Cyberinfrastructure for Research: New Trends and Tools (Part 1 of 2)

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Introduction and outline

• What is cyberinfrastructure, anyway?
  – First used in security briefing by Richard Clark in 1998.
  – Cyberinfrastructure consists of systems, advanced instruments and data repositories, visualization environments, and people, all linked together by software and high-performance networks to improve research productivity and enable breakthroughs not otherwise possible.

• Outline
  – A bit of IU history
  – Some thoughts about the current technology environment
  – Nationally accessible resources (effort, but no $$ needed)
  – Cyberinfrastructure as an ecosystem problem

• Note: slides will be posted online within a day or two
IU – Founded in 1820

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<th>Campus</th>
<th>Academic Appointees</th>
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<td><strong>Totals</strong></td>
<td><strong>8,760</strong></td>
<td><strong>10,916</strong></td>
<td><strong>81,974</strong></td>
<td><strong>20,093</strong></td>
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1,200 degree programs
IU community: 121,743 people total
1.2 million credit hours per semester
Two core research/education campuses, six regional campuses
Tuition and mandatory fees per year: $12,000 per year for Indiana Residents
Key IU metrics – IU’s scale helps, but CI strategy scales down pretty well

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<th>IU Budget Category</th>
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<td>Unrestricted</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$3,198,734,091</strong></td>
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IU Health Patient Metrics – 2012/2013

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<td>Admissions</td>
<td>143,219</td>
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<td>Outpatient visits</td>
<td>2,244,320</td>
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<td>Staffed beds</td>
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- No agricultural research
- No veterinary school
Strategy Matters

• “If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there.” – Lewis Carroll

• If you want to go somewhere, set a strategy and pursue it with diligence.

• IU Goals
  – To be a leader, “in absolute terms for uses and applications of IT.” (1996, Myles Brand, 16th President of IU)
  – To be one of the great public universities of the 21st Century. (2008, Michael A. McRobbie, 18th President of IU)

• Culture may eat strategy for breakfast, but only if you are not careful about tactics. With the right tactics and enough time strategy can change culture.
1998 – Indiana University Information Technology Strategic Plan: Architecture for the 21st Century

- A University IT strategic plan – not a strategic plan for the university IT organization
- 10 Recommendations, 68 Actions
- Theme: Get the technology stacks right (We did not have them right in 1997)

Financing
Network access “In the language of today's technology, "No busy signals!"
Incentivize use of IT
Teaching and learning IT
Research

Student systems
Telecomm convergence
Learning IT
Digital libraries
Policies
A bit about organizational structure

• CIO
  – Learning Technologies
  – Client Services and Support
  – Enterprise Software
  – Networks
  – GlobalNOC
  – Research Technologies
  – Pervasive Technology Institute
  – University Security & Policy Offices

• Other important roles at IU: President, VPR, Associate Vice Provost for Research, IU School of Medicine Executive Associate Dean
How far have we come?

- 1996: You could take everyone who knows how to use a supercomputer and fit them into a small conference room.
- 1997: Why does IU have a display at the Supercomputing Conference? Don’t you understand what this conference is about?
- 1998: Start involvement in grid activities that would lead to IU managing Open Science Grid operations
- 2001: Wins largest MRI grant award given by NSF that year.
- 2003: Part of TeraGrid
- 2005: Data Capacitor (MRI)
- 2008: FutureGrid
- 2014: Jetstream
From Research and Academic Computing retreat in 1997 – in midst of UITS formation

Goals (Draft)

1. Enhance quality and quantity of research done at IU by providing an excellent research computing environment which both responds to needs and creates new possibilities for IU’s researchers. [Partnering making new types of research possible] 
2. Achieve national prominence in research computing, enabling this to be an area of competitive advantage for IU? 
3. Provide leadership in deployment and use of new computing technologies
IU becomes first university to have its own one teraFLOPS supercomputer with IBM SP
2008: 2nd IU IT Strategic Plan, *Empowering People*

- The hard part: role-centric view: 15 Recommendations, 72 Actions.
- [http://ep.iu.edu](http://ep.iu.edu)

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<td>7. IT Staff</td>
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RT Goals for 2020 (apply to all staff)

