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0.1 Revisions

- 04/05/2004 Added the GridAnt Chapter. Removed the QoS, and the portals section from the make process. They need to be cleaned.
- 01/14/2003 Improved the Karajan and graph editor chapters
- 07/18/2003 Added the QoS descriptions
- 03/14/2003 Released the first version of the manual documenting the workflow

1 Preface

This manual contains a number of high-level modules of the Java CoG Kit that are not distributed as part of the Globus Toolkit version 2, 3, or 4. We believe these components are valuable add-on components to any Grid Toolkit. The popularity of the Java CoG Kit has led to the fact that it is now distributed in part with the Globus Toolkit. Often users of the Globus Toolkit, do not know that they use components contributed by the Java CoG Kit.

We hope that you will find the components described in this manual help you making use of the Grid more easily.

The Java CoG Kit is a very open project, and invites participation by others. Thus, we have started to involve the community more strongly into the development of the Java CoG Kit. If you have components that you like to contribute to the Java CoG Kit, please notify us.

If you like to participate in the development of the Java CoG Kit, I recommend that you contact us through a simple e-mail as described in Section 1.1.

1.1 Participation Opportunities

To participate, please send a mail with your intend and abilities to

Gregor@mcs.anl.gov : .

Please, follow the simple subject mail syntax rule

“APPLICATION CV: <Firstname><Lastname>”,

where CV is an abbreviation for community volunteer. All mail not following this rule will be caught by a spam filter and automatically deleted.

We have a variety of open projects that could provide ideal opportunities to get engaged in furthering the development of Grid computing. Some of these projects could also be given for credit as independent studies, or lead to a Masters Thesis project. If you decide to integrate them in your curriculum it is best to develop an agreement between the Java CoG Kit project, your advisor, and yourself. We conducted such activities with volunteers from Canada, UK, Switzerland, and several local and remote students and professionals in the US.

Due to the nature of volunteering, these applications are usually less formal than real applications, but we must know your affiliation, your address and citizenship. To volunteer, you ought to be committed. It is of no help to us if you volunteer one week and then you drop the project in the next week.

If you apply for community volunteer positions make sure you provide us with evidence that you can conduct the project you or we suggest.

Community volunteer projects are a good start for a paid internship or job opportunities. Other paid opportunities for undergraduate and graduate appointments are updated regularly on the Web page. Often it is a good idea to have your advisor

directly talk to us and recommend you over the phone, or in one of the many meetings we participate in. Paid assistantships are in general restricted to US citizens and permanent residents.

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1.2 Grids

Grids are an important development in the discipline of computer science and engineering. Rapid progress is being made on several levels, including the definition of the terminology, the design of an architecture and framework, the application in the scientific problem solving process, and the creation of physical instantiations of Grids on a production level.

A small overview about the Grid can be found in a draft paper entitled *Gestalt of the Grid* [1]

Article : <http://www.mcs.anl.gov/~gregor/bib/papers/vonLaszewski--gestalt.pdf>

This article provides an overview of important influences, developments, and technologies that are shaping state-of-the-art Grid computing.

What motivates the Grid approach?

What is a Grid?

What is the architecture of a Grid?

Which Grid research activities are performed?

How do researchers use a Grid?

What will the future bring?

A slightly different focus on middleware is presented in a paper entitled “Grid Middleware” [2]

Article : <http://www.mcs.anl.gov/~gregor/papers/vonLaszewski-gridmiddleware.pdf>

Other CoG Kit related papers can be found at

References von Laszewski : <http://www.mcs.anl.gov/~gregor/bib/>

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1.3 Intended Audience

This manual is intended for the intermediate Grid programmer that would like to access the Globus Toolkit functionality through Java. We assume that the reader of this manual is familiar with Java. If not, general information about Java is available through the Web site at SUN Microsystems or at IBM:

SUN : <http://java.sun.com/>

IBM : <http://www.ibm.com/java/>

¹ the bib file needs to be updated. Also there is a collection at www.cogkits.org

In general, this manual serves as a basic introduction to a subset of functionality provided by the Java CoG Kit. This manual does not explain every package, class, and method. This manual is intended to show you that the Java CoG Kit provides an effective way of accessing the Grid through Java.

Developers are encouraged to inspect the JavaDoc documentation.²

We further expect that you are familiar with the Globus Toolkit and have access to a Globus Toolkit installation. If you do not, the Globus web page provides information about the details and how to install it.

Globus Toolkit : <http://www.globus.org>

The Globus Toolkit development us undergoing some significant changes. If you currently use Globus Toolkit 2.4.x, we do recommend to evaluate a switch to version 3.2 carefully. This is in anticipation the Globus Toolkit version 3.2 will be replaced with Toolkit version 4.x during the year 2004. The Java CoG Kit provides so far an abstraction that protects the application user from the differences between these versions.

In case you develop with the Java CoG Kit APIs a switch between versions of the Globus Toolkit is simplified.

1.4 Resources

We support our efforts through a web site on which you find a bug tracking system, Mailing lists, and the code repository.

1.4.1 Project Website

Online information about the Java CoG Kit can be found on its home page.

Home page : <http://www.globus.org/cog/java/>

Here you can find links to the manual, the code, and some basic information about the project. Besides this page we also maintain a project-related Web page that reports on the Java and Python Commodity Grid Kits.

Project : <http://www.cogkits.org/>

1.4.2 Bug Reporting

We are using the Bugzilla system from mozilla.org to track bugs and requests for enhancements for the Java CoG Kit. Bugzilla provides you with an interface that guides you on submitting the bug. The link to the bug system is located at

CoG Kit Bugzilla : <http://www.globus.org/cog/contact/bugs/>

In case you like to report bugs for other components of the Globus Toolkit you can use the main link at

Globus Toolkit Bugzilla : <http://bugzilla.globus.org/globus/>

² we need to make sure that we have in the ant script a publication mechanism of the JavaDoc. We need to document how we update the web page, and manual. E.g. in the doc directory we say “make ; make publish

To use it you need to first create an account. To report a bug you need to be precise in your description and include operating system, JVM version, and other information that can be used to better identify or replicate the condition of your error. This also includes the version of Globus Toolkit services you use.

1.4.3 Mailing Lists

We have established a number of mailing lists to simplify the communication with the group of developers and users. Restrictions on the use of the mailing list are outlined below.

Policy

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Other Globus related mailing lists can be found on the Globus web page

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Note that you can use these web pages to unsubscribe from the lists. All mailing list are maintained with majordomo. However, we did have to disable the *who* function in order to protect the members from spam bots.

News

News about the Java CoG Kit is sent in irregular intervals (the frequency is monthly to every four month) by means of the following list:

CoG News : cog-news@globus.org

Sorted by Thread : http://www-unix.globus.org/mail_archive/cog-news/threads.html

Sorted by Date : http://www-unix.globus.org/mail_archive/cog-news/maillist.html

Discussions and Community Developers

Discussions and general questions can be send to the high-volume e-mail list at

Java List : java@globus.org

Sorted by Thread : http://www-unix.globus.org/mail_archive/java/threads.html

Sorted by Date : http://www-unix.globus.org/mail_archive/java/maillist.html

Note that this list may result in daily mails sent by the Java CoG Kit community. Please use the bug tracking system for reporting bugs. If you use the bug tracking system, your message has a higher chance of being answered. There is no guarantee that we answer a mail sent to the Java CoG Kit mailing lists.

1.4.4 Sourcecode Repository

We maintain all source code in a CVS repository that can be accessed anonymously. You can find more details about this in Section ??.

1.5 About the Manual

This manual is constantly being improved and your input is highly appreciated. Please report suggestion, errors, changes, and new sections or chapters through our bugzilla system.

When you report bugs, please do not use page, line, or section numbers. Remember new sections may appear due to community contributions. Instead, please quote the section title, or make corrections by hand and FAX it to us. Even better, submit a corrected document, as you can check out the manual through our CVS archive.

1.5.1 Conventions

If you see a ?? or a ... in the text there is no reason to send us a report on it. It simply means that the section to which we refer has not yet been integrated in this manual. Comments that indicate issues that needs to be don, are included as footnotes. New text that has not yet been reviewed, may be in a different color. Regular text is written using the Times font. Code examples are highlighted in shaded blocks.

```
int a;  
a = 1 + 2;
```

Interactive commands issued by a user in a shell are preceded with a > at the beginning of the line.

```
> ls
```

In case interactive commands exceed the 79 character limit, they are wrapped into the next line and are not proceeded by the > character. A backslash is included at the end of such lines to explicitly indicate that the command ins continued on the next line.

```
> echo "This is s very long text that is continued on the
      next lines . The leading blanks in the next lines
      are to be ignored"
> echo "This is a new command"
```

References to variables or other important text that is part of a program or shell script is written in `Courier`. To illustrate this on an example:

Hence, a reference to the variable `int` a form our previous example uses also the `Courier` font.

Generic entities are wrapped between angle brackets. Each such entity is not to be taken literally. In general, such constructs are explained as they occur throughout the manual. The use of such entities is shown in the example below:

```
<machine-name>
```

Here, `<machine-name>` is to be replaced with an actual machine name:

```
> ping hot.mcs.anl.gov
```

Web links are proceeded by a meaningful name for the link. An example is

Java CoG Kit Website : <http://www.globus.org/cog>

Links to code source are proceeded by the repository tag. An example is

jglobus : [org/globus/gram/Gram.java](http://org.globus/gram/Gram.java)

1.6 Manual Maintainer

A number of people are currently maintaining the manual.

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Licence		Gregor von Laszewski
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Setup	??	Mike Hategan
Contributing	5	Mike Hategan
Modules		
jglobus		TBD
Util		TBD
Certrequest		TBD
Resources		TBD
Common		TBD
Grapheditor	10	Mike Hategan
Karajan	9	Mike Hategan
Core	7	Kaizar Amin
Portlet	??	Mike Hategan
QoS	??	Rashid Al-Ali
Command Tools		
Certrequest	13	Gregor von Laszewski

We invite you to contribute to the manual or the code (see 1.1).

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The Java CoG Kit is distributed under two licenses. The parts that are included in the Globus Toolkit are distributed under the Globus Toolkit Public License (GTPL), which is listed in Section 2.2.1. The parts that are not distributed in the Globus Toolkit, are distributed under the Java CoG Kit Public License. At this time the Java CoG Kit License (Section 2.3) is a simple copy of the Globus Toolkit License with the Globus Toolkit references being replaced by appropriate Java CoG Kit references and the institution, just being University of Chicago.

To collaborate with us it is best for now to just sign the Globus Toolkit contributor License and fax it to Gregor von Laszewski at 630 252 1997.

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We wish that you to notify us about projects that you develop with the help of the Java CoG Kit. This will allow us to keep track of the use of the Java CoG Kit, as this directly affects our ability to motivate additional coding activities. Please, be so kind to send an e-mail to gregor@mcs.anl.gov with the subject

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- Web page:
- Description of your project:
- References:
- References citing the Java CoG Kit:

In case you like to cite the Java CoG Kit in your papers, we recommend that you use the following paper:

Gregor von Laszewski, Ian Foster, Jarek Gawor, Peter Lane,
A Java Commodity Grid Kit,
Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience,
Pages 643-662, Volume 13, Issue 8-9, 2001.
<http://www.globus.org/cog/java/>

We also would like to be notified about your publications that involve the use of the Java CoG Kit, as this will help us to document its usefulness. We like to feature links to these articles, with your permission, on our Web site.

Additional references to Java CoG Kit and other Grid related activities can be found at

Some Refernces, von Laszewski : <http://www.mcs.anl.gov/~gregor/bib>

or

Some References, Globus Project : <http://www.globus.org/research/papers.html>

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2.4.1 jglobus

The jglobus/lib directory contains the following licences.

jglobus : [bouncycastle.LICENSE](#)

jglobus : [cryptix.LICENSE](#)

jglobus : [log4j.LICENSE](#)

jglobus : [junit.LICENSE](#)

jglobus : [puretls.LICENSE](#)

2.4.2 ogce

The ogce/lib directory contains the following licences:

ogce : [soapmi11.LICENSE](#)

ogce : [xerces.LICENSE](#)

ogce : [xml4j.LICENSE](#)

2.4.3 Others

¹

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We will not distribute any GPL based Java CoG Kit code in binary format. It must be downloaded, compiled, and installed separately.

We will include more details to this issue in future. One of the Java CoG Kit Codes that will be included is the availability of a GPL based Grid shell.

At this time, we have not yet made this code available as part of the Java CoG Kit.

¹ Other licenses need to be added here

3 Introduction

3.1 Overview

3.2 History

3.2.1 Metacomputing

3.2.2 CoG Kits

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Globus

API - protocol - services

Web services without modification

Infogram first future service

4 Installation

4.1 Download

4.2 CVS Release Tags

The current releases of jglobus, ogce, and cog have the common **v-4-0-a** tag.

In order to use the Java CoG Kit, the Java Runtime Environment version 1.4, available from the Java Web site is required. Additionally, if you plan to compile the Java CoG Kit from sources, you will need the full Java Development Kit, version 1.4, available from the same Web site, and a recent version of the Apache Ant build system.

At this time we recommend that you use the following packages, as we have not yet tested Java CoG with any other Java version.

1. **ant-1.5.4:** The Java CoG Kit requires Apache Ant, which can be downloaded from <http://ant.apache.org>.
2. JDK 1.4.2_02-b03 or above

Please note that earlier versions of the Java Development Kit contain expired root certificates, which means that you will only be able to use public key cryptography in a limited fashion.

4.3 Downloading the Java CoG Kit version 4

Before using the Java CoG Kit, you will need to download it. At this moment, the Java CoG Kit is available only in source format and from the source repository. To download the sources from the source repository, you will need to have a CVS client installed. Instructions will be provided for the command-line CVS clients (available on most UNIX and Linux machines and CYGWIN):

1. `cvs -d:pserver:anonymous@cvs.globus.org:/home/dsl/cog/CVS login`
2. password: Hit Enter
3. `cvs -d:pserver:anonymous@cvs.globus.org:/home/dsl/cog/CVS checkout -r v-4-0-a cog`

4.4 Compiling the Java CoG Kit version 4

In compiling the Java CoG Kit, you have two options:

1. Compiling the whole Java CoG Kit. This option may suit you if you plan to use the whole functionality of the Java CoG Kit or if you want to test all the features of the Java CoG Kit.
2. Compiling individual modules. This option will compile only the necessary parts needed in order to provide the particular functionality packed in a module.

4.5 Compiling the Complete Distribution

In the main cog directory, type: `$ ant dist`

A new directory named `dist` will be created in the `cog` directory. Inside the `dist` directory you will find a `cog-<version>` directory, which contains libraries (*lib*), configuration files (*etc*), example files (*examples*), and application launchers (*bin*).

4.6 Compiling Individual Modules

The main `cog` directory contains a subdirectory named `modules`, which in turn contains all the modules that compose the Java CoG Kit. You can change directory to any of these modules and type the following in order to obtain a binary distribution directory for that module:

`$ ant dist`

A `dist/<modulename>-<moduleversion>` directory will be created containing the distribution files. Any modules that the compiled module depends on will also be compiled and included in the same directory.

4.7 Using the Java CoG Kit version 4

The following is the basic layout for the binary distribution directories, whether obtained by downloading the precompiled packages or by compiling the sources:

`bin/ etc/ lib/`

The `bin` directory contains launchers that can be used to start a particular application in the Java CoG Kit. The `etc` directory contains configuration files needed by various parts of the Java CoG Kit. The `lib` directory contains the jar files that belong to the Java CoG Kit, together with the libraries required to run various parts of the Java CoG Kit.

To start a particular CoG application, go to the `bin` directory and choose its respective launcher. **IMPORTANT!** The Java CoG Kit version 2 automatically detects the `COG_INSTALL_PATH`. If you have the variable set to a specific directory pointing to an older version of the Java CoG Kit, unexpected behavior may result. Please **unset** the `COG_INSTALL_PATH` variable before running any of the applications, or set it to either

`cog/dist/cog-<version>`

or

`cog/modules/<modulename>/dist/<modulename>-<moduleversion>`

4.8 Downloading JGlobus

JGlobus, the Globus Toolkit v2.x¹ client API, though included as a precompiled version in the Java CoG Kit, is also available as a separate download. The current JGlobus source code can also be fetched from the source repository by using the following commands. In order to reduce ambiguity, a directory named `<download>` will be used as the base of the following operations.

¹ For further details about JGlobus and Globus Toolkit versions interoperability, please consult the Java CoG Kit compatibility matrix at <http://www.globus.org/cog/java/production.php>

1. `cvs -d:pserver:anonymous@cvs.globus.org:/home/dsl/cog/CVS login`
2. password: Hit Enter
3. `cvs -d:pserver:anonymous@cvs.globus.org:/home/dsl/cog/CVS checkout -r v-4-0-a jglobus`

4.9 Compiling JGlobus

JGlobus can be compiled by using the following commands:

1. `cd <download>/jglobus`
2. `ant dist`

The compiled JGlobus files will now be available in the `<download>/jglobus/build/cog-1.2` directory.

4.10 Using JGlobus

The command line tools included in JGlobus can be accessed from the `<download>/jglobus/build/cog-1.2/bin` directory. Before using any of the JGlobus command line tools, you must set the `COG_INSTALL_PATH` environment variable to point to the `<download>/jglobus/build/cog-1.2` directory. It is preferable to specify `COG_INSTALL_PATH` as an absolute path.

4.11 Downloading OGCE

OGCE is a part of the Java CoG Kit that includes a series of experimental graphical interfaces and convenience abstractions over JGlobus. OGCE can be obtained from the source repository by using the following commands:

1. `cvs -d:pserver:anonymous@cvs.globus.org:/home/dsl/cog/CVS login`
2. password: Hit Enter
3. `cvs -d:pserver:anonymous@cvs.globus.org:/home/dsl/cog/CVS checkout -r v-4-0-a ogce`

4.12 Compiling OGCE

The OGCE compilation process requires the JGlobus sources (see Section 4.8) also to be present. Both the JGlobus and the OGCE source package directories must exist in the same directory. The following example shows a typical setting:

```
<download>/jglobus
<download>/ogce
```

To compile OGCE, issue the following commands at the command prompt:

1. `cd <download>/ogce`
2. `ant dist`

The compiled OGCE package, including JGlobus, will be available in the `<download>/build/cog-1.2` directory, or using the above typical example:

```
<download>/build  
<download>/jglobus  
<download>/ogce
```

4.13 Using OGCE

The tools included in OGCE can be accessed from the *<download>/build/cog-1.2/bin* directory. Before using any of the OGCE command line tools, you must set the `COG_INSTALL_PATH` environment variable to point to the *<download>/build/cog-1.2* directory. It is preferable to specify `COG_INSTALL_PATH` as an absolute path.

5 Contributing

5.1 Creating a Module

It is easy to contribute to the Java CoG Kit through its newly designed module concept. A sample module build file can be found in `modules/template`. A few requirements have been imposed in order to keep consistency.

The basic directory structure that **must** exist for each module is

```
etc/MANIFEST.MF.head
etc/MANIFEST.MF.tail
lib/
src/
```

5.1.1 Build Files

The build files for each module have four parts:

- `build.xml` : should not be modified at all unless absolutely necessary. If there is a feature that you would like added to the build system, please tell Mike (hategan@mcs.anl.gov).
- `dependencies.xml` : project dependencies are stored here. Please modify it to suit your needs. An example is given in the `modules/template` directory.
- `launchers.xml` : launchers that you want created in the build process. Use the example in `modules/template` to see how to use it.
- `project.properties` : module properties are specified here. The module name must be the same as the directory name of the module. The last line in this file contains the library dependencies for this module. If you don't add the jar files that your project requires there, it will not build. The format is a comma-separated list of files. We suggest using `<jar-name>.*` (so that licenses and other things belonging to a jar will also be copied). Please read below about the libraries.

5.1.2 Libraries

Libraries can be found in two places:

1. `cog/lib`
2. `cog/modules/yourmodule/lib`

The build system will automatically choose the library from either of the two directories. If a library exists in both directories, priority will be given to the library in the `cog/lib` directory. This may cause your module not to build. Please talk to Gregor or Mike in this case. Also please note that the libraries in your module may at any time move to the `cog/lib` directory.

5.1.3 Source

The sources for your module. Not much to say here :)

5.1.4 Using PMD

We recommend that developers and contributors use PMD (<http://pmd.sourceforge.net>) to check their code. Many of the complaints that PMD generates should be taken seriously. Still, there are instances when PMD rules do not apply for a good reason and create false positives.

To use pmd, you need to download it and add all its jar files to the pmd directory. Afterwards, just run 'ant pmd' in the module you want to check. It will generate both an on-screen report and an HTML report (pmd-report.html).

5.1.5 Documenting the Modules

README TODO CHANGES PMD

5.1.6 Maintaining a Module

5.1.7 Launchers

5.1.8 Webstart

5.2 Coding Guidelines for the Java CoG Kit

The Java CoG Kit follows in general the basic coding conventions given in the “Sun Coding Conventions for the Java Programming Language” (<http://java.sun.com/docs/codeconv/html/CodeConvTOC.doc.html>). Additionally we have the following rules.

