

XML Schema for e-Science Projects, Grid Users, Applications and Resources.

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Abstract

This paper proposes XML schema for Grid users, applications and resource descriptions which can be used for authorisation and contact purposes, discovery and for mapping applications to resources. These schema are being developed in the CCLRC IeSE project http://esc.dl.ac.uk/IeSE/about.html and some prototype services using them are described. We will describe how these schema extend the UDDI schema for e-Science projects which has been proposed and provide a semi-static information base complementary to the Globus Monitoring and Discovery Service (MDS). We will consider how information services based upon such schema will grow in functionality when CIM is widely used, e.g. for OGSI/ GT3 service data.

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INTRODUCTION

1 Introduction

In a Grid there are some things that change a lot (dynamic information) and some things that don't change very often (static information). In working with the Grid Information System we have identified a need for the LDAP-based Globus MDS system to give information about which resources are "up" and their load and other utilisation figures and a UDDI registry to provide information and links to VO projects and their services. The latter is discussed in a separate paper [17].

There is also a need to describe applications which are pre-installed on the Grid resources as discovered via MDS, and to get a more static view of the architecture of these resources. We have chosen to use XML schema in addition to MDS for this information, giving the possibility of getting the XML documents from a Web server on the actual resource, perhaps via a Web search engine, or of having them stored in an XML database either centrally or distributed.

Quantities may or may not depend on time depending on how they are viewed. For instance if an application is installed on a resource, its version number may depend on time, but looking up that application version its characteristics are constant. In this case it may equally well be viewed as a second application, but the application set depends on time. CPU load or memory usage on a resource may vary, but many of its other capabilities will be fixed. We propose using an XML element attribute for date and time, so that a query may specify an element name and a time and any database provider should return the element value for closest time recorded.

This paper proposes XML schema for describing e-Science projects and Grid users, applications and resources which can be used in authorisation and contact, discovery and for mapping applications to resources. It will be seen that some data elements are shared between schema, for instance a resource will contain a list of authorised users (possibly recorded as a function of time), but an individual user may contain a similar list for the resources that he/ she is allowed to use. There is a clear case for relational tables here which go beyond simple XML files.

These schema are being developed in the CCLRC IeSE project and some prototype services using them, including a Community InfoPortal for the UK e-Science Grid, are described. The schema proposed here will also form the basis of "facility metadata" definitions used in the IeSE DataPortal.

1.1 Common Information Model

The Common Information Model (CIM) is an object-oriented information model defined by the Distributed Management Task Force (DMTF) that provides a conceptual framework for publishing data required for computational resource management [30]. CIM is designed for the management of systems, software, users, devices, networks and more. There are other instrumentation and management standards, including SNMP, DMI, CMIP etc. and CIM aims to unify some of these previous models and incorporates data from a variety of sources.

CIM makes strong use the structuring and abstraction of object oriented programming, as opposed to centrally managed tabular data structures used in some previous systems. It is therefore more appropriate for a Grid environment and has been adopted by the Globus development team for GT3.

Of particular interest here are the CIM models for system (compute resources, databases, storage),

devices, networks, users and applications. These are referred to as the common models. We note that much of the documentation on the CIM Web site has not changed since August 2000.

2 Schema for Projects

A Schema for a Virtual Organisation (or Project) is being developed. This is considered to map onto the UDDI schema, with a one to one analogy between e-Science Project information and e-Business information. This is discussed in a separate document [17]. Contact details in the UDDI schema may point to a person schema for each contact. Resources available to the project may appear as services.

Figure 1 shows the mapping of the main elements of the schema and their relationship with UDDI which is discussed separately [17].

There may be additional information which could be useful. In UDDI v3.0 it is proposed to have extensible schema, that means that our person schema could replace the current limited contact schema. It may also be required to add information about funding sources to supplement information which could be contained in the identifier Bag in v2.0.

3 XML Schema for HPC Resources

In discussion with members of the UK Grid Engineering Task Force (ETF) it was realised that there is a requirement to describe a Grid computational resource which is a heterogeneous cluster or set of clusters. This is not currently catered for in the Globus MDS schema. We proposed initially to test an XML schema for this purpose integrated with the Grid Community InfoPortal in IeSE to present information to users (see below).

We consider that a resource is logically divided into partitions and that each partition can comprise a number of head nodes and a number of worker nodes with different characteristice. Work nodes may also include special-purpose i/o nodes. Characteristics of these different nodes can be recorded including the presence of communications subsystems and resource management systems (and Globus gatekeeper and jobmanagers).

resType: name, key, description and partitions;

resDescType 1: Web site URL, contact person, description of resource;

partitionType 1..*: number of head nodes, number of worker nodes, detailed descriptions of head
and worker nodes;

accountingScheme 1: how accounting information is collected and provided;

appsInstalled 1..*: name, version and location of installed applications which link back the the application schema via a unique key.

