Introduction to R-GMA: Relational Grid Monitoring Architecture

What is R-GMA ?

- **Uniform method to access and publish both information and monitoring data.**
- **From a user's perspective, an R-GMA installation currently appears similar to a single relational database.**
- **GMA (Grid Monitoring Architecture) was developed by the GGF**
- **R-GMA (Relational GMA) was created:**
  - To simplify use of GMA (servers “know” about registries, not the client software)
  - To give a relational view

Introduction to R-GMA

- **Relational Grid Monitoring Architecture (R-GMA)**
  - Developed as part of the EuropeanDataGrid Project (EDG)
  - Now as part of the EGEE project.
  - Evolution from the Grid Monitoring Architecture (GMA)

- **Uses a relational data model.**
  - Data are viewed as a table.
  - Data structure defined by the columns.
  - Each entry is a row (tuple).
  - Queried using Structured Query Language (SQL).

name	ID	birth	Group
Tom	4	1977-08-20	HR

SELECT * FROM people WHERE group='HR'

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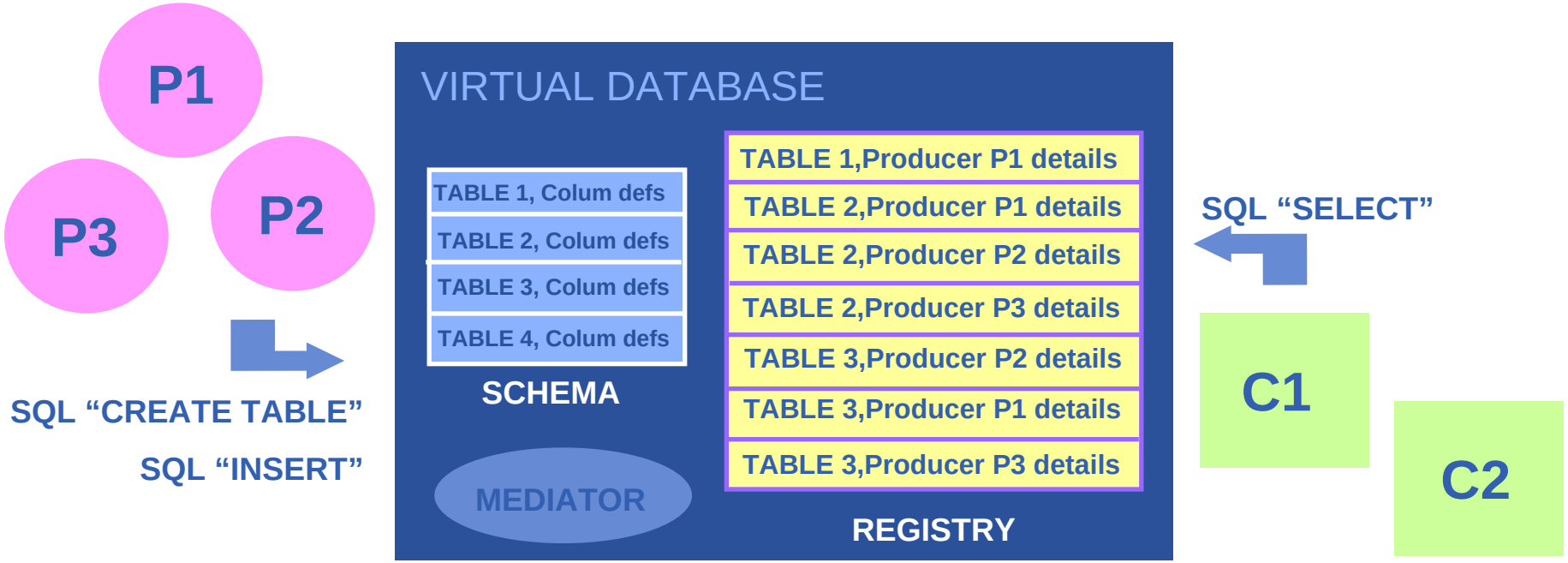


There is no central repository!!! There is only a "*Virtual Database*".

Schema is a list of table definitions: additional tables/schema can be defined by applications

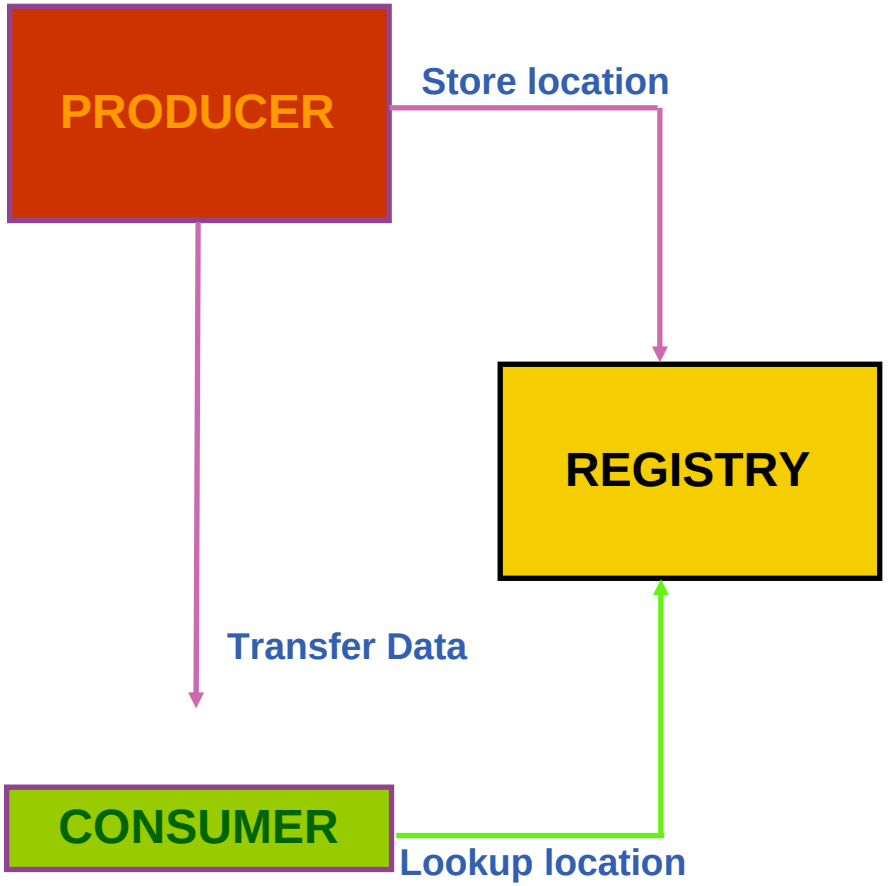
Registry is a list of data producers with all its details.

