



Training Outreach and Education

<http://www.nesc.ac.uk/training>



<http://www.ngs.ac.uk>

Next Steps



<http://www.pparc.ac.uk/>



<http://www.eu-egee.org/>



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Goal of talk

- Thus far the emphasis has been on what the NGS is, and how to use its core services.
- The goal of this talk is to ensure that intending users of the NGS know
 - relevant support services and procedures
 - The steps to be taken to join the NGS

Overview

- What you can do next:
 1. Obtain a UK e-Science Certificate
THEN
 2. Apply for access to the NGS
 - You join personally – not as a project
 3. Whilst these are being processed
 - Determine your options for running grid commands
 - Set up equivalent of `training-ui.nesc.ac.uk`?
 - Use `gssh` on windows?
- More training?!



How Do I Get A Certificate?

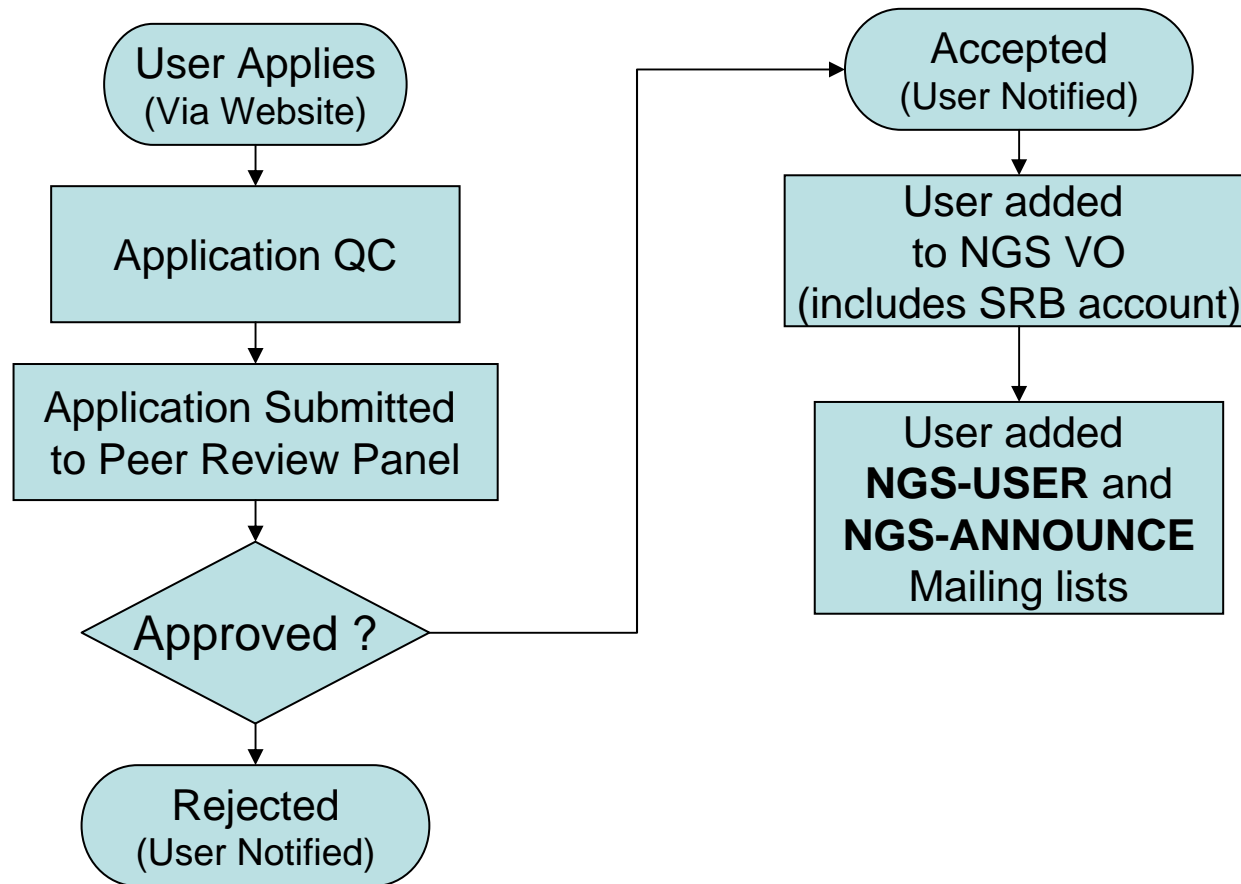
- You need a valid UK certificate before applying for an NGS account:
 - <https://ca.grid-support.ac.uk>, the UK Certificate Authority.
 - You will probably need to provide non-electronic proof of identity to your local representative of the CA.
 - For example: a photocopy of your passport.
 - See <http://www.grid-support.ac.uk/archive/ca/ralist.htm>
 - Ensure that you use the same browser (on the same computer) that you sent the request from to download your certificate.
 - Always keep this certificate secure.
- Follow instructions on UK CA pages
 - and also refer to yesterday's 2nd talk and 1st practical.



Apply for access to the NGS

- Via www.ngs.ac.uk/access
- You need a UK e-science certificate before you apply
- Simple web form
 - Specify cpu time, storage you want

User Registration (Process)





Access to data services

- With your NGS account, you get
 - SRB account
- Can apply for an Oracle account



Projects and VOs

- Project-based applications being dealt with case-by-case
- Want to host your data on NGS?
 - consider GridFTP, SRB, Oracle, or OGSA-DAI
 - NGS maintains infrastructure
 - you populate and manage data
- Want to use NGS resources to provision services, portals for a community of users?
 - next slide



Providing services for a VO

- NGS resources can be used to provide a portal (or portlets) or other service for your community
- Deployment and security scenarios are negotiable
- NGS policies (core nodes):
 - your portal can present its own, or a delegated user's credential to NGS, but tasks should be traceable to initiating end-user
 - you should not run your own services in user space without prior agreement of NGS and hosting site
 - we need to know that services are secure, will not jeopardise operation of other NGS services, or consume too much precious resource on head nodes
- Talk to NGS



Resource providers

Resource providers join the NGS by

- Defining level of service commitments
- Adopting NGS acceptable use and security policies
- Run compatible middleware
 - as defined by NGS Minimum Software Stack
 - and verified by compliance test suite
- Support monitoring and accounting

Two levels of membership

1. Affiliates run compatible stack, integrated support
2. Partners also contribute “significant resources”

More training?

- Watch <http://www.nesc.ac.uk/training>
- Also <http://www.nesc.ac.uk/esi/esi.html>
- <http://egee.nesc.ac.uk/> for EGEE events and materials
- Digital Library: <http://egee.lib.ed.ac.uk/>
- February – Application Development on the NGS
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