

"GridVideo": a Grid-Based Multimedia Application

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Outline



What is GridVideo?

- A multimedia application, based on the Grid Computing paradigm, for the storage, distributed tailoring and streaming of media files.
- Key idea:
- A media file is splitted and then sent to remote nodes that transcode and stream the media towards the user device.



GridVideo ancestor (1/2)

• A first version of GridVideo was developed relying on a "local" Globus v2.4 cluster and directly on GRAM services.





GridVideo ancestor (2/2)





GridVideo: Activities





- GridVideo is developed using a mixture of Bash Shell script and Java software;
- Video transcoder: ffmpeg;
- Splitting software: mpgtx;
- Player Video Lan Client (vlc);
- Java Messaging Service (JMS) server: Apache ActiveMq.



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Current Solution









Multimedia Streaming





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Simple Solution





- If N is the number of chunks of the requested media
 - Submit N jobs each one recover a media chunk, transcode it and stream it to the user device.

It doesn't work:

- If I request N jobs to the RB, I have no guarantee on when these job will be scheduled.
- In order to enable the streaming I have to know the exact address of the WN used this is not usually given by plain jobs.
- Interactive jobs proved not to be a practical solution.



- In order to solve the aforementioned problems a flexible communication service between various jobs is needed, our choice is the Java Message Service (JMS) because of its wide adoption and support.
- In particular we deployed a JMS publish and subscribe topic on a Grid node thus enabling all the jobs and the Uis to communicate.



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Solutions



- An idle_job is a sort of pre-submitted job that contains all the application logic but does nothing until it receives instruction via messages.
 - File to transcode
 - Transcoding options





Streaming Session







• ΔTi evolution during an ordinary working day for the Grid.

Uniform Splitting



The diagram in figure shows latency for the three analysed files in the case of an uniform splitting strategy, (where all the chunks have approximately the same size), using a variable number of Grid slots (resulting in an equivalent number of media chunks).

Fibonacci Splitting



 $\Delta T_{ready}^{i+1} \leq \Delta T_{stop}^{i} \forall i \in [1, ..., n-1]$

 A reduction in the size of the first chunk lowers the latency, but we must address the shown requirement.





• This figure shows what happens with 40 idle_jobs when the number of user increases.



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- Porting application to Grid environments requires an important effort.
- **Calculation** Reliability is a great issue
 - A Grid is composed by heterogeneous system that changes over time.
- Non trivial multi job applications need some standardized way to communicate.

Conclusion



Thank you very much for your kind attention!

