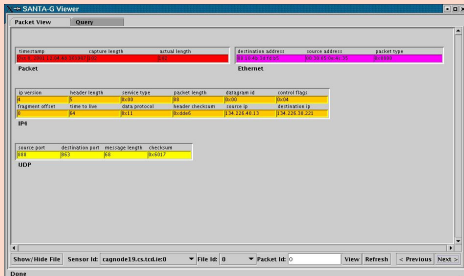
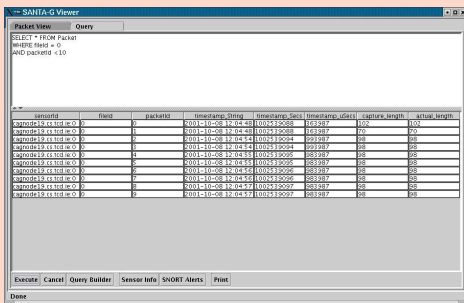




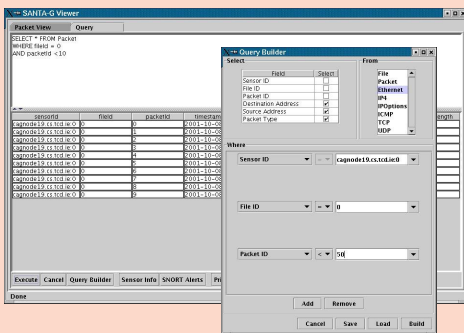
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Detailed Graphical Packet Display



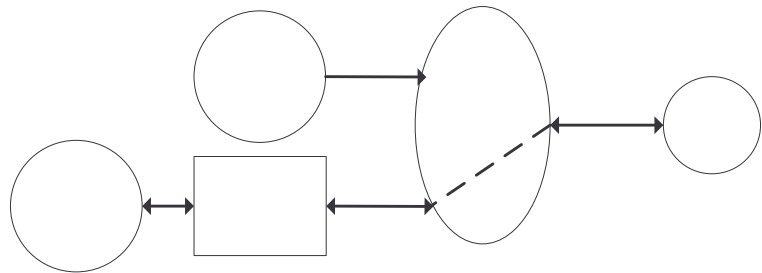
SQL Query Submission and ResultSet View



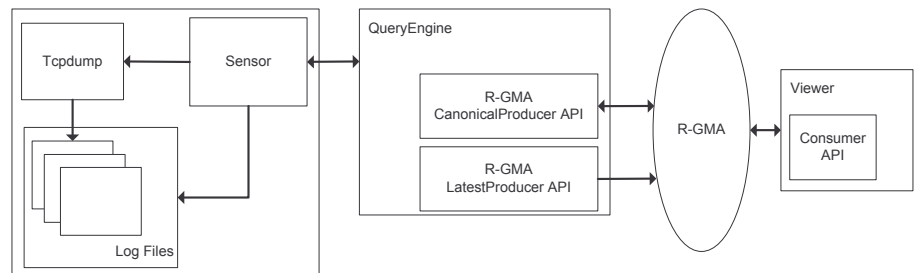
SQL SELECT statement builder to easily construct SQL queries

# SANTA-G: Grid-enabled System Area Networks Trace Analysis

Typically with Grid Information Systems an information provider inserts data to the system at regular intervals. The user can then retrieve this data using the information system client (e.g. API, GUI). A difficulty arises when dealing with information sources that generate a large amount of data at a very fast rate in a form unsuitable for direct insertion to the information system, for example instrument monitors (e.g. logic analysers). SANTA-G is a framework that supports monitoring with this type of information source in the Grid environment by allowing access to data *through* the Grid Information System. The monitoring data, rather than being inserted into the information system, is left in its raw form at the location where it was created.



The demonstrator of this, developed within the EU CrossGrid project, is the SANTA-G NetTracer, a network monitor that allows users to access log files stored in *libcap* (a network packet capture library) format through the EU DataGrid's (EDG) Relational Grid Monitoring Architecture (R-GMA) monitoring and information system. Examples of tools that generate logs in this format are Tcpcap, and SNORT (a network intrusion detection system). It is aimed at system administrators for network traffic analysis across multiple sites within a Grid, and also for performance analysis. It is also intended to use the SNORT functionality of the NetTracer to construct a Grid-wide intrusion detection system. The NetTracer is written entirely in Java, and has been tested on Redhat Linux 7.3. It is covered under the EDG License.



