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Chapter 1. APIs

Documentation for the APIs in this component can be found here:

- `gaa_core` [no frames]
- `gaa_gss_generic` [no frames]
- `gaa_plugin` [no frames]
- `globus_authz` [no frames]
- `globus_authz_callout_error` [no frames]
- `globus_gridmap_callout_error` [no frames]
- `globus_gsi_callback` [no frames]
- `globus_gsi_cert_utils` [no frames]
- `globus_gsi_credential` [no frames]
- `globus_gsi_openssl_error` [no frames]
- `globus_gsi_proxy_core` [no frames]
- `globus_gsi_proxy_ssl` [no frames]
- `globus_gsi_sysconfig` [no frames]
- `globus_gss_assist` [no frames]

1 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/gaa_core/html/index.html#_top
2 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/gaa_core/html/main.html#_top
3 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/gaa_gss_generic/html/index.html#_top
4 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/gaa_gss_generic/html/main.html#_top
5 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/gaa_plugin/html/index.html#_top
6 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/gaa_plugin/html/main.html#_top
7 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/globus_authz/html/index.html#_top
9 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/globus_authz_callout_error/html/index.html#_top
11 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/globus_gridmap_callout_error/html/index.html#_top
13 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/globus_gsi_callback/html/index.html#_top
15 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/globus_gsi_cert_utils/html/index.html#_top
17 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/globus_gsi_credential/html/index.html#_top
19 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/globus_gsi_openssl_error/html/index.html#_top
21 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/globus_gsi_proxy_core/html/index.html#_top
23 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/globus_gsi_proxy_ssl/html/index.html#_top
27 http://www.globus.org/api/c-globus-4.0/globus_gss_assist/html/index.html#_top
For information on the internationalization API, see the CCommon Libraries Public Interface.
Chapter 2. Protocol Specifications

1. GSI Message Specification

The GSSAPI implementation contained in this component produces security tokens that follow an extended version of the SSL/TLS protocol. More information about the protocol can be found here\(^1\).

\(^1\) ../GSI-message-specification-02.doc
GSI Commands
Name

grid-cert-info -- Display certificate information

grid-cert-info [-help] [-version] [-file CERTIFICATE-FI-

Description

The grid-cert-info displays information from a user's credential, or from any X.509 certificate if the -file CERTIFICATE-FI-
LENAME is used. By default, a text representation of the entire certificate is displayed. If more than one display option is present on the command line, the output is generated in the order the options occur on the command line.

The following search order is used to locate the default certificate:

• $X509_USER_CERT
• $HOME/.globus/usercert.pem
• $HOME/.globus/usercred.p12

If the certificate is encoded in pkcs12, grid-cert-info will prompt for the password used to protect the .p12 file.

The full set of command-line options to grid-cert-info is:

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>-version</td>
<td>Print version information and exit</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| -file CERTIFICATE-FI-
LENAME     | Read credential from CERTIFICATE-FI-
LENAME instead of the default location. The file must have a .pem or .p12 extension. |
| -all     | Print all information from the certificate. This is the default unless any of the following options are given. |
| -subject | Print the subject name of the certificate. |
| -issuer  | Print the subject name of the issuer of the certificate. This is the subject name of the Certificate Authority which signed the certificate. |
| -issuerhash | Print the hash of the name of the issuer of the certificate. This is the hash of the Certificate Authority which signed the certificate. |
| -startdate | Print the date and time from which the certificate is valid |
| -enddate  | Print the date and time when the certificate expires. |

Examples

Print out the date range when a certificate is valid:

% grid-cert-info -startdate -enddate

Oct 29 13:09:42 2007 GMT
Oct 28 13:09:42 2008 GMT
Note that in this example, the start date is printed first, based on the order of the command-line options.

**Limitations**

The `-issuerhash` fails with some versions of OpenSSL.
Name

grid-cert-request -- Create a certificate request

[-commonname NAME] [-service SERVICE] [-host FQDN] [-interactive]
[-dir DIRECTORY] [-prefix PREFIX] [-ca [HASH]] [-nopw]

Description

grid-cert-request generates a public/private key pair an X.509 certificate request containing the public key and a subject name. By default, it generates a request for a user certificate for the invoking user. grid-cert-request can also be used to create host or service certificates based on command-line options. At least one Certificate Authority must be configured to use with the Globus Toolkit in order for this command to succeed.

