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IGE GLOBUS APPLIANCES

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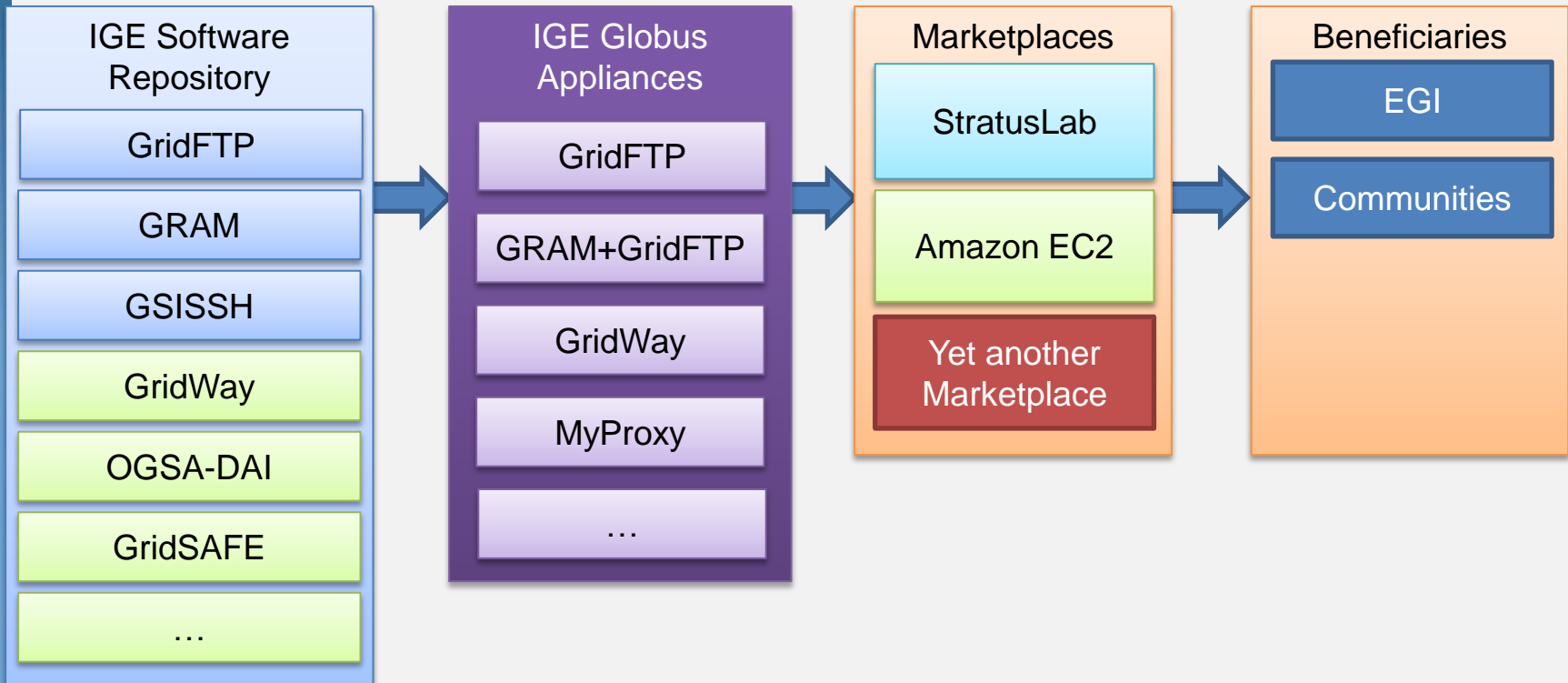
- FP7 DCI project, October 2010 – March 2013, 11 partners
- Objectives
 - Coordinate Globus activities in Europe
 - Continuously support the European computing infrastructures
 - Serve as a central point of contact in Europe for Globus
 - Drive the Globus developments forward in accordance with the requirements of European users
 - Strengthen the influence of European developers in the Globus Alliance
- Comprehensive service provider for the European e-infrastructures regarding the development, customization, provisioning, support, and maintenance of components of the Globus Toolkit



- Packaged GT5 as RPM and deb
 - GT 5.0.3, GT 5.0.4, and GT 5.2 (in preparation)
- Wide range of supported platforms
 - Redhat, Fedora, Scientific Linux, Ubuntu, Debian
- Community software adaptations
 - Selected examples: GridWay, GridSAM, GSI-SSHTerm, GridSAFE
 - Coming up: LCAPS/LCMAPS, Adhoc etc.
- Public releases
 - IGE 1.0.0 (GT 5.0.3)
 - Technology preview (GT 5.0.4 + software adaptations)



IGE Software and the Cloud





Types of IGE Appliances

Basic appliances

- GT components and/or community adaptations installed
- Usage: admins trying out different configurations, GT trainings etc.
- (+) no installation or compilation required
- (-) no pre-installed certs, customization of service configs needed

Start-and-use appliances

- GT components and/or community adaptations installed and configured, host certificates installed
- Usage: ready to run services on clouds, testing GT components in a predefined environment (e.g., an internal GT-based Grid in StratusLab)
- (+) no configuration effort needed, functioning services

Project partners responsible UCM and UTCN



Current Status

Basic appliances

- GT components and/or community adaptations installed
- VM Images in **testing phase**: full GT5 VM image, GridFTP VMI, GRAM VMI (for StratusLab and Amazon EC2)
- Coming soon: release of the existing VMI, GridWay VMI
- Problems: persistency of VMIs (StratusLab Persistent Disk Storage Service?)

