SOCIAL ISSUES IN GRID (SIG-RG)

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Administrative Information

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Draft Charter for GGF Research Group on Social Issues in GRID. (SIG-RG)

Grid Computing is beyond the debate of whether it will be successful or not, it has been well adopted in the research and business environments and making good ROI on IT investments.

However the adoption of grid computing has not been easy. There have been many social issues stoping and delaying this vision of seamless computing. Interestingly people have mostly believed that "social issues" are ambiguous and "local" so it might be difficult to find a standard solution for these. Various surveys have confirmed that with minor variance these social problems are same across the globe!

FOCUS

SIG-RG intends to discuss the social problems in adopting Grid Computing and come out with a set of possible solutions to overcome these issues. Most of the organizations around the globe are facing more social problems than technical to deploy Grid.
The SIG-RG group will provide a platform for people to discuss various issues experienced by them while deploying Grid and possible solutions for those situations.

SCOPE

SIG-RG would work on two major interest areas:

People Issues

We would address these issues at the following 3 levels-
- Internal issues (How to get internal staff to participate)
- External issues (What are the issues to get the external collaboration)
- User issues (What's stoping them to use Grid?)

Grid Friendly Software Licensing Model (GFSLM)

We would like to address the critical need of a grid friendly software licensing model. We aim to prepare a set of 'wish lists' document for GFSLM, which might be used by the industry players to prepare new licensing model for grid computing. Depending on the interest and support for this work we see a working group can be formed to create "standards" for a grid friendly software licensing model.

GOALS/MILESTONE

- Hosted a preliminary BOF at GGF10 (Berlin, Germany)
- Discussion of SIG-RG charter at GGF11 (Hawaii)
- Joint workshop with HASS-RG group on June 10 (GGF11, Hawaii)
- Prepare set of possible solutions for the major Social Issues in grid deployment by GGF 13.
- Prepare a wish list for the grid friendly software licensing model by GGF13
- Possible spin off of SIG-WG to develop "standards" for a grid friendly software licensing model by GGF14(subject to the support and interest in the group)