Complete set of options to grid-cert-request is:

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<td>-version</td>
<td>Print version information and exit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-verbose</td>
<td>Don't clear screen after running OpenSSL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-force</td>
<td>Overwrite an existing certificate request if present.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-commonname NAME</td>
<td>Construct a subject name with NAME as the final name component. By default, the subject name is inferred from the output of the finger program. If that fails, grid-cert-request will prompt of a name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-service SERVICE</td>
<td>Construct a subject name with the common name constructed from the SERVICE name and the hostname joined by the / character. The -service requires that the -host option also be used. The private key created for a service certificate request is not encrypted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-host FQDN</td>
<td>Construct a subject name with FQDN as the name of the host. This must be a fully-qualified name in dotted string notation (e.g. grid.example.org). If no service is specified by the -service option, the subject name will be host/FQDN. The private key created for a host certificate request is not encrypted. By default the host certificate request and key are created in /etc/grid-security.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-interactive</td>
<td>Interactively prompt for the components of the certificate subject name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-dir DIRECTORY</td>
<td>Write the certificate request and key to DIRECTORY, creating it if the directory does not exist. By default, the certificate request and key are placed in $HOME/.globus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-prefix PREFIX</td>
<td>Prepend the string PREFIX to the certificate, key, and request filenames. The default prefix is user for user certificates and host for host certificates.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-ca HASH</td>
<td>Choose a non-default Certificate Authority configuration to construct the certificate request. If HASH is present on the command line, then grid-cert-request will use that certificate authority's configuration. Otherwise, it will prompt the user for a CA to choose from the list of configured CAs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-nopw</td>
<td>Create a private key without a password. This may be a security risk if the file permissions of the private key are not carefully maintained.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Examples

Request a user certificate:

% grid-cert-request

A certificate request and private key is being created.
You will be asked to enter a PEM pass phrase.
This pass phrase is akin to your account password,
and is used to protect your key file.
If you forget your pass phrase, you will need to
obtain a new certificate.

Generating a 1024 bit RSA private key
.....................++++++
........++++++
writing new private key to '/home/juser/.globus/userkey.pem'
Enter PEM pass phrase:

A private key and a certificate request has been generated with the subject:
/O=Grid/OU=Example/OU=User/CN=Joe User

If the CN=Joe User is not appropriate, rerun this
script with the -force -cn "Common Name" options.

Your private key is stored in /home/juser/.globus/userkey.pem
Your request is stored in /home/juser/.globus/usercert_request.pem

Please e-mail the request to the Globus Certificate Service ca@grid.example.org
You may use a command similar to the following:

    cat /home/juser/.globus/usercert_request.pem | mail ca@grid.example.org

Only use the above if this machine can send AND receive e-mail. if not, please
mail using some other method.

Your certificate will be mailed to you within two working days.
If you receive no response, contact Globus Certificate Service at ca@grid.example.org

Request a host certificate, putting the request and key files in the $HOME/.globus/host directory.

% grid-cert-request -host grid.example.org -dir $HOME/.globus/host

A private host key and a certificate request has been generated
with the subject:

/O=Grid/OU=Example/OU=User/CN=host/grid.example.org
The private key is stored in /tmp/examplegrid/hostkey.pem
The request is stored in /tmp/examplegrid/hostcert_request.pem

Please e-mail the request to the Globus Certificate Service ca@grid.example.org
You may use a command similar to the following:

```
cat /tmp/examplegrid/hostcert_request.pem | mail ca@grid.example.org
```

Only use the above if this machine can send AND receive e-mail. if not, please mail using some other method.

Your certificate will be mailed to you within two working days.
If you receive no response, contact Globus Certificate Service at ca@grid.example.org

**Limitations**

Only supports PEM-encoded keys, certificates and certificate requests.
Name

grid-default-ca -- Set the default CA to use for certificate requests

grid-default-ca

Tool description

grid-default-ca allows the setting of the default CA to be used by tools such as grid-cert-request.

Command syntax

grid-default-ca [-help] [ options ...]

Options:

Table 1. Command line options

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<td>-help</td>
<td>Displays this message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-dir &lt;dir_name&gt;</td>
<td>The security config directory (defaults to /etc/grid-security/).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-list</td>
<td>Lists the available CAs to use and the current default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-ca &lt;ca hash&gt;</td>
<td>Sets the default CA non-interactively.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Limitations

Nothing applicable
**Name**

grid-change-pass-phrase -- Change the pass phrase on a private key

grid-change-pass-phrase

**Tool description**

grid-change-pass-phrase allows one to change the passphrase that protects the private key.

**Command syntax**

grid-change-pass-phrase [-help] [-version] [-file private_key_file]

Changes the passphrase that protects the private key. Note that this command will work even if the original key is not password protected. If the -file argument is not given, the default location of the file containing the private key is assumed:

- The location pointed to by X509_USER_KEY
- If X509_USER_KEY not set, $HOME/.globus/userkey.pem

**Options**

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<td>help, -usage</td>
<td>Displays usage.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-version</td>
<td>Displays version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-file location</td>
<td>Changes the passphrase on the key stored in the file at the non-standard location 'location'.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Limitations**

Nothing applicable
Name

grid-proxy-init -- Generate a new *proxy certificate*

grid-proxy-init

Tool description

grid-proxy-init generates X.509 proxy certificates.

