

# Integrating Grid Services into a Cray XT4 Environment

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# What Is a Grid?

*“A grid is a system that coordinates resources that are not subject to centralized control, using standard, open, general-purpose protocols and interfaces, to deliver nontrivial qualities of service.”*

*-- Ian Foster*



# What Is Globus Toolkit?

- **Globus Toolkit/GT: an implementation of grid services standards/protocols**
  - **Core: Security Services**
    - **Grid Security Infrastructure (GSI)**
      - Authentication (Who you are)
      - Authorization (What you can do on my system)
  - **Three pillars (primary components)**
    - **Information Services (MDS)**
    - **Resource Management (GRAM)**
    - **Data Management (GridFTP)**

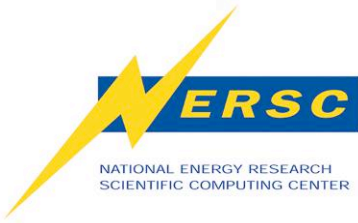


# What Is Open Science Grid (OSG)?

- **Originally a High Energy Physics Grid**
- **Data source: the LHC (Large Hadron Collider) @CERN**
- **Data relaying: Tier-1 sites**
- **Data processing: Tier-2 sites**
- **Virtual organization (VO): CMS, Atlas, etc**
- **Non-LHC VOs added: STAR, ITER, RENC1, LIGO, etc**
- **Parallel resources desirable**

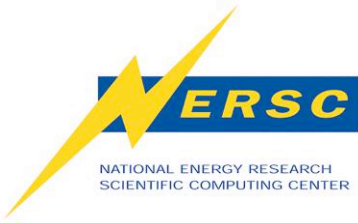
# OSG Stack for CE

- **VDT (Virtual Data Toolkit)**
- **Globus Toolkit**
  - **GSI (Authentication & Authorization)**
  - **GRAM (Job submission)**
  - **GridFTP (Data management)**
- **OSG specific for Compute Element (CE)**
  - **CEMon (Resource descriptions)**
  - **RSV (Resource availability)**
  - **Gratia (Accounting)**



# Franklin Specifics

- Designated grid node: alias franklingrid
- Production system shared with local users
  - Privilege separation important
  - OSG software installed on `/usr/common/osg` as the globus user
  - OSG cron jobs run as the globus user
- Shared-root environment
  - Specialized for the franklingrid node
    - `/etc/xinetd.d/gsiftp` -> `/.shared/base/node/256/etc/xinetd.d/gsiftp`
    - `/etc/xinetd.d/gsigatekeeper` -> `/.shared/base/node/256/etc/xinetd.d/gsigatekeeper`
    - `/etc/init.d/rc3.d/K03xinetd`, `/etc/init.d/rc3.d/S20xinetd`
    - `/etc/grid-security` -> `/usr/common/osg/grid-security`



## Franklin Specifics (cont.)

- **Jobmanager-pbs**
  - Aprun with mppwidth, mppnppn conversions
- **CEMon resource discovery**
  - Finds system characteristics about franklingrid, a service node
    - Need to override to provide compute nodes info
- **Gratia probes**
  - PBS server runs on the SDB node
    - Accounting data are copied over from server's private /var to /usr/common daily
  - Filter out entries about local jobs



# NERSC Specifics

- **Requirement of individual accounts**
  - DOE requirement
  - No VO support
- **Short-lived proxy certificate issued by NERSC CA**
  - NERSC-wide setup
  - X.509 Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) certificate management painful
  - Handled by the online MyProxy credential management service
    - myproxy-logon





# Why Use the Grid?

- **Job can be managed remotely without users' knowing about batch system specifics**
  - **mpiexec vs. aprun vs. poe**
  - **qsub vs. llsubmit**
  - **qstat vs. llq**
  - **pbsnodes vs. llstatus**



# Batch Job Submission

## qsub qsub.cmd

```
#PBS -l mppwidth=4  
#PBS -o test.out  
#PBS -e test.err  
cd test_dir  
aprun -n 4 ./test_application
```

## lsubsubmit lsub.cmd

```
#@ job_type=parallel  
#@ cpus=4  
#@ output=test.out  
#@ error=test.err  
#@ queue  
poe test_dir/test_application
```



## What Is a Grid job?

- **Job specifics, such as resource requirements, are specified in RSL (Resource Specification Language), directly or indirectly**
- **Job submits to a Globus gatekeeper, directly or indirectly**



# Grid Job Submission: Globus

## globusrun

```
globusrun -r franklingrid.nersc.gov/jobmanager-pbs -f cmd.rsl
```

```
& (count=4)
  (jobtype=mpi)
  (directory=test_dir)
  (executable=test_application)
  (stdout=x-gass-cache://$(GLOBUS_GRAM_JOB_CONTACT)stdout anExtraTag)
  (stderr=x-gass-cache://$(GLOBUS_GRAM_JOB_CONTACT)stderr anExtraTag)
```

## globus-job-submit

```
globus-job-submit franklingrid.nersc.gov/jobmanager-pbs -np 4
-x'&(jobtype=mpi)' test_dir/test_application
```



