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JSDL SPMD Application Extension, Version 1.0 (draft 006)

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Abstract

This document specifies the structure and semantics of a parallel application extension to JSDL 1.0. This is a single-program-multiple-data (SPMD) extension. It is limited to a single executable and re-uses a number of elements already defined in the POSIXApplication extension to JSDL 1.0. The document includes the normative XML schema for the extension as well as informative examples.

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1. Introduction

This document specifies the structure and semantics of a parallel SPMD (single program multiple data) application extension to JSDL 1.0. This extension is limited to a single executable. It reuses a number of elements already defined in the POSIXApplication extension to JSDL 1.0[GFD.56].

This specification intentionally defines only a small set of new elements—elements thought to cover many common parallel job descriptions while being supported by a large number of existing systems. This set of elements was selected after a use case session held at GGF17¹ and extended after further discussion at OGF19.

2. Notational Conventions

The key words 'MUST," "MUST NOT," "REQUIRED," "SHALL," "SHALL NOT," "SHOULD," "SHOULD NOT," "RECOMMENDED," "MAY," and "OPTIONAL" are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [RFC2119].

Pseudo-schemas are provided for each component, before the description of the component. They use BNF-style conventions for attributes and elements: '?' denotes zero or one occurrences; '*' denotes zero or more occurrences; '+' denotes one or more occurrences. Attributes are conventionally assigned a value which corresponds to their type, as defined in the normative schema.

```
<!-- sample pseudo-schema -->
<defined_element
    required_attribute_of_type_string="xsd:string"
    optional_attribute_of_type_int="xsd:int"? >
    <required_element />
    <optional_element />?
    <one_or_more_of_this_element />+
</defined element>
```

This specification uses the namespace prefixes in Table 2-1. Note that the choice of any namespace prefix is arbitrary and not semantically significant.

Prefix	Namespace
xsd	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema
xsi	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance
jsdl	http://schemas.ggf.org/jsdl/2005/11/jsdl
jsdl-posix	http://schemas.ggf.org/jsdl/2005/11/jsdl-posix
jsdl-spmd	http://schemas.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd

Table 2-1: Prefixes and namespaces used in this specification.

The terms *JSDL element* and *JSDL attribute* indicate that the corresponding language construct is represented as an XML element and XML attribute in the normative JSDL schema.

The term *JSDL document* refers to a well formed XML document that can be validated against the normative JSDL Schema definition [GFD.56].

¹ The presentations are available online at

http://www.ogf.org/gf/event_schedule/index.php?id=253

The key word *present*, when used to refer to a JSDL element, means that an instance of that element appears in a JSDL document.

The key word *support*, with respect to a JSDL consuming system supporting the JSDL specification and the language constructs, refers to the ability of that system to parse a JSDL document. That is, the consuming system MUST be able to interpret the language constructs and assign to them the semantics described in this specification and the values assigned to them in that JSDL document. All JSDL compliant consuming systems must, therefore, support all of the JSDL language constructs.

See also [GFD.56] Notational Conventions.

3. Types used by the JSDL SPMD extension

The following normative XML Schema (xsd) types are used by the JSDL SPMD extension.

Table 3-1 Normative XML Schema Types

XSD types			
xsd:anyURI	xsd:boolean	xsd:positiveInteger	Complex

4. Parallel environment names

The JSDL SPMD extension defines a set of URIs that can be used to refer to a number of parallel environments. The URIs can be used as values of the SPMDVariation element (see §5.5).

Normative Name	Explanation
http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/MPI	Any MPI environment
http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/GridMPI	The GridMPI environment ²
http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/IntelMPI	The Intel MPI environment ³
http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/LAM-MPI	The LAM/MPI environment ⁴
http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/MPICH1	The MPICH version 1 environment ⁵
http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/MPICH2	The MPICH version 2 environment ⁶
http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/MPICH-GM	The MPICH-GM environment ⁷
http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/MPICH-MX	The MPICH-MX environment ⁸
http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/MVAPICH	The MVAPICH (MPI-1) environment ⁹
http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/MVAPICH2	The MVAPICH2 (MPI-2) environment ¹⁰
http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/OpenMPI	The Open MPI environment ¹¹
http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/POE	The POE (IBM MPI) environment ¹²
http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/PVM	A Parallel Virtual Machine environment ¹³

Table 4-1 URIs identifying parallel environments

The list is not meant to be exhaustive. Other URIs may be defined and used in addition to the ones in Table 4-1 but they MUST NOT be defined in the JSDL SPMD namespace.