Producers publish data.

Consumers read data published.

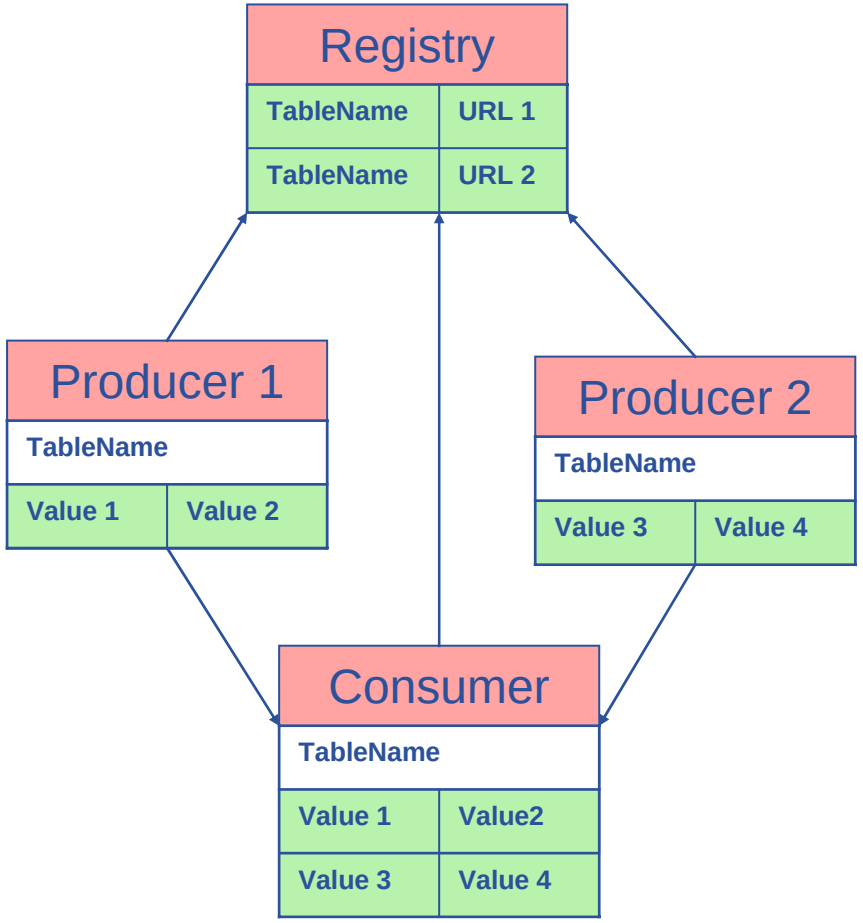
Service orientation

- The Producer stores its location (URL) in the Registry.
- The Consumer looks up producer URLs in the Registry.
- The Consumer contacts the Producer to get all the data or the Consumer can listen to the Producer for new data.



Virtual database

- The Consumer interrogates the Registry to identify all Producers that could satisfy the query.
- Consumer connects to the Producers.
- Producers send the tuples to the Consumer.
- The Consumer will merge these tuples to form one result set.



Joins

Service				
URI	VO	type	emailContact	site
gppse01	alice	SE	sysad@rl.ac.uk	RAL
gppse01	atlas	SE	sysad@rl.ac.uk	RAL
gppse02	cms	SE	sysad@rl.ac.uk	RAL
lxshare0404	alice	SE	sysad@cern.ch	CERN
lxshare0404	atlas	SE	sysad@cern.ch	CERN

ServiceStatus				
URI	VO	type	up	status
gppse01	alice	SE	y	SE is running
gppse01	atlas	SE	y	SE is running
gppse02	cms	SE	n	SE ERROR 101
lxshare0404	alice	SE	y	SE is running
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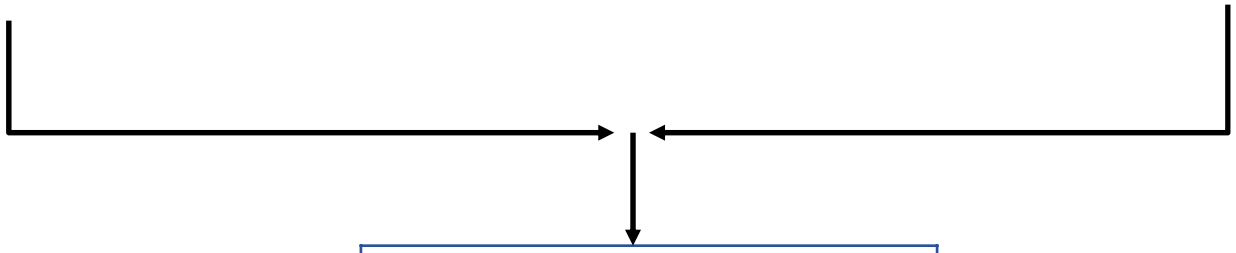
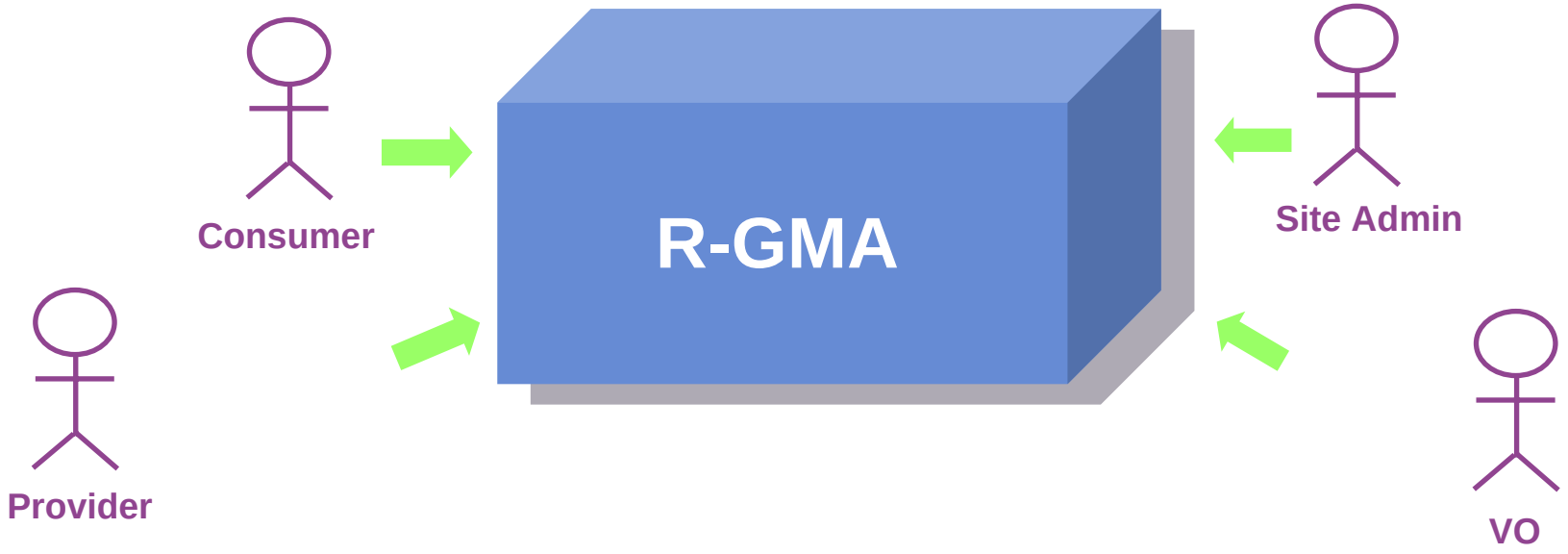


