

## GridConnections

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*News and Information for the Open Grid Forum Community*

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### **Specification Summaries Released**

The Enterprise Vendor and Software Developer Area has released 4 specification summary sheets that provide a one page overview of the purpose and description of each spec. These summaries provide a preview of the spec so that vendors and software developers can determine if use (adoption) of the spec is of interest. The specs covered are SAGA, JSDL, HPC Basic Profile and OGSA BES. The summaries are [posted](#) in the Resource Center section of the OGF website. Additional specification summaries will be released in the coming weeks. For more information contact [Craig Lee](#) or [John Ehrig](#).

### **2007/2008 NOMCOM Being Formed**

Beginning July 1, the OGF Nomination Committee (NOMCOM) will initiate the process of building the 2007/2008 team that will solicit and recommend candidates for numerous leadership positions opening up in the next twelve months. The NOMCOM gives the OGF community a way to influence who serves in these positions and also gives the chosen candidates a community mandate. For example, with OGF's first year coming to a close, the NOMCOM will be participating in the process to fill two At-Large Board of Director seats and vacant and vacating Area Director seats. **You may be asked to participate in the next few weeks - if so please strongly consider this opportunity.** For questions about the NOMCOM process, please contact [Neil Chue Hong](#), NOMCOM chairman.

## OGF21 - CFP Deadline Nearing/Advanced Registration Opens/Sponsorship Opportunities

OGF21 being held in Seattle, Washington October 15-19 will continue the momentum established through OGF's two previous 2007 events by providing high-quality content and a productive work environment to advance grid adoption in research and enterprise.

### Call for Community Participation Submission Deadline Nearing

OGF is currently soliciting proposals from the grid community for content for OGF21. The submission deadline is July 27. We are particularly seeking content related to the following topics:

- Web 2.0
- Grid Case Studies
- Vendor and Software Developer Adoption Issues
- Software Solutions

Please visit the [Call for Participation](#) web page for more information and to submit your proposal.

### Advanced Registration Now Open

[Register](#) during the advanced registration period and save up to \$100.

### Sponsorship Opportunities

At OGF21, over 300 grid leaders, technologists and existing users will come together to develop Grid standards and workshop best practices that will help them build a superior grid capability. This is a great opportunity for organizations to showcase their products and services and to communicate their brand across a wide spectrum of stakeholders, leaders and decision makers in the grid community. Gain exposure for your organization and achieve good will by showing your support for OGF! A wide variety of sponsorship opportunities are available to meet just about any budget, or we will be happy to tailor a package to suit your needs. For complete details, see the [Sponsorship Prospectus](#).

## Take Our Mid-year Member Survey

All OGF members and participants are encouraged to take our on-line member survey. The results of this survey will be used track our progress, improve our member services and help guide our strategy. We will publish the results in the August edition of our GridConnections Newsletter. **The survey is only 12 questions and should take about 5 minutes to complete, so please take a moment to give us your very important feedback.** Responses are completely anonymous.

<http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB226MYGL3JWL>

## GridWorld 2007 and GridAsia 2007 Report Out From Mark Linesch

OGF is an organization that must align globally but also communicate and collaborate locally. Recently I returned from Asia where I participated in the GridWorld 2007 in Tokyo and the GridAsia 2007 Conference in Singapore. Both events are organized by OGF affiliates – Grid Consortium Japan and IDG Japan organize GridWorld and the newly established Grid Forum Singapore teams with the Singapore government to organize GridAsia. Both conferences were a great example of our international grid community coming together to share ideas and continue to progress grids throughout the world.

GridWorld 2007 was again well attended this year with thousands of participants attending the talks and interacting with the various grid solution providers on the exhibit floor. This year's event included a co-location with the Data Center Conference and Demo event and illustrated the continuing influence of grid and virtualization technologies on next generation data center environments. GridAsia 2007 was also well attended with representatives from Singapore and many other Asia countries. The newly established Singapore Grid Forum

(SGF) was launched during the event. SGF is a great vehicle for collaboration between developers, organisations and government - focusing on issues and developments that are important to the Singapore and broader regional community.

