

# A Certification Authority for Grid *t*-infrastructure An Online CA Case Study

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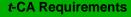


### **Grid Identity Management**

- · Identity providers certification authoritites
- $\cdot$  Digital certificates asserting identity of their owners
- · Complex procedure for getting certificates

#### t-Infrastructure

- Environment for training Grid users
- · Capable of handling a lot of users
- $\cdot\,$  Secure, minimizing the risk of misuse
- · Users are traceable
- · Flexible identity management necessary



· Easy and controlled procedure for issuing certificates

- Traceable certificates
- · Minimised risk of misuse of the certificates

#### t-CA Solution

- · Online CA issuing certificates on the fly
- · Users use password to generate certificates
- · Short lived certificates valid for 8 hours
- · All operations stored, users can be traced dowr

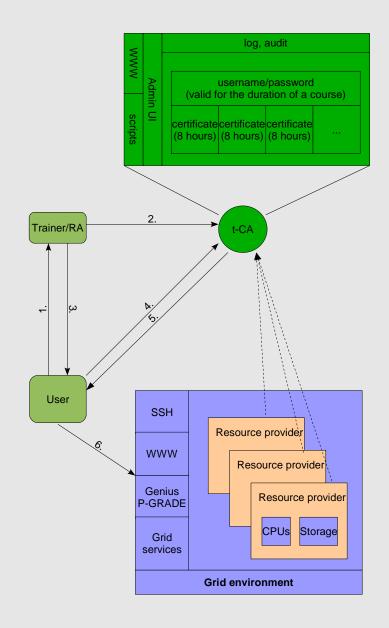
#### Using the t-CA

- 1. User registers with the Trainer/RA
- 2. The Trainer/RA creates a new record on the t-CA
- · username and password returned as the result
- 3. The Trainer/RA passes the username/password to the users
- 4.-5. The Users retrieves a certificate from the t-CA
- the provided username password is used to authenticate
  This operation has to be done every day
- 6. Users can access the Grid
  - · User can access reources in the production Grid

## Accreditation

Formal policy written and available Follows as much as possible the minimal requirements specified by the accreditation bodies

Some requirements cannot be achieved by design (proper user identification)



### Conclusion

A controlled way of issuing training certificates
 A solution to help to fill in the gap in supporting training courses, does not aim at replacing current Grid CAs
 Both technical technical solution and formal policy available