Information provided about a node include: description; DNS name; IP address; number of processors; OS version; available comms subsystems; total available disc storage in MB; total available memory in

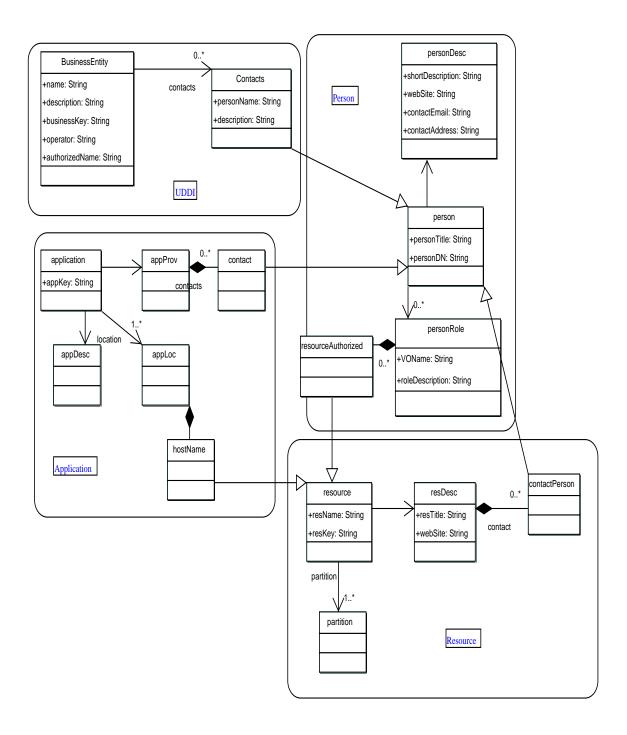


Figure 1: Connections between Schema

MB; peak performance in Gflop/s; available RMS sub systems; Globus gatekeeper if present; available Globus jobmanagers if present.

We also decided that hooks should be included in the schema to allow extensions for accounting in the future.

The following example describes the Loki alpha cluster at Daresbury.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<?xml-stylesheet href="resSchema.xsl" type="text/xsl" ?>
<resource>
<!-- description and identifier -->
<resName>Loki</resName>
<resKey>6c220b36-6ee0-4f7e-a7d3-c26abec07f71</resKey>
<resDesc>
<resTitle>Loki alpha cluster at Daresbury</resTitle>
<webSite>http://loki.dl.ac.uk</webSite>
<contactPerson>Steve Andrews</contactPerson>
<contactEmail>s.j.andrews@dl.ac.uk</contactEmail>
<shortDescription>
Loki is a 64-processor Alpha Beowulf cluster. 24 nodes have a pair of
Compaq Alpha EV67 667 MHz processors in a DS20 chassis with shared
memory and disk. 8 nodes have 833 MHz Alphas. All nodes are connected
by Fast Ethernet and QSNet switches which can sustain 100 Mb/s and 140
MB/s respectively. A master node is provided for login and
compilation. The application nodes run jobs via the Quadrics RMS
resource management system. Quadrics 128-way switch (QSNet).
</shortDescription>
</resDesc>
<partition>
<headNode>
<NodeNumber>1</NodeNumber>
<nodeDesc>Loki master node. UW-SCSI user disk.
</nodeDesc>
<DNSname>loki.dl.ac.uk</DNSname>
<ipAddress>193.62.112.157</ipAddress>
<numProcs>1</numProcs>
cprocessor>Alpha 21264A
<MHz></MHz>
<osVersion>Linux</osVersion>
<storageAvail>16 GB</storageAvail>
<memoryAvail>1 GB</memoryAvail>
<rmsAvail>PBS</rmsAvail>
<globusGateKeeper>loki.dl.ac.uk</globusGateKeeper>
<jobManagerAvail>loki.dl.ac.uk:2119</jobManagerAvail>
<jobManagerAvail>loki.dl.ac.uk:2119/jobmanager-pbs</jobManagerAvail>
<qName></qName>
</headNode>
```

