# Middleware for Grid Portal Development

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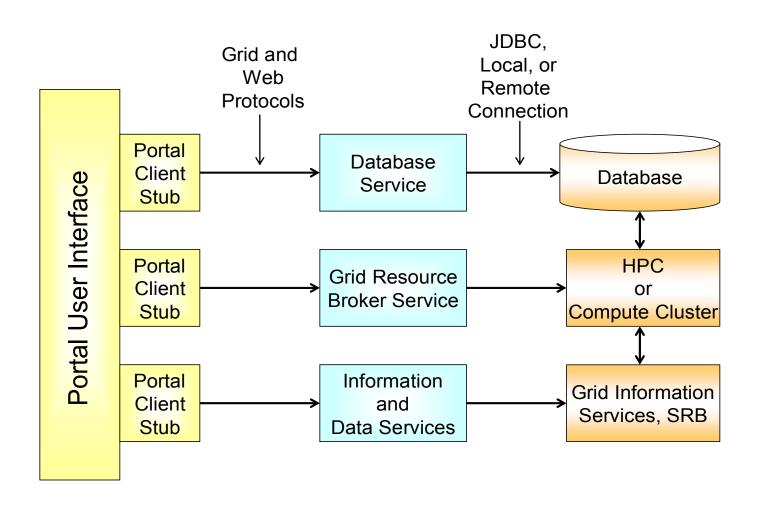
# Open Grid Computing Environment Collaboratory

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# What Are Grid Portals?

- Computing portals provide ubiquitous, browser-based access to grid resources.
  - No special client software or platform needed
  - Access information in visually intuitive form
- Provide services to support user interactions
  - Job archiving -> portal metadata management services
- Combine core grid services into custom services
  - Launch multistage jobs with dependencies
  - Couple execution, file transfer, visualization/analysis
- Many, many such projects
  - Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience's special issue described more than two dozen in 2001.
- GCE Research Group of the GGF is the community forum.
  - Thomas, Gannon, and Fox are chairs.

#### General Portal Architectures



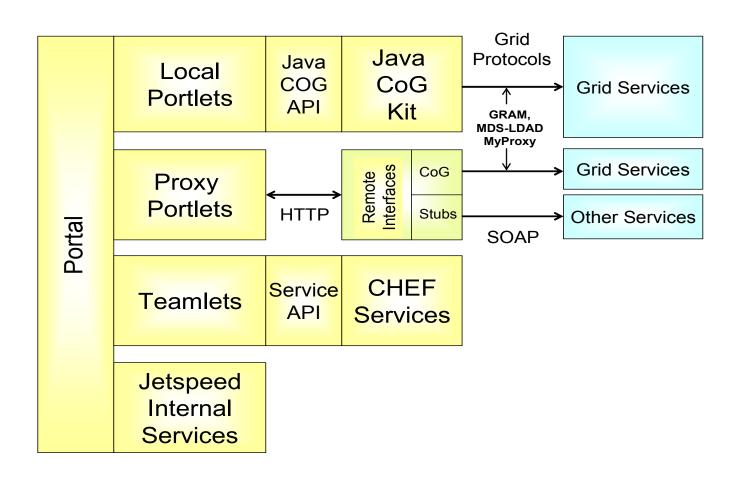
# What Are the Problems?

- NMI team members have worked in various combinations on other projects
  - Alliance Portal (Gannon, PI)
  - SciDAC Fusion Portal (Thomas, PI)
  - DOD Computing Portal (Thomas, PI)
  - SciDAC CMCS (contributions from Severance, Hardin, and von Laszewski).
- Problems are always the same:
  - How do we share portal services?
  - How do we reuse components between projects and groups?
- Can we provide a standard abstraction for portal services and interfaces?
- Can we provide an architecture that allows services and user interface components to be added in a standard way?
- Need to shorten the "standard service" deployment phase so that we can concentrate on harder problems, specific sophisticated services
  - Fusion Grid needs very interactive, visual interface for setting up problems
  - Need to be able to deploy standard components like MyProxy, GridFTP, etc interfaces quickly

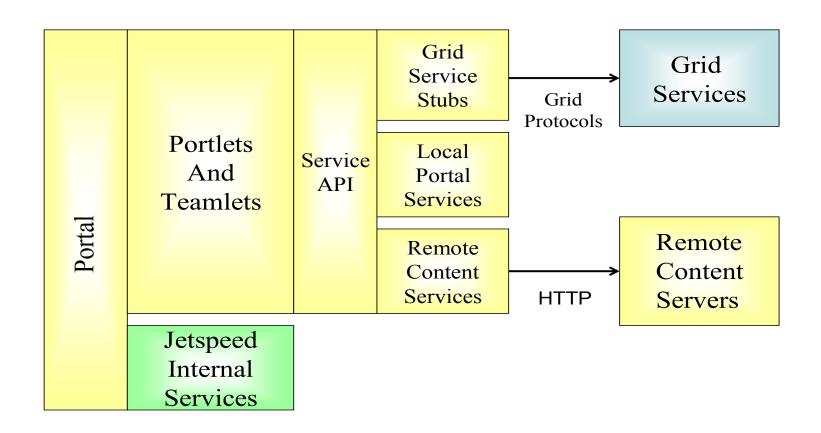
# Portlets and Containers

- Provide a portal container/component system
  - Portal components are called "portlets"
- Create a packaged, easy-to-install, customizable portal system with standard, useful components.
  - Pick and choose from available functionality
- Support community extensions
  - Plug useful contributions from other groups
- We base our system on Jakarta's Jetspeed project
- JSR 168 (released this summer): standardizes portlet systems
  - Commercial and open source implementations should interoperate
- WSRP: will provide standard ways to build remote portlets