• **IU researchers, scholars, students, and artists will**
  – Use information technology within a policy and security framework that serves as a model for academia and the US in general.
  – Be able to pursue their academic and creative activities with no limitations created by access to data, and few limitations caused by access to computational power.
  – Be able to examine and present research results or artistic creations in ways that are intuitive and enhance effectiveness through:
    • 2- and 3-D display and interface resources generally available in offices, labs and meeting rooms.
    • State-of-the-art, large-scale facilities located conveniently throughout IU.
  – Have access to resources that:
    • Grow in capability and capacity predictably, steadily, and in ways that keep IU researchers at the leading edge of discovery.
    • Are available resiliently by design (24 x 365 at never less than 75% aggregate capacity).
    • Are available immediately when immediacy is essential.
    • Are accessible through interfaces that are intuitively usable by the large majority of IU researchers.
Indiana residents will

- Benefit from new, high-quality jobs created by IU’s advanced IT environment (at rates exceeding the present job-creation rate and contributing to the Indiana economy). Such jobs will be created in three ways:
  - Bring federal money into the state to create new jobs.
  - Attract existing companies to locate major business operations in Indiana.
  - Create new companies through commercialization of IU innovations.
  - We will measure accomplishment by job creation (direct and indirect), and by IU rankings in major economic assessments – rising at least five places in one of the major rankings from 2008 to 2020.

- Have access to education and training so anyone growing up in Indiana can strive for and obtain one of these high-quality jobs. The School of Informatics and Computing and other IU schools produce well-educated graduates, many of whom stay in Indiana.

- Have an improved quality of life stemming from these achievements:
  - We will help IU biomedical research and health services communities improve state rankings in such major health indicators as obesity and tobacco use.
  - US and world residents will benefit through access to information technology services and IT-related information made available by IU and benefit from IT-related outcomes of IU discoveries and innovations.
We’ve supported some REALLY cool research and creative activity along the way.

- Higgs boson
- One-Degree Imager
- Operation Ice Bridge
- Just doin’ the neutron dance
- *Daphnia* genome
- Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder
- Indiana CTSI
- Cell-surface function
- History of philosophy and science
- Variations
- Ethnography
- Music composition
- Fine arts
- Performing arts
Fine Arts

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Performing Arts

IUPUI Percussionist / Composer Scott Deal

IU Cinema – e.g., DCP for Herzog films
Isaac Newton, like Albert Einstein, is a quintessential symbol of the human intellect and its ability to decode the secrets of nature. Newton’s fundamental contributions to science include the quantification of gravitational attraction, the discovery that white light is actually a mixture of immutable spectral colors, and the formulation of the calculus. Yet there is another, more mysterious side to Newton that is imperfectly known, a realm of activity that spanned some thirty years of his life, although he kept it largely hidden from his contemporaries and colleagues. We refer to Newton’s involvement in the discipline of alchemy, or as it was often called in seventeenth-century England, “chymistry.” Newton wrote and transcribed about a million words on the subject of alchemy. Newton’s alchemical manuscripts include a rich and diverse set of document types, including laboratory notebooks, indices of alchemical substances, and Newton’s transcriptions from other sources.
Aiding global environment and Indiana economy

- Working with Cummins to explore combustion of new biofuels
- How are soot particles created during and after combustion?
- Collaborating with Convergent Sciences, maker of the popular Converge CFD application, and Lawrence Livermore National Lab
Promises, promises: Continued job growth...

PTI FTE Count by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year

0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140

Research Centers Externally Funded FTEs
Research Centers Base Funded FTEs
Cyberinfrastructure & Service Centers Externally Funded FTEs
Cyberinfrastructure & Service Centers Base Funded FTEs
How the US sees us: Education and Outreach

PTI EOT Events by Attendance Numbers

- 59.4% IT research
- 27.4% Education
- 9.1% General Public
- 3.7% Science, humanities, scholarship
- 0.4% Business

Overall audience reached during reporting period: 7706

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Nationally we are at a point of particularly rapid change

- **Opportunities**
  - Vast majority of data created today are born digital

- **Diversity of analysis frameworks**
  - Traditional MPI & OpenMP parallel programming
  - MapReduce
  - Cloud computing in general
  - New interfaces such as gateways

- **Diversity of processors**
  - Stability of AMD – Intel – Nvidia détente is gone
  - Will new Intel processors work?
  - What about ARM?
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