Review of proposed documentation structure for deliverables D3 and D4

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Deliverables definitions in the Charter

Deliverable 3. A set of recommendations describing protocols and message specification for the NSI.

- It is expected that the NSI will be modular in its structure and will include several message sets. Each message set will be associated with a particular task. For example, different message sets may be used to describe network service requests, network service monitoring, discover network service capabilities etc. Any given instance of the NSI interface (User-to-Network, Network-to-Network) may implement a subset of the available message sets.

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Title: NSI "User-to-Network" and "Network-to-Network" specification

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Deliverable 4. A recommendation detailing protocols and message specifications associated with the "User-to-Network" and "Network-to-Network" interfaces.

- It is expected that in addition to a complete definition of the message sets provided by Deliverable 2, two additional documents will be provided in this deliverable. These will be reference profiles of NSI, namely the user-to-network instance of NSI and the network-to-network instance of NSI:
  - Network Service Interface, User-to-Network specification
  - Network Service Interface, Network-to-Network specification
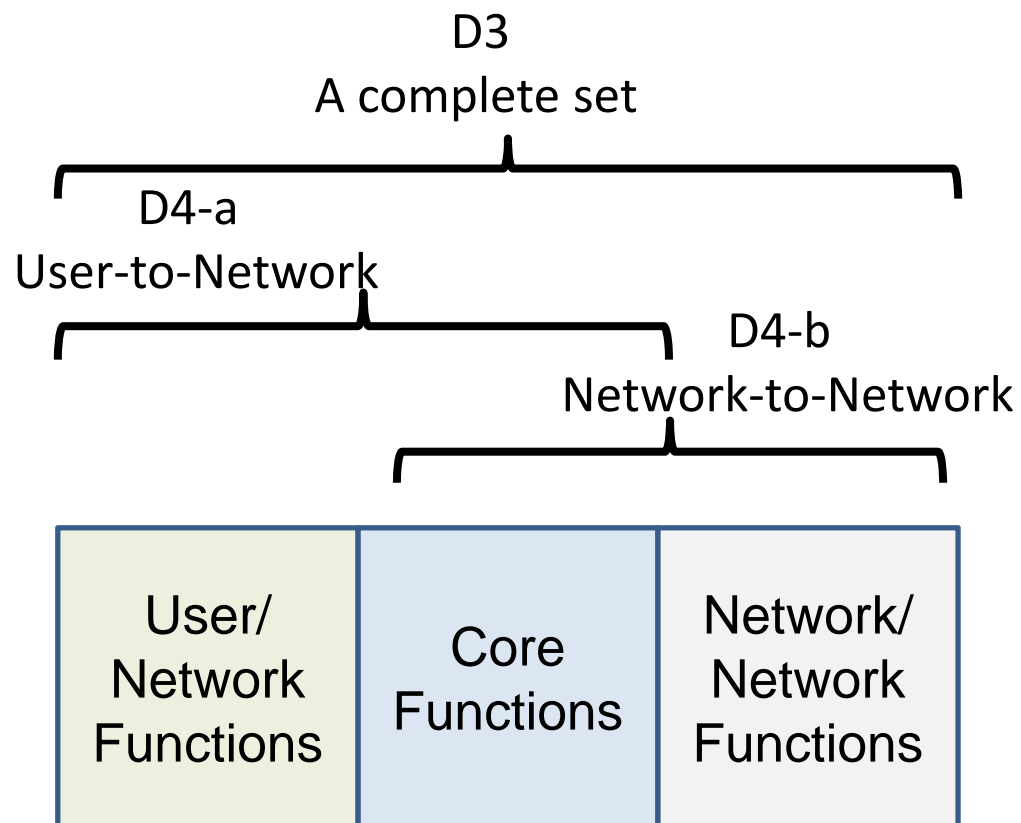
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- The first document will be targeting on providing the information required to deploy the NSI as a "User-to-Network" interface. Special attention will be paid to limiting the complexity and length of the document in order to attract large number of users that may not have experience of networking. This document will consist of only the information exchange and specific messages required for such an interface.

- Similarly the second document will be driven by the information exchange required to provide interoperability between Network Service providers.

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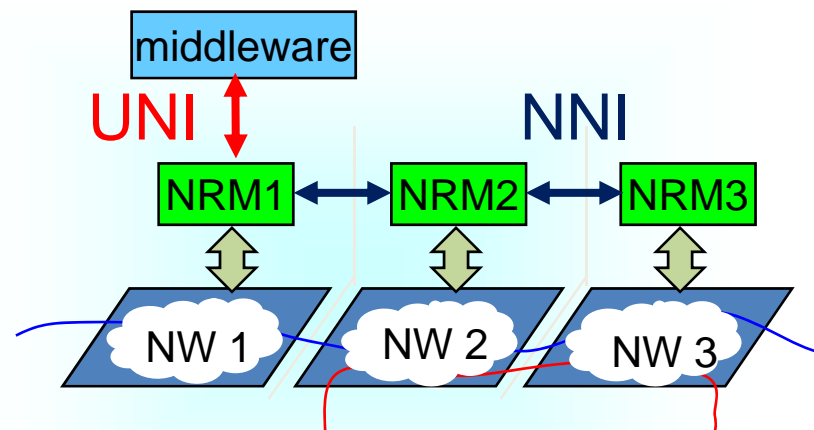
- Both documents will refer to Deliverable 2 for further details regarding the message description. In this way, both instances will have a common message description document and also be easily adapted by different communities.

