

Introduction to Grid Technologies



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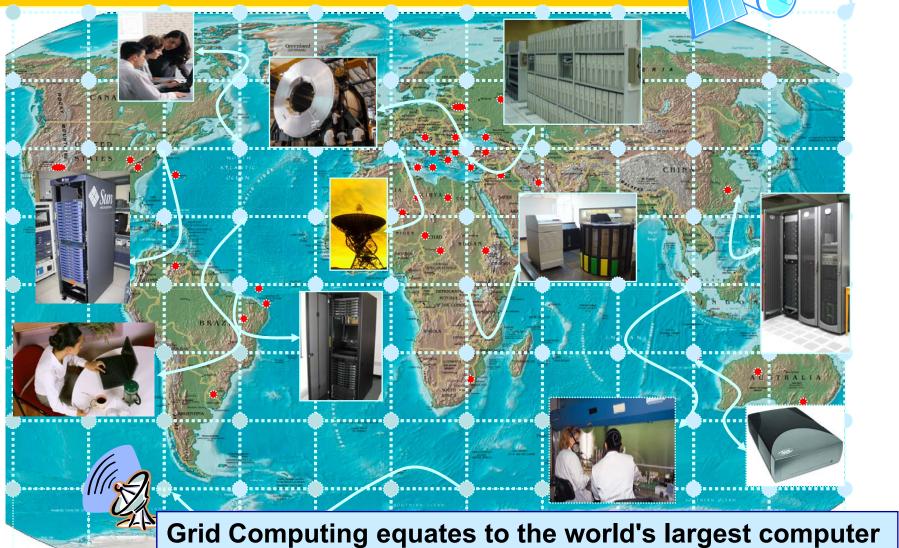
Before Grid...





After Grid...

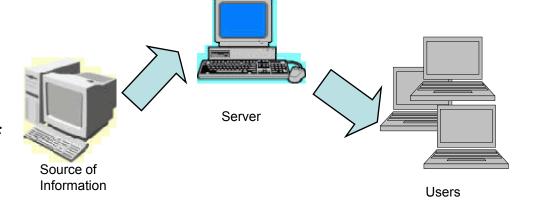




What is Grid?



 The World Wide Web provides seamless access to information that is stored in many millions of different geographical locations



 The Grid is an emerging infrastructure that provides seamless access to computing power and data storage capacity distributed over the globe



What is Grid?



- Collection of geographically distributed heterogeneous resources
 - "Most generalized, globalized form of distributed computing"
- "An infrastructure that enables flexible, secure, coordinated resource sharing among dynamic collections of individuals, institutions and resources" lan Foster and Carl Kesselman
- Offers access to a virtual and very powerful computing system
- A user does not care, in which resource his job / jobs is going to be executed

Resource

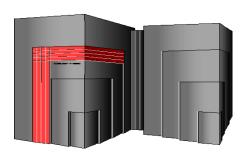


 An entity that is going to be shared

such as:
Computational units
Storage units
Software











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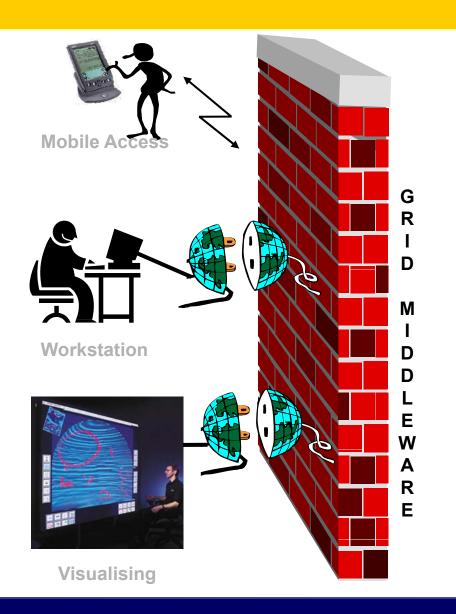
Electrical power Grid vs Grid



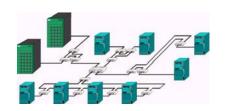
Electrical power Grid	To Grid
The use of electricity is done without worrying about where the electricity you are using comes from and how it is produced. The power grid is transparent.	The user of Grid has access to computing power and storage capacity all over the world. The Grid will be transparent.
An infrastructure, which links together power plants of many different kinds with your home through transmission stations, power stations, transformers, power lines and so forth.	An infrastructure, which links together resources such as PCs, workstations, storage elements, sensors, etc and provides the mechanism needed to access them.
The power grid is pervasive: electricity is availiable essentially everywhere and you can simply access it through a standard wall socket.	The Grid will be pervasive: remote resources will be accessible from any platform (desktops, laptops, PDAs, mobile phones) through a Web portal.
The power grid is a utility: you ask for electricity and you get it. You also pay for what you get.	The Grid is a utility: you ask for computer power or storage capacity and you get it. For the time being, it is free!

The Grid Metaphor

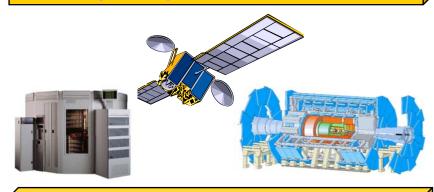








Supercomputer, PC-Cluster



Data-storage, Sensors, Experiments



Internet, networks

Key concepts towards Grid



1990: World Wide Web (CERN)



1991: The operating system
Linux (University of Helsinski)

✓ open source operating system





✓ Ethernet cards are used to provide high speed links between the computers, in order to emulate the sort of computing power previously only available from expensive supercomputers



⇒ The Grid consists of clusters connected through Internet and the operating system Linux is used mainly.

E-science



- Collaborative science that is made possible by the sharing across the Internet of resources (data, instruments, computation, people's expertise...)
 - ✓ Often very compute intensive
 - ✓ Often very data intensive (both creating new data and accessing very large data collections) data deluges from new technologies
 - ✓ Crosses organisational and administrative boundaries

Why now?

