MAGIC Meeting
May 2, 2012

Attendees
Gabrielle Allen    NSF
Bob Bonneau       AFOSR
Scott Brim        Internet2
Shane Canon       Berkeley Labs
Rich Carlson      DOE/SC
Geoffrey Fox      Indiana University
Mohammed Gouta    NSF/CMS
Shantenu Jha      Rutgers Univ.
Dan Katz          NSF
Mark Luker        NCO
Bryan Lyles       NSF
David Martin      Northwestern Un.
Grant Miller      NCO
Mike Nelson       Georgetown Univ.
Manish Parashar  Rutgers Univ.
Dane Skow         NSF/OCI
Alan Sill         TTU
George Strawn     NCO
Michaela Taufer,  Univ. of Delaware
John Towns        NCSA
Von Welch         Indiana Univ.

Action Items
1. Manish Parashar and Geoffrey Fox will consult with MAGIC member volunteers to refine the description of research needs.

Proceedings
This MAGIC meeting was chaired by Gabrielle Allen of the NSF and Rich Carlson of DOE/SC. This meeting was a follow-on to last month’s MAGIC meeting which discussed integrating cloud and cyberinfrastructure. It addressed needed areas of research for cloud computing infrastructure. This review was organized by Manish Parashar and Geoffrey Fox.

Overview: Manish Parashar

Clouds join traditional CyberInfrastructure as viable platforms for scientific exploration and discovery. They offer opportunities for:
- Simplifying the deployment of applications and management of their execution
- Supporting new classes of algorithms and enable new applications formulations
Possible uses include:
- Emerging applications, e.g., data-intensive life science
- Addressing the long tail of science- democratization
Science driven approaches, not resource-constrained approaches. This includes cloud abstractions for science beyond PaaS/IaaS/SaaS

Research Challenges include:
- Application and algorithm formulations
- Programming systems and abstractions
- Middleware stacks/Management polices
- End-to-end challenges and Best practices in building a cloud application
- Security policies and mechanisms
- Deployment/transition to practice
- Performance (cost, time, energy) management/engineering
- Management - Standard interfaces within science and externally: Automation of service agreements
- Networking: GENI, SLA for networking, virtualization of networks/dynamic paths, integrating with CI, IPv6 issues.

Each of these areas was discussed in greater detail among the MAGIC members to refine the understanding and documentation of needed research. The detailed outline presented by Manish Parashar and Geoffrey Fox is located on the MAGIC Wiki Website at:


AI: Manish Parashar and Geoffrey Fox will consult with MAGIC member volunteers to refine the description of research needs.

Volunteers for working on the research needs descriptions and documentation include:
Manish Parashar
Geoffrey Fox
Scott Brim
Alan Sill
Kate Keahy
Ian Foster
Rich Carlson
Gabrielle Alan
Grant Miller

Other MAGIC Items
Mike Nelson indicated that pending legislation on cybersecurity has provisions that could seriously impede Internet services. Eric Berger of Georgetown University could speak to this issue.

GENI has many areas of common interest to MAGIC. Jeff Chase of GENI has experience in both the GENI and cloud computing communities.

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**Upcoming Meetings of Interest**
October: E-Science conference of IEEE, Chicago


**Future MAGIC Meetings**
June 6, 2:00-4:00, NSF, Room II-415
July 4, 2:00-4:00, NSF, Room II-415 (to be rescheduled or canceled)