5.2.1 Imports

All imports must be single class and explicit. That is, import <package>.* is not allowed.

5.2.2 Indentation

All indentation levels should be 4 spaces. No editor tabs are allowed unless they are converted to 4 spaces before saving the file.

5.2.3 Brackets

In contrast to the OGSA coding guides, we allow the use of brackets only as defined in the Java Coding guidelines. E.g.

```
for (index = 0; index < length; index++) {  
    <code>  
}
```

5.2.4 Variables

No acronyms or abbreviations should be used. For example, a = b + mVarLen should be avoided. Instead, use: totalLength = partLength + newLength.

5.2.5 Instance Variables

Use “this.” prefix when referencing instance variables, for example:

```
public MyClass ( ServicePropertiesInterface properties ) {  
    this.properties = properties;  
}  
  
public int foo () {  
    int localInt = 3;  
    return this.instanceInt + localInt;  
}
```

5.3 One-Liners

Even single line statements should be inside brackets, for example:

```
    return ;  
}
```

5.3.1 Logging

Log4J should be used exclusively. System.out/err.println is not allowed. Further, exceptions should be logged.

5.3.2 Testing

Each component/class should have a JUnit test The tests should be put in test/ directory under each package directory.

5.3.3 Internationalization

The core framework should be fully internationalized. The samples may be internationalized. The Java I18n/L10n Toolkit may be used to verify whether code is international.

5.3.4 Library Reuse

Treat all code as a library, and as a reusable component. Calls to System.exit() are disallowed (except the main method)

5.3.5 Exceptions

Use chained exceptions. Java CoG Kit provides two simple generic exception classes for chaining multiple exceptions together. Look at ChainedException and ChainedIOException.

6 Modules

6.1 util

6.2 certrequest

7 Core

7.1 Introduction

The Java Cog Kit core¹ (cog-core) is an add-on to the cog-jglobus library. It includes many advanced features to make Grid programming easier. The core module provides an abstraction layer for various low-level Grid implementations such as Globus Toolkit v2 and v3. A Grid application developer can port Grid applications from one implementation (GT2) to another (GT3) by simply changing the underlying implementation provider. Thus, all applications developed by using the cog-core APIs are compatible with all the underlying Grid implementations supported by cog-core. The current version of the core module provides support for GT2, GT3, and SSH implementations. Other platforms will be supported based on availability of resources.

Further cog-core also provides several constructs whereby simple execution dependencies (workflows) can be expressed as a directed acyclic graph (DAG) or hierarchical DAG where each Grid task can interface with a different Grid implementation. For more sophisticated workflow functionality the reader is directed to the Java CoG Kit Karajan module in Chapter 9

Hence, cog-core offers the following benefits:

- develop client applications that will be interoperable across multiple Grid backend implementations;
- provide reusable code to support rapid prototyping of basic Grid access patterns;
- provide an open-source and extensible architecture that can be built collectively and incrementally based on community feedback; and
- access the same set of interfaces implemented in disparate technologies.

7.2 Installation

7.2.1 Download

The Java CoG Kit core module can be downloaded from the Java CoG Kit CVS archive. Instructions regarding the Java CoG Kit requirements and details on obtaining the Java CoG Kit sources are available in Section 4.

We note that cog-core is explicitly a client-side library. The current version of cog-core provides support for GT2, GT3, and SSH. Hence, in order to execute tasks against these implementations, the reader is directed to install GT2.4, GT3.0.2, and SSH server. For further details on installing the Globus Toolkit please visit the Globus Alliance Web page <http://www.globus.org>.

¹ Formerly known as the GridSDK module

7.2.2 Compile

To compile the core module, change the directory to `cog/modules/core` and type `'ant dist'`. This will compile `cog-core` and all its dependencies. It will also create a `dist` directory containing the distribution of the core module. Inside the `dist` directory, the `bin` directory will contain the necessary scripts that can be used to launch several command-line clients and example applications.

7.2.3 Configuration

Cog-core can be configured via the `cog-core.properties` file in the `./globus` directory. The user can set the following properties in this configuration file:

```
#provider      class
GT2 = org.globus.cog.core.impl.gt2
GT3 = org.globus.cog.core.impl.gt3
SSH = org.globus.cog.core.impl.ssh
SCHEMA_LOCATION = <COG_HOME>/modules/core/schema
```

GT2, GT3, and SSH are default providers. SCHEMA_LOCATION indicates the directory location of the schemas required by GT3, and <COG_HOME> points to the location where the CoG is installed.

Hence, an example `cog-core.properties` file would be similar to

```
#Java CoG Kit Core module
GT2 = org.globus.cog.core.impl.gt2
GT3 = org.globus.cog.core.impl.gt3
SSH = org.globus.cog.core.impl.ssh
SCHEMA_LOCATION = /home/user-name/cog/core/modules/core/schema
```

7.2.4 Examples

Several examples that demonstrate the ease of use and functionality of the Java CoG Kit Core are provided. These examples are available in the `./modules/core/src/org/globus/cog/core/examples` directory.

The examples are further divided into the following packages:

`gt2` : showcasing the `gt2` functionality.

1. The GT2 JobSubmission example demonstrates the ability to submit to a PBS batch queue.
2. The GT2 FileTransfer example demonstrates the ability to perform a third-party file transfer using Grid FTP.

`gt3` : showcasing the `gt3` functionality.

1. The GT3 JobSubmission example demonstrates the ability to submit to a MasterForkManagedJobFactory service. It can also be used for PBS managed factory services.
2. The GT3 FileTransfer includes examples for third party transfers for single as well as multiple files. It uses the MultiRFT Grid service.

`ssh` : showcasing the `ssh` functionality.

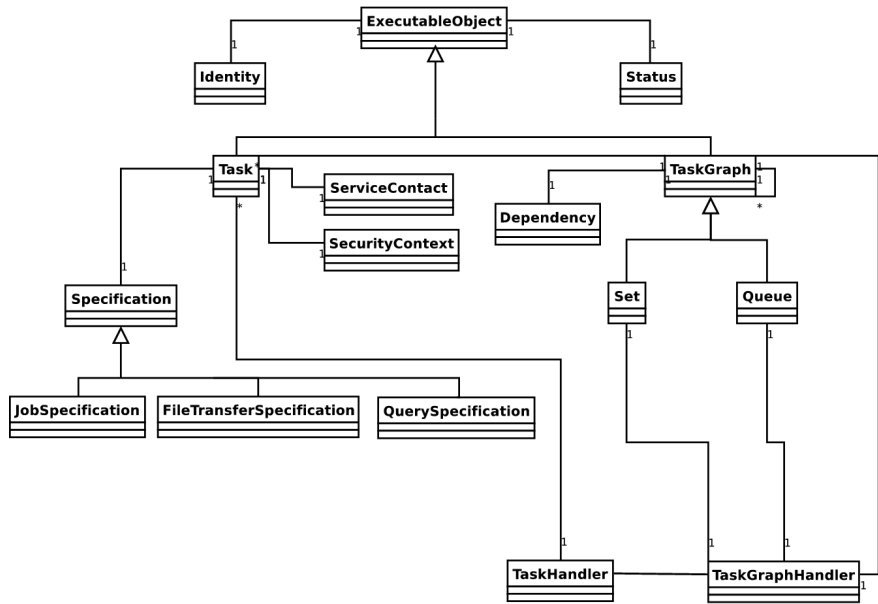


Figure 7.1: Core UML Class Diagram

1. The SSH JobSubmission and FileTransfer examples demonstrate the ability to use SSH and SSH credentials to perform the corresponding tasks.
- misc : demonstrating the combination of the gt2, gt3, and ssh platforms with execution dependencies. The examples in misc package show how to create a directed acyclic graph (DAG) and visualize it using the grapheditor module. It also shows how to create a hierarchical DAG and visualize it.

After successfully compiling the core module, these examples can be executed from the launcher scripts available in `../modules/core/dist/bin` directory.

7.3 Design

One of the most important usage patterns in Grid computing is the execution of a Grid task. An extension to this basic Grid execution pattern is a Grid workflow pattern that enable the user to submit a set of Grid tasks along with an execution dependency. Therefore, the initial design of cog-core concentrates on providing the artifacts required to support these important usage patterns. Other Grid patterns can be supported by extending the flexible cog-core design based on community feedback.

Figure 7.1 shows the class diagram of cog-core. A detailed listing of the attributes and functions for each class has been omitted for simplicity. In the rest of this section we describe the important entities designed and their semantics as a part of the offered functionality.

7.3.1 ExecutableObject

An *ExecutableObject* provides a high-level abstraction for artifacts that can be executed on the Grid. It can be specialized as a Grid Task or a TaskGraph. An ExecutableObject in cog-core has a unique identity and an execution status.

Listing 7.1: Interface definition for ExecutableObject

```
public interface ExecutableObject
{
    public static final int TASK = 1;
    public static final int TASKGRAPH = 2;

    public void setName(String name);
    public String getName();

    public void setIdentity(Identity id);
    public Identity getIdentity();

    public int getObjectType();

    public void setStatus(Status status);
    public void setStatus(int status);
    public Status getStatus();
}
```

7.3.2 Task

A *Task* is the atomic unit of execution in cog-core. It represents a generic Grid functionality including remote job execution, file transfer request, or information query. It extends the ExecutableObject; hence it has a unique identity and execution status. It also has a security context, a specification, and a service contact.

The task identity helps in uniquely representing the task across the Grid. The security context represents the abstract security credentials of the task. Every underlying Grid implementation enforces its own security requirements, therefore making it necessary to abstract a generalized security context. Hence, the security context in cog-core offers a common construct that can be extended by the different implementations of Grid to satisfy the corresponding backend requirements. The task specification represents the actual attributes or parameters required for the execution of the Grid-centric task. The generalized specification can be extended for common Grid tasks such as remote job execution, file transfer, and information query. The service contact associated with a task symbolizes the Grid resource required to execute it.

Listing 7.2: Interface definition for Task

```
public interface Task extends ExecutableObject
{
    public static final int JOB_SUBMISSION = 1;
    public static final int FILE_TRANSFER = 2;
    public static final int INFORMATION_QUERY = 3;

    public void setType(int type);
    public int getType();

    public void setProvider(String provider);
}
```

```

public String getProvider ();

public void setSpecification(
    Specification specification );
public Specification getSpecification ();

public void setSecurityContext(
    SecurityContext security );
public SecurityContext getSecurityContext ();

public void setServiceContact(
    ServiceContact servicecontact );
public ServiceContact getServiceContact ();

public void setStdOutput(String output);
public String getStdOutput ();

public void setStdError(String error);
public String getStdError ();

public void setAttribute(String name, Object value);
public Object getAttribute(String name);

public void addStatusListener(
    StatusListener listener );
public void removeStatusListener(
    StatusListener listener );

public void addOutputListener(
    OutputListener listener );
public void removeOutputListener(
    OutputListener listener );

public void fromXML(String task );
public String toXML ();
public void fromString(String task );
public String toString ();

public boolean isUnsubmitted ();
public boolean isActive ();
public boolean isCompleted ();
public boolean isSuspended ();
public boolean isFailed ();
public boolean isCanceled ();

public Calendar getSubmittedTime ();
public Calendar getCompletedTime ();
}

```

7.3.3 Specification

Every Grid Task has an associated *Specification* that dictates the objective of the task and the environment required to achieve the objective. The TaskHandler manages the tasks based on the parameters specified in the task specification.

Listing 7.3: Interface definition for Specification

```
public interface Specification
{
    public static final int JOB_SUBMISSION = 1;
    public static final int FILE_TRANSFER = 2;
    public static final int INFORMATION_QUERY = 3;

    public void setType(int type);
    public int getType();

    public void setSpecification(String specification);
    public String getSpecification();
}
```

A task specification is a generalized concept and can be further categorized into JobSpecification, FileSpecification, and QuerySpecification (not implemented at this time). We note that the specific parameters required in a task specification depend on the underlying Grid implementation used for the execution of the Task. For example, GT3 has several required parameters that are not supported by GT2 (and vice versa). However, the specification classes in cog-core offer some commonly used attributes that can be extended or omitted based on the requirements of the task and specific Grid implementation.

The JobSpecification mentions all the important attributes needed for the remote job execution. Most of the attributes provided by the JobSpecification class are similar to the ones available in the Resource Specification Language (RSL) supported by the Globus Toolkit. Nevertheless, additional attributes can be added based on specific requirements.

Listing 7.4: Interface definition for JobSpecification

```
public interface JobSpecification extends Specification
{
    public void setExecutable(String executable);
    public String getExecutable();

    public void setDirectory(String directory);
    public String getDirectory();

    public void setArguments(String arguments);
    public String getArguments();

    public void setStdOutput(String output);
    public String getStdOutput();

    public void setStdInput(String input);
    public String getStdInput();

    public void setStdError(String error);
    public String getStdError();

    public void setCount(int count);
    public Integer getCount();

    public void setBatchJob(boolean bool);
    public boolean isBatchJob();
}
```

```

public void setRedirected(boolean bool);
public boolean isRedirected();

public void setLocalExecutable(boolean bool);
public boolean isLocalExecutable();

public void setAttribute(String name, String value);
public String getAttribute(String name);
public Enumeration getAllAttributes();
}

```

The *FileTransferSpecification* provides the commonly used attributes for file transfers between Grid resources. We note once again that not all attributes are supported by every Grid implementation.

Listing 7.5: Interface definition for FileTransferSpecification

```

public interface FileTransferSpecification
    extends Specification
{
    public void setSourceServer(String server);
    public String getSourceServer();

    public void setDestinationServer(String server);
    public String getDestinationServer();

    public void setSourceDirectory(String directory);
    public String getSourceDirectory();

    public void setDestinationDirectory(String directory);
    public String getDestinationDirectory();

    public void setSourceFile(String file);
    public String getSourceFile();

    public void setDestinationFile(String file);
    public String getDestinationFile();

    public void setSource(String source);
    public String getSource();

    public void setDestination(String destination);
    public String getDestination();

    public void setDirectoryTransfer(boolean bool);
    public boolean isDirectoryTransfer();

    public void setThirdParty(boolean bool);
    public boolean isThirdParty();

    public void setAttribute(String name, Object value);
    public Object getAttribute(String name);
}

```

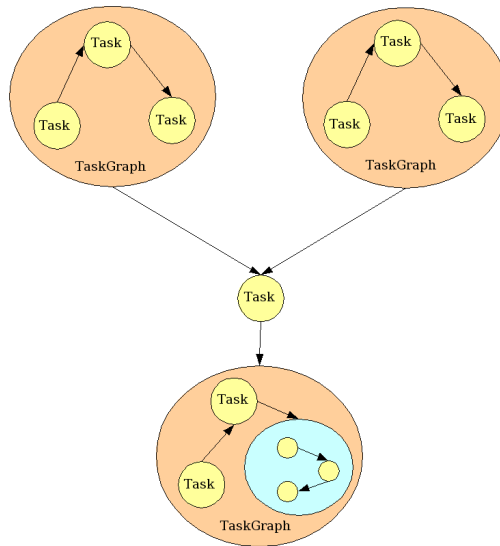


Figure 7.2: A TaskGraph can represent multiple levels of hierarchical DAG

7.3.4 TaskGraph

A *TaskGraph* provides a building block for expressing complex dependencies between tasks. All significantly advanced applications require mechanisms to execute client-side workflows that process the tasks based on user-defined dependencies. Hence, the data structure representing the TaskGraph aggregates a set of ExecutableObjects (Tasks and TaskGraphs) and allows the user to define dependencies between these tasks. In graph theoretical terms, a TaskGraph provides the artifacts to express workflows as a hierarchical directed acyclic graph (see Figure 7.2). A TaskGraph can theoretically contain infinite levels of hierarchy. However, practically it is constrained with the availability of resources (memory) on a particular system.

Listing 7.6: Interface definition for TaskGraph

```
public interface TaskGraph extends ExecutableObject
{
    public void add(ExecutableObject graphNode);
    public ExecutableObject remove(Identity id);
    public ExecutableObject get(Identity id);

    public ExecutableObject [] toArray ();
    public Enumeration elements ();

    public void setDependency(Dependency dependency);
    public Dependency getDependency ();
    public void addDependency(Identity from, Identity to);
    public boolean removeDependency(
        Identity from,
```

```

Identity to);

public void setAttribute(String name, Object value);
public Object getAttribute(String name);

public void addStatusListener(StatusListener listener);
public void removeStatusListener(StatusListener listener);

public int getSize();
public boolean isEmpty();
public boolean contains(Identity id);

public int getUnsubmittedCount();
public int getSubmittedCount();
public int getActiveCount();
public int getCompletedCount();
public int getSuspendedCount();
public int getResumedCount();
public int getFailedCount();
public int getCanceledCount();
}

```

Cog-core provides two additional utility classes that specialize the functionality of the `TaskGraph`. The `Set` is a special type of `TaskGraph` with no dependencies. Intuitively, it represents a bag of tasks that can be executed in parallel. The `Queue` is another specialized `TaskGraph` that represents a first-in-first-out (FIFO) queue. The dependencies in a `Queue` are not set explicitly but are maintained implicitly based on the addition of a `Task` to the `Queue`.

7.3.5 Status

Every `ExecutableObject` (`Task` or `TaskGraph`) has an associated execution status. An `ExecutableObject` can be in one of the following status: unsubmitted, submitted, active, suspended, resumed, failed, canceled, and completed. We note that not every status is supported by every Grid implementation. In other words, for some Grid implementations it may not be possible to suspend and resume remote execution.

It is easy to associate a simple `Task` with one of the above mentioned status. For example, initially the task is unsubmitted; its status changes to submitted when it is handled by a handler; its status changes to active when it is being executed remotely; and so on. However, it is not apparent how a `TaskGraph` is mapped to one of the supported status. Cog-core uses the following logic to map a `TaskGraph` to its appropriate status.

Listing 7.7: Pseudocode to determine the status of a `TaskGraph`

```

if (any Task in the TaskGraph has failed)
{
    status = failed
}
else if (all tasks are unsubmitted)
{
    status = unsubmitted
}
else if (any task is suspended)

```

```

{
    status = suspended
}
else if (any task is either active or resumed)
{
    status = active
}
else if (any task is submitted)
{
    status = submitted
}
else if (every task is either completed or canceled)
{
    status = completed
}
else
{
    impossible to get here , the above cases take care
    of all conditions .
}

```

Listing 7.8: Interface definition for Status

```

public interface Status
{
    public static final int UNSUBMITTED = 0;
    public static final int SUBMITTED = 1;
    public static final int ACTIVE = 2;
    public static final int SUSPENDED = 3;
    public static final int RESUMED = 4;
    public static final int FAILED = 5;
    public static final int CANCELED = 6;
    public static final int COMPLETED = 7;

    public abstract void setStatusCode(int status);
    public abstract int getStatusCode();
    public abstract void setPrevStatusCode(int status);
    public abstract int getPrevStatusCode();
    public abstract void setException(Exception exception);
    public abstract Exception getException();
    public abstract void setMessage(String message);
    public abstract String getMessage();
    public void setTime(Calendar time);
    public Calendar getTime();
}

```

7.3.6 Handlers

Cog-core contains the *TaskHandler* and the *TaskGraphHandler*, to process a Task and a TaskGraph, respectively. Once a Task or a TaskGraph is submitted to the appropriate handler, the handler interacts with the desired Grid implementation and accomplishes the necessary tasks. The handlers in cog-core can be viewed as adaptors that translate the abstract definitions of a Task and TaskGraph into implementation-specific constructs understood by the backend Grid services. For example, a GT3 TaskHandler will extract the appropriate attributes from the cog-core Task and make the necessary calls to the remote Grid service factory, retrieve

the Grid service handle, and interact with the newly created service instance. Symmetric translations would be done for other Grid implementations. Intuitively, a handler is specific to the backed implementation and is the only part of cog-core that needs to be extended for supporting additional Grid implementations. Since cog-core supports GT2, GT3, and SSH, the appropriate handlers for these are available. For cog-core to support Unicore, all one needs to do is to add a Unicore handler.

The TaskHandler provides a simple interface to handle a generic Grid task submitted to it. It is capable of categorizing the tasks and providing the appropriate functionality for it. For example, the task handler will handle a remote job execution differently than a file transfer request. Cog-core does not impose any restrictions on the implementation of the task handler as long as its working is transparent to the end user.