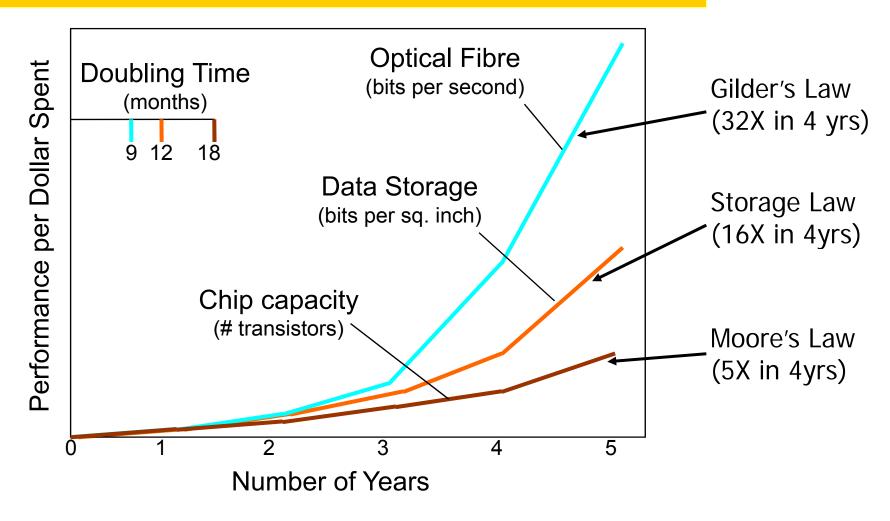


- Development of networking technology (doubling every nine months or so over the last years) and high-speed networks
 - ✓ widespread penetration of optical fibers
 - ✓ wireless connections
 - ✓ new Internet technologies (ADSL, WiMax)

- Moore's law everywhere
 - ✓ Instruments, detectors, sensors, scanners, ...
 - ⇔ Organising their effective use is the challenge
- Applications require a huge amount of computations to be executed and the collaboration among scientists

Exponential Growth

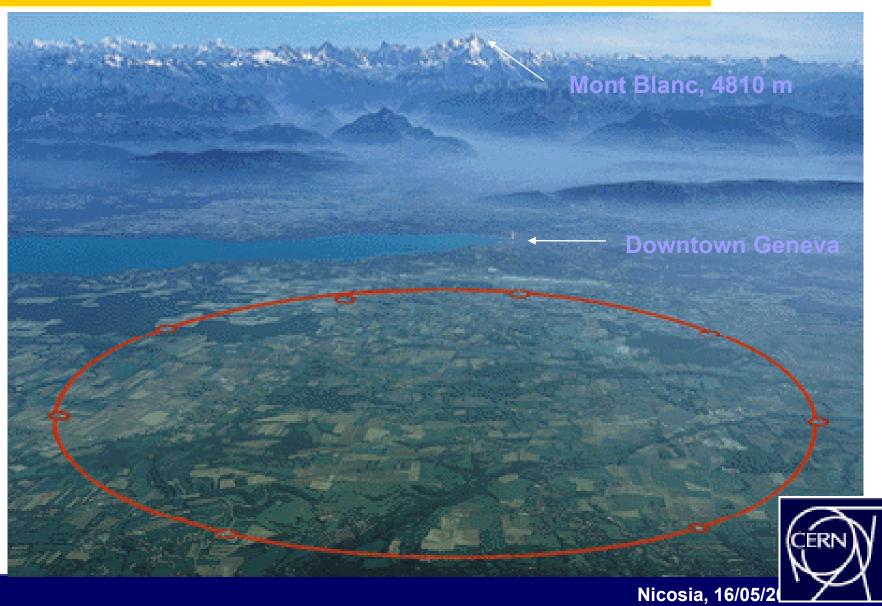




Triumph of Light – Scientific American. George Stix, January 2001

CERN





LHC (Large Hadron Collider)



- LHC will collide beams of protons at an energy of 14 TeV
- If the Higgs boson exists, the LHC will almost certainly find it!
- Four experiments, with detectors:

ALICE

ATLAS

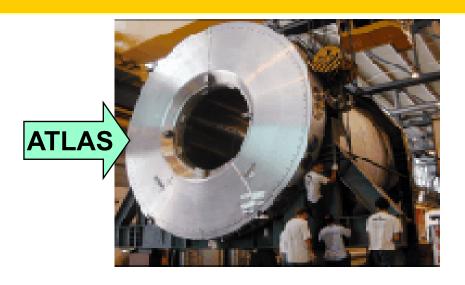
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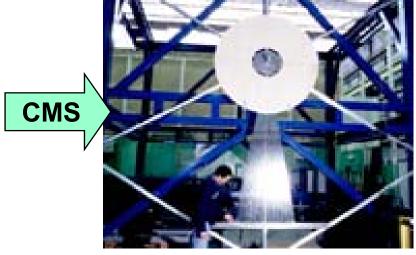
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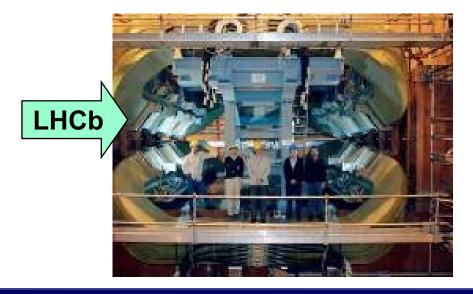


LHC detectors







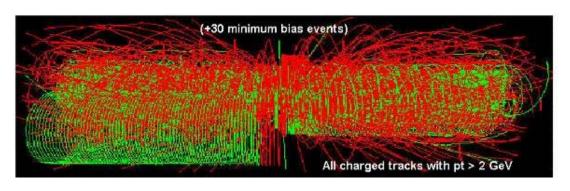




The LHC Data Challenge

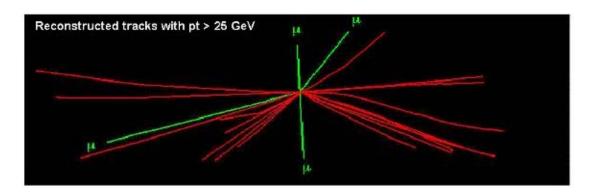


Starting from this event (particle collision) ...



- ✓ Data
 Collection
- ✓ Data Storage
- ✓ Data processing

You are looking for this "signature"...