Bringing everyone around the same table to share ideas, learn from each other, align efforts and promote adoption is critical from a local, regional and global level and I am very excited about the partnerships we have with both Grid Consortium Japan and the Singapore Grid Forum. Both organizations provide great leadership within their countries and the region and are very valued supporters of OGF and our mission.

### **Welcome New Organizational Member – NTT Communications**

[NTT Communications](#) is the largest telecommunications company in the world with more than \$94.8 billion in revenues. With more than 100 years of communications experience and more than 200,000 dedicated professionals around the world, NTT is able to provide reliable global telecommunications services to multinational corporations.

### **Documents Update**

#### **Documents in Public Comment**

Prior to formally publishing a document, OGF solicits “public comments” from the greater grid community. Public comments are a very important step in the OGF document process. Comments of any type are welcomed, from small editorial comments to broader comments about the scope or merit of the proposed document. The following documents are now available for public comment. Please take a moment to provide your feedback.

**Recommendations:** documents a specification

- [JSDL HPC Profile Application Extension, Version 1.0](#)
- [JSDL SPMD Application Extension, Version 1.0](#)

### **Last Chance to Reserve Space at OGF’s Grid Pavilion at Next Generation Data Center (NGDC)**

OGF is sponsoring a Grid pavilion at the NGDC show being held August 6-9, 2007 in San Francisco. NGDC is a new event focused on emerging infrastructure technologies in IT and how data centers are becoming more virtual and dynamic. NGDC is being co-located with LinuxWorld and SNIA's Enterprise Information World and is expected to have over 10,000 attendees, 200 exhibitors, and 100 conference sessions. OGF's activities will include:

- Hosting the grid pavilion and presentation theater
- OGF booth where we will showcase our grids in the data center position and related activities
- OGF pavilion theater presentations focusing on grids in the data center
- Mark Linesch is presenting “Grid – Distributed Computing at Scale” for the Grid and Virtualization track
- Paul Strong, OGF board vice-chair, is giving a keynote talk “eBay - Examples Of NGDC Technologies At Work”

As a service to our members, we have negotiated a special Grid Pavilion turnkey exhibit package which includes booth, 2 complimentary conference passes, 2 speaking sessions at the pavilion theater, extra exposure in the show guide and show promotion as an OGF member, and 50 pre-qualified conference attendee leads with full contact information. For more information on participating in the grid pavilion, please contact [scrumb@ogf.org](mailto:scrumb@ogf.org).

## Upcoming Events

### **International Summer School on Grid Computing Mariefred, Sweden July 8-20, 2007**

The school brings together the leading grid technologies from around the world, presented by leading figures, and gives students a unique opportunity to study these technologies in depth side by side <http://www.iceage-eu.org/issgc07/index.cfm>

### **Additional Events**

Our calendar page provides a full listing of grid and related technology events for 2007 [http://www.ogf.org/News/newscal\\_calendar.php](http://www.ogf.org/News/newscal_calendar.php)

## Join OGF Today

OGF [membership](#) provides resources, opportunities and insight focused on helping you and your organization stay engaged and ahead in grid technology. OGF membership is a resource from which you can draw the most essential and relevant information about grid standards, issues and best practices. Participation in OGF offers the opportunity to contribute to, and benefit from, a collective point of view at an industry level. As an OGF member, organizations enjoy a wide variety of benefits including:

- **Recognition** through increased corporate exposure and signal to end-users, partners, grid industry experts, media and analysts that you are an industry leader driving specifications and standards
- **Influence** industry change by participating in OGF committees and working groups which provides a tremendous resource to understanding emerging strategies, standards and operational models
- **Insight** into the collective thinking of peers from a variety of industries and institutions who are involved in similar projects and initiatives; accessing fresh ideas from others who are addressing the real needs of technology users

Please consider joining OGF today. The vast majority of our funding comes from membership fees and we simply would not exist without your funding support.

## Closing

The success of OGF depends upon member participation. All of the significant events, activities and accomplishments of the forum are member driven. Please contact any [OGF staff member](#) if you want to get involved. We welcome your input!