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As part of its flagship Gridbus Project, the lab is developing Cloud and Grid computing technologies that power the emerging e-Science and e-Business applications. The GRIDS lab carries out its research and innovation in collaboration with national and international application scientists and industries. Our research sponsors include: Australian Research Council, DIISR, Sun, Microsoft, IBM, and Platform. The Lab’s innovations are commercialized through Manjrasoft.

THE GRIDBUS PROJECT

The Gridbus project is engaged in the creation of open-source specifications, architecture and a reference Grid toolkit implementation of service-oriented grid and utility computing technologies for e-Science and e-Business applications. The Gridbus software is being used in Grid-enabling a number of applications in science, engineering, and commerce.

The research probes include:
- Service-Oriented Grid Architecture
- Market Oriented Resource Management
- Grid Service Broker
- .NET based Grid Framework (Aneka)
- Grid Workflows and Scheduling
- Service Level Agreements & Resource Allocation Systems (Libra)
- Grid Simulation Toolkit (GridSim)
- Resource Usage Accounting (GridBank)
- Grid Application Development Environments
- Grid Market Directory (GMD)
- Application Targets include: Drug Discovery (WEHI), Neuroscience (HFI & Osaka), Kidney Modelling, Catchment Hydrology (eWater CRC), Brain Imaging (Dartmouth Medical School), and Financial Investment Risk Analysis (Spain).
- Open SensorWeb Architecture
- InterGrid – Internetworking Islands of Grids
- Content Delivery Networks
- Cloud Computing

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