

# A Secure Storage Service for the gLite Middleware



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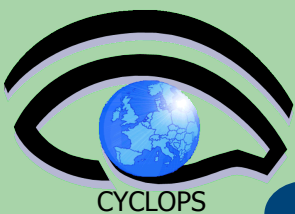
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# Outline

- 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



# 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.trigrid.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.



# Insider Abuse: Problem

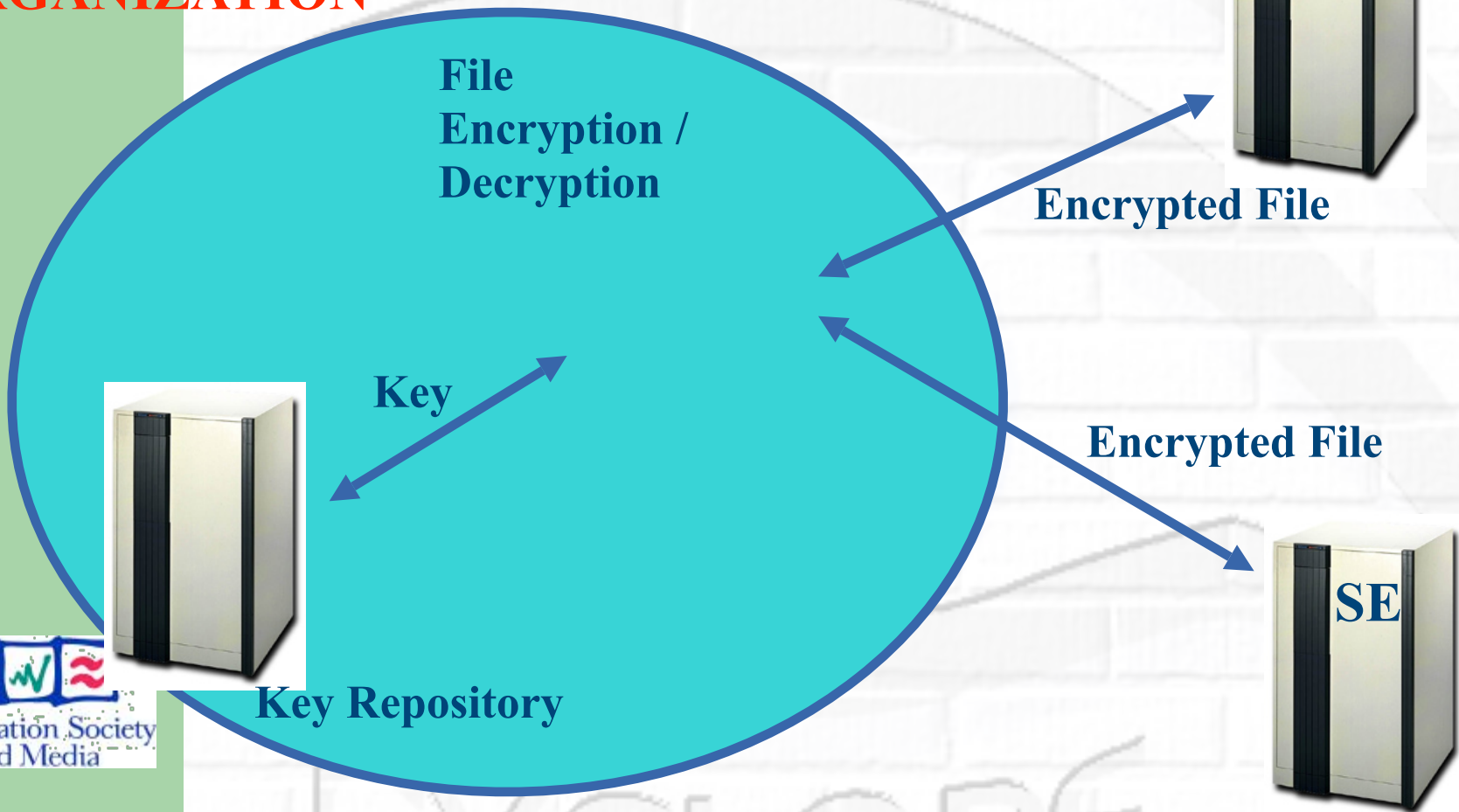
- A grid user could store **sensitive data** in a Storage Elements managed by external organizations.
- Storage Elements Administrators could access data (but the **data are sensitive!**). For this reason data **MUST** be stored in an encrypted format.
- Data Encryption/Decryption **MUST** be performed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





