



Enabling Grids for E-scienceE

Glaxec: status overview (and LCAS and LCMAPS)

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- **End of life for EDG support**
- **Status on the preview test-beds**
- **OSG and glxexec**
- **Latest developments**
- **SAML-XACML**
- **JIT updates**
- **TODO**

“We will no-longer support EDG-LCAS and EDG-LCMAPS and their plugins”

- **Reasons:**

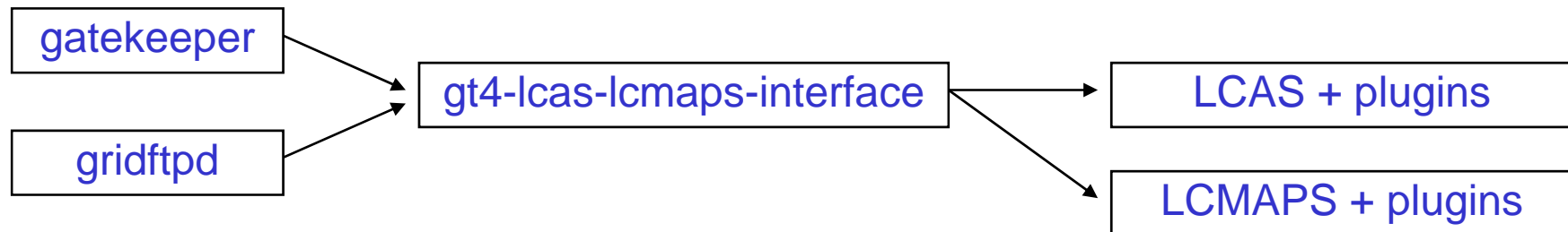
- We (developers of...) have no control over the code that is currently in production.
- We see all kinds of complication rise from VOMS and we’ve made the move to FQANs two years ago.
 - LCG did not move with our newer versions and missed our move to FQANs (for the last three years)
- It’s an evolutionary process but we decided to make it official
 - It has been taken over by LCG; contact point Maarten Litmaath
- Big bang of software... → Glite 3.1
 - *Featuring GT4 and VOMS in the FQAN format*
- Warnings were declined because there is not enough manpower for certification in SA3

- **Not much has changed since Catania**
 - CREAM CE seems to run without any complaint @ NIKHEF
 - HIP cluster is reinstalled; failing qsub should work
- **Holidays**
 - We both had our holidays 😊
 - No time left to spend on the Preview Testbed in the past months 😞
- **NIKHEF Preview Testbed nodes will be restructured**
 - Some downtime when our local sys-admins give the Go
 - Currently running as 4 VMs on a dual-dualcore high-end machine
 - Will move to a lower end machine, due to usage rates and demand for the high-end machines
 - May move back when usage rates go up

- **Glxec distribution to OSG has improved**
 - More in sync with recent version
 - Using our build infrastructure (Etics) can build their own versions
 - VDT is picking up the code and building it with Etics
 - Will receive an Etics free script soon
- **Glxec code in better shape**
 - Code hardening/clean up
 - Tracking down potentially dangerous code and fixing it
 - Sudden Seg. Fault conditions experienced only at Fermilab are now gone (forever...?)
- **We're unhappy about the rpaths in all our binaries**
 - Because of our “non-GNU” build method

- **Added the `linger` keyword to the `glexec` config file**
 - it controls the fork behaviour.
 - `linger yes` is the default and makes `glexec` fork and wait
 - `linger no` makes `glexec` just `exec()`
 - done on request of Condor (and LCG)
- **Changes the behaviour of `glexec` in regard to interpretation of `poolaccount` entries**
 - Side info: this mechanism is used to whitelist Unix account that can execute `glexec`
 - one could specify `poolaccounts` like so: `pool*`, i.e. `pooladmin` is a match
 - now `pool*` matches `pool[0-9]*` only
 - introduced `.pool` to comply with the syntax used in `gridmap` files
 - `.pool` and `pool*` are handled equally
 - preference of `.pool` over `pool*` (might get deprecated)

- **Able to use LCAS and LCMAPS from GT4 services**
 - Like: GT4 gatekeeper, gridFTPd and GSI-OpenSSHd
- **Done by implementing the provided AuthZ (and Mapping) interface from GT4**
 - No need for an ‘edg’ or ‘glite’ variant of the gatekeeper/gridftpd



- **Planning to implement:**
 - LCAS and LCMAPS plugins that form a PEP
 - Goal: get the UID and GID information from a central source securely
 - Implement the PDP side as the Central Service that provides the UID and GID information
 - based on LCAS and LCMAPS
- **Using SAML-XACML standards to get the job done**
 - Obligations: current topics were
 - where in the XML-structure do we put them
 - How do we extract them and enforce them
 - Supporting SAML-tickets
- **Stress point: We need a C implementation of the library**

- **TCG states SAML-XACML interface work to create a site central service just gave the *Go Ahead***
- **Needed library need to be able to function without the entire GT4 library**
 - We want this ASAP

- **Handle list of existing (open) bugs**
- **When time allows or when management applies force: make glexec and L&L work natively on x86_64 (and Itanium)**
- **Make the SAML-XACML interface a successful implementation that we can use through out our infrastructures**
- **Continuous effort on code hardening in glexec and the frameworks on which all is based**
- **Deal with other big list with small items that we must do**
- **Documentation...**