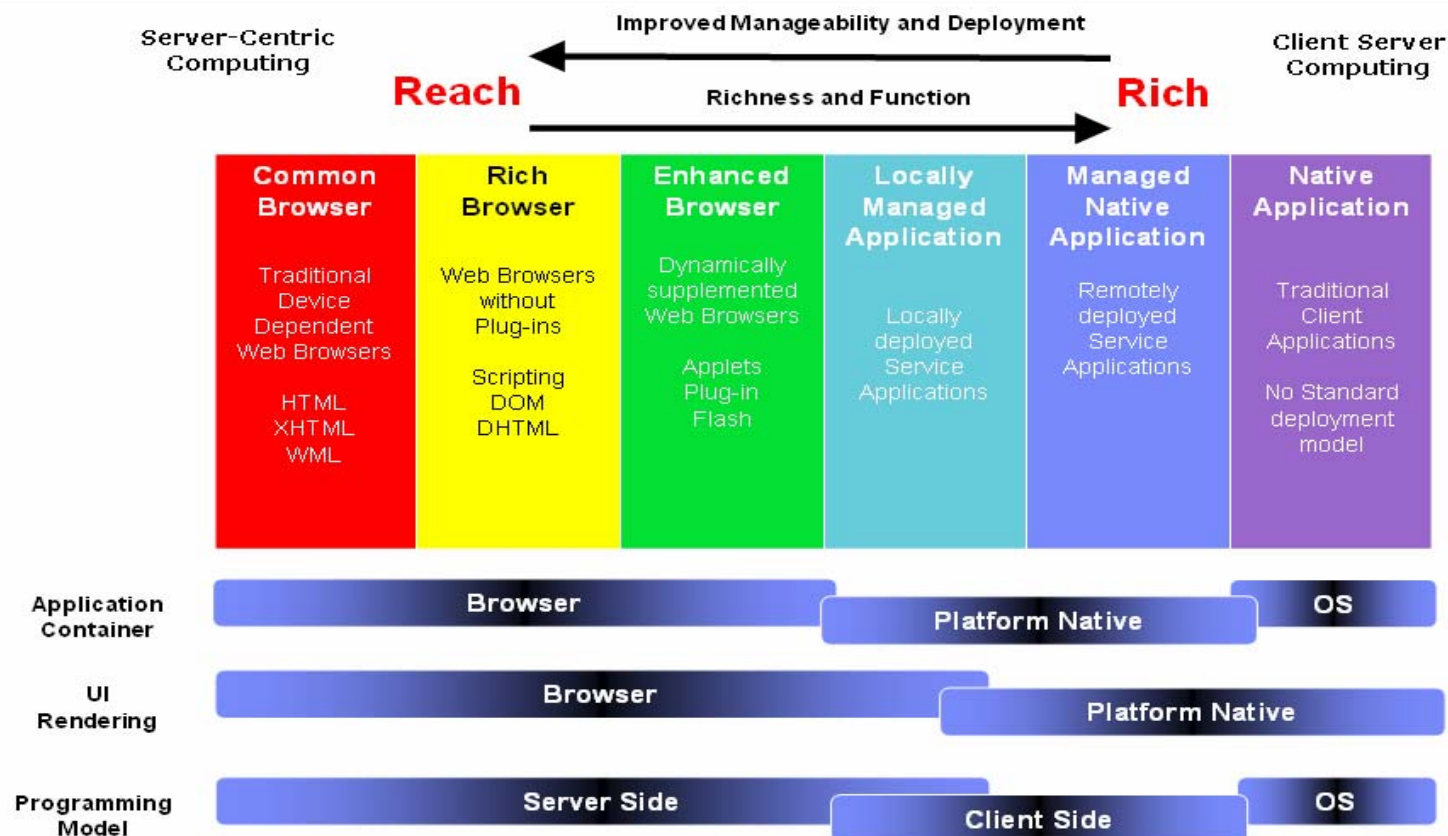




Smart Client - IBM vision

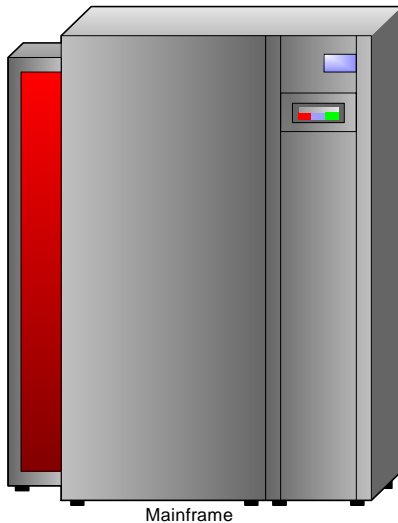
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User Experience Technology Spectrum