Listing 7.9: Interface definition for TaskHandler

```
public interface TaskHandler
{
    public static final int GENERIC = 1;
    public static final int GT2 = 2;
    public static final int GT3 = 3;

    public void setType(int type);
    public int getType();

    public void submit(Task task)
        throws
            IllegalSpecException ,
            InvalidSecurityContextException ,
            InvalidServiceContactException ,
            TaskSubmissionException ;

    public void suspend(Task task)
        throws InvalidSecurityContextException ,
            TaskSubmissionException ;

    public void resume(Task task)
        throws InvalidSecurityContextException ,
            TaskSubmissionException ;

    public void cancel(Task task)
        throws InvalidSecurityContextException ,
            TaskSubmissionException ;

    public void remove(Task task)
        throws ActiveTaskException ;
    public Task [] getAllTasks ();
    public Enumeration getActiveTasks ();
    public Enumeration getFailedTasks ();
    public Enumeration getCompletedTasks ();
    public Enumeration getSuspendedTasks ();
    public Enumeration getResumedTasks ();
    public Enumeration getCanceledTasks ();
}
```

The TaskGraphHandler provides a similar functionality as the task handler interface. However, it has an additional responsibility of enforcing the dependency on the graph-like task sets submitted to it. It can be implemented as an advanced workflow engine coordinating the execution of tasks on corresponding Grid resources honoring the user-defined dependencies.

Listing 7.10: Interface definition for TaskGraphHandler

```
public interface TaskGraphHandler
{
    public void submit(TaskGraph taskgraph)
        throws
            IllegalSpecException ,
            InvalidSecurityContextException ,
            InvalidServiceContactException ,
            TaskSubmissionException ;

    public void suspend()
        throws InvalidSecurityContextException ,
            TaskSubmissionException ;

    public void resume()
        throws InvalidSecurityContextException ,
            TaskSubmissionException ;

    public void cancel()
        throws InvalidSecurityContextException ,
            TaskSubmissionException ;

    public Task [] getAllTask () ;
    public Enumeration getActiveTasks () ;
    public Enumeration getFailedTasks () ;
    public Enumeration getCompletedTasks () ;
    public Enumeration getSuspendedTasks () ;
    public Enumeration getResumedTasks () ;
    public Enumeration getCanceledTasks () ;
}
```

7.3.7 GridResource

The core module offers an alternate level of abstraction to Grid applications via its resource model. The resource abstractions in cog-core focus on standardizing the interactions with Grid resources rather than the mechanisms for task execution. A GridResource is an abstract entity in cog-core that represents any Grid entity. It contains an identity and name. Currently, cog-core supports two types of GridResources: the execution resource and the file resource.

Listing 7.11: Interface definition for GridResource

```
public interface GridResource
{
    public static final int FILE = 1 ;
    public static final int EXECUTION = 2 ;
    public static final int INFORMATION = 3 ;

    public void setName (String name) ;
    public String getName () ;
}
```

```

public void setIdentity(Identity id);
public Identity getIdentity();

public int getType();
}

```

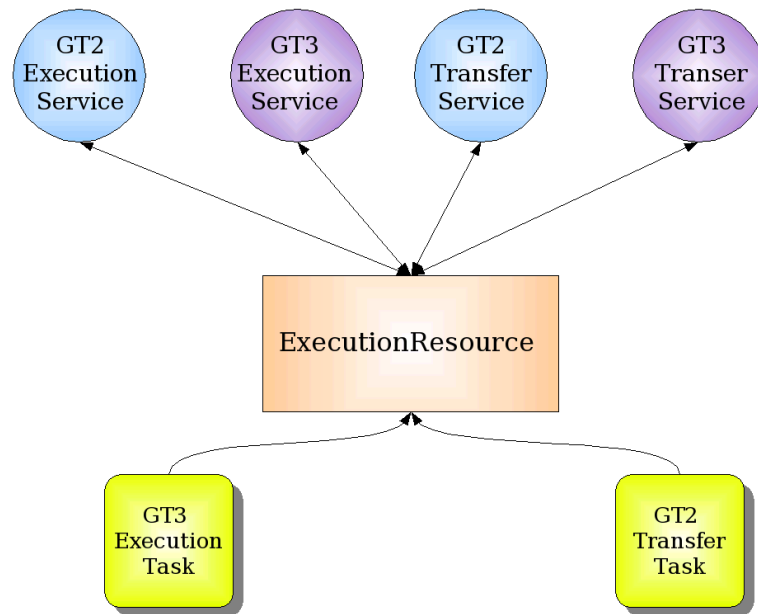


Figure 7.3: ExecutionResource Abstractions

7.3.8 ExecutionResource

An ExecutionResource in cog-core represents an abstract Grid entity that maps multiple Grid services implemented by different providers onto a single Grid resource. In other words, without having to worry about the actual physical location of the services, Grid users can construct their own execution resources mapping multiple services onto a single resource (See Figure 7.3). Grid users can then submit tasks to this ExecutionResource to be executed on a service represented by the given provider.

Every execution resource manages its own queue for task scheduling. Further, it has a specific security context for every provider and a service contact for every individual service mapped by it.

Listing 7.12: Interface definition for ExecutionResource

```

public interface ExecutionResource extends GridResource
{
    public void submit(ExecutableObject executableObject)
        throws InvalidProviderException;
    public void remove(Identity identity);

    public void setQueue(Queue queue);
}

```



```

public Queue getQueue ();

public void setServiceContact(
    String provider ,
    int serviceType ,
    ServiceContact serviceContact);
public ServiceContact getServiceContact(
    String provider ,
    int serviceType);

public void setSecurityContext(
    String provider ,
    SecurityContext securityContext);
public SecurityContext getSecurityContext(
    String provider);

public Enumeration getAllSubmittedTasks ();

public void setAttribute (String name , Object value);
public Object getAttribute (String name);
}

```

7.3.9 FileResource

The FileResource represents a file server (typically FTP server or GridFTP server). It provides convenient APIs for managing and accessing files hosted on this resource. The FileResource abstraction offers a unified interface to all file hosting servers. FileResource allows file transfers between the remote server and the local machine. However, third party file transfers cannot be performed by FileResource abstraction and requires the task model to accomplish it.

Listing 7.13: Interface definition for FileResource

```

public interface FileResource extends GridResource
{
    // set the host name of the remote resource
    public void setHost (String host);

    public String getHost ();

    // set the port of the remote resource
    public void setPort (String port);

    public String getPort ();

    // The protocol indicates if this is a
    // GridFTP resource or FTP resource ,
    // or a custom FileResource
    public void setProtocol (String protocol);

    public int getProtocol ();

    // set the URL of the remote resource
    public void setURL (URL url)
        throws IllegalArgumentException;
}

```

```

public URL getURL();

// set the appropriate SecurityContext
public void setSecurityContext(
    SecurityContext securityContext);

public SecurityContext getSecurityContext();

// Authenticate with the resource and
// start the resource for command executions
public void start()
    throws
        IllegalHostException ,
        IllegalProtocolException ,
        InvalidSecurityContextException;

public void stop();

// equivalent to cd command
public void setCurrentDirectory(String directory)
    throws DirectoryNotFoundException;

public String getCurrentDirectory();

// equivalent to ls command
public Enumeration list();

public Enumeration list(String directory)
    throws DirectoryNotFoundException;

// equivalent to mkdir and rmdir
public void mkdir(String directory);

public void rmdir(String directory , boolean force)
    throws DirectoryNotFoundException;

// equivalent to rm command
public void rmfile(String file)
    throws FileNotFoundException;

// equivalent to cp/copy command
public void getFile(
    String remoteFilename ,
    String localFileName)
    throws FileNotFoundException;

public void putFile(
    String localFilename ,
    String remoteFileName)
    throws FileNotFoundException;

// equivalent to the mv command
public void getDir(
    String remoteDirname ,
    String localDirName)
    throws DirectoryNotFoundException;

```

```

public void putDir(
    String localDirname ,
    String remoteDirName)
    throws DirectoryNotFoundException ;

// changes the permissions on the file
// if authorized to do so
public void chmod(String filename , int mode)
    throws IllegalModeException ,
        InvalidSecurityContextException ;

public void makeReadable(
    String filename ,
    boolean readable)
    throws FileNotFoundException ,
        InvalidSecurityContextException ;

public boolean isReadable(String filename)
    throws FileNotFoundException ;

public void makeWritable(
    String filename ,
    boolean writable)
    throws FileNotFoundException ,
        InvalidSecurityContextException ;

public boolean isWritable(String filename)
    throws FileNotFoundException ;

public void setLastModified(String filename , long time)
    throws FileNotFoundException ,
        InvalidSecurityContextException ;

public long getLastModified(String filename)
    throws FileNotFoundException ;

// retrieves the size of the file name
public long size(String filename)
    throws FileNotFoundException ;

// does this file exist on the resource?
public boolean exists(String filename)
    throws FileNotFoundException ;

// is this filename a directory
public boolean isDirectory(String dirName)
    throws DirectoryNotFoundException ;

// executes a non-interactive workflow of commands
public void submit(ExecutableObject commandWorkflow)
    throws IllegalSpecException ,
        TaskSubmissionException ;

public void setAttribute(String name , Object value);
public Object getAttribute(String name);

```

```
}
```

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7.4.1 Executing a Remote Job Execution Task

Executing a remote job becomes extremely simple with cog-core. To begin with, create a Task with the appropriate attributes.

Listing 7.14: Create a Task object

```
/* Create a new job submission task named 'myTestTask' */
Task task = new TaskImpl('myTestTask', Task.JOB_SUBMISSION);

/* Set the desired provider. Default options are
   GT2, GT3, or SSH
*/
task.setProvider('GT3');
```

Then, create a JobSpecification for the task and set the appropriate attributes as per the task requirements.

Listing 7.15: Create a task specification

```
/* Create a new JobSpecification */
JobSpecification spec = new JobSpecificationImpl();

/* Set the location and name of the executable.
   If the executable is a local executable, then
   spec.setLocalExecutable(true)
*/
spec.setExecutable('/bin/lis');

/* Set the arguments (if any)
   for the executable
*/
spec.setArguments('-la');

/* Set the name of the file which serves
   as the input to the executable

   If the input file needs to be redirected
   from the local machine, then
```

```

    spec.setLocalExecutable(true)
*/
spec.setStdInput('core-testInput');

/* Set the name of the file to which the remote
output must be stored in.

If the remote output needs to be redirected
to the local machine, then
spec.setRedirected(true)

If the remote output needs to be manipulated at
the local machine rather than storing it in a
file, then
spec.setRedirected(true);
spec.setStdOutput(null);
The output is now available from
task.getOutput(); and can be used
or displayed as desired.
*/
spec.setStdOutput('core-testOutput');

/* Set the execution mode of the job */
spec.setBatchJob(true);

/* Add additional attributes that are not
provided by default. These add on
attributes will be considered by the
handler only if it supports it.
*/
spec.setAttribute('runCount','546');

/* Assign this specification to the task */
task.setSpecification(spec);

```

Next, assign the desired security credentials to the task. This step assumes you have a valid uses certificate successfully obtained from appropriate certificate authority.

Listing 7.16: Create security credentials

```

/* Since the provider is GT3
create a GlobusSecurityContext.

If a non-globus security context is
required, then use the
SecurityContextImpl class and set the
credentials as required by the handler
*/
GlobusSecurityContextImpl securityContext =
    new GlobusSecurityContextImpl();

```

```

/* Assign the default credentials
available as a valid proxy certificate
whose location is specified in the
cog.properties file present in the
\SHOME/.globus directory

To assign non-default credentials
create a GSSCredential and pass
this GSSCredential as the argument
instead of null
*/
securityContext.setCredentials( null );

/* Assign this security credential to the task */
task.setSecurityContext( securityContext );

```

Next, assign a ServiceContact to the task. This attribute defines the location of the remote Grid resource where the task is to be executed.

Listing 7.17: Create a service contact

```

ServiceContact service =
    new ServiceContactImpl(
        'http://127.0.0.1:8080/
ogsa/services/base/gram/
MasterForkManagedJobFactoryService' );
task.setServiceContact( service );

```

Next, create a TaskHandler and submit the task for execution.

Listing 7.18: Create a task handler

```

TaskHandler handler = new GenericTaskHandlerImpl();
try
{
    handler.submit( task );
} catch ( InvalidSecurityContextException ise )
{
    logger.error( 'Security Exception', ise );
    System.exit( 1 );
} catch ( TaskSubmissionException tse )
{
    logger.error( 'TaskSubmission Exception', tse );
    System.exit( 1 );
} catch ( IllegalSpecException ispe )
{
    logger.error( 'Specification Exception', ispe );
    System.exit( 1 );
} catch ( InvalidServiceContactException isce )
{
    logger.error( 'Service Contact Exception', isce );
    System.exit( 1 );
}

```

If it is required to monitor the status of the task (desired in most interactive tasks), then before submitting the task to a handler subscribe to the task for its status

changes.

```
task.addStatusListener(this);
```

If registered to listen to the status notification of the task, implement the `statusChanged()` function.

```
public void statusChanged(StatusEvent event)
{
    Status status = event.getStatus();

    logger.debug('Status changed to '
        + status.getStatusCode());

    if (status.getStatusCode() == Status.COMPLETED)
    {
        /* Makes sense if
           spec.setRedirected(true);
           spec.setStdOutput(null);
           */
        logger.debug('Output = '
            + task.getStdOutput());
        System.exit(1);
    }
}
```

7.4.2 Executing a Third-Party File Transfer task

Executing a file transfer is extremely simple with `cog-core`. To begin with, create a `Task` with the appropriate attributes.

Listing 7.19: Create a Task object

```
/* Create a new file transfer task named 'myTestTask' */
Task task = new TaskImpl('myTestTask', Task.FILE_TRANSFER);

/* Set the desired provider. Default options are
   GT2, GT3, or SSH
   */
task.setProvider('GT2');
```

Then, create a `FileSpecification` for the task and set the appropriate attributes as per the task requirements.

Listing 7.20: Create a task specification

```
/* Create a new FileSpecification */
FileSpecification spec = new FileSpecificationImpl();

/* Set the source and destination files */
spec.setSource('gsiftp://domain:2811/home/filename');
spec.setDestination('gsiftp://domain:2811/home/filename');

/* If it is a third party file transfer */
spec.setThirdParty(true);

/* Assign this specification to the task */
task.setSpecification(spec);
```

Next, assign the desired security credentials to the task. This step assumes you have a valid uses certificate successfully obtained from appropriate certificate authority.

Listing 7.21: Create security credentials

```
/* Since the provider is GT2
   create a GlobusSecurityContext.

   If a non-globus security context is
   required, then use the
   SecurityContextImpl class and set the
   credentials as required by the handler
*/
GlobusSecurityContextImpl securityContext =
    new GlobusSecurityContextImpl();

/* Assign the default credentials
   available as a valid proxy certificate
   whose location is specified in the
   cog.properties file present in the
   \$HOME/.globus directory

   To assign non-default credentials
   create a GSSCredential and pass
   this GSSCredential as the argument
   instead of null
*/
securityContext.setCredentials( null );

/* Assign this security credential to the task */
task.setSecurityContext( securityContext );
```

Note that for GT2 file transfers, there is no need to assign a ServiceContact since the source and destination file names implicitly contain the remote machine names. However, for other providers it may be required to specify the ServiceContact.

Listing 7.22: Create a service contact

```
ServiceContact service =
    new ServiceContactImpl( '127.0.0.1' );

task.setServiceContact( service );
```

Next, create a TaskHandler and submit the task for execution.

Listing 7.23: Create a task handler

```
TaskHandler handler = new GenericTaskHandlerImpl();
try
{
    handler.submit( task );
} catch ( InvalidSecurityContextException ise )
{
    logger.error( 'Security Exception', ise );
    System.exit( 1 );
}
```



```

    } catch (TaskSubmissionException tse)
    {
        logger.error('TaskSubmission Exception', tse);
        System.exit(1);
    } catch (IllegalSpecException ispe)
    {
        logger.error('Specification Exception', ispe);
        System.exit(1);
    } catch (InvalidServiceContactException isce)
    {
        logger.error('Service Contact Exception', isce);
        System.exit(1);
    }
}

```

If it is required to monitor the status of the task (desired in most interactive tasks), then before submitting the task to a handler subscribe to the task for its status changes.

```
task.addStatusListener(this);
```

If registered to listen to the status notification of the task, implement the `statusChanged()` function.

```

public void statusChanged(StatusEvent event)
{
    Status status = event.getStatus();

    logger.debug('Status changed to '
        + status.getStatusCode());

    if (status.getStatusCode() == Status.COMPLETED ||
        status.getStatusCode() == Status.FAILED)
    {
        logger.info('Task Done');
        System.exit(1);
    }
}
}

```

7.4.3 Executing a Simple TaskGraph (DAG)

To create a TaskGraph, we assume that we have created three tasks: `task1`, `task2`, and `task3`. Instructions for creating job submission and file transfer tasks are available in the previous sections (7.4.1 and 7.4.2). We then create a TaskGraph and add a dependency between these tasks.

Listing 7.24: Create a TaskGraph with a dependency

```

TaskGraph tg = new TaskGraphImpl();

/* Give a convenient name to the TaskGraph */
tg.setName('testGraph');

/* Add the tasks to the TaskGraph */
tg.add(task1);
tg.add(task2);

```

```

tg.add(task3);

/* Add dependencies between these tasks.

   Dependency is added as
   task1 --> task2 --> task3.

   This implies task1 is executed before task2
   and task2 is executed before task3.
*/
tg.addDependency(task1.getIdentity(),
                task2.getIdentity());

tg.addDependency(task2.getIdentity(),
                task3.getIdentity());

```

Next, create a TaskGraphHandler and submit the task for execution.

Listing 7.25: Create a task graph handler

```

TaskGraphHandler handler = new TaskGraphHandlerImpl();
try
{
    handler.submit(tg);
} catch (InvalidSecurityContextException ise)
{
    logger.error('Security Exception', ise);
    System.exit(1);
} catch (TaskSubmissionException tse)
{
    logger.error('TaskSubmission Exception', tse);
    System.exit(1);
} catch (IllegalSpecException ispe)
{
    logger.error('Specification Exception', ispe);
    System.exit(1);
} catch (InvalidServiceContactException isce)
{
    logger.error('Service Contact Exception', isce);
    System.exit(1);
}

```

If it is required to monitor the status of the task graph (desired in most interactive task graphs), then before submitting the task graph to a handler subscribe to the task graph for its status changes.

```
tg.addStatusListener(this);
```

If registered to listen to the status notification of the task graph, implement the statusChanged() function.

```

public void statusChanged(StatusEvent event)
{
    Status status = event.getStatus();

    logger.debug('Status changed to ')

```

```

+ status.getStatusCode());

if (status.getStatusCode() == Status.COMPLETED ||
    status.getStatusCode() == Status.FAILED)
{
    logger.info('Task Graph Done');
    System.exit(1);
}
}

```

7.4.4 Executing a Hierarchical TaskGraph

To create a hierarchical TaskGraph, we assume that we have created three tasks and 1 TaskGraph: task1, task2, task3, and tg. Instructions for creating job submission and file transfer tasks and simple TaskGraphs are available in the previous sections (7.4.1, 7.4.2, and 7.4.3). We then create a TaskGraph and add a dependency between these ExecutableObjects.

Listing 7.26: Create a TaskGraph with a dependency

```

TaskGraph htg = new TaskGraphImpl();

/* Give a convenient name to the TaskGraph */
htg.setName('testGraph');

/* Add the ExecutableObjects to the TaskGraph */
htg.add(task1);
htg.add(task2);
htg.add(task3);
htg.add(tg);

/* Add dependencies between these ExecutableObjects.

Dependency is added as
task1 --> task2 --> task3 --> tg.

This implies task1 is executed before task2
and task2 is executed before task3, and
task3 is executed before TaskGraph tg.
*/
htg.addDependency(task1.getIdentity(),
                  task2.getIdentity());

htg.addDependency(task2.getIdentity(),
                  task3.getIdentity());

htg.addDependency(task3.getIdentity(),
                  tg.getIdentity());

```

Next, create a TaskGraphHandler and submit the task for execution.

Listing 7.27: Create a task graph handler

```

TaskGraphHandler handler = new TaskGraphHandlerImpl();

```

```

try
{
    handler.submit(htg);
} catch (InvalidSecurityContextException ise)
{
    logger.error(‘‘Security Exception’’,ise);
    System.exit(1);
} catch (TaskSubmissionException tse)
{
    logger.error(‘‘TaskSubmission Exception’’,tse);
    System.exit(1);
} catch (IllegalSpecException ispe)
{
    logger.error(‘‘Specification Exception’’,ispe);
    System.exit(1);
} catch (InvalidServiceContactException isce)
{
    logger.error(‘‘Service Contact Exception’’,isce);
    System.exit(1);
}
}

```

If it is required to monitor the status of the task graph (desired in most interactive task graphs), then before submitting the task graph to a handler subscribe to the task graph for its status changes.

```
htg.addStatusListener(this);
```

If registered to listen to the status notification of the task graph, implement the `statusChanged()` function.

```

public void statusChanged(StatusEvent event)
{
    Status status = event.getStatus();

    logger.debug(‘‘Status changed to ’’
        + status.getStatusCode());

    if (status.getStatusCode() == Status.COMPLETED ||
        status.getStatusCode() == Status.FAILED)
    {
        logger.info(‘‘Task Graph Done’’);
        System.exit(1);
    }
}
}

```

7.4.5 Writing a Custom TaskHandler

To write a custom TaskHandler, create a class, say `foo.bar.MyHandler`, that implements the `org.globus.cog.core.interfaces.TaskHandler` interface.

