

Tokens in dCache

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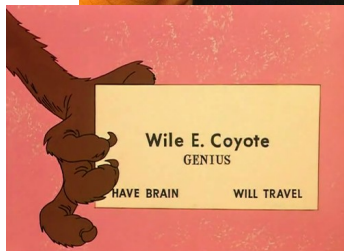
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How login works in dCache



Credentials vs principals



Name: **Wile E. Coyote**

ACME customer ID: **11493**

Passport number: **0008103314**

Bank account number: **001213921**

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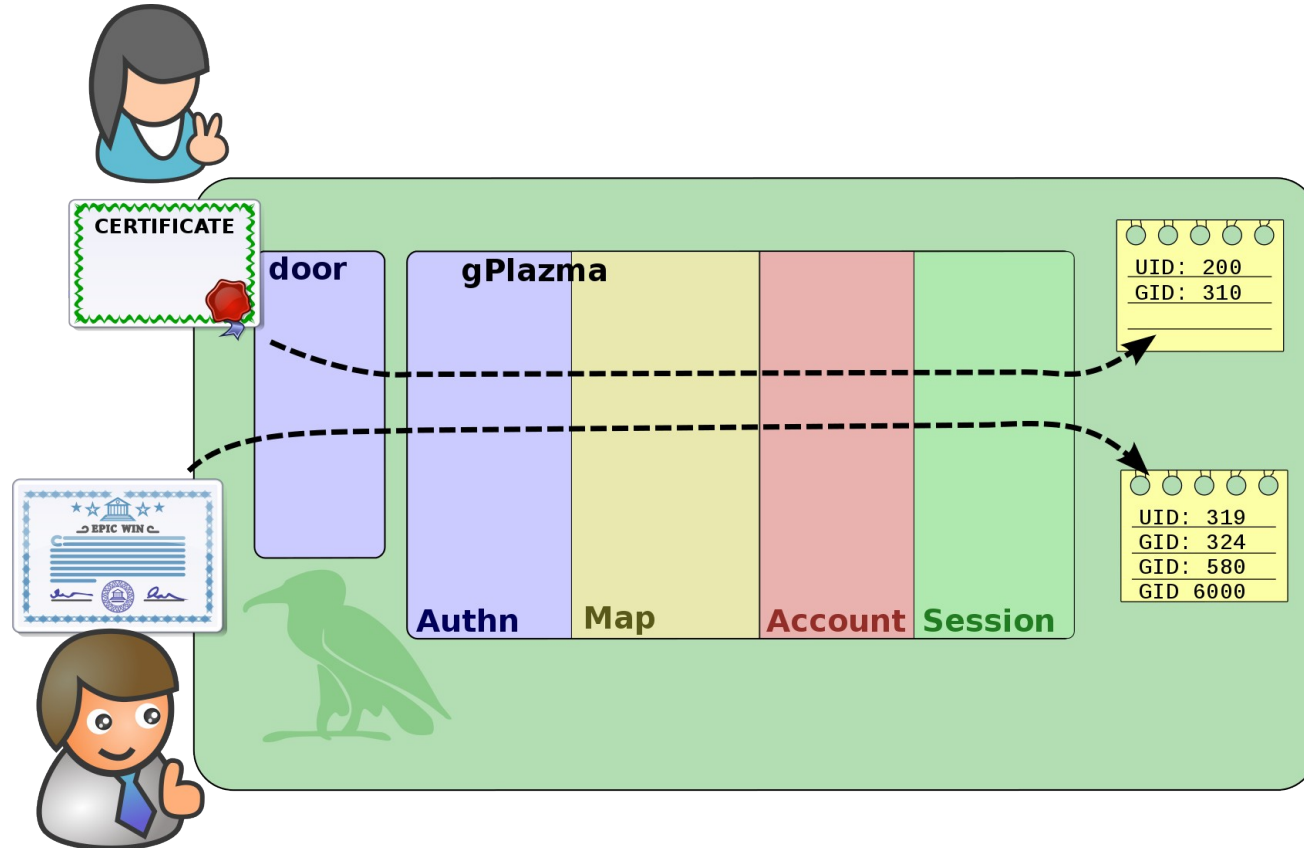
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Credentials

