

Virtual Organizations and Web Services

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Introduction – organizing services and resources

- These services (flights, accommodations, transportations, service searching, etc.) are offered by different companies and organizations (airlines, hotels, transportation companies, search engines, data suppliers, conference organizers).
- For your purpose of visiting and presenting your work at DSV, they worked together (with different roles, different functions, different ways) to form a temporary
 "organization" Virtual Organization.



modelling





What is grid computing?

- Definition of the Grid
 - Controlled sharing of geographically distributed resources
 - Virtual Organization
 - Analogy with power grids
 - Consistent, pervasive, dependable, and transparent access to electricity from different sources
- Characteristics of a Grid
 - No centralized control center
 - Heterogeneity (of resources)
 - Scalability
 - Dynamic and Adaptable



Grid – what is the grid?

"Resource sharing & coordinated problem solving in dynamic, multi-institutional virtual organizations" [Foster, Kesselman, Tuecke 2001]



"When the network is as fast as the computer's internal links, the machine disintegrates across the net into a set of special purpose appliances" (George Gilder)



The semantics of knowledge

- Semantics for Grid Applications and Grid Middleware
- Semantic Grids
 - Grids and Grid middleware that makes use of semantics for its installation, deployment, running etc.
- Knowledge Grids
 - A virtual knowledge base derived by using the Grid resources, in the same spirit as a data grid is a virtual data resource and a compute grid a virtual computer.
 - Knowledge Grids include services for knowledge and data mining.



What is VO?





Where VO?



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VO – Pre-formation

- Describing and asserting policy
 - Flexible and extensible schemas, transparency
- Can you be a member of this VO?
 - Matching task, integration
- How do we set your roles so you can be?
 - Configuration
- Are these set of policies mutually consistent?
 - Configuration and verification
- Service Level Agreements
 - Matching provides and expects clauses
- Authentication & Authorisation
 - Reconcile diverse policies



VO – Forming & Operating Communities

- Define membership & roles; enforce laws & community standards
 - I.e., policy for service-oriented architecture
 - Addressing dynamic membership & policy
- Build, buy, operate, & share infrastructure
 - Decouple consumer & provider
 - For data, programs, services, computing, storage, instruments
 - Address dynamics of community demand



VO – Runtime

- Mapping roles and operations (OGSA)
- Capturing domain ontologies (OWL)
- Annotating services (RDF(S))
- Coupling resources (OGSA)
- Starting reasoning mechanism (OWL)



Internal structure of VO

- Horizontal
 - Workflow
- Vertical Hierarchy
 - Task-Service-Resource
- Operations
 - decomposition
- Dynamic and static
 - Time dimension and states



Structure – Workflow

- A virtual organization is an organization of being task-driven, resource-based, and workflow-managed.
- It concerns the dependence between resources available for the virtual organization and time sequence dependence.
- A workflow model for a virtual organization represents a series of states and their transitions.

In the life cycle of a virtual organization, a series of states and their transition flows form a state-transition graph.





Assembling Services

1) Integrate services from other sources

Virtualize external services as VO services



2) Coordinate & compose

Create new services from existing ones

"Service-Oriented Science", Science, Foster, 2005



Structure – three layers





How does a VO work?

- Client uses a VO interface
- A VO instance is created from a Factory with the help of a Registry
- The VO instances run with appropriate resources automatically allocated
- New VO instances can be allocated and destroyed dynamically, to benefit performance
 - Example: A web serving environment could dynamically allocate extra instances to provide consistent user response time



Providing VO Services – Integration from Other Sources



Virtualizing Existing Services into a VO

- Establish service agreement with service
 - E.g., WS-Agreement
- Delegate use to VO user





Next: Web Services

Discovery

- Automated Discovery services or workflows
- Knowledge assisted brokering & match making



Guided instantiation omposition and substitution



- Automated Composition
- Self organising SOA
- Guided workflow assembly
- Composition (workflow) verification and validation