Globus Research Data Management: Campus Deployment and Configuration

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globus.org/events/xsede15/tutorial

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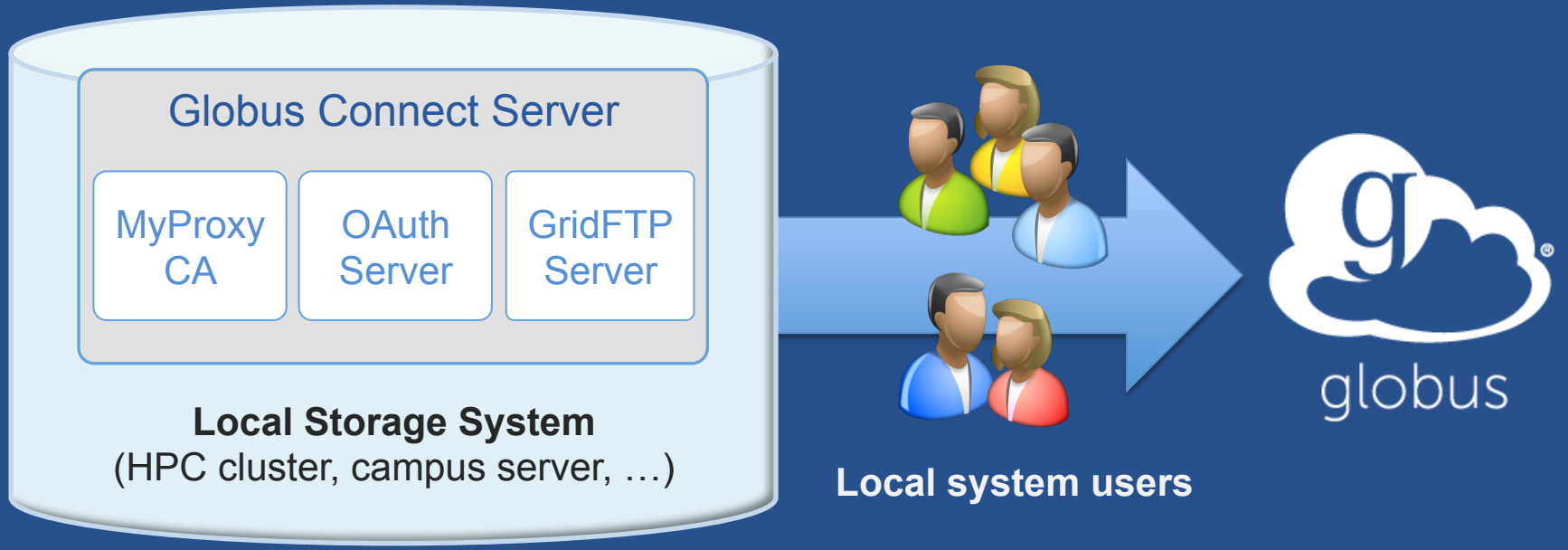
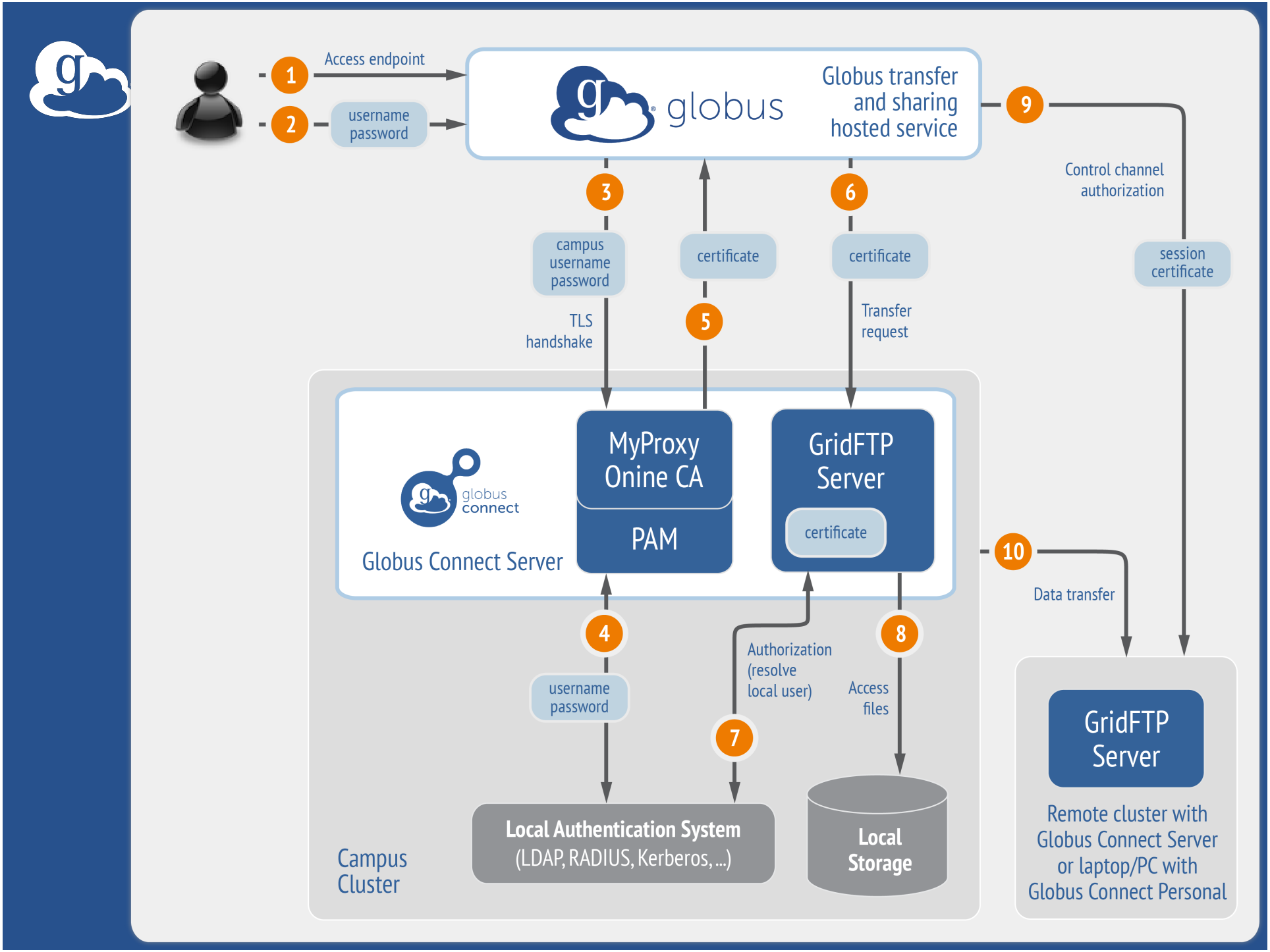
- Globus Connect Server overview
- Demonstration and exercise: Installing Globus Connect Server
- Exercise: Configuring Globus Connect Server
- Common Globus Connect Server configurations
- Advanced endpoint configuration
- Deployment best practice: Science DMZ
- Wrap-up and general Q&A

