

A Secure Storage Service for the gLite Middleware



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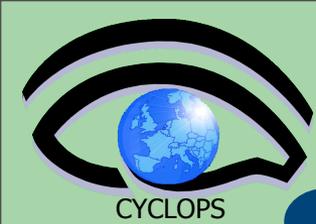
Outline

- Data Encryption and Secure Storage
 - Insider Abuse: Problem and Solution
- The Secure Storage Service for the gLite Middleware:
 - Command Line Applications
 - Application Programming Interface (API)
 - The Keystore



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Data Encryption and Secure Storage

- The Secure Storage project is carried out by **UNICO S.R.L.** (<http://www.unicosrl.it/>) in collaboration with **INFN Catania** in the context of the TriGrid VL Project (<http://www.trigrad.it>).
- The objective of the project is to create a mechanism to **store in a secure way and in an encrypted format** data on the grid storage elements.
- Thanks to this solution we want to solve the **insider abuse** problem.



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Insider Abuse: Problem

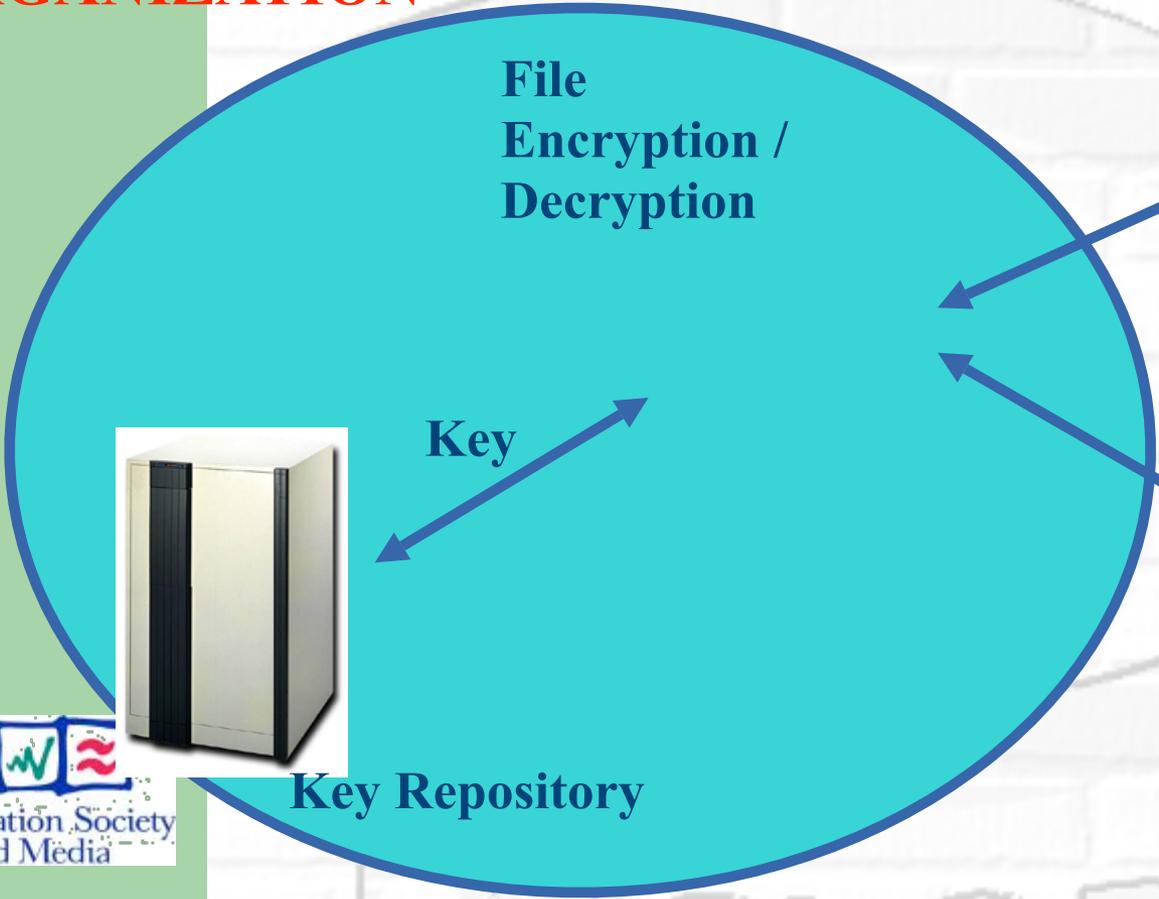
- A grid user could store **sensitive data** in a Storage Elements managed by external organizations.
- Storage Elements Administrators could access data (but the **data are sensitive!**). For this reason data **MUST** be stored in an encrypted format.
- Data Encryption/Decryption **MUST** be performed **inside user secure environment** (for example inside the user's organization).