```
<workerNode>
<NodeNumber>24</NodeNumber>
<nodeDesc>Pool 1. Dual 667 MHz Alphas connected to the master via a
Fast Ethernet switch. 2nd Fast Ethernet switch dedicated to the
parallel communications traffic. High Performance Interconnect via
Quadrics Elan III NICs. ECC SDRAM and SCSI disk.
</nodeDesc>
<numProcs>2</numProcs>
cprocessor>Alpha 21264A
<MHz>667 MHz</MHz>
<osVersion>Linux</osVersion>
<globusGateKeeper>loki.dl.ac.uk</globusGateKeeper>
<commsAvail>MPI on Ethernet</commsAvail>
<commsAvail>MPI on QSNet</commsAvail>
<storageAvail>9 GB</storageAvail>
<memoryAvail>1 GB</memoryAvail>
<rmsAvail>PBS</rmsAvail>
</workerNode>
<workerNode>
<NodeNumber>8</NodeNumber>
<nodeDesc>Pool 2. Dual 833 MHz Alphas connected to the master via a
Fast Ethernet switch. 2nd Fast Ethernet switch dedicated to the
parallel communications traffic. High Performance Interconnect via
Quadrics Elan III NICs. ECC SDRAM and SCSI disk.
</nodeDesc>
<numProcs>2</numProcs>
cessor>Alpha 21264A
<MHz>833 MHz</MHz>
<osVersion>Linux</osVersion>
<globusGateKeeper>loki.dl.ac.uk</globusGateKeeper>
<commsAvail>MPI on Ethernet</commsAvail>
<commsAvail>MPI on QSNet</commsAvail>
<storageAvail>9 GB</storageAvail>
<memoryAvail>1 GB</memoryAvail>
<rmsAvail>PBS</rmsAvail>
</workerNode>
</partition>
</resource>
```

3.1 Relationship to Globus MDS

MDS is being developed to provide dynamic information about a computational Grid. It currently, via the default LDAP schema which is distributed with Globus, gives information about a Globus gatekeeper including cpu type and number, real memory, virtual memory, filesystems and networks. Additional information providers can be plugged into this framework. The following comments were provided by Gabriel Mateescu of NRC, Canada.

The GRAM reporter provider gives some information about batch jobs, e.g.,

```
> # 8.pt.sao, workq, jobmanager-pbs, pt.sao.nrc.ca, local, grid
> dn: Mds-Job-id=8.pt.sao, Mds-Job-Queue-name=workq, Mds-Software-deploym
 ent=jobmanager-pbs, Mds-Host-hn=pt.sao.nrc.ca, Mds-Vo-name=local,o=grid
> objectClass: Mds
> objectClass: MdsJob
> objectClass: MdsGramJob
> Mds-Job-id: 8.pt.sao
> Mds-Gram-Job-localId: 8.pt.sao
> Mds-Gram-Job-globalId: NULL
> Mds-Gram-Job-localOwner: gabriel
> Mds-Gram-Job-globalOwner: NULL
> Mds-Gram-Job-status: running
> Mds-Gram-Job-schedulerSpecific: NULL
> Mds-validfrom: 200210141626.30Z
> Mds-validto: 200210141627.00Z
> Mds-keepto: 200210141627.00Z
```

So, we get the job ID, owner, and status.

For purposes such as meta-scheduling, additional information would be useful, e.g., about the resources allocated to the job (compute nodes in a cluster, number of CPUs, memory), as well as CPU time used by running jobs. Will that be provided at some time by the GRAM reporter (or another package)?

It looks like there are two options:

- 1. extend the GRAM reporter to provide more information about batch jobs managed by a local scheduler:
- 2. write add-on providers that convert local scheduler information to a scheduler independent representation.

The first choice has the advantage that it promotes consistency across different local schedulers, while the second allows sites to go beyond what the reporter supports at a given time.

3.2 Relationship to CIM

The Common Information Model (CIM) is an object-oriented information model defined by the Distributed Management Task FOrce (DMTF) that provides a conceptual framework for describing management data [30]. CIM is an approach to the management of systems, software, users, networks and more that applies the basic structuring and abstraction of object oriented programming.

3.3 Relationship to SNMP

- to follow.

3.4 UNICORE Incarnation Resource Database Schema

- to follow

3.5 Relationship to DataGrid R-GMA

– to follow

3.6 Brokering and Distributed Accounting

Brokering and accounting are linked in that one might trade time to completion with cost. However many of the aspects of a practical accounting system can be treated separately. We only intend to provide the necessary hooks in the schema to say how this can be done. A separate paper [2] considers how a distributed billing and price publication system might be deployed.

4 XML Schema for HPC Applications

The UK e-Science Grid can most effectively be used for pre-installed and validated applications [20]. Such a Grid, based on the Globus middleware, is currently being deployed by the UK Grid Engineering Task Force http://www.grid-support.ac.uk/etf. Indeed Mike Surridge [27] has pointed out that there are potentially overwhelming problems with security if this is not the case, e.g. in an "open grid". It is therefore necessary to know which version of each application is present on each resource, its dependencies e.g. input/ output files and its conditions of use, e.g. license required. This allows for verification that the executable is correctly installed and tested and for search facilities to find applications appropriate to a particular scientific discipline.

It is particularly useful to be able to choose an appropriate application based on a thematic keyword-based search, with keywords derived from an appropriate ontology, and to see if other applications exist which are useful in a similar area of research. These may offer different parameter space coverage or guarantee different levels of accuracy to time to solution. They may also require different operating environments and provide more or less suitable interfaces for the user.

Other work on application metadata is being carried out in the GGF Grid Computing Environments research group, e.g. at Cardiff (Rana et al.) [28], Indiana (Geoffrey Fox), ... and at Southampton, BAe Systems etc. The aim is to develop working tools which build upon previous work.

The high-level application metadata which we define has the classical set of three sections:

- 1. its own metadata description of the application itself. This is likely to include such things as:
 - title, version and description, e.g. sufficient to permit a keyword search;
 - dependencies such as environment and other requirements;
 - input/ output files required together with metadata describing content and format;
 - license and other usage conditions which apply;
- 2. provenance history of code version, author may be described by a link to a person schema (see below);
- 3. location the install base of executables, including Grid host and full path.

Main sections in the schema file which encapsulate this information are:

```
appType: title, key, version;
appDescType 1: Web URL, textual description including keywords;
licenseScheme 1: information about the type of license required.
appProvType 1..*: contact e-mail, contact address;
appLocType 1..*: type (binary or source), host, full path to executable, operating system;
appFileType 1..*: information about i/o files, their content and format;
appDependencyType 1..*: information about any dependencies or operational requirements, e.g.
```

O/S/, memory or temporary disc required, compiler version;

The appLocType section can be repeated for each host on which there is an application matching this description.

Issues yet to be fully addressed include:

- specification of input/ output files and formats;
- specification of additional requirements.

The following example describes the REALC application.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<?xml-stylesheet href="appSchema.xsl" type="text/xsl" ?>
<application>
<!-- description and identifier -->
<appUUID>803e385c-5edc-49c0-8ff3-f5fc9230c4aa</appUUID>
<appDesc>
<appTitle>REALC</appTitle>
```

```
<webSite>http://www.cse.dl.ac.uk/Activity=CCP6;</webSite>
<shortDescription>Parallel program for computation of rates of
chemical reactions of the form A+BC->AB+C. Uses time-dependent
propagation of a real wavepacket on a DVR coordinate grid.
</shortDescription>
<licenseScheme license="academic">
clicenseIssuer contact="person">
<contactName>Rob Allan
<contactKey>/C=UK/O=es-grid/OU=dl.ac.uk/CN=Robert Allan/contactKey>
</appDesc>
<!-- provenance -->
<appProv contact="person">
<contactName>Rob Allan</contactName>
<contactKey>/C=UK/O=es-grid/OU=dl.ac.uk/CN=Robert Allan/contactKey>
</appProv>
<!-- location of installed app on Grid resources -->
<appLoc>
<appType>binary</appType>
<appHost>esc5.dl.ac.uk</appHost>
<hostPath>/home/rja/tdrs_codes/run_realc/realc.out</hostPath>
<hostType>Linux</hostType>
</appLoc>
<appLoc>
<appType>binary</appType>
<appHost>esc4.dl.ac.uk</appHost>
<hostPath>/home/rja/tdrs_codes/run_realc/realc.out</hostPath>
<hostType>Linux</hostType>
</appLoc>
<appLoc>
<appType>binary</appType>
<appHost>beowulf1.dl.ac.uk</appHost>
<hostPath>/home/rja/tdrs_codes/run_realc/realc.out</hostPath>
<hostType>Linux</hostType>
</appLoc>
<appLoc>
<appType>binary</appType>
<appHost>loki.dl.ac.uk</appHost>
<hostKey>6c220b36-6ee0-4f7e-a7d3-c26abec07f71</hostKey>
<hostPath>/home/rja/tdrs_codes/run_realc/realc.out</hostPath>
<hostType>Linux</hostType>
</appLoc>
</application>
```

SCHEMA FOR USERS

4.1 Globus MDS Application Schema

- to follow

4.2 Relationship to CIM

- to follow.

4.3 Considerations of Distributed Software Management

- to follow.

4.4 Application Licenses on a Grid

Licensing, authorisation and accounting go hand in hand. We have chosen however to deal with them separately, but to provide sufficient links between the relevant schema to allow practical tools to be developed.

Whilst it is not yet the case, we believe that the current license schemes will be extended to include payment on demand in the near future. This is one area of research to be targetted in the *Computational Markets* proposal of Darlington et al.