² http://www.gridmpi.org/

³ http://www.intel.com/cd/software/products/asmo-na/eng/308295.htm

⁴ http://www.lam-mpi.org/

⁵ http://www-unix.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich1/

⁶ http://www-unix.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich2/

⁷ http://www.myri.com/scs/download-mpichgm.html

⁸ http://www.myri.com/scs/download-mpichmx.html

⁹ http://nowlab.cse.ohio-state.edu/projects/mpi-iba/

¹⁰ http://nowlab.cse.ohio-state.edu/projects/mpi-iba/

¹² http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/p/software/pe.html

¹³ http://www.csm.ornl.gov/pvm/

¹¹ http://www.open-mpi.org/

5. SPMD Application Extension

This normative extension defines a schema describing a POSIX single-executable multipleprocess application execution.

The namespace prefix used for this schema in the specification is "jsdl-spmd." The normative namespace for this schema is given in Table 2-1.

5.1 SPMDApplication Element

5.1.1 Definition

This element describes an SPMD (single program multiple data) parallel application and its requirements. It re-uses a number of elements already defined in the POSIXApplication extension: Executable, Argument, Input, Output, Error, WorkingDirectory, Environment and UserName. The definitions of these elements are not changed and are not reproduced here, see [GFD.56] §8.1 for details. Normative restrictions, or clarifications, on the usage of these POSIXApplication elements in the context of the SPMDApplication element are included in this section.

In contrast to POSIXApplication the multiplicity of the Executable element is zero or one—it is not required to be present in a JSDL document by this schema. JSDL documents may be processed by any number of intermediaries and the value of this element may not be known until the final submission to an execution environment. The Executable element MUST be present at the time of the final submission.

The Executable element MUST contain the name of the executable that will be used to start a single process, see §5.2. A wrapper script MUST NOT be specified as the value of the Executable element. It is the responsibility of the consuming system to map the SPMDApplication definition to the execution environment. Taking an MPI invocation as an example, the Executable is started using an appropriate MPI execution command (e.g., mpirun) with the argument value for the number of processes taken from the NumberOfProcesses element and the environment of the execution defined by the Environment elements of the SPMDApplication. If the executable is not specified as an absolute path then setting up the environment might also include making sure that the executable can be found by setting an appropriate PATH environment variable.

A parallel application may execute on a number of different hosts. The semantics of WorkingDirectory may imply, but do not require, that the working directory is on a shared filesystem. Implementations may provide the location specified by WorkingDirectory for SPMDApplications on a shared filesystem¹⁴ or, in the case of an MPI environment may provide it as the directory of the rank zero process.

A number of new elements are defined: NumberOfProcesses, ProcessesPerHost, ThreadsPerProcess, and SPMDVariation.

If the SPMDApplication element is present as a sub-element of the JSDL Application element it MUST appear only once.

5.1.2 Multiplicity

The multiplicity of this element is zero or one in the context of the JSDL Application element.

¹⁴ Errata note: The JSDL Resources FileSystem element is specified to contain a MountSource sub-element which could be used to specify a shared filesystem. Due to an error in the specification this element is missing from the normative JSDL schema.

5.1.3 Type

This is a complex type. It MUST support the following elements from POSIXApplication:

- Executable
- Argument
- Input
- Output
- Error
- WorkingDirectory
- Environment
- UserName

It MUST also support the following elements defined in this specification:

- NumberOfProcesses
- ProcessesPerHost
- ThreadsPerProcess
- SPMDVariation

5.1.4 Attributes

The following attributes are defined:

• name—an optional name for the SPMDApplication element. Its type is xsd:NCName so that it can be reused and referred to from outside the containing JSDL document.

5.1.5 Pseudo Schema

```
<SPMDApplication name="xsd:NCName"?>
    <jsdl-posix:Executable ... />?
    <jsdl-posix:Argument ... />*
    <jsdl-posix:Input ... />?
    <jsdl-posix:Output ... />?
    <jsdl-posix:Error ... />?
    <jsdl-posix:Environment ... />*
    <jsdl-posix:UserName ... />?
    NumberOfProcesses .../>?
    <ProcessesPerHost ... />?
    <ThreadsPerProcess ... />?
    <SPMDVariation .../>
    <xsd:any##other/>*
</SPMDApplication>
```

```
</SPMDApplication>
```

5.1.6 Security Considerations

None.