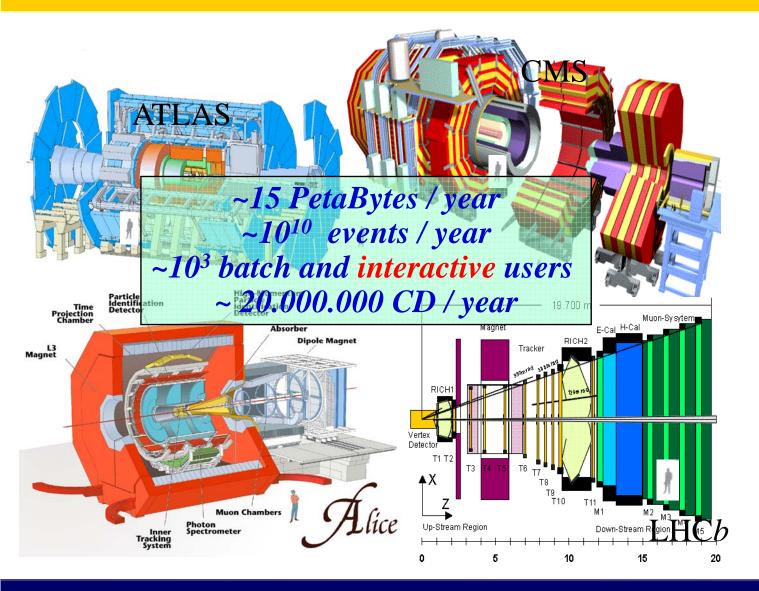
Selectivity: 1 in 10¹³

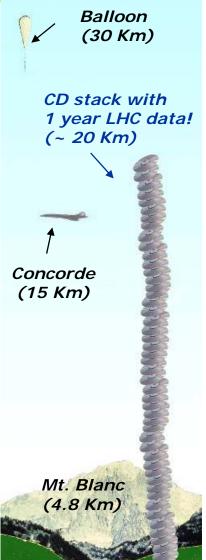
Like looking for 1 person in a thousand world populations!

Or for a needle in 20 million haystacks!

Amount of data from the LHC detectors







Dreams of scientists



- Nearly infinite computing power available for their institution, whenever they need it
- Nearly infinite storage so they would never have to worry where to put the data
- Reliable access and sharing to common resources, data, procedures and results
- Being able to collaborate with distant colleagues easily and efficiently

Computational problems (1)



- "Computer centric" problems
 - ✓ The user needs "teraflops"
 - the Grid can combine large computational resources in order to tackle problems that cannot be solved on a single system, or at least to do so much more quickly
- "Data-centric" problems ("Data-intensive" problems)
 - ✓ Huge amounts of data
 - ⇒ The Grid will be used to
 - > collect data
 - > store data
 - analyze data

maintained in geographically distributed repositories, digital libraries and databases

Computational problems (2)



- "Community-centric" problems (collaborative applications)
 - ✓ Enabling and enhancing human-to-human interactions
 - Brings people together for collaborations of various types
 - ✓ "Virtual shared space"
 ⇒enables the shared use of computational resources such as data archives and simulations
 - Real time requirements

High-throughput applications



- High-throughput computing is for problems that can be divided into many different tasks, independent of each other
- The Grid can be used to schedule the tasks, with the goal of putting unused processor cycles (often from idle workstations) to work
- ✓ @home applications







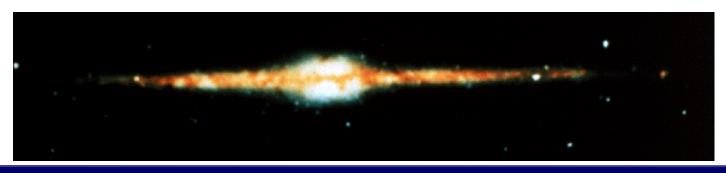


High-performance applications



- Supercomputing
- "Computer centric" problems
- Scientific applications
 - Astrophysics
 - Aerospace industry
 - Automotive industry
- Economics
- Climate modeling
- Distributed Interactive Simulation





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Five Big Ideas behind Grid (1)



Resource sharing on a global scale

A user enters the Grid

the user can use remote resources, which allow him to do things that he cannot do with the computer he owns or the computer centre he normally uses

the user can do more things than simple file exchange such as to gain access to remote software, computers, data and even he can access and control remote sensors, telescopes and other devices that belong to research centers

<u>Challenges:</u>

- ✓ Resources are owned by many different people and they exist within different administrative domains and they are subject to different security and access control policies
- ✓ Heterogeneous resources (different software, different security and access control policies)

Five Big Ideas behind Grid (2)



Secure access

Access policy

Resource providers and users must define clearly and carefully what is shared, who is allowed to share, and the conditions under which sharing occurs

Authentication

Mechanism for establishing the identity of a user or resource

Authorization

Mechanism for determining whether an operation is consistent with the defined sharing relationships

Challenges

- O Security in resources of Grid infrastructures
- O Security in transferring data through Internet

Five Big Ideas behind Grid (3)



Efficient use of resources

- Increase of users' number

 - Queue of people waiting to use the resources
- Development of algorithms for optimal allocation of resources
- Optimal allocation must take into account:
 - ✓ Number of jobs waiting in a queue to be executed
 - ✓ How long the execution of each previous job is going to take
 - ✓ Computational power of resources

Five Big Ideas behind Grid (4)



Death of distance

- High-speed connections between resources make a truly global Grid possible (use of optical fibers, optimization of Transport Protocols)
- ♦ If the connection between resources is slow⇒ then the use of remote but powerful resources will not be effective

Challenges

- Some scientists will need even higher-speed connectivity, so as to work with colleagues across the world to analyze large amount of data
- Other scientists will demand *ultra-low latency* for their applications, so there is no delay when working with colleagues in real time on the Grid

Five Big Ideas behind Grid (5)



Open Standards

- Software engineers developing the Grid services
- ✓ IT companies
- So the applications, that run in one Grid site, will run in all others with the same way

Global Grid Forum

- Defines Grid standards (Open Grid Standards Architecture)
- Develops best practices and specifications in cooperation with other leading standards organizations, software vendors, and users

🔖 Globus Toolkit

- Developed by Globus Alliance
- Open-source infrastructure that provides many of the basic services needed to construct Grid applications

What are the challenges?



- Must share data between thousands of scientists with multiple interests
- Must link major computer centres, not just PCs
- Must ensure all data accessible anywhere, anytime
- Must grow rapidly, yet remain reliable for more than a decade
- Must cope with different management policies of different centres
- Must ensure data security: more is at stake than just money!
- Must be up and running soon ...

