



BOINC extensions in the SZTAKI DesktopGrid system

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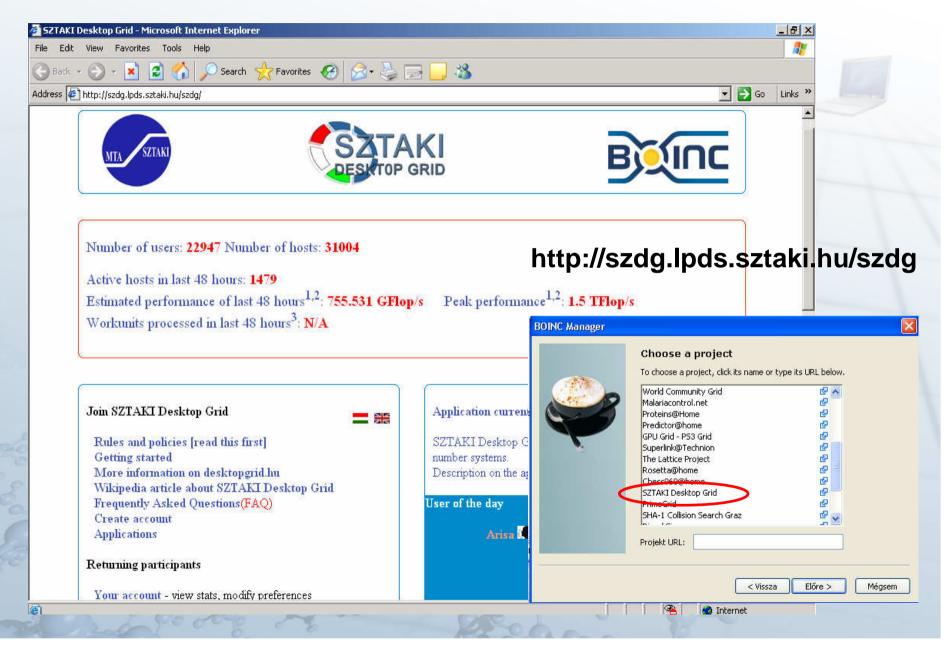
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SZTAKI Desktop Grid is a collection of various developments towards Desktop Grid direction, based on BOINC:

- Debian package of the BOINC server
- application programming interface: DC-API
- integration with various backends: e.g: Condor
- supporting various application types on the client side: e.g.: Java, MPI
- aggregating the power of different BOINC projects: hierarchically connected DGs
- ease the application porting under BOINC client: genwrapper
- improving security: introducing certificates in BOINC, sandboxing under BOINC client
- generalise job creation/handling: queuemanager on BOINC server

Most of them can be downloaded from <u>www.desktopgrid.hu</u>, others are under development, ⇒ desktopgrid@lpds.sztaki.hu

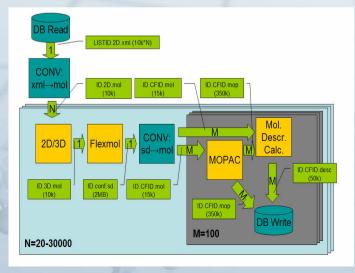


CancerGrid EU FP6 project

- Grid Aided Computer System For Rapid Anti-Cancer Drug Design
 - January 1, 2007 December 31, 2009
 - Developing focused libraries with a high content of anti-cancer leads, building models for predicting various molecule properties
 - Developing a computer system based on grid technology, which helps to accelerate and automate the in silico design of libraries for drug discovery processes