5.1.7 Examples

A parallel invocation using 'any' MPI environment:

5.2 NumberOfProcesses Element

5.2.1 Definition

This element specifies the number of instances of the Executable that the consuming system MUST start when starting this parallel application. If this element is not present then it is not defined and the consuming system MAY choose any value.

If the actualTotalCPUCount attribute is set to true the element MUST have the nil value. Setting this element to the nil value under other circumstances is undefined.

It is incorrect to specify both NumberOfProcesses with actualTotalCPUCount as true and ThreadsPerProcess with actualIndividualCPUCount as true.

5.2.2 Multiplicity

The multiplicity of this element is zero or one.

5.2.3 Type

The type of this element is xsd:positiveInteger.

5.2.4 Attributes

The following attributes are defined:

 actualTotalCPUCount—An optional attribute. If true, the value of the total number of CPUs allocated to the job is used as the value of the NumberOfProcesses.

5.2.5 Pseudo Schema

```
<NumberOfProcesses actualTotalCPUCount="xsd:boolean"? nillable="true">
xsd:positiveInteger
<NumberOfProcesses/>?
```

5.2.6 Security Considerations

None.

5.2.7 Examples

A parallel application with a total of 8 processes:

A parallel application with a total of 8 processes that requires 8 CPUs, so each process is expected to have one CPU available:

```
<jsdl:Application>
:
<jsdl-spmd:SPMDApplication>
.;
</jsdl-spmd:NumberOfProcesses>8</jsdl-spmd:NumberOfProcesses>
.;
</jsdl-spmd:SPMDApplication>
;
</jsdl:Application>
<jsdl:Resources>
<jsdl:TotalCPUCount>
<jsdl:Exact>8.0</jsdl:Exact>
</jsdl:TotalCPUCount>
</jsdl:Resources>
</jsdl:Resources>
```

A parallel application where the number of processes will be equal to the number of CPUs allocated to it:

```
<jsdl:Application>

:

<jsdl-spmd:SPMDApplication>

<jsdl-spmd:NumberOfProcesses actualTotalCPUCount="true"

xsi:nil="true"></jsdl-spmd:NumberOfProcesses>

:

</jsdl-spmd:SPMDApplication>

:

</jsdl:Application>
```

5.3 ProcessesPerHost Element

5.3.1 Definition

This element specifies the number of instances of the Executable that the consuming system MUST start per host. (See also §5.2.) If this element is not present then it is not defined and the consuming system MAY choose any value.

A host here refers to a single computational resource, for example, a single node in a cluster. The jsdl:TotalResourceCount element, if present, determines the total number of hosts available to the parallel application.

5.3.2 Multiplicity

The multiplicity of this element is zero or one.

5.3.3 Type

The type of this element is xsd:positiveInteger.

5.3.4 Attributes

No attributes are defined.

5.3.5 Pseudo Schema

<ProcessesPerHost> xsd:positiveInteger </ProcessesPerHost>?

5.3.6 Security Considerations

None.

5.3.7 Examples

A parallel application with one process per host. Since jsdl:TotalResourceCount is set to 8 a total of 8 processes will be started. Since there is no requirement for the number of CPUs the consuming system is free to make any allocation.

The values of the number of processes can be specified to depend on the resource requirements but the opposite is not true. In the following incorrect example, even though there is a definition for both the number of processes and number of processes per host, as long as the jsdl:TotalResourceCount is not specified the consuming system is free to allocate any number of hosts to the execution resulting in what might appear as, but is not, incorrect behavior. SPMDApplication elements describe the parallel application; they do not specify resource requirements.

```
<jsdl:Application>

:

<jsdl-spmd:SPMDApplication>

<jsdl-spmd:NumberOfProcesses>8</jsdl-spmd:NumberOfProcesses>

<jsdl-spmd:ProcessesPerHost>1</jsdl-spmd:ProcessesPerHost>

:

</jsdl-spmd:SPMDApplication>

</jsdl:Application>

<jsdl:Resources>
```

: </jsdl:Resources>

5.4 ThreadsPerProcess Element

5.4.1 Definition

This element specifies the number of threads per process (i.e., per instance of the Executable, see §5.2). If this element is not present then it is not defined and the consuming system MAY choose any value.

