



Grid Services and OGSA

- Defined as a web service that provides a set of well defined interfaces and conventions
- Interfaces address
 - Discovery, Dynamic Service Creation
 - Lifetime management, notification
- Conventions include
 - Naming services and upgradeability



OGSA ...

- OGSA defines the semantics of a Grid Service Instance
- Defines basic behavior and does not specify the what a service does and how it does it.
- Doesn't address issues of implementation programming model, language, tools and execution environment.



OGSA Technical Details

- The OGSA Service Model
 - Basic Premise: Everything is represented by a Service
 - Uniform Service Oriented Model
 - Specifies core set of consistent interfaces from which all Grids are implemented
 - Grid Services maintain internal state for the lifetime of the Service.



OGSA Service Model ...

- Grid Service Instance refers to a particular instantiation of a service.
- State oriented service facilitates failure recovery mechanisms.
- OGSA services can be created and destroyed dynamically.



Grid Service Handle (GSH)

- Every Grid service instance is assigned a globally unique GSH.
- GSH carries no protocol specific or instance specific information.
- All instance specific information are encapsulated in a single abstraction called Grid Service Reference (GSR)



Grid Service Reference (GSR)

- Unlike GSH, GSRs change during the Service's lifetime.
- GSR has an explicit expiration time
- OGSA mappings define mechanisms for obtaining an updated GSR.
- A GSR does not guarantee access to a Grid service, local grid policies may enforce their constraints.



Grid Service Interface

- OGSA doesn't define a specific set of services but defines a set of interfaces for manipulating service models.
- A mandatory interface which must be supported by all Grid Services.
- Interface for manipulating service handles, reference abstractions.



Transient Services: Factories

- Services implement this interface to create new Grid service instances.
- This service is called a *factory*.
- *CreateService()* operation creates a requested service and returns the GSH and initial GSR.
- Again OGSA does not specify how the instance is created.



Lifetime Management

- Soft-state approach where every instance is created with a specific lifetime
- Initial lifetime can be extended by explicit client request.
- Client can always know when the Grid service will terminate.
- Resource consumption at hosting environment is always bounded



Managing Handles and References

- GSH lives forever, but GSR expires
- A handle-to-reference mapping interface takes a GSH and returns a valid GSR.
- Mapping operations may be controlled and requests denied.
- Again a valid GSR doesn't promise access to the grid service



HandleMaps

- Every Grid service instance is always registered with at least one home handleMap.
- GSH includes the handleMap's identity
- All handleMap services are also identified by a URL
- Mapping operation is bound to a single protocol like HTTP.



Service data and discovery

- Each Grid service instance has an associated service data (usually a collection of XML elements)
- The mandatory GridService interface defines the operation for querying and retrieving service data
- GSH, GSR, primary key, handleMap etc are service data members



Service discovery

- Process of identifying a subset of GSH's.
- Attributes used include interfaces provided, number of requests serviced, load, policy statements etc.
- A registry interface provides operations by which GSH's can be registered with the registry service.
- Registration is soft-state operation and must be periodically refreshed.



Notification

- OGSA notification framework allows clients to be notified by messages.
- Interface also includes framework for asynchronous one way delivery of notifications.
- The source must support the OGSA *notificationsource* interface.
- Clients wishing to receive notifications must implement *notificationsink* interface.



OGSA Summarized .

- OGSA provides an architecture for the Grid
- Provides a generic framework for interoperability among heterogeneous service implementations
- Uses the web service model for building a Grid service architecture



OGSA Summarized ...

- Specifies GridService as a mandatory interface to be included. The GridService port has three operations
 - FindServiceData()
 - Destory()
 - SetTerminationTime()
- OGSA standard service ports are
 - HandleMap
 - Registry
 - Factory



ISSUES ..

- Dealing with service overloads, VO partitioning, factory/registry unavailability
- Elaboration on QOS metrics, probably make them as a separate namespace that can be queried
- Enforcing local and VO wide security policies, local or global authorization?



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