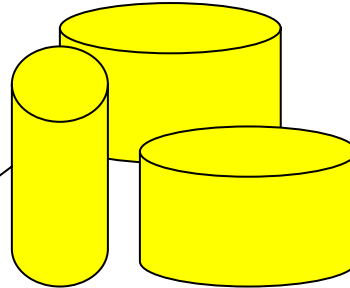


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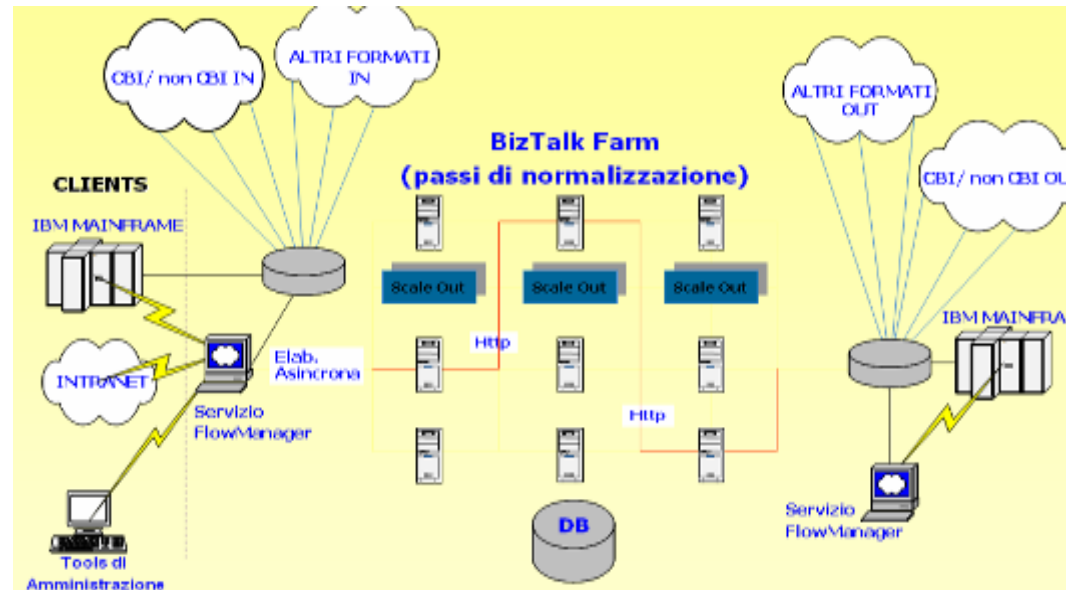
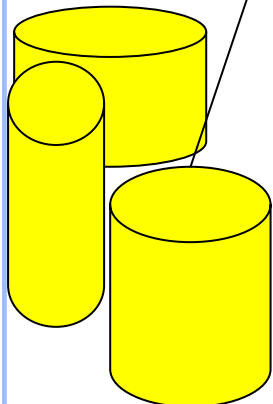
Batch Processing



Mainframe

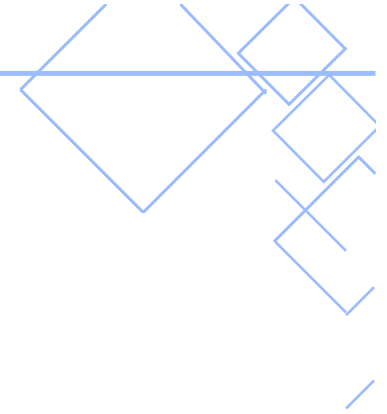


- IBM Tivoli Workload Scheduler
- CICS (PAF) Batch TP
- Flows Converter (BTS)
- GRID (AGA)





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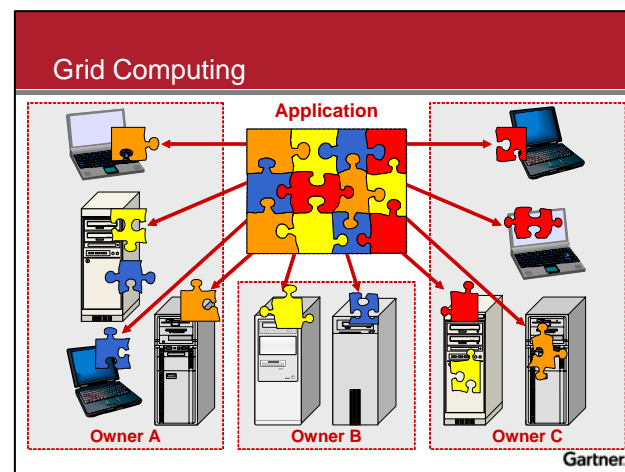
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Our Definition of “Grid Computing”