# Grid Job Submission: Condor-G

## condor-submit test.cmd

Universe = grid

Executable = test\_dir/test\_application

transfer\_executable = false

grid\_resource = gt2 franklingrid.nersc.gov/jobmanager-pbs

globus\_rsl = (jobType=mpi) (count=4)

output = test.out

error = test.err

Queue



# Grid Job Submission: Portals/Science Gateways

GridSphere (Globus Toolkit 4 Edition)

https://portal-auth.nersc.gov:9000/gridsphere/gridsphere/loggedin/jobs/r/ ITER OS

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Credentials Files **Jobs** Resources Registry Vasp Example

**Job Manager**    No active credential has been found

**Servers**

- Franklin PBS
- Jacquard PBS (WS-GRAM)

Selected resource:  
Franklin PBS at franklgrd.nersc.gov

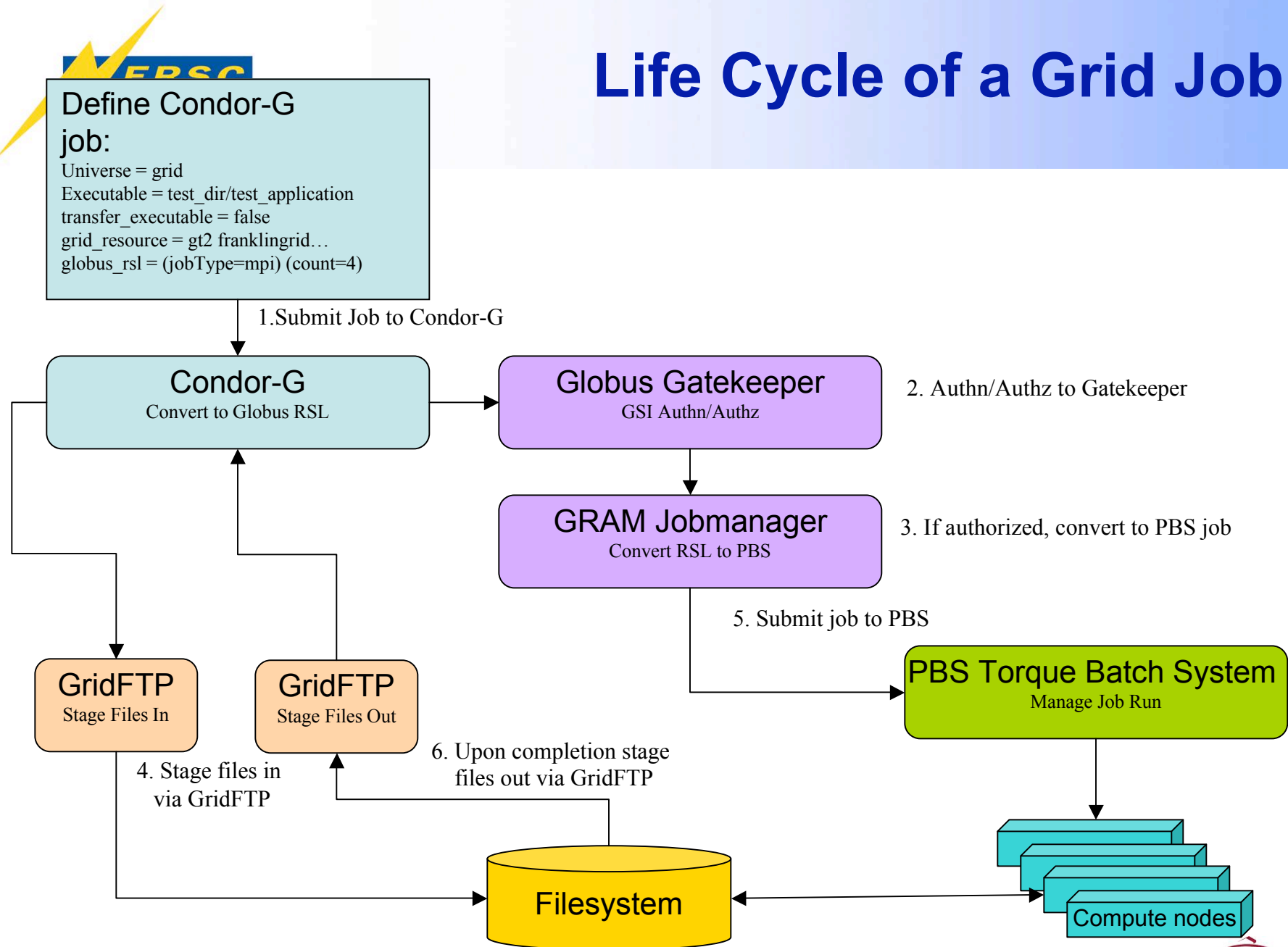
Description:  
Grid Resource Access Management Web Service

**Application** | Data | Requirements | General | JSDL

Working directory:   
Executable:   
Arguments:   
Environment variables:   
Standard input:   
Standard output:   
Standard error:   
Distribution:   
Process per node:   
Threads per process:   
Process count:



# Life Cycle of a Grid Job



# Work in Progress

- **The Project Account Project**
  - Satisfy users' desire to share data and work
  - Satisfy DOE's requirement for tracking individuals' use of resources
  - Add the VO support afterwards
- **The esLogin Project**
  - Provide external login capability for franklin
  - Move grid stuff to an external login node
    - Simplify the shared-root environment
    - Increase the grid node stability



## Conclusion

- **Useful in running production codes**
  - Developers build codes for specific platforms
  - Users use the codes provided
- **Not useful in Top 500 LinPack runs**
- **Overall performance vs. individual runs performance**



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