



Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

VOCE Grid Environment for Central Europe

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Generic description

VOCE - Virtual Organization for Central Europe

VO is dynamic pool of resources & users from different domains grouped together for a particular purpose

- provides complete grid infrastructure under EGEE wings
- officially registered as currently the one and only "Regional VO" for Central European (CE) region
- based on regional principle
 - § VOCE spans the whole CE Federation
 - § core services operated by CESNET
 - § resources are provided by several institutions across the CE (these resources are available to all users registered in VOCE)



Generic description

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fully production environment

- § VOCE environment allows Grid newcomers to get quickly first experience with Grid computing
- § simultaneously allows users to smoothly move to production use of the Grid in the same environment

self-contained infrastructure

- § designed not to rely on external services
- § currently on LCG middleware but move to gLite under way



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- incubator for new applications and application areas
 - § assistance in adapting a software for use on the Grid
 - § even for applications that do not have any computing experience
 - § outsourcing the burden of running an grid infrastructure to VOCE

generic VO

- § not bound to any particular application
- § interested in broad scale of application areas
- § can also mediate a collaboration with other similar project we are aware of (being deeply involved in many Grid projects/activites in Europe)



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- allocated resources (guaranteed)
- basic level of security retained
 - § no anonymous users
 - § based on accredited CA's approved by the EuGridPMA body
- primary audience
 - § grid newcomers with no experience with Grid
 - § small application groups that do not have resources and/or skills to build and operate their own infrastructure
- easy registration
 - § fully electronical using a web form
 - § the applicant needs a certificate issued by a trusted CA

VOCE & EGEE specific activities

- NA3 & NA4
 Training and Networking
 - § VOCE is an application neutral virtual organization
 - § suitable for training purposes (in cooperation with P-GRADE)
- SA1 Operations
 - § test case for lighthweight way of setting and running essential grid services in reasonable time
 - § a template for setting new small scale VOs including application centric (not necessarily in CE region only)



- **VOCE Virtual Organization for Central Europe**
 - "non-standard" solutions provided
 - § generic flexible framework CHARON system that is available for application programs & jobs management
 - § access to VOCE trough P-GRADE portal
 - § AFS installation available for easy integration with local national Grid projects (currently used on Czech farms & UI)
 - § parallel execution support (MPI)

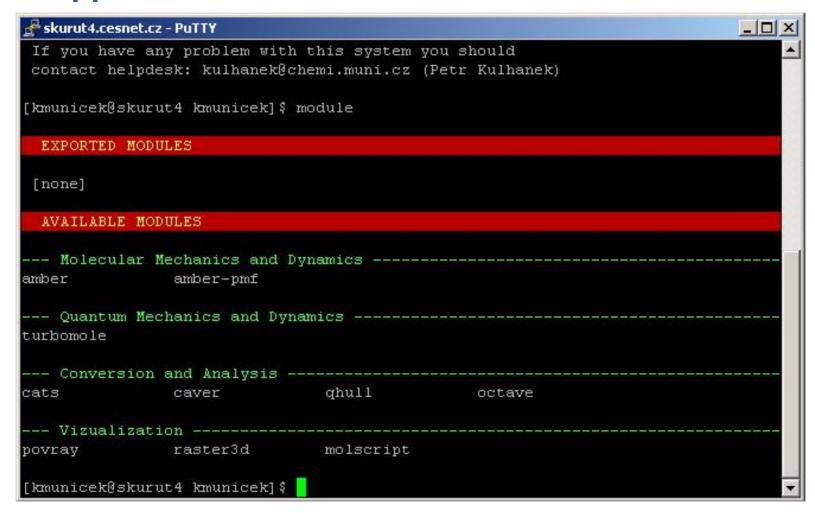


CHARON System

- § uniform, and modular approach for (complex) comfortable computational jobs control (submission, monitoring, output retrieval)
- § generic system for use of application programs in the Grid environment (LCG/gLite middleware, ...)
- § currently supports programs from computational chemistry and molecular modelling, numerical computations, vizualizations

