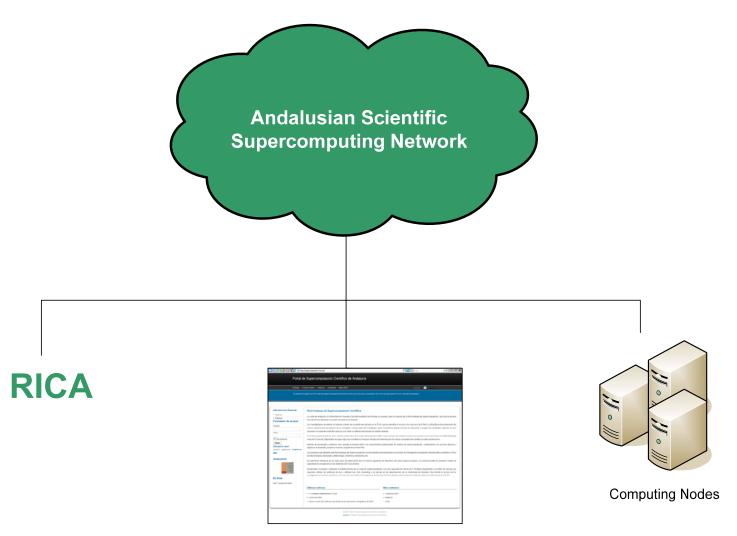




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Supercomputing Portal



- First Pillar: Andalusian Scientific Computing Network
 - Solution based on GRID technology.
 - To accomplish bandwidth requirements it is necessary to upgrade the Andalusian Scientific Computing Network.
 - It will allow taking part in European and National projects.
 - It will exchange data between computing nodes and the web portal.



- Second Pillar: Scientific computing nodes
 - High performance computing systems set up by Junta de Andalucía
 - Scalable system, allowing addition of new nodes.
 - Nodes arranged by Junta de Andalucía will be at the disposal of Andalusian researchers through the Supercomputing Portal.

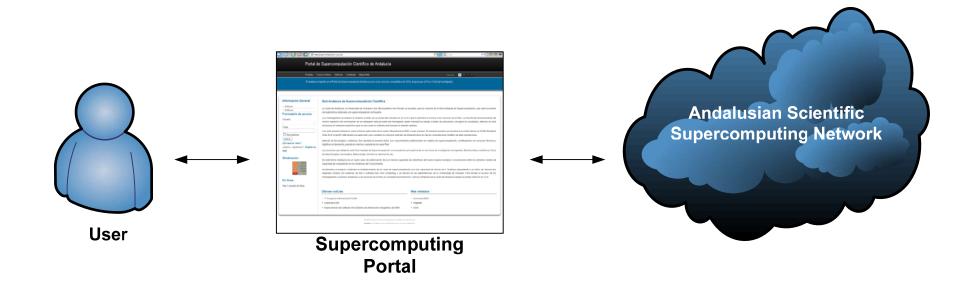


Third Pillar: Supercomputing Portal

- Use of the supercomputing network is based on a web portal that is common to all Andalusian researchers. This portal will accomplish the following objectives:
 - Allowing to add new hardware resources seamlessly.
 - Allowing to supply scientific software solutions to Andalusian researchers.
 - Transparent submission of jobs to computing nodes.
 - Integration with technological solutions used by Junta de Andalucía:
 CMI, CRM, etc.



Third Pillar: Supercomputing Portal





Proposed solution:

- Scalable: It can grow as demanded.
- Heterogeneous: Integration of solutions from different manufacturers.
- Optimal: Researchers can fully utilize available resources.
- Dual architecture: both distributed-memory and shared-memory resources will be available.

RASCI users

Researchers:

- University and CSIC centres belonging to RICA researchers.
- PAI groups researches.
- Researches belonging to other Scientific Communities (National and European).
- Companies taking part in public I+D+I projects.

Teaching

Professors involved in University teaching.

Administration

Clusters and Grids administrators.

