Message from the Organizers of the Workshop on Middleware Architecture in the Internet

The SAINT 2007 Workshop on Middleware Architecture in the Internet aims to share experiences of developing and managing middlewares from both a technical and policy aspect.

Middleware is a layer of software that acts as glue between applications and the Internet. Although it is somehow difficult to define what middleware is (see RFC2768), it surely provides fundamental services in various situations such as authentication, authorization, accounting, directories, resource management, information discovery and retrieval, and security. Middleware solutions are starting to mature with a number of frameworks emerging that should ideally make use of common reusable components and tools to deliver specific middleware services for communities such as researchers in GRID communities and teaching and learning in Higher education for example.

The goal of this workshop is to bring together the domains of applications developers and middleware and security experts to identify areas of overlap and best practice so that the development of solutions can be simple and ideally modular in nature to ensure applications can be develop quickly and easily whilst conforming to middleware and security standards.

We hope this workshop will suggest sophisticated yet simple architecture for middleware systems and applications on them to the participants.

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