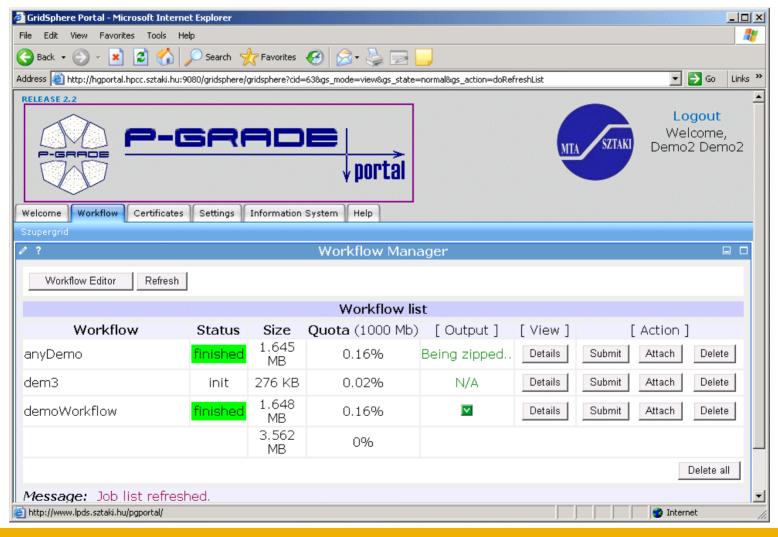


Application areas





P-GRADE – GUI to access VOCE





Current VOCE status

Infrastructure elements overview

§ elementary infrastructure (WMS, CE, WNs, SE) fully functional and configured to accept users from CE

UI skurut4.cesnet.cz

MyProxy skurut3.cesnet.cz

RB skurut3.cesnet.cz

VOCE LDAP meta-ldap.cesnet.cz

VOCE VOMS odorn.ics.muni.cz

(temporary solution for tests)

GENIUS portal https://skurut4.cesnet.cz/

(uses GILDA MyProxy server)

§ access to UI using GSISSH, UI account is created automatically after registration to VOCE



Current VOCE status

Summary of resources



resources from

CESNET (Czech Republic)
PSNC, CYFRONET, ICM (Poland)
II-SAS (Slovakia)
KFKI (Hungary)

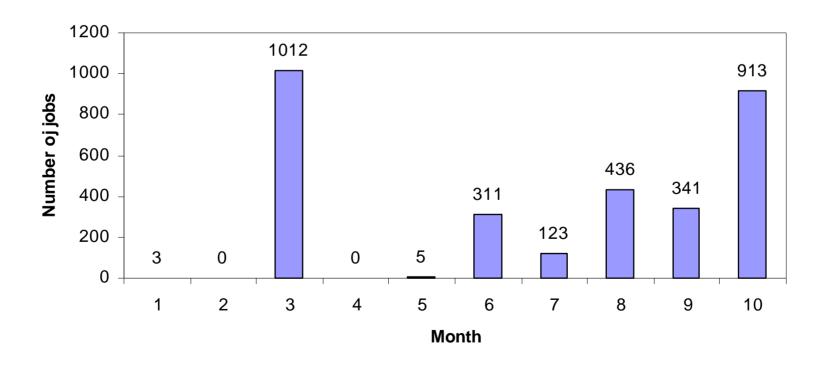
- almost 40 registered users from 10 institutes and 4 countries
- in total
 539 CPUs, about 5.9 TB disk space



Utilization statistics

How many jobs were running at VOCE?

VOCE utilization in 2005



Utilization statistics

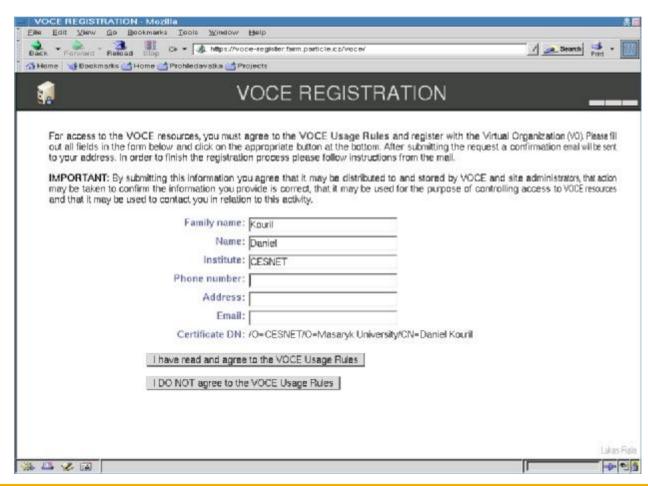
How were CPUs utilized by the jobs?