Result Set (Consumer)	
URI	emailContact
gppse02	sysad@rl.ac.uk

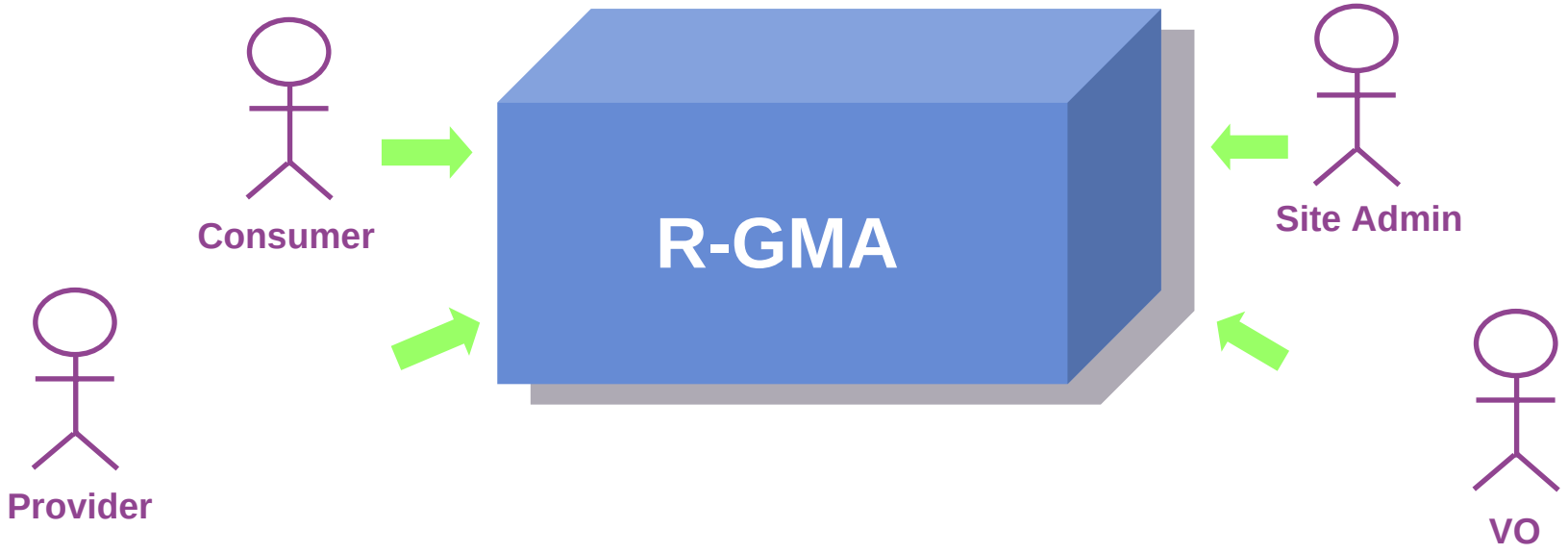
SELECT Service.URI Service.emailContact FROM Service S, ServiceStatus SS
WHERE (S.URI= SS.URI and SS.up='n')

Roles



- Consumer users: who request information.
- Producer users: who provide information.
- Site administrators: who run R-GMA services.
- Virtual Organizations: who “own” the schema and registry.

Security



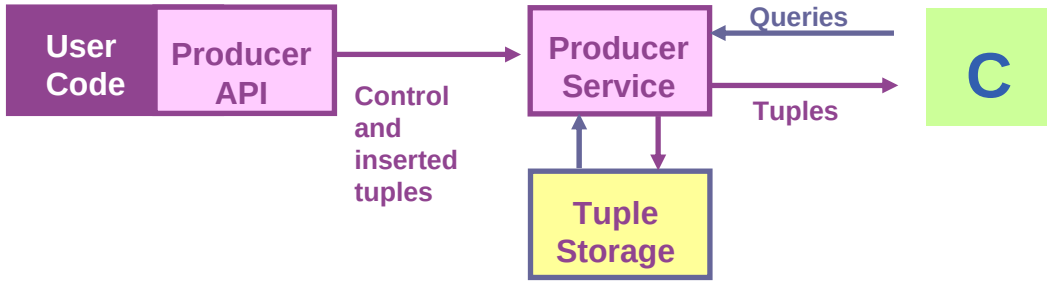
- **Mutual Authentication: guaranteeing who is at each end of an exchange of messages.**
- **Encryption: using an encrypted transport protocol (HTTPS).**
- **Authorization: implicit or explicit.**

Deployment

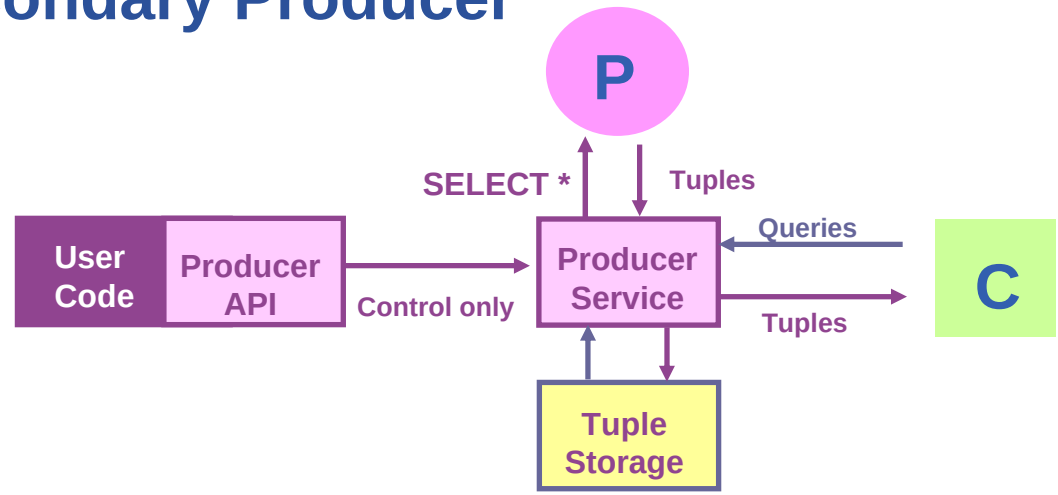
- **Producer and Consumer Services are typically on a one per site basis**
- **Centralized Registry and Schema.**
- **The Registry and Schema may be replicated, to avoid a single point of failure**
  - … when you use RGMA CLI you will see which are being used