Internal Grid is a specialized workload management system for specialized compute-intensive jobs. Like other full-featured batch systems, it provides a job queueing mechanism, scheduling policy, priority scheme, resource monitoring, and resource management. Users submit their serial or parallel jobs to Grid, It places them into a queue, chooses when and where to run the jobs based upon a policy, carefully monitors their progress, and ultimately informs the user upon completion.



Our Tactical Approach

- **Internal Grid uses server and client idle resources**
- **Its application domain is for CPU intensive tasks, not for data intensive ones**
- **Task must be composed by slightly correlated subtasks**

Accomplishments

- Current Accomplishments
 - Clickstream analysis (January 2005)
 - IAS 32-39 (August 2005)
 - Top Management Monitoring (January 2006)
 - Basel II (Algoritmics) (October 2005)
 - DOC1 (December 2006)
- Next Steps
 - Host Batch downsizing
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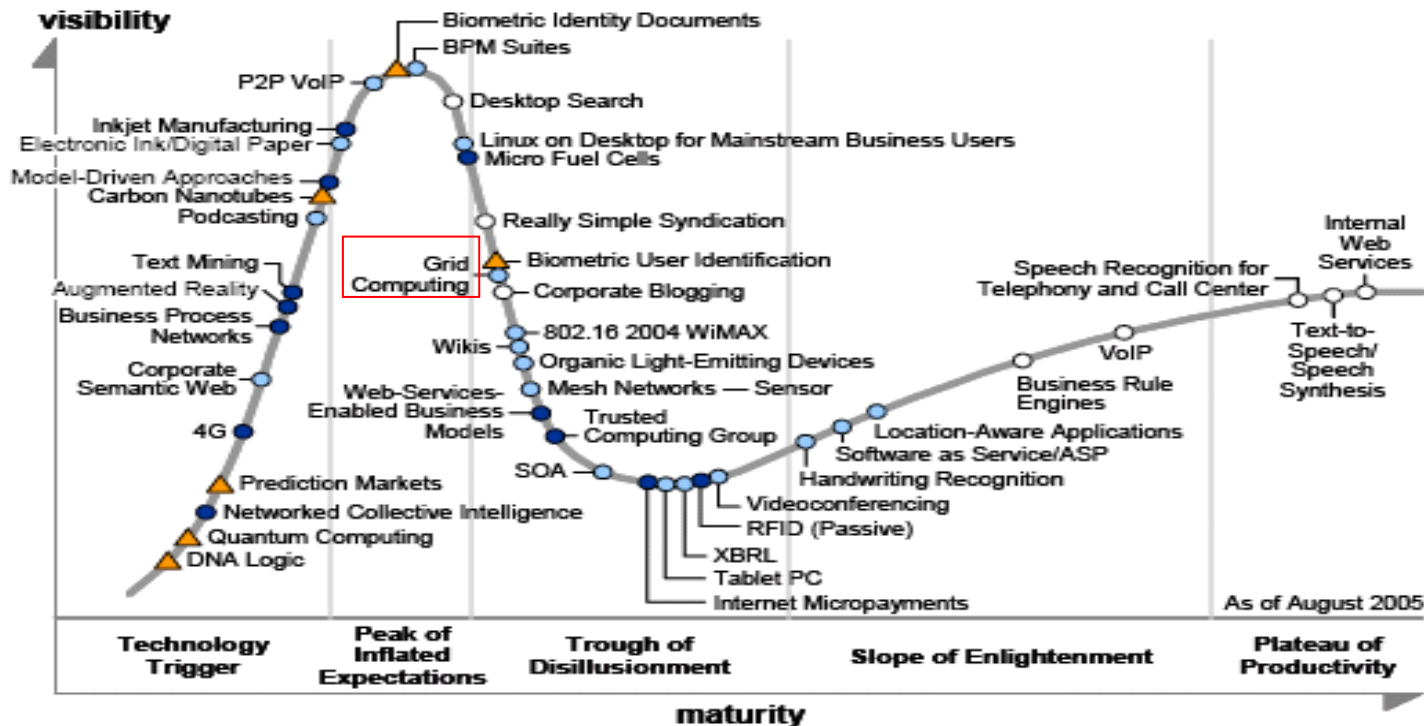
MPS Internal Grid