Start-and-use appliances

- GT components and/or community adaptations installed and configured, host certificates installed
- Not started yet, depends on *Basic appliances*
- Coming soon: use of community tools for dynamic generation of VMIs and VMI-based grids (Globus Provisioning - UC, WMS-based solution – TU Dortmund)
- Problems: dynamic contextualization, e.g., requesting host certificates

VMI Preparation

- Local creation, configuration and testing with KVM
- OS installation
- GT5 component installation
- Storage of VMI to a public location
- VMI Metadata creation & signing
- VMI metadata publication in the StratusLab Marketplace

Compliant to StratusLab procedures



Current Status

Browser window showing the URL <http://os.obs.utcluj.ro/Repository/vm-images/>. The page title is "Index of /Repository/vm-images". Below the title are columns for Name, Last modified, Size, and Description.

StratusLab Appliance Repository

- [Parent Directory](#)
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- [centos-6.0-i386-1.1.img.gz](#)
- [centos-6.0-i386-1.2.img.gz](#)
- [fedora-15-i686-gt5-cloud-1.0.img.gz](#)
- [ttylinux-i486-9.10.img](#)
- [ubuntu-10.04-amd64-1.0-cloud.img.gz](#)
- [ubuntu-10.04-amd64-gt5-cloud-2.0.img.g](#)



Browser window showing the URL <http://mp.stratuslab.eu/metadata>. The page title is "Metadata". Below the title is a search bar and a table of entries.

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+	CentOS	6.0	i386	adrian.colesa@cs.utcluj.ro	2011-08-10T13:57:11Z
+	Fedora	15	i686	adrian.colesa@cs.utcluj.ro	2011-09-16T07:18:52Z
+	ttylinux	9.10	i486	adrian.colesa@cs.utcluj.ro	2011-08-08T20:51:05Z
+	Ubuntu	10.04	x86_64	adrian.colesa@cs.utcluj.ro	2011-08-14T06:17:37Z
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Metadata already published in the StratusLab Metadata Repository



Appliances in Action

- DCI Summer School in Budapest, July 2011
 - Amazon EC2 VMIs (Basic & Start-and-Use appliances)
- GridKa Summer School in Karlsruhe, September 2011
 - Amazon EC2 VMIs (Basic & Start-and-Use appliances)
- Considering to deploy a StratusLab Cloud within the IGE Test Bed
 - Support software certification in IGE

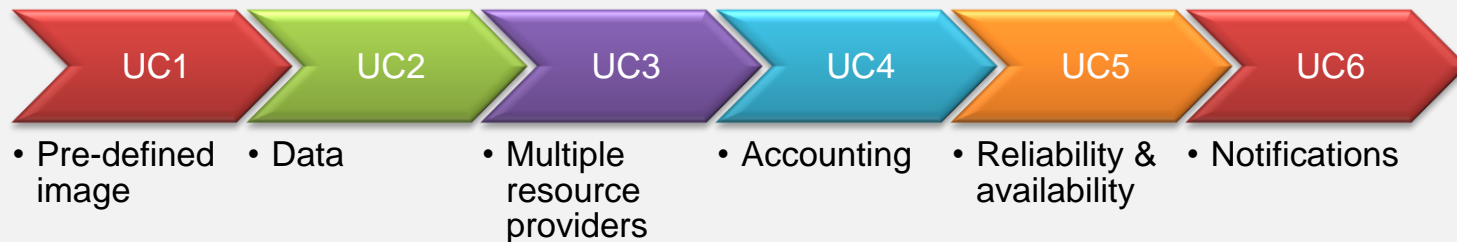


Experiences with StratusLab

- Good to have the StratusLab Reference Cloud
- Prompt and clear support replies
- Good tutorials for basic use-cases
- Tutorials with deeper technical insights would be helpful
- Good usability of the StratusLab software in general
- No restart operation available for regular users so far
 - available with the Persistent Disk Service
- Have not investigated the performance and scaling of StratusLab yet
- Looking forward to the new StratusLab release version 1.2!
- ... and to sign the MoU with the StratusLab



- Automate deployment of GT components in various combinations to appliances
 - Globus Provisioning tool (UC)
 - Workflow approach (TU Dortmund)
- Automate deployments of *start-and-use* Globus-based appliances
- Packaged GT 5.2 and new adaptations
- IGE appliances available soon for UC1, UC2 (GridFTP)





Thank You for Your Attention!

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Initiative for Globus in Europe (IGE). The header features the IGE logo and the text "INITIATIVE FOR GLOBUS IN EUROPE". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Home:** A paragraph describing the IGE as an EU FP7 project to coordinate European Globus activities, serving as a central point of contact for European computing infrastructures.
- Recent Tweets:** A section displaying tweets from the IGE (@igeproject_eu), including a tweet about missing GlobusEUROPE talks and a tweet about the #hashtag for GlobusEUROPE 2011 in Lyon.
- Latest News:** A section with two news items: "BADW-LRZ is hiring three scientific staff members" and "Globus Online Surpasses 1,000-User Milestone".

A left-hand navigation menu lists various categories such as Home, News, Events, GlobusEUROPE 2011, IGE Hub, European Globus Community Forum, About IGE, Releases, and Patches.