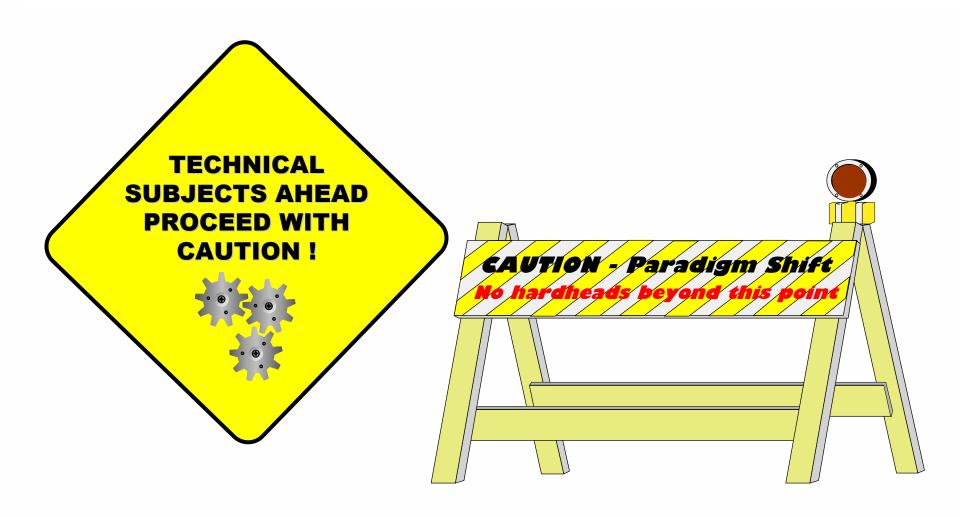


WS-ResourceFramework and WS-Notification Technical Overview

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Introduction and Background

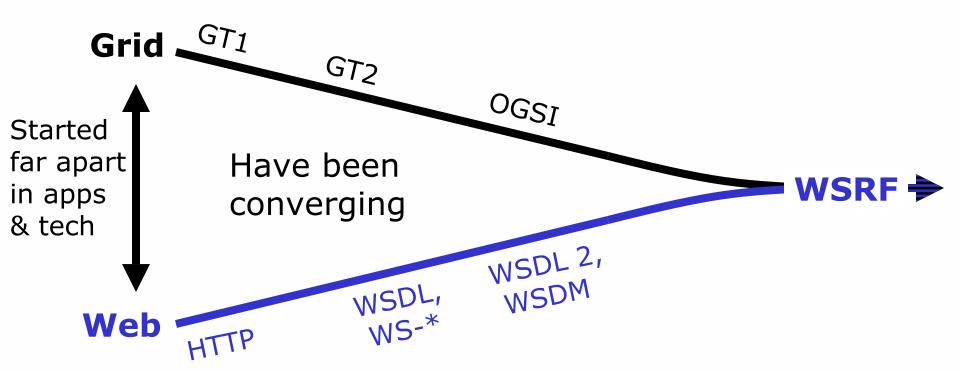
Context: Open Grid Services Architecture

- Define a service-oriented architecture ...
 - the key to effective virtualization
- ... to address vital "Grid" requirements
 - AKA utility, on-demand, system management, collaborative computing
- ... building on Web services standards
 - extending those standards where needed



Introduction and Background

Grid and Web Services: Convergence



The definition of WSRF means that Grid and Web communities can move forward on a common base

Introduction and Background

Concerns Addressed

- Too much stuff in one specification
 - →WSRF partitions OGSI v1.0 functionality into a family of composable specifications
- Does not work well with existing Web services tooling
 - →WSRF tones down the usage of XML Schema
- Too object oriented
 - →WSRF makes an explicit distinction between the "service" and the stateful "resources" acted upon by that service



What is a Web Service?

