



Rapid Development of Customised Web Portals for Scientific Computing

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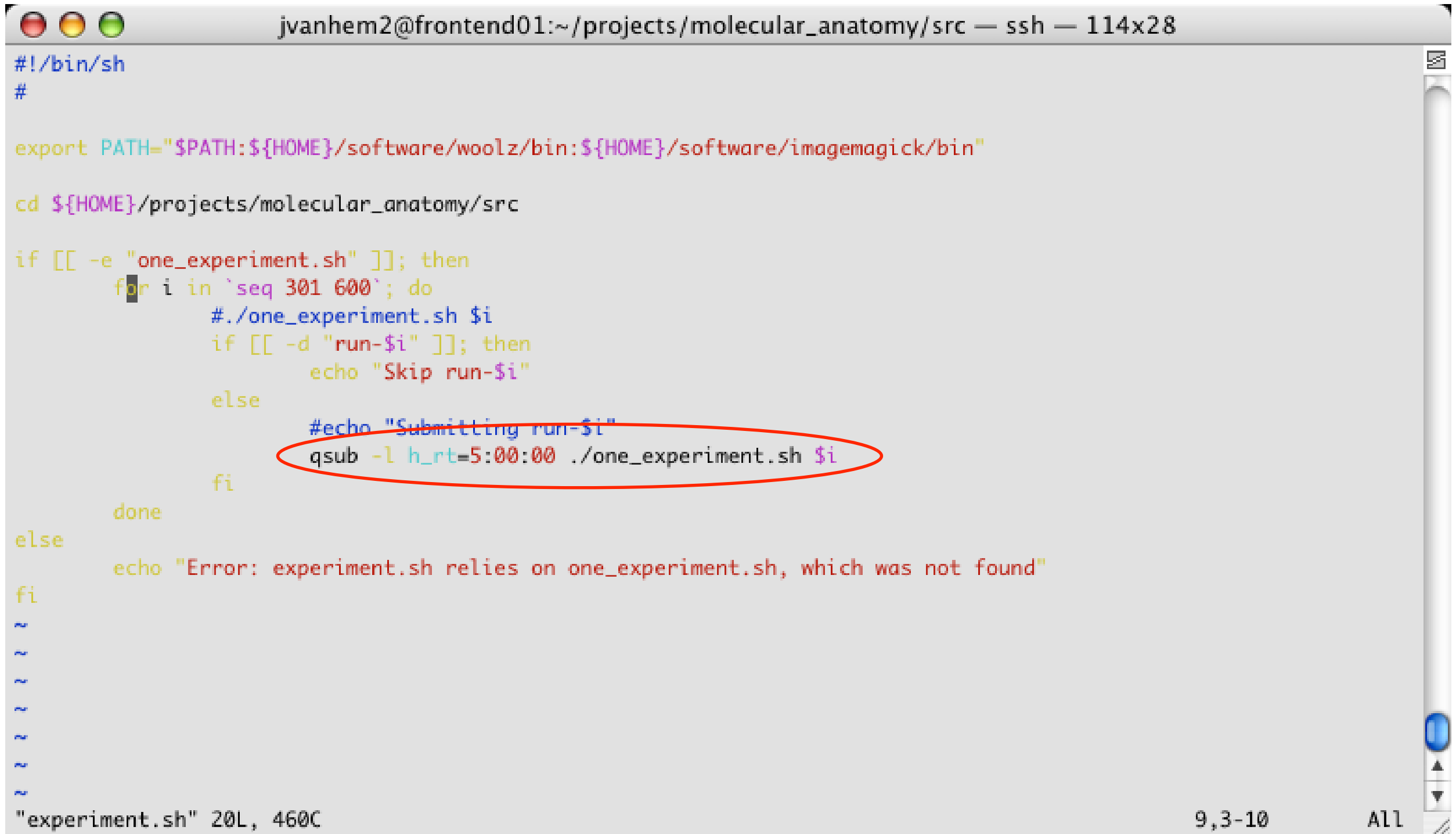


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Scientific Computing: The Stone Age



A screenshot of a terminal window with a title bar that reads "jvanhem2@frontend01:~/projects/molecular_anatomy/src — ssh — 114x28". The terminal displays a shell script. The script starts with a shebang line "#!/bin/sh" and a comment "#". It then sets the PATH environment variable to include directories for 'woolz' and 'imagemagick'. The script changes the current directory to the source directory. It uses an if statement to check if "one_experiment.sh" exists. If it does, it enters a for loop over the range 301 to 600. Inside the loop, it runs a comment "#./one_experiment.sh \$i", checks if a directory "run-\$i" exists, and either skips or submits a job to a queue using "qsub". The "qsub" command is circled in red. If "one_experiment.sh" is not found, it prints an error message. The terminal shows several tilde characters "~" indicating the script is running. At the bottom, it shows the script's metadata: "experiment.sh" 20L, 460C. The status bar at the bottom right shows "9,3-10" and "All".