Globus Connect Server Overview

Globus Connect Server



- **Create endpoint in minutes; no complex software install**
- **Enable all users with local accounts to transfer files**
- **Native packages: RPMs and DEBs**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Local Authentication System
(LDAP, RADIUS, Kerberos, ...)
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or laptop/PC with
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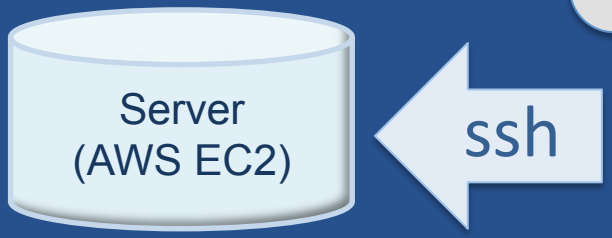
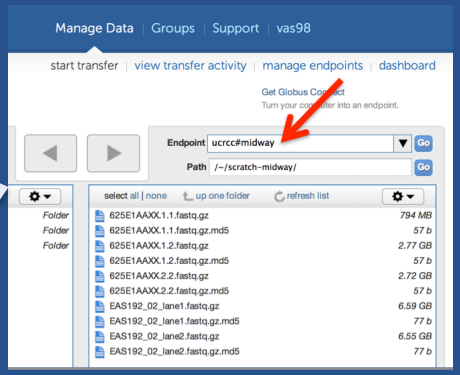
What we are going to do:



1 Install Globus Connect Server

- Access server as: campusadmin/xsede15
- Update repo
- Install package
- Setup Globus Connect Server

2 Log into Globus (using Globus username)



3 Access the newly created endpoint (as user ‘researcher’)

4 Transfer a file

Globus Connect Server Demonstration

Exercise 4: Set up a Globus Connect Server endpoint and transfer files

- **Goal for this session: turn a storage resource into a Globus endpoint**
- **Each of you is provided with an Amazon EC2 server for this tutorial**

Step 1: Log into your host

- **Your slip of paper has the host information**
- **Log in as user ‘campusadmin’:**

  `ssh campusadmin@<your-AWS-IP-address>`

  (password: xsede15)
- **NB: Please** `sudo su` **before continuing**
  - User ‘campusadmin’ has passwordless sudo privileges

Step 2: Install Globus Connect Server

‘Cheat sheet’: globus.org/events/xsede15/tutorial

```
$ sudo su
$ curl -LOs http://toolkit.globus.org/ftppub/globus-
connect-server/globus-connect-server-
repo_latest_all.deb
$ dpkg -i globus-connect-server-repo_latest_all.deb
$ apt-get update
$ apt-get -y install globus-connect-server
$ globus-connect-server-setup
```

Use your Globus username/password here

You have a working Globus endpoint!

Step 3: Access your Globus endpoint

- **Go to Manage Data → Transfer Files**
- **Access the endpoint you just created**
  - Enter: <username>#ec2-… in Endpoint field
  - Log in as user “researcher” (pwd: xsede15); you should see the user’s home directory
- **Transfer files**
  - Between esnet#???-diskpt1 and your endpoint

Configuring Globus Connect Server

- **Globus Connect Server configuration is stored in:**
  - `/etc/globus-connect-server.conf`
- **To enable configuration changes you must run:**
  - `globus-connect-server-setup`
- **"Rinse and repeat"**
- **NB: Please** `sudo su` **before continuing**

Configuration file walkthrough

- **Structure based on .ini format:**

```
[Section]
Option
```

- **Most common options to configure**

```
Name
Public
RestrictedPaths
Sharing
SharingRestrictedPaths
IdentityMethod (CILogon, Oauth)
```

Changing your endpoint name

- **Edit `/etc/globus-connect-server.conf`**
- **Set `[Endpoint] Name = "dtn"`**
- **Run `globus-connect-server-setup`**
  - Enter your username/password when prompted
- **Access the endpoint in your browser using the new endpoint name**
  - You may need to refresh your browser to see the new name in the endpoint list

Making your endpoint public

- **Try to access the endpoint created by the person sitting next to you**
- **You will get the following message:**
- **‘Could not find endpoint with name ‘dtn’ owned by user ‘<neighbor’s username>’**

Making your endpoint public

- **Edit:** `/etc/globus-connect-server.conf`
- **Uncomment `[Endpoint] Public` option**
- **Replace ‘`False`’ with ‘`True`’**
- **Run `globus-connect-server-setup`**
- **Try accessing your neighbor’s endpoint: you will be prompted for credentials…**
- **…you can access the endpoint as the “researcher” user**