- An operation execution component made available at an endpoint address
 - A service is defined in terms of the operations it implements
 - An operation is defined in terms of a message exchange
 - The supported set of messages exchanges (operations) implemented by a service may be described as a WSDL portType (The Web service interface definition)
 - The Web service itself is typically stateless
- Accessible through use of a WS-Addressing Endpoint Reference
- Lifecycle of a Web service typically described in terms of "deployment"
- Service interface definitions often imply the existance of stateful resources that are used and manipulated in the processing of a Web service request message



What do we mean by Stateful Resource?

- A specific set of state data expressible as an XML document that defines the type of the resource;
- Having a well-defined identity and lifecycle; and
- Known to, and acted upon, by one or more Web services.
- Many possible implementations
 - Files, Database tables, EJB Entities, XML documents, Composed from multiple data sources, etc.
- Lifecycle expressed in terms of resource creation and destruction
 - Identity is assigned at creation time

WS-Addressing

- Standardizes the representation of the address of a Web service deployed at a given network endpoint
- A WS-Addressing endpoint reference is an XML serialization of a network-wide pointer to a Web service
- EPRs can be used to pass services to other services by reference
- An EPR contains:
 - Service address (wsa:Address)
 - Metadata associated with the Web service such as service description information
 - Policy information related to the use of the service
 - Reference properties, which can be used to define a contextual use of the endpoint reference (wsa: ReferenceProperties)



Web Service





Invoking a Web Service





Implied Resource Pattern

- A specific kind of relationship between a Web service and a stateful resource
- Used to associate a stateful resource with the execution of message exchanges implemented by a Web service
- The stateful resource associated with a given message exchange is treated as implicit execution context for the message request
- By implicit, we mean to say that the requestor does not provide the identity of the resource as an explicit parameter in the body of the request message
- The context used to designate the implied stateful resource is encapsulated in the WS-Addressing endpoint reference used to address the target Web service at its endpoint (Use of EPR Reference Properties).

WS-Resource

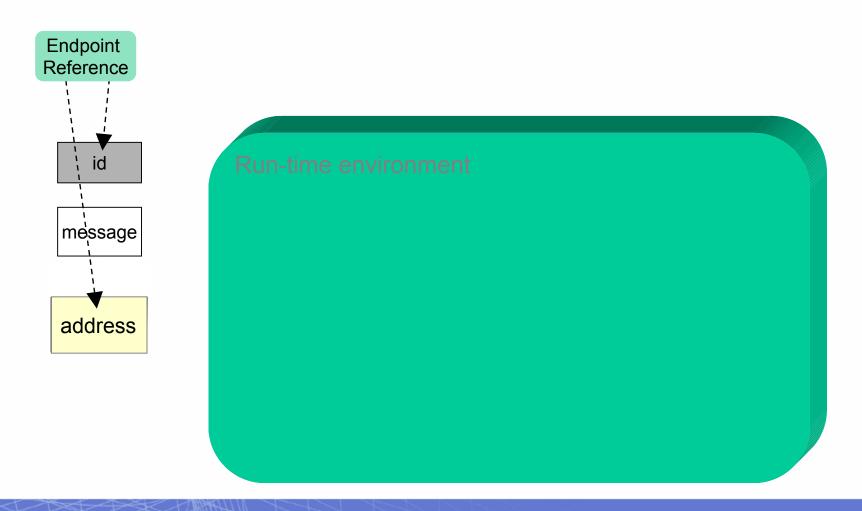
- When a stateful resource participates in the implied resource pattern, we refer to it as a WS-Resource
- The wsa:Address component refers to the network transportspecific address of the Web service (often a URL in the case of HTTP-based transports
- The wsa:ReferenceProperties component contains an XML serialization of the WS-Resource identity, as understood by the Web service addressed by the endpoint reference
- The WS-Resource identity represents the WS-Resource to be used in the execution of the request message
- The set of reference properties used to hold the WS-Resource identity within the endpoint reference is referred to as the WS-Resource context.
- An endpoint reference containing a WS-Resource context is a WS-Resource-qualified endpoint reference.