To successfully execute an `ExecutableObject` with this custom handler you need to associate this handler with a provider name, say “MyProvider”. Provide the mapping between the provider name and the class name using the `cog.properties` file. Instructions for adding an entry in the `cog.properties` file is available in Section 8.2.3. Hence, we add the following entry in the `cog.properties` file:

```
MyProvider = foo.bar.MyHandler
```

Now, in order to use this handler with any ExecutableObject, simply associate that ExecutableObject with the provider “MyProvider”.

```
task.setProvider(‘‘MyProvider’’);
```

7.4.6 Executing Tasks on an ExecutionResource

To execute tasks on a customized execution resource, you need to first create an ExecutionResource and register the security contexts and service contacts for providers supported by this resource.

Listing 7.28: Create an execution resource

```
/* Create an Execution Resource assigning it a
   user-defined name
*/
ExecutionResource resource = new ExecutionResourceImpl(
    "myGridResource");

/* For each provider register a security context */
org.globus.cog.core.impl.gt2.GlobusSecurityContextImpl
    gt2security = new
        org.globus.cog.core.impl.gt2.GlobusSecurityContextImpl();

/* selects the default credentials*/
securityContext.setCredentials(null);
this.resource.setSecurityContext("GT2", gt2security);

org.globus.cog.core.impl.gt3.GlobusSecurityContextImpl
    gt3security = new
        org.globus.cog.core.impl.gt3.GlobusSecurityContextImpl();

/* selects the default credentials*/
securityContext.setCredentials(null);
resource.setSecurityContext("GT3", gt3security);

/* Register the service contact for every
   ‘‘provider-serviceType’’ combination
*/

/* set the service contact for GT2 job execution */
ServiceContact gt2Exec =
    new ServiceContactImpl("hot.mcs.anl.gov:5224");
resource.setServiceContact(
    "GT2",
    Task.JOB_SUBMISSION,
    gt2Exec);
```

```

/* set the service contact for GT3 job execution */
ServiceContact gt3Exec =
    new ServiceContactImpl("http://127.0.0.1:80/serviceURL");
resource.setServiceContact(
    "GT3",
    Task.JOB_SUBMISSION,
    gt3Exec);

/* set the service contact for GT2 file transfer
   this can be null since a server is not required for
   third party transfers
*/
ServiceContact gt2Transfer =
    new ServiceContactImpl(null);
resource.setServiceContact(
    "GT2",
    Task.FILE_TRANSFER,
    gt2Transfer);

/* Similarly set service contacts for GT3 file transfer
   or any other service as required
*/

```

We note that it is not necessary to register service contacts and security contexts for every provider. However, attempts to execute tasks for unregistered providers will result in errors.

Next step is to prepare tasks/task-graphs to be executed. Instructions for creating job submission and file transfer tasks and task graphs are available in the previous sections (7.4.1, 7.4.2, 7.4.4). It is not necessary to associate any security context and service contact with these tasks. These values will be automatically assigned by the ExecutionResource based on the provider attribute of the task. Assuming we create two tasks namely task1 and task2, we can execute them by submitting them to the execution resource.

Listing 7.29: Submit tasks to the execution resource

```

resource.submit(task1);
resource.submit(task2);

```

If it is required to monitor the status of the tasks/task-graphs submitted to the execution resource, then before submitting the task to the resource subscribe to the task graph for its status changes.

```

task.addStatusListener(this);

```

If registered to listen to the status notification of the task, implement the statusChanged() function.

```

public void statusChanged(StatusEvent event)
{
    ExecutableObject eo = event.getSource();
    logger.debug(eo.getName());
    Status status = event.getStatus();
    logger.debug(

```

```
    "Status of "  
    + eo.getName()  
    + " changed to: "  
    + status.getStatusCode();  
}
```

8 GridAnt

This chapter focuses on a client-side workflow management system that can orchestrate simple task dependencies¹. It gives an overview of process workflows and workflow engines. It further describes the applicability of a client-side workflow system for Grid technologies and introduces the functionality of the *GridAnt* workflow system. It provides detailed instructions for the user to install the GridAnt system and other dependent packages. An introductory set of examples is discussed that helps the end-user to understand the working of the GridAnt system.

8.1 Introduction

Significant research has been conducted in recent years to automate complex business tasks using sophisticated workflow management tools. Such tools are extremely useful in expressing complicated business activities as a set of independent work units and orchestrating a series of dependencies across these units. In other words, a workflow management system helps in combining a set of specialized tasks by expressing intricate dependencies between these tasks and exposing them as a single complex activity. To the heart of any workflow system is the workflow engine. The workflow engine is a central controller that handles task dependencies, failure recoveries, performance analysis and process synchronization. Most of the work done in workflow management systems concentrate on the business aspects of the workflow. Little consideration is given to the needs of the client in terms of mapping the process flow of the client. In the Grid community it is essential that the Grid-users have such a tool available to their disposal that enable them to orchestrate complex workflows on the fly without substantial help from the service providers. At the same time it is also important that such a workflow system does not burden the Grid-user with the intricacies of the workflow system.

With the perspective of the Grid-user in mind, a simple yet powerful client-side workflow management system has been developed and is named as *GridAnt*. GridAnt which makes use of commodity technologies such as *Apache Ant* and XML. GridAnt uses Apache Ant as its workflow engine. Apache Ant is a popular build tool that is extensively used in the Java community. Its current functionality allows the management of complex dependencies and task flows within the project build process. We extend the functionality of Apache Ant by providing customized Ant tasks to access the Grid.

GridAnt is not claimed as a substitution for more sophisticated and powerful workflow engines that map complex business processes. Nevertheless, applications with simple process flows tightly integrated to work with the Grid technology can benefit from GridAnt without having to endure any complex workflow architectures. The philosophy adopted by the GridAnt project is to use the workflow engine available with Apache Ant and develop a Grid workflow vocabulary on top of it.

¹ For an advanced Grid workflow management system please see Section 9 dedicated to the Karajan Workflow Framework

GridAnt tasks are built on top of cog-core (see Section 7), thus they have the ability to submit Grid tasks multiple Grid providers (GT2 and GT3).

8.2 Installation

8.2.1 Download

The Java CoG Kit GridAnt module can be downloaded from the Java CoG Kit CVS archive. Instructions regarding the Java CoG Kit requirements and details on obtaining the Java CoG Kit sources are available in Section 4.

We note that GridAnt is explicitly a client-side library. The current version of GridAnt provides support for GT2 and GT3. Hence, in order to execute tasks against these implementations, the reader is directed to install GT2.4 and GT3.0.2. For further details on installing the Globus Toolkit please visit the Globus Alliance Web page <http://www.globus.org>.

8.2.2 Compile

To compile the GridAnt module, change the directory to `cog/modules/gridant` and type `'ant dist'`. This will compile GridAnt and all its dependencies. It will also create a `dist` directory containing the distribution of the GridAnt module.

8.2.3 Configuration

Due to problems with the inability of Apache Ant classloaders to load signed jars, it is required that the user explicitly include all the necessary jar files in their class-path. This can be done by sourcing the `gridant-setenv` script from the `dist/gridant-1.0/bin` directory.

```
$ cd dist/gridant-1.0/bin
$ source gridant-setenv
```

Further, in order to execute the GridAnt tasks it is required to actually define these tasks.

```
<taskdef name='cog-setup'
  classname='org.globus.cog.gridant.tasks.GridSetup'
  classpathref='classpath' />

<taskdef name='grid-authenticate'
  classname='org.globus.cog.gridant.tasks.GridAuthenticate'
  classpathref='classpath' />

<taskdef name='grid-execute'
  classname='org.globus.cog.gridant.tasks.GridExecute'
  classpathref='classpath' />

<taskdef name='grid-copy'
  classname='org.globus.cog.gridant.tasks.GridCopy'
  classpathref='classpath' />
```

The `gridant.xml` file provides a detailed example of how to define and use these tasks.

8.3 GridAnt Tasks

The following is a partial list of GridAnt tasks that are currently available in the GridAnt module.

- cog-setup : The Grid environment setup.
- grid-authenticate : Initializes the proxy certificate to be used by clients.
- grid-execute : Executes an arbitrary Grid job on a remote Grid resource.
- grid-copy : Transfers file between Grid resources.

This is a tentative list and is by no means final. The initial prototype for GridAnt has the functionality for job submission and file transfer. Other tasks are under development. We release the current version as a technology preview in order to obtain feedback and to engage the community in its further development.

8.3.1 cog-setup

The cog-setup task is a utility task that assists in the quick setup of the Java CoG Kit environment on the client machine. It invokes the cog-setup component that allows the users to specify several parameters including their user certificates and user keys.

8.3.2 grid-authenticate

The grid-authenticate task is a utility task that invokes a gui allowing the users to instantiate their grid proxy certificates.

8.3.3 grid-execute

The grid-execute task executes an arbitrary job on a Grid resource. It requires the following input parameters (* specifies a mandatory argument).

- provider* : Specifies the backend Grid provider for the submission of this job. Available options are GT2 and GT3.
- server* : Specifies the location of the remote job execution service for the given provider.
- xmlsecurity : Specifies the XML security parameters (only for GT3 provider). Valid options are *xmldsig* and *xmldenc* for XML signature and XML encryption respectively. The default is XML signature.
- delegation : Specifies the parameters for credential delegation for GSI security. Valid options are *full*, *partial*, and *none* for full delegation, partial delegation and no delegation respectively. The default is no delegation.
- executable* : Specifies the command to be executed on the Grid resource.
- localExecutable : A boolean flag that specifies if the executable resides on the client machine. If true, the executable will be automatically staged from the client machine. The default is *false*.
- arguments : Specifies the arguments to be provided with the executed command
- directory : Specifies the remote working directory in which the command is to be executed

- environment : Specifies the environment variables to be set prior to the execution of the command.
- stdoutout : Specifies the file name to which the output must be redirected. If left blank or not specified, the output is streamed to the standard output. By default output is streamed to the standard output.
- stderrror : Specifies the file name to which the error messages must be redirected. If left blank, the errors are streamed to the standard error. By default the errors are streamed to the standard error.
- stdinput : Specifies the file name from which the input must be extracted. In the current version staging of input files is not supported.
- redirect : A boolean flag that specifies if the output and error streams are to be redirected to the client. Default value is *true*.
- batch : A boolean flag that specifies if the remote execution is to occur in batch mode. If true, the client will not be notified of any status changes on the server side. It is the responsibility of the client to obtain the final output from the server by some offline (asynchronous) mechanism. If false, the client will interactively receive status notifications from the server as well as the final output or error. Default value is false.

For example, to remotely execute a job on a GT2 resource, say *hot.anl.gov*, in batch mode:

```

<gridExecute
  provider="GT2"
  server="hot.anl.gov"
  delegation="full"
  executable="/bin/lis"
  arguments="-l"
  directory="/home/amin"
  stdoutout="myOutput.txt"
  stderrror="myError.txt"
  redirect="false"
  batch="true"
/>
```

8.3.4 grid-copy

The grid-copy task performs file transfers between grid resources. For GT2 provider, it supports direct as well as third party transfers between the client machine and GridFTP servers. For GT3 provider, it only supports third party file transfers between GridFTP servers using the reliable file transfer service of GT3.0.2. This task requires the following input arguments (* specifies a mandatory arguments).

- provider* : Specifies the backend Grid provider for the file transfer. Available options are GT2 and GT3.
- server* : Specifies the location of the remote file transfer service for the given provider (not required for the GT2 provider).
- xmlsecurity : Specifies the XML security parameters (only for GT3 provider). Valid options are *xmlsig* and *xmlenc* for XML signature and XML encryption respectively. The default is XML signature.

- delegation : Specifies the parameters for credential delegation for GSI security. Valid options are *full*, *partial*, and *none* for full delegation, partial delegation and no delegation respectively. The default is no delegation.
- source* : Specifies the url of the source file to be copied.
- destination* : Specifies the url of the destination file.
- parallelStreams : Specifies the number of parallel TCP streams desired for the file transfer. Default is 1.
- tcpbuffer : Specifies the TCP buffer size desired for the file transfer. Default is 16000.
- blockSize : Specifies the transfer block size desired for the file transfer. Default is 16000.
- thirdparty : A boolean flag indicating if this is a third party file transfer. Default is true.
- dcau : A boolean flag indicating if data channel authentication is enabled. Default is true.

For example, to transfer from a GridFTP server *hot.anl.gov* to another GridFTP server *cold.anl.gov* using the GT3 reliable file transfer service at <http://rft.anl.gov:8080/.../RFTFactoryService>:

```
<gridCopy
  provider="GT3"
  server= "http://rft.anl.gov:8080/.../RFTFactoryService"
  xmlsecurity="xmlenc"
  delegation="full"
  source="gsiftp://hot.anl.gov/home/amin/from.txt"
  destination="gsiftp://cold.anl.gov/home/amin/to.txt"
  parallelStreams="3"
  tcpbuffer="32000"
/>
```

8.4 Workflow Example

This section demonstrates the sequence of tasks required to execute a simple Grid workflow. Let's assume you want to transfer a file *input.txt* from a Grid resource *hot.anl.gov* to another Grid resource *cold.anl.gov*. Then execute the program *myJob* on *cold.anl.gov* with GT2 provider and *input.txt* as its input and *output.txt* as its output. Finally, you want to transfer the *output.txt* back to *hot.anl.gov*.

```
<target name="workflow">
  <sequential>
    <!-- Setup the Grid environment -->
    <cog-setup />

    <!-- Initialize the Grid proxy certificate -->
    <grid-authenticate />

    <!-- Transfer the input file -->
    <grid-copy
      provider="GT2"
      delegation="partial"
      source=
        "gsiftp://hot.anl.gov:1111/home/amin/input.txt"
```

```

destination=
  "gsiftp://cold.anl.gov:2222//home/amin/input.txt"
parallelstreams="1"
tcpbuffer="32000"/>
thirdparty="true"/>

<!-- Execute the job -->
<grid-execute
  provider="GT2"
  server="cold.anl.gov:3333"
  delegation="partial"
  executable = "myJob"
  arguments=""
  directory=""
  environment=""
  localExecutable="false"
  redirect="false"
  stdin="input.txt"
  stdout="output.txt"
  stderr=""/>

<!-- Transfer the output file -->
<grid-copy
  provider="GT2"
  delegation="partial"
  source=
    "gsiftp://cold.anl.gov:2222//home/amin/output.txt"
  destination=
    "gsiftp://hot.anl.gov:1111//home/amin/output.txt"
  parallelstreams="1"
  tcpbuffer="32000"/>
  thirdparty="true"/>
</sequential>
</target>

```

9 Karajan

Karajan is a Grid parallel task management language and an execution engine. It aims to provide the scientific community with an easy-to-use tool to define complex jobs on computational Grids, while keeping scalability and offering some advanced features, such as failure handling, checkpointing, dynamic execution, and distributed execution.

Specifications in Karajan are defined by using a structured language based on XML and is extensible through Java. The building block of the language is the element, which loosely translates into an XML element/container. Various elements are included, such as elements for parallel processing, parallel iterators, and Grid elements (i.e., job submission and file transfer). Common tasks can be grouped by using templates, and can be reused from multiple locations.

The execution engine in Karajan is based on an event model, which allows effective separation between the specification and the runtime state. Elements react to events received from other elements and generate their own events. These events provide notification of status changes within the execution or can be used to control the execution of elements. The complete runtime state is contained within the events, which allows the elements themselves to exist on different resources. This mechanism also allows an external controller, which has access to these events, to completely control the execution. It also allows a certain level of modification to the elements to be performed, at runtime, without affecting the execution of other elements.

As an example, suppose a large job requires a transfer of the resulting data, after the completion of all calculations. Also suppose the specification of the transfer points to a non-existing resource as the destination for the data. The transfer will fail. A tool can be used to intercept the failure notification and present the user with a visual message. The user can then modify the bogus specification, after which the particular failing element can be restarted by using the state present in the failure event.

9.1 Installation

9.1.1 Obtaining the Source Code

Karajan can be downloaded from the Java CoG Kit CVS archive. Instructions regarding the Java CoG Kit requirements and details on obtaining the Java CoG Kit sources are available in Section 4.

9.1.2 Compiling Karajan

Change directory to *cog/modules/karajan* and type 'ant dist'. This will compile Karajan and all its dependencies. It will also create a *dist* directory containing the distribution of Karajan. Inside the *dist* directory, the *bin* directory will contain the necessary scripts that can be used to launch Karajan.

9.2 Using Karajan

There are two interfaces to Karajan:

1. The command line interface, accessible through *bin/karajan* provides a very simple interface, which is mainly non-interactive and does not provide feedback on the execution.
2. The graphical interface, which can be started through *bin/karajan-gui*, can display a graphical representation of the workflow and other progress information and statistics. It also allows a certain level of interaction.

9.2.1 Command Line Interface

The command line interface allows you to start the execution of a specification. The syntax is very simple:

```
> ./karajan spec.xml
```

Karajan will then try to load, parse, and execute the indicated specification. Any resulting messages will be printed on the console.

9.2.2 Graphical Interface

The graphical interface allows for additional interaction with the execution engine. It can be started using *bin/karajan-gui*. The following command line options are supported:

- help* : Displays a brief usage summary
- load filename* : Can be used to load a script upon starting
- run* : Used in conjunction with *-load*, will immediately start the execution.

When the interface is started without any parameters, an empty view is presented (Figure 9.1).

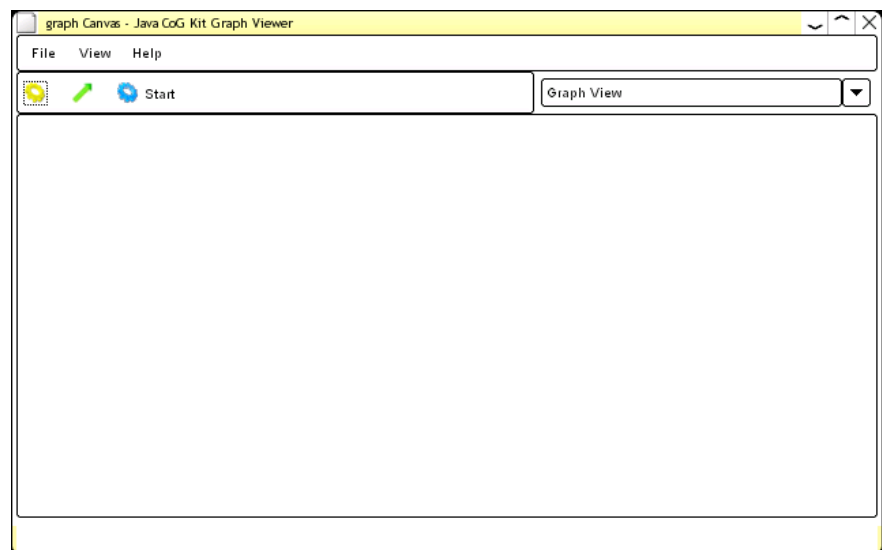


Figure 9.1: An empty Karajan desktop

The File->Open menu item can be used to load a script. After the script is loaded, a graph that represents the control flow of the loaded specification will be drawn. An example can be seen in Figure 9.2.

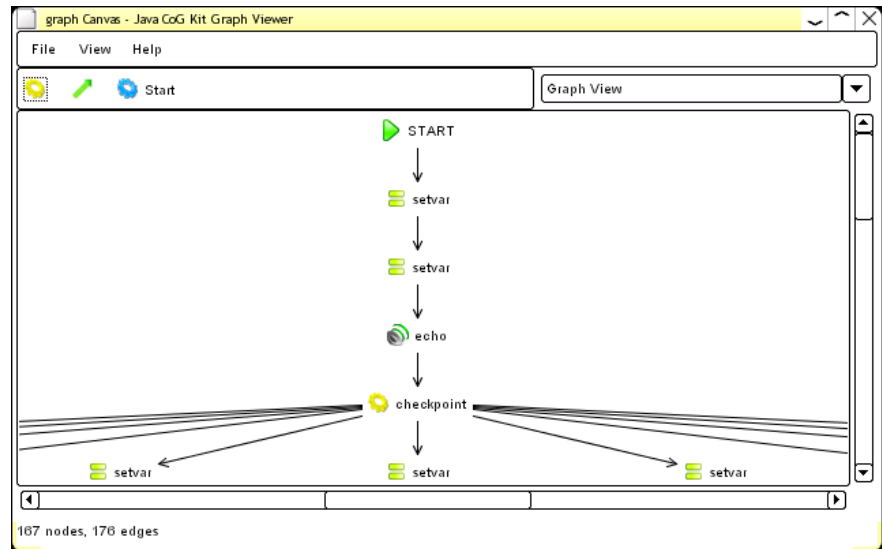







Figure 9.2: A script was loaded

The execution can be started by pressing the *Start* button located on the toolbar. Once it is started, the status of each node will be visible as an overlaid image over the node icon. The following states exist:

- None : The node has not yet been executed
- Running (): The node is being executed
- Completed (): The node completed execution successfully
- Failed (): Execution of the node failed
- Breakpoint (): A breakpoint was set on the node
- Paused (): The execution was paused at the current node, possibly because of a breakpoint being set on the node

Setting A Breakpoint

Breakpoints can be set by using a node's context menu. Clicking on a node with the right mouse button will pop up the menu, as it can be seen in Figure 9.3

Whenever the execution reaches the node where a breakpoint was set, a message dialog will pop up, and the execution of the specific thread/branch where the node is located will be suspended (see Figure 9.4).

