

Update on SHA-2 and RFC proxy support

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The problem

- IGTF would like CAs to move from SHA-1 to SHA-2 signatures ASAP, to anticipate concerns about the long-term safety of the former
 - See https://twiki.grid.iu.edu/bin/view/Security/HashAlgorithms
- For WLCG this implies using RFC proxies instead of the Globus legacy proxies in use today
 - See Jan GDB presentation for detailed explanation



EUGridPMA plan

- The EUGridPMA discussed the matter at their Jan meeting
 - https://www.eugridpma.org/meetings/2012-01/summary.txt
- Their current plan:
 - "The date by which SHA-2 production certs may be issued will be NO LATER than January 2013 (and it is likely we will RECOMMEND CAs to move then, since it will take another 395 days to get rid of SHA-1 in a reasonable way)"
- This would give us 10 months to get ready for RFC and SHA-2
 - See next slide
- The TAGPMA will discuss the matter at their Feb 9-10 meeting



Current state of affairs and ideas

- There are various pieces of middleware and experiment-ware that need to be made ready for SHA-2 or RFC proxy support
 - SHA-2: dCache, BeStMan (RFC proxies already supported by these)
 - RFC: Argus, CREAM, WMS, DIRAC, ...
 - SHA-2 should work, not tested...
- For EMI products the current time line is the EMI-2 release in April/May
 - OSG are also aware and did not report additional constraints
- It may be many weeks before the affected products can be endorsed by UMD for generic deployment on EGI sites
 - EMI-2 is a major release with many changes
- → We have summer & autumn to deal with the bugs
 - → Prepare for major production upgrades early 2013



Phases and milestones (1)

1. Deployment of SW supporting RFC proxies

- Proxy usage:
 - Legacy
 - RFC → only in special tests
 - SHA-2 → only in special tests
- SW supports:
 - Legacy
 - RFC → maybe
 - SHA-2 → maybe
- Milestone:
 - All deployed SW supports RFC proxies → by autumn 2012 ?
- Additional goal:
 - All deployed SW supports SHA-2, except dCache and BeStMan
 → by autumn 2012 ?



Phases and milestones (2)

- 2. Switch to RFC proxies → Jan 2013?
 - There should be no issues with that by this time
- 3. Upgrade dCache and BeStMan
 - Proxy usage:
 - RFC
 - SHA-2 → only in special tests
 - SW supports:
 - RFC
 - SHA-2 → maybe
 - Milestone:
 - All deployed SW supports SHA-2 → by early 2013 ?
- 4. Introduce SHA-2 CAs
 - Plan B ?!