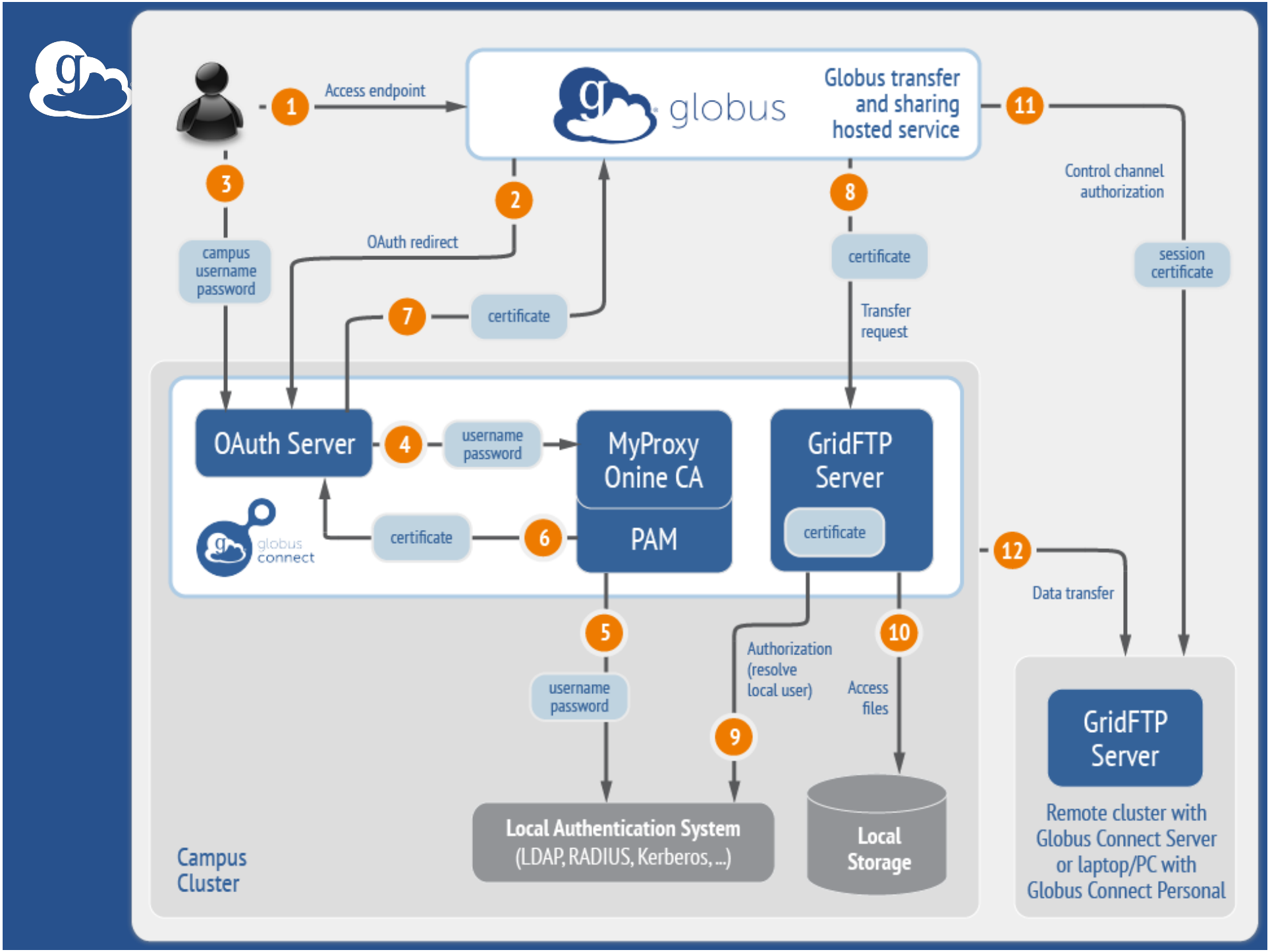
Common Globus Connect Server Configurations

Firewall configuration

- **Allow inbound connections to port**
  - 2811 (GridFTP control channel)
  - 7512 (MyProxy CA) or 443 (OAuth)
- **Allow inbound connections to ports 50000-51000 (GridFTP data channel)**
  - If transfers to/from this machine will happen only from/to a known set of endpoints (not common), you can restrict connections to this port range only from those machines
- **If your firewall restricts outbound connections**
  - Allow outbound connections if the source port is in the range 50000-51000

Using MyProxy OAuth server

- **MyProxy without OAuth (we just did this!)**
  - Site passwords flow through Globus to site MyProxy server
  - Globus does not store passwords
  - Still a security concern for some sites
- **Web-based endpoint activation**
  - Sites run a MyProxy OAuth server
    - MyProxy OAuth server in Globus Connect Server
  - Users enter username/password only on site's webpage to access an endpoint
  - Globus gets short-term X.509 credential via OAuth protocol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Campus Cluster

Enable sharing on your endpoint

- **Edit: `/etc/globus-connect-server.conf`**
- **Uncomment `[GridFTP] Sharing = True`**
- **Run `globus-connect-server-setup`**
- **Go to the Web UI Start Transfer page***
- **Select the endpoint***
- **Create shared endpoints and grant access to other Globus users***

* Note: Creation of shared endpoints requires a **Globus Provider** plan for the managed endpoint
Contact support@globus.org for a one-month free trial