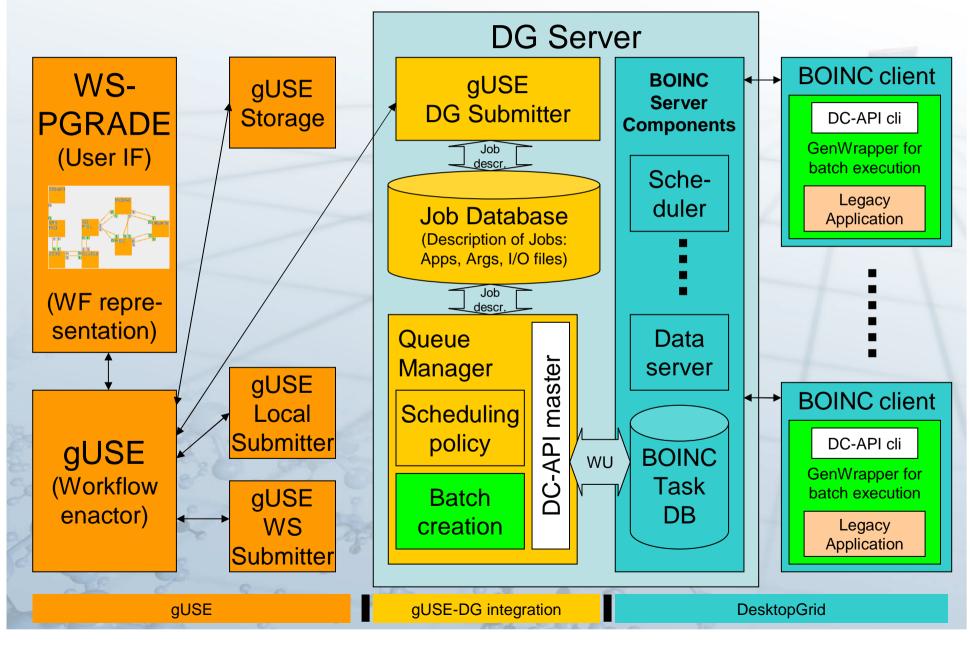
Bag of tasks: cmol3d, mopac, mdc, fmt, fma, etc.

- Fortran, C, C++
- Processing/Memory requirements
- Multi-binary applications, Libraries
- For some apps source is not available
 - Config file preparation before execution
 - Pure logging/debugging information





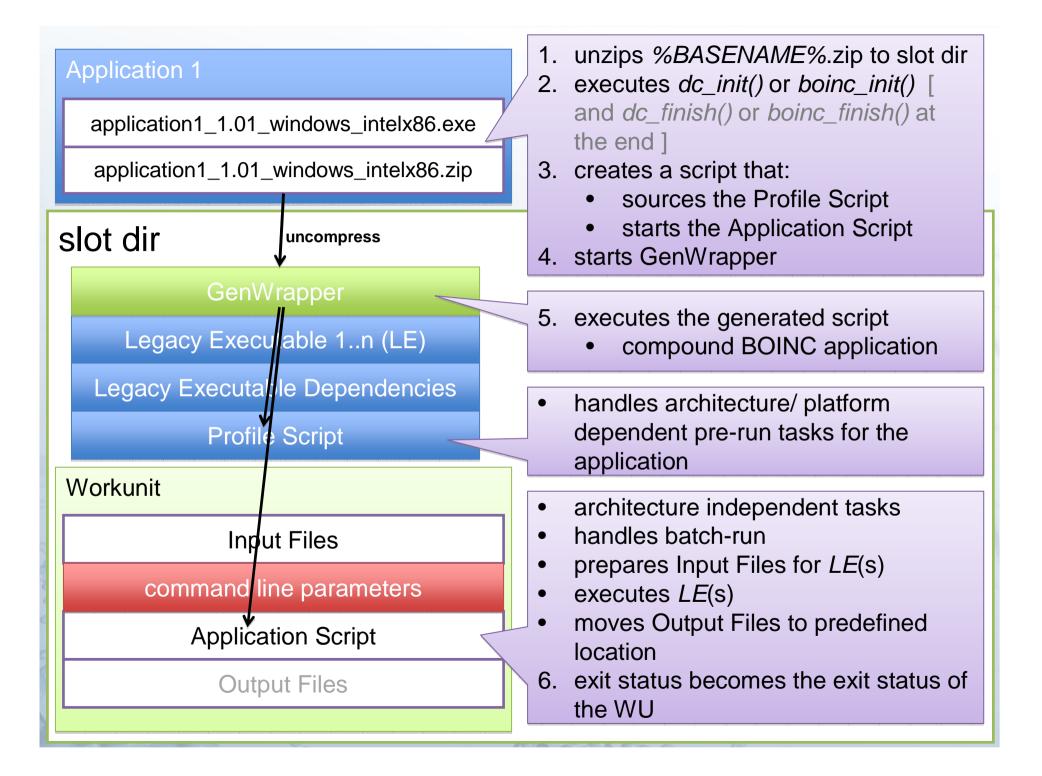
The CancerGrid architecture



Generic Wrapper (GenWrapper)



