Dissemination

Report on Group Discussion

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Selling Point: R-GMA Is Based on a New Idea

Many people have heard about R-GMA,
but haven't understood the basic idea.

$\Rightarrow$ need to present R-GMA in intuitive terms:

R-GMA presents distributed information
as a *virtual* relational database, i.e.

- It looks like a *database* from the *outside*,
- But it is *realised* as a society of agents
(producers, consumers and their helpers).

Potential Audiences

- Communities
  - EDG, GGF, OGSA/OGSI
- Individual Profiles
  - Developers who could use RGMA code
  - Users of RGMA (managers, project leaders)
  - Sys admins
  - Potential supporters
    (people who contribute won't start building competing products)
  - Standard bodies

Audiences According to Interests

People working on

- registries
- messaging systems
  e.g., pub-sub systems
- security
- databases
- standards

Broadcasting

- General papers @ conferences and workshops
- Posters
- Technical papers on specific aspects
- Presentations of components
- Articles in trade press
  "Computer Bulletin" by BCS
- Articles in Grid journals
- R-GMA website
  - entry points according to profiles (manager, …)
  - pointers according to topics (security, …)

What Has R-GMA to Offer to Computer Scientists?

- Technical contributions and results?
  … we rather apply existing methods than invent new ones

- There is something more interesting than results:

Problems !

⇒ Translate R-GMA problems into “language” of research and development communities
(security, databases, messaging)

⇒ Target application sessions of conferences

Next Steps

- Clarify concepts
  - producer and query types, communication modes, …
  - important for factories
- Concrete steps planned
  - write overview paper (Werner)
  - set up R-GMA website (Steve?)
  - participation in GGF
    - James in OGSA-DAI
    - Steve in Relational Services Research Group

Todo

- Create R-GMA website
- Write survey paper
  (target which publication?)
- Redesign API
  (along the lines suggested by Andy)
- Involvement in GGF based on goals