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Grid Categories (1)



Computational Grids

- Collection of distributed computing infrastructures, which can be considered as an integrated virtual computing system
- Execution of applications with many computations
 - ✓ faster
 - ✓ efficiently
 - ✓ with low cost
 - ✓ using existing computing systems
- Applied to:
 - ✓ Science
 - ✓ Research
 - ✓ Industry

Grid Categories (2)



Data Grids

- The users and the applications manage information from databases in distributed platforms:
 - ✓ easy
 - ✓ efficiently
- Low cost, because there is no need for transfer, copy and collection of data in a central point
- More reliability during the data access

Grid Categories (3)



Service Grids

Real time processing

Requirements:

- ✓ collection of data from distributed laboratories
- ✓ analysis of data
- ✓ administration of data

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Grid prospects (1)



Better utilization of resources

- A user's machine may use the most of its capacity
- The user can use the Grid to run his application in an idle machine
- So there is better utilization of the existing resources, with no need for obtaining new ones
- Better load balancing

Requirements:

- ✓ The application should be designed and written properly for the Grid
- ✓ The remote machine must have available the required hardware
 and installed software, so as the application to be executed

Grid prospects (2)



Parallel CPU Capacity

- If an application requires computing power
 - then it can be divided in independent tasks, that can be executed in parallel

Challenges

- o It is difficult an algorithm to be divided in completely independent parts
- There may be collisions, when the various tasks ask access to common files or databases, so as to read or write data

Grid prospects (2)



Parallel CPU Capacity

- ♦ Technical problems in the communication of parallel tasks
 - ✓ limited network bandwidth
 - ✓ synchronization protocols
 - ✓ available bandwidth to storage resources
- Scientific applications such as :
 - ✓ High Energy Physics ✓ Animation
 - ✓ Bioinformatics
 ✓ Video processing
 - ✓ Economic models
 ✓ Meteorological models



Grid prospects (3)



Collaboration inside Virtual Organizations

- "A set of individuals and / or institutions defined by highly controlled sharing rules, with resource providers and consumers defining clearly and carefully just what is shared, who is allowed to share and the conditions under which sharing occurs" lan Foster
- Abstract entities grouping users, institutions and resources in the same administrative domain
- What is going to be shared?
 - √ resources
 √ licences
- - ✓ software ✓ services

 - ✓ special equipment
 ✓ Internet bandwidth

Virtual Organizations (VOs)



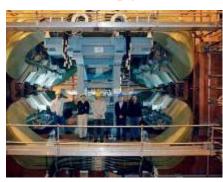
- Associated with LHC experiment

 - DTEAM
 ⇒ Grid (LCG) Deployment Group

CMS



LHCb



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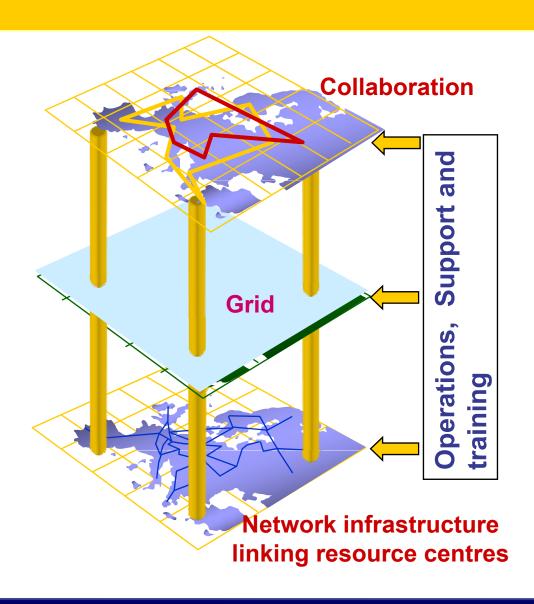


- Not associated with LHC experiment
 - Babar ⇒ Babar experiment

 - Biomed
 ⇒ EGEE Biomedical Activity
 - ESR
 ⇒ Earth Science Research
- More about Virtual Organizations in following presentations

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Grid Users



♦ End Users :

Run applications

Exploit the computer power, storage capacity and other resources that are offered

♦ Application Developers :

Design and development of applications, that can be executed in Grid infrastructures

- ✓ Virtual Organizations' developers
- ⇒ development of special purpose applications, especially for the experiments associated with

Grid Users



♦ Grid Administrators :

Administration of Grid infrastructures and reassurance of their correct operation

(network administrators, cluster administrators, regional administrators, virtual organization administrators)

Srid Developers:

Design, development and deployment of new services

Tool Developers:

Development of tools, compilers, libraries, that will be used by the application developers

Utilization of Grid (1)



- Government and International Organizations
- The collective power of the nation's fastest computers can be used to very big or very urgent problems
- Sharing of data archives between institutions more simply and effectively
- Disaster response(flood, fire), urban planning



- Training and Education
- E-libraries and e-learning could benefit from Grid-based tools for accessing distributed data and creating virtual classrooms with distributed students, resources and tutors



Utilization of Grid (2)



- Science and Technology
- Simulation of real time applications
- Execution of computations
- Connection of remote scientific instruments or sensors to computer farms, so as to be watched and managed
- Grid is suitable, when it is required:
 - ✓ Computing power
 - ✓ Storage capacity
 - ✓ Access to common databases
- High Energy Physics, Astronomy, Meteorology, Biology

Utilization of Grid (3)

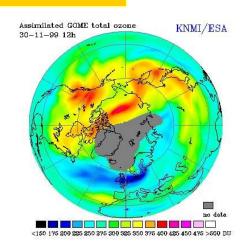


Environment

- Simulation of environmental problems such as:
 - ✓ air and water pollution
 - ✓ greenhouse effect
 - ✓ ozone hole
- ♦ Modelling and prediction of earthquakes
- Weather forecast



- Provide application software and special services
- ♥ Grid technologies' users for their activities
- The companies have geographically distributed departments
 - ⇔ development of local Grids (intra grids)
 like intranets





Grid development efforts all over the world



Access Grid

DISCOM

DOE Science Grid

Condor

ESG (Earth System Grid)

Fusion Collaboratory

Globus

GrADSoft (Grid Application

Development Software)

Grid Canada

GRIDS (Grid Research

Integration Development &

Support Center)

GriPhyN (Grid Physics

Network)

iVDGL (International Virtual

Data Grid Laboratory)

Music Grid

NASA Information Power Grid

NCSA Alliance Access Grid

AstroGrid

AVO (Astrophysical Virtual

Observatory)

Comb-e-chem

CrossGrid

DAME (Distributed Aircraft

Maintenance Environment)

DAMIEN (Distributed Applications and

Middleware for Industrial Networks)

DataTAG

Discovery Net

DutchGrid

EDG (European DataGrid)

EGSO (European Grid of Solar

Observations)

GEODISE (Grid Enabled Optimisation

& Design Search for Engineering)

GRIA (Grid Resources for

Industrial Applications)

Grid-Ireland

GridLab (Grid Application

Toolkit and Testbed)

GridPP

LCG (LHC Computing Grid)

MyGrid

NGIL (National Grid for

Learning Scotland)

NorduGrid (Nordic Testbed for Wide

Area Computing and Data Handling)