# Insider Abuse: A Solution

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ORGANIZATION**

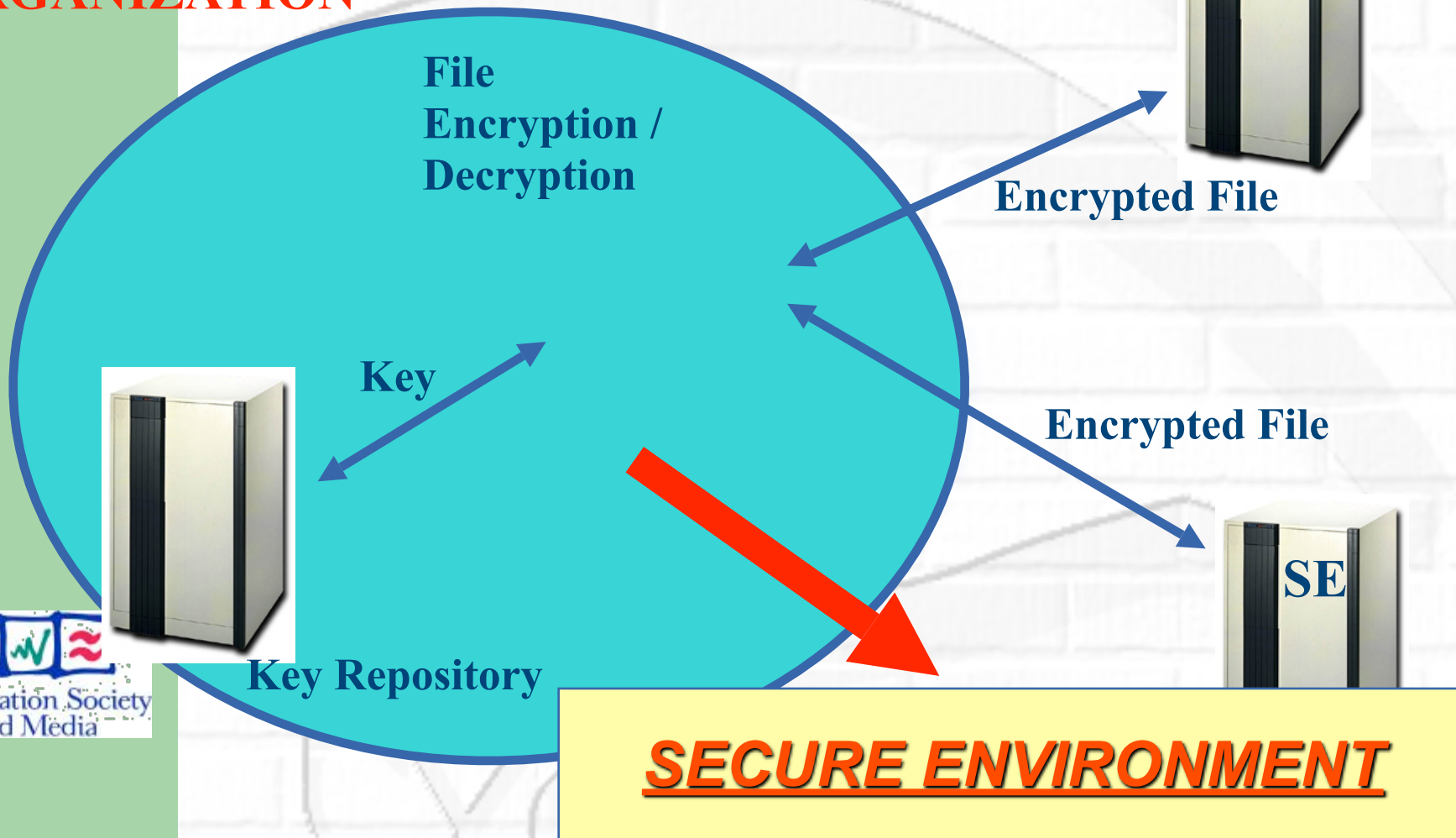






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# A Secure Storage service for the gLite Middleware

- 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:

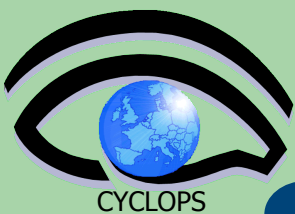
- **Command Line Applications:** commands integrated in the gLite User Interface to encrypt/upload and decrypt/ download files.
- **Application Program Interface:** allows the developer to write programs able to manage confidential data .
- **Keystore:** a new grid element used to store and retrieve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