Insider Abuse: A Solution

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Encrypted File



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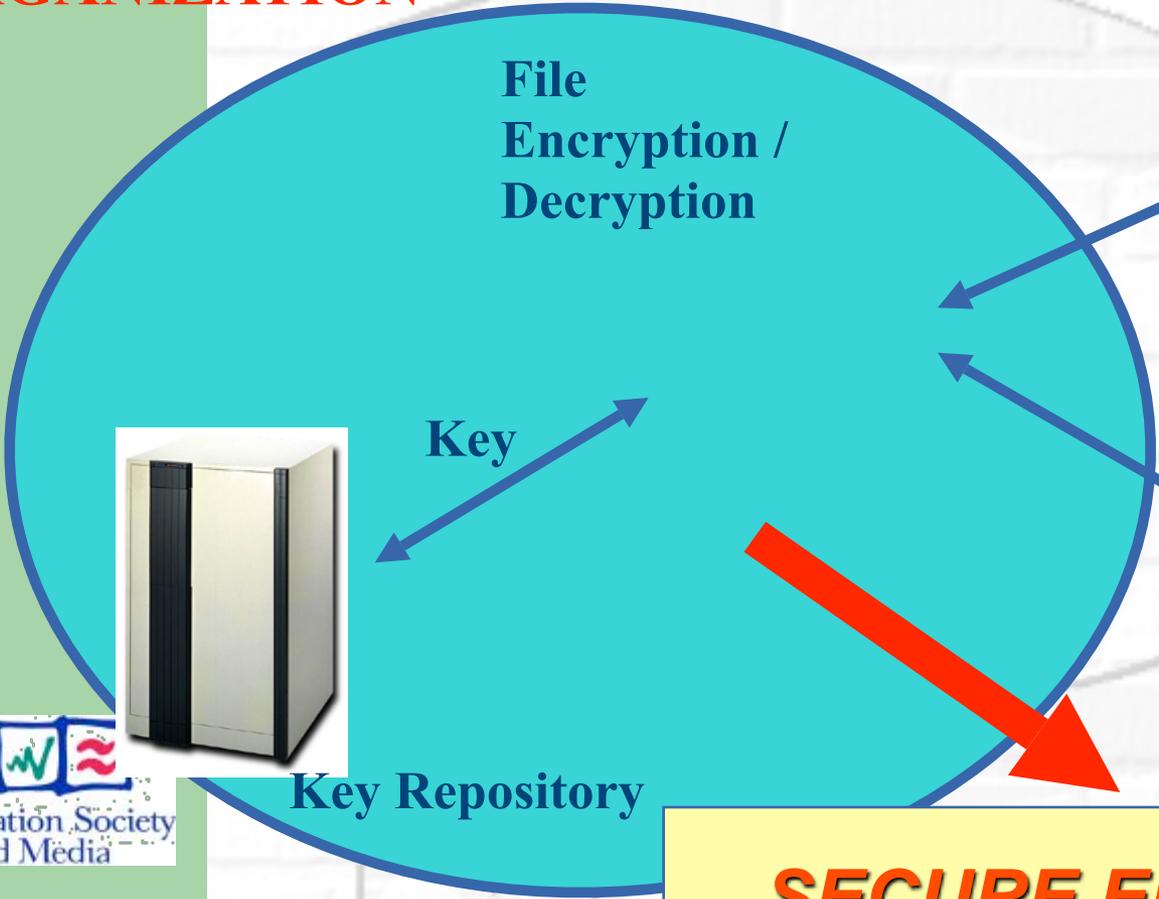


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A Secure Storage service for the gLite Middleware

- Provides **gLite users** with suitable and simple tools to **store confidential data** in storage elements in a **transparent** and **secure** way.