- number of jobs sent through RB skurut3.cesnet.cz
- other jobs were sent directly to CE using globus-job-run





- User registration
 - § VOCE registration at http://voce-register.farm.particle.cz/

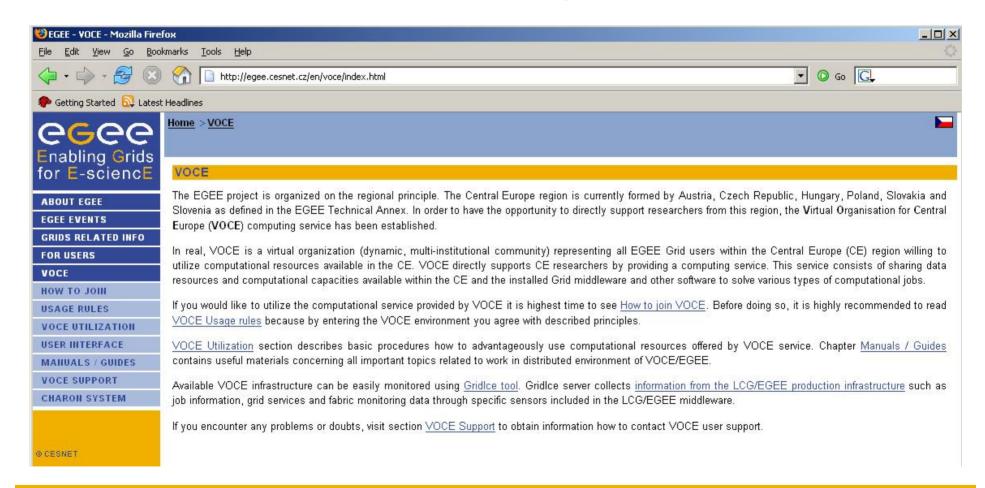




Documentation

§ VOCE portal at

http://egee.cesnet.cz/en/voce/

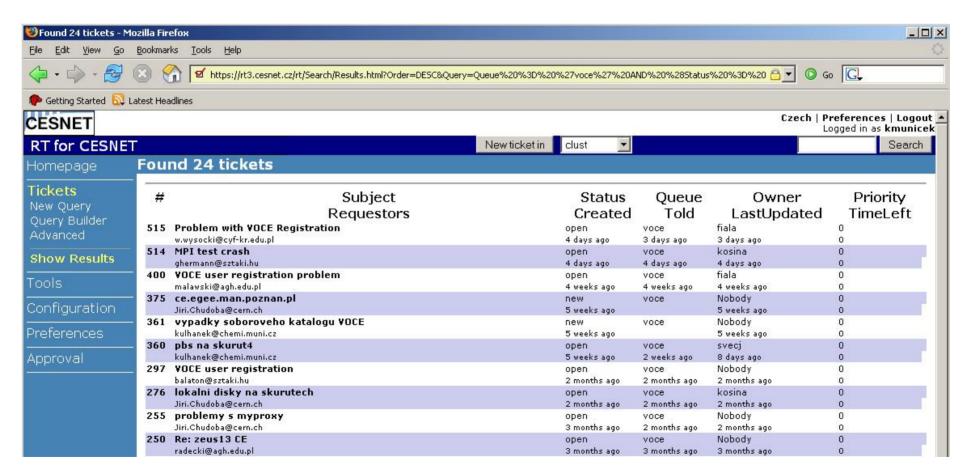




Request tracking

§ Send requests to

voce@cesnet.cz





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- is ready to serve
 - § for fast and easy access to the Grid
 - § as both testing and production environment
- and provides
 - § smooth way of Grid utilization for Grid newcomers and/or small for user groups not covered by any of currently existing VOs
 - § service for all users from the CE federation