Principals

The door and gPlazma



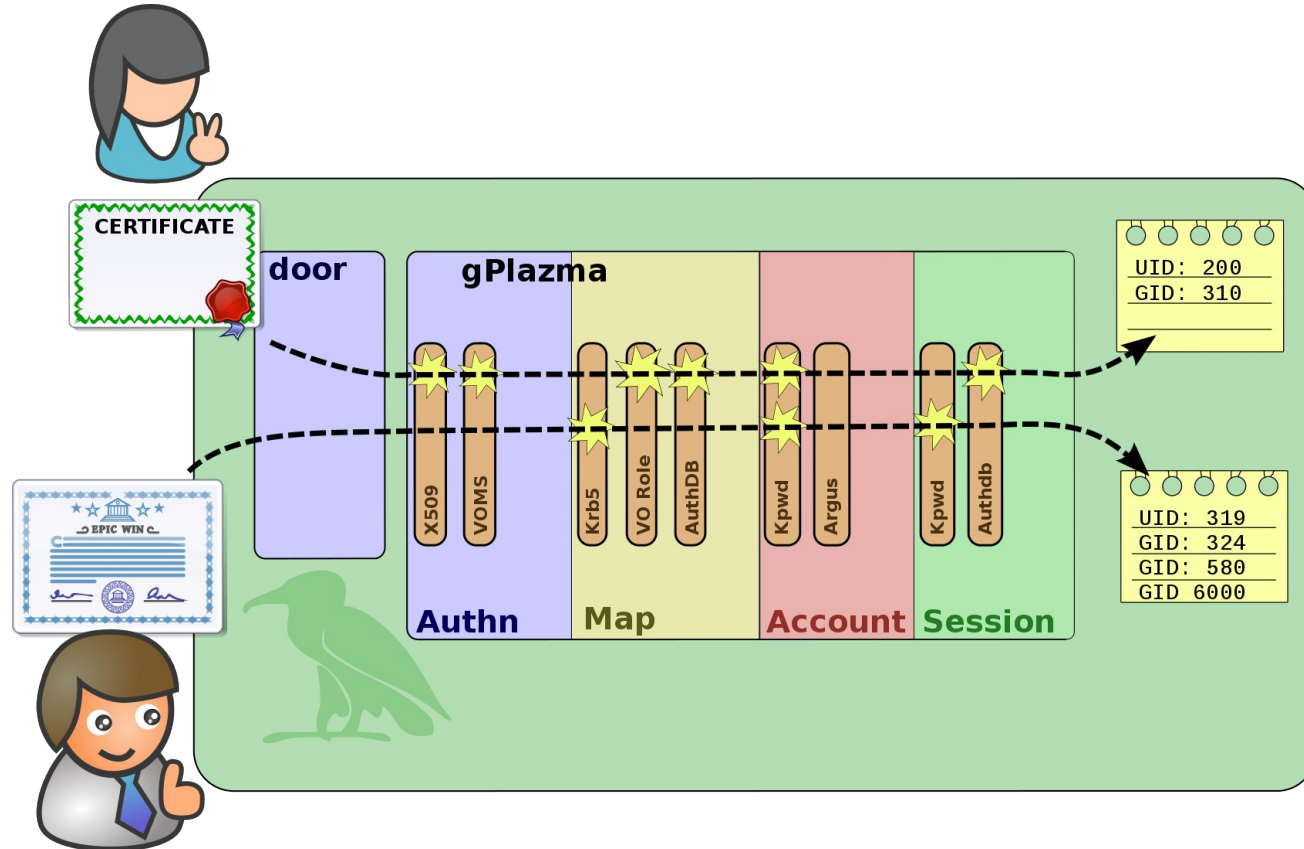
What happens in AuthN phase



- Is the credential valid?
- Pull out information (principals) that describe the person:

- Token ID: **T22000129**
- Name: **ERIKA MUSTERMANN**
- Nationality: **German**

It's all done with plugins!



dCache and tokens



Protocols supporting bearer tokens

- Underlying **network protocol** needs to (somehow) support bearer tokens:
 - Supporting bearer tokens: **HTTP**, **xroot**.
 - Not supporting bearer tokens: **NFS**, **FTP**.
 - dCache **doors** supporting oidc tokens:
 - Using HTTP: **WebDAV**, **SRM**, **REST**.
 - Using xroot: "**xrootd**".
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gPlazma support for tokens

- Support is available in the AuthN phase:
 - AuthN phase: Credential → Principals.
 - Subsequent phases use this information.
 - There are two AuthN phase plugins to support tokens:
 - **oidc** – identify a person: authentication
 - **scitoken** – identify what bearer is allowed to do: authorisation.
 - Either, neither or both tokens may be enabled.
 - Compatible with other AuthN (e.g., X.509).
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gPlazma support: oidc plugin

