Grid Security: General Considerations and Globus Specifics

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Outline

• Security Basics

- What is Grid Security? What makes it different?
- Current Grid Security?
- OGSA Security and Web Services Security
- Globus Security

Security Terminology

- Authentication: Establishing identity
- Authorization: Establishing rights
- Message protection
 - Message integrity
 - Message confidentiality
- Digital signature
- Auditing

Public Key Security Terminology

- Certificate
- Certificate Authority (CA)
- Private and Public Key
- Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

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What is Grid Security?

The Grid problem is to enable "coordinated resource sharing and problem solving in dynamic, multi-institutional virtual organizations."

From The Anatomy of the Grid

- So Grid Security is security to enable VOs
- What is needed in terms of security for a VO?

Resource Sharing

- Resources being used are still owned by their respective organization and subject to its policies
 - Sharing may be controlled amongst a number of VOs
 - Non-trivial policy in regards to QoS, QoP, etc.

Controlled Resource Sharing



Requires Coordination by VO

- Resources contributed to VO need to be coordinated by the VO in order to work together effectively.
 - All need to have a coherent policy in order to interoperate
 - Requires policy from VO back to resources

Dynamic Users, Resources, Policies

- Users, resources may be large, unpredictable, and changing at any point
- Roles of both may also be distinct and dynamic (not all users are equal).
- Doesn't allow for static configuration

Multiple Organizations, Mechanisms, Policies

- Each resource and user will have local policies and technologies that cannot be replaced by the VO
- Cannot assume cross-organizational trust relationships

Multi-Institution Issues



Why Grid Security is so Hard

- Resources being used may be valuable & the problems being solved sensitive
 - Both users and resources need to be careful
- Dynamic formation and management of virtual organizations (VOs)
 - Large, dynamic, unpredictable...
- VO Resources and users are often located in distinct administrative domains
 - Can't assume cross-organizational trust agreements
 - Different mechanisms & credentials
 - X.509 vs Kerberos, SSL vs GSSAPI, X.509 vs. X.509 (different domains), X.509 attribute certs vs. SAML assertions

Why Grid Security is Hard...

- Interactions are not just client/server, but serviceto-service on behalf of the user
 - Requires delegation of rights by user to service
 - Services may be dynamically instantiated
- Standardization of interfaces to allow for discovery, negotiation and use
- Implementation must be broadly available & applicable
 - Standard, well-tested, well-understood protocols; integrated with wide variety of tools
- Policy from sites, VO, users need to be combined
 - Varying formats
- Want to hide as much as possible from applications!

The Grid Trust Solution

- Instead of setting up trust relationships at the organizational level (lots of overhead, possible legalities -expensive!) set up trust at the user/resource level
- Virtual Organizations (VOs) for multi-user collaborations
 - Federate through mutually trusted services
 - Local policy authorities rule
- Users able to set up dynamic trust domains
 - Personal collection of resources working together based on trust of user

Grid Solution: Use Virtual Organization as Bridge



Effective Policy Governing Access Within a Collaboration





Goal is to do this with arbitrary mechanisms



Security of Grid Brokering Services



Propagation of Requester's Rights through Job Scheduling and Submission Process



Grid Security must address...

- Trust between resources without organization support
- Bridging differences between mechanisms
 - Authentication, assertions, policy...
- Allow for controlled sharing of resources
 - Delegation from site to VO
- Allow for coordination of shared resources
 - Delegation from VO to users, users to resources
- ...all with dynamic, distributed user communities and least privilege.

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Grid Security Infrastructure (GSI)

- Use GSI as a standard mechanism for bridging disparate security mechanisms
 - Doesn't solve trust problem, but now things talk same protocol and understand each other's identity credentials
 - Basic support for delegation, policy distribution
- Translate from other mechanisms to/from GSI as needed
- Convert from GSI identity to local identity for authorization

Grid Security Infrastructure (GSI)

- Based on standard PKI technologies
 - SSL protocol for authentication, message protection
 - CAs allow one-way, light-weight trust relationships (not just site-to-site)
- X.509 Certificates for asserting identity
 - for users, services, hosts, etc.
- Proxy Certificates
 - GSI extension to X.509 certificates for delegation, single sign-on

Grid Identity, Local Policy

- In current model, all Grid entities assigned a PKI identity.
- User is mapped to local identities to determine local policy.