Advanced Endpoint Configuration

Select configuration scenarios

- **Customizing filesystem access**
- **Using host certificates**
- **Using CILogon certificates**
- **Enabling sharing on GT GridFTP server**
- **Configuring multiple GridFTP servers**
- **Setting up an anonymous endpoint**

Path Restriction

- **Default configuration:**
  - All paths allowed, access control handled by the OS
- **Use `RestrictPaths` to customize**
  - Specifies a comma separated list of full paths that clients may access
  - Each path may be prefixed by R (read) and/or W (write), or N (none) to explicitly deny access to a path
  - '~' for authenticated user's home directory, and * may be used for simple wildcard matching.
- **E.g. Full access to home directory, read access to /data:**
  - `RestrictPaths = RW~,R/data`
- **E.g. Full access to home directory, deny hidden files:**
  - `RestrictPaths = RW~,N~/.*`

Sharing Path Restriction

- **Further restrict the paths on which your users are allowed to create shared endpoints**
- **Use `SharingRestrictPaths` to customize**
  - Same syntax as `RestrictPaths`
- **E.g. Full access to home directory, deny hidden files:**
  - `SharingRestrictPaths = RW~,N~/.*`
- **E.g. Full access to public folder under home directory:**
  - `SharingRestrictPaths = RW~/public`
- **E.g. Full access to /proj, read access to /scratch:**
  - `SharingRestrictPaths = RW/proj,R/scratch`

Control sharing access to specific accounts

- **`SharingStateDir` can be used to control sharing access to individual accounts**
- **For instance, with**

  SharingStateDir = "/var/globus/sharing/$USER”

  user "bob" would be enabled for sharing only if a path exists with the name "/var/globus/sharing/bob/" and is writable by bob.

Using a host certificate for GridFTP

- **You can use your GridFTP server with non-Globus clients**
  - Requires a host certificate, e.g. from OSG
- **Comment out**
  - `FetchCredentialFromRelay = True`
- **Set**
  - `CertificateFile = <path_to_host_certificate>`
  - `KeyFile = <path_to_private key_associated_with_host_certificate>`
  - `TrustedCertificateDirectory = <path_to_trust_roots>`

Single Sign-On with InCommon/CILogon

- **Requirements**
  - Your organization's Shibboleth server must release the ePPN attribute to CILogon
  - Your local resource account names must match your institutional identity (InCommon ID)
- **Set `AuthorizationMethod = CILogon` in the Globus Connect Server configuration**
- **Set `CILogonIdentityProvider = <your_institution_as_listed_in_CILogon_identity_provider_list>`**

Enabling Sharing on a GT GridFTP Installation

- **Get Globus Sharing CA certificates http://toolkit.globus.org/toolkit/docs/latest-stable/gridftp/securityd2b.tar.gz**
- **Add to your trusted certificates directory (/etc/grid-security/certificates)**
- **Use '-sharing-dn' option in the server as follows: globus-gridftp-server -sharing-dn "/C=US/O=Globus Consortium/OU=Globus Connect User/CN=__transfer__"**
- **Use '-sharing-rp' option to restrict the file paths allowed for sharing: globus-gridftp-server -sharing-rp <path>**
- **http://toolkit.globus.org/toolkit/docs/latest-stable/gridftp/admin**

Deployment Scenarios

- **Globus Connect Server components**
  - globus-connect-server-io, -id, -web
- **Default: -io and –id (no –web) on single server**
- **Common options**
  - Multiple –io servers for load balancing, failover, and performance
  - No -id server, e.g. third-party IdP such as CILogon
  - -id on separate server, e.g. non-DTN nodes
  - -web on either –id server or separate server for OAuth interface

Setting up multiple –io servers

- **Guidelines**
  - Use the same .conf file on all servers
  - First install on the server running the –id component, then all others

1. **Install Globus Connect Server on all servers**
2. **Edit .conf file on one of the servers and set `[MyProxy] Server` to the hostname of the server you want the –id component installed on**
3. **Copy the configuration file to all servers**
   - `/etc/globus-connect-server.conf`
4. **Run `globus-connect-server-setup` on the server running the –id component**
5. **Run `globus-connect-server-setup` on all other servers**
6. **Repeat steps 2-5 as necessary to update configurations**

