

Support to experiments in the transition from X.509 authN/Z to SciTokens

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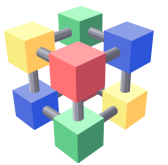
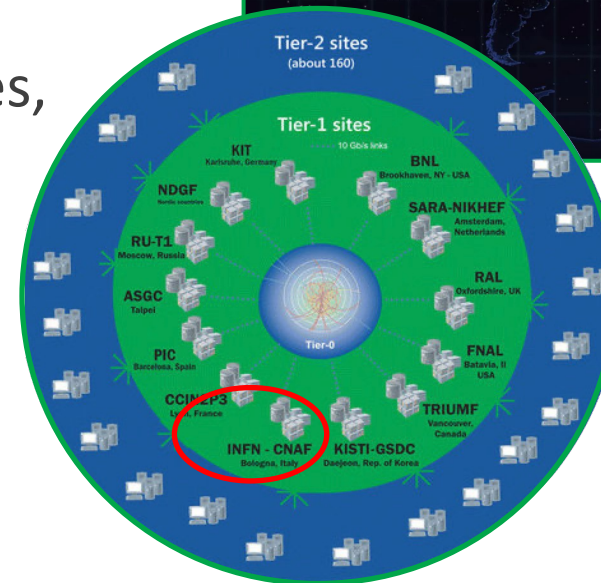
Outline

- What is INFN – CNAF
- What are X509 and SciTokens
- Users AuthN/Z, state of the art
- User Support strategies
- Conclusions

INFN - CNAF

Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (WLCG) [1]

- ~170 computing centres in more than 40 countries
- Providing **computing resources** to LHC and many other experiments worldwide
- According to their dimensions and resources, all the centers are divided in **Tier-0** (CERN), **Tier-1** and **Tier-2**



WLCG
Worldwide LHC Computing Grid

[1] <https://wlcg.web.cern.ch/>

INFN - CNAF

INFN – CNAF [2] hosts the **Italian Tier-1** since 2003

- Provides resources to more than **60 scientific communities**
→ (~1500 local users)
- **~2.000 computing nodes**
→ ~60.000 cores managed by an HTCondor [3] cluster
- **~70 PB disk and ~130 PB tape**



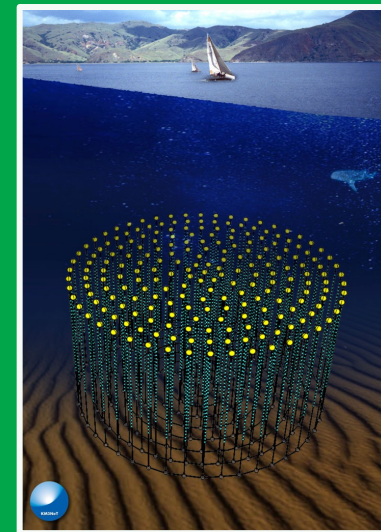
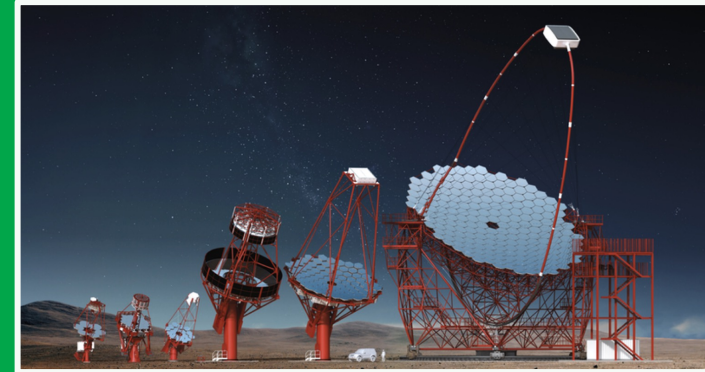
[2] <https://www.cnaf.infn.it/>

