Developments in BioPharma Grid Computing

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60 Delegates, a beautiful location, good food and excellent speakers...





- Prof. Denis Noble, Applications in Systems Biology, a vision of the future of GRID
- Denise Ecklund, PhD, Architectures to support data integration and federation
- Ken Buetow, PhD CaBIG, The Cancer BioMedical Informatics GRID
- John Wilbanks, Semantic Web
- Professor Mark Ellisman, BIRN, BioMedical Informatics Research Network
- Professor Andy Lawrence AstroGRID
- Prof. Bob Hertzberger Virtual Laboratories
- First Hand Experience of GRID in the Pharmaceutical Industry
 - Novartis, Eli Lilly, Johnson and Johnson,
- Prof. Carol Goble, Delivering on the Promise of GRID
- Prof. Manuel Peitsch, A Vision for PharmaGRID



Today's talk

- A Vision for PharmaGRID
 - Why it is important
 - Evolving standards
- What has been achieved to date?
 - Examples from industry and academia
- Semantic technologies and the GRID
- The Way Forward



A Vision of GRID: One Stop Shopping



Slide from Chris Jones, CERN

How Significant is GRID?





We Work in a Distributed World



GRID Architecture



Increased ROA

Infrastructure resource sharing Automated monitoring & management



Slide from Dave Pearson, Oracle

Standards Convergence



Convergence of GRID and Web Services; So if you developing using Web services you get GRID for free...



What has been achieved?

- "Crunch-GRIDs" HPC resources typically PC clusters
 - Cycle scavenging grids
- "Knowledge Grids"
 - Portal style access to a set of federated databases and applications and experimental resources
- Validation of GRIDs in the clinical domain
- e-Collaboration applications



Crunch GRID: GRID.org



The Cancer Project

Slides from Ed Hubbard, United Devices

Crunch GRIDs: Novartis





Slide from Pascal Afflard, Novartis

GRIDs in the Regulated Domain

FD : Simulations (Validated environment) Jeff Mathers

•Regulatory Compliance

-The key for grid success!

•Cross-Pharma collaboration formed

-Novartis, GSK, Pfizer, Merck, and J&J

-Produce "guidance" or "best practice" for how to ensure quality of data and systems management to allow for using the grid with validated applications.



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Slide from Patrick Marichal, Johnson & Johnson

Knowledge Grids: BIRN

BIRN Network



- A stable, robust, shared network and distributed database environment across >15 institutions, tailored to the BIRN collaborations.
- Extensible tools and IT infrastructure that can be reused.
- Established Cyberinfrastructure for a neuroscience data grid
- Involves a large scale data integration effort "DATA MEDIATION"
- Soon the NIH's BIRN will begin to include areas of biomedical research other than Neuroscience

IT Infrastructure to hasten the derivation of new understanding and treatment of disease through use of distributed knowledge



*It will no longer matter where data, instruments and computational resources are located!



Federation of Data





Slides from Mark Ellisman, UCSD and BIRN

BIRN Instruments

Access to Unique Instruments





Slides from Mark Ellisman, UCSD and BIRN

Semantic Web and Ontology

- 5 out of the first 6 talks at PharmaGRID 2004 highlighted ontology/other knowledge representations as important
- Recognition of the importance of ontologies to GRID
 - Retrieve relevant data from multiple resources
 - Annotation
 - e-Collaboration



Semantic Challenges



SW-LS and Grid: Business Case

- Treat knowledge as a single, grid-enabled corporate asset
 - More efficient knowledge use
 - "Aggregate" the knowledge data and interpretation into a single, extensible web, regardless of location
 - · After aggregating, deploy context-based search
 - Long-term:
 - Knowledge-driven data stratification (annotation, ranking, hypothesis generation / elimination)
- Maximize the value of knowledge through *automation* and *reuse* tie to web services
- Start thinking about how you will build knowledge representations
- Start exploring ontology browsers such as Haystack



CaBIG: Applying Ontologies



 Goal: A virtual web of interconnected data, individuals, and organizations redefines how research is conducted, care is provided, and patients/participants interact with the biomedical research enterprise



Slides from Ken Beutow, NCICB/NCI/NIH/DHHS

The "Kitty Hawk Project": will it fly?





Slide from Manuel Peitsch, Novartis

Let's make it fly!





100 years of optimization and improvements

Slide from Manuel Peitsch, Novartis

Summary

- Standards are evolving
 - Robust enough to build valuable applications today
 - Manage expectations and pay attention to sociology
- Open source software
 - There are GRID Solution providers that can help
- Commercial software licensing models need to evolve
- Skills
 - Those with GRID and Semantic Web skills will be in demand
 - Seek training opportunities (www.nesc.ac.uk)