WS-Resource (Continued)

- The content of the WS-Resource context is opaque to the service requestor
- The service requestor's applications should not examine or attempt to interpret the contents of the WS-Resource context
- The WS-Resource context is meaningful only to the Web service, and is used by the Web service in an implementation specific way to identify the WS-Resource needed for the execution of the request message
- From the point of view of the service requestor:
 - the WS-Resource qualified endpoint reference represents the pointer to the Web service that has been further constrained to execute its message exchanges within the context of a specific WS-Resource
 - Or, the WS-Resource qualified endpoint reference represents the pointer to a WS-Resource accessible through the message exchanges implemented by the associated Web service



Using a Web service to access a WS-Resource





Using a Web service to access another WS-Resource





WS-Resource Factory

- Any Web service capable of bringing a WS-Resource into existence and assigning the new WS-Resource an identity
- The response message of a WS-Resource factory operation must contain a WS-Resource-qualified endpoint reference containing a WS-Resource context that refers to the new WS-Resource
- Note also that what we refer to here as a WS-Resource factory is a use pattern for Web services, not a single standard operation. This use pattern may be encoded in a variety of different Web service operations that may, for example, create one or many WS-Resources

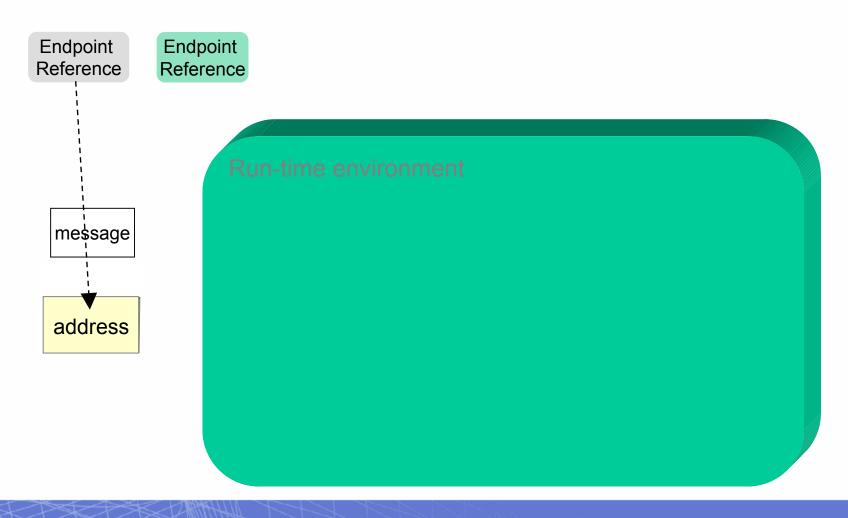


Creating / Locating a WS-Resource



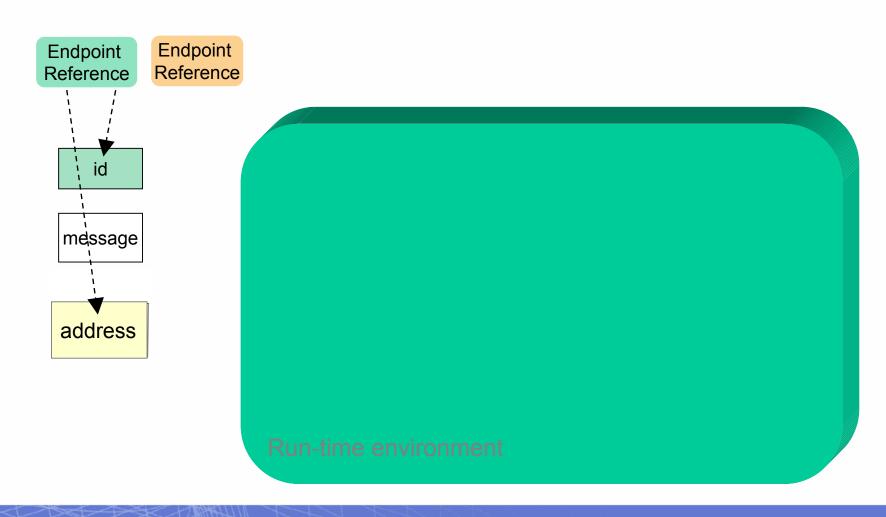


Creating / Locating another WS-Resource





Passing a WS-Resource as additional context





WS-Resource Relationship Cardinality

- A Web service can execute message exchanges against zero or more WS-Resources of a given type
- At the type level, a WSDL 1.1 portType, defining the interface to a Web service, can be associated with at most one type of WS-Resource
- One type of WS-Resource can be associated with many WSDL
 1.1 portTypes

WS-Resource and ACID Properties

- In the presence of a transactional unit of work, a Web service capable of participating in the transactional protocol must abide by the rules of twophase-commit transaction management. However, in the absence of a transaction management policy, the Web service is under no obligation to recover the state of the WS-Resource in the event of a failure
- The WS-Resource definition is not prescriptive with respect to policy that governs concurrent read or write access to a WS-Resource through a Web service. The definition of specific policy governing concurrent updates, whether or not separate message executions targeting the same WS-Resource may be interleaved, and whether partially completed WS-Resource updates within a given message execution may be observed by other concurrent requests is beyond the scope of the WS-Resource definition