PIONIER Grid

Reality Grid

ScotGrid

ApGrid

ApBioNet

Grid Forum Korea

PRAGMA (Rim Applications and Grid Middleware Assembly)

Grid Datafarm for Petascale Data Intensive Computing

Gridbus Project

EGEE Enabling Grids for E-Science



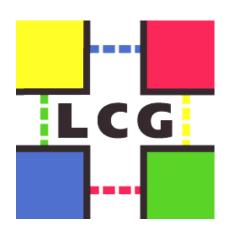
- The Enabling Grids for E-sciencE (EGEE) project is funded by the European Commission
- This project aims to build on recent advances in grid technology and develop a service grid infrastructure which is available to scientists 24 hours-a-day and 7 days a-week
- The project will primarily concentrate on three core areas:
- ✓ The first area is to build a consistent, robust and secure Grid network that will attract additional computing resources.
- ✓ The second area is to continuously improve and maintain the middleware in order to deliver a reliable service to users.
- ✓ The third area is to attract new users from industry as well as science and ensure they receive the high standard of training and support they need.

LHC Computing Grid



- The LHC Computing Grid Project (LCG) was born to prepare the computing infrastructure for the simulation, processing and analysis of the data of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) experiments.
- The processing of the enormous amount of data, that will be generated, will require large computational and storage resources and the associated human resources for operation and support.
- Preparation of a common infrastructure of
 - ✓ libraries
 - ✓ tools
 - ✓ frameworks

required to support the physics application software



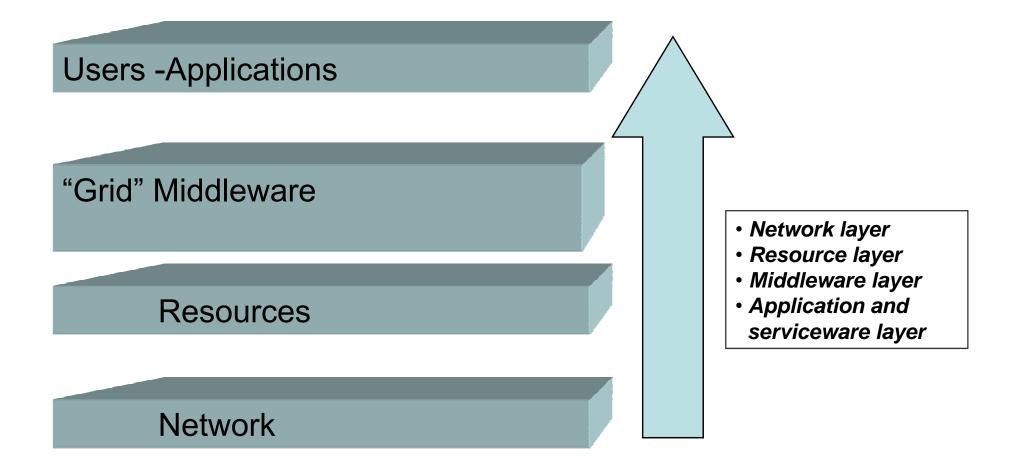
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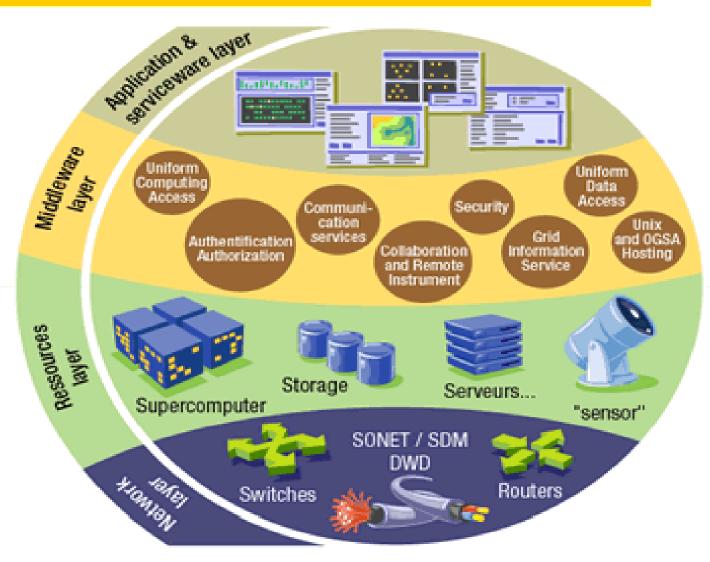
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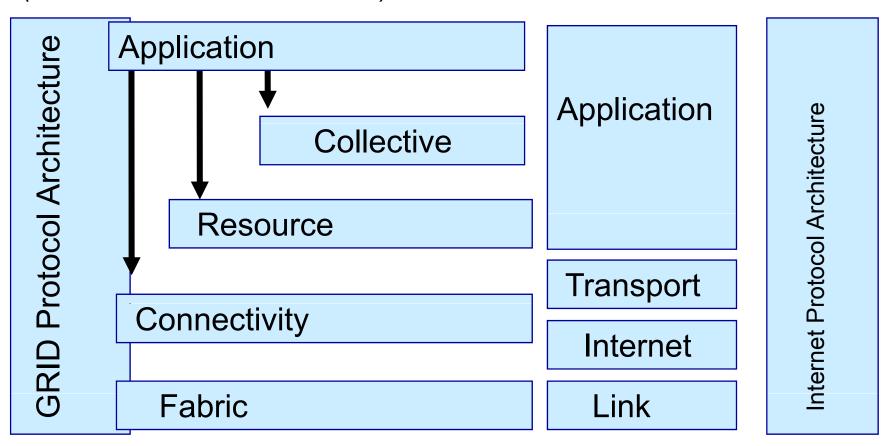


Grid Architecture (3)



 A layered grid architecture and its relationship to the Internet protocol architecture

(Foster, Kesselman, & Tuecke)



Middleware



- The Grid Middleware ensures seamless communication between different computers and different parts of the world
- The Grid middleware hide much of the complexity of the Grid environment from the user, giving the impression that all of these resources are available in a coherent virtual computer centre
- LCG, Globus, Condor







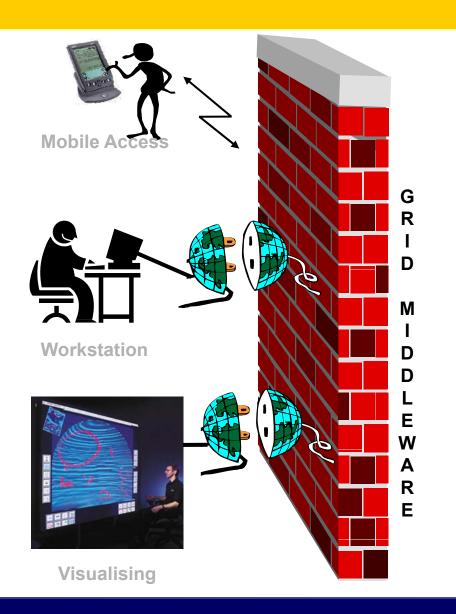
Middleware



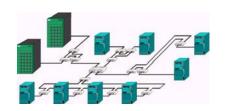
- Optimises use of the widely dispersed resources
- Organises efficient access to scientific data
- Deals with authentication to the different sites that the scientists will be using
- Finds convenient places for the "job" to be run
- Interfaces to local site authorisation and resource allocation policies
- Runs the jobs
- Monitors progress
- Recovers from problems
- ⇒ Tells you when the work is complete and transfers the result back!