# 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
  - ....





# 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!)



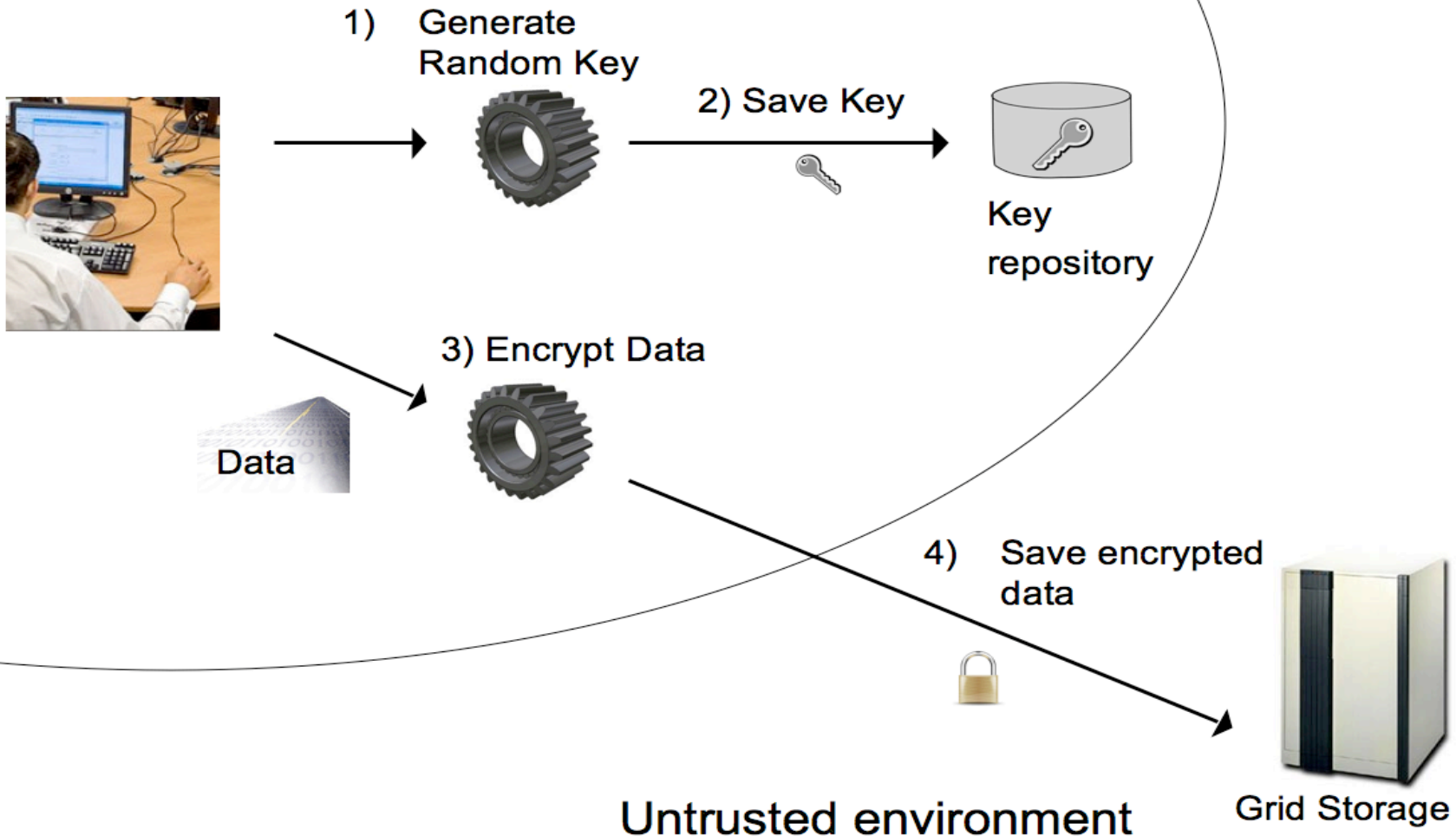
# Command Line Applications details

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



# lcg-scr: Encryption and Storage

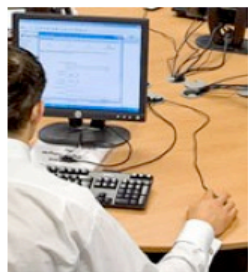
## Trusted Environment





# lcp-scp: Retrieval and Decryption

Trusted Environment



1) Get Key



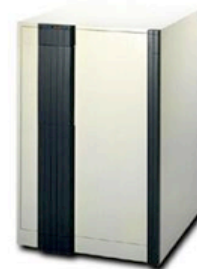
Key  
repository

3) Decrypt Data



Data

2) Get encrypted  
data



Grid Storage

Untrusted environment





# 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`



# 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



# 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;



# 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 ?