Producer Types

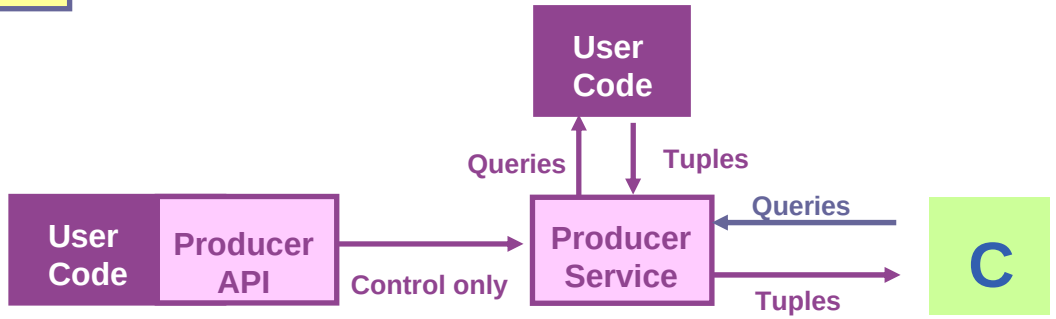
- **Primary Producer**



- **Secondary Producer**



- **On-Demand Producer**
  - No internal storage
  - Queries passed to user code



Query Types

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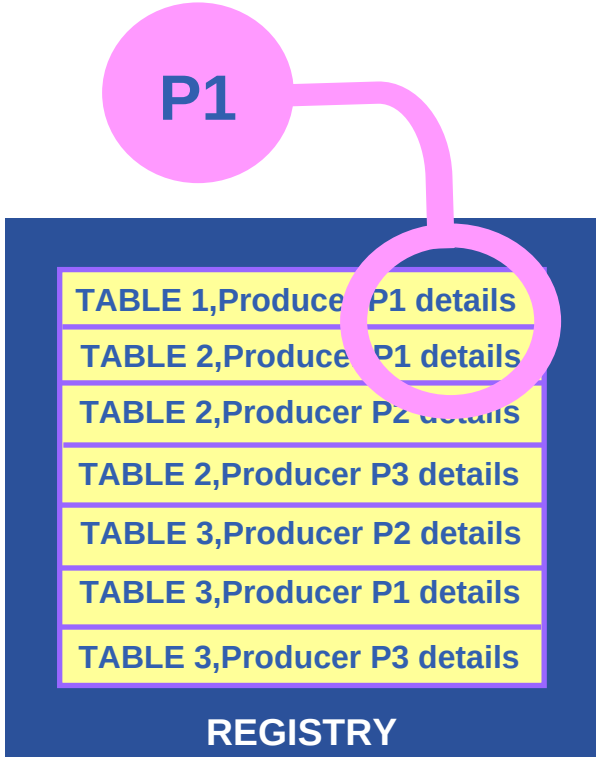
- **Latest**
- **History**
- **Static**



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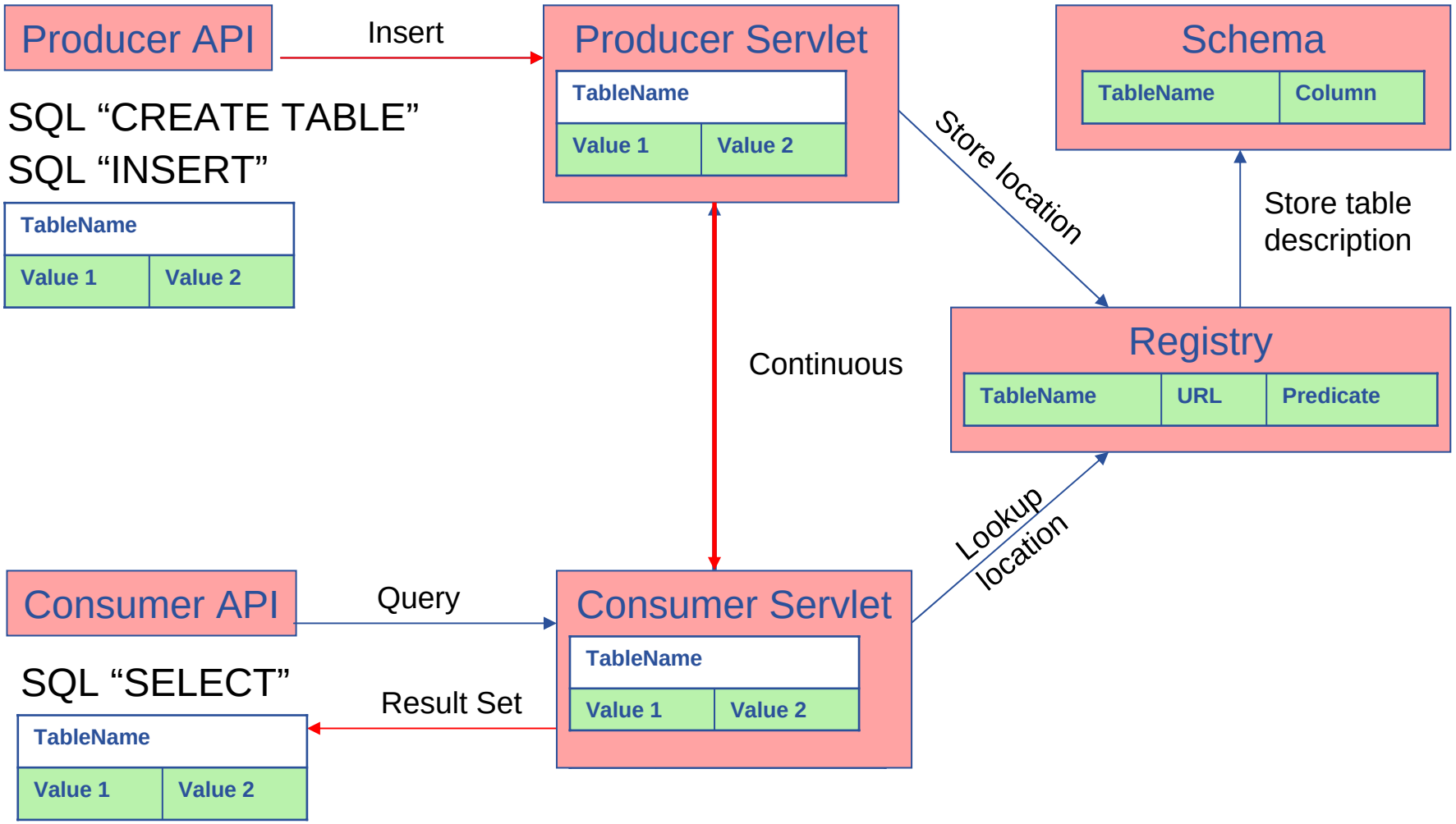
Producer API
Insert
Producer Servlet
TableName
Value 1
Value 2
Schema
TableName
Column
SQL “CREATE TABLE”
SQL “INSERT”
TableName
Value 1
Value 2
Store location
Store table description
Continuous
Registry
TableName
URL
Predicate
Lookup location
Consumer API
Query
Consumer Servlet
TableName
Value 1
Value 2
SQL “SELECT”
Result Set
TableName
Value 1
Value 2

