

Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

CREAM and proxy renewal

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Previous situation

- BLAHP moves the proxy from the CE to the WN using a secure channel
- One BPR server is running on the WN for each submitted job (predefined port range)
- Drawbacks:
 - Problems with firewall and IDS
 - Deployment of the BPR server on the WN



Requirements

- Basic requirements:
 - Proxies must be downloaded from the CE, or other services of the site, into the WN
 - A stolen proxy must not be renewed
- A new security mechanism must be used whenever the proxy is stolen (two factor AuthN/AuthZ)
 - Shared secret (security token) between the CREAM service and the jobwrapper



Temporary solution

- Proxies are copied into a gridFTP area of the CE
- The jobwrapper downloads the new proxy using a secure channel before the expiration
- A cracker with a stolen proxy can access the gridFTP area on the CE (proxies cannot be hidden)



Long term solutions (1)

- Installation of a myproxy server on the CE
- Drawbacks:
 - Duplication of the repository (myproxy and delegation back-end)
 - New dependency on Globus and changes in the CE metapackage
- It has to be investigated how to prevent the renewal of a stolen proxy



Long term solutions (2)

- A CREAM servlet accesses the delegation back-end
- The jobwrapper sends a HTTP GET request to the CREAM service using htcp for downloading the new proxy
- The servlet uses the CE AuthN/AuthZ layers (trustmanager, gJAF)
- One of the parameters of the request is a security token created by CREAM and hard-coded setup in the jobwrapper
- It can be implemented in a short time
- The tool htcp must be installed in the WN



Long term solutions (3)

- The reverse delegation service is an extension of the current delegation service (same back-end)
- It provides a pullProxy operation
- The jobwrapper contacts the WS on the CE sending a proxy certificate request and receiving a proxy certificate chain
- No private key is moved from the CE to the WN
- A special client must be installed in the WN
- A shared secret can be:
 - Exchanged in the soap message (WSS header)
 - Embedded into the proxy itself





- http://grid.pd.infn.it/cream/field.php?n=Main.ProxyRenewalWithServlet
- Reverse delegation ASAP

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