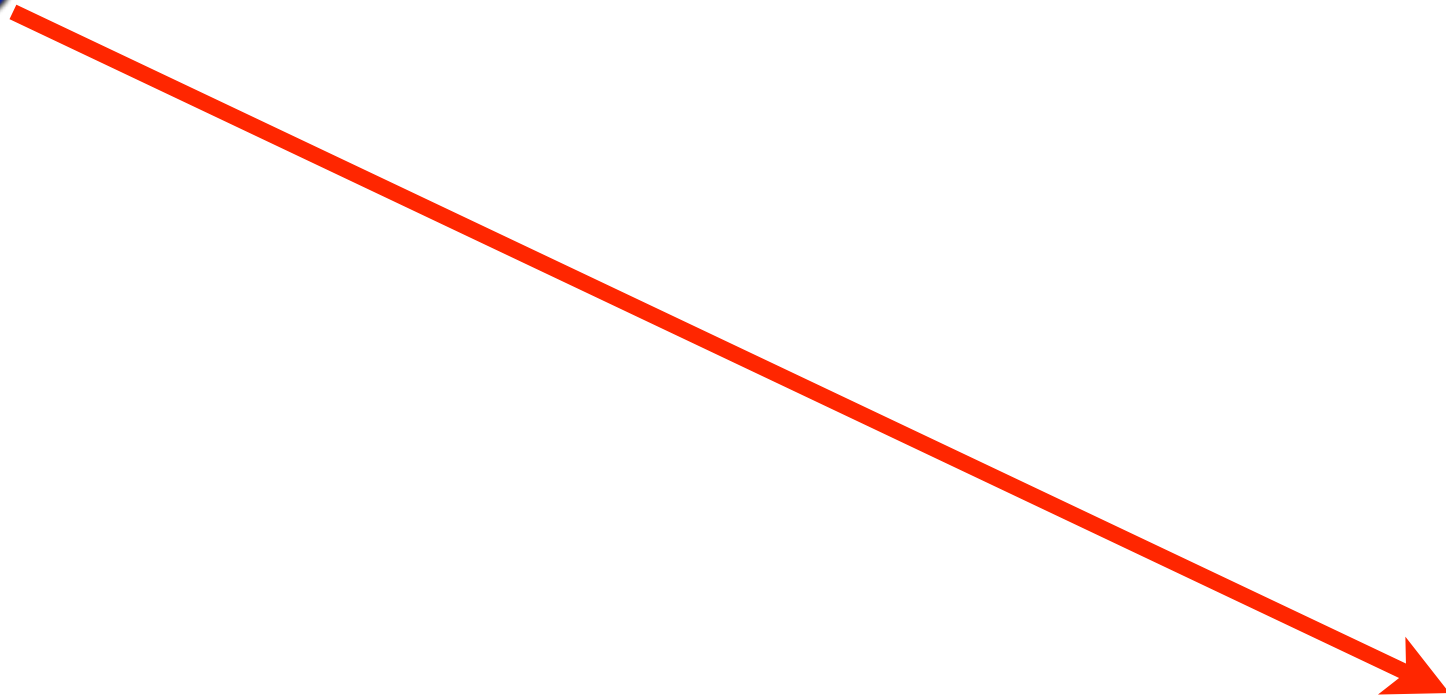
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#!/bin/sh
#

export PATH="$PATH:${HOME}/software/woolz/bin:${HOME}/software/imagemagick/bin"

cd ${HOME}/projects/molecular_anatomy/src

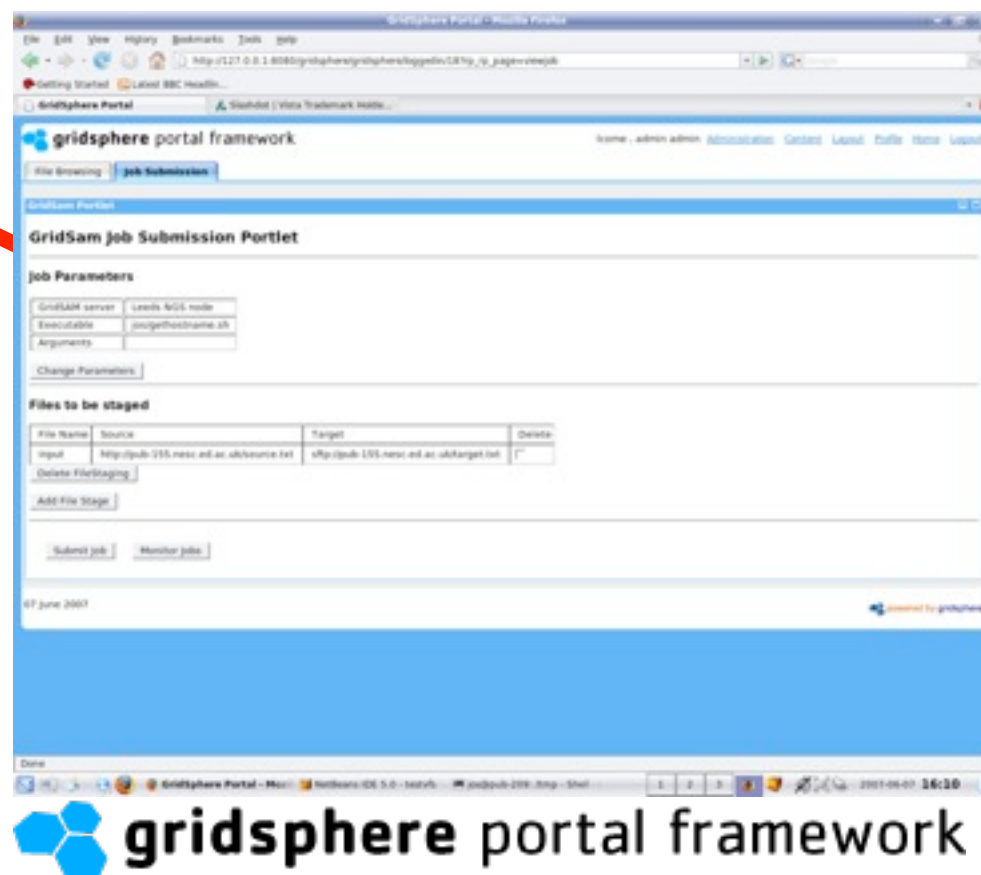
if [[ -e "one_experiment.sh" ]]; then
    for i in `seq 301 600`; do
        #./one_experiment.sh $i
        if [[ -d "run-$i" ]]; then
            echo "Skip run-$i"
        else
            #echo "Submitting run-$i"
            qsub -l h_rt=5:00:00 ./one_experiment.sh $i
        fi
    done
else
    echo "Error: experiment.sh relies on one_experiment.sh, which was not found"
fi
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"experiment.sh" 20L, 460C
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Presentations

Add Connections

Inbox (1 unread)

Koye Somefun RE: op linked in Sep 15 take action

Action Items: Invitations (3), See all messages »

Network Updates

What are you working on now?

Jano...

Update

Jano is giving a presentation for eDIKT2 9 seconds ago - clear

Today

CONNECTION UPDATES (7)

Tom McCallum is now connected to Michael Dearman 1 minute ago

Stefano Cagnoni is now connected to Mirco Passeri 12 minutes ago

Stephan da Silva is now connected to Inoo Tanaka and Michael Bednar-Brandt 1 hour ago

Cecilia Di Chio is now connected to Florent Nollet 1 hour ago

Barend Mons is now connected to Bart Knois 1 hour ago

Show more...