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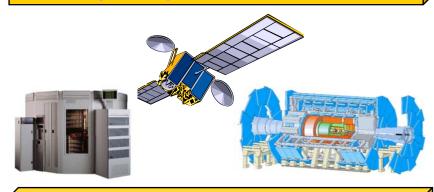








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Data-storage, Sensors, Experiments



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Globus Toolkit

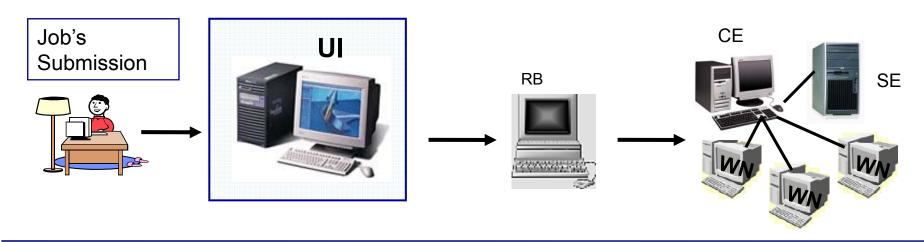


- Grid project Protocols
- Object-oriented approach
 - ⇒ Provides a bag of services from which developers of specific applications can choose what best suits them to meet their own particular needs
- Developed by Globus Alliance
- The toolkit provides a set of software tools needed to construct a computational Grid, such as security, resource location, resource management and communications
- The creators of the Globus Toolkit are making the software available under an "open source" licensing agreement
 the globus toolkit
- GRAM, GSI, MDS, GRIS, GIIS, GridFTP, Replica Catalog, Replica Management System

User Interface (1)



- Allows users to access Grid functionalities
- A machine where users have a personal account and where the user certificate is installed
- Gateway to Grid Services



User Interface (2)

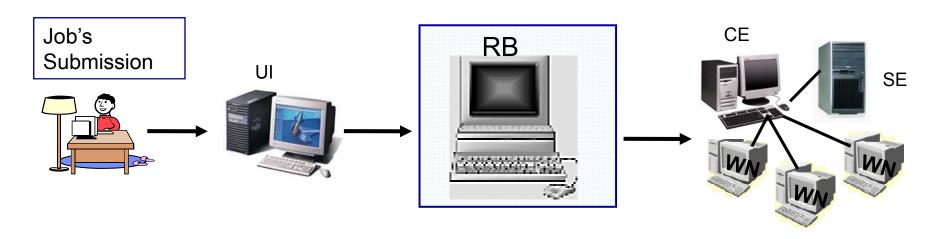


- It provides a Command Line Interface to perform some basic Grid operations such as:
- List all the resources suitable to execute a given job
- Submit jobs for execution
- Show the status of submitted jobs
- Cancel one or more jobs
- Retrieve the logging and bookkeeping information of jobs
- Retrieve the output of finished jobs
- Copy, replicate and delete files from Grid

Resource Broker (RB or WMS)



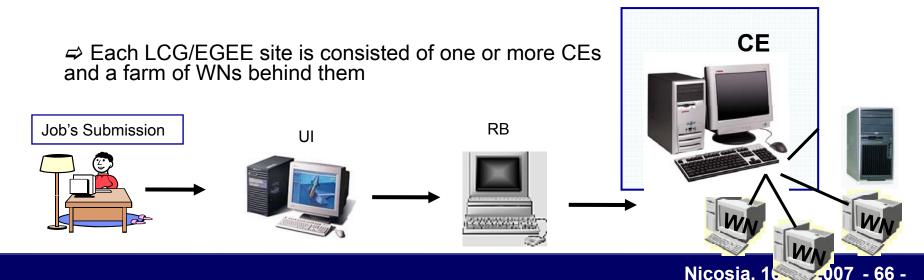
- The resource broker is responsible for the acceptance of submitted jobs and for sending those jobs to the appropriate Computing Element
- Retrieves information from Information Catalogues so as to find the proper available resources depending on the job requirements



Computing Element



- "Grid interface"
- It is built on a farm of a computing nodes called Worker Nodes (WNs)
- Executes the basic queues functions
- In the Computing Element, a process is being executed that accepts jobs and dispatch them for execution to the Worker nodes (WNs)
- The state of an executing job is being watched by the Computing Element



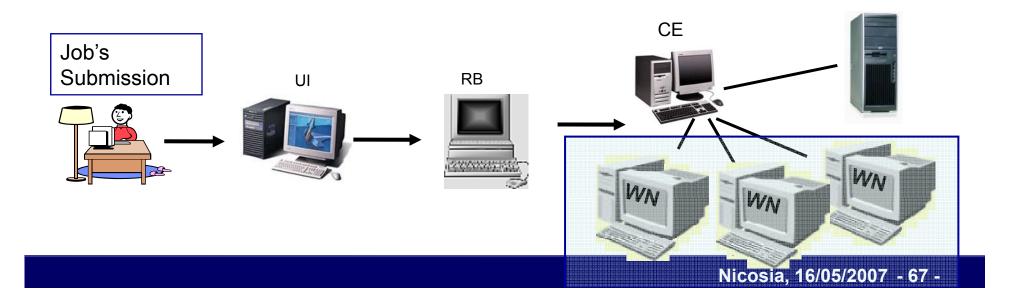
Worker Node



- The submitted jobs are being executed in the Worker noeds
- Need only outbound connectivity
- Only basic services of middleware are required in the Worker nodes such as Application libraries

Application Programming Interfaces (API)