X.509 Proxy Certificates

- GSI Extension to X.509 Identity Certificates
 - Now public RFC and being implemented in OpenSSL
- Enables single sign-on
- Allow user to dynamically assign identity and rights to service
 - Can name services created on the fly and give them rights (i.e. set policy)
- What is effectively happening is the user is creating their own trust domain of services
 - Services trust each other with user acting as the trust root

Proxy Certificates



MyProxy: Credential Wallet/Converter

- MyProxy allows users to store GSI credentials and retrieve them
 - With username/pass phrase or other credential
 - Can act as a credential translator from username/pass phrase to GSI
- Used by services that can only handle username and pass phrases to authenticate to Grid
 - Services limited by client implementations
 - E.g. web portals
- Also handle credential renewal for long-running tasks

Beyond Local Identity for Authorization

- Mapping to local identity works ok, but has limitations
 - Scalability, granularity, consistency...
- Requirement for greater flexible



GSI Implementation



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Web Services and OGSA preview

- Web Services
 - Standard XML based messaging over the Internet (W3C SOAP)
 - Standard Implementation-model-agnostic remote service interfaces (W3C WSDL)
 - Architecture where clients find service providers in discovery service (SOA)
- OGSA
 - Open Grid Services Architecture defined by GGF
 - "... defining, within a service-oriented architecture, a set of core capabilities and behaviors that address key concerns in Grid systems."
 - Resource Management Services (GRAM), Information Services (MDS), Security Services (CAS), Self Management Services, Data Services (GridFTP)

Leveraging Existing/Emerging Security Standards

- WS-Security/Policy/Trust/Federation/Authorization/ SecureConversation/Privacy...
- XKMS (Key Management), XML-Signature/Encryption, SAML (Security Assertions), XACML (Access Control Markup), XrML (Digital Rights Language)

But...

- Need to OGSA'fy
- Need to define Profile/Mechanisms
- Need to address late/missing specs
- Support for delegation, transient services

WS-Security Suite: WS-Security



WS-Security Suite: WS-Policy



SOAP Foundation

WS-Security Suite: WS-Trust



SOAP Foundation

WS-Security Suite: WS-SecureConversation



WS-Security

SOAP Foundation

WS-Security Suite: WS-Federation



WS-Security

SOAP Foundation

WS-Security Suite: WS-Privacy



SOAP Foundation

WS-Security Suite: WS-Authorization



SOAP Foundation

Transport vs. Message Protection



• SSL Security Context determined by endpoints of socket connection

=> Application Router becomes part of Trust Chain

• Message level protection => end-to-end client-app security context

("tunneled" through the routing elements)

OGSA Security Services



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Interacting with GSI: Globus CLI

- grid-cert-request –h
 - Issue a certificate request to a CA to get a signed public key certificate to use with the private key generated
- grid-cert-info -h
 - View certificate details such as Subject DN and CA Issuer DN
- grid-proxy-init –h
 - Create a local proxy from a public/private key pair on the local machine as a single sign-on step
 - Allows proxy based delegation (impersonation)
 - Should be treated as a decrypted private key (limited time and should only be available to local user)
 - Default 24h lifetime (customizable)
- grid-proxy-info -h
 - Similar to grid-cert-info, but with proxy specific info

Globus Secure Conversation: Context Establishment



- New security context is established if none exists
- Dedicated context establishment WSDL portType (interface)
- Transparent to client and service application code

Globus Secure Conversation: Message Protection



- Application messages protection through established context
- Integrity and confidentiality protection through shared session key
- Transparent to client and service application code

Authorization Goals

- Build on existing WS standards
 - SAML, XAMCL, WS Security Suite, XrML, etc.
- Support multiple mechanisms
 - But specify set for interoperability
- Remove Authz from application
 - Allow deployer to select
- Enable VO-driven policies
 - Limited delegation

Remove Authorization from Applications

- Allow deployment-time selection of supported mechanisms and policies
- OGSA resource virtualization allows for policy management using application-independent operation invocations
- Place as much security functionality as possible into hosting environments

Community Authorization Service

- Question: How does a large community grant its users access to a large set of resources?
- Community Authorization Service (CAS)
 - Outsource policy admin to VO sub-domain
 - Enables fine-grained policy
- Resource owner sets course-grained policy rules for foreign domain on "CAS-identity"
- CAS sets policy rules for its local users
- Requestors obtain capabilities from their local CAS that get enforced at the resource

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