- If WS-Resource isolation is needed, we suggest the use of a transaction to provide a context within which isolation of WS-Resource updates can be provided
- In the absence of a transactional unit of work, the level of WS-Resource update atomicity, recovery, isolation, and durability provided by a Web service is implementation dependent

WS-Resource Security

- In the presence of a valid security context associated with a message exchange, a Web service capable of participating in the expressed security protocols must implement and enforce the security policies implied by the security context
- In the absence of such security policy, the Web service is under no obligation to secure the execution of the message exchange nor the state of the WS-Resource designated by the WS-Resource context associated with the message request
- The WS-Resource framework is not prescriptive with respect to policy that governs access permission to a WS-Resource through a Web service. The definition of specific security policy governing access to the WS-Resource is beyond the scope of the WS-Resource definition
- If WS-Resource access control is required, we suggest the use of the functions such as those defined in the WS-Security specifications to provide a security context for the WS-Resource
- In the absence of a valid security context and associated access control policies, the extent to which the Web service provides security of the WS-Resource is implementation dependent.

- Operations and meta data associated with elements of a resource's state
- Resource Properties document
 - Presented via Web service as an XML document

```
<GenericDiskDriveProperties xmIns:tns="http://example.com/diskDrive" >
    <tns:NumberOfBlocks>22</tns:NumberOfBlocks>
    <tns:BlockSize>1024</tns:BlockSize>
    <tns:Manufacturer>DrivesRUs</tns:Manufacturer>
    </GenericDiskDriveProperties>
```

- Modelled using standard XML Schema
- PortType declares association between Web service and resource properties document
 - Information is available at design time, as part of the interface
 - Use xsd:ref to mix in resource properties from multiple interfaces

Resource Properties operations

Get

```
<wsrp:GetResourcePropertyRequest>
  QName
</wsrp:GetResourcePropertyRequest>
```

Get Multiple

```
<wsrp:GetMultipleResourcePropertiesRequest>
    QName *
</wsrp:GetMultipleResourcePropertiesRequest>
```

Query

```
<wsrp:QueryResourcePropertiesRequest>
  <wsrp:QueryExpression dialect="URI">
      xsd:any
  </wsrp:QueryExpression>
  </wsrp:QueryResourcePropertiesRequest>
```

- Resource Properties operations (con't)
- Set

```
<wsrp:SetResourcePropertiesRequest>
 <wsrp:Insert >
  xsd:any
 </wsrp:Insert> |
 <wsrp:Update ResourceProperty="QName">
  xsd:any
 </wsrp:Update> |
 <wsrp:Delete ResourceProperty="QName" />
}+
</wsrp:SetResourcePropertiesRequest>
```

