Object-based Storage
Integration within the ATLAS DDM System

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The ATLAS Distributed Data Management (DDM) System
- The Distributed Data Management project is charged with managing all ATLAS data on the grid
- All for the purpose of helping the collaboration store, manage and process LHC data in a heterogeneous distributed environment, like:
  - Transfer data to/from sites
  - Delete data from sites
- The Integration of new storage types, like object-based storage, is a constant need

Object-based Storage & Use Cases
- The vast majority of cloud storage available in the market leverages an object-based storage architecture.
- Today, we have several object-based storage available for ATLAS:
  - BNL (Amazon, Ceph), Lancaster (Amazon), RAL (Ceph), CERN (Ceph), MTW2(Ceph)
- To start with, we integrated object-based storage for two use cases:
  - Log files management
  - The ATLAS Event service

Integration Within DDM/Rucio
- The main idea was to integrate object-based storage as regular DDM and focus on the Amazon S3 (Simple Storage Service) protocol
- Rucio allows the integration of non posix namespace as s3://<bucket>[<prefix>]/<object>
- We have a flexible mapping protocol-endpoint within DDM/Rucio
- Object-based storage supports other authentication mechanisms than X509
  - Usually based on access and secret Keys

Implementation
- Two protocols have been implemented:
  - s3:// and s3+rucio://
  - s3:// has been implemented with the boto python library and requires to have the Access and Secret keys available
- It is the preferred way on central machines where we have access to them in a secure way, e.g., central deletion

1. Pre-Signed URL valid for 1 hour
2. A pre-signed URL gives you (temporary read/write) access to the object

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