

SC2 Minutes (6 February 2004)

Present: Matthias Kasemann, Massimo Lamanna, Wisla Carena, Gerhard Raven, Marcel Kunze, Fairouz Ohlsson-Malek, Jean-Jacques Blaising, Wolfgang von Rden

VRVS/Phone: Jim Shank, Tony Doyle

Apologies: Les Robertson, Paris Sphicas

Invited: Ian Bird, Bernd Panzer, Frdric Hemmer, Lothar Bauerdick (US observer)

Organizational matters

All the members introduced themselves. Matthias recapped the structure of the LCG project. The line-up of the committee not being completely finalized, the possibility to invite experts from major Grid project was discussed. The nominated members have to be approved by the POB.

The SC2 mandate was reviewed and accepted without change.

The SC2 agreed that the SC2 in 2004 would meet 8 times in total: 4 meetings would be dedicated to the quarterly reports and 4 to focus discussion on the LCG areas (area focus meetings) together with the experiments interaction and uptake of the corresponding products and services.

SC2 meetings are scheduled on Fridays between 13:30 and 17:00; VRVS or similar remote access facility would be guaranteed. The proposed SC2 dates and agenda topics for 2004 are:

February 6	Quarterly report discussion
March 26	Application Area report
April 30	Quarterly report discussion
June 4	Grid Technology Area
July 30	Quarterly report discussion
August 31	Grid Deployment Areas report
October 29	Quarterly report discussion
December 3	Fabric Area report

The SC2 agreed to ask the LCG project leader to have the quarterly reports covering exactly the standard quarters (last year, some two weeks shift was required to match the reporting and the analysis pace). The report should be delivered within 4 weeks after the end of the reporting period.

The SC2 agreed to ask the PEB to complement the quarterly reports with an experiments' section, commenting the status of verification milestones and the adoption of LCG products and services; the editors of this section would be the computer coordinators.

During next week, the SC2 would provide feedback to Matthias to complete the SC2 performance analysis report to the POB (deadline February 13).

The SC2 agreed to refurbish the web site and to clearly differentiate the SC2 communication channels: the SC2 mailing list would be restricted to the members only, while the communication with the external world (like meeting announcement, etc...) would use a SC2-info mailing list.

The SC2 will approve the minutes via mail, wherever possible. Approved minutes will be made public and attached to the SC2 agenda.

The SC2 endorsed the new mode of operation for the RTAGs, which would be completely overseen by the PEB; the SC2 should follow the evolution of the project; SC2 endorsement is needed in case of change of scope of major subprojects.

The SC2 heard 3 presentations from the LCG areas, the application area activities could not be presented because of scheduling conflicts.

Fabric Area Q4/2003 report (B. Panzer)

Bernd reported on the activity of the last quarter (actually Sep 15 to Dec 15 2003).

In the discussion, Wisla made the point that the resource allocation should be public, but strict in order to allow planning from the experiments.

Fairouz pointed out that this is viable for the experiments and the resource centres are kept up to date to allow reallocation of resources across the groups in case of change of schedule of the experiments.

The SC2 endorsed the position that the GDB tracks the resource allocation and coordinates the different data challenges across all regional centres. The LCG quarterly reports should describe this process and coordinating activity.

Grid Deployment Area Q4/2003 report (Ian Bird)

Ian reported on the activity of the last quarter (actually Sep 15 to Dec 15 2003).

SC2 took note of the status of the deployment of LCG-2. The milestones table looked corrupted and the SC2 asked to make it coherent. New milestones might be necessary to explain the evolution of LCG-2 and in particular the deployment of the SRM.

Grid Technology Area Q4/2003 report (Frédéric Hemmer)

Frédéric reported on the activity of the last quarter (actually Sep 15 to Dec 15 2003).

In the presentation and in the discussion, it was pointed out that the LCG workshop would be the ideal place to present the current understanding of the proposed services, complementing the PEB discussions.

The SC2 endorsed the position that the PEB should coordinate external contribution to the EGEE middleware.

The SC2 asked that a short-term milestone to provide a detailed project plan (WBS) would be created.

Frédéric stated that the hiring at CERN is almost completed; in the UK it is started, no information from Italy yet.

Discussion on the Q4/2003 report

Wisla pointed out that the review of these milestones is still difficult due to various inconsistencies. In addition, she suggested that many milestones should be demoted to level 3 (like “Hiring process started”), while only clear verifiable milestones should be analysed by the SC2. She pointed out that the situation of the Grid technology area has to be clarified (the present quarterly report has been edited by David Foster and Frédéric Hemmer, reflecting the change of leadership and of scope in this area).

Fairouz suggested that the regional centres should expose their activity in the quarterly reports as well. The GDB should coordinate this contribution to the quarterly report.

There is general consensus in the SC2 on these proposals, which would make their way in the POB report.