5 Schema for Users

In the course of discussion it was realised that an XML schema describing a user would also be useful. This could be populated with information enabling user-management tools to be developed. A single user can belong to many VOs and have many roles. These should be described in the schema. Accounting hooks should also be included.

The schema includes:

personType: person's name, DN and short description of them;

personRoleType 1..*: person's role in a VO and a list of resources to which they have access;

paymentScheme 1..*: how the person pays for Grid resources.

This schema could to some extent be populated, or updated, by automatic tools. One such is the tool to determine to what resources the user has access. Another might be the CA.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<?xml-stylesheet href="personSchema.xsl" type="text/xsl" ?>
<personTitle>Dr. Robert John Allan</personTitle>
<personDN>/C=UK/O=es-grid/OU=dl.ac.uk/CN=Robert Allan</personDN>
<personDesc>
<shortDescription>A very nice guy who has written several papers on
developing the UK Grid.</shortDescription>
<webSite>http://www.e-science.clrc.ac.uk</webSite>
<contactEmail>r.j.allan@dl.ac.uk</contactEmail>
<contactAddress>CCLRC e-Science Centre, Daresbury Laboratory, Daresbury,
Warrington WA4 4AD, UK</contactAddress>
</personDesc>
<!-- my various roles in projects -->
<personRole>
<voName>CLRC</voName>
<voKey>95ee146c-f83d-4d94-8f62-0ffd3780e85a</voKey>
<roleDescription>Technical Manager</roleDescription>
<roleKey>cc2c56b9-aa44-4374-bdf2-d04b9aab09f2/roleKey>
<resourceAuthorized>esc.dl.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
<resourceAuthorized>esc4.dl.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
<resourceAuthorized>esc5.dl.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
<resourceAuthorized>loki.dl.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
<resourceAuthorized>tcs10.dl.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
<resourceAuthorized>splogin1.dl.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
<resourceAuthorized>login.hpcx.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
</personRole>
<personRole>
<voName>UK e-Science Grid</voName>
<voKey>f7753190-3ddc-4ad7-825f-d85a51cf07ff</voKey>
<roleDescription>Deployment Manager</roleDescription>
</personRole>
<personRole>
<voName>UK e-Science Grid</voName>
<voKey>f7753190-3ddc-4ad7-825f-d85a51cf07ff</voKey>
<roleDescription>WP2 Leader</roleDescription>
<resourceAuthorized>ginfo.grid-support.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
<resourceAuthorized>esc.dl.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
</personRole>
<personRole>
<voName>UK e-Science Grid</voName>
<voKey>f7753190-3ddc-4ad7-825f-d85a51cf07ff</voKey>
<roleDescription>HPCPortal Developer</roleDescription>
<roleKey>aca2e483-ae82-472d-aa86-38eab1b373e9/roleKey>
<resourceAuthorized>wk-pc1.dl.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
<resourceAuthorized>wk-ibm1.dl.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
<resourceAuthorized>splogin1.dl.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
```

SCHEMA FOR USERS

```
<resourceAuthorized>loki.dl.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
<resourceAuthorized>hrothgar.esc.rl.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
<resourceAuthorized>login.hpcx.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
<resourceAuthorized>herschel.cam.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
<resourceAuthorized>metropolis.soton.ac.uk/resourceAuthorized>
<resourceAuthorized>green.cfs.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
<resourceAuthorized>bouscat.cs.cf.ac.uk</resourceAuthorized>
</personRole>
<personRole>
<voName>eHTPX</voName>
<voKey>06425db6-e378-40d8-8884-33c384454d17</voKey>
<roleDescription>Grid WP2 Leader</roleDescription>
<roleKey>99a7ab26-e7d2-49ac-b8a4-4bb8295f4358</roleKey>
</personRole>
<!-- funding schemes for me, map to various roles requiring payment -->
<paymentScheme>
<paymentDescription>OST funding to CCLRC</paymentDescription>
<roleKey>aca2e483-ae82-472d-aa86-38eab1b373e9/roleKey>
<roleKey>cc2c56b9-aa44-4374-bdf2-d04b9aab09f2/roleKey>
<paymentType>on demand</paymentType>
</paymentScheme>
<paymentScheme>
<paymentDescription>BBSRC grant/paymentDescription>
<roleKey>99a7ab26-e7d2-49ac-b8a4-4bb8295f4358</roleKey>
<paymentType>quarterly bill</paymentType>
</paymentScheme>
</person>
```

5.1 Globus MDS Contact Person Schema

There is an entry in the MDS2.2 schema for a contact person for each Grid resource.

Gabriel Mateescu and Darcy Quesnel of the CanadaGrid project have proposed a new information provider for the Globus Monitoring and Discovery Service (MDS) to provide information about the contact person associated with a compute resource. This currently includes the name, email address, postal code, and country of the contact person. and takes the form:

```
grid-info-search -x '(objectClass=MdsHostContact)'
  version: 2

# manager, si.sao.nrc.ca, local, grid
dn: Mds-Host-contact=manager,Mds-Host-hn=si.sao.nrc.ca,Mds-Vo-name=local,
  o=grid
objectClass: Mds
objectClass: MdsComputer
objectClass: MdsHostContact
```

Mds-Host-Contact-name: Gabriel Mateescu

Mds-Host-Contact-email: gabriel.mateescu@nrc.ca

Mds-Host-Contact-postalcode: K1A OR6 Mds-Host-Contact-country: Canada

The source bundle as well as installation instructions are available at: http://www.sao.nrc.ca/imsb/rcsg/gc/globus.html\#install_host_contact_sensor

5.2 Relationship to CIM

- to follow.

5.3 Consideration of User Management and Authorisation Issues

Role-based authorisation is a complex issue which must be tackled if Grids are to provide a transparent means of accessing and using resources of many different types. Several research groups are investigating this area.

CAS – to follow

VOMs – to follow

VOM (Imperial College) – to follow

6 Use of XML and Relational Databases

Xindice – see separate report [18]

eXist - to follow

ORACLE – maps XML into relational structures.

???? – presents relational output as XML (ask Kevin...)

OGSA-DAI – see separate report [18]

7 Grid Community InfoPortal and Resource Management Services

The Grid Community InfoPortal http://esc.dl.ac.uk/InfoPortal can be used to obtain information as described above about projects, applications and users of the UK e-Science Grid. XML

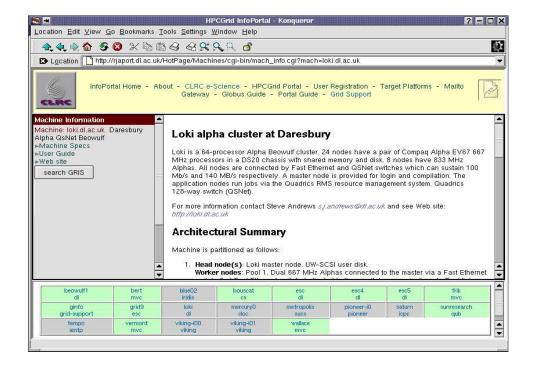


Figure 2: InfoPortal view of Resource Information

stylesheet transformations are applied to the descriptor files. In InfoPortal the Perl *xslt-parser* is invoked as a CGI task to transform the data into HTML format for the Web information pages. Other tools are being developed which provide different views of the information.

In InfoPortal the UK National MDS GIIS server is queried once per hour using a Unix cron application to update a local LDAP database. This is used as a dynamic information provider cache.

Additional static XML descriptions are held in an Apache Xindice database and an OGSA-DAI prototype service is used to access this data. Xpath queries can simply be applied to search the database via an instance of the DB service.

XML stylesheet transformations are applied to the resource descriptor files which are extracted from the DB. In InfoPortal the Perl *xslt-parser* is invoked as a CGI task to transform the data into HTML format for the Web information pages. This is accessible as http://esc.dl.ac.uk/InfoPortal/Machines/mach_specs.cgi?mach=\$MACH where \$MACH is the FQDN of a Grid resource, e.g. *vermont.mvc.mcc.ac.uk*.

Other similar tools are being developed which provide different views of the information. One such can provide an IDB file for use by a UNICORE job-submission system. These will be provided as Web services as well as traditional HTML GET operations.

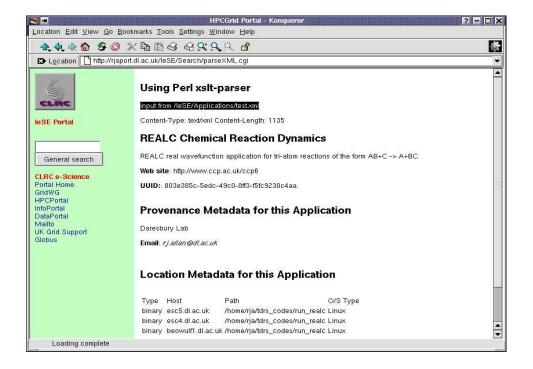


Figure 3: IeSE Application Search Web Interface

8 IeSE Application Discovery and Job Submission Services

The CCLRC Integrated e-Science Environment portal is at http://esc.dl.ac.uk/IeSE. In IeSE, stylesheet transformations also produce forms which are suitable for direct job submission to the resources specified in the file.

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A Application Schema

The first example shows an XML description of a simple application with instances on several machines.

