GGF9 OGSA-WG Overview Session Oct. 06 2003, 10-11:30 Sheraton 4

Attendees: ~90

Minutes: Lisa Childers, Andreas Savva

Ian Foster, Intro

- Thanks to Hiro for leading progress
- Review of the GGF Intellectual Property Policy, all attendees sign document stating that they've read the policy
 - Overview of the GGF OGSA-WG Charter
 - Slide on OGSA-WG active members
 - Activities after GGF8
 - o Two f2f meetings
 - Weekly teleconfs
 - Mailing list
 - GridForge as mechanism for doc exchange, archiving and issue tracking
 - 5K page views in gridforge in September
 - Two focused sub-groups in OGSA-WG
 - o Program execution (led by Andrew Grimshaw)
 - Logging System (led by Bill Horn)
 - Decided to do a BoF at GGF10

Both sub-groups have setup separate teleconfs (Monday & Wednesday)

- Major Tasks
 - The OGSA document
 - Chapter level structure
 - Service taxonomy for users
 - Service hierarchy for providers
 - Service description for each service
 - Latest version is 12, doc lives on gridforge
 - Need critical feedback from the community
 - The OGSA use-case document
 - More than 16 use cases
 - Latest version is 18, doc lives on gridforget
 - Cross-WG discussion
 - OGSA-WG charter
 - Define each service at high level (not actual API spec)
 - Define relationships among services
 - Coordinate & orchestrate related WG/RG
 - Invite OGSA-related WG/RGs to OGSA-WG session
 - Starting at GGF9 and will continue at GGF10 & GGF11
 - **-**--
 - OGSA-WG goal is to listen

- Make sure that vision is consistent with invited WG/RG's work
- Four cross-WG sessions scheduled for GGF9
 - Data
 - Program execution
 - Core
 - Platform

Fred Maciel, OGSA Service Classifications

- OGSA Service Taxonomy
 - o Services classified by purpose and functionality
 - o User's view of architecture
 - Program execution
 - Data services
 - Core services (includes services shared by data and program exec)
 - Domain-specific services
 - OGSI, WS-Agreement, CMM are pervasive
 - These may not be services on their own.
 - o The OGSA Hierarchy
 - Organizes services according to relationships
 - Uses: access interface to use functionality
 - Extends: gets functionality by extending portTypes
 - Provider's view of architecture
 - Platform service (CMM, OGSI, etc. used through the "extends" relationship)
 - o Both classifications are still being detailed
 - OGSA Services (taxonomy)
 - Platform services
 - o Questions:
 - Is this OGSI data services or OGSA data services? OGSA.
 - What does "extends" mean? ogsi (wsdl1.2) portType extension
 - What is real use in system of hierarchy/taxonomy? Way to define architecture. Note that the composition model is still in the initial/exploratory stages.

Jeffrin Von-Reich, OGSA use-cases scope

- How use cases will be used
 - Use case-> analyze & extract->evaluate & prioritize requirements->dispatch
 - o Develop profiles later on (to address specific areas)
- Previous use cases
 - Science grid
 - o Commercial
 - Grid technologies
- New use cases (e.g. Interactive grids)
 - o Some from existing WGs; others not.

- Non-WG UCs add new requirements to OGSA.
- New name: Interactive grids (to host interactive apps, as opposed to batch apps, etc.)
- Interactive grid domain
 - Requirements
 - Remote desktop, security, session mgmt, monitoring, real-time schedules, staging data
- o Intergrid
 - Grid across multiple companies that agree to collaborate
 - Interoperability with web service stds
 - Mixed operating environments (mainframes to laptops)
 - Apps that are not grid enabled
- Grid lite
 - Extends grids to small devices (layer 2 devices)
 - A set of essential grid services (profile) for PDAs for example
 - Grid client has to be of smaller footprint and more efficient
- o Reality grid
 - Aims to predict the realistic behaviour of matter based on the properties of the microscopic components
- o Resource Usage service
- o Application (p2p)
 - Pc grid computing
 - File sharing
 - Content delivery
- Others
- More use cases info
 - o OGSA Functions impacted by new use cases
 - Unexplored OGSA functions
 - o OGSA Services impacted by new use cases
 - Unexplored OGSA services
- Next steps
 - Use UCs to define a roadmap to describe how services are developed/rolled out
 - o Re-write new UCs using template
 - Please use template when submitting UCs
 - o Identify functional requirements & move to individual WGs
 - Cross WG sessions to address issues
- Call to action

Discussion

- Malcolm
 - How to engage other groups
 - It is difficult(take long time) to coordinate with wgs at this level (requirements); WGs have their own momentum.
- Jay

- It is the intent of the OGSA-WG to engage other groups to participate in the working groups in order to scale
 - Some work already done with wgs; proceeding well where there has been detailed discussion.
- Need to choose a good set of services to start with
 - Look at detailed definitions
- Prioritization of requirements/factorization must be done in OGSA.
 - o It is easier to influence direction (of other WGs) if we get involved at an early(earlier) stage
 - o OGSA is not going to do everything; identify what needs to be done and an appropriate WG that will do it.
- Grid services vs web services, jay
 - The good news is that web services is adopting grid service functionality
 - The set of OGSA use cases we have and the set of web service use cases will come together
 - o It is an interesting time to watch grid and web services come together
 - Malcolm notes
 - We might watch to eliminate redundancy of work in the web and grid service standards world
 - o Jeff: If this work (relation of core elements in grid) is not done in ogsa other bodies might try to address this area. (e.g., oasis)
 - o Ravi: UC to be used as validators of OGSA design
 - Darren Pulsifer: Have you looked at NPi UCs?
 - Jeffrin: Looked at them. Don't think that anything was missed, but please contribute if something is missing.
 - O Does WS community have a set of UC to identify similarities with Grid?
 - WSA and also WS requirements doc exists; seems more general (than OGSA) at this moment.
 - wsdm and cmm example. Common use cases.
- Savas: what if the web services community doesn't adopt the stds that ogsa needs. e.g., SDE proposal adopted(discussed) only in small part.
 - Hiro: OGSA is not just OGSI. It is built on top of OGSI at the moment because that's what's available. But we do not depend on ogsi. Might refactor/re-target later as lower concepts/mapping evolves.
 - Dave: About SDEs, the task force adopted as much as feasible at the moment.
- Unknown questioner: What is the relationship btw GGF/OGSA-WG and OASIS?
 - Jeff Nick: work is underway to clarify(formalize) this relationship;
 may not be a strict workgroup-to-workgroup mapping
 - Might end up having jointly sponsored wgs
 - o They are interested in OGSA as architectural framework
 - o It is still an open issue where it is best to form a WG

- Unknown questioner: What roles and relationships should be driven by which body (for instance: Use cases and arch patterns)
 - o Jeff Nick: We'll take this as a todo
- Dave Berry: we are not encompassing the whole of GGF in the scope of work covered by the OGSA-WG
 - Dave Snelling agrees, and suggests that if GGF groups are not collaborating with the OGSA-WG then they not use the "OGSA" prefix (branding)
- Malcolm makes the point that we need to understand the meaning behind the words we use
 - o Andrew says yes, we are creating a glossary