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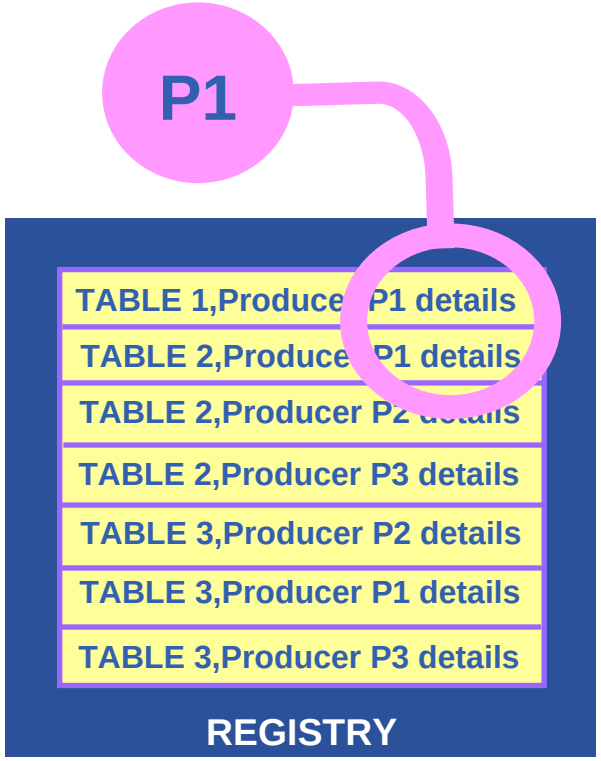
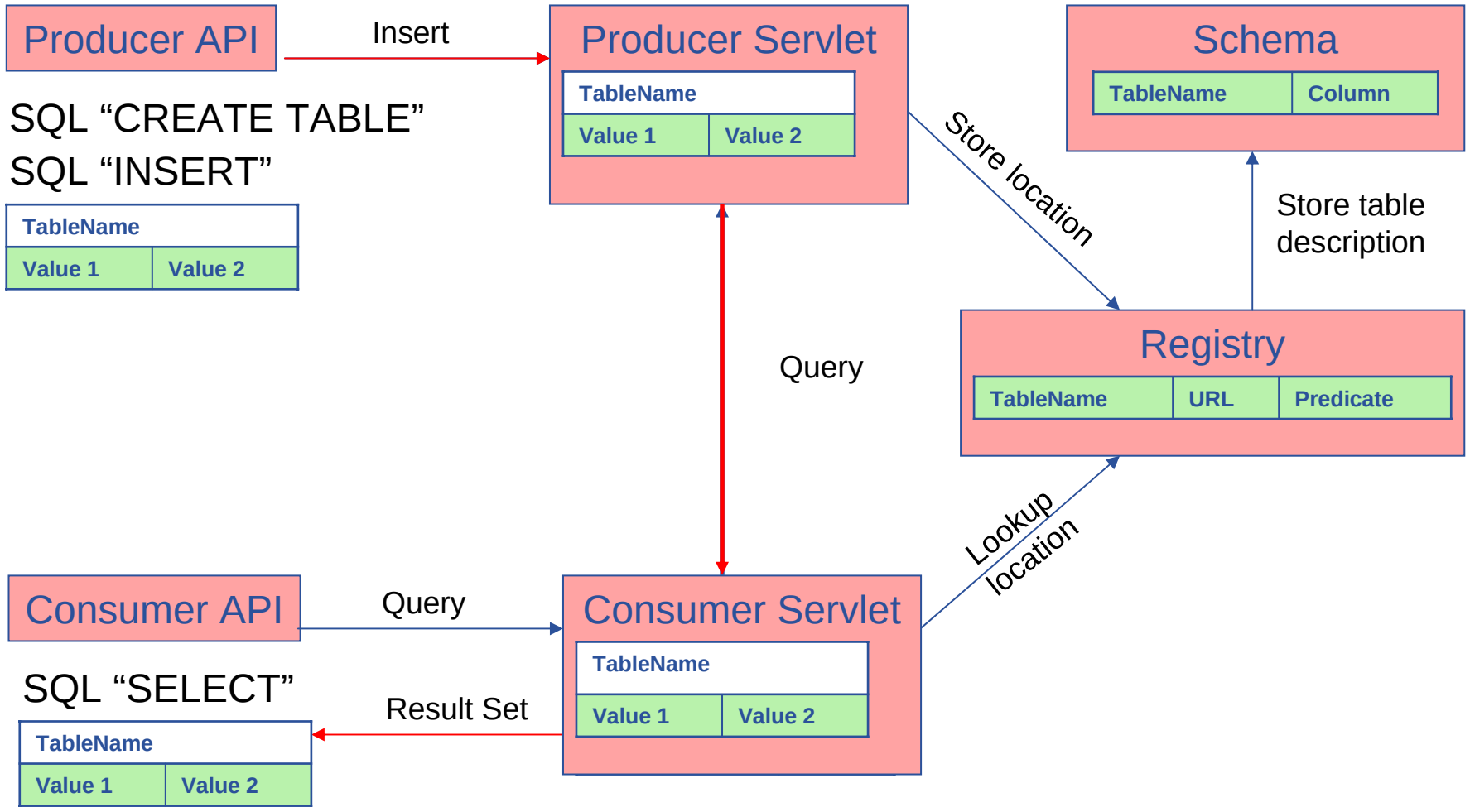