[3] <https://www.htcondor.org/>

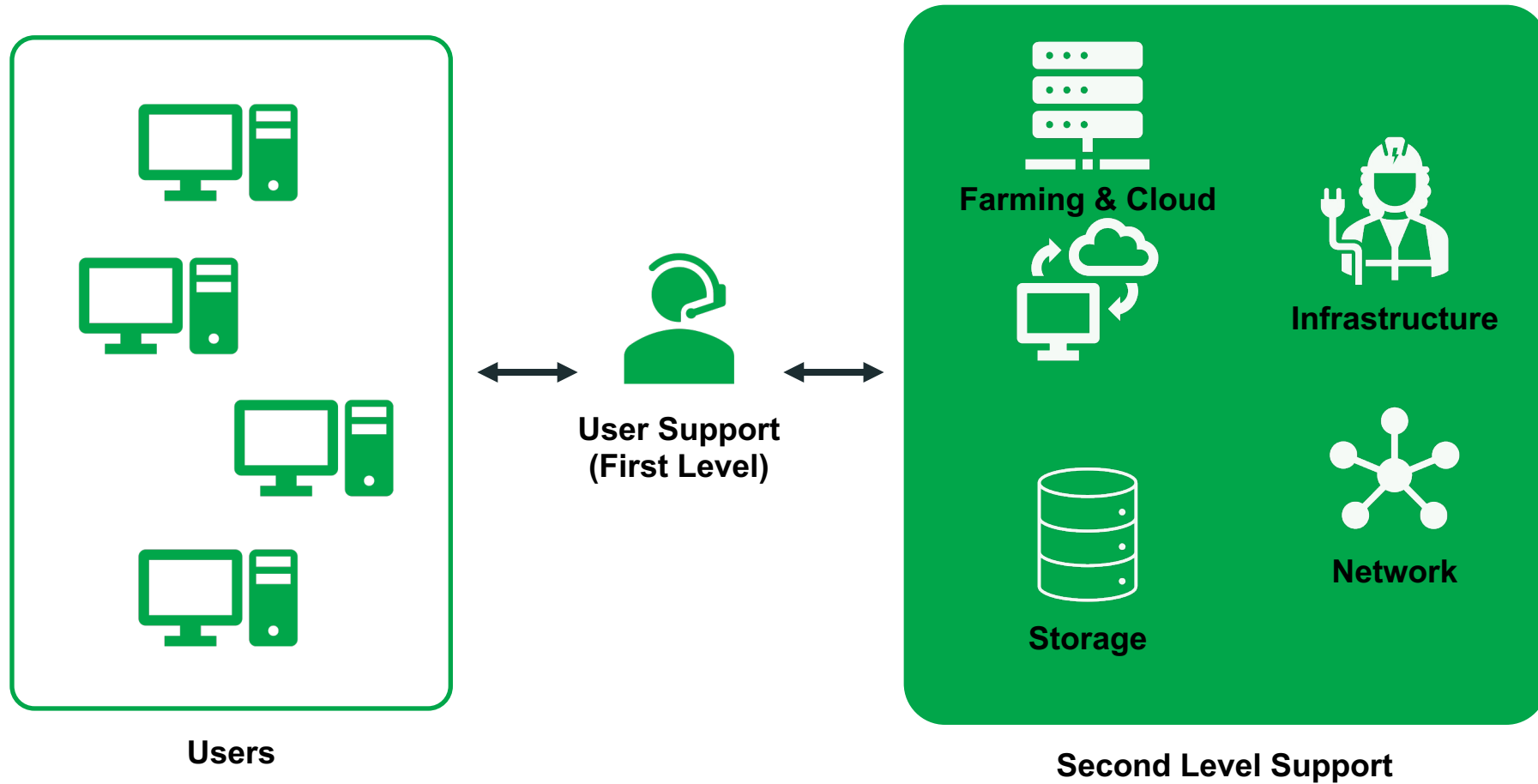
Not only WLCG

Supported scientific communities:

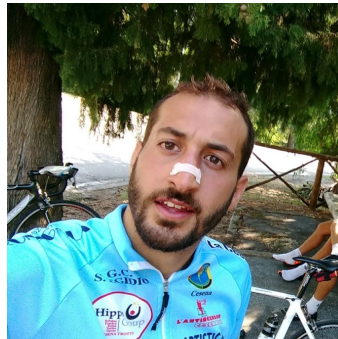
- High-Energy Physics: **8**
- Astroparticle Physics: **18**
- Gravitational Waves: **2**
- Nuclear Physics: **15**
- Dark Matter: **6**
- others: **10**



INFN – T1 Internal organization



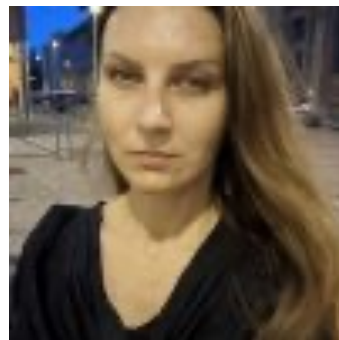
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New Entries !!



