EDGES: THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN SERVICE AND DESKTOP GRIDS

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Abstract Service grids and desktop grids are both promoted by their supportive communities as great solutions for solving the available compute power problem and helping to balance loads across network systems. Little work, however, has been undertaken to blend these two technologies together. In this paper we introduce a new EU project, that is building technological bridges to facilitate service and desktop grid interoperability. We provide a taxonomy and background into service grids, such as EGEE and desktop grids or volunteer computing platforms, such as BOINC and XtremWeb. We then describe our approach for identifying translation technologies between service and desktop grids. The individual themes discuss the actual bridging technologies employed and the distributed data issues surrounding deployment.

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