History or Latest



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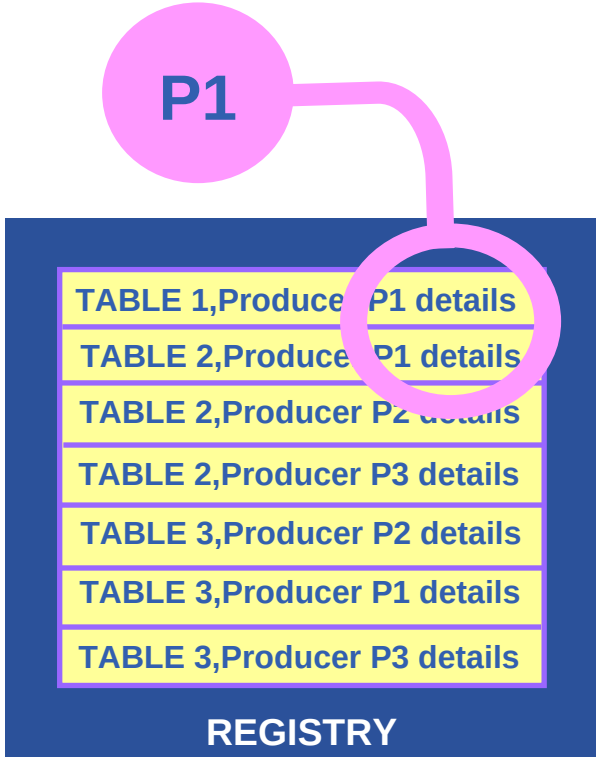

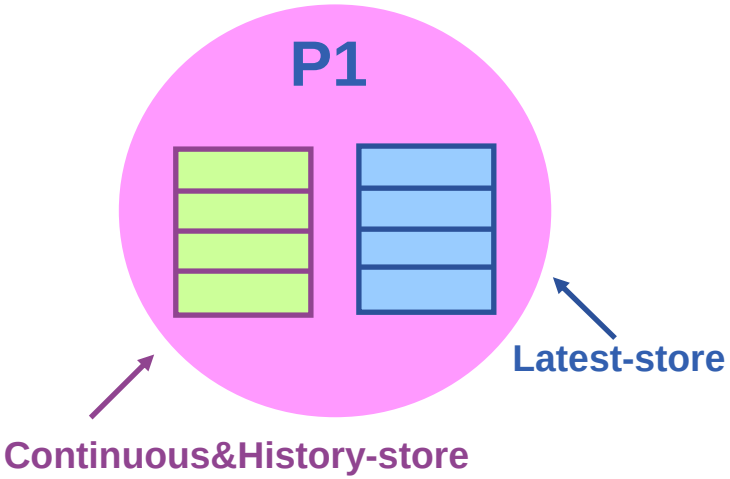

Latest Retention Period

History Retention Period

R-GMA APIs

- **APIs exist in Java, C, C++, Python.**
  - For clients (servlets contacted behind the scenes)
- **They include methods for…**
  - Creating consumers
  - Creating primary and secondary producers
  - Setting type of queries, type of produces, retention periods, time outs…
  - Retrieving tuples, inserting data
  - …
- **You can create your own Producer or Consumer.**

Overview of practical

- We will use a client that gives command-line interfaces to both consumers and producers
- We will explore the tables on the R-GMA service provided on GILDA
- Use a table that is set up for training purposes to produce and consume data

Now please follow the “more information” link

R-GMA practical
html page

Batch Mode

- The command line tool can be used in batch mode in three ways:
  - **`rgma -c <command>`**
    Executes <command> and exits.
    The –c option may be specified more than once.
  - **`rgma -f <file>`**
    Executes commands in <file> sequentially then exits.
    Each line should contain one command.
  - Embedded in a shell script