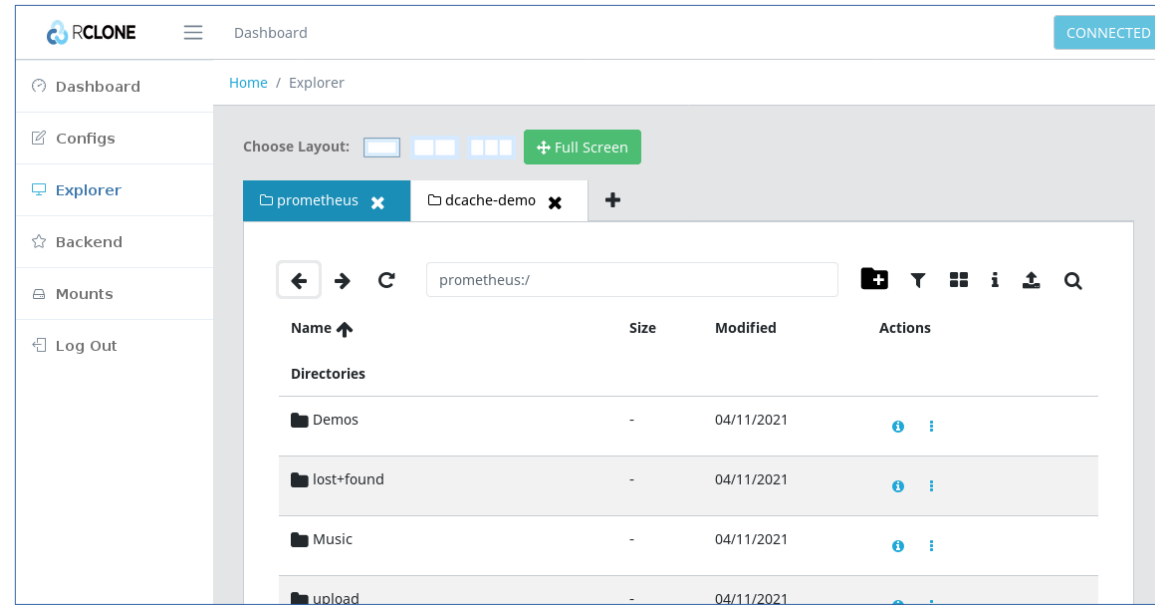
- Calls user-info endpoint to validate token and discover “claims”.
 - The OP’s identity → **OauthProviderPrincipal**.
 - Maps claims to principals:
 - **sub** → **OidcSubjectPrincipal**
 - **groups** → **OpenIdGroupPrincipal** (or **GroupNamePrincipal**)
 - **eduperson_assurance** → **LoAPrincipal**
 - **given_name/family_name/name** → **FullNamePrincipal**
 - **email** → **EmailAddressPrincipal**
 - **wlcg.groups** → **OpenIdGroupPrincipal**
 - **eduperson_entitlement** → **EntitlementPrincipal**
 - **Optionally preferred_username** → **UserNamePrincipal**
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gPlazma support: scitoken plugin

- Token must be a JWT; uses offline verification.
 - Requires token to have either **sub** or **jti** (or both) claims.
 - Optional audience protection: based on the **aud** claim.
 - Optional replay-attack protection, using **jti**.
 - The OP's identity → **OauthProviderPrincipal**
 - Maps claims to principals:
 - **sub** → **OidcSubjectPrincipal**
 - **jti** → **JwtJtiPrincipal**
 - **scope** → authorisation information (newer versions override namespace).
 - Additional fixed set of principals for this OP (e.g., **GroupNamePrincipal** from VO).
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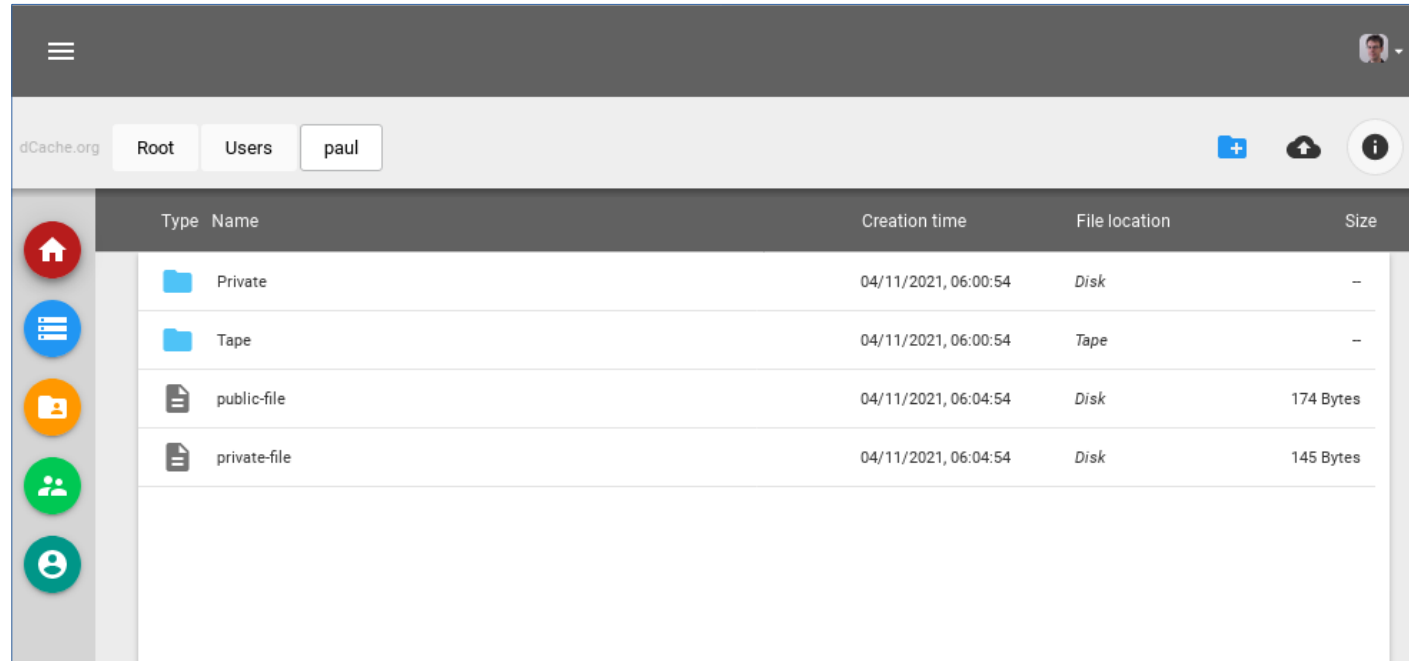
Clients: WebDAV with OIDC tokens