By default, this command generates RFC 3820\(^1\) Proxy Certificates.

There are also options available for generating other types of proxy certificates, including limited, independent and legacy. For more information about proxy certificate types and their compatibility in GT, see [http://dev.globus.org/wiki/Security/ProxyCertTypes](http://dev.globus.org/wiki/Security/ProxyCertTypes).

Command syntax

```
grid-proxy-init [-help][-pwstdin][-limited][-valid H:M] ...
```

---

\(^1\) [http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3820.txt](http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3820.txt)
Options

Table 3. Command line options

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<tr>
<td>-help, -usage</td>
<td>Displays usage.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-version</td>
<td>Displays version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-debug</td>
<td>Enables extra debug output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-q</td>
<td>Quiet mode, minimal output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-verify</td>
<td>Verifies the certificate to make the proxy for.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-pwstdin</td>
<td>Allows passphrase from stdin.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-limited</td>
<td>Creates a limited globus proxy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-independent</td>
<td>Creates an independent globus proxy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-draft</td>
<td>Creates a draft (GSI-3) proxy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-old</td>
<td>Creates a legacy globus proxy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-valid &lt;h:m&gt;</td>
<td>Proxy is valid for $h$ hours and $m$ minutes (default:12:00).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-hours &lt;hours&gt;</td>
<td>Deprecated support of hours option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-bits &lt;bits&gt;</td>
<td>Number of bits in key {512</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-policy &lt;policyfile&gt;</td>
<td>File containing the policy to store in the ProxyCertInfo extension.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-pl &lt;oid&gt;, -policy-language &lt;oid&gt;</td>
<td>OID string for the policy language used in the policy file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-path-length &lt;l&gt;</td>
<td>Allows a chain of at most 1 proxies to be generated from this one.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-cert &lt;certfile&gt;</td>
<td>Non-standard location of user certificate.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-key &lt;keyfile&gt;</td>
<td>Non-standard location of user key.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-certdir &lt;certdir&gt;</td>
<td>Non-standard location of trusted cert directory.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-out &lt;proxyfile&gt;</td>
<td>Non-standard location of new proxy cert.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Creating a Proxy Certificate

Proxies are certificates signed by the user, or by another proxy, that do not require a password to submit a job. They are intended for short-term use, when the user is submitting many jobs and cannot be troubled to repeat his password for every job.

The subject of a proxy certificate is the same as the subject of the certificate that signed it, with /CN=proxy added to the name. The gatekeeper will accept any job requests submitted by the user, as well as any proxies he has created.

Proxies provide a convenient alternative to constantly entering passwords, but are also less secure than the user’s normal security credential. Therefore, they should always be user-readable only, and should be deleted after they are no longer needed (or after they expire).

To create a proxy with the default expiration (12 hours), run the grid-proxy-init program. For example:

```bash
% grid-proxy-init
```

The grid-proxy-init program can also take arguments to specify the expiration and proxy key length. For example:

```bash
% grid-proxy-init -hours 8 -bits 512
```
Limitations

Nothing applicable
Name

grid-proxy-destroy -- Destroy the current proxy certificate (previously created with grid-proxy-init)

grid-proxy-destroy

Tool description

grid-proxy-destroy removes X.509 proxy certificates.

Command syntax

grid-proxy-destroy [-help][-dryrun][-default][-all][--] [file1...]

Options

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<td>Displays usage.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-version</td>
<td>Displays version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-debug</td>
<td>Displays debugging information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-dryrun</td>
<td>Prints what files would have been destroyed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-default</td>
<td>Destroys file at default proxy location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-all</td>
<td>Destroys any user (default) and delegated proxies that are found.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--</td>
<td>Ends processing of options.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>file1 file2</td>
<td>Destroys the files listed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Limitations

Nothing applicable
Name

grid-proxy-info -- Display information obtained from a proxy certificate

grid-proxy-info

Tool description

grid-proxy-info extracts information from X.509 proxy certificates.