The SANTA-G NetTracer is composed of three components: a Sensor (which is installed on the node(s) to be monitored), a QueryEngine, and a Viewer GUI. The Sensor invokes Tcpcap (an open-source packet capture application), and then monitors the log files created. The Sensor notifies the QueryEngine when new log files are detected. The QueryEngine records these events and publishes them to users through the R-GMA. The QueryEngine also forms the interface to the R-GMA by using the R-GMA's CanonicalProducer API.

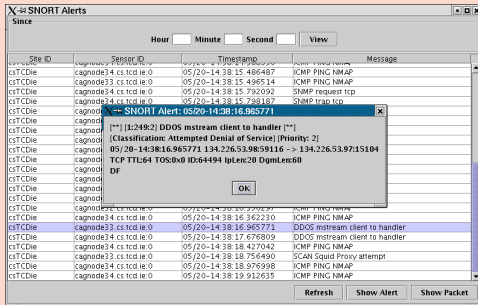
The Viewer GUI presents a graphical interface to users (see left), through which they may present queries and view results. Through the Canonical Producer their query is forwarded to the Query Engine, which then parses the query, searches the appropriate log file to obtain the data required to satisfy the query, and returns the dataset to the Viewer GUI through the R-GMA.



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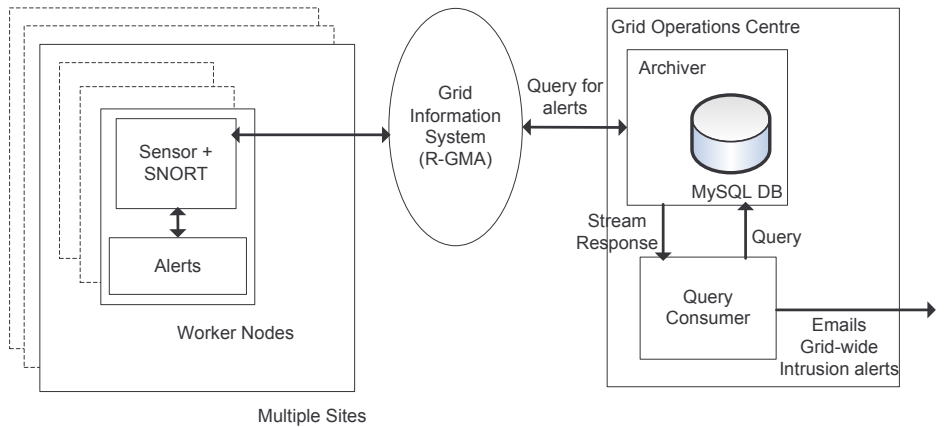
# Grid-wide Intrusion Detection



SNORT Alerts Display

The SNORT functionality of the SANTA-G NetTracer will be used as the basis of a Grid-wide intrusion detection system. SNORT logs alerts to a file when suspect packets are detected on the network. The Sensor component monitors this alerts file and when a new alert is detected its details are sent to the QueryEngine, which then *streams* them to the R-GMA. Users can then view these alerts using the Viewer GUI.

It is envisaged that each site within a Grid will run a set of SNORT sensors publishing alerts to the R-GMA. By using other R-GMA components, such as an Archiver, alerts published from multiple sites can be aggregated to form a Grid-wide intrusion log. A high level incident detection, tracking and response platform can then be created by using custom coded Consumers to filter and analyse this log in order to detect patterns that would signify an attempted distributed attack on the Grid infrastructure. If such a pattern is found the Consumer would trigger a pattern-specific alert, and thereby generate Grid-wide intrusion alerts.



## Documentation:

Documentation for the NetTracer, including Installation, User, and Developer guides can be downloaded from the following address:

<http://gridportal.fzk.de/autobuild/i386-rh7.3-gcc3.2.2/AutoDoc.html>

CrossGrid deliverables, including a Software Requirements Specification and Software Design Document can be obtained from the CrossGrid website:

[http://www.eu-crossgrid.org/deliverables\\_all.htm](http://www.eu-crossgrid.org/deliverables_all.htm)

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