UNICORE Data Management: Recent Advancements

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- Medical data amounts to 30% of the data produced
- 2.5 PB of mammograms are stored in the U.S. alone

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What are the UNICORE capabilities to:

- store,
- transfer,
- and manage large amounts of data.



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UNICORE solution: Distributed Storage (dSMS)

- hides the complexity from the user: well-known SMS abstraction
- single "access point" for the users
- ... which can be replicated for redundancy and load balancing
- flexibility (in adding new resources)



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- new feature in UNICORE: scheduled transfers





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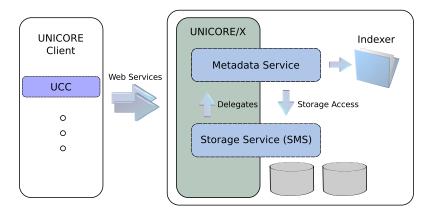
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UNICORE solution: Flexible Framework for Metadata Management (MMF)

- integrated in the UNICORE Atomic Services
- flexible and extensible
- schemaless
- searchable
- supports automatic extraction

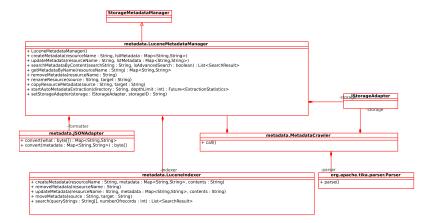


Architecture





Model





Demo



Functionality I

UNICORE MetadataService

- whole storage interactions via IStorage interface (integration)
- metadata are stored both in:
 - Storage (as files with .metadata extension)
 - 2 Lucene Index
- JSON representation without schema

Apache Lucene

- high-performance, full-featured text search engine
- advanced queries: wildcard, range, compound, proximity



Functionality II

Apache Tika

- toolkit for detecting and extracting of metadata and structured text content from various documents
- supports: html/xml, doc/odt, pdf, rtf, zip, midi, mp3, tiff/jpg, flc, java, dwg, ttf
- extensible (very simple interface)



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Transfer with UFTP

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Store in dSMS

- \Rightarrow proper handling of sensitive data
- \Rightarrow keeping data close to computing resources

Transfer with UFTP

- \Rightarrow automatic transfer protocol negotiation
- \Rightarrow deployments
- Describe and search with MMF
 - \Rightarrow convenient ways to provide own parsers
 - \Rightarrow URC integration



Thanks

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