Command syntax

grid-proxy-info [-help] [-f proxyfile] [-subject] [...][-e [-h H][-b B]]

Options

Table 5. Command line options

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<td>-version</td>
<td>Displays version.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-debug</td>
<td>Displays debugging output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-file &lt;proxyfile&gt; (-f)</td>
<td>Non-standard location of proxy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[printoptions]</td>
<td>See Table 6, “Print options”.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-exists [options] (-e)</td>
<td>If a valid proxy exists, 1 otherwise. [FIXME this entry is a bit confusing] If none of the following options are given to -exists, H = B = 0 are assumed. See Table 7, “Validity options”.</td>
</tr>
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Table 6. Print options

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<td>-subject (-s)</td>
<td>Distinguished name (DN) of the subject.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-issuer (-i)</td>
<td>DN of the issuer (certificate signer).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-identity</td>
<td>DN of the identity represented by the proxy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-type</td>
<td>Type of proxy (full or limited).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-timeleft</td>
<td>Time (in seconds) until proxy expires.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-strength</td>
<td>Key size (in bits).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-all</td>
<td>All above options in a human readable format.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-text</td>
<td>All of the certificate.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-path</td>
<td>Pathname of the proxy file.</td>
</tr>
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Table 7. Validity options

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<tr>
<td>-valid H:M (-v)</td>
<td>Time requirement for the proxy to be valid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-hours H (-h)</td>
<td>Time requirement for the proxy to be valid (deprecated, use -valid instead).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-bits B (-b)</td>
<td>Strength requirement for the proxy to be valid.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Limitations

Nothing applicable
Name

grid-mapfile-add-entry -- Add an entry to a \textit{grid map file}

grid-mapfile-add-entry

Tool description

grid-mapfile-add-entry adds entries to grid map files.

Command syntax

grid-mapfile-add-entry\ -dn\ DN\ -ln\ LN\ [-help]\ [-d]\ [-f\ mapfile\ FILE]

Options:

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<tr>
<td>-version</td>
<td>Displays version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-dn DN</td>
<td>Distinguished Name (DN) to add. Remember to quote the DN if it contains spaces.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-ln LN1 [LN2...]</td>
<td>Local login name(s) to which the DN is mapped.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-dryrun, -d</td>
<td>Shows what would be done but will not add the entry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-mapfile FILE, -f FILE</td>
<td>Path of the grid map file to be used.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Limitations

Nothing applicable.
Name
grid-mapfile-check-consistency -- Check the internal consistency of a grid map file

grid-mapfile-check-consistency

Tool description
grid-mapfile-check-consistency checks that the given grid map file conforms to the expected format as well as checking for common subject name problems.

Command syntax
grid-mapfile-check-consistency [-help] [-mapfile FILE]

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<tr>
<td>-mapfile FILE, -f FILE</td>
<td>Path of the grid map file to be used.</td>
</tr>
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Limitations
Nothing applicable
**Name**

grid-mapfile-delete-entry -- Delete an entry from a grid map file

grid-mapfile-delete-entry

**Tool description**

grid-mapfile-delete entry deletes a grid map file entry from the given file.

**Command syntax**


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<td>-version</td>
<td>Displays version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-dn &lt;DN&gt;</td>
<td>Distinguished Name (DN) to delete.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-ln &lt;local name&gt;</td>
<td>Local Login Name (LN) to delete.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-dryrun, -d</td>
<td>Shows what would be done but will not delete the entry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-mapfile file, -f file</td>
<td>Path of the grid map file to be used.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Limitations**

Nothing applicable.
Chapter 3. Configuring Certificates

This section describes the configuration steps required to:

- determine whether or not to trust certificates issued by a particular Certificate Authority (CA),
- provide appropriate default values for use by the grid-cert-request command, which is used to generate certificates,
- request service certificates, used by services to authenticate themselves to users, and
- specify identity mapping information.

In general, Globus tools will look for a configuration file in a user-specific location first, and in a system-wide location if no user-specific file was found. The configuration commands described here may be run by administrators to create system-wide defaults and by individuals to override those defaults.

1. Configuring Globus to Trust a Particular Certificate Authority

1.1. Trusted certificates directory

The Globus tools will trust certificates issued by a CA if (and only if) it can find information about the CA in the trusted certificates directory.

The trusted certificates directory is located as described below and exists either on a per-machine or on a per-installation basis.

X509_CERT_DIR is the environment variable used to specify the path to the trusted certificates directory. This directory contains information about which CAs are trusted (including the CA certificates themselves) and, in some cases, configuration information used by grid-cert-request to formulate certificate requests. The location of the trusted certificates directory is looked for in the following order:

1. value of the X509_CERT_DIR environment variable
2. $HOME/.globus/certificates
3. /etc/grid-security/certificates exists
4. $GLOBUS_LOCATION/share/certificates

1.2. Trusted certificates files

The following two files must exist in the directory for each trusted CA:

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<td>cert_hash.0</td>
<td>The trusted CA Certificate.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cert_hash.signing_policy</td>
<td>A configuration file defining the distinguished names of certificates signed by the CA.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Non-WS Globus components will honor a certificate only if:
• its CA certificate exists (with the appropriate name) in the TRUSTED_CA directory, and
• the certificate's distinguished name matches the pattern described in the signing policy file.