R-GMA Browser

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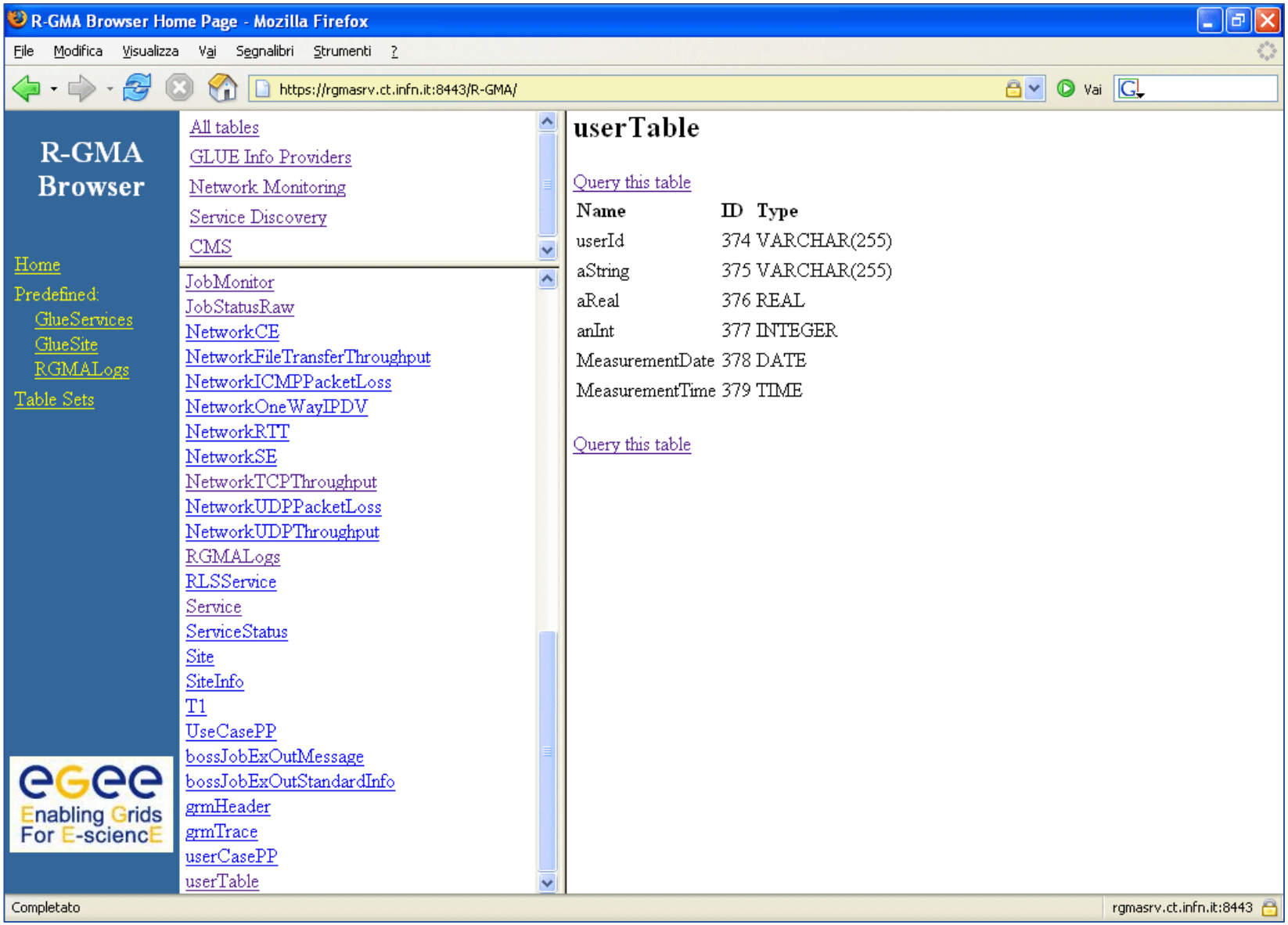
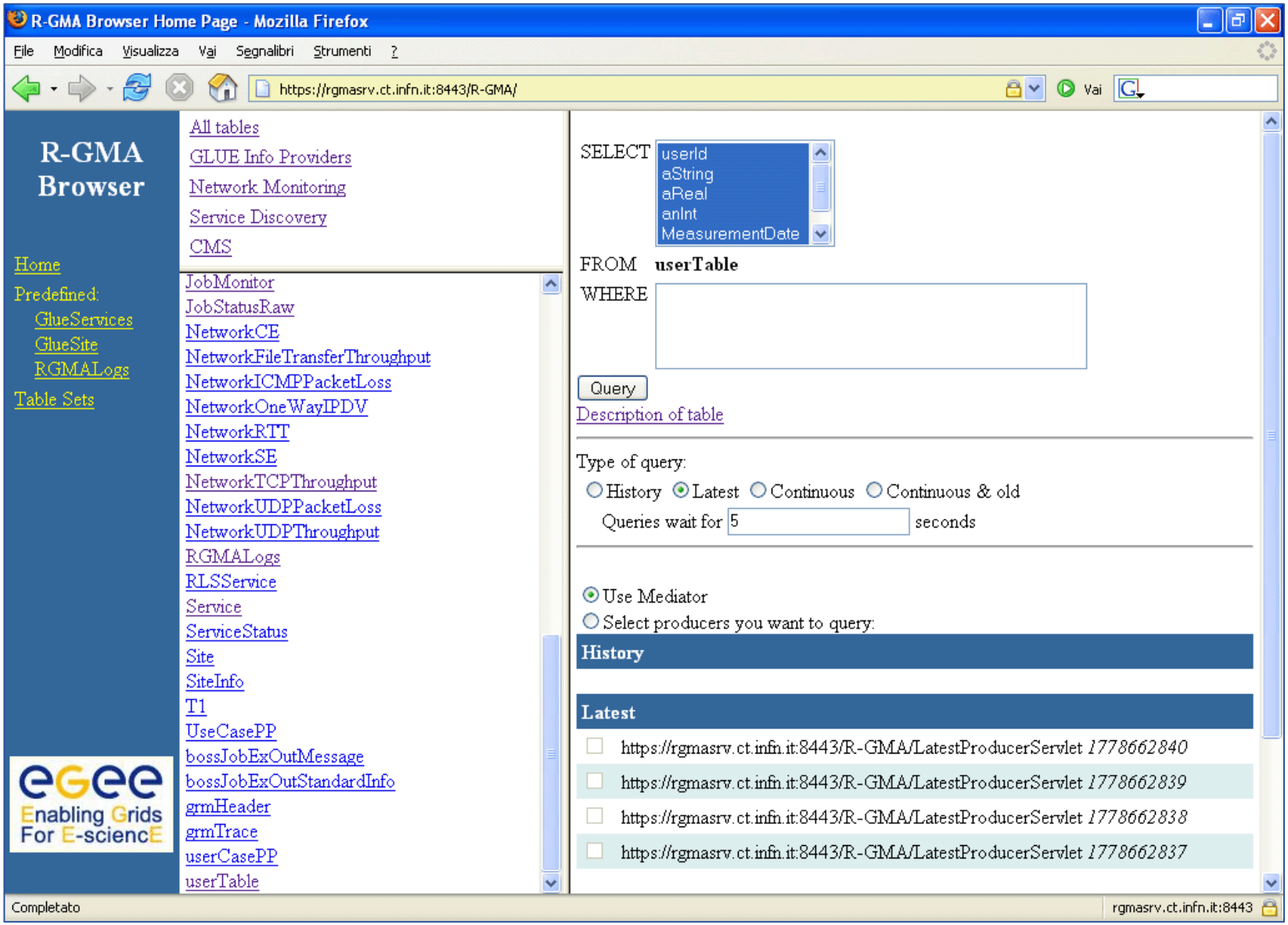
Information Society