- Our “go to” client here is **rclone**:
 - Supports OIDC via `oidc-agent`.
- Primarily a **command-line client**, but does provide a web-based GUI.



Clients: dCacheView

- JavaScript client shipped with dCache that supports OIDC.
- Uses REST API + WebDAV
- Storage events provide a “live” view of directories.



The screenshot shows the dCacheView web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'dCache.org', 'Root', 'Users', and 'paul'. Below this is a table listing files and folders. The table has columns for Type, Name, Creation time, File location, and Size. The data rows are:

Type	Name	Creation time	File location	Size
Folder	Private	04/11/2021, 06:00:54	Disk	-
Folder	Tape	04/11/2021, 06:00:54	Tape	-
File	public-file	04/11/2021, 06:04:54	Disk	174 Bytes
File	private-file	04/11/2021, 06:04:54	Disk	145 Bytes

Future directions



Merging scitoken and oidc plugins

- Not much sense in having two plugins that do (more or less) the same thing.
 - Plan to update the **oidc** plugin to support:
 - JWT offline verification;
 - Features of scitoken plugin:
 - authorisation (scitoken and WLCG-AuthZ profiles); audience protection; replay-attack protection.
 - Support OP-based identity via the `OauthProviderPrincipal`.
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Improved support for Level-of-Assurance

- The **x509** and **oidc** plugins provide LoA information.
 - Currently no dCache-supplied plugins make use of this information.
 - In a federated environment, not all authentication mechanisms are the same.
 - Use-case: single service hosting resources that require additional “hoops”.
 - Investigate a “policy” plugin to support enforcing LoA requirements.
 - Potential involvement of TFA/MFA ?
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Supporting federated environments

- The **HIFIS storage** use-case:
 - Normal activity are through a DESY infrastructure proxy (keycloak)
 - provides a common service for all on-site services.
 - Also participating as a service in a federated environment: FTS.
 - Transfers from FTS use a token from a **community proxy** (!= DESY's keycloak), but identities are held in the infra proxy.
 - Use **token-translation** to convert community-proxy-issued token to a keycloak-issue-token token.
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Open questions



Open-question: choosing primary group?

- VOMS (perhaps uniquely) allows a user to **choose** which group is primary.
 - In dCache, the primary group is **significant**:
 - Files and directories are group-owned by the primary group.
 - Quota is consumed by primary group.
 - Space consumption uses primary group (sort of).
 - Pins are group-owned based on primary group.
 - IAM (like many other OPs) currently don't support a user choosing which group is their primary group: does this matter?
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Open-question: decommissioning accounts?

- Accounts may be **auto-created**:
 - Architecturally, dCache can do this; but we recommend using an infrastructure proxy.
 - How does a service **learn** of decommissioned accounts?
 - IAM would first need to discover this.
 - IAM would need to propagate this to dCache.
 - Is this problem of interest to IAM?
 - Helmholtz is developing an ad-hoc solution – a possibility for standardisation?
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The conclusions (the TL&FA)



Summary

- dCache supports tokens:
 - Both for authentication (OIDC) and authorisation (scitoken/AuthZ) use-cases.
 - It works, but looking at improving it.
 - Also planning to add new features.
 - We're also interested in hearing which features people would find useful.
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Thanks for listening