The execution can then be resumed by using the context menu of the node (accessible by right-clicking on the node). In the case of a paused node, an item that will resume the execution will be present in the menu (see Figure 9.5).

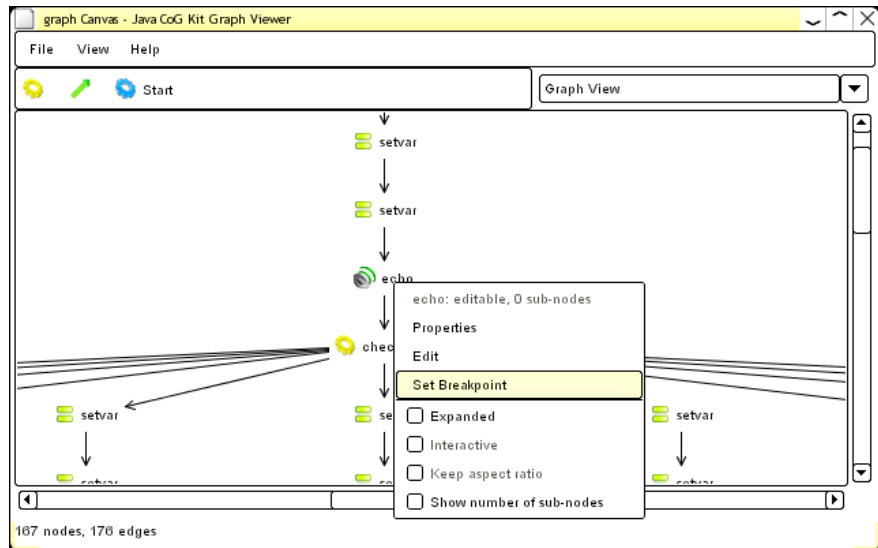


Figure 9.3: The node context menu

Error Handling

Errors that may occur during the execution, which are not explicitly handled in the specification, will result in a dialog window that provides several options for dealing with the error. A sample error dialog is presented in Figure 9.6.

Each error option provided by the error dialog is described below:

- Abort : Passes the error to the execution engine, which will result in an error message dump on the console and the immediate termination of the execution.
- Ignore : Completely ignores the error as if it has never occurred.
- Restart : Restarts the failed node. You can also specify the number of times that the node will be restarted before the execution is aborted.
- Apply to all errors of this type : Whenever an identical error occurs on any node, the same action will be applied automatically.
- Apply to all errors for this element : All other errors that occur on the node will automatically be treated with the same action.

9.3 Language Specification

The Karajan specifications are written in an XML based language. Extensive information about XML is available from <http://www.w3.org/XML>. XML has the advantage of a very strict and well defined structure.

9.3.1 Concepts

Elements

The building block of a Karajan specification is an XML element. The structure of Karajan specifications is very similar to that of structured languages (such as C,

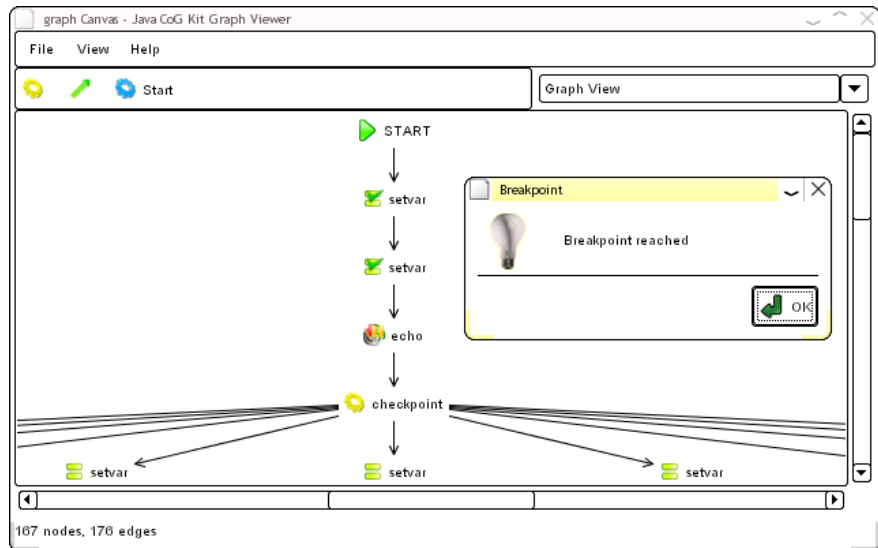


Figure 9.4: A Breakpoint Was Reached

Java, or Pascal). Most elements can also act as containers for other elements. Each element performs a specific function, or describes how contained elements relate to each other.

Variables

Variables can be used in Karajan to store temporary values, values that can change and appear often in the specification, as counters for iterators, and so forth.

Defining Variables Variables can be defined explicitly by using the `setvar` ^(9.8.54) element, which takes two attributes: *name* and *value*. The following example assigns the value *blah* to the variable named *variable1*:

```
<setvar name="variable1" value="blah" />
```

If the *value* attribute is not specified, `setvar` ^(9.8.54) will use the value of the default return variable (`$`). This can be used for getting values from functions¹:

```
<setvar name="variable2">
  <!-- read the contents of /tmp/exitcode -->
  <readFile name="/tmp/exitcode"/>
</setvar>
```

Variable Expansion Variables can be expanded inside element attributes by enclosing them inside curly brackets. Nested expansion is also possible, but must be used with care.

Examples:

¹ more about functions in Section ??

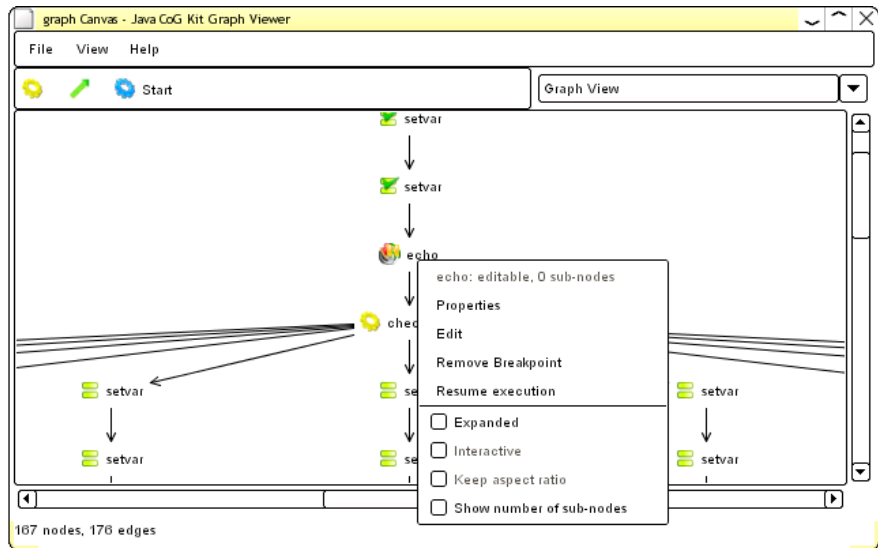


Figure 9.5: Resuming execution

1.


```

<setvar name="variable1" value="blah"/>
<echo message="variable1={variable1}"/>
      
```
2.


```

<!-- variable2 is not defined; the value will not be -->
<!-- expanded -->
<setvar name="variable1" value="{variable2}"/>

<setvar name="variable2" value="blah"/>

<!-- at this point, both variable1 and variable 2 -->
<!-- are defined -->
<!-- the first expansion will evaluate variable1 to -->
<!-- {variable2} -->
<!-- the second expansion will evaluate variable2 to -->
<!-- "blah" -->
<echo message="{variable1}"/>
      
```
3.


```

<setvar name="variable2" value="blah"/>

<!-- variable2 is now defined -->
<!-- variable1 will be assigned the value of "blah" -->
<!-- directly -->
<setvar name="variable1" value="{variable2}"/>

<echo message="{variable1}"/>
      
```

All three examples will print the same value: blah

The Scope of Variables The scope of variables is limited to the element inside which they appear, unless they are shadowed in sub-elements. In such a case, the scope of the shadowed variable will be limited to the element in which the

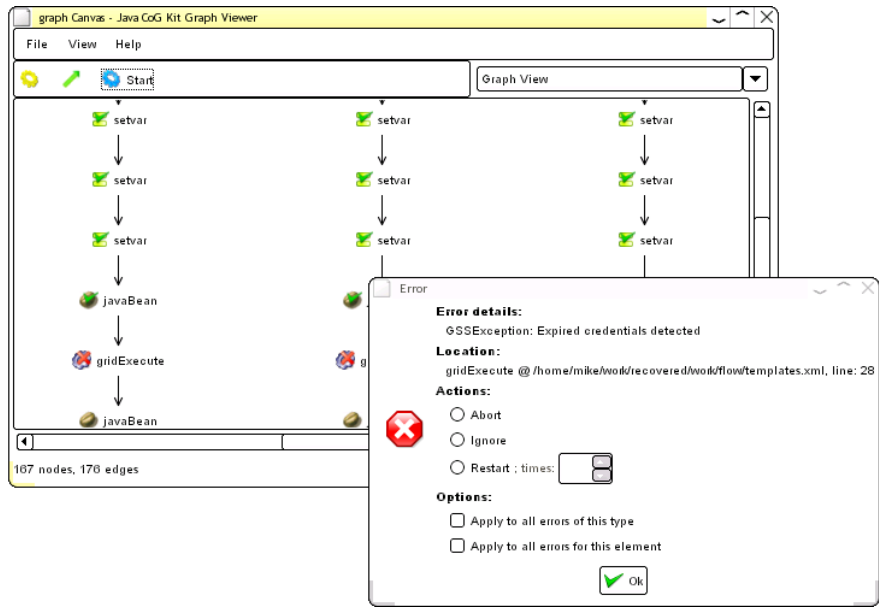


Figure 9.6: Error dialog

variable was defined and any sub-elements executed at runtime. In technical words, Karajan is a dynamically scoped language and uses shallow binding. The following example illustrates this:

```

<sequential>
  <!-- define the variable "var" -->
  <setvar name="var" value="one"/>

  <!-- print its value on the console -->
  <echo message="{var}"/>

  <!-- a container -->
  <sequential>

    <!-- override "var" -->
    <setvar name="var" value="two"/>

    <!-- print the value on the console -->
    <echo message="{var}"/>

  </sequential>

  <!-- at this point "var" will be "one" again -->
  <echo message="{var}"/>

</sequential>

<!-- "var" does not exist here -->
<echo message="{var}"/>

```

The example will produce the following output:

```
one
two
one
{ var }
```

In the last **echo** (9.8.7) element, Karajan tries to expand *var*, but since it cannot be found, it prints the message literally.

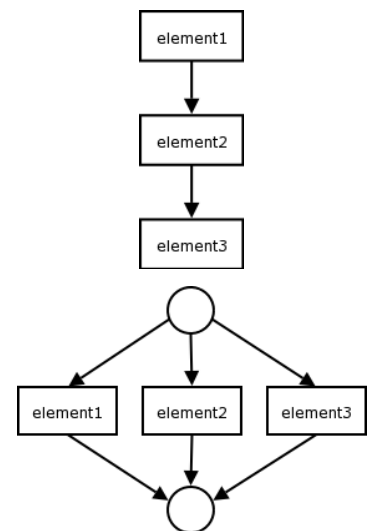
9.3.2 Parallelism

9.3.5

Karajan supports two basic containers through which parallelism can be achieved, namely, **sequential** (9.8.53) and **parallel** (9.8.45). Both containers are synchronous, which means that their execution will terminate when all sub-elements have finished execution. This behavior can be overridden in any element, by specifying the *sync="false"* attribute. The following examples illustrate the use of **sequential** (9.8.53) and **parallel** (9.8.45) containers, as well as synchronous and asynchronous execution. On the right side, an image showing the resulting control flow of the specifications on the left is shown:

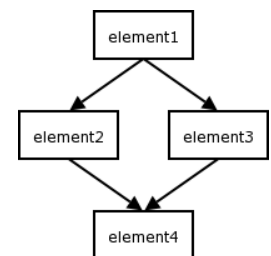
Sequential execution

```
<sequential>
  <element1 />
  <element2 />
  <element3 />
</sequential>
```



Parallel execution

```
<parallel>
  <element1 />
  <element2 />
  <element3 />
</parallel>
```

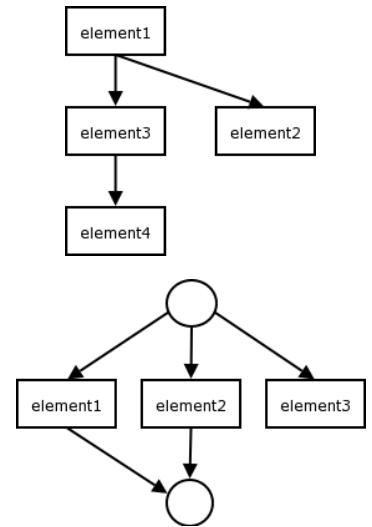


Mixed sequential/parallel execution

```
<sequential>
  <element1 />
  <parallel>
    <element2 />
    <element3 />
  </parallel>
  <element4 />
</sequential>
```

Sequential execution with asynchronous element

```
<sequential>
  <element1 />
  <element2 sync="false" />
  <element3 />
  <element4 />
</sequential>
```



Parallel execution with asynchronous element

```
<parallel>
  <element1 />
  <element2 />
  <element3 sync="false" />
</parallel>
```

9.3.3 Iterators

Iterators are used in Karajan to execute a sequence repetitively. All iterators can have either a sequential behavior (the default), in which an iteration begins execution only after the previous iteration has completed execution, or a parallel behavior (switched on using the *parallel="true"* attribute), in which all iterations are executed in parallel. The parallel behavior of an iterator does not apply to contained elements. If a parallel iterator has two sub-elements, the elements will execute in sequential order. This can be prevented by using an explicit **parallel** (9.8.45) container inside the iterator.

Two iterators exist: **for** (9.8.14) and **foreach** (9.8.15). Both have a mandatory attribute (*name*), which represents the name of the iteration variable.

- The **for** (9.8.14) iterator is used for iterations across integer ranges and takes two numerical attributes, representing the first and last value. There are two equivalent ways of specifying the two attributes, as shown in the following examples:

```
<for name="iteration" from="1" to="4">
  <echo message="Iteration {iteration}" />
</for>
```

and

```
<for name="iteration" range="1, 4">
  <echo message="Iteration {iteration}" />
</for>
```

The result in both cases is as follows:

```
1
2
3
4
```

- The **foreach** (9.8.15) iterator can be used to iterate across arbitrary values, or files in a directory (a feature that needs a little polishing). Iteration values can be specified by using the *in* attribute. To iterate on the files in a directory, you can use the *dir* attribute.

Examples:

```
<foreach name="iteration" in="one , two , three , four">
  <echo message="Iteration { iteration }"/>
</for>
```

would produce the following output:

```
one
two
three
four
```

while

```
<for name="file" dir="/home/johndoe">
  <echo message="File { file }"/>
</for>
```

would list all the files contained in the home directory of user *johndoe*.

9.3.4 Conditional execution

Conditional execution is expressed using the **if** (9.8.21), **then** (9.8.58), **elseif** (9.8.11), and **else** (9.8.10) elements. The format is as follows:

```
<if>
  <condition1 />
  <then>
    ...
  </then>
  <condition2 />
  <elseif>
    ...
  </elseif>
  ...
  <conditionN />
  <elseif>
  </elseif>
  <else>
  </else>
</if>
```

The **condition1** through **conditionN** are elements that evaluate to something. Typically they are functions, such as **math:equals** (9.8.28), **math:le** (9.8.31), etc. Functionally, the **then** (9.8.58) and **elseif** (9.8.11) are the same. They both execute if the last specified condition can be evaluated to a boolean value of "true", or cause the enclosing **if** (9.8.21) to terminate if the condition evaluates to a boolean value of "false".

9.3.5 Arguments

Arguments in Karajan are generally expressed as XML attributes. However, XML attributes are limited. It is impossible to use attributes to express the result of executing other elements. The solution is to express such arguments as nested elements. There are four main types of arguments:

named arguments : are used to express arguments when there exist multiple arguments for an element and they differ from a semantic perspective. The **setvar** ^(9.8.54) element for example, has a *name* and a *value* attribute, which cannot be computed without changing the meaning of the program. Named arguments can be expressed both as XML attributes, and as nested elements with the *argumentName* attribute:

```
<setvar name="var" value="1"/>
```

would produce the same result as:

```
<setvar value="1">
  <argument argumentName="name" value="var"/>
</setvar>
```

variable unnamed arguments : are used when arguments are equivalent. The **math:sum** ^(9.8.39) element is such an example:

```
...
<math:sum>
  <argument value="1"/>
  <argument value="2"/>
  <argument value="3"/>
</math:sum>
...
```

This does not necessary mean that changing the order of the arguments will not change the outcome of the execution of the element, as it can easily be seen in the following example:

```
...
<list:append>
  <argument value="1"/>
  <argument value="2"/>
  <argument value="3"/>
</list:append>
...
```

default arguments : can be used for at most one of the arguments. A default argument can be expressed as an unnamed nested argument. No element can have both a default argument and multiple unnamed arguments. The **setvar** ^(9.8.54) has the *value* argument as a default argument. The following code snippets lead to the same result:

```
<setvar name="var" value="1"/>
```



```
<setvar name="var">
  <argument value="1"/>
</setvar>
```

typed default arguments : are an exception to some of the above rules. In some instances, an element may expect multiple arguments, each having a different type. In such cases there is no need to name the arguments, since their type will provide the required information that is needed to map the supplied arguments to the ones required. Since types exist only internally in Karajan, typed default arguments can only be used for internally defined elements.

It is generally both acceptable and useful to use arguments inside elements that describe execution flow. There is a specific set of elements, namely **sequential** (9.8.53), **parallel** (9.8.45), **for** (9.8.14), **foreach** (9.8.15), **then** (9.8.58), **elseif** (9.8.11), and **else** (9.8.10) which do not affect the contained arguments. The following example shows how a the sum of the results of two parallel operations can be calculated:

```
...
<math:sum>
  <parallel>
    <operation1 />
    <operation2 />
  </parallel>
</math:sum>
...
```

It is also possible to use iterators for expressing arguments, both in parallel and non parallel mode:

```
...
<math:sum>
  <for name="var" from="1" to="10" parallel="true">
    <argument value="{ var }"/>
  </for>
</math:sum>
...
```

9.3.6 Templates

Templates can be used to define reusable code and are somewhat similar to procedures in other languages. Templates can accept named parameters.

Definition of templates can be done by using the **templateDef** (9.8.57) element. The mandatory attribute *name* specifies the name of the template. The body of the template can consist of any Karajan elements. An additional element (**default** (9.8.6)) can be used to designate default values for parameters. A simple template definition is shown below:

```
<templatedef name="sample">
  <default name="arg1" value="default1"/>
  <default name="arg2" value="default2"/>
  <echo message="arg1 is { arg1 }"/>
</templatedef>
```

```

<echo message="arg2 is {arg2}"/>
<echo message="arg3 is {arg3}"/>
</templatedef>

```

Template invocations can be made via the **template** ^(9.8.56) element, which accepts the *name* attribute, plus any number of other arguments that are passed to the template:

```

<template name="sample"
  arg1="value1"
  arg2="value2"
  arg3="value3"/>

```

All templates are re-entrant as long as no external resources are involved. Variables defined or overridden inside templates are considered local.

9.3.7 In-line elements

Elements can also be defined similar to templates. Since version 0.22, this is preferable to templates.

In-line element definition is achieved using the **element** ^(9.8.8) element. The *name* attribute specifies the name that the definition will be bound to. The *arguments* attribute is a comma separated list of argument names that can be passed to the definition. The *vargs* attribute, if set to *true*, indicates that the element should rather take a variable length list of unnamed arguments than a set of named arguments. The following element definition creates an element that sums all numbers from *min* to *max*:

```

<element name="sum" arguments="min,max" vargs="false">
  <math:sum>
    <for name="var" range="{min},{max}">
      <argument value="{var}"/>
    </for>
  </math:sum>
</element>

```

The following element definition makes use of unnamed arguments, and calculates the root mean square of the supplied values. The arguments are available as a list that can be iterated in the *vargs* variable:

```

<element name="rms" vargs="true">
  <math:sqrt>
    <math:quotient>
      <math:sum argumentName="dividend">
        <foreach name="item" in="{vargs}">
          <math:square value="{item}"/>
        </foreach>
      </math:sum>

      <list:size list="{vargs}" argumentName="divisor"/>
    </math:quotient>
  </math:sqrt>
</element>

```

If a definition takes only one argument and has no variable unnamed arguments, that argument will become a default argument. If there are multiple named arguments (but no variable unnamed arguments), a default argument can be specified using the *defaultArgument* attribute.

