

March 10, 2008 – OGSA teleconference, 7PM eastern

Attending:

Hiro Kishimoto
Andreas Savva
Andrew Grimshaw
Andre Merzky
Steven Newhouse
Ellen Stokes
Mike Behrens

F2F meeting discussion

Dates: April 14-16

Agenda:

Access layer and API's

Steven: careful thought on what we want to achieve

What about clouds?

Minutes approval for OGF22 Access layer meeting minutes (February 26) – approved

No action items for access layer

Access layer discussion begins at 1917

We've always known we would be hear eventually, we need an easier to use the grid.

Steven: Access layers versus access layer

Steven: We need to be more end user focused

Ellen: what do we mean by end users? Real end users? Or developers?

Andrew: there are in fact many different users: application users, application developers of all kinds, system administrators, institutions, etc.

Grimshaw's comment.

- *End-users are heterogeneous.* Many people talk about “end-users” as if they are alike. We found four classes of end users: applications users who do not write code but use applications to get some job done; applications developers

who write the applications; systems administrators who keep the machines running; and IT management whose mission it is to provide IT services in support of the enterprise. These four groups have very different objectives and views on what are the right trade-offs. Do not confuse the groups.

Steven: There is a chasm between the low level specifications and what users want and need. We need to cross the chasm. What are the barriers to uptake.

Andreas: Have we asked any users what they want?

Ellen: Perhaps we could talk to some of the user application groups to participate

OGSA: Planning a meeting

First of several

Get back from the community who is interested in being involved?

What are we trying to get from them? Use cases.

From that we can look at the specs, and identify gaps.

Is this beyond OGSA?

Steve: yes, Ellen: yes, Hiro: yes

We should have a workshop in Barcelona: report out what is done so far, get more involvement.

Andrew: How many people are we talking about?

Andreas: What kind of format are we talking about?

What kind of “user” are we talking about? The thick tail? Lots of end users, big users?

Steven: we want the common user

Ellen: we do not want to eliminate the enterprise user

Andrew: Let’s make sure to invite the caGrid folks, NSF Cyber-Infrastructure, MITRE, NSA, that guy I met in Boston.

But we don’t want policy wonks.

Ellen: we must make sure the invite is inclusive

Steven: EGEE does have a use case document – but it is huge

We need somebody to put together an e-vite. Steven will do it before the Thursday meeting.

We will discuss this Thursday morning in the second slot.

Action: Andrew will get the rooms set up.