WS-ResourceLifetime

Immediate Destruction

<wsrl:DestroyRequest />

Scheduled Destruction

<wsrl:SetTerminationTimeRequest>

<wsrl:RequestedTerminationTime>

xsd:dateTime

</wsrl:RequestedTerminationTime>

</wsrl:SetTerminationTimeRequest>

Resource Properties

- Current Time
- Termination Time

Initial Termination Time

WS-ResourceLifetime

Resource Destruction Notification

```
<wsnt:topicSpace name="ResourceLifetime"
  targetNamespace=
  "http://www.ibm.com/xmlns/stdwip/web-services/WS-ResourceLifetime"
... >
  <wsnt:topic name="ResourceTermination">
```

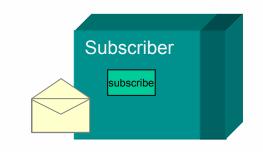
Suggested Contents

```
<wsrl:TerminationNotification>
  <wsrl:TerminationTime>xsd:dateTime</wsrl:TerminationTime>
  <wsrl:TerminationReason>xsd:any</wsrl:TerminationReason>?
  </wsrl:TerminationNotification>
```

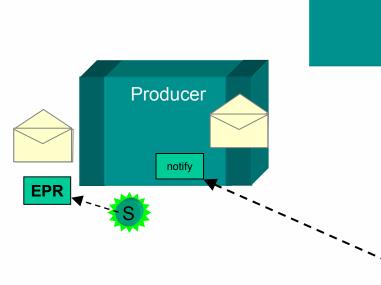
- WS-Notification
 - Brings enterprise quality publish and subscribe messaging to Web services
 - Loosely coupled, asynchronous messaging in a Web services context
 - WS Notification exploit WS Resource framework and Web services technologies
 - Direct and Brokered notification
 - Topics and Topic Spaces
 - More on subscribe
 - Other WS-Notification concepts



- Direct notification: Three primary roles
- Subscriber deals directly with the producer of the Notifications
 - indicates interest in a particular "Topic" by issuing a "subscribe" request
- An EPR to the subscription is returned
- Producer is responsible for detecting situation and creating the notification
- Subscriptions that match receive the notification

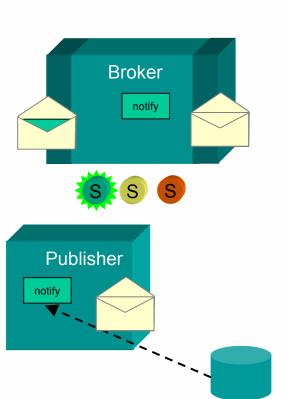


Consumer



- Subscriber indicates interest in a particular "Topic" by issuing a "subscribe" request
- Broker (intermediary) permits decoupling Publisher and Subscriber
- "Subscriptions" are WS-Resources
 - Various subscriptions are possible
- Publisher need NOT be a Web Service
- Notification may be "triggered" by:
 - WS Resource Property value changes
 - Other "situations"
- Broker examines current subscriptions
- Brokers may
 - "Transform" or "interpret" topics
 - Federate to provide scalability





More on Subscribe Request

```
<wsnt:SubscribeRequest>
  <wsnt:ConsumerReference>EPR </wsnt: ConsumerReference>
  <wsnt:TopicPathExpression />
  <wsnt:UseNotify> xsd:boolean </wsnt:UseNotify>?
  <wsnt:Precondition> wsrp:QueryExpression </Precondition>?
  <wsnt:Selector> wsrp:QueryExpression </wsnt:Selector>?
  <wsnt:SubscriptionPolicy> wsp:Policy </wsnt:SubscriptionPolicy>?
  <wsrl:InitialTerminationTime> xsd:dateTime</wsrl:InitialTerminationTime>?
</wsnt: SubscribeRequest>
```