In-line element invocation is performed simply by using the element name. The following examples will invoke the previously defined **sum** and **rms** elements and print the resulting values:

```
<setvar name="sum">
  <sum min="1" max="10"/>
</setvar>
<echo message="The sum is {sum}"/>
```

```
<setvar name="rms">
  <rms>
    <argument value="10"/>
    <argument value="12"/>
    <argument value="8"/>
    <argument value="50"/>
    <argument value="11"/>
  </rms>
</setvar>
<echo message="The rms is {rms}"/>
```

9.3.8 Recursion

Due to the fact that side effects in Karajan have a limited scope (an element cannot change the environment of its parent, except for strictly controlled circumstances), recursion is necessary to address a certain class of problems that cannot be solved otherwise. Recursion is possible using element definition element. The following definition computes the n-th value in a Fibonacci series:

```
<element name="fibonacci" arguments="n">
  <if>
    <math:le value1="{n}" value2="2"/>
    <then>
      <argument value="1"/>
    </then>
    <else>
      <math:sum>
        <fibonacci>
          <math:subtraction from="{n}" value="1"/>
        </fibonacci>
        <fibonacci>
          <math:subtraction from="{n}" value="2"/>
        </fibonacci>
      </math:sum>
    </else>
  </if>
</element>
```

9.3.9 Grid-related Elements

Karajan contains a series of elements that are divided into two main categories: Grid resource description and configuration and Grid tasks.

Grid Resource Description and Configuration Elements

- **scheduler** ^(9.8.49) is used to select a scheduler type and specify various parameters for it. Currently only one scheduler is available (named *default*). The arguments are:
 - type : The type of the scheduler desired. Only *default* is available at this time.
 - jobsPerCpu : Sets the maximum number of tasks that the scheduler will allocate for one CPU.
 - maxSimultaneousJobs : Sets the total maximum number of remote tasks that the scheduler will allow at any given time.
 - showTaskList : If set to *true* the scheduler will pop-up a window providing a lists of tasks that are being executed, and additional task and memory statistics.
 - grid : Specified as a nested typed argument through the **grid** ^(9.8.17) element, defines the set of resources that will be used for scheduling.
 - taskHandler : Specified as a nested typed argument through the **taskHandler** ^(9.8.55) element, defines the type of Java CoG Kit Core task handler to be used by the scheduler. If there are multiple task handlers for a scheduler, they will all be used, with a priority set by the order in which they were specified, the highest priority going to the first. The scheduler should also try to match the handlers against available resources and use a lower priority handler if resources are not available for a higher priority handler.
- **taskHandler** ^(9.8.55) defines a type of Java CoG Kit Core task handler that is going to be used by the scheduler. The attributes are *type*, which selects the type of the handler (for a list of supported handlers, consult the Section 9.4), and *version*, which is used by the scheduler to select the appropriate grid resources by matching it with the *version* attribute in the **service** ^(9.8.50) elements. Multiple handlers can be specified. In this case, all of them will be used, the highest priority going to the one listed first. A **securityContext** ^(9.8.51) must also be specified as a nested element.
- **securityContext** ^(9.8.51) is used to define a security context (passwords, private/public keys, proxy location, etc.) for the task handler. The mandatory attribute is the *name* attribute. A series of nested elements can exist for the **securityContext** ^(9.8.51) element. These nested elements are handler specific and are described in Section 9.4.
- **grid** ^(9.8.17) encapsulates a set of resources that will be used by the scheduler. Accepts an optional *name* attribute. A series of nested **host** ^(9.8.20) arguments can be specified.
- **host** ^(9.8.20) designates a single contact point (a remote host). The mandatory *name* attribute denotes the hostname of the remote contact. A *cpus* attribute

allows the specification of the number of CPUs the host has. This information may be used for scheduling purposes. Each host can have multiple nested **service** (9.8.50) elements.

- **service** (9.8.50) defines a host service. The *version* attribute allows the definition of a logical handle that can be used to group multiple services based on technology/version. The *type* attribute specifies the service type. The current possible values are *job-submission* and *file-transfer*. The exact details of the service are expressed in the form of a URL. The format and details of the service URLs differ from handler to handler. Section 9.4 provides details of all supported handlers and their details.

The following example illustrates the use of the above elements:

```
<grid name="default">
  <for name="index" from="1" to="20">
    <host name="lg0n{index}.pts.uml.mov" cpus="1">
      <service
        version="gt2-2.4.0"
        type="job-submission"
        url="{host}:2119/jobmanager-fork"/>
      <service
        version="gt2-2.4.0"
        type="file-transfer"
        url="gsiftp://{host}:2811"/>
    </host>
  </for>
</grid>
```

Grid Tasks

Two types of Grid tasks are available: remote execution and transfer. For all tasks that require one or more host attributes, the hosts may need to exist in the Grid definition, such that the handlers can extract service contact information. In some cases, defaults may work.

- **gridExecute** (9.8.18) can be used to submit a remote job. The attributes are² as follows:

- host*** : Specifies the host to which the job will be submitted. The host must exist in the grid description, such that the handler can extract the correct service information. If the attribute is not specified, it is up to the scheduler to pick a host for this job.
- executable** : The executable to be run. It must exist on the remote site. If it does not, it can be transferred beforehand using a transfer task.
- args*** : The attributes to be passed to the executable.
- stdin*** : If input redirection is desired, this attribute can be used to specify a remote file that will be redirected to the process' standard input.
- stdout*** : Can be used to redirect the standard output of the job to a remote file.
- stderr*** : Used optionally to redirect the standard error stream of the job to a remote file.

² attributes followed by an asterisk are optional

- **gridTransfer** ^(9.8.19) is used to transfer a file from one host to another. The accepted attributes are:

srchost : The source host. Use *localhost* for the local machine.

srcdir : The source directory where the file can be found.

srcfile : The name of the file that is to be transferred.

desthost : The destination host. Can also be *localhost* for the local machine.

destdir : The directory on the destination host where the file will be placed.

destfile* : Can be used to rename the file during the transfer.

- It may sometimes be necessary to execute a set of tasks on the same host. The **allocateHost** ^(9.8.1) element can be used for this purpose. The *name* attribute specifies a variable that can be used inside the element by the various tasks whenever the remote host needs to be referenced. A simple example is provided below:

```

<allocateHost name="remote">
  <!-- transfer the input data -->
  <gridTransfer
    srchost="localhost"
    srcdir="/tmp"
    srcfile="in"
    desthost="{remote}"
    destdir="/tmp"/>

  <!-- do the heavy processing -->
  <gridExecute
    host="{remote}"
    executable="/usr/bin/tac"
    args=""
    stdin="/tmp/in"
    stdout="/tmp/out"/>

  <!-- transfer back the results -->
  <gridTransfer
    srchost="{remote}"
    srcdir="/tmp"
    srcfile="out"
    desthost="localhost"
    destdir="/tmp"/>
</allocateHost>

```

9.3.10 Explicit Error Handling

In certain cases, errors that appear in certain locations are known to have no impact on the overall execution. A typical example would be a cleanup process. In such cases, it may be preferable to be able to simply ignore errors. Other operations have particularly high rates of failure. However, subsequent re-executions of such operations may result in a successful result. The following elements deal with such cases:

- **ignoreErrors** ^(9.8.22) has no attributes and any errors that occur on contained elements are ignored.

- **restartOnError** ^(9.8.48) has a numeric mandatory attribute (*times*) that specifies the number of times the contained elements are restarted when an error occurs, before that error is reported.
- **generateError** ^(9.8.16) will cause an error to be generated, with an associated message specified by the *message* attribute.

9.3.11 Java Elements

The Java elements allow limited interaction with the Java Virtual Machine.

- **newJavaObject** ^(9.8.40) instantiates a new Java object. The class of the object is specified by using the *className* argument. A set of arguments to be passed to the constructor can also be specified through nested arguments.
- **invokeJavaMethod** ^(9.8.24) invokes a method on an existing object indicated by the default argument *object*. The method name must be passed by the *method* argument. Nested arguments can be used to indicate arguments to be passed to the method.
- **executeJava** ^(9.8.13) will synchronously execute a Java program. The *main-Class* attribute can be used to specify the fully qualified class name that contains the main method. The class must be present in the classpath of the instance of the Java Virtual Machine that is executing the specification.

9.3.12 Arithmetic elements

- **math:sum** ^(9.8.39) adds a set of numbers specified as unnamed arguments.
- **math:product** ^(9.8.33) multiplies a set of numbers specified as unnamed arguments.
- **math:subtraction** ^(9.8.38) subtracts two numbers specified by the *from* and *value*. Effectively calculates $from - value$.
- **math:quotient** ^(9.8.34) divides *dividend* by *divisor* and returns the quotient.
- **math:remainder** ^(9.8.35) computes the remainder of the division between *dividend* and *divisor*.
- **math:square** ^(9.8.37) computes the square of the default *value* argument.
- **math:sqrt** ^(9.8.36) computes the square root of the default *value* argument.
- **math:equals** ^(9.8.28) tests if two numbers are equal.
- **math:gt** ^(9.8.30) tests if *value1* is greater than *value2*.
- **math:lt** ^(9.8.32) tests if *value1* is less than *value2*.
- **math:ge** ^(9.8.29) tests if *value1* is greater than or equal to *value2*.
- **math:le** ^(9.8.31) tests if *value1* is less than or equal to *value2*.

9.3.13 Boolean elements

- **and** ^(9.8.2) evaluates to the boolean *and* of the nested unnamed arguments.
- **or** ^(9.8.44) calculates the boolean *or* value of the nested unnamed arguments.
- **not** ^(9.8.42) negates the default *value* argument.

9.3.14 List elements

- **list:append** ^(9.8.25) appends (concatenates) the supplied unnamed arguments in a list. The arguments can be lists. They are appended in the order they are supplied.
- **list:prepend** ^(9.8.26) concatenates the supplied unnamed arguments in reverse order. It does not reverse individual arguments.
- **list:size** ^(9.8.27) evaluates to the size of the default *list* argument. If the argument is not a list, the size will be 1.

9.3.15 Miscellaneous Elements

- **project** ^(9.8.46) is the main container of a Karajan specification. Any specification that can be executed by Karajan must have **project** ^(9.8.46) as the root element.
- **echo** ^(9.8.7) echoes a message on the console. The message can be specified either by using the *message* attribute or by inlining the text inside the **echo** ^(9.8.7) element.
- **include** ^(9.8.23) can be used to include reusable libraries inside a main specification. The **include** ^(9.8.23) element acts during the parsing process, before the actual execution begins. The *file* attribute specifies a file, relative to the main specification file, that will be substituted for the **include** ^(9.8.23) element. The included file will have its root element ignored. Section 9.5 provides details about the include search path.
- **wait** ^(9.8.60) produces a delay in the execution. One of the *delay* or *until* attributes must be set. The *delay* attribute indicates wait period in milliseconds, while the *until* attribute specifies an absolute date in a format accepted by the `java.util.Date` class.
- **equals** ^(9.8.12) tests if *value1* is identic to *value2*. Unlike **math:equals** ^(9.8.28), this is not a numeric comparison. Comparing "1.0" and "1" will lead to a result of "false".
- **argument** ^(9.8.3) evaluates to the value supplied by the *value* argument.
- **contains** ^(9.8.5) determines whether a file contains a specific sequence of characters. The *file* attribute points to the file to be checked, while the *value* attribute specifies the value to be searched.
- **numberFormat** ^(9.8.43) allows the formatting of a decimal number. The *pattern* attribute indicates the patter to be used for formatting (as used by the `java.text.DecimalFormat` class). The *value* attribute holds the decimal value that is to be formatted.
- **readFile** ^(9.8.47) reads the contents of a file, pointed to by the *name* attribute. This is intended for short text files that may possibly hold things like error messages or exit codes. The file is completely read into memory; therefore this function would not be suitable for manipulation of large files.
- **UID** ^(9.8.59) generates a unique ID³.

³ This function is not thread-safe at the moment of this writing, but plans are to correct the problem

9.4 Supported Handlers

Karajan supports any handler that the Java CoG Kit Core supports. However, some handlers may require particular security settings, which must be known, or the handler will not work. Karajan can pass such settings to Core, using generic attributes. The following are default Core handlers, together with examples that show their usage in Karajan.

GT2: This handler does not require any specific settings, but the Java CoG Kit must be configured properly for the handler to work.

```
<!-- define the task handler to be used -->
<taskHandler type="GT2" version="gt2-2.4.0">

    <!-- associate with the previously defined
    <!-- security context
    <securityContext name="gt2"/>

</taskHandler>

<!-- define a small grid -->
<grid name="default">
    <host name="cold.mcs.anl.gov" cpus="2">
        <service
            version="gt2-2.4.0"
            type="job-submission"
            url="{host}:2119/jobmanager-fork"/>
        <service
            version="gt2-2.4.0"
            type="file-transfer"
            url="gsiftp://{host}:2811"/>
    </host>
</grid>
```

GT3: Similar to the GT2 handler, the GT3 handler does not require any special parameters. The following example shows how the GT3 handler can be used in Karajan:

```
<!-- define the task handler to be used -->
<taskHandler type="GT3" version="gt3-3.0.2">

    <!-- associate with the previously defined
    <!-- security context
    <securityContext name="gt3"/>

</taskHandler>

<!-- define a small grid -->
<grid name="default">
    <host name="mild.mcs.anl.gov" cpus="2">
        <service
            version="gt3-3.0.2"
            type="job-submission"
            url="http://{host}:8080/ogsa/services/base/
            gram/MasterForkManagedJobFactoryService"/>
        <service
```

```

        version="gt3-3.0.2"
        type="file-transfer"
        url="http://{host}:8080/ogsa/services/base/
        multirft/MultiFileRFTFactoryService"/>
    </host>
</grid>

```

SSH: The SSH handler requires explicit pointers to the credentials used for authentication. It supports both username/password (which we do not recommend) and public key authentication. The following example shows how to use an SSH Core handler with Karajan:

```

<!-- define the task handler to be used -->
<taskHandler type="SSH" version="ssh">

    <!-- associate with the previously defined -->
    <!-- security context -->
    <securityContext name="ssh-doe">
        <property
            name="ssh-username"
            value="johndoe"/>
        <property
            name="ssh-private-key"
            value="/home/johndoe/.ssh/identity"/>
        <property
            name="ssh-pass-phrase"
            value="guessme"/>

        <!-- "ssh-password" could also be used instead of -->
        <!-- the ssh-private-key/ssh-pass-phrase pair -->
    </securityContext>

</taskHandler>

<!-- define a small grid -->
<grid name="default">
    <host name="hot.mcs.anl.gov" cpus="2">
        <service
            version="ssh"
            type="job-submission"
            url="{host}:22"/>
        <service
            version="ssh"
            type="file-transfer"
            url="{host}:22"/>
    </host>
</grid>

```

9.5 Include Search Path

When the **include** ^(9.8.23) element is used, the specified file is first searched in the directory where the main specification file is located. If the requested file is not found, the include search path is iterated until the file is found. The include search path is defined in *etc/karajan.properties*. The list of directories is separated by

colons. A special token, *@classpath*, indicates Karajan should try to find the file in the JVM class path.

By default, Karajan starts with a very bare set of elements defined. To access most of the elements described in this manual, you should include the *sysdefaults.xml* file in the beginning of the specification:

```
<project name="myproject">
    <include file="sysdefaults.xml"/>
    ...
</project>
```

9.6 Architecture

This section explains the main architectural characteristics of Karajan.

9.6.1 The Loading Process

Only basic structural and syntactic validation is being performed at load time. Semantic validation is performed individually at execution time by each execution element.

A one-to-one mapping of the XML document elements and flow elements is done by using an element map which provides the correspondence between XML element names and fully qualified flow element class names. An exception applies to the **include** (9.8.23) element, which immediately after being loaded instructs the loader to parse the included file, the contents of which is in-lined in the current element tree.

9.6.2 The Execution Model

There are two important notions to remember in Karajan. One is the execution element (or flow element), which (as outlined in the previous subsection) is constructed from XML elements in the specification. The second one is the event. Events are used either to notify elements about the status of the execution of other elements, or to instruct elements to perform certain actions (such as start or restart execution). Events also encapsulate the state of the overall execution through a variable stack. The stack contains the complete run-time state for a specific thread of execution. There should be no deterministic difference in the execution of two different instances of the same type of element, with the same attribute values, that receive equivalent events (with identical states).

Elements are static as far as the execution is concerned. Their internal state may change during the execution, but the execution state must not be influenced by the internal state of the elements. They react to events and can use the stack passed through the events to manipulate the state of the execution. Each element that is being executed can add a frame to the variable stack. The frame can be used to store variables that can represent the state of the element. These variables are also accessible to contained elements. When the execution of an element ends, it destroys the frame that it created, and together with it the variables that it contained. This behavior is not enforced, but it is recommended. It is however mandatory that the number of frames is the same before an element begins execution and after the same element has completed execution.

In the case of parallel containers, each parallel thread will start with a copy of the stack. The stack copies will internally share frames that are not write accessible to the threads. A diagram detailing the stack model can be seen in Figure 9.7. The conventional representation *pop - (a b - a)* for a stack indicates that *a* and *b* were present on the stack before the execution of *pop*, and only *a* was left afterwards.

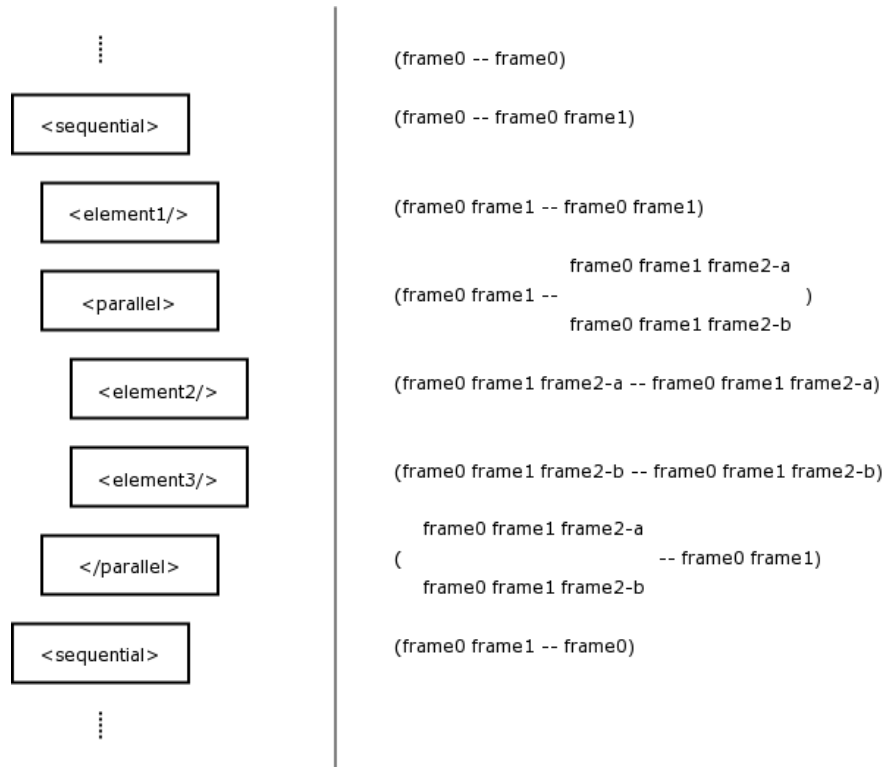


Figure 9.7: The stack model

The above may in some cases be insufficient. Certain variables need to be made accessible to the parent frames such that they can be used by subsequent elements that are not descendants of the element which defined those variables. This is still possible only in a sequential context. There is no way to propagate information from one thread to the other. While this characterizes the workflow execution, the applications themselves can still use interthread or interprocess communication or messaging as needed.

A distinction exists between Karajan threads and Java or OS threads. The Karajan threads differ from each other only by the variable stacks they receive. No assumption can be made about the Java or OS thread in which a Karajan thread executes. The events that are passed between elements are managed by an event dispatcher (which may use more than one Java thread). The appearance of parallelism is achieved through the fact that elements either take a short time to execute or they make use of their own Java threads if known to take a longer time to execute. The result is the ability to execute a large number of Karajan threads, without the overhead required by Java/OS threads. As an example, each Java thread requires a minimum of 96 kilobytes of memory just for the thread stack.