Yesterday

STATUS UPDATES (1)

Rokesh Jankie and the QAFE Team are all at location implementing

People you may know

Adrian Jackson 2nd Application Consultant at EPCC, The University of Edinburgh invite x

Shane Threatt [LION] shane.linkedin@yahoo.com group Yahoo! Talent Acquisition Team invite x

Paul Fisher 2nd Research Associate at University of Manchester invite x

See more »

My Travel

Full view

Upcoming trips

Oxford, United Kingdom (3 days) Sep 21 - Sep 23 Fly Brain Workshop

Bratislava, Slovakia (3 days) Oct 7 - Oct 9 ADMIRE F2F

View all trips

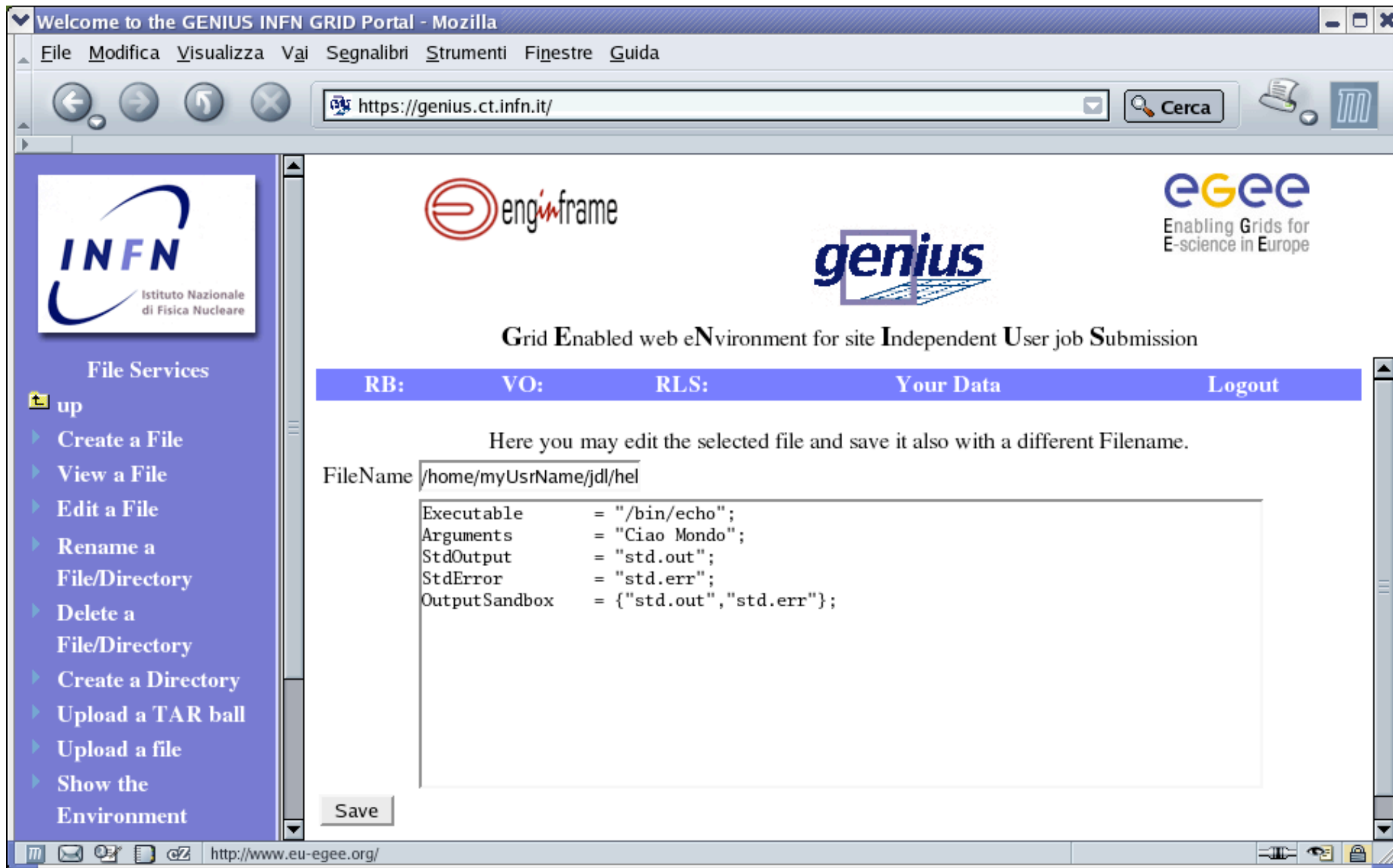
Done







Ridiculous portal



source: GENIUS portal guide

My Grid Identity: None

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Submit My Job

My Job : Weka "Instances" Test

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Review and submit My Job (the active job) to the selected candidate host.

My Job Summary

Application Name:	(Browse / Select New Application)	Weka	Edit
Application Version:		3.4.9	Edit
Job Name:		Weka "Instances" Test	Edit
Job Category:		Analysis/Stats	Edit
Selected Execute / Submission Endpoint:		ngs.rl.ac.uk:2119/lsf	Edit
Candidate Execution / Submission Endpoints:	<Candidate Hosts>	Update	Edit
Executable:		/usr/ngs/WEKA_3_4_9	Edit
Standard Input File:			Edit
Standard Output File:		my_vsl_res	Edit
Standard Error File:		StdErr.txt	Edit
Working Directory:			Edit
Status (Check):		UNSUBMITTED	
JobHandle:			
Process Count:		1	Edit
Job Type:		single	Edit
Node Count:			Edit
Min Mem (MB):			Edit
Max Mem (MB):			Edit
Arguments:		weka.core.Instances soybean.arff	Edit

Job Description: [Edit](#)

WEKA 3.4.9

template configured by J.Churchill (HPCSG,RAL,STFC)
updated by A.Maniopoulou (HPCSG,RAL,STFC)

This is an simple "Instances" job. Weka is a serial code.

The input files required for this example can be retrieved and staged into your home (or working) directory from [ngs.rl.ac.uk:/apps/weka/weka-3-4-9/data/soybean.arff](#). This template is setup to stage the example input files from this directory. Before running this example, change and/or create the working directory on the "Active Job Profile Detail" page, then go to the 'StageData' page and click on 'StageNow' button to copy the files into that working directory.

