

VOMS chapter 1&1/2

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Summary of the previous chapter

- VOMS software introduced in LCG-2_4_0
- No automatic installation but very good installation notes.
- LCAS/ LCMAPS weren't working properly
- Grid-mapfile could however be built
 - Support for small VO
 - No support for groups/roles in big VOs
 - Or for users belonging to more than one VO
- A server was installed in Manchester as part of the Northgrid contribution to the UK testzone.
 - Could be used but wasn't "official"



GridPP and NGS

- GridPP national VOMS to support smaller VOs: phenogrid, t2k
- Agreement with NGS for mutual support
 - Common infrastructure to maintain the VOMS servers
 - Common VOs support
 - Common distribution of information
 - Enable each other VOs on each other systems



What is happening in Manchester

- Manchester
 - ½ FTE for this support: Sergey Dolgodobrov
 - Tier2 is becoming slowly alive
- Support part of the Tier2 infrastructure
 - 3 servers for GridPP: 1 Test, 1 production, 1 backup
 - 2 servers for NGS 1 production, 1 backup
- Sergey will be the VOMS administrator and will do VOs support
 - NGS FTE not yet there will give support on best effort



VOMS software

- At first glance it doesn't look good
- Central VOMS servers are unstable
 - Expected to be fixed with next versions of gLite (current is gLite 1.4)
- Still in a hybrid phase
 - LCG clients still under the edg tree of directories
 - Servers pure gLite
 - Idap/grid-mapfile and VOMS authz mechanism cohexist.
 - DN/ UID mapping still static



VOMS software (2)

- Server can still be installed quite easily
 - Even with gLite tools
- LCAS/ LCMAPS work on the machines installed with LCG tools
 - Users can be mapped to different VOs correctly
 - Roles can be assigned
- Authz hybrid is to allow users to keep on using the system during the transition.
 - They'll have to re-register sometimes in the future.
- Voms-proxy-init works
- Clients and servers interoperate
- The system is easy to back up and restore



Local Tests

- There are 2 test servers in Manchester
 - Started with gLite 1.3 now moving to gLite 1.4
- One system has been reinstalled using the database back up of the other.
- The upgrade has being completed in the same way
- T2K VO has been created on IC request
- RAL and IC RBs and Manchester and IC CE/SE have enabled the VO
- People testing can be mapped to dteam and t2k



Open questions

- How will the general infrastructure be?
- How do VOs can request to be enabled?
- How do we enable them on the system?
- How do we distribute the server certificate?
- How the end point?i.e. how do we configure the mkgridmap.conf
- And the contact strings?
- Most importantly: How do we support local VOs to give them privileged access to their resources without backdoors? ©
- Voms server naming scheme?



Conclusions

- Some solutions are on the way, some others are temporary and others need discussion
- However the production system will be set up next week
- A gridpp VO will be created for testing
 - but it could also end up being a mother VO and the real VOs being subgroups
- T2K will be maintained for now as it is.
- Other VOs will have to send a request to be created for now to Jeremy Coles until a formal procedure is established.

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