Deployment Best Practice: Science DMZ

Researchers don't realize full benefits of existing IT infrastructure

- **Impedance mismatch between research computing systems and the WAN**
- **Network "misconfiguration" (10 x 1Gb/s links ≠ 1 x 10Gb/s link)**
- **Indiscriminate security policies**
- **TCP: small amount of packet loss = huge difference in performance**

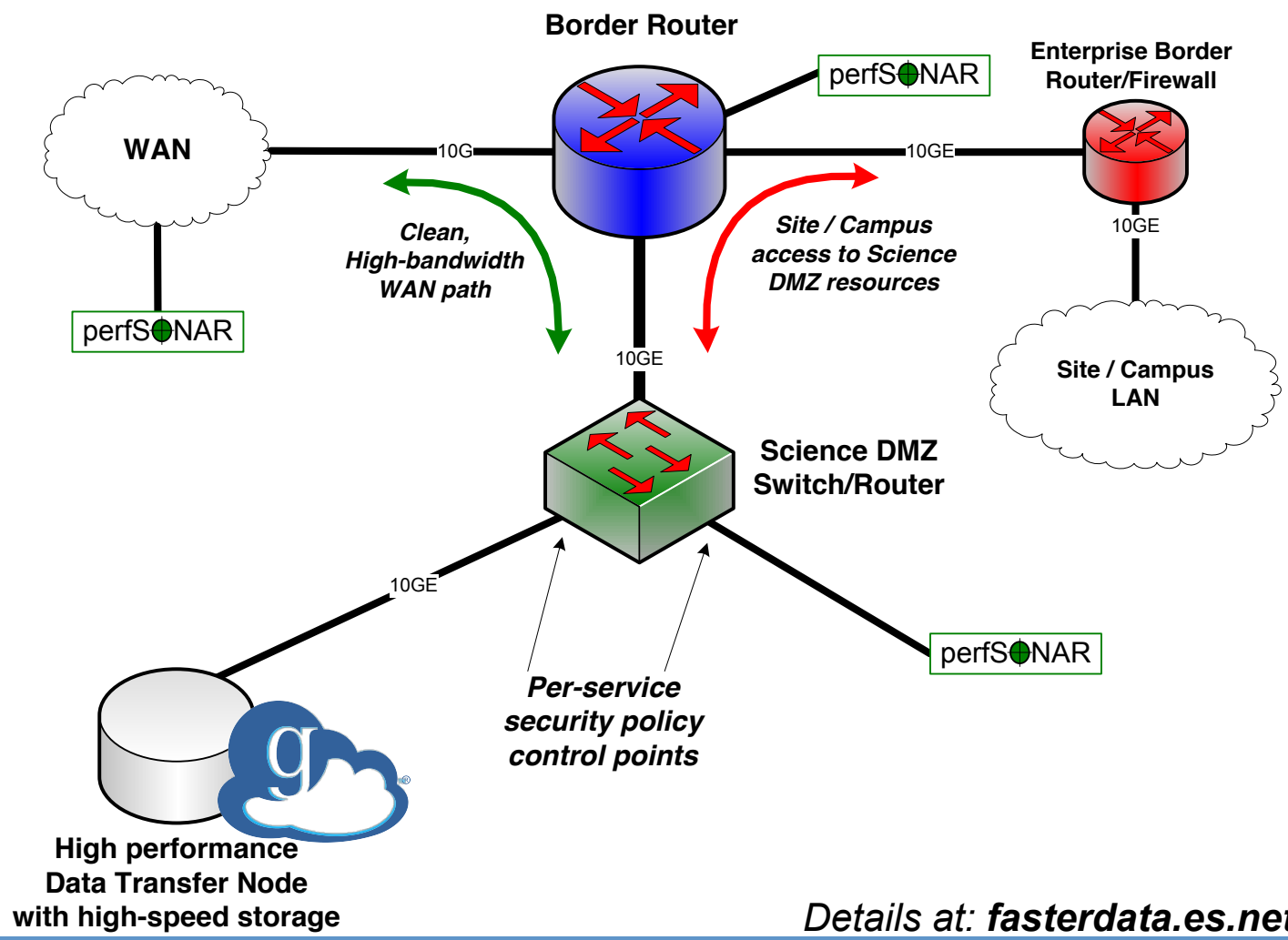
Science DMZ Components

- **“Friction free” network path**
- **Dedicated, high-performance data transfer nodes (DTNs)**
- **Performance measurement/test node**
- **User engagement and education**