If the actualIndividualCPUCount attribute is set to true the element MUST have the nil value. Setting this element to the nil value under other circumstances is undefined.

It is incorrect to specify both NumberOfProcesses with actualTotalCPUCount as true and ThreadsPerProcess with actualIndividualCPUCount as true.

5.4.2 Multiplicity

The multiplicity of this element is zero or one.

5.4.3 Type

The type of this element is xsd:positiveInteger.

5.4.4 Attributes

The following attributes are defined:

 actualIndividualCPUCount—An optional attribute. If true, the value of the individual number of CPUs *allocated* to the job on each host is used as the value of the ThreadsPerProcess element.

5.4.5 Pseudo Schema

```
<ThreadsPerProcess actualIndividualCPUCount="xsd:boolean"?
```

```
nillable="true">
```

xsd:positiveInteger
</ThreadsPerProcess>?

5.4.6 Security Considerations

None.

5.4.7 Examples

A parallel application with 4 processes; 2 threads per process; and one process per host. Since there is no requirement for the number of CPUs the consuming system is free to make any allocation.

```
<jsdl:Application>
:
<jsdl-spmd:SPMDApplication>
<jsdl-spmd:NumberOfProcesses>4</jsdl-spmd:NumberOfProcesses>
<jsdl-spmd:ProcessesPerHost>1</jsdl-spmd:ProcessesPerHost>
```

A parallel application with one process per host and one thread per CPU:

```
<jsdl:Application>
  :
   <jsdl-spmd:SPMDApplication>
      <jsdl-spmd:ProcessesPerHost>1</jsdl-spmd:ProcessesPerHost>
      <jsdl-spmd:ThreadsPerProcess actualIndividualCPUCount="true">
        </jsdl-spmd:ThreadsPerProcess>
   </jsdl-spmd:SPMDApplication>
</jsdl:Application>
<jsdl:Resources>
  <jsdl:IndividualCPUCount>
    <jsdl:Exact>4.0</jsdl:Exact>
  </jsdl:IndividualCPUCount>
  <jsdl:TotalResourceCount>
    <jsdl:Exact>4.0</jsdl:Exact>
  </jsdl:TotalResourceCount>
</jsdl:Resources>
```

5.5 SPMDVariation Element

5.5.1 Definition

This element defines the type of SPMD application. This element MUST be present.

Names for a number of known of environments are defined in Table 4-1.

5.5.2 Multiplicity

The multiplicity of this element is one.

5.5.3 Type

The type of this element is xsd:anyURI.

5.5.4 Attributes

No attributes are defined.

5.5.5 Pseudo Schema

<SPMDVariation> xsd:anyURI </SPMDVariation>

5.5.6 Security Considerations

None.

5.5.7 Examples

A 'stock' MPI application:

```
<jsdl-spmd:SPMDVariation>
http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/MPI
</jsdl-spmd:SPMDVariation>
```

A 'GridMPI' application:

```
<jsdl-spmd:SPMDVariation>
http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/GridMPI
</jsdl-spmd:SPMDVariation>
```

A 'local' MPI variation that may refer to a customized configuration:

<jsdl-spmd:SPMDVariation>MPI.122</jsdl-spmd:SPMDVariation>

6. Security Considerations

The security considerations of JSDL 1.0 [GFD.56] also apply to this document.

Further security considerations that are specific to elements defined in this specification are detailed in each element section.

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Appendix A. SPMD Application Normative Schema

This section contains the full normative XML Schema definition for JSDL SPMD Application 1.0.

