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After OGF21, OGF board and GFSG are discussing OGF strategy in 2008. They are carrying on stakeholder survey and its analysis. Some findings are:

- Large interest in scalability, collaboration, resilience

- Top problems are application development, management, immature technology

- Standards for interoperability is critical or very important

Majority of respondents are e-Science and providers. Users are just 10%.

Security: most people want to solve but least development was made so far. OGF technical strategy document: early draft was short and focused but the final version became useless.

* What is OGSA?

We have developed usecase, architecture (6 areas), and roadmap documents. Among 6 areas, only EMS went well. And data is next.

No progress on security. But nothing is useful without security. Although our security profiles are useful, they are too basic and useless for inter-organizational Grid.

A lot of people want automatic security policy mapping among organizations.

But if we don't have bottom layer for security, we cannot go upper layer. For example, XACML mapping is not yet done.

* Tooling and standards

Current tooling does not use our standards.

If we have enough standards, each research project can build these standards to good enough software.

* Users want simplicity not complexity.

We need someone (Tools working group?) starts to work on this intensively.

Last 4 years, OGSA and OGF focus on low level specifications.

Now we have building blocks but not solution.

Next step will be sufficient High level specs which give end-user benefits (including security).

We have to develop application level speciations.

Is SAGA-WG already working on this level? SAGA is too broad. SAGA proposes all-in-one solution by large core part. It is good for API development, but it is hard to sell from the adoption view point.

[-] CONSENSUS: We will have other strategy sessions on Thursday and Friday.