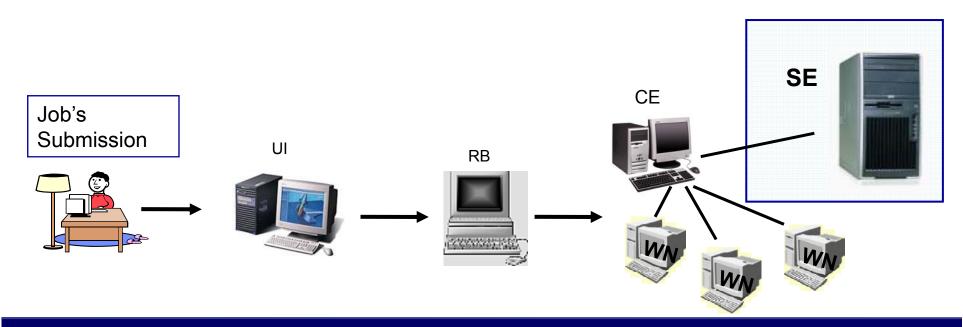
Commands for performing actions on Grid resources and Grid data



Storage Element



- It provides uniform access to storage resources
 (it may control simple disk servers, large disk arrays or Mass Storage Systems (MSS)
- Each LCG/EGEE site provides one or more SEs



Information System (IS)



- It provides information about the Grid resources and their status

 ⇒ This information is essential for the operation of the whole Grid
- Location of available Computing Elements to run jobs
- Finding of SEs that holding replicas of Grid files and the catalogs keeping the information on these files
- The information is stored in databases
- The published information is used for
 - ✓ monitoring purposes

 Grid, detecting fault situations and any other interesting events

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 - ✓ accounting purposes

 ⇒ for creating statistics of the applications run
 by the users in the resources

Monitoring systems



GridICE

- ✓ Distributed monitoring tool designed for Grid systems
- ✓ GridICE is a proper monitoring system to
 - o collect
 - o store
 - o monitor

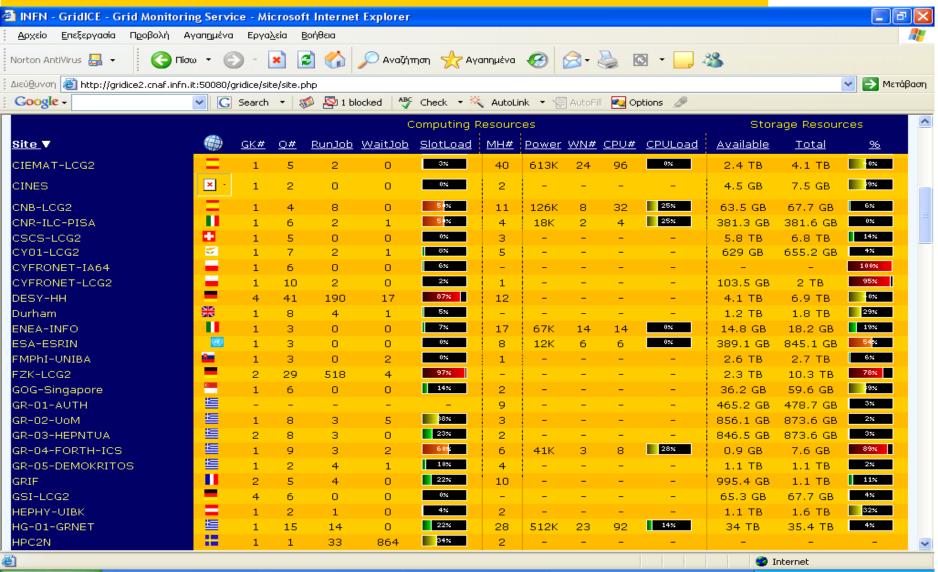
data about the resources' situation

- Data about services
- Data about Grid like the number of each site's CPUs, the number of submitted jobs, the number of executing jobs, the number of waiting jobs, the number of each site's free CPU, the available storage space, etc

GridICE

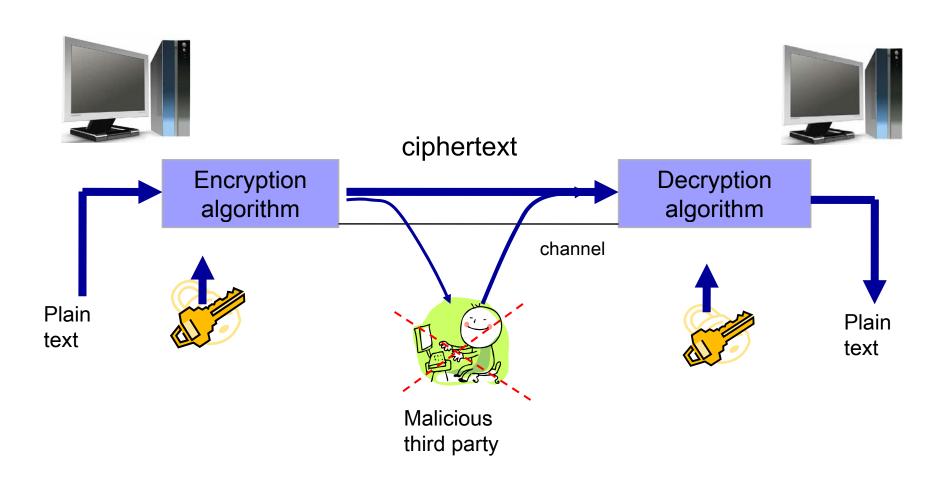


(http://gridice2.cnaf.infn.it:50080/gridice/site/site.php)



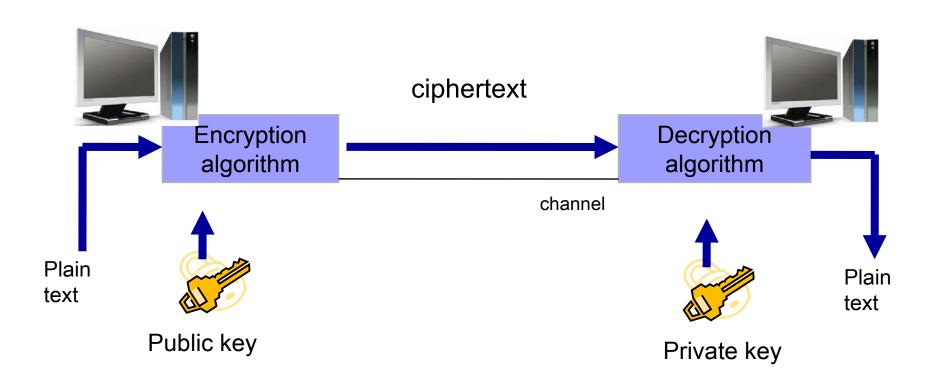
Cryptography components





Public key infrastructure





Digital certificate X.509



- Each entity (user, resource) must obtain a certificate
- The certificate includes information, such as the expiration date, the Certification Authority that signed it, the owner's public key and a DN
- The DN defines uniquely the owner and has the following fields:

C = Owner's country

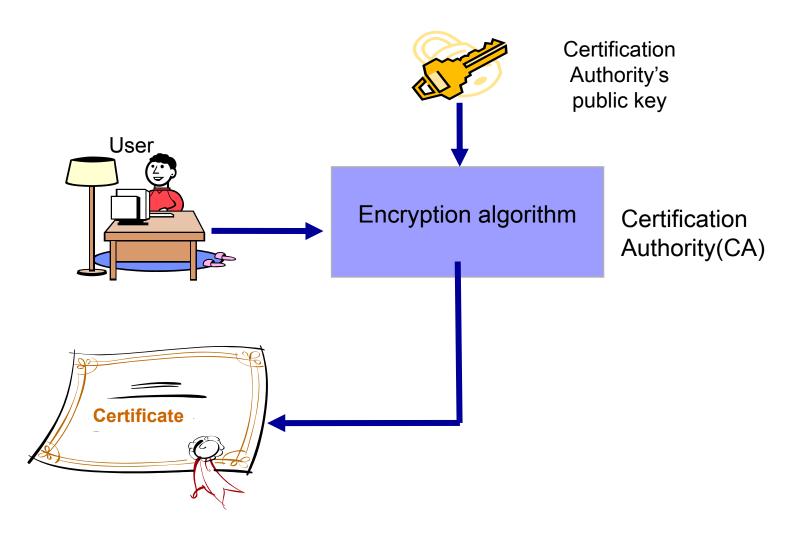
O = Owner's organization

OU = Owner's group

CN = Owner's name

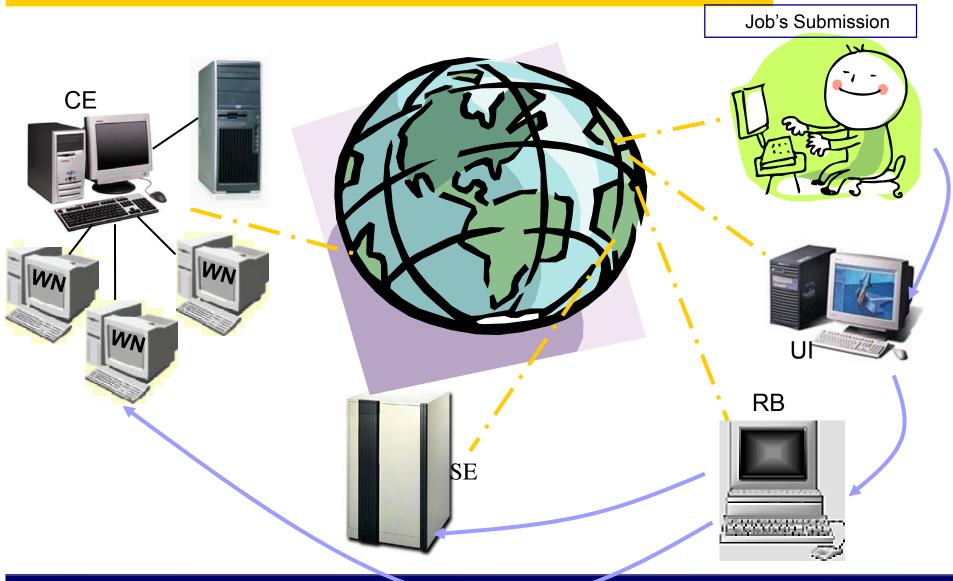
Certificate authority





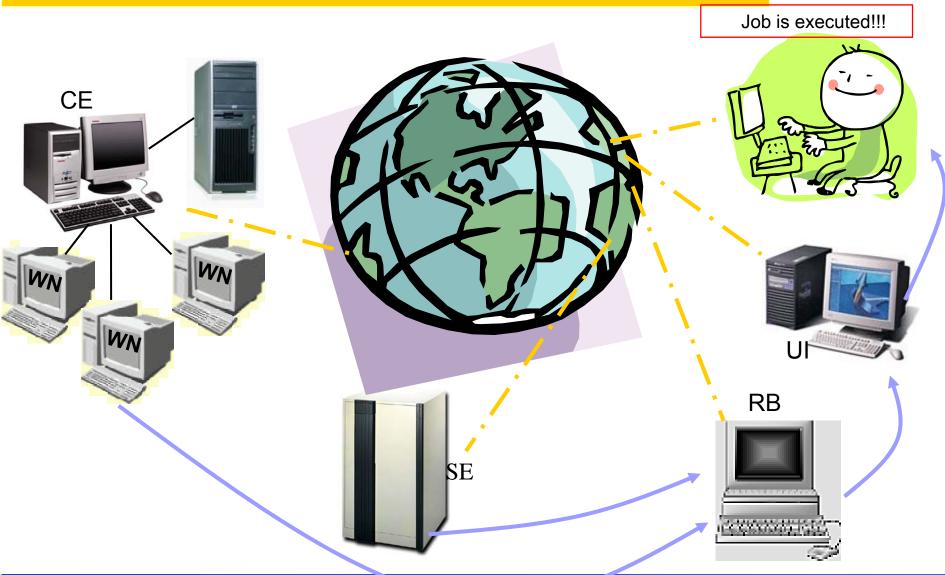
Submit a job to the Grid (1)





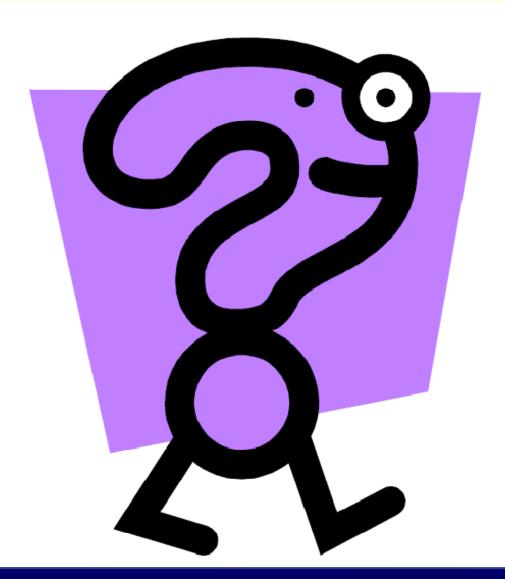
Submit a job to the Grid (2)





Q&A





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