

# Launched - The Financial Services Grid Initiative

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Delivering on its ongoing commitment to assist the financial world by empowering organizations to drive through cost reduction and efficiency increase measures through the use of advanced technologies, Corporate Modelling plc has now launched the Financial Services Grid Initiative.

The Financial Services Grid Initiative was developed to provide a utility platform for financial service companies based upon the use of grid technologies as a utility resource. The initiative is open to all hardware vendors, software vendors and third party software houses.

The goals of the Financial Services Grid Initiative are to enable organisations to maximise the use of their computer resources in a cost effective and secure manner.

**Dr Michael Newberry, product manager, High Performance Computing at Microsoft:**

“Grid Computing is a massive growth area for Microsoft over the coming years and we are pleased to be working with Corporate Modelling on the Financial Services Grid Initiative. The Financial Services Grid Initiative is an excellent source of information and we hope that many of the leading financial software houses

will adopt Grid over time.”

**Mark Cobban, manager Dell Super Computing Group:**

“We are delighted to be founder members of the Financial Services Grid Initiative, and believe that the reference architectures available from the initiative will help speed the adoption of Grid within the financial community”

**Graham Twaddle, CEO of Corporate Modelling plc:**

“The Financial Services Grid Initiative is committed to working together with its members to ensure that they are having the knowledge and ability to deliver cost reduction through the use of Grid technologies and stay ahead of the game. Sharing information and reference architectures as well as practical experiences will increase the adoption rate of Grid technologies in the mainframe and mini replacement arena”.

Founder members include:

- **Microsoft Corporation**
- **Dell Inc.**
- **Corporate Modelling plc.**

**About the Financial Services Grid Initiative**

For more information about the Financial Services Grid Initiative, please visit our Web site at: [www.fsgrid.com](http://www.fsgrid.com).

**About Microsoft HPC**

Microsoft Windows Compute Cluster Server 2003 (CCS) brings the supercomputing power of high-performance computing (HPC) to the desktop and workgroup level in a familiar Windows-based development environment. CCS accelerates time-to-insight by providing an HPC platform that is easy to deploy, operate, and integrate with existing infrastructure and tools.

**About Dell HPC**

Dell high performance computing clusters help solve some of the most challenging computational intensive tasks facing business today. By integrating the latest advances in industry-standard servers, high speed interconnects and leading software, Dell's HPC clusters deliver the performance of proprietary SMP (symmetric multiprocessing) systems, with the simplicity and value of industry standard computing.

**About Corporate Modelling**

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