WS Java-based components ignore the signing policy file and will honor all valid certificates issued by trusted CAs.

[fixme - what about ws c-based components?]

1.3. Hash of the CA certificate

The cert_hash that appears in the file names above is the hash of the CA certificate, which can be found by running the command:

```
$GLOBUS_LOCATION/bin/openssl x509 -hash -noout <ca_certificate
```

1.4. Creating a signing policy by hand

Some CAs provide tools to install their CA certificates and signing policy files into the trusted certificates directory. You can, however, create a signing policy file by hand; the signing policy file has the following format:

```
access_id_CA X509 'CA Distinguished Name'
pos_rights globus CA:sign
cond_subjects globus ""Distinguished Name Pattern"
```

In the above, the CA Distinguished Name is the subject name of the CA certificate, and the Distinguished Name Pattern is a string used to match the distinguished names of certificates granted by the CA.

Some very simple wildcard matching is done: if the Distinguished Name Pattern ends with a '*', then any distinguished name that matches the part of the CA subject name before the '*' is considered a match.

Note: the cond_subjects line may contain a space-separated list of distinguished name patterns.

1.5. Repository of CAs

A repository of CA certificates that are widely used in academic and research settings can be found here\(^1\).

2. Configuring Globus to Create Appropriate Certificate Requests

The grid-cert-request command, which is used to create certificates, uses the following configuration files:

\(^1\)https://www.tacar.org/certs.html
Table 3.2. Certificate request configuration files

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<th>Configuration File</th>
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<td><code>globus-user-ssl.conf</code></td>
<td>Defines the distinguished name to use for a user's certificate request. The format is described here.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>globus-host-ssl.conf</code></td>
<td>Defines the distinguished name for a host (or service) certificate request. The format is described here.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>grid-security.conf</code></td>
<td>A base configuration file that contains the name and email address for the CA.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>directions</code></td>
<td>An optional file that may contain directions on using the CA.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Many CAs provide tools to install configuration files with the following names in the Trusted Certificates directory:

- `globus-user-ssl.conf.cert_hash`
- `globus-host-ssl.conf.cert_hash`
- `grid_security.conf.cert_hash`
- `directions.cert_hash`

2.1. Creating a certificate request for a specific CA

The command:

```bash
grid-cert-request -ca cert_hash
```

will create a certificate request based on the specified CA's configuration files.

2.2. Listing available CAs

The command:

```bash
grid-cert-request -ca
```

will list the available CAs and let the user choose which one to create a request for.

2.3. Specifying a default CA for certificate requests

You can specify a default CA for certificate requests (i.e., a CA that will be used if `grid-cert-request` is invoked without the `-ca` flag) by making the following symbolic links (where `GRID_SECURITY` is the grid security directory and `TRUSTED_CA` is the trusted CAs directory):

```bash
ln -s TRUSTED_CA/globus-user-ssl.conf.cert_hash \GRID_SECURITY/globus-user-ssl.conf
ln -s TRUSTED_CA/globus-host-ssl.conf.cert_hash \GRID_SECURITY/globus-host-ssl.conf
ln -s TRUSTED_CA/grid_security.conf.cert_hash \GRID_SECURITY/grid_security.conf
```

And optionally, if the CA-specific directions file exists:

---

2 http://www.openssl.org/docs/apps/req.html#CONFIGURATION_FILE_FORMAT
3 http://www.openssl.org/docs/apps/req.html#CONFIGURATION_FILE_FORMAT
ln -s TRUSTED_CA/directions.cert_hash \ 
GRID_SECURITY/directions

This can also be accomplished by invoking the grid-default-ca command.

### 2.4. directions file

The directions file may contain specific directions on how to use the CA. There are three types of printed messages:

- **REQUEST HEADER**, printed to a certificate request file,
- **USER INSTRUCTIONS**, printed on the screen when one requests a user certificate,
- **NONUSER INSTRUCTIONS**, printed on the screen when one requests a certificate for a service.

Each message is delimited from others with lines ----- BEGIN message type TEXT ----- and ----- END message type TEXT -----. For example, the directions file would contain the following lines:

```
----- BEGIN REQUEST HEADER TEXT -----
This is a Certificate Request file
It should be mailed to ${GSI_CA_EMAIL_ADDR}
----- END REQUEST HEADER TEXT -----
```

If this file does not exist, the default messages are printed.