Returns EPR to a Subscription WS-Resource

- Topics and Topic Spaces
 - Meta-data to help
 - Organize Notifications
 - Tell the Subscriber what to subscribe to

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<wsnt:topicSpace name="TopicSpaceExample1"</pre>
 targetNamespace="http://example.org/topicSpace/example1"
 ... >
 <wsnt:topic name="t1">
   <wsnt:topic name="t2" messageTypes="tns:m1 tns:m2"/>
   <wsnt:topic name="t3" messageTypes="tns:m3"/>
 </wsnt:topic>
 <wsnt:topic name="t4">
   <wsnt:topic name="t5" messageTypes="tns:m3"/>
   <wsnt:topic name="t6" aliasRef="tns:t1/t3"/>
 </wsnt:topic>
</wsnt:topicSpace>
```

- Subscription for Value Change
- Rules for mapping resource properties to Topics
 - QName of resource property corresponds QName of Topic
- To subscribe to changes in tns:NumberOfBlocks:

```
<wsnt:SubscribeRequest>
  <wsnt:ConsumerReference>...

<wsnt:TopicPathExpression >
    tns:NumberOfBlocks
  <wsnt:TopicPathExpression>
    ...
</wsnt: SubscribeRequest>
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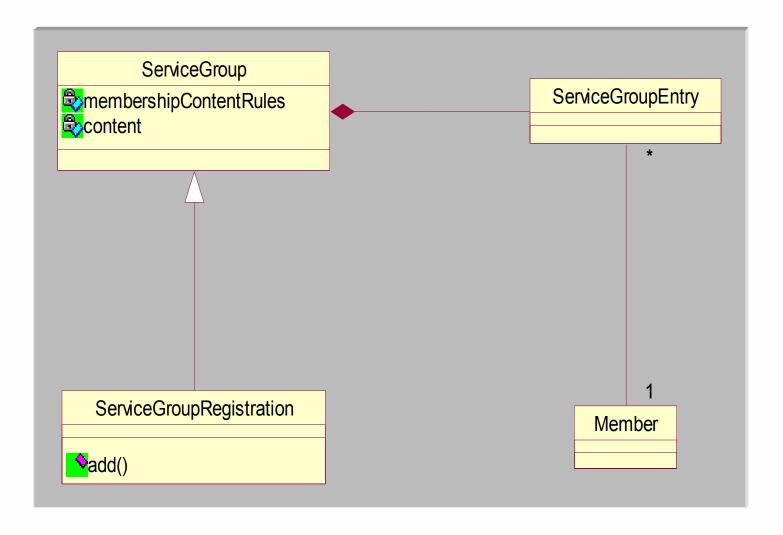
Suggested format of value change message

- WS-ServiceGroup
 - A Web service that maintains information about a group of other Web services or WS-Resources.
 - Services may be members of a group for a specific reason, such as being part of a federated service

or

 they may have no specific relationship, such as the services contained in an index or registry operated for discovery purposes.





- WS-RenewableReferences
 - Adjunct to the WS-Addressing specification
 - Brings enterprise quality to Endpoint References
 - Not a general purpose service naming capability
 - Multiple, optional ReferenceResolver EPRs
 - Uses WS-Policy element of the EPR to hold ReferenceResolver EPRs
 - Allows transparency to the client programming model by hiding resolution function in the reference proxy
 - "Handle" is encoded as reference properties of the ReferenceResolver EPR
 - Renewal request includes original EPR as parameter



```
<wsa:EndpointReference>
  <wsa:Address>xs:anyURI</wsa:Address>
  <wsa:ReferenceProperties/>
  <wsa:PortType>xs:QName</wsa:PortType> ?
  <wsp:Policy>
     <wsrr:Renewable>
       <wsrr:ReferenceResolver>
         wsa:EndpointReference
      </wsrr:ReferenceResolver>
     <wsrr:Renewable>
  </wsp:Policy>
</wsa:EndpointReference>
```