- Use idle resources for CPU intensive jobs
- Interaction with heterogeneous systems (desktops, servers, dedicated server farms or even Host) by means of standard or standards-to-be protocols.
- Evolution from Condor to a custom solution developed with Avanade
- Communication between nodes is performed using Web Services

Gartner's vision on Grid Computing

Source Gartner 3 Ago 2005

Figure 1. Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies, 2005



Plateau will be reached in:

○ less than 2 years ● 2 to 5 years ● 5 to 10 years ▲ more than 10 years ⊗ obsolete before plateau

Acronym Key

4G fourth generation
ASP application service provider
BPM business process management
P2P peer to peer
RFID radio frequency identification

SOA service-oriented architecture
VoIP voice over Internet Protocol
WiMAX Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access
XBRL Extensible Business Reporting Language

Source: Gartner (August 2005)

The Grid

Computing power
is **everywhere**,
we try to make it usable by **anyone**.
Miron Livny

- ❖ Average Mainframe usage: 80%
- ❖ Average RISC Servers usage: 45%
- ❖ Average Intel Servers usage: 10-15%
- ❖ Average Client usage: lower than 10%

- ❖ Year 2008 will see a doubling in usage of Servers

Source: Gartner

- ❖ Server usage will further increase in the future

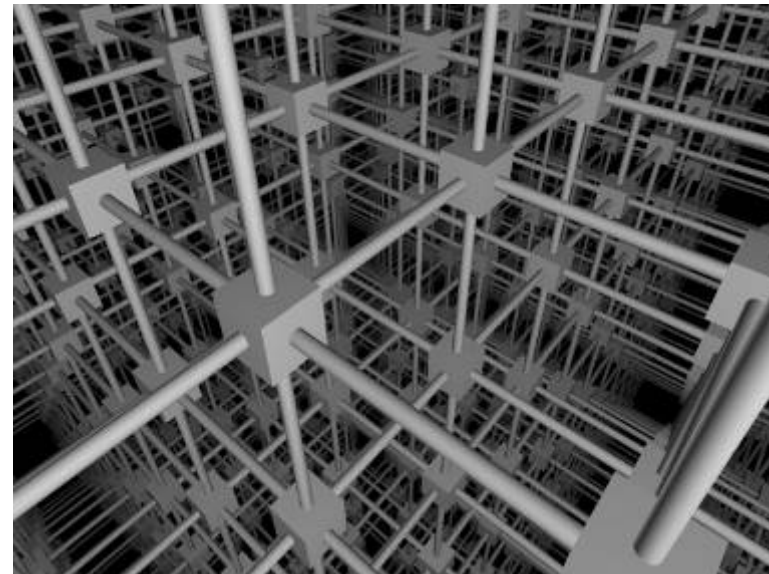
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Richard P. Feynman



Realizations

- AGA.NET Architecture
 - Developed as a joint effort with Avanade
 - Characteristics
 - Secured
 - Extendable
 - Web Services as glue
 - Easy to develop upon it
 - Easy to maintain
 - Implemented using C# .NET
- Advantages:
 - Costs (perceived)
 - Fast processing



Server farm

- About 200 non-dedicated Windows and Linux servers
- We expect to have 1.000 central servers with Windows 2003 Server

AGANET Monitor

Task Queue | Archived Task Queue | Node List | Client List | Task Type List | Package List | Machine Class List

Machine Class:

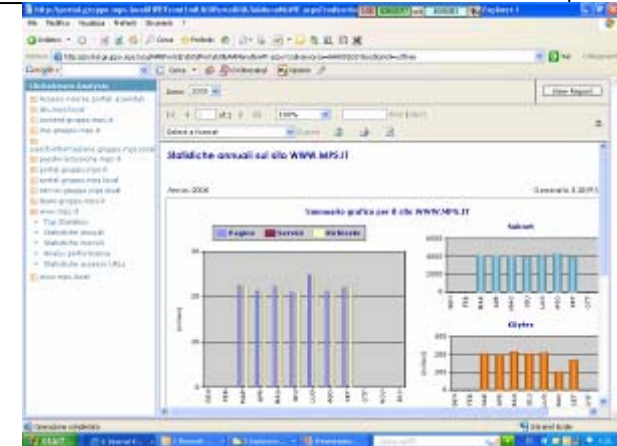
Node Id:

Create New Node

Node Id	Platform	Running Tasks	Last Heart Beat	Activity Threshold	Penalties	Enabled	NodeKey		
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Realizations