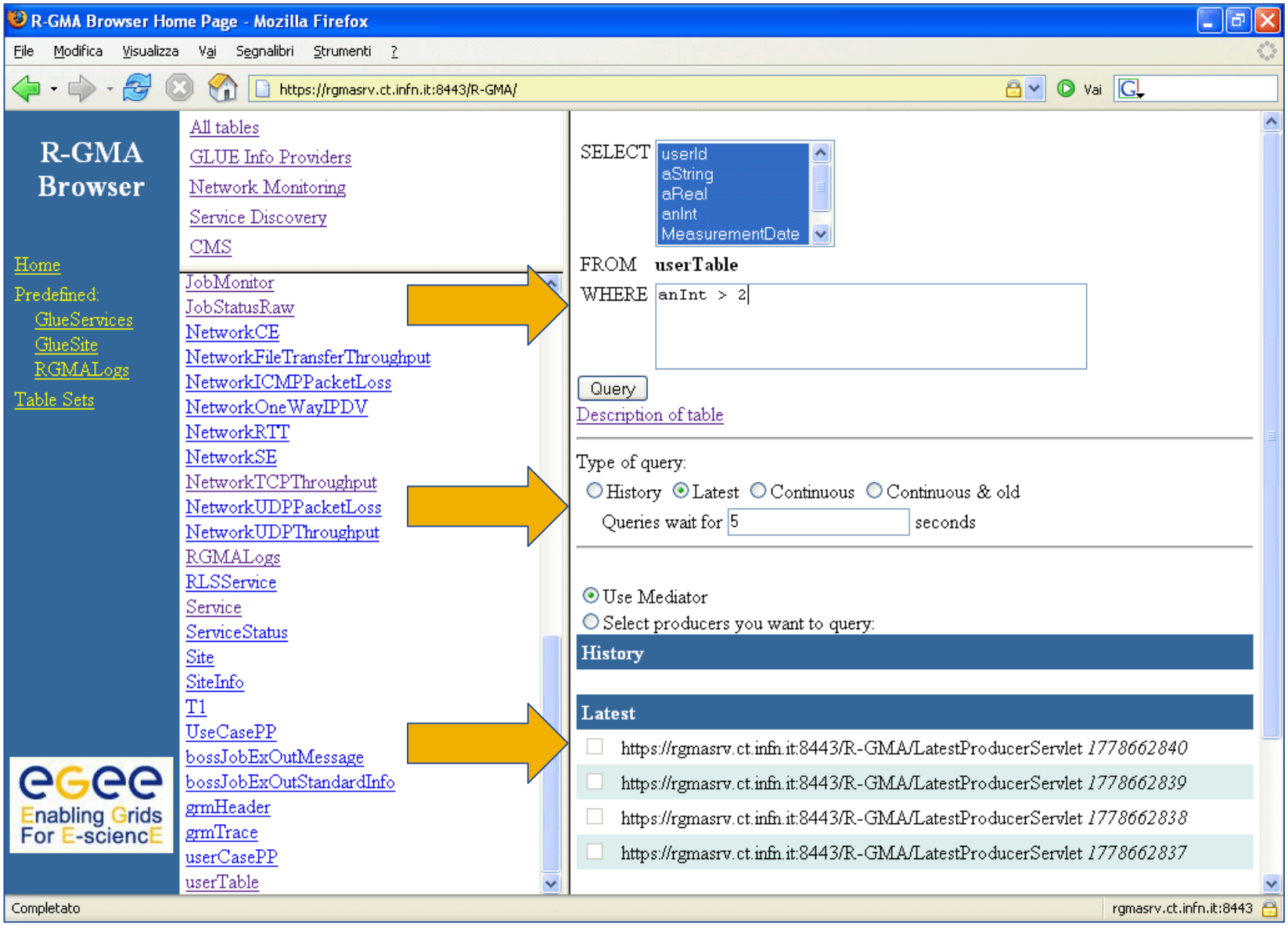
Table description



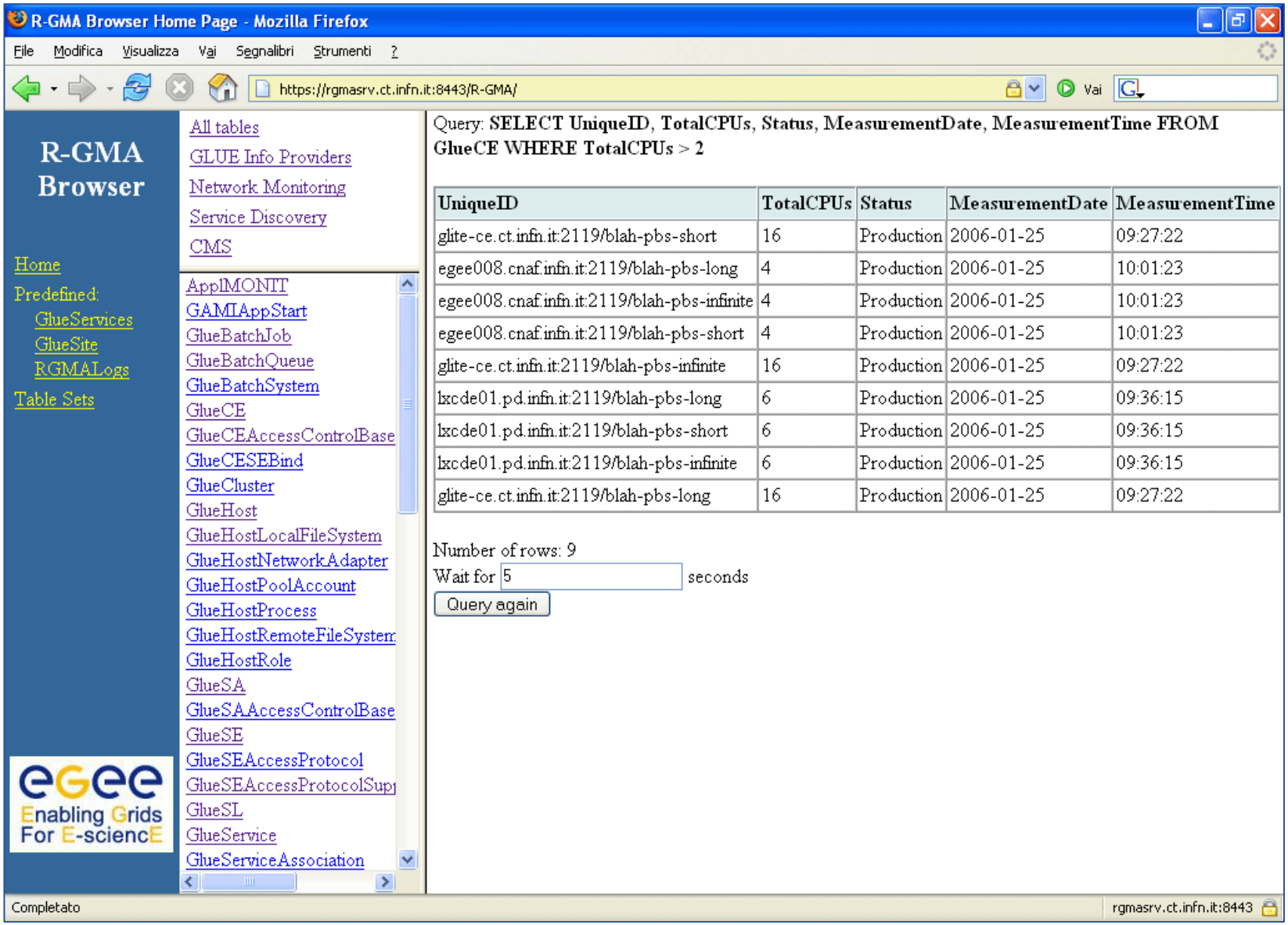
R-GMA Browser as Consumer



Query from R-GMA Browser



Query Results



More information

- **R-GMA overview page.**
  - http://www.r-gma.org/
- **R-GMA in EGEE**
  - http://hepunx.rl.ac.uk/egee/jra1-uk/
- **R-GMA command line tool**
  - http://hepunx.rl.ac.uk/egee/jra1-uk/glite-r1/command-line.pdf
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