To now run this example job (or another job based on this template) go to the "Submit" page and click on "Validate the RSL" before submission. If that gives no errors, check the box next to re-submit and then click the "Submit active job". The status of the job should appear in red. First it will say submitted. To update the status, click on the status wording. When completed, go to

Environment Variables (None): [Edit](#)

File Systems: [Edit](#)

File System Name	MountPoint	Type
WORKINGDIR		normal
USRNGS	/usr/ngs	normal

General portal

- Far too many boxes to fill in
- Arcane technical content required
- Basically a command-line / XML-editor in disguise

Specific portal

GridSphere Portal - Windows Internet Explorer

https://lepus.nesc.gla.ac.uk/gridsphere/gridsphere?cid=geronimo

GridSphere Portal

Nano-CMOS Portal English

GridSphere Management **Services** VP-Man Test

Atomistic Data Service **Atomistic Simulator** Aurora

Atomistic Simulator

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Input input.inp

TIF input.tif

Demo mode ☒

Execution Target EEE Glasgow SGE (golem.elec.gla.ac.uk) ▼

Run Simulation

Refresh Status

Local Machine (lepus.nesc.gla.ac.uk)
NGS Leeds Compute Node
NGS Manchester Data Node
NGS Oxford Compute Node
NeSC (Glasgow) Condor Pool

The problems with hiring a developer

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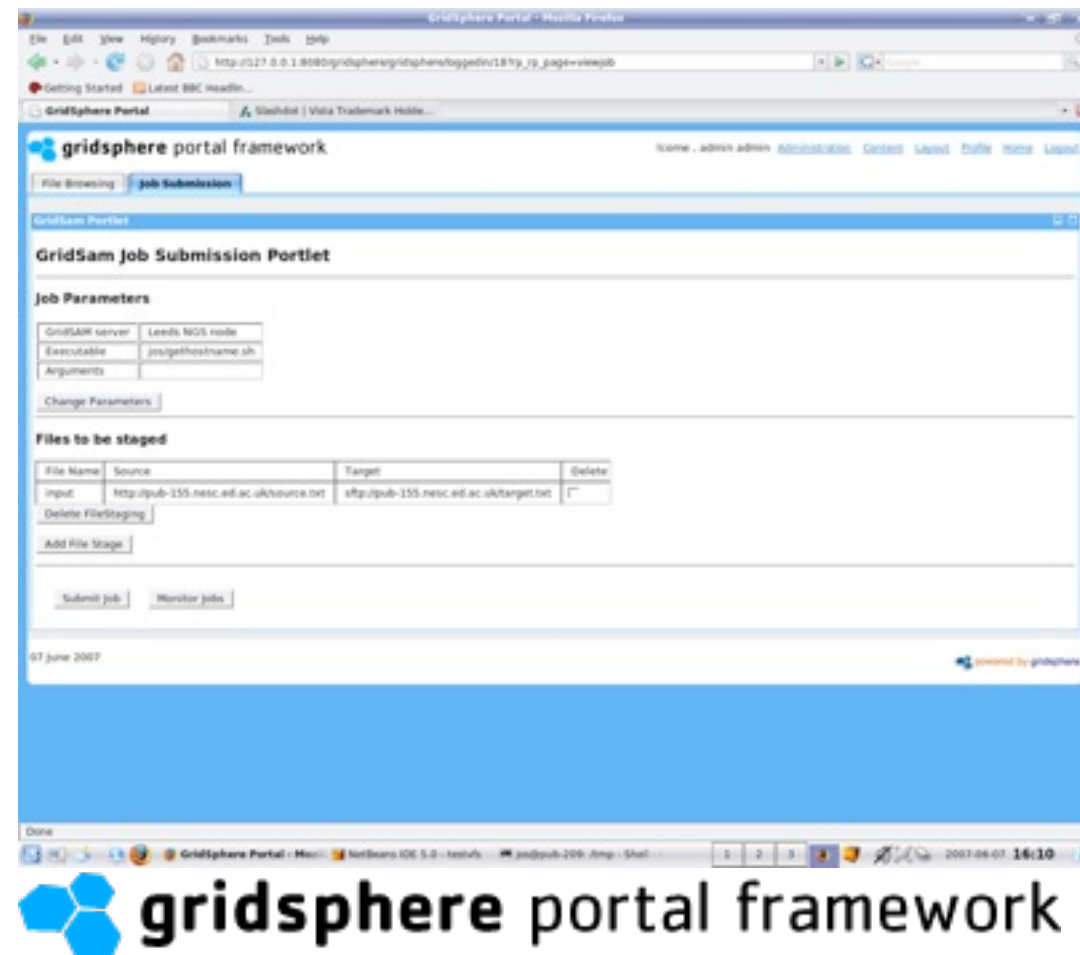
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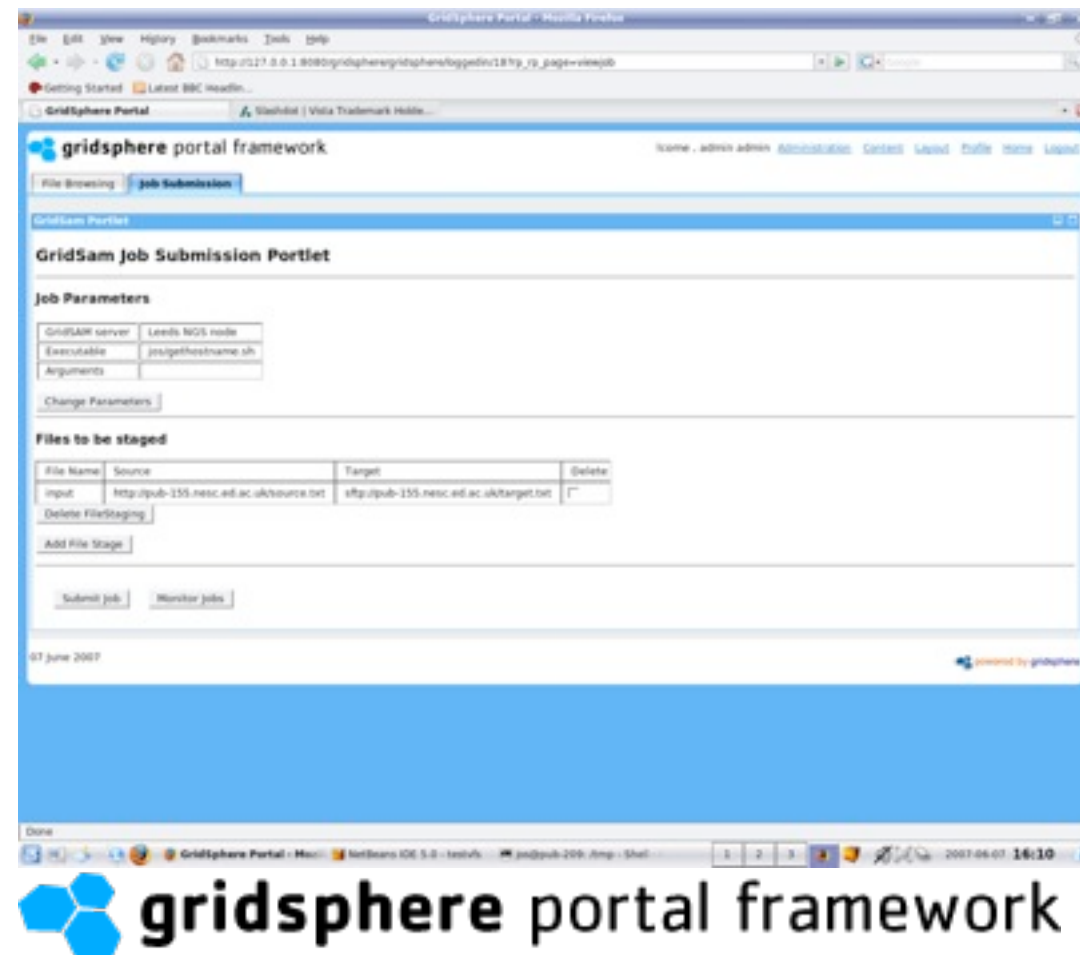