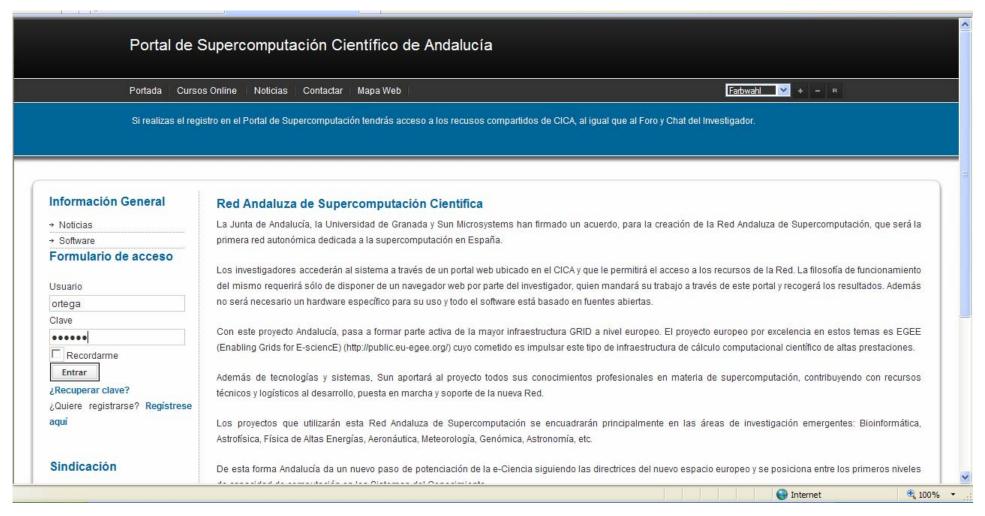
Ongoing projects

- IAA with COROT satellite.
- Computing of the dynamic behaviour of an Airbus plane's composites wing.
- Computing of ground vibration through finite elements.
- Statistic classification problems.
- Computing of molecular orbital using Gaussian.
- Molecular dissolution.
- Genomics project.
- Biocomputing project.
- Predictive reasoning
- Climate change.

- Single point to access supercomputing resources in Andalusia.
- Allowing interaction with clusters and supercomputers in Universities, CSIC centres, etc.
- Federation with other National or European computing networks.
- Forum for exchanging experiences among agents implied in the project.
 - Software
 - Training
 - Collaboration in projects

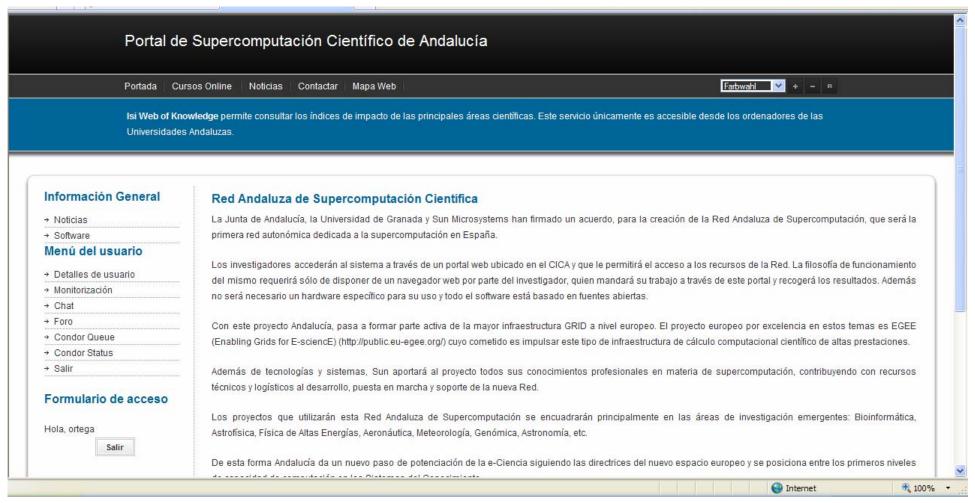


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- Allows uploading jobs to execution queues and downloading results.
- Integrates a monitoring tool (Ganglia)
 - Researchers can learn about the progress of their jobs.
 - Single Sign-on for single authentication in all services.
- Management of heterogeneous clusters
 - Systems administration.
 - Network administration and management.
 - Computing GRID: Globus, GLite
 - Queue management: Condor, Sun Grid Engine

More than a portal

- License servers for proprietary scientific software: FlexLM
- Network attached storage
 - Data GRID
 - Network disks: NFS, ATA over Ethernet, ...
- Node cloning: PXE, ...
- Security:
 - Firewall management from a single point.

Layered communication scheme

Grid Soft. (Glite, Globus)

Gridway (Scheduler)

Batch System (Condor, SunGrid Engine)

Main features:

- Distributed architecture.
- Three layers.
- Transparent to user.
- Scalability.

Conclusions

- Andalusian Scientific Supercomputing Network
 - Computing nodes.
 - Supercomputing Portal
 - Network
- Heterogeneous and scalable system
- Easiness of use for all actors in the system:
 - Researchers
 - Professors
 - Administrators
- Security and connectivity peculiarities
- Service catalogue
- Technical and scientific committees will be created



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