LOTS of great info available at:
fasterdata.es.net/science-dmz

Typical deployment

Science DMZ + Globus



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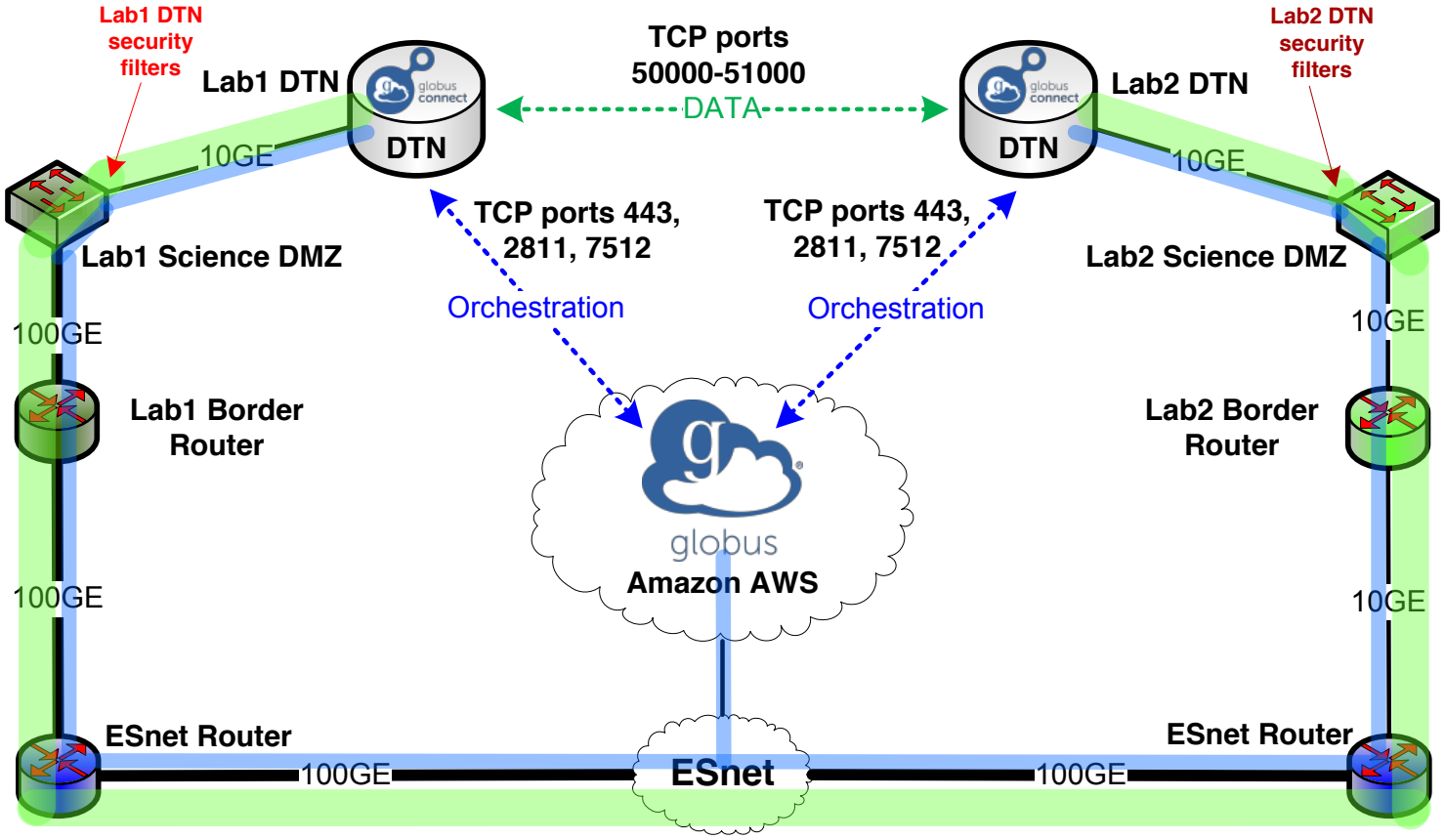

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