### 3. Requesting Service Certificates

Different CAs use different mechanisms for issuing end-user certificates; some use mechanisms that are entirely web-based, while others require you to generate a certificate request and send it to the CA. If you need to create a certificate request for a service certificate, you can do so by running:

```
grid-cert-request -host hostname -service service_name
```

where *hostname* is the fully-qualified name of the host on which the service will be running, and *service_name* is the name of the service. This will create the following three files:

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<td>GRID_SECURITY/service_name/service_namecert.pem</td>
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<tr>
<td>GRID_SECURITY/service_name/service_namecert_request.pem</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GRID_SECURITY/service_name/service_namekey.pem</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The grid-cert-request command recognizes several other useful options; you can list these with:

```
grid-cert-request -help
```
4. Specifying Identity Mapping Information (gridmap file)

Several Globus services map distinguished names (found in certificates) to local identities (e.g., unix logins). These mappings are maintained in the gridmap file.

4.1. Gridmap location

The location of the gridmap file is determined as follows:

1. GRIDMAP environment variable
2. /etc/grid-security/grid-mapfile
3. $HOME/.gridmap

4.2. Gridmap formats

A gridmap line of the form:

"Distinguished Name" local_name

maps the distinguished name Distinguished Name to the local name local_name.

A gridmap line of the form:

"Distinguished Name" local_name1,local_name2

maps Distinguished Name to both local_name1 and local_name2; any number of local user names may occur in the comma-separated local name list.

4.3. Managing gridmap files

Several tools exist to manage grid map files. These commands recognize several useful options, including a -help option, which lists detailed usage information.

4.3.1. Adding an entry to a gridmap file

To add an entry to the gridmap file, run:

$GLOBUS_LOCATION/sbin/grid-mapfile-add-entry \ 
   -dn "Distinguished Name" \ 
   -ln local_name

4.3.2. Deleting an entry from a gridmap file

To delete an entry from the gridmap file, run:

$GLOBUS_LOCATION/sbin/grid-mapfile-delete-entry \ 
   -dn "Distinguished Name" \ 
   -ln local_name
4.3.3. Checking consistency of a gridmap file

To check the consistency of the gridmap file, run

$GLOBUS_LOCATION/sbin/grid-mapfile-check-consistency

5. GSI File Permissions Requirements

- **End Entity Certificate (User, Host and Service) Certificates and the GSI Authorization Callout Configuration File:**
  - May not be executable
  - May not be writable by group and other
  - Must be either regular files or soft links

- **Private Keys and Proxy Credentials:**
  - Must be owned by the current (effective) user
  - May not be executable
  - May not be readable by group and other
  - May not be writable by group and other
  - Must be either regular files or soft links

- **CA Certificates, CA Signing Policy Files, the Grid Map File and the GAA Configuration File:**
  - Must be either regular files or soft links

- **GSI Authorization callout configuration files**
  - Must exist
  - Should be world readable
  - Should not be writable by group and other
  - Should be either a regular file or a soft link

- **GSI GAA configuration files**
  - Must exist
  - Should be world readable
  - Should not be writable by group and other
  - Should be either a regular file or a soft link
Chapter 4. Environment variable interface

1. Environmental Variables for GSI C

1.1. Credentials

Credentials are looked for in the following order:

1. service credential
2. host credential
3. proxy credential
4. user credential

X509_USER_PROXY specifies the path to the proxy credential. If X509_USER_PROXY is not set, the proxy credential is created (by grid-proxy-init) and searched for (by client programs) in an operating-system-dependent local temporary file.

X509_USER_CERT and X509_USER_KEY specify the path to the end entity (user, service, or host) certificate and corresponding private key. The paths to the certificate and key files are determined as follows:

For service credentials:

1. If X509_USER_CERT and X509_USER_KEY exist and contain a valid certificate and key, those files are used.
2. Otherwise, if the files /etc/grid-security/service/servicecert and /etc/grid-security/service/servicekey exist and contain a valid certificate and key, those files are used.
3. Otherwise, if the files $GLOBUS_LOCATION/etc/grid-security/service/servicecert and $GLOBUS_LOCATION/etc/grid-security/service/servicekey exist and contain a valid certificate and key, those files are used.
4. Otherwise, if the files service/servicecert and service/servicekey in the user's .globus directory exist and contain a valid certificate and key, those files are used.

For host credentials:

1. If X509_USER_CERT and X509_USER_CERT exist and contain a valid certificate and key, those files are used.
2. Otherwise, if the files /etc/grid-security/hostcert.pem and /etc/grid-security/hostkey.pem exist and contain a valid certificate and key, those files are used.
3. Otherwise, if the files $GLOBUS_LOCATION/etc/grid-security/hostcert.pem and $GLOBUS_LOCATION/etc/grid-security/hostkey.pem exist and contain a valid certificate and key, those files are used.
4. Otherwise, if the files hostcert.pem and hostkey.pem in the user's .globus directory exist and contain a valid certificate and key, those files are used.
For user credentials:

1. If X509_USER_CERT and X509_USER_KEY exist and contain a valid certificate and key, those files are used.
2. Otherwise, if the files usercert.pem and userkey.pem exist in the user's .globus directory, those files are used.
3. Otherwise, if a PKCS-12 file called usercred.p12 exists in the user's .globus directory, the certificate and key are read from that file.

