

# Firewall Issues Research Group

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# Agenda

## Wednesday, October 17, 2007

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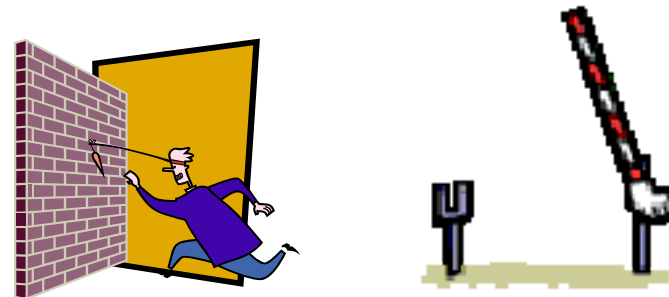


- 5:00 [5'] Agenda Bashing, note-taker, charter discussion, IPR statement,  
Chair Updates *Inder Monga*
- 5:05 [20'] Firewall Issues Document Update/Status *Thijs Metsch*
- 5:20 [-'] To WG or Not *Ralph/Inder*

# FI-RG Goals

- Study barriers and propose solutions to inter-organization grid deployment due to mid-boxes managed by varied administrative domains

- Firewalls
- NATs
- VPN gateways
- Application-level gateways ...



- Collect use-cases, classify issues, existing and new solutions, gap-analysis, research...

Enthuse standards, explore grid-friendly solutions  
and influence vendor implementations

# Status of document #2



- [2. Requirements from document #1](#)
- [2.1 General Requirements](#)
- [2.2 Requirements on Hardware on the communication path](#)
- [2.3 Requirements for the Support of Grid Middleware Solutions/Protocols](#)
- [2.4 Requirements on Data Transfers and Storage](#)
- [2.5 Requirements on Performance and Configuration](#)
- [3. Solutions](#)
- [3.1 High speed firewalls](#)
- [3.2 Load balancing firewalls](#)
- [3.3 Dyna-Fire](#)
- [3.4 Cooperative On-Demand Opening](#)
- [3.5 Generic Connection Brokering](#)
- [3.6 UDP Hole Punching](#)
- [3.7 Application Level Gateway / Proxies](#)
- [3.8 A framework for Token Based Firewalling in Hybrid GMPLS networks](#)
- [4. Matching requirements and solutions](#) ◀ [Here we are currently working on](#)

# Group Progress vs Charter



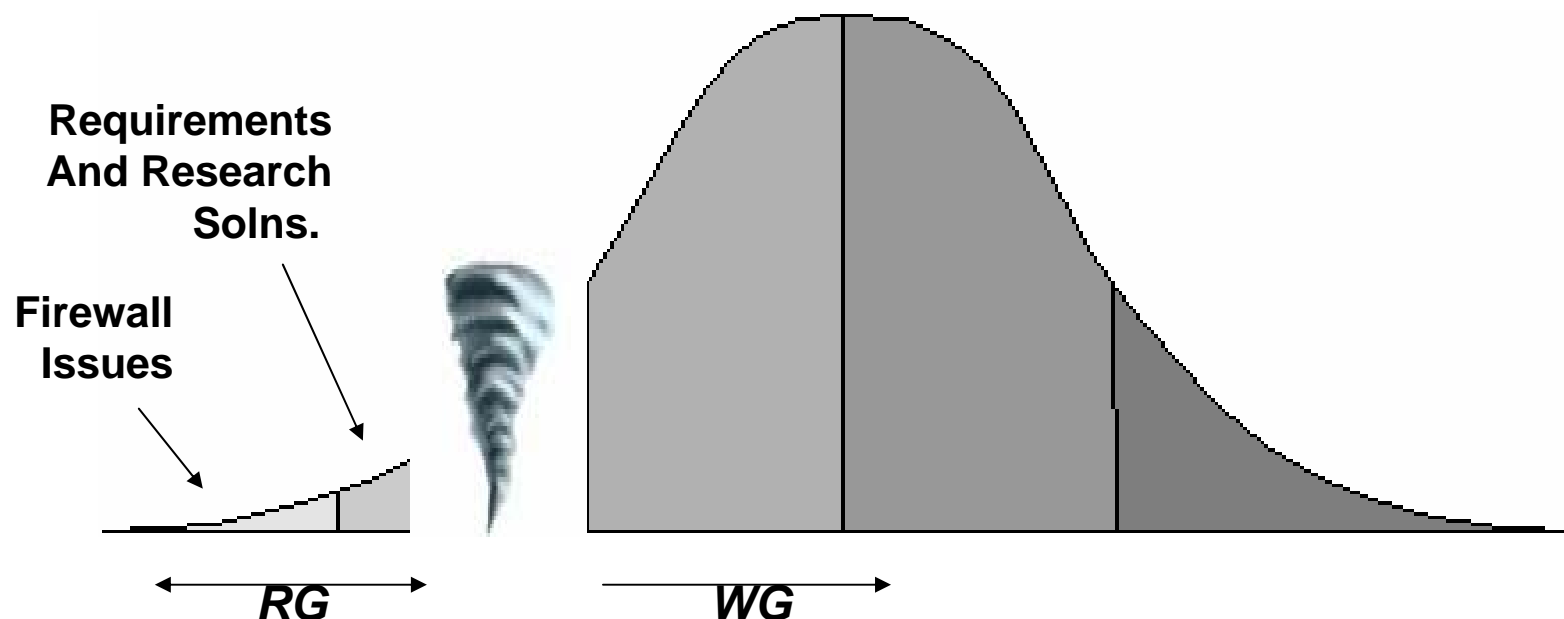
1. An inventory of the type of issues when Grid jobs have to deal with middle-box functions, application level gateways, VPN style gateways, etc. Describe and classify the issues in document #1
  - Published as GFD-I.083
2. An evaluation of existing middle-box (signaling-) protocols and functions. Recognize possible limitations and produce a list of requirements
  - What is the deployment story? Reasons why these are not well deployed
  - Formal document started, soliciting more contributions.
3. An evaluation of approaches and solutions such as application level gateways, host based firewalls, VPN style gateways etc.
  - Intent is to apply solutions to use-cases and do a “gap-analysis”

# Group Milestones



- GGF13: Charter discussion and group volunteers (done).
- GGF14: Collection of existing documents with Group discussions (done)
- GGF15: First draft of document #1 and Group discussions. (done)
- GGF 16: RG-last call and submission of document #1.
- GGF 17: RG last-call for use-cases document. Discussion on solutions document. (done)
- GGF 18: Submit use-case document for public comment. Form and initiate solutions draft team (done)
- OGF 19: Use-cases document published. Continue discussions and contributions to solutions draft
- OGF 20: First draft of solutions and requirements draft
- **OGF21: Finalize solutions for public comment, initiate gap analysis and standardization opportunities**
- OGF 22: Publish solutions drafts, Gap analysis between standards and solution requirements
- OGF 23: Publish gap analysis and start standardization activity (in OGF or other)

# FI-RG Status and Proposed Next Steps



- We have reached the Chasm as concerns active participation
  - Most of the few firewall researchers do not attend OGF
- Feel the need to spawn of a WG in order to continue momentum and attention
- Living with the pain?



# Next steps – WG?

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- Start on specification/work around the "virtualization" of firewall.
  - This would be a web-services interface that would be part of Grid middleware that will broker between the grid requests and firewall configuration to bypass traffic.
  - This can be dynamic, offline or inline.
- Prototype interoperability test
  - Display your virtualization prototype at OGF 23?

# Contribute



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# Backup

