





Integrating SGE and Globus in a Heterogeneous HPC Environment

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Presentation Outline



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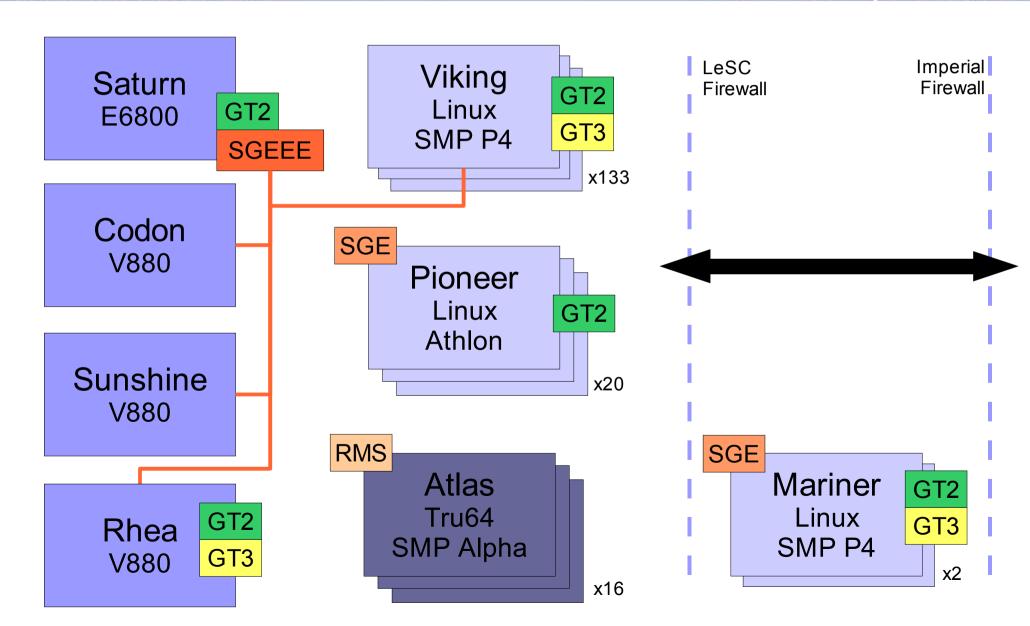
- Overview of Centre resources
- A brief description of Globus
- Integration of SGE
- Deployment issues
- Further information



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- SGEEE v5.3 deployed on each cluster
 - Uses reserved port-based authentication
 - Single scheduler for all production resources
 - Multiple queues exist with different constraints
 - A subset of nodes have restrictions on maximum runtime to allow a quick response time for short tasks
 - Multiple environments are available which specify how many nodes a job may use. Some are restricted.
 - Myrinet-equipped nodes share a primary queue for parallel jobs and a secondary, restricted queue for sequential tasks



cience The Globus Toolkit



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- Open-source project managed by the Globus Alliance (formerly Globus Project)
- Provides a hosting environment for OGSA Grid Services
- Also provides an implementation of core services and client-side tools



Major Globus version differences



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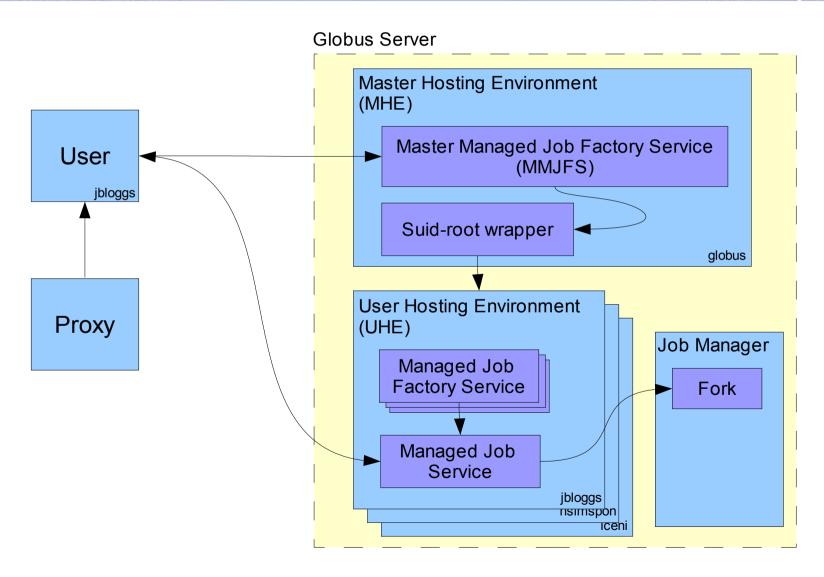
- Globus 2.x implements bespoke standards
 - Job execution framework uses a seperate gatekeeper process
- Globus 3.x implements OGSI standards
 - Job execution framework uses a grid service to provide gatekeeper functions.
- Both use a modular Perl "job-manager" to handle scheduler interaction



Globus 3.x Job Execution Architecture



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Globus and SGE integration



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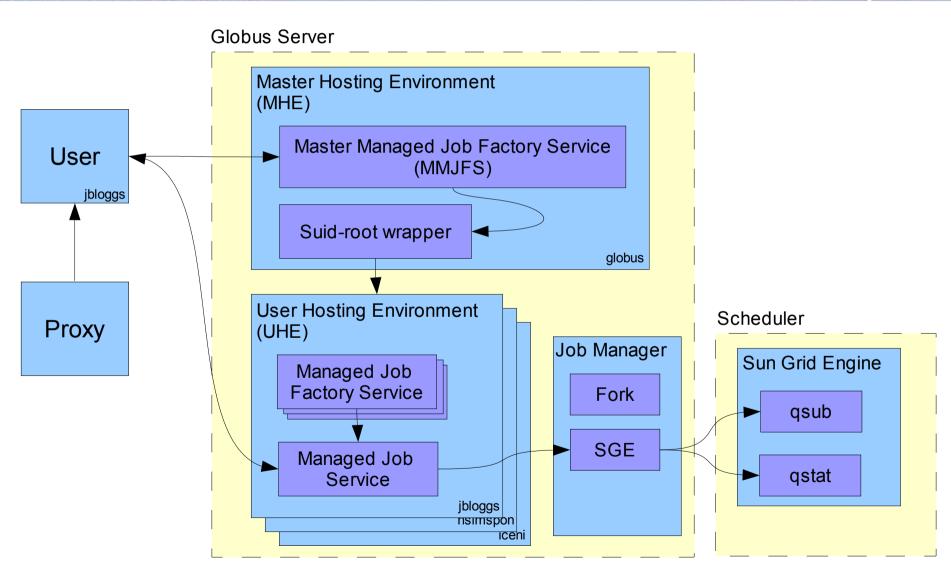
- Globus jobs are specified using RSL, the Resource Specification Language
- Used to construct the local execution environment and specfies the program to be executed.
- job-manager executes parsed RSL instructions and monitors running jobs
- LeSC Perl module provides SGE-specific backend within the Globus framework



Globus 3.x and SGE integration



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Deployment Issues



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- Globus Toolkit is an evolving codebase
- OGSI-capable 3.x series is relatively new
- Not quite production quality
 - UHE's are intended to be short lived but are sometimes not reaped
 - Components initialised on demand sometimes exceed timeouts set for their response



Further information



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- Globus Alliance: http://www.globus.org/
- SGE and Globus integration: http://www.lesc.ic.ac.uk/projects/epic-gt-sge.html
 - GPT packages and documentation freely available