1.2. Gridmap file

GRIDMAP specifies the path to the grid map file, which is used to map distinguished names (found in certificates) to local names (such as login accounts). The location of the grid map file is determined as follows:

1. If the GRIDMAP environment variable is set, the grid map file location is the value of that environment variable.
2. Otherwise:
   • If the user is root (uid 0), then the grid map file is /etc/grid-security/grid-mapfile.
   • Otherwise, the grid map file is $HOME/.gridmap.

1.3. Trusted CAs directory

X509_CERT_DIR is used to specify the path to the trusted certificates directory. This directory contains information about which CAs are trusted (including the CA certificates themselves) and, in some cases, configuration information used by grid-cert-request to formulate certificate requests. The location of the trusted certificates directory is determined as follows:

1. If the X509_CERT_DIR environment variable is set, the trusted certificates directory is the value of that environment variable.
2. Otherwise, if $HOME/.globus/certificates exists, that directory is the trusted certificates directory.
3. Otherwise, if /etc/grid-security/certificates exists, that directory is the trusted certificates directory.
4. Finally, if $GLOBUS_LOCATION/share/certificates exists, then it is the trusted certificates directory.

1.4. GSI authorization callout configuration file

GSI_AUTHZ_CONF is used to specify the path to the GSI authorization callout configuration file. This file is used to configure authorization callouts used by both the gridmap and the authorization API. The location of the GSI authorization callout configuration file is determined as follows:

1. If the GSI_AUTHZ_CONF environment variable is set, the authorization callout configuration file location is the value of this environment variable.
2. Otherwise, if /etc/grid-security/gsi-authz.conf exists, then this file is used.
3. Otherwise, if $GLOBUS_LOCATION/etc/gsi-authz.conf exists, then this file is used.
4. Finally, if $HOME/.gsi-authz.conf exists, then this file is used.
1.5. GAA (Generic Authorization and Access control) configuration file

GSI_GAA_CONF is used to specify the path to the GSI GAA (Generic Authorization and Access control) configuration file. This file is used to configure policy language specific plugins to the GAA-API. The location of the GSI GAA configuration file is determined as follows:

1. If the GSI_GAA_CONF environment variable is set, the GAA configuration file location is the value of this environment variable.
2. Otherwise, if /etc/grid-security/gsi-gaa.conf exists, then this file is used.
3. Otherwise, if $GLOBUS_LOCATION/etc/gsi-gaa.conf exists, then this file is used.
4. Finally, if $HOME/.gsi-gaa.conf exists, then this file is used.

1.6. Grid security directory

GRID_SECURITY_DIR specifies a path to a directory containing configuration files that specify default values to be placed in certificate requests. This environment variable is used only by the grid-cert-request and grid-default-ca commands.

The location of the grid security directory is determined as follows:

1. If the GRID_SECURITY_DIR environment variable is set, the grid security directory is the value of that environment variable.
2. If the configuration files exist in /etc/grid-security, the grid security directory is that directory.
3. if the configuration files exist in $GLOBUS_LOCATION/etc, the grid security directory is that directory.
Appendix A. Errors
Table A.1. Credential Errors