```
<element name="appKey" type="xsd:string" />
<element name="appDesc" type="appDescType" />
<element name="appProv" type="appProvType" />
<element name="appLoc" type="appLocType" />
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- technical description of code and its capabilities -->
<xsd:complexType name="appDescType">
<element name="appTitle" type="xsd:string" />
<element name="webSite" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" />
<element name="appVersion" type="xsd:string" />
<element name="shortDescription" type="xsd:string" />
<element name="licenseScheme" type="licenseSchemeType" />
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- this schema should describe
       the type of license required for this application -->
<xsd:complexType name="licenseSchemeType">
<xsd:attribute name="license" type="licenseType" />
<xsd:simpleType name="licenseType">
       <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
        <xsd:enumeration type="on demand" />
       <xsd:enumeration type="once only" />
       <xsd:enumeration type="academic" />
        <xsd:enumeration type="industry" />
       <xsd:enumeration type="GPL" />
       <xsd:enumeration type="Apache" />
       </xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>
<element name="licenseIssuer" type="issuerType" />
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:complexType name="issuerType">
<xsd:attribute name="contact" type="contactType" />
<element name="contactName" type="string" />
<!-- note key will be a UDDI key if its and organisation or a DN if
     its a person. This could facilitate automatic contract negociation. -->
<element name="contactKey" type="string" />
<!-- what about linking into a VO's tModel ? -->
<element name="tModel" type="string" minOccurs="0" />
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:simpleType name="contactType">
       <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
       <xsd:enumeration type="person" />
       <xsd:enumeration type="organisation" />
       </xsd:restriction>
```

```
</xsd:simpleType>
<!-- provenance -->
<xsd:complexType name="appProvType">
<xsd:attribute name="contact" type="contactType" />
<element name="contactName" type="xsd:string" />
<!-- if the contact has a DN this is all the extra information that is
    required. We can reference the person schema -->
<element name="contactKey" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" />
<element name="contactEMail" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" />
<element name="contactAddress" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" />
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- location of source or binaries, could be dynamically updated from MDS.
    appHost names should match res:resName names -->
<xsd:complexType name="appLocType">
<element name="appType" type="xsd:string" />
<!-- need to possibly enumerate [source | binary | bytecode] ? -->
<element name="appHost" type="xsd:string" />
<!-- if the host has a key we can reference its resource schema.
    Note the dns name should also be unique -->
<element name="hostKey" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" />
<element name="hostPath" type="xsd:string" />
<element name="hostType" type="xsd:string" />
<element name="appFile" type="appFileType" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="*" />
<element name="dependencies" type="appDependencyType"</pre>
        minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="*" />
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- this schema should help to describe input and
    output files, their contents and formats -->
<xsd:complexType name="appFileType">
<xsd:attribute name="open" type="readwriteType" />
<xsd:simpleType name="readwriteType">
       <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
       <xsd:enumeration type="readonly" />
       <xsd:enumeration type="writeonly" />
       <xsd:enumeration type="readwrite" />
       <xsd:enumeration type="append" />
       </xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>
<xsd:attribute name="dependency" type="dependencyType" />
<xsd:simpleType name="dependencyType">
       <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
       <xsd:enumeration type="required" />
       <xsd:enumeration type="optional" />
```

```
</xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>
<element name="name" type="xsd:string" />
<element name="description" type="xsd:string" />
<element name="format" type="formatType" />
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:complexType name="formatType">
<!-- to be defined -->
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- this schema should specify any other dependencies the
    program might have in order to run, e.g. memory or temporary
     disk space required, compiler version etc. -->
<xsd:complexType name="appDependencyType">
<!-- to be defined -->
</xsd:complexType>
</schema>
```

B Resource Schema

The first example is an XML description of a Beowulf cluster, loki.dl.ac.uk.

```
<?xml version="1.0 encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<xsd:schema xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"</pre>
        xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
        xmlns:res="/IeSE/Search/resSchema.html"
        targetNamespace="/IeSE/Search/resSchema.html">
<!-- This schema is to describe a heterogeneous Grid compute
   resource -->
<element name="resource" type="resType" />
<!-- a machine has a description and may have several logical
  clusters (partitions) -->
<xsd:complexType name="resType">
<element name="resName" type="xsd:string" />
<!-- this could in fact be the fully qualified dns name -->
<element name="resKey" type="xsd:string" />
<element name="resDesc" type="resDescType" /*</pre>
<element name="accountingScheme" type="accountingSchemeType" max0ccurs="*" />
<element name="appsInstalled" type="appsInstalledType" maxOccurs="*" />
<element name="partition" type="partitionType" maxOccurs="*" />
</xsd:complexType>
```

