

September 25, 2003

OGSA-WG teleconference minutes

1 Early discussion

(1) Note taker assignment: Fred Maciel

(2) Roll call

- Hiro Kishimoto (Fujitsu)
- Fred Maciel (Hitachi)
- Jay Unger (IBM)
- Shel Finkelstein (SUN)
- Jeff Nick (IBM)
- Dave Berry (NeSC)
- Takuya Mori (NEC)
- Bill Horn (IBM)
- Dave Snelling (Fujitsu)
- Jeffrin Von-Reich (HP)
- Ravi Subramaniam (Intel)

(3) Other businesses:

- Approve last week's minutes: no comments, approved.

2 OGSA document discussion

- Hiro: version 011 of the OGSA document in the GGF9 submission folder. We have one or two more opportunities to submit reviewed versions of the document. Do we submit once or twice?
 - Fred: multiple versions are bad, different people will have different versions. Jay: this will happen anyway, but it is not a big problem, since most people will not read the full document in detail, or will read it right before GGF9.
 - Hiro: there is no hard deadline announced by GGF office. Jay: we choose a date for ourselves (say, sometime next week?). Hiro: October 3rd, Friday (participants agree). Please send updated documents to Hiro by the EOB Thursday (Oct. 2nd).
- Went through tracker items to see whether can meet our own deadline (skip items assigned to people not in the call).
 - 125: (Services not Interfaces): This is an action item for the whole OGSA. Jay: a small group of people need to make a single edit pass, after GGF9 or next face-to-face, but not after that. Postponed.
 - 126 (Profiles): assigned to Ian, skip.

- 128 (Service Domain, Service Collection): Jay got a response from Yi Shin and is working to make it into a Service Domain text; contents are good. Still need time to talk further with Yi Shin.
- 130 (Missing services (Sec. 3.2)): Jay trying to figure out if the high-level groupings are sufficient or if need more. E.g., provisioning (where to put it). Will try to have a list of services that don't fit anywhere for GGF9. This was followed by several side discussions on the OGSA document:
 - ◆ Jeff: we want to produce a WS-Security roadmap-like document; we need a roadmap that groups services, and defines how they ought to be defined. David: Hierarchy (not taxonomy) gives this buildout.
 - ◆ Shel: we are in a context of many Web services organizations, we need to define things that belong here and that we leave to others. David: in the document we define the architecture, then look for the pieces (and see where they should come from). Shel: need to make this clearer in the document.
 - ◆ Shel: factoring depends on how things are done outside. Jeff: agreed, some of the parts are going to come from elsewhere. The roadmap is doing this dependency analysis and what services come first. We might need to focus on this later.
 - ◆ Jay: document focuses on relationship with OGSI; need to extend this to the broader dependencies to Web services, i.e., position the document inside the whole constellation of Web services. David: agreed; even OGSI is not totally fundamental, in OGSI there are non-OGSI things such as notification. David: add a blanket text saying that the OGSA document is presenting things with a specific OGSI focus but it can be done differently ("we might build this without OGSI, but are describing with OGSI"). This is better than writing generic text, since if we get too abstract, we won't make forward progress.
 - ◆ Shel: we can call people and accelerate the convergence, but deciding winners is not OK. (David disagrees, but Shel had to leave so there was no time for discussion).
 - ◆ Shel: there are questions on how OGSI relates to other standards (e.g. BPEL).
 - ◆ Jeff: OGSA should say the functions that we need, not the programming model. When we define the taxonomy of services we can steer out of this discussion. Shel: "if it was only so", fine, but choices might creep in. Jeff: we need rigor on the document to take out the "programming model". David: taxonomy can be done in an abstract way. The hierarchy can't. We might run in conflicts there.
 - ◆ Hiro: Not fully resolved yet, but a lot of consensus on this issue. We take the direction presented by Jeff. David: will write two pieces of text for taxonomy and hierarchy sections.

- 351 (Add text on "What is OGSA"): Ian, skip.
 - ♦ David: OGSA branding means “over OGSI”, but this goes against the above. Whoever adds text for this item needs to take care about this issue. Put a note in the document and send a note to Ian.
 - ♦ Jay: How to re-write section on VOs? Can imagine ways to make the text general. David: It can be very difficult to generalize the current text, Instead we will write the “we might build this without OGSI, but are describing with OGSI” paragraph, so no need to re-structure section. Will need to write section 6 in a single model to make it crisp.
 - ♦ Jeff: we will be making changes as there is convergence.
- 353 (Add a glossary): assigned to Andrew, skip.
- 356 (Revise section 6 using service template): general comment, skip.
- 407-409 (Possible to decorate a VO with policy, VO create and add/remote are separate operations, portType for VO members to describe memberships): Jay gives status. 409: not comfortable to give a portType for that, it’s better to decorate the membership portType with service data back pointer instead. Some discussion on details. Hiro: To move Jay’s uploaded text into appropriate folder and call out.
- 412 (What should the security description contain): Frank submitted doc, closed.
- 413 (Need more detail in discovery section): assigned to Ian , skip.
- 421 (Add support for self-healing, self-organizing, etc. features): Grid report of EU commission sent to the list, but text not added to OGSA document yet.
- Jeff Nick comments (40):
 - David: break in separate trackers and discuss by e-mail?. Postpone for next teleconference or GGF9? Consensus that we need to sit down in GGF9 and review these comments.
 - Hiro will ask Stacey Bruno for two more sessions for OGSA in GGF9 (one for Jeff’s comment and the other for “Program Execution sub-group” asked by Andrew Grimshaw).

3 Use cases document discussion

- Jeffrin: Use cases document submitted to the GGF. Need to update contributors section. Submitted the latest version, but without changed use cases from David, Takuya and Andreas.
 - Hiro: HP use cases don’t seem to be the latest version. [Apparently it is the latest version but has wrong date on the front page.]
 - Takuya: still needs to do more changes, will send new version later.

4 New action items (from above)

- Hiro: ask Stacey Bruno for two more sessions for OGSA in GGF9 [done].
- Whole OGSA: a small group of people need to make a single edit pass, after GGF9 or next face-to-face, but not after that.
- David: will write two pieces of text for taxonomy and hierarchy sections.