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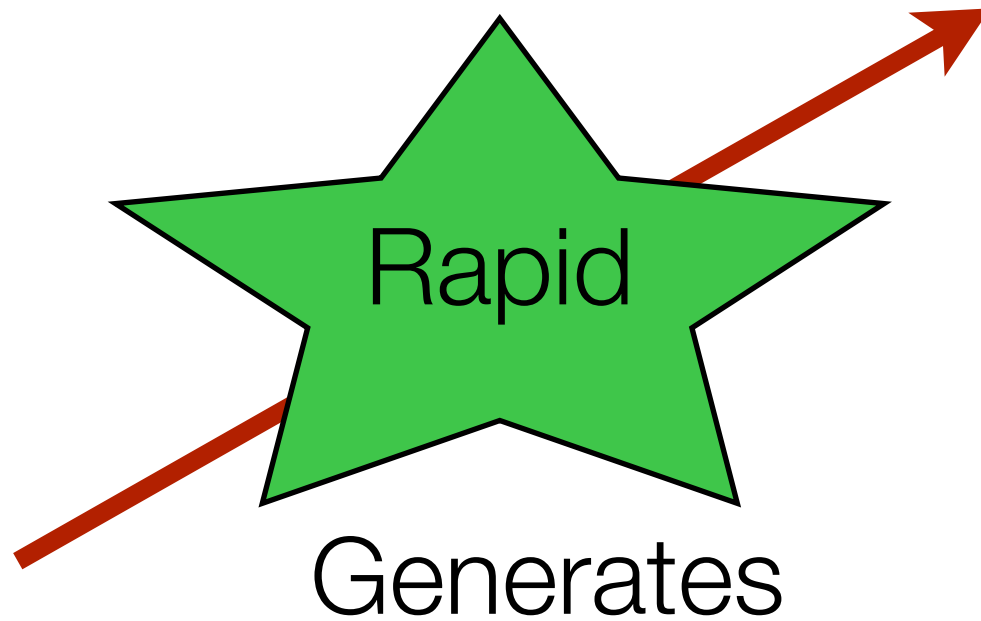