```
</element>
<!-- description of overall machine and contacts -->
<xsd:complexType name="resDescType">
<element name="resTitle" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" />
<element name="webSite" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" />
<element name="contactName" type="xsd:string" min0ccurs="0" />
<!-- if the contact has a DN this is all the extra information that is
     required. We can reference the person schema -->
<element name="contactKey" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" />
<element name="contactEmail" type="xsd:string" min0ccurs="0" />
<element name="shortDescription" type="xsd:string" />
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- describe a partition of nodes, could be just head nodes or just
   worker nodes or various combinations -->
<xsd:complexType name="partitionType">
<element name="headNode" type="nodeType" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="*" />
<element name="workerNode" type="nodeType" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="*" />
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- describe an individual node of the machine, could be shared memory
    with several processors -->
<xsd:complexType name="nodeType">
<element name="nodeNumber" type="xsd:integer" />
<element name="nodeDesc" type="xsd:string" />
<element name="DNSName" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" />
<element name="ipAddress" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" />
<element name="numProcs" type="xsd:integer" />
<element name="processor" type="xsd:string" />
<element name="MHz" type="xsd:integer" />
<element name="osVersion" type="xsd:string" />
<element name="commsAvail" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="*" />
<element name="storageAvail" type="xsd:integer" minOccurs="0" />
<element name="memoryAvail" type="xsd:integer" min0ccurs="0" />
<element name="peakPerf" type="xsd:integer" minOccurs="0" />
<element name="rmsAvail" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" />
<element name="globusGateKeeper" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" />
<element name="jobManagerAvail" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="*" />
<element name="qName" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="*" />
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- describe the accounting done on this resource -->
<xsd:complexType name="accountingSchemeType">
<!-- to be defined -->
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- describe the applications installed on this resource -->
```

C PERSON SCHEMA 2.

The second example is a UNICORE Incarnation Resource Database entry for the SGI Origin3000 green.cfs.ac.uk.

C Person Schema

This is a simple example of using XML to describe a Grid user.

```
<?xml version="1.0 encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<xsd:schema xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"</pre>
        xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
        xmlns:person="/IeSE/Search/personSchema.html"
        targetNamespace="/IeSE/Search/personSchema.html">
<!-- prototype schema for a Grid user -->
<element name="person" type="personType" />
<xsd:complexType name="personType">
<element name="personName" type="xsd:string" />
<!-- person has a unique DN, so does not need a UUID.
    Other schema can refer to this. -->
<element name="personKey" type="xsd:string" />
<element name="personDesc" type="personDescType" />
<!-- list of roles the person has. Can belong to many VOs and have
     several roles in each VO -->
<element name="personRole" type="personRoleType" maxoccurs="*" />
<element name="resAuthorized" type="resAuthorizedType" maxoccurs="*" />
<element name="paymentScheme" type="paymentSchemeType" maxoccurs="*" />
</xsd:complexType>
</element>
<!-- this rescribes the person and how to contact -->
<xsd:complexType name="personDescType">
```

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```
<element name="personTitle" type="xsd:string" />
<element name="shortDescription" type="xsd:string" />
<element name="webSite" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" />
<element name="contactEMail" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" />
<element name="contactAddress" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0" />
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- this describes a person's roles in various organisations -->
<xsd:complexType name="personRoleType">
<!-- unique key to identify this role -->
<element name="roleKey" type="xsd:string" />"
<element name="voName" type="xsd:string" />"
<!-- unique business key to locate this VO in the UDDI -->
<element name="voKey" type="xsd:string" />"
<element name="roleDescription" type="xsd:string" />"
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- this describes a person's abilty to pay for Grid resource usage.
     There will be 1 or more entries for each role the user has -->
<xsd:complexType name="paymentSchemeType">
<!-- unique key to relate this payment method to a role -->
<element name="paymentDescription" type="string" />
<element name="roleKey" type="xsd:string" maxOccurs="*" />
<element name="paymentMethod" type="string" />
<!-- need to define main types -->
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- list of authorised resources. Could be updated by a Grid tool
    based on DN entries in grid-mapfile but supplemented with role
     information.
     There will be 1 or more entries for each role the user has -->
<xsd:complexType name="resAuthorizedType">
<!-- unique key to relate this authorisation to a role -->
<element name="roleKey" type="xsd:string" />"
<element name="resName" type="string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="*" />
<!-- relate this resource to resSchema database -->
<element name="resUUID" type="uuid" /></xsd:complexType>
</schema>
```