The service is composed by the following components:

- **Command Line Applications:** commands integrated in the gLite User Interface to encrypt/upload and decrypt/ download files.
- **Application Program Interface:** allows the developer to write programs able to manage confidential data .
- **Keystore:** a new grid element used to store and retrieve the users' keys.



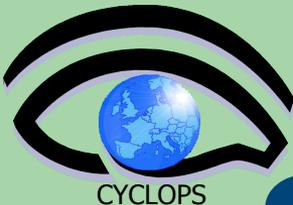
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Command Line Applications

- We provide a **new set of commands** on the gLite User Interface:
 - Like lcg-utils commands, but they work on encrypted data.
 - Encryption and decryption process are **transparent** to the user.
 - Example (copy a local file on a GRID Storage Element):
lcg-cr -d <destination SE> -l <lfn> <source>
lcg-scr -d <destination SE> -l <lfn>
<source>
- These commands allow to make the **main Data Management operations**:
 - Copy data/file on Storage Elements
 - Read data/file from Storage Elements
 - Delete data/file on Storage Elements
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Command Line Applications

- Main Commands:
 - *lcg-scr*
 - **encrypts** a file and **uploads** it on a storage element, registering its Logical File Name in a LFC catalog. Moreover, it stores the key used to encrypt the file in a key repository. An ACL will be associated to each key on the repository. This ACL will contain all users authorized to access the file.
 - *lcg-scp*
 - **downloads** an encrypted file, gets the key to **decrypt** the file from the repository, decrypts the file and store it on a local file-system. Only authorized users (inserted into an ACL) can access the key necessary to decrypt the file.
 - *lcg-sdel*
 - **deletes** one or all the replicas of a file. It also deletes the key associated to this file (only if you delete the last replica!)



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Command Line Applications details

- Details about the main commands:
 - lcg-scr
 - lcg-scp



Icg-scr: Encryption and Storage

Trusted Environment



1) Generate Random Key



2) Save Key



Key repository

3) Encrypt Data



4) Save encrypted data



Grid Storage

Untrusted environment



Icg-scp: Retrieval and Decryption

Trusted Environment



1) Get Key 



Key repository

3) Decrypt Data



2) Get encrypted data 



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Secure Storage API

- Secure Storage C API (like lcg API encrypt and decrypt entire file):
 - `int lcg_scr (char *src_file, char *dest_file, char *guid, char *lfn, char *vo, char *relative_path, char *conf_file, int insecure, int verbose, char *actual_gid);`
 - `int lcg_scp (char *src_file, char *dest_file, char *vo, char *conf_file, int insecure, int verbose);`
 - `int lcg_sdel (char *src_file, int aflag, char *se, char *vo, char *conf_file, int insecure, int verbose, int`



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Secure Storage API 2

- Development of API like GFAL (encrypt and decrypt block of data):
 - `int securestorage_open(char *lfn, int flags, mode_t mode);`
 - `int securestorage_write (int fd, void *buffer, size_t size);`
 - `int securestorage_read (int fd, void *buffer, size_t size);`
 - `int securestorage_close (int fd);`
- Read and Write encrypted data like plain data!
 - open
 - read/write
 - close



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The Keystore (1)

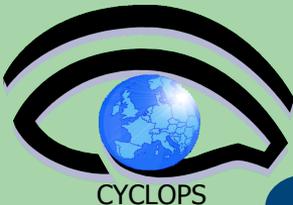
- The **Keystore** is a new **grid element** used to **store** and **retrieve** the users' key in a secure way.

The Keystore:

- is **identified** by an host X.509 digital **certificate**;
- all its **Grid transactions** are mutually authenticated and encrypted as required by the **GSI** model;
- should be placed in a **trusted domain** and should be appropriately protected by undesired connections;
- is a **black box** with a single interface towards the external world. This interface accepts only GSI authenticated connections;



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The Keystore (2)

The Keystore:

- the client request is processed only if the client is a member of a **enabled users list** and/or it belongs to an **enabled Virtual Organization**;
- if the client want to retrieve a key, the keystore checks if the request is coming from an **authorized user** inserted on the **ACL** associated to the request key.



Any questions ?