User Support Team



X509 GSI AuthN/Z

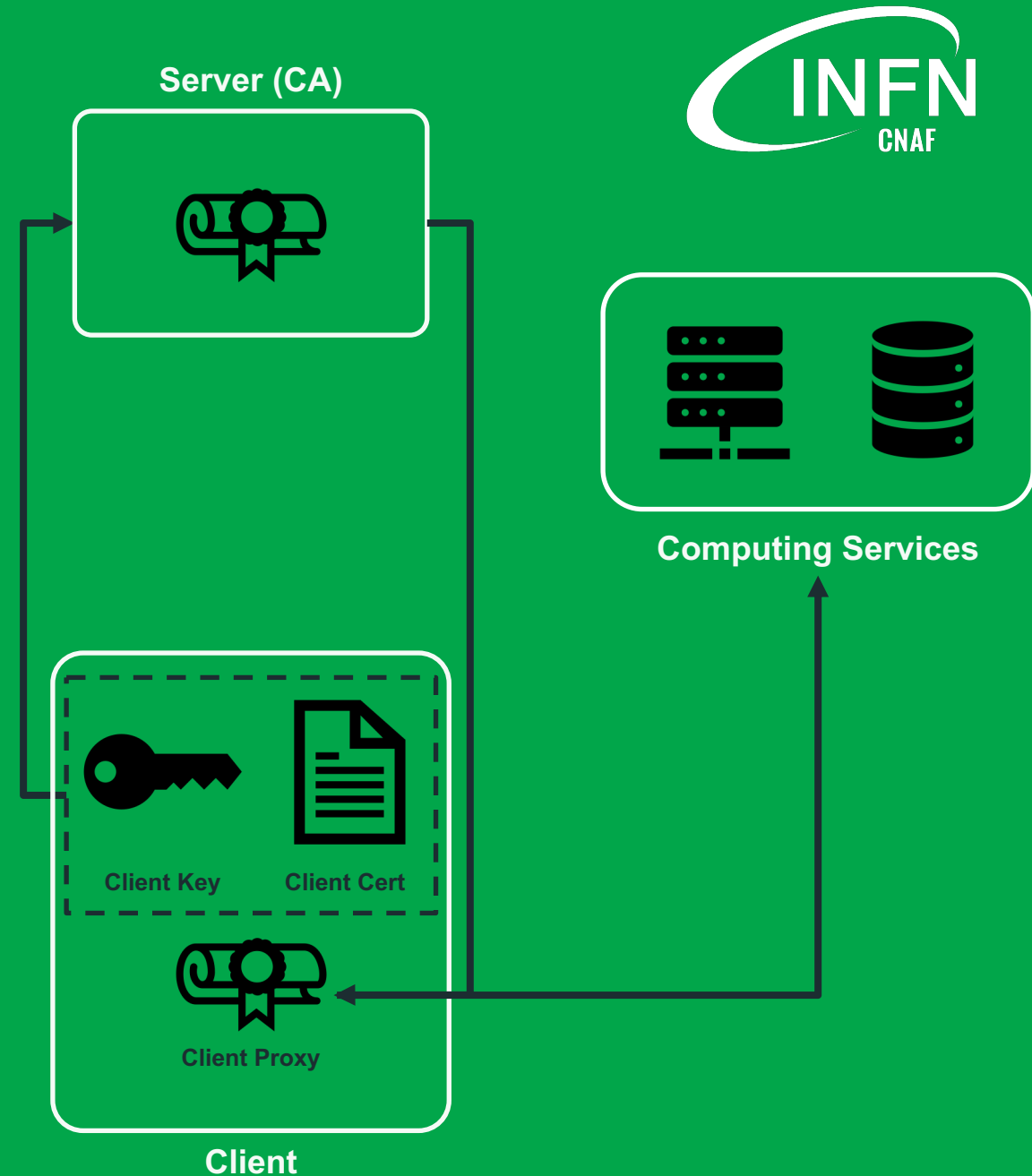
Pros:

- Widely used method of AuthN/Z
- E.g.: HTTPS protocol

Cons:

- Need for custom solutions to be integrated in other services
- No Fine-Grained AuthZ*
- Proxies last up to several days*

* **Security Issues!!**



SciTokens