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XML Description



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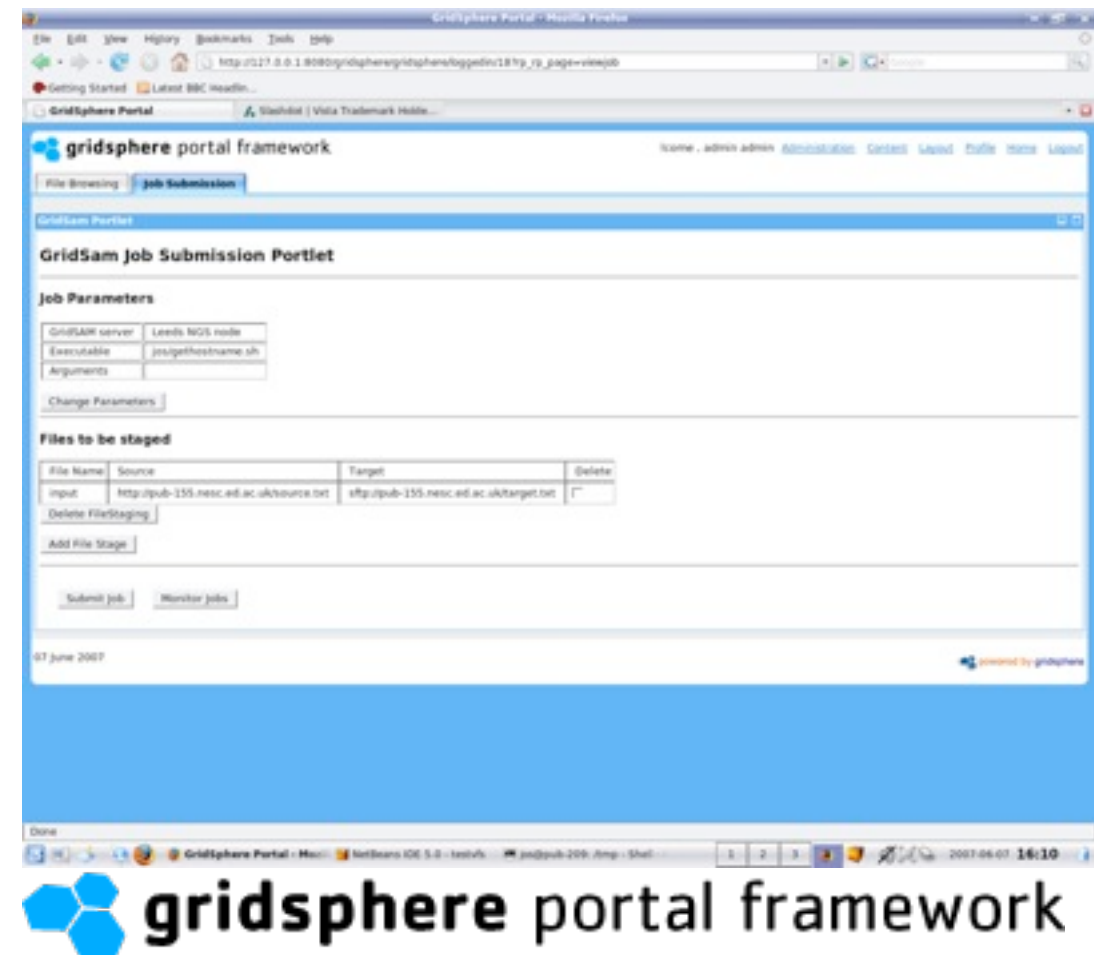
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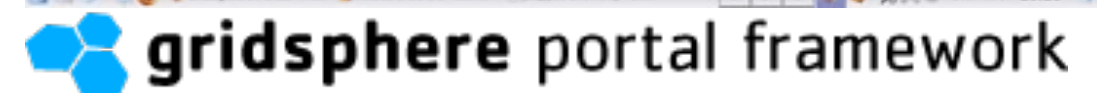
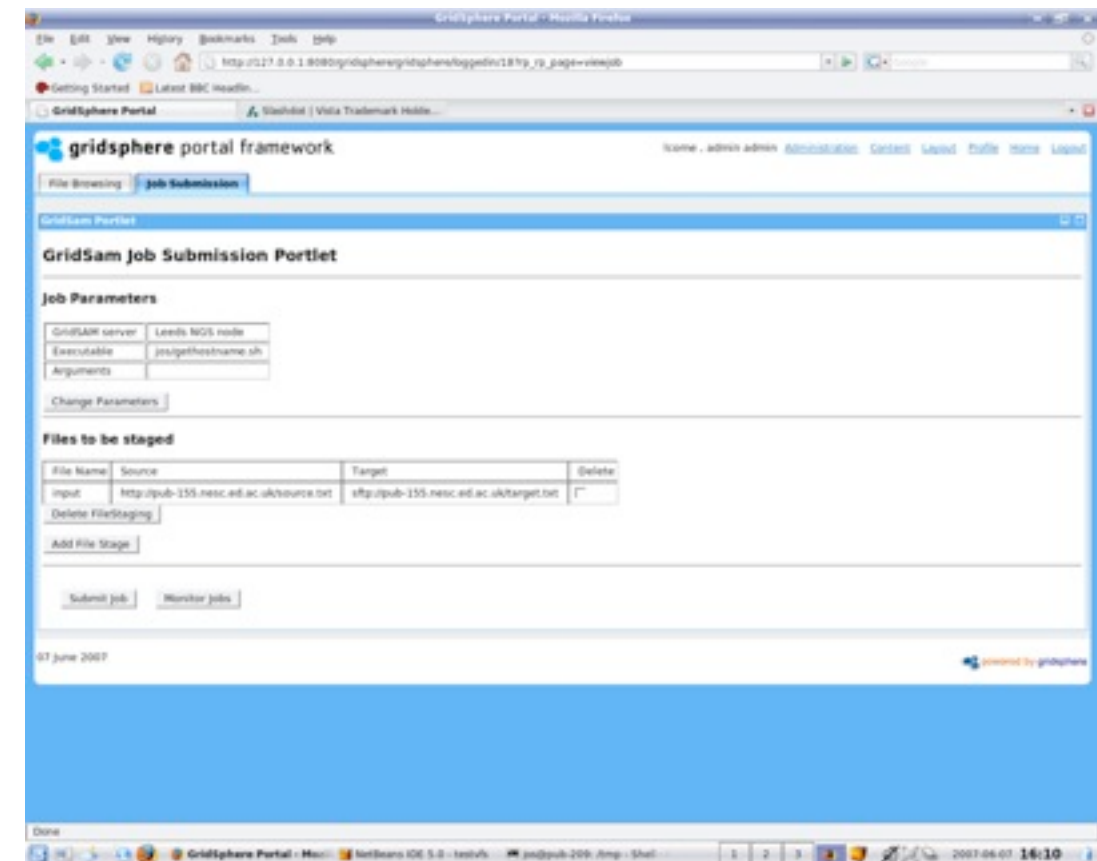
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The Rapid Solution - Using the portlet