Karajan defines six event types:

- START : tells an element it should start execution.
- RESTART : tells an element which has not completed execution yet that it should restart its execution.
- EXECUTION_STARTED : sent by an element immediately after it has started execution.
- EXECUTION_COMPLETED : sent by an element after it completes execution. This event is sent as a result of receiving the END element and after cleanup is done.
- EXECUTION_FAILED : generated by an element when the execution failed. The frame created by the element should be popped from the stack before the event is sent.
- EXECUTION_RESTARTED : generated after receiving a restart event.

An example of the execution model for a sequential and a parallel container can be seen in Figure 9.8, and Figure 9.9, respectively.⁴

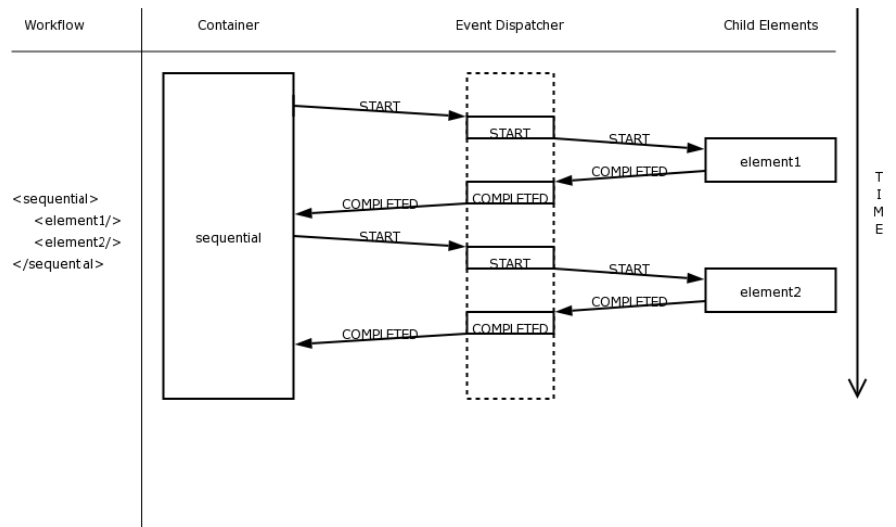


Figure 9.8: Execution of sequential elements

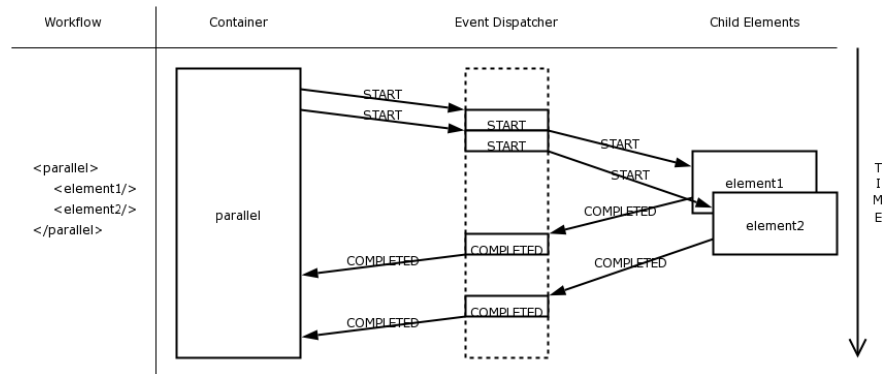


Figure 9.9: Execution of parallel elements

⁴ For space and readability considerations, the EXECUTION_COMPLETED event type was shortened to COMPLETED in the images

9.6.3 Task Scheduling

Task scheduling on Grid resources is done by using a scheduler that in turn uses the Java CoG Kit Core Grid abstraction layer. The **gridExecute** ^(9.8.18) and **gridTransfer** ^(9.8.19) elements submit the requests for execution to the scheduler which enqueues these requests and executes them as resources become available. It is up to the scheduler to manage both local and remote resources in order to ensure that these resources are not overloaded. However, certain parameters can be passed to the scheduler (using the **scheduler** ^(9.8.49) element) that can alter the way in which the resources are allocated from the defined pool (the **grid** ^(9.8.17) element). The scheduler also chooses the proper handlers and services for a given task.

Tasks may or may not have certain constraints associated with them. Some tasks may have predefined resources or handlers that they require. For example, a certain job submission may have a predefined resource that it needs to run on. In such a case, the scheduler should not attempt to find another resource for the task. However, when a task does not specify such constraints, the scheduler must fill the missing parts required to execute the task. The scheduler must also take care of task encapsulation. This refers to the case when certain tasks must be executed on the same resource.

When trying to submit a task, the default scheduler cycles through the list of available resources and uses the first one that it finds suitable for the given task. The resource search for the next task begins with the resource immediately following the last used resource in the list. If the end of the list is reached, the search continues from the beginning of the list. If after one complete cycle through all the elements in the list, nothing suitable is found, the execution is postponed for a later time, when some of the resources may become free.

The scheduler does not take care of dependencies between tasks or the order of the execution of tasks. It is up to the workflow engine to do so. For the default scheduler, once a set of tasks is queued in the scheduler, there is no way to know anything about the order in which the execution of these tasks will begin, nor about the order in which they will complete their execution. Of course, other schedulers for which such things are known can be written, but the scheduler interface does not define explicit ways for enforcing execution order, nor it is required by the workflow engine from the scheduler that such order be known or be specifiable.

9.7 Checkpointing

Checkpointing is still an experimental feature in Karajan. This section describes the basic workings of checkpointing in Karajan. Checkpointing parameters can be adjusted by using the **checkpoint** ^(9.8.4) element. Checkpointing here refers to Karajan checkpointing. Only the state of the workflow is saved in a checkpoint. The state of grid tasks is not included in the checkpoint. Imagine the following scenario (in chronological order): a Karajan specification creates certain files on a remote resource, the execution is checkpointed and interrupted, the files then are deleted, and the execution state is restored from the checkpoint. If the files are further needed and referenced in the specification, an error will eventually occur.

9.7.1 Checkpoint Creation

Checkpointing works by dumping the specification and the state to a file. The specification consists of the element tree and is similar to the initial source after all

the **include** (9.8.23) elements have been processed. The state of the execution is composed of two main areas: the set of events that are waiting to be delivered, and the state of elements that have begun execution but have not yet completed it.

When a checkpoint is requested, the checkpoint manager first locks the event dispatcher in order to guarantee that the state of remains consistent during the checkpointing process. While the event dispatcher is locked, it does not deliver events, nor does it accept new events. Threads that are trying to post events to the dispatcher are suspended during this time. The checkpoint manager also keeps track of elements that have been started but were not completed and also keeps a reference to the stack of those elements. Since the checkpoint manager does not make a full copy of the element stack (for performance considerations), it may sometimes be the case that an element can at specific moments modify the stack and leave it in an inconsistent state. A special locking mechanism that allows an element to group operations on the stack that should be atomic is provided. The checkpoint manager will therefore wait until all elements have completed the execution of blocks that need to be atomic relative to the stack, before making the actual checkpoint. It can be easily seen that posting an event to the dispatcher inside a atomic block could cause a deadlock. It is thus prohibited to do so.

After the checkpoint manager has ensured that the overall state of the execution is in a consistent state, it begins writing the specification, events, and list of currently executing elements to the checkpoint file. Each event and running element has an associated stack, which will also be serialized. It is mandatory that all elements put only Java Beans on the stack; otherwise, variables on the stack will not be saved, leading to an incomplete checkpoint.

9.7.2 Restoring from a Checkpoint

When invoked with a checkpoint file from the command line, Karajan will automatically detect the checkpoint and restore the state of the execution at the time the checkpoint was taken. A checkpoint file is self-contained and does not require the original specification.

The restoration process is done by first loading the specification from the checkpoint file. Afterwards, pending events are deserialized and posted to the event dispatcher. Elements that were executing at the time the checkpoint was taken are also sent a RESTART event using the associated stack that was saved during checkpointing. This will effectively put the execution in the state it was at the time the checkpointing was done.

9.8 Quick Element Reference

Default arguments are indicated by a plus sign (+). Optional arguments are indicated by an asterisk (*).

9.8.1 `allocateHost`

Defines a token that can be used to guarantee that a set of tasks will be executed on the same resource.

Arguments:

name: The name of the variable that should be set with the value of the token. The token can then be used by the `gridExecute` (9.8.18) and `gridTransfer` (9.8.19) elements as a host attribute.

9.8.2 `and`

Performs a boolean *and* operation.

Arguments:

Nested arguments: The terms.

9.8.3 `argument`

Evaluates to the value supplied as argument.

Arguments:

value+: The argument.

9.8.4 `checkpoint`

Sets checkpointing parameters or forces the immediate creation of a checkpoint.

Arguments:

fileName: The name of the file to which the checkpoint will be written.

interval: Sets the interval at which regular checkpoints will be performed. The interval is specified in seconds.

now: If set to *true* causes the immediate creation of a checkpoint. This is merely a debugging feature. The recommended method is to set a regular interval for checkpointing.

9.8.5 `contains`

Tests whether a file contains a certain text.

Arguments:

file: The file to be searched

value: The value to be searched

9.8.6 default

Typically used to define the default value for an argument in a template. It sets the value of the specified variable if it is not already defined.

Arguments:

name: The name of the variable to be defined

value: The value of the variable

9.8.7 echo

Echoes a message on the console

Arguments:

message: The message to be echoed

<inline text>: Can be used instead of the *message* attribute for larger chunks of text

9.8.8 element

Used to specify a user defined element. Consult Section [9.3.7](#)

Arguments:

name: The name of the element that is being defined.

arguments: A list of named arguments that the element accepts

vargs: Set to true if the element accepts variable unnamed arguments. These will be available through the *vargs* variable.

9.8.9 elementDef

Defines a new element using a Java class

Arguments:

className: The fully qualified Java class name of the element

nodeType: The XML element name to be defined

9.8.10 else

Encapsulates a set of elements that will be executed if no other condition evaluates to true inside an **if** [\(9.8.21\)](#) element. Details about conditional execution can be found in Section [9.3.4](#)

9.8.11 elseif

Encapsulates a series of elements that will be executed if the condition specified prior to the **elseif** [\(9.8.11\)](#) element evaluates to true. Further details about conditional execution are available in Section [9.3.4](#)

9.8.12 equals

Performs an object comparison on two objects. It can for string comparisons in particular.

Arguments:

value1: The first argument.

value2: The second argument.

9.8.13 executeJava

Executes a Java application in a separate thread. The element completes execution when the application completes execution.

Arguments:

mainClass: The fully qualified name of the class that contains the main method.

Nested arguments: Arguments to be passed to the constructor

9.8.14 for

Iterates across a range of integer values

Arguments:

from: Used in conjunction with the *to* attribute indicates the first value of the iteration

name: The name of the variable that is set with the current iteration value

parallel: If set to *true* the iterations will be executed in parallel, otherwise they will be executed sequentially

range: A range of the form *n, m* describing all integers between *n* and *m* (inclusive)

to: Used together with the *from* attribute, indicates the last value of the iteration

9.8.15 foreach

Iterates across a sequence of discrete values

Arguments:

dir: Points to a directory. The iteration will be performed by using the files in the specified directory.

in: A comma separated list of strings that will be used as iteration values

parallel: If set to *true* the iterations will be executed in parallel, otherwise they will be executed sequentially

9.8.16 generateError

Causes an error to be generated

Arguments:

message: Sets the message associated with the error

9.8.17 **grid**

Encapsulates a collection of Grid resources that are used by the scheduler to schedule tasks.

9.8.18 **gridExecute**

Executes a job on the Grid.

Arguments:

args: The arguments to be passed to the executable

directory: The directory on the remote resource to execute the job in

executable: A path to an executable on the remote resource

host: A resource on which the job will be executed. If left empty, the scheduler will choose a resource. If a resource token (see **allocateHost** ^(9.8.1)) is used, the job will be executed on the resource that the token resolves to.

stderr: A path to a file on the remote resource to which the standard error stream of the executable is to be redirected

stdin: A path to a file on the remote resource that will be redirected to the standard input of the executable

stdout: A path to a file on the remote resource that will be used to redirect the standard output stream of the job.

9.8.19 **gridTransfer**

Used to transfer a file on the Grid

Arguments:

destdir: The destination directory

destfile: The name of the destination file

desthost: The destination resource

srcdir: The source directory

srcfile: The source file

srchost: The source resource

9.8.20 **host**

Describes one resource in the Grid definition

Arguments:

cpus: The number of CPUs that the resource has

name: The host name of the resource

9.8.21 **if**

Allows conditional execution. Section [9.3.4](#) provides additional details.

9.8.22 ignoreErrors

Causes any errors generated by contained elements to be ignored.

9.8.23 include

Parses the contents of a file inserting the elements after the position of the **include** (9.8.23) element.

Arguments:

file: The file to be included

9.8.24 invokeJavaMethod

Invokes a method on a Java object.

Arguments:

object+: An object instance to invoke the method on. The **newJavaObject** (9.8.40) element can be used to create such an instance.

method: The name of the method to invoke.

Nested arguments: Arguments to pass to the method.

9.8.25 list:append

Concatenates lists/items into a list.

Arguments:

Nested arguments: Lists or items to be concatenated.

9.8.26 list:prepend

Concatenates lists/items in reverse order.

Arguments:

Nested arguments: Lists or items to be concatenated

9.8.27 list:size

Evaluates to the size of the list argument.

Arguments:

list+: A list or an item. In the later case, the size will be 1.

9.8.28 math:equals

Performs a numeric comparison of the arguments.

Arguments:

value1: The first argument.

value2: The second argument.

9.8.29 **math:ge**

Tests if the first argument is greater than or equal to the second argument.

Arguments:

value1: The first argument.

value2: The second argument.

9.8.30 **math:gt**

Tests if the first argument is greater than the second argument.

Arguments:

value1: The first argument.

value2: The second argument.

9.8.31 **math:le**

Tests if the first argument is lower than or equal to the second argument.

Arguments:

value1: The first argument.

value2: The second argument.

9.8.32 **math:lt**

Tests if the first argument is lower than the second argument.

Arguments:

value1: The first argument.

value2: The second argument.

9.8.33 **math:product**

Multiplies a set of numbers.

Arguments:

*Nested arguments:*The values to be multiplied

9.8.34 **math:quotient**

Divides two real numbers.

Arguments:

dividend: The dividend

divisor: The divisor

9.8.35 **math:remainder**

Evaluates the remainder of a division operation.

Arguments:

dividend: The dividend

divisor: The divisor

9.8.36 **math:sqrt**

Computes the square root of a number.

Arguments:

value+: The number for which the root square is to be calculated.

9.8.37 **math:square**

Computes the square of a number.

Arguments:

value+: The number to be squared.

9.8.38 **math:subtraction**

Subtracts two numbers (evaluates from – value).

Arguments:

from: The minuend

value: The subtrahend

9.8.39 **math:sum**

Adds a set of numbers.

Arguments:

*Nested arguments:*The values to be summed

9.8.40 **newJavaObject**

instantiates a new Java object.

Arguments:

className: the class name of the object to be instantiated.

9.8.41 **nonCheckpointable**

Has no functional purpose. It is generated inside serialized versions of events in the locations where non checkpointable elements are found. An example of such an element is **include** ^(9.8.23) which serves its purpose during the parsing process and has no further function afterwards.

9.8.42 not

Performs a boolean negation.

Arguments:

value+: The argument

9.8.43 numberFormat

Formats a number according to the specified pattern.

Arguments:

pattern: The pattern according to which the number is formatted. The pattern has the syntax used by `java.text.DecimalFormat`

value: The value to be formatted

See also: <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.4.2/docs/api/java/text/DecimalFormat.html>

9.8.44 or

Performs a boolean *or* operation.

Arguments:

Nested arguments: The arguments.

9.8.45 parallel

Executes the contained elements in parallel

9.8.46 project

The root container of a main workflow file.

Arguments:

name: The name of the project

9.8.47 readFile

Reads a file and stores the contents into a variable. This function is intended for small files.

Arguments:

file: The file to be read

9.8.48 restartOnError

Restarts the execution of the contained elements if an error is generated

Arguments:

times: Indicates the maximum number of times the contained elements should be restarted in case of an error before the error is reported.

9.8.49 scheduler

Specifies the type and parameters for the scheduler that is going to be used to schedule Grid tasks.

Arguments:

type: Indicates the type of the scheduler. Details about available schedulers can be found in Subsection [9.6.3](#).

<varies>: Attributes to be passed to the scheduler.

9.8.50 service

Defines a service for a resource

Arguments:

type: The type of the service. Currently the accepted values are *job-submission* and *file-transfer*.

url: A URL indicating the location of the service.

version: A version label that is matched against the version labels of the defined task handler(s).

9.8.51 securityContext

Used as a nested element of **taskHandler** ([9.8.55](#)) to define a security context for the handler.

Arguments:

type: Indicates the type of the security context. For details consult Section [9.4](#)

9.8.52 securityContextProperty

Defines a property for a security context.

Arguments:

name: The name of the property

value: The value of the property

9.8.53 sequential

Executes the contained elements in sequential order

9.8.54 setvar

Sets the value of a variable

Arguments:

name: The name of the variable

value: The value of the variable

9.8.55 taskHandler

Defines a task handler that can be used by the scheduler to execute tasks.

Arguments:

type: The type of the handler. Valid types are described in Section 9.4

version: A label used to match **service** (9.8.50) definitions against handlers

9.8.56 template

Invoked a template that was previously defined using **templateDef** (9.8.57)

Arguments:

name: The name of the template to be invoked

<varies>: Arguments to be passed to the template

9.8.57 templateDef

Defines a template

Arguments:

name: The name of the template to be defined

9.8.58 then

Encapsulates a series of elements that will be executed if the condition specified prior to the **then** (9.8.58) element evaluates to true. Further details about conditional execution are available in Section 9.3.4

9.8.59 UID

Generates a unique numeric ID

9.8.60 wait

Delays the execution for a period of time or until a specific time

Arguments:

delay: The delay in milliseconds to wait

until: A string representing a date. The format of the date is any format accepted by the `java.util.Date` class

See also: <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.4.2/docs/api/java/util/Date.html>

10 Graph Editor

In order to compile the editor, execute 'ant dist' in the grapheditor directory. A new directory named 'dist' will be created. The 'dist' directory will contain the following subdirectories: bin - contains the launchers used to start programs from the command line; etc - contains configuration files (none at the moment); lib - contains the jar files needed to run the viewer/editor; examples - a few graph examples and a perl client that can interact with the viewer service

10.1 Configuring

The 'dist/etc' directory contains the *grapheditor.properties* file, which can be used to customize certain aspects of the editor.

10.2 Running

To run the editor, cd to the 'dist/bin' directory and execute './grapheditor' (or grapheditor.bat on windows)

The following command line options can be used:

- s <port> : Starts the editor in server mode, listening for incoming connections on the specified port. If no port is specified, the default (9999) will be used.
- h | -help : Displays a list of options together with brief explanations.
- l | -load <file> : Loads <file> after starting up.
- t | -target <target> : Starts on the specified rendering target. The following targets exists as of the writing of this manual:
 - swing [10.3.1](#) : Uses the Java Swing graphical interface. It is currently the only target that supports interactive editing.
 - html [10.3.2](#) : Produces a HTML file together with any necessary images.
 - postscript [10.3.3](#) : Renders the graph in an Encapsulated PostScript file.
 - remote [10.3.4](#) : Can be used to forward the display of a graph to a remote viewer. The API can be used as if working with local rendering, and the remote renderers will take care of forwarding the events to the remote viewer. It is unlikely that this target would be of any use when invoking the graph editor from the command line.

Additional options can be specified in the *etc/grapheditor.properties* file. These options are generally particular to every target and thus explained in the target descriptions subsections.

10.3 Using The Graph Editor

This section will describe how each target of the graph editor can be used.

10.3.1 The Swing Target

When started in the Swing (default) target, an empty frame (shown in Figure 10.3) is displayed. Three essential elements can be identified:

Menu Bar : can be used for various operations like loading and saving of graphs. The menus are dynamic, which means that depending on certain factors (i.e., the selected view), their structure can change. The *View* menu can be used to select the active view. A snapshot showing the list of available views is shown in Figure 10.1

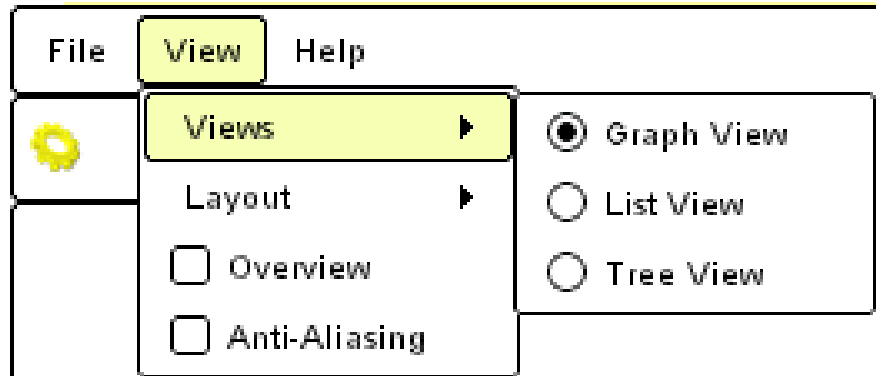


Figure 10.1: Available views

The graph view also supports a number of layout algorithms. These algorithms can be seen in the *View > Layouts* menu, when the Graph View is selected (see Figure 10.2).