- Where it is deemed necessary additional reference implementations may be defined as required.

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Proposed document structure in the charter

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                         D3
                   A complete set
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      D4-a
  User-to-Network
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                                  D4-b
                           Network-to-Network
                      ┌─────────┴─────────┐

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  │ User/      │            │ Network/   │
  │ Network    │ Core       │ Network    │
  │ Functions  │ Functions  │ Functions  │
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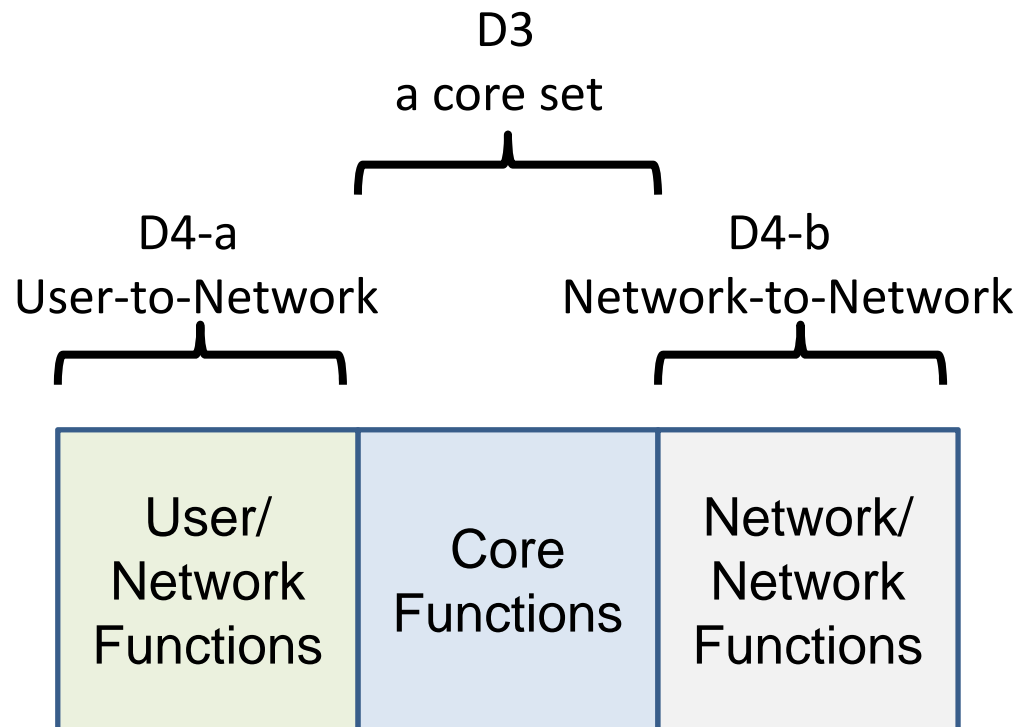
- **D3 is a complete set** of (sets of) message specifications

- **D4-a and D4-b are** supplemental documents to make deployment of the interface easy
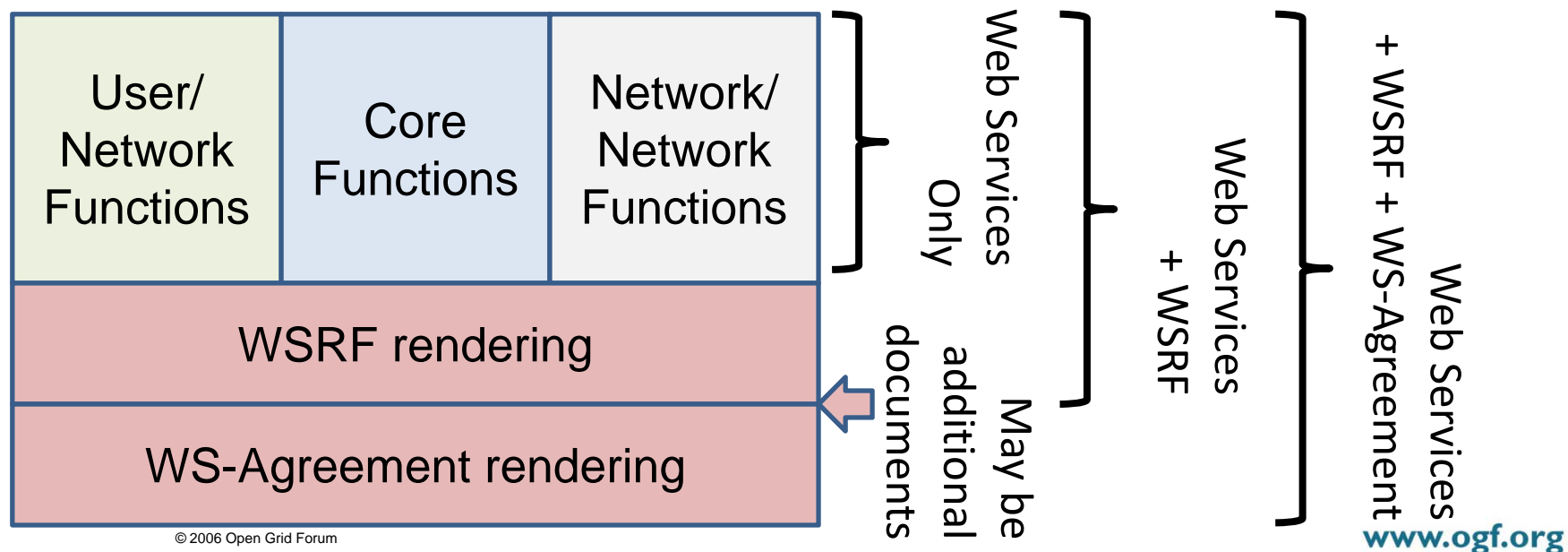
An alternative document structure