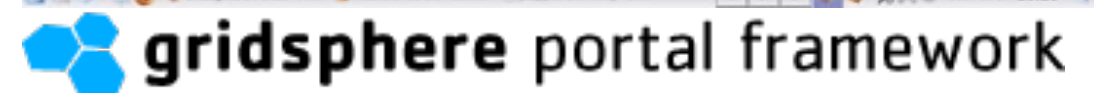
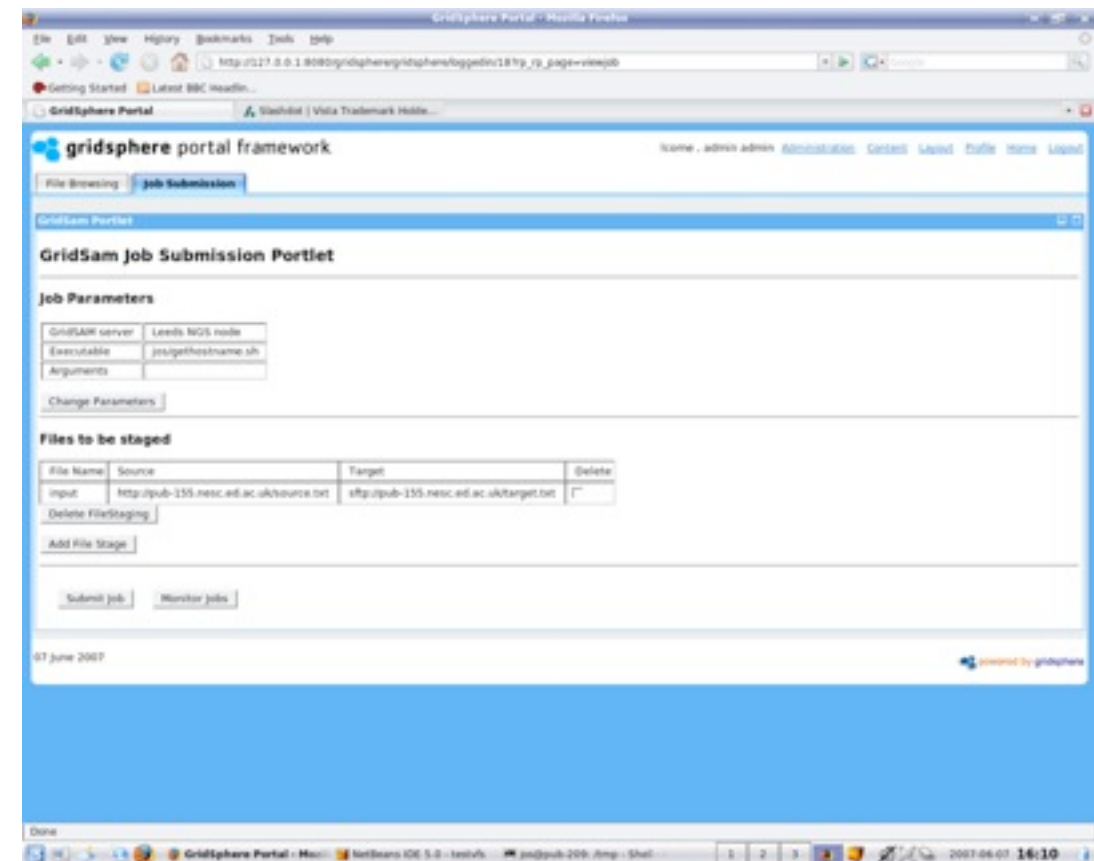
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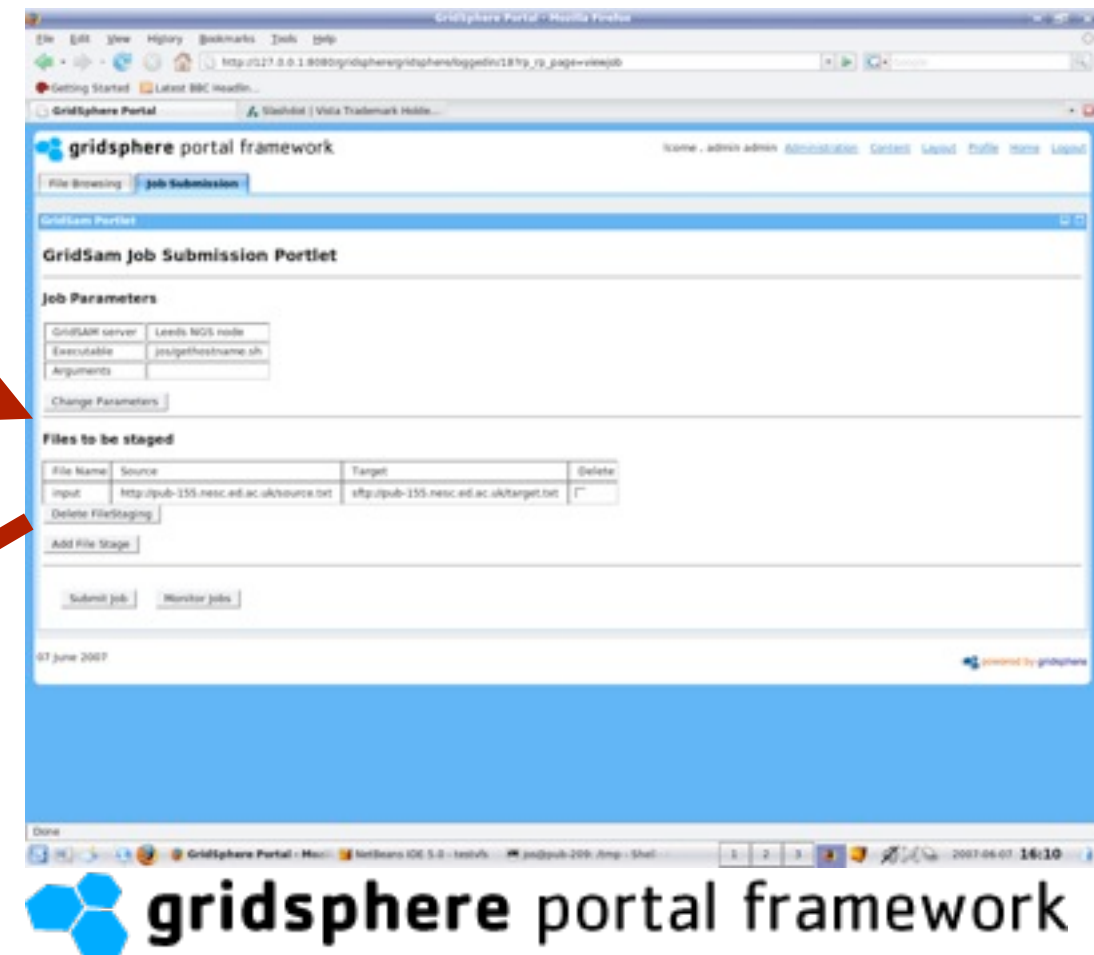


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ammonia_chem2

Ammonia: Molecular Orbital (MO) Calculations

This portlet will run MO calculations on the ammonia molecule using the Gaussian 98 quantum chemistry program. All the calculations will be performed on the remote workstation 'anita-linux.chem.ed.ac.uk'.

Portlet Aims

This portlet will help you understand:

- the process of running computational chemistry calculation;
- the type of information that can be extracted from these calculations;
- the structure of a Gaussian 98 input file..

While using the portlet you should think about the chemical relevance of the input file and the results that you see.

Portlet Structure

The portlet consists of a number pages for the various parts of the calculation:

1. setup the input file;
2. monitor the calculation;
3. view the final results.

These pages are not static web pages but are actually setting-up, running, monitoring and managing the files for the Gaussian 98 calculation. If you change things in the input file then they will affect the calculation and the results you get.