- Why did we developed?
 - The features of BOINC wrapper is not enough (e.g. patching config files on client machines, generating extra messages, independent jobs in a WU, etc.)
 - Wanted to be prepared for unknown requirements might be raised by future Cancergrid applications
 - We did not want to extend the BOINC wrapper to make it an XML-based programming language, we choose to BOINCify an existing language -> Bourne shell
- How does it work?
 - a shell interpreter (gitbox a variant of busybox) is started instead of the real application
 - it executes an application script, that
 - realizes boincification through script commands
 - may run legacy applications in any way (e.g.: multiple input process)
 - may perform any preparation on input-, output files, environment, etc.
 - may do whatever you can do by a script



Sample GenWrapper Script



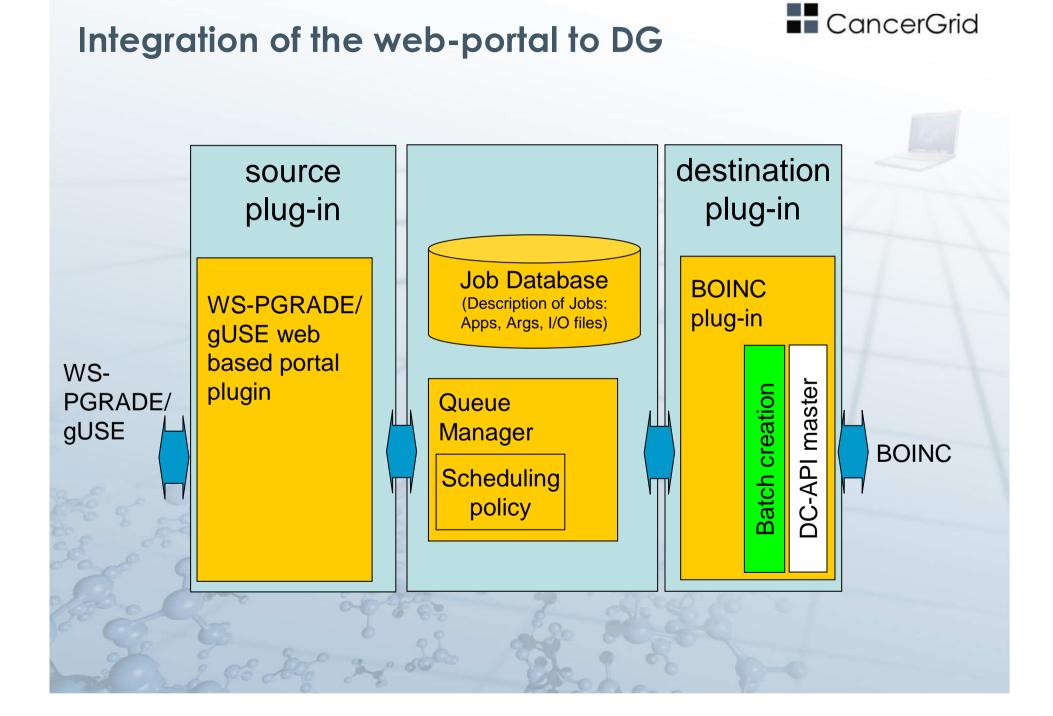
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1. IN=`boinc resolve_filename in`
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- 2. OUT=`boinc resolve_filename out`
- 3. NUM=`cat \${IN}`
- 4. PERCENT_PER_ITER=\$((100000 / NUM))
- 5. for i in `seq \$NUM`; do
- 6. PERCENT_COMPLETE=\$((PERCENT_PER_ITER * i / 1000))
- 7. **boinc fraction_done_percent** \${PERCENT_COMPLETE}
- 8. echo -e "I am \${PERCENT_COMPLETE}% complete." >> \${OUT}

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9. sleep 1;
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10.done

- shell script contains the BOINC commands
- every filename needs to be resolved
- status: on-going development, still missing some features (CPU time calculation, signal handling, background process, checkpointing, etc.)