For convenience, an informative copy of this schema is also available online at https://forge.gridforum.org/sf/go/doc13970. If, however, there are any discrepancies between the definitions in this section and those portions described in other sections in the specification, or in the online schema then the definitions in this section MUST be considered normative.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
```

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```
processContents="lax"/>
        </xsd:extension>
     </xsd:simpleContent>
  </xsd:complexType>
  <xsd:complexType name="ProcessesPerHost_Type">
     <xsd:simpleContent>
        <xsd:extension base="xsd:positiveInteger">
          <xsd:anyAttribute namespace="##other"</pre>
             processContents="lax"/>
        </xsd:extension>
     </xsd:simpleContent>
  </xsd:complexType>
  <xsd:complexType name="ThreadsPerProcess_Type">
     <re><xsd:simpleContent>
        <re><xsd:extension base="xsd:positiveInteger">
          <xsd:attribute name="actualindividualcpucount"</pre>
             type="xsd:boolean" use="optional"/>
          <xsd:anyAttribute namespace="##other"</pre>
             processContents="lax"/>
        </xsd:extension>
     </xsd:simpleContent>
  </xsd:complexType>
  <!--->
  <xsd:complexType name="SPMDApplication_Type">
     <xsd:sequence>
        <re><xsd:element ref="jsdl-posix:Executable" minOccurs="0"/>
        <xsd:element ref="jsdl-posix:Argument" minOccurs="0"</pre>
          maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
        <re><xsd:element ref="jsdl-posix:Input" minOccurs="0"/>
        <xsd:element ref="jsdl-posix:Output" minOccurs="0"/>
        <re><xsd:element ref="jsdl-posix:Error" minOccurs="0"/>
        <xsd:element ref="jsdl-posix:WorkingDirectory" minOccurs="0"/>
        <xsd:element ref="jsdl-posix:Environment" minOccurs="0"</pre>
          maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
        <xsd:element ref="jsdl-posix:UserName" minOccurs="0"/>
        <xsd:element ref="jsdl-spmd:NumberOfProcesses" minOccurs="0"/>
        <xsd:element ref="jsdl-spmd:ProcessesPerHost" minOccurs="0"/>
        <xsd:element ref="jsdl-spmd:ThreadsPerProcess" minOccurs="0"/>
        <xsd:element ref="jsdl-spmd:SPMDVariation" minOccurs="1"</pre>
maxOccurs="1"/>
       <xsd:any namespace="##other" processContents="lax"</pre>
          minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
     </xsd:sequence>
     <xsd:attribute name="name" type="xsd:NCName" use="optional"/>
     <xsd:anyAttribute namespace="##other" processContents="lax"/>
  </xsd:complexType>
  <!-----
  <xsd:element name="SPMDApplication" type="SPMDApplication_Type"/>
  <xsd:element name="NumberOfProcesses"</pre>
     type="jsdl-spmd:NumberOfProcesses_Type" nillable="true"/>
  <xsd:element name="ProcessesPerHost"</pre>
     type="jsdl-spmd:ProcessesPerHost_Type"/>
  <xsd:element name="ThreadsPerProcess"</pre>
     type="jsdl-spmd:ThreadsPerProcess_Type" nillable="true"/>
  <xsd:element name="SPMDVariation" type="xsd:anyURI"/>
```

</xsd:schema>

Appendix B. Extended Informative Examples

```
The following example defines an invocation of the application "XXX." The example uses all JSDL
SPMD elements.
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<jsdl:JobDefinition
    xmlns:jsdl="http://schemas.ggf.org/jsdl/2005/11/jsdl"
    xmlns:jsdl-posix="http://schemas.ggf.org/jsdl/2005/11/jsdl-posix"
    xmlns:jsdl-spmd="http://schemas.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
    <jsdl:JobDescription>
        <jsdl:JobIdentification>
            <jsdl:JobName>My Parallel Application</jsdl:JobName>
        </jsdl:JobIdentification>
        <jsdl:Application>
            <jsdl:ApplicationName>mympiapp</jsdl:ApplicationName>
            <jsdl-spmd:SPMDApplication>
                <jsdl-posix:Executable>a.out</jsdl-posix:Executable>
                <jsdl-posix:Argument>control.txt</jsdl-posix:Argument>
                <jsdl-posix:Input>input.dat</jsdl-posix:Input>
                <jsdl-posix:Output>output.dat</jsdl-posix:Output>
                <jsdl-spmd:NumberOfProcesses>4
                </jsdl-spmd:NumberOfProcesses>
                <jsdl-spmd:ProcessesPerHost>2
                </jsdl-spmd:ProcessesPerHost>
                <jsdl-spmd:SPMDVariation>
                    http://www.ogf.org/jsdl/2007/02/jsdl-spmd/MPI
                </jsdl-spmd:SPMDVariation>
            </jsdl-spmd:SPMDApplication>
        </jsdl:Application>
        <jsdl:Resources>
            <jsdl:IndividualCPUCount>
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