Click on the 'Next' button to load the Gaussian input file for ammonia and get started.

[Next >](#)

Done

0:04 / 0:55





prototype Seismic Data Portal

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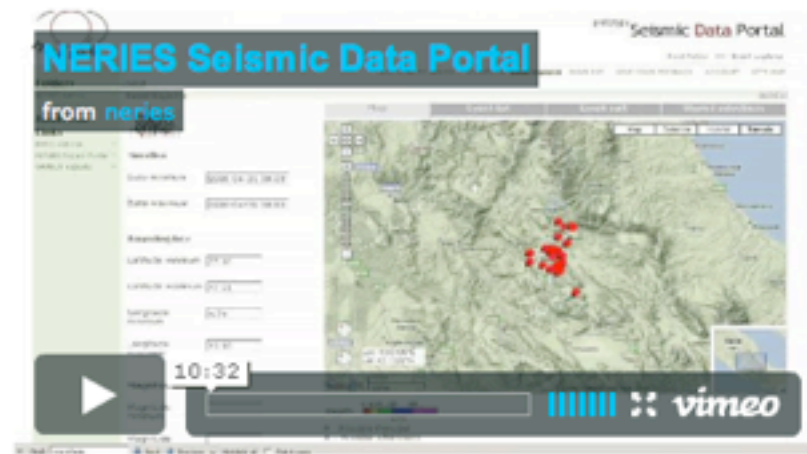
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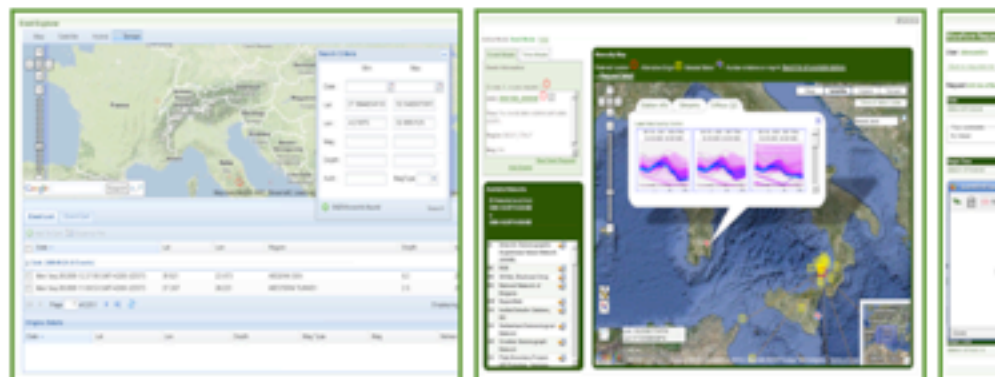
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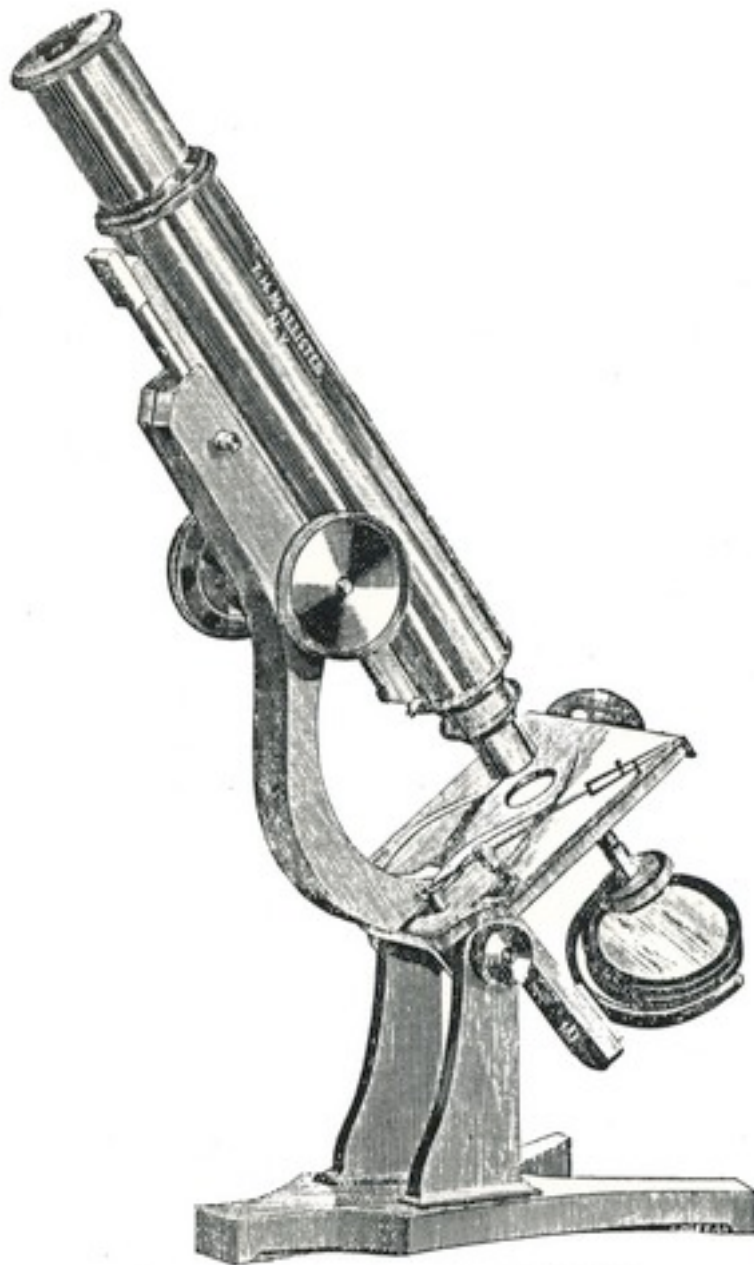
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NERIES Data Portal tools

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New Use Case: Microscopy. RapidOMERO



T. H. McALLISTER'S STUDENT'S MICROSCOPE.



Obtaining Rapid

- <http://research.nesc.ac.uk/rapid>
 - Rapid Portlet program
 - Rapid Manual
 - Tutorials
 - Screen Casts
- <https://forge.nesc.ac.uk/projects/jos/>
 - Source Code (Use at Own Risk!)