- Endpoint References provide
 - A reference to the WS-Resource
 - A mechanism for renewing that reference
 - A collection of alternative addresses for a WS-Resource

In other words an endpoint reference logically becomes the Locator



WS-BaseFaults

- Similar to OGSi v1.0 common fault definition
- Add structure to WSDL error messages
- Define mapping to SOAP 1.2 faults

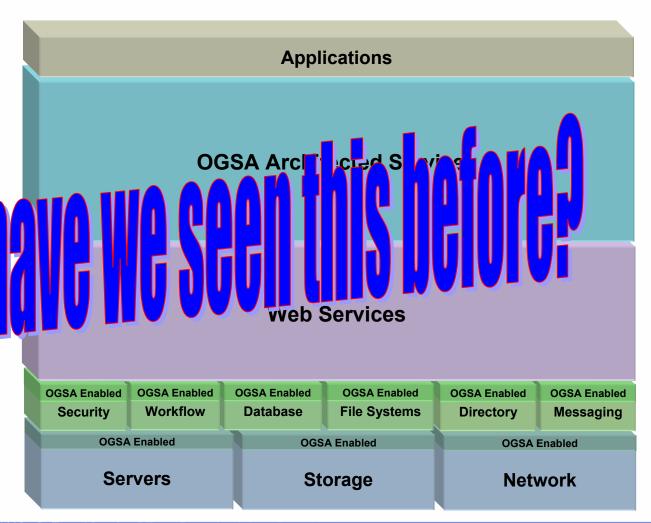


WS-Resource Framework & WS-Notification are an evolution of OGSI

 OGSA Services can be defined and implemented as Web services

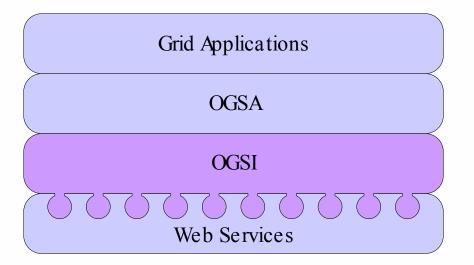


 Grid applications will NOT require special Web services infrastructure





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Grid Applications

OGSA

Web Services



Head to Head Lineup

OGSI	WSRF
Grid Service Reference	WS-Addressing Endpoint Reference
Grid Service Handle	WS-Addressing Endpoint Reference
HandleResolver portType	WS-RenewableReferences
Service data defn & access	WS-ResourceProperties
GridService lifetime mgmt	WS-ResourceLifeTime
Notification portTypes	WS-Notification
Factory portType	Treated as a pattern
ServiceGroup portTypes	WS-ServiceGroup
Base fault type	WS-BaseFaults

WS-Addressing Endpoint References

- Two Important Parts
 - Address same as conventional endpoint
 - Effectively the GSR
 - ReferenceProperties go into SOAP header
- Reference Properties
 - Resourceld in examples, but name not specified.
 - Could serve the GSH naming function
 - Could be a
 - UUID
 - WSDM: Managed Object Id (MOID)

WS Renewable References

- Not Published Yet
- In OGSI:
 - Each GSH scheme defines how to find a reslover
 - Returns one or more references
 - Knows to ignore ones you already know about
 - (if you tell it about them)
- WS Renewable References
 - All we have in WSRF is Endpoint References.
 - Therefore, get a new Endpoint Reference from an old one.
 - Some imagination needed for a while.

Resource Properties & Notification

- Publication
 - Schema in WSDL
- Query Support
 - By name and by XPath
- Notification
 - Some minor differences in implementation strategy
- Attributes
 - Not specified in WSRF
 - Could be added as an OGSA level specification

Lifetime, Faults, Factories, & Service Groups

- Lifetime
 - Terminate Before removed
- Faults
 - May be simpler, but watch this space
 - Are required by whole community
- Factory
 - Pattern rather than portType,
 - Consistent with OGSI experience
- Service Groups
 - As it's name implies, this should be very familiar



Questions