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<td>Your proxy credential may have expired</td>
<td>Your proxy credential may have expired.</td>
<td>Use grid-proxy-info to check whether the proxy credential has actually expired. If it has, generate a new proxy with grid-proxy-init.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The system clock on either the local or remote system is wrong.</td>
<td>This may cause the server or client to conclude that a credential has expired.</td>
<td>Check the system clocks on the local and remote system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Your end-user certificate may have expired</td>
<td>Your end-user certificate may have expired</td>
<td>Use grid-cert-info to check your certificate's expiration date. If it has expired, follow your CA's procedures to get a new one.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The permissions may be wrong on your proxy file</td>
<td>If the permissions on your proxy file are too lax (for example, if others can read your proxy file), Globus Toolkit clients will not use that file to authenticate.</td>
<td>You can &quot;fix&quot; this problem by changing the permissions on the file or by destroying it (with grid-proxy-destroy) and creating a new one (with grid-proxy-init). <strong>Important:</strong> However, it is still possible that someone else has made a copy of that file during the time that the permissions were wrong. In that case, they will be able to impersonate you until the proxy file expires or your permissions or end-user certificate are revoked, whichever happens first.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The permissions may be wrong on your private key file</td>
<td>If the permissions on your end user certificate private key file are too lax (for example, if others can read the file), grid-proxy-init will refuse to create a proxy certificate.</td>
<td>You can &quot;fix&quot; this problem by changing the permissions on the private key file. <strong>Important:</strong> However, you will still have a much more serious problem: it is possible that someone has made a copy of your private key file. Although this file is encrypted, it is possible that someone will be able to decrypt the private key, at which point they will be able to impersonate you as long as your end user certificate is valid. You should contact your CA to have your end-user certificate revoked and get a new one.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The remote system may not trust your CA</td>
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<td>Verify that the remote system is configured to trust the CA that issued your end-entity certificate. See Installing GT 4.2.0 for details.</td>
</tr>
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<td>You may not trust the remote system's CA</td>
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<td>Verify that your system is configured to trust the remote CA (or that your environment is set up to trust the remote CA). See Installing GT 4.2.0 for details.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>There may be something wrong with the remote service's credentials</td>
<td>There may be something wrong with the remote service's credentials</td>
<td>It is sometimes difficult to distinguish between errors reported by the remote service regarding your credentials and errors reported by the client interface regarding the remote service's credentials. If you cannot find anything wrong with your credentials, check for the same conditions on the remote system (or ask a remote administrator to do so).</td>
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<td>The content of the grid map file does not conform to the expected format</td>
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<td>Run <code>grid-mapfile-check-consistency</code> to make sure that your gridmap file conforms to the expected format.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The grid map file does not contain a entry for your DN</td>
<td>The grid map file does not contain a entry for your DN</td>
<td>Use <code>grid-mapfile-add-entry</code> to add the relevant entry.</td>
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Glossary

C

Certificate Authority (CA) An entity that issues certificates. [fixme - flesh out]

CA Certificate The CA's certificate. This certificate is used to verify signature on certificates issued by the CA. GSI typically stores a given CA certificate in /etc/grid-security/certificates/<hash>.0, where <hash> is the hash code of the CA identity.

CA Signing Policy The CA signing policy is used to place constraints on the information you trust a given CA to bind to public keys. Specifically it constrains the identities a CA is trusted to assert in a certificate. In GSI the signing policy for a given CA can typically be found in /etc/grid-security/certificates/<hash>.signing_policy, where <hash> is the hash code of the CA identity.

E

End Entity Certificate (EEC) A certificate belonging to a non-CA entity, e.g. you, me or the computer on your desk.

G

GAA configuration file A file that configures the Generic Authorization and Access control GAA libraries. When using GSI, this file is typically found in /etc/grid-security/gsi-gaa.conf.

grid map file A file containing entries mapping certificate subjects to local user names. This file can also serve as a access control list for GSI enabled services and is typically found in /etc/grid-security/grid-mapfile. For more information see the Gridmap section here.

grid security directory The directory containing GSI configuration files such as the GSI authorization callout configuration and GAA configuration files. Typically this directory is /etc/grid-security. For more information see this.

GSI authorization callout configuration file A file that configures authorization callouts to be used for mapping and authorization in GSI enabled services. When using GSI this file is typically found in /etc/grid-security/gsi-authz.conf.

H

host certificate An EEC belonging to a host. When using GSI this certificate is typically stored in /etc/grid-security/hostcert.pem. For more information on possible host certificate locations see the GSI C Developer's Guide.

host credentials The combination of a host certificate and its corresponding private key.
**P**

**private key**  The private part of a key pair. Depending on the type of certificate the key corresponds to it may typically be found in $HOME/.globus/userkey.pem (for user certificates), /etc/grid-security/hostkey.pem (for host certificates) or /etc/grid-security/<service>/key.pem (for service certificates).

For more information on possible private key locations see this.

**proxy certificate**  A short lived certificate issued using an EEC. A proxy certificate typically has the same effective subject as the EEC that issued it and can thus be used in its place. GSI uses proxy certificates for single sign on and delegation of rights to other entities.

For more information about types of proxy certificates and their compatibility in different versions of GT, see http://dev.globus.org/wiki/Security/ProxyCertTypes.

**proxy credentials**  The combination of a proxy certificate and its corresponding private key. GSI typically stores proxy credentials in /tmp/x509up_u<uid>, where <uid> is the user id of the proxy owner.

**S**

**service certificate**  A EEC for a specific service (e.g. FTP or LDAP). When using GSI this certificate is typically stored in /etc/grid-security/<service>/cert.pem. For more information on possible service certificate locations, see this.

**service credentials**  The combination of a service certificate and its corresponding private key.

**T**

**trusted CAs directory**  The directory containing the CA certificates and signing policy files of the CAs trusted by GSI. Typically this directory is /etc/grid-security/certificates. For more information see this.

**U**

**user certificate**  A EEC belonging to a user. When using GSI, this certificate is typically stored in $HOME/.globus/usercert.pem. For more information on possible user certificate locations, see this.

**user credentials**  The combination of a user certificate and its corresponding private key.