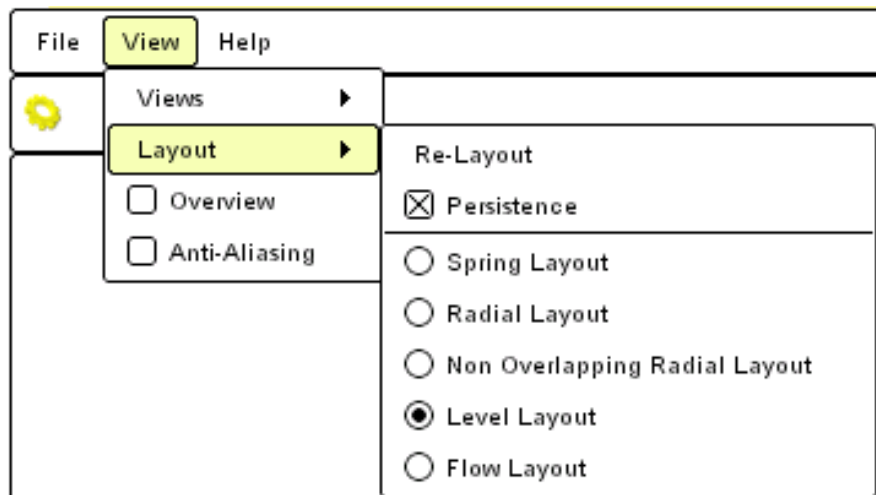


Figure 10.2: Layout algorithms

Tool Bar : contains icons representing various components that can be created in a graph canvas. The icons may not be present if the selected view does not support editing.

View Display : is the main panel where each view renders graphs.

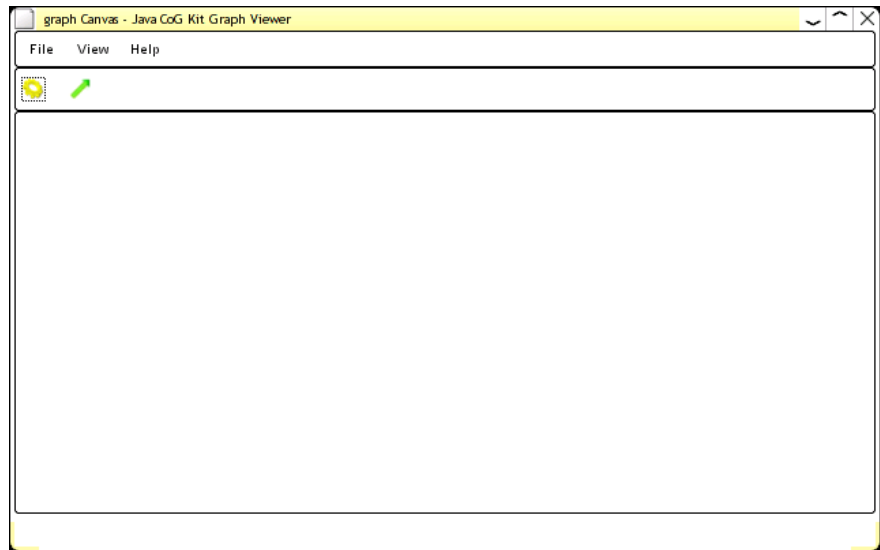


Figure 10.3: An empty graph editor window

When a graph is loaded or created, each component can have a set of options or actions accessible through a context menu. A snapshot of such a menu can be seen in Figure 10.4.

10.3.2 The HTML Target

The HTML target is used to render an HTML file that displays a graph. In order to be able to properly display a generated HTML graph, your browser will need to support JavaScript, and transparent PNG images. The HTML target has been tested with Mozilla 1.4 and up.

The output is optimized to produce a relatively small amount of data. For each distinct node icon, a separate image will be generated, but identical icons will not result in multiple images. Also, a certain amount of optimization is involved in the generation of edges (arrows). An exponential scale is used to snap the dimensions of the generated arrow images, such that arrows having dimensions that differ by a small percent ratio will be represented by the same image. However this image will be further scaled by the JavaScript code in the html file as needed. This may result in aliasing and distortion of the rendered page, but it is a required compromise.

The available options for the *HTML* target are as follows:

- `html.outputdir` : The output directory where the html source and images will be generated.
- `html.graphview.layoutengine` : The layout engine to be used when rendering a graph. The value is a fully qualified Java class name. The predefined layout engines that the graph editor provides are located in the `org.globus.cog.gui.grapheditor.canvas.views.layouts` package. Available layout class names are as follows:
 - `ExtendedSpringLayout` : A spring layout that does some initial heuristic layouting to reduce the overall layouting time. This layout will also skip the springing part for large graphs (since the spring layout is $O(n^2)$).

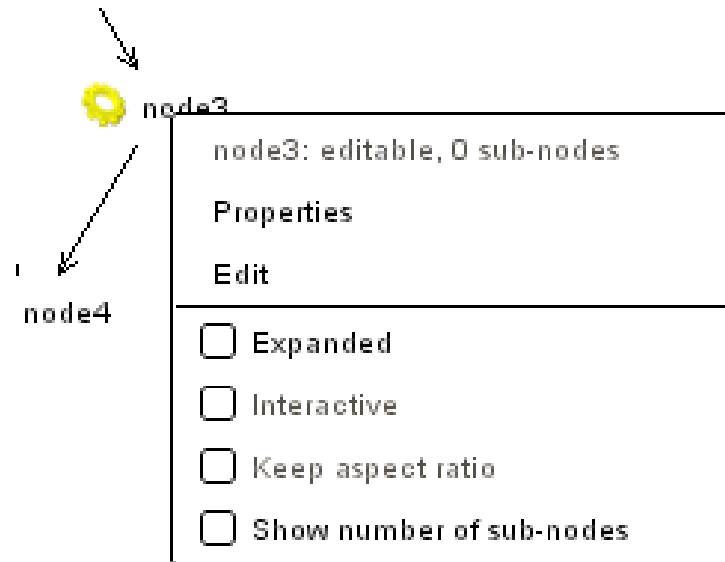


Figure 10.4: The Node Context Menu

LevelLayout : An $O(n)$ algorithm which places vertices on vertical levels using the edges as a factor of decision. Generally, if vertex a has an outgoing edge to vertex b , the later will be placed on a level below the former.

RadialLayout : Another $O(n)$ algorithm which tries to distribute edges for a vertex in such a way that the angles between consecutive edges will be the same.

NonOverlappingRadialLayout : This algorithm is a variation of the **LevelLayout**, with the distinction that instead of levels, the vertices are placed on concentric circles. While it tries not to overlap edges, it does not always succeed.

Flow Layout : $O(n)$ algorithm suitable for flow networks. It associates bounding boxes to vertices and, traversing the graph, resizes those bounding boxes according to the sizes of the bounding boxes of connected vertices.

10.3.3 The PostScript Target

Renders the graph in Encapsulated PostScript format.

Available options are as follows:

postscript.outputdir : The directory where the output file will be placed.

postscript.outputfile : The name of the file that the output will be written to.

postscript.graphview.layoutengine : The layout engine used to render the graph. Accepts the same values as *html.graphview.layoutengine* [10.3.2](#)

10.3.4 The Remote Target

Forwards API calls to a remote graph editor service.

Available options are as follows:

`remote.contact` : A *host:port* pair that represents the location of the graph editor service that the target will try to connect to.

10.4 Graph file format

The graphs are stored in a simple XML format. The simplest graph can be specified as follows:

```
<graph>
</graph>
```

Adding nodes can be done using the `node` element:

```
<graph>
  <node nodeid="1" name="the first node"/>
  <node nodeid="2" name="the second node"/>
</graph>
```

Edges can be added using the `nodeid`'s as references:

```
<graph>
  <node nodeid="1" name="the first node"/>
  <node nodeid="2" name="the second node"/>
  <edge from="1" to="2"/>
</graph>
```

Hierarchical graphs can be created too. In such graphs, each node can itself contain other graphs:

```
<graph>
  <node nodeid="1" name="the first node">
    <node nodeid="sn1" name="subnode 1"/>
    <node nodeid="sn2" name="subnode 2"/>
    <node nodeid="sn3" name="subnode 3"/>
    <edge from="sn1" to="sn2"/>
    <edge from="sn2" to="sn3"/>
    <edge from="sn3" to="sn1"/>
  </node>
  <node nodeid="2" name="the second node"/>
  <edge from="1" to="2"/>
</graph>
```

Properties are specified as XML attributes. There are a few predefined properties that each node can have:

- `name` : (String) appears as the text in the label used to render the node
- `iconfile` : (String) an absolute path to an image that will appear as an icon for the rendered node
- `overlayfile` : (String) an absolute path to an image that will be overlaid on top of the base icon.
- `hue` : (Float) specifies an additive adjustment for the hue of the icon. Changing this can shift the colors of the icon.

- saturation : (Float) a multiplicative adjustment for the saturation of the colors in the icon.
- value : (Float) a multiplicative adjustment for the value of the colors in the icon
- status : (Integer) a value, ranging from 0 to 3 with the following meanings:

```
0 - stopped
1 - running
2 - failed
3 - completed
```

This will adjust the HSV color properties of the icon, and change the overlay, to give a visual representation of a possible state of a task.

You can also add your own custom properties (which will show up in the properties list for a node/edge):

```
<graph>
  <node
    nodeid="1"
    name="the first node"
    iconfile="/usr/share/icons/myicon.png"/>
  <node
    nodeid="2"
    name="the second node"
    myproperty="myvalue"/>

  <edge from="1" to="2"/>
</graph>
```

10.5 API

At the basis of the viewer/editor stands the `org.globus.cog.util.graph.Graph` class. For details, please consult the JavaDoc available at [??](#)¹.

The editor can render nodes and edges that correctly implement the `org.globus.cog.gui.grapheditor.nodes.NodeComponent` interface, respectively,

the `org.globus.cog.gui.grapheditor.edges.EdgeComponent`. Generic implementations of the said interfaces are available at

`org.globus.cog.gui.grapheditor.generic.GenericNode` and `org.globus.cog.gui.grapheditor.generic.GenericEdge`.

Graphs are displayed in graph canvases, which in turn can have various views, used to render the graphs in particular ways. Views can also have transformations, used to algorithmically modify graphs, just before they are being displayed. These transformations can also be chained.

The nodes can also contain canvases, which in turn can contain other graphs, in a recursive manner. This allow for the effective use of hierarchical graph structures.

The following example shows how to build a simple graph and display it in a window:

¹ We need to have the JavaDoc of the CoG online

```

// create the root node
RootNode root = new RootNode ();

// create a canvas for the root node
GraphCanvas canvas = root.createCanvas ();

// create a graph structure
Graph graph = new Graph ();

// create three node components
GenericNode genericNode1 = new GenericNode ();
GenericNode genericNode2 = new GenericNode ();
GenericNode genericNode3 = new GenericNode ();

// add the components to the graph, and keep references
// to the node objects
Node node1 = graph.addNode (genericNode1 );
Node node2 = graph.addNode (genericNode2 );
Node node3 = graph.addNode (genericNode3 );

// create two edge components
GenericEdge genericEdge1 = new GenericEdge ();
GenericEdge genericEdge2 = new GenericEdge ();

// add the edge components to the graph
// the first edge will go from node1 to node2,
// while the second one will go from node1
// to node3
graph.addEdge (node1, node2, genericEdge1 );
graph.addEdge (node1, node3, genericEdge2 );

// tell the canvas what graph it is supposed to deal
// with
canvas.setGraph (graph );

// choose a view for the canvas
canvas.setView (new GraphView ());

// create a frame that displays everything
GraphFrame frame = new GraphFrame (root, false, 0);

// activate the frame
frame.activate ();

// start the main loop
frame.run ();

```

Node components and edge components (in short, graph components) can have properties. These properties can be used to change the appearance or behavior of the components. A list of meaningful properties for a `GenericNode` can be found in Table 10.4. The `nodeComponent.getPropertyValue(String name)` and `nodeComponent.setPropertyValue(String name, Object value)` methods can be used to query/modify the value of a property programmatically. The property changes will show immediate results on the screen. The example below will change the icon used for a node, and de-saturate it:


```
genericNode1.setPropertyValue("iconfile", "/tmp/myicon.png");  
genericNode1.setPropertyValue("saturation", new Float(0.1));
```

10.6 Scalability

When using the viewer with large graphs, please note that each element (node or edge) will take a total of about 1.3KB of memory when fully rendered. This means that a 50,000-node 150,000-edge graph will consume a total of about 300 MB.

11 Testing Framework

This chapter describes the Java CoG Kit testing framework. The main reason the framework was created was to ease the process of deploying automated tests of the Java CoG Kit against various Grid services. Nevertheless, it was also successfully used in testing the deployment and availability of the services themselves. The framework generates results in a convenient HTML form that can be accessed through the web.

11.1 Structure

The testing framework consists of a set of Java classes, and a driver script. The Java classes are used to interface with the Grid client-side functionality provided by the Java CoG Kit, while the driver script performs more mundane tasks, such as fetching of code/data, compiling, combining reports, and launching test suites.

11.2 Using the Testing Framework

To use the testing framework, you will need to download the driver script. The driver script is available in the Java CoG Kit v4 CVS archive. Instructions on downloading the Java CoG Kit sources from CVS are available in the installation Section (4). The driver script would then be located in the *cog/modules/testing/bin* directory. The script can then be moved to a convenient location.

11.2.1 Configuring the Driver Script

The driver script contains a set of configuration variables that can be modified to customize the tests. These variables are explained below:

- LOCAL : If set to "no", the drivers script will fetch the latest Java CoG Kit sources from the CVS archive at each run. If set to "yes" a local copy of the Java CoG Kit sources will be used at each run. In the later case, the *BUILDDIR* variable must point to a valid Java CoG Kit source tree.
- COMPILE : If set to "yes" the Java CoG Kit code involved in the testing process will be compiled before each test run is executed. If set to "no", no compilation will be performed. The later option assumes that the *testing* module is already compiled. For details about compiling a Java CoG Kit module, please refer to Section 4.6.
- BUILDDIR : Points to the directory where the Java CoG Kit is present or will be downloaded (depending on the value of the *LOCAL* variable).
- LOGFILE : Points to a file where a detailed log of the testing process will be created.
- HTMLOUTDIR : Indicates the root of the tree where the HTML reports will be generated. An index file will automatically be created in the specified directory.

- JDKSDIR : Points to a directory containing a set of Java Development Kits that will be used for the testing. Symbolic links can exist in the directory. However each JDK version will only be used once, regardless of the number of links pointing to it. Only valid JDKs from that directory will be used, therefore specifying something like `/usr/local` is safe.
- JDKS : Enumerates a set of Java Development Kits to be used for testing (separated by spaces). This variable has priority over the *JDKSDIR* variable. If not set, the JDKs detected using the *JDKSDIR* variable will be used.
- CVSROOT : Points to the location of the CVS archive for the Java CoG Kit. It should not be necessary to change the value of this variable.
- COG_PROPERTIES : Indicates the *cog.properties* configuration file to be used for the test runs. The default should work in most of the cases.
- HOSTLISTS : Represents a space separated list of hosts/services sets to be used for the testing. Each item can either be a local file, or a URL. If a URL is encountered, the *wget* utility will be used to attempt to download the list. The format of such a list is detailed in Section [11.2.2](#).
- TIMEOUT : The maximum amount of time, in seconds, to wait for an individual test to complete.

11.2.2 The Host List Format

The host list contains a list of machines and services that will be used for the testing. Each line in the list represents a service. Fields in each line are separated by a semi-colon. The fields are as follows:

- Host name : The name of the machine containing the service.
- OS : The operating system installed on the machine.
- CPU : The type/speed/number of CPUs the machine has.
- Memory : The amount of memory present
- Service : The service type and version. The service types that the framework recognizes are *gram* and *gsiftp*. The version is separated from the type by a space.
- Port : The port that the service is running on.

There can be multiple services of the same type on one machine, given that the ports are different. The *OS*, *CPU*, and *Memory* fields serve only as informal items. If a line cannot be parsed, it will simply be excluded from the tests. An example is shown below:

```
...
hot.mcs.anl.gov:Mandrake 7.2 (2.4.17);PIII 866 MHz (x2);512 MB;gram 2.4.2;5242
hot.mcs.anl.gov:Mandrake 7.2 (2.4.17);PIII 866 MHz (x2);512 MB;gram 2.4.3;2119
hot.mcs.anl.gov:Mandrake 7.2 (2.4.17);PIII 866 MHz (x2);512 MB;gsiftp 2.4.2;6242
hot.mcs.anl.gov:Mandrake 7.2 (2.4.17);PIII 866 MHz (x2);512 MB;gsiftp 2.4.3;2811
cold.mcs.anl.gov:Solaris 9;Sparc 900 Mhz (x2);4 GB;gram 2.4.3;2119
cold.mcs.anl.gov:Solaris 9;Sparc 900 Mhz (x2);4 GB;gsiftp 2.4.3;2811
...
```

12 Command Tools

13 grid-cert-request

The certificate management module is a set of tools that make it easier for users to manage their certificates. For instance there are tools to generate a certificate request, store credential on MyProxy server, view local credential, renew certificates and revoke certificates.

Administrators have to choice of deploying these tools as signed Java Applets and/or as signed Java WebStart Applets.

The benefits of signed Java Applet are integration into web pages however they required Java capable browsers. Java singed WebStart Applets do not have this requirement. The WebStart mechanism also has the advantage of caching the jars used by the applets. One disadvantage to the WebStart mechanism is that the Applet will not integrate into web page.

Both of these deployment methods are appealing because they dont require any installation of OGSA or CoG by the client. The deployment mechanism will install the necessary jars to run the certificate management tools.

This module consists of .java files for the actual applets and of .jsp and .html pages to launch the Java Applets and .jnlp files to launch the WebStart Applets. These files contain parameters that can be changed by an administrator to change such things as the Certificate Authority, MyProxy server location and background color of the applet.

These applets need to be signed

(explain how this is done)

A user must trust the entity that signed the applets.

[warning.jpg]

At the moment the jce jar is not signed properly by Bouncy Castle. Once we use the latest jar it will be ok but for the moment you will get this dialog. Simply press the X not the abort button.

[jce.jar]

Once the user grants the applets security access it will start.

The first step a new grid user will have to do is get credentials. To do this you need to generate a certificate request and have it signed by your certificate authority. Use the CertReqApplet to do this:

[certreq.jpg]

(description of params goes here)

Once you get a response from your CA place it in your usercert.pem as described in the email. You can now use the certificate info applet to see your local credentials.

[cerinfo.jpg]

Supposing you were going away on a business trip you may want to put some temporary credential on a MyProxy server. See myproxy command line tool for more details on what this means.

[myproxy.jpg]

(description of params goes here)

After a certain amount of time your credential will expire. Before this happens your CA will send you a renewal notification with a challenge phrase. You can use the certificate renew applet to generate your renewal request.

[certrenew_applet.jpg]

(description of params goes here)

If for some reason your credentials get compromised or you simply dont need them anymore you may want to destroy your credentials and notify your CA that you did so. The certificate revocation applet can be used to delete the certificate files and notify your CA.

[certrevocation_appet.jpg]

(description of params goes here)

grid-cert-request [-help] [options ...]

SYNOPSIS.

grid-cert-request can create user, host, and LDAP server certificates. A certificate request and private key will be created. You will be asked to enter a PEM pass phrase. This pass phrase is akin to your account password, and is used to protect your key file. If you forget your pass phrase, you will need to obtain a new certificate.

EXAMPLES.

```
grid-cert-request
    - Creating a user certificate

grid-cert-request -host [my.host.fqdn]
    - Creating a host or gatekeeper certificate

grid-cert-request -service ldap -host [my.host.fqdn]
    - Creating a LDAP server certificate
```

OPTION

```
-version          : Display version
- , -h, -help,    : Display usage
```

```

-usage
-cn <name>,           : Common name of the user
-commonname <name>
-service <service> : Create certificate for a service. Requires
                    the -host option and implies that the generated
                    key will not be password protected (ie implies -nopw)
-host <FQDN>         : Create certificate for a host named <FQDN>
-dir <dir_name>      : Changes the directory the private key and certificate
                    request will be placed in. By default user certificates
                    are placed in /home/user/.globsys, service certificates
                    are placed in /etc/grid-security/<service>.
-prefix <prefix>    : Causes the generated files to be named
                    <prefix>cert.pem, <prefix>key.pem and
                    <prefix>cert_request.pem
-nopw,               : Create certificate without a password
-nodes,
-nopassphrase,
-verbose             : Don't clear the screen <<Not used>>
-int[eractive]       : Prompt user for each component of the DN
                    <<Not implemented yet>>
-force               : Overwrites preexisting certificates;

```

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