- Clickstream analysis
 - In production since the start of the year
 - About 50 sites
 - 476 instances on single servers



Job entity valued in 2-4 CPUs servers working for 8 hours

The same job requires 2 hours of our Grid infrastructure

Phase I. Open Source + Condor

Phase II. Open Source + AGA

Phase III. SQL Server (AS) + AGA

IAS 32-49

- First hypothesis on Mainframe (Cobol+ DB2)
- Realization with GRID (Cobol + AGA + SQL Server)
- In production since July 2005
- Elaboration timings less than 1 hour



Basel II

- Chosen the Algorithmics's (Unix/Linux and Oracle) for Market Risks Analysis Job
- Proposed a SUN machine or a Grid DataSynapse
- Solution based on AGA.NET (on Windows Servers) with Linux nodes (we are discussing the porting of Algorithmics on Windows), including data loading
- in production since 2005' end



Top Management Monitoring

Datawarehouse for compliance

- First implementation dedicated scheduler and machines
- Today Grid scheduler.....

Microsoft Reporting Services

- loading data with Grid



Generation of documents for Customers

- Developed DOC1 for Host
- Effort estimated: 6 days of elapsed working time (of a 8.000 MIPS machine).
- Today the first bank in production on GRID (6 hours on mainframe, 2 hours on Grid- few machines).



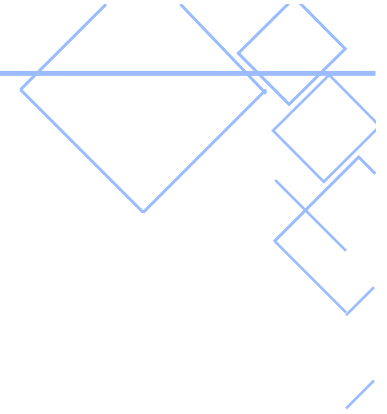
Conversion of Batches on Mainframe

- Currently testing the porting of Batches
 - PL/1
 - Cobol





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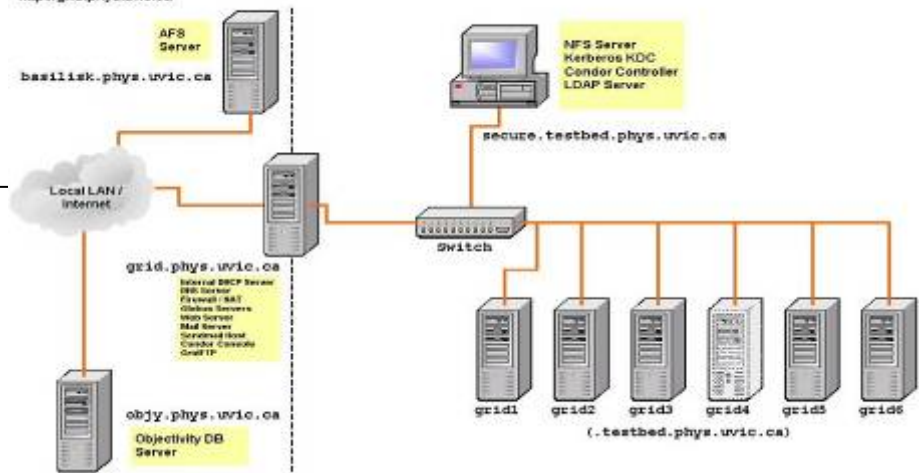
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Grid Services

- Web Services allow integration of heterogeneous systems to achieve A2A communication and for short-term transactions, involving the exchange of relatively small quantities of data.
- Grid Services will allow integration for more significant jobs, considering the CPU usage and also the quantity of data.
- GRID vision allows the network to evolve to an environment in which machines and human beings can collaborate.
- Three instances:
 - Internal grid computing
 - Ethic and Scientific projects
 - A global vision

University of Victoria Particle Physics Grid Testbed
<http://grid.phys.uvic.ca>



Mainframe downsizing

- On line TP Scale Out Scalability
- HPC useful for a lot of complex multistep task
- Internal Grid very useful for distributed batch processing



Evolution

- We are exploring new area:
 - New application in Finance Area,
 - Integration of grid computing and HPC paradigm,
 - Grid services for job invocation Corporate Banking services



***« Croire tout découvert est une erreur profonde,
c'est prendre l'horizon pour les bornes du monde ! »***

Camille Flammarion

- Information technology is not only support for business.
- It's changing our way of learn, exchange knowledge, buy, work, etc.



Thank you



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