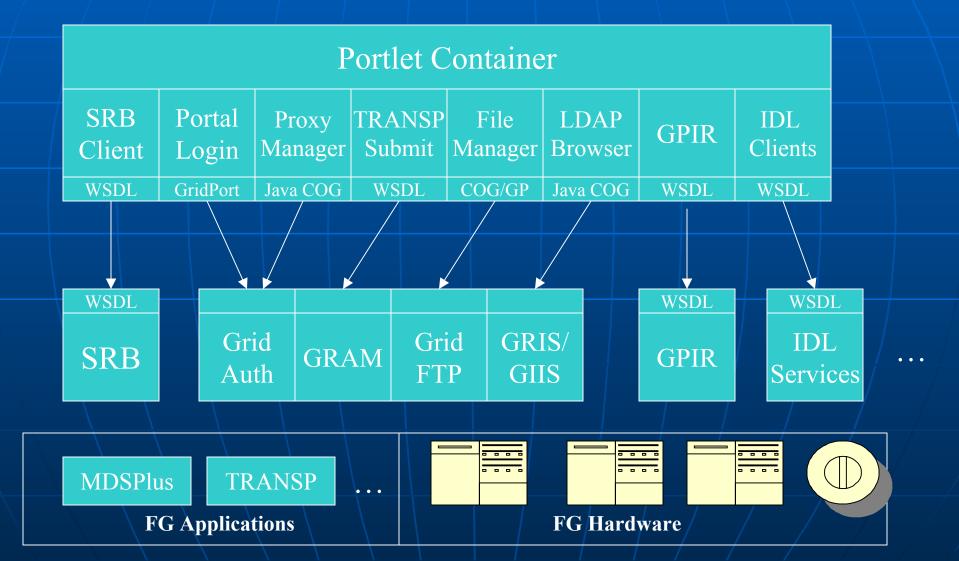
#### **OGCE** Initial Architecture

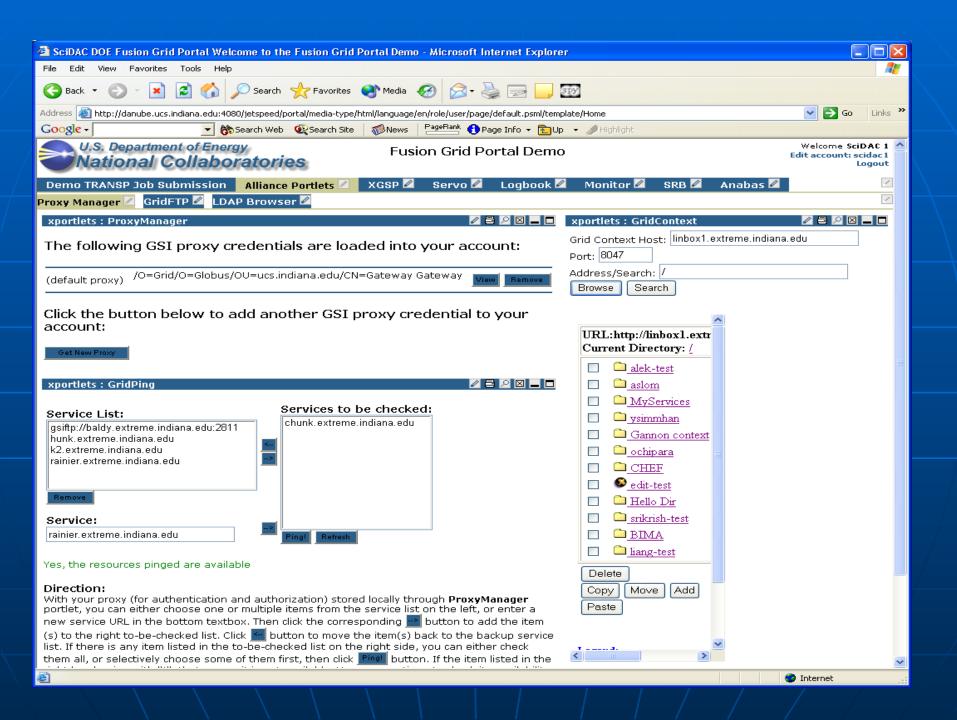


# **Evolving Portal Architecture**



# Portal Service Components SciDAC Fusion Grid Example





## **Deliverables: Initial Portal Toolkit**

- A component-based portal container
  - Jetspeed with CHEF enhancements, patches
  - Will evolve to JSR 168 standards
- Portlet components and services
  - Discussion boards, MOTDs, message boards, chat
  - Calendar tools
  - Newsgroups and citation/reference managers
  - Grid information services (LDAP-based, GPIR)
  - Portlet interfaces to MyProxy; credential management
  - Portlet interfaces to GridFTP
- Scheduled for release, SC2003

#### Deliverables: Science Portal Tools

- Will concentrate on science applications
  - Provide services and examples for building Science Portals
- Deliverables include
  - Application Manager Web Service with sample application
  - Portlets for IU Extreme Lab's Application tools: Application Factories, XEvents, Xdirectory, Xbooks
  - Portlets and services for QuakeSim Earthquake simulation
  - Metadata repository user interfaces and services

# Deliverables: Portal Collaboratory

- We will use our own tools to provide a community portal
  - Provide information, collaboration for portal building community
  - Demonstrate capabilities
  - Provide a repository for community contributions
    - CMCS, NEESGrid, GridLab, and others

# In the Pipeline

- OGSI Portlets
  - Many in Science Portal set use this under the hood
  - Service data browsing portlets
- OGSA-DAI portlets
- Collaborative portlets to support Access Grid, Polycomm
- Portal service composition