- D3 is a core set of (common) messages
- UNI = D3 + D4-a
- NNI = D3 + D4-b
- Modular document structure
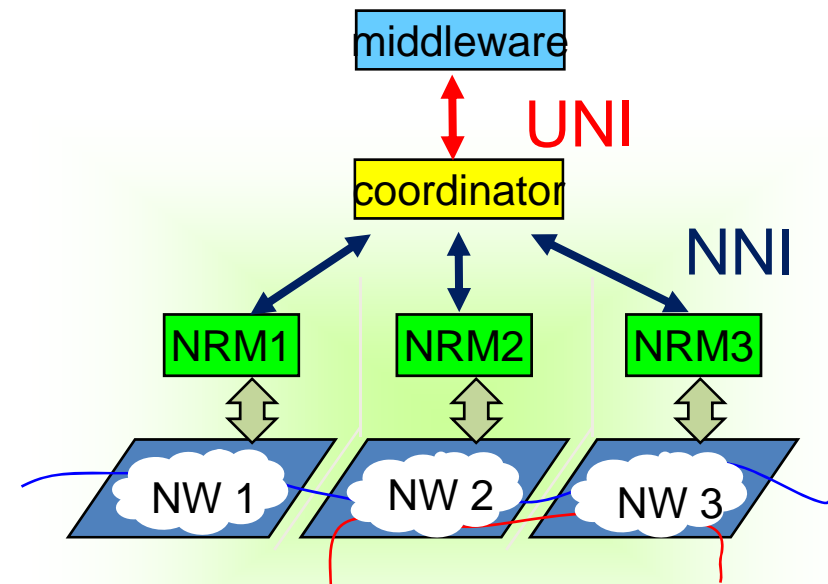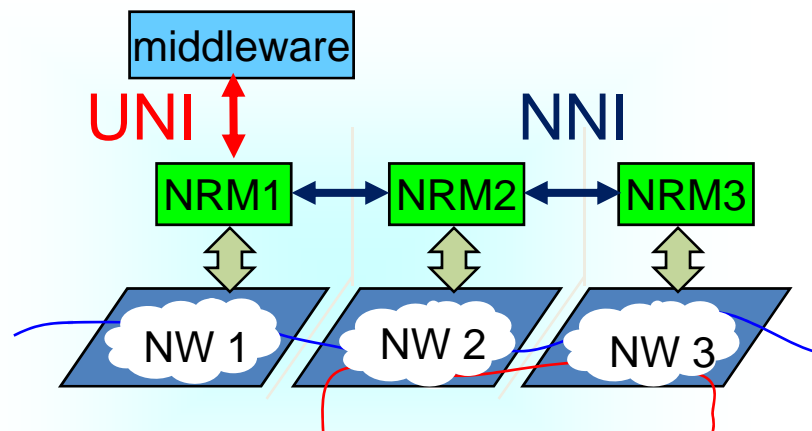- Fast release of D3 is possible

Additional documents to support other standards

- Allow choice of using standards such as WSRF and WS-Agreement

- Make core documents simple

- Core + Renderings: A scheme used in WGs such as BYTEIO-WG

User/ Network Functions	Core Functions	Network/ Network Functions
WSRF rendering		
WS-Agreement rendering		

Web Services Only

May be additional documents

Web Services + WSRF

+ WSRF + WS-Agreement

Web Services + WSRF + WS-Agreement

NSI: user's point of view

Grid middleware

User-Network I/F

Computing Resource Providers

Computing Resource Providers

Storage Resource Providers

Network Resource Providers

Network Resource Providers

Network-Network I/F