Batching in QM

Substrings like "% { <word> }" are substituted with the appropriate value. Unknown substitutions are left alone and copied as-is

CancerGrid

- 3 template scripts must be prepared for every app
- Head template: extracts %{inputs}
- Per-job templates:
 - All input files are under %{input_dir} (relative to the directory where the script is started)
 - Moves the input files to appropriate location if necessary
 - Calls "application % {args } "
 - Moves all output files to % {output_dir} (relative to the directory where the script is started)
 - Tail template: packs the directory %{output_dir} as
 %{outputs}

Example templates



• Example head template:

set +e
tar xzf %{inputs}
BASEDIR=`pwd`

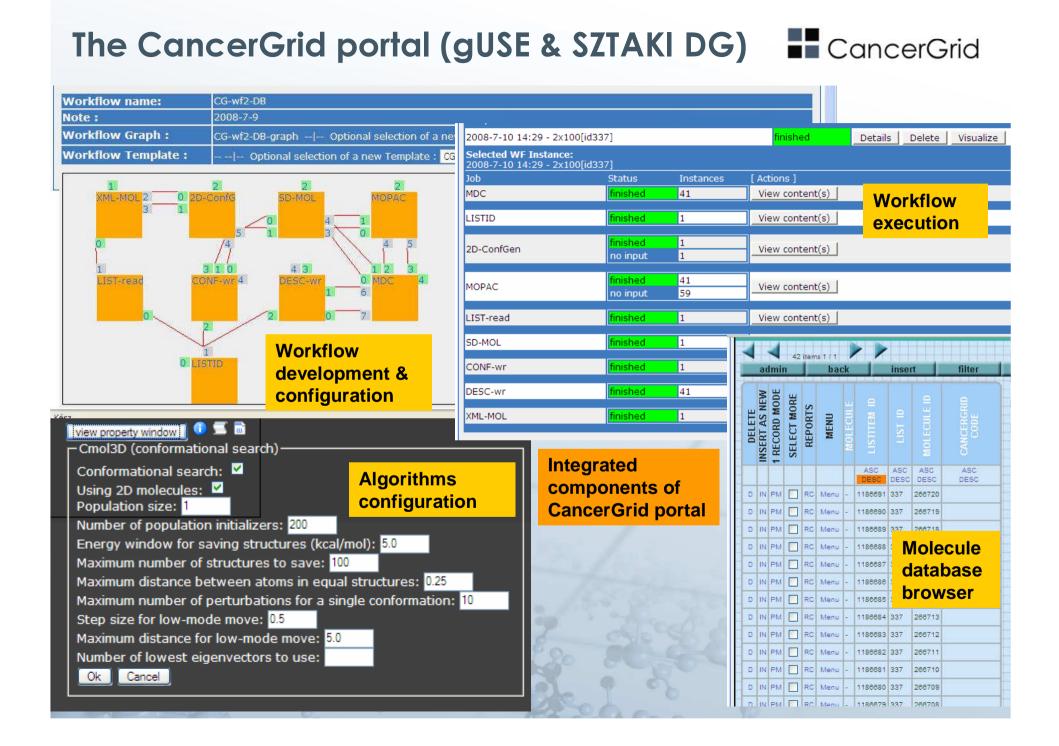
• Example per-job template:

cd \$BASEDIR/%{input_dir}
\$BASEDIR/app %{args} >stdout 2>stderr
mv out_file stdout stderr \$BASEDIR/%{output_dir}
cd -

Example tail template:

cd \$BASEDIR/outputs

tar czf \$BASEDIR/%{outputs} *



Conclusion



- Any community that has a class of workflow type applications requiring bag of task type of components can easily use a BOINC system:
 - the community can create its own non-public BOINC project
 - can easily map the bag of task components into BOINC applications
 - can easily combine these components into more complex workflow applications
- Such a system
 - has been prototyped for the Cancer Research community within the CancerGrid projects
 - will be available as production system in Q4 of 2008
 - Within the EDGeS project we would like to support other communities with this technology



If you need more detailed (technical) information, email to <u>desktopgrid@lpds.sztaki.hu</u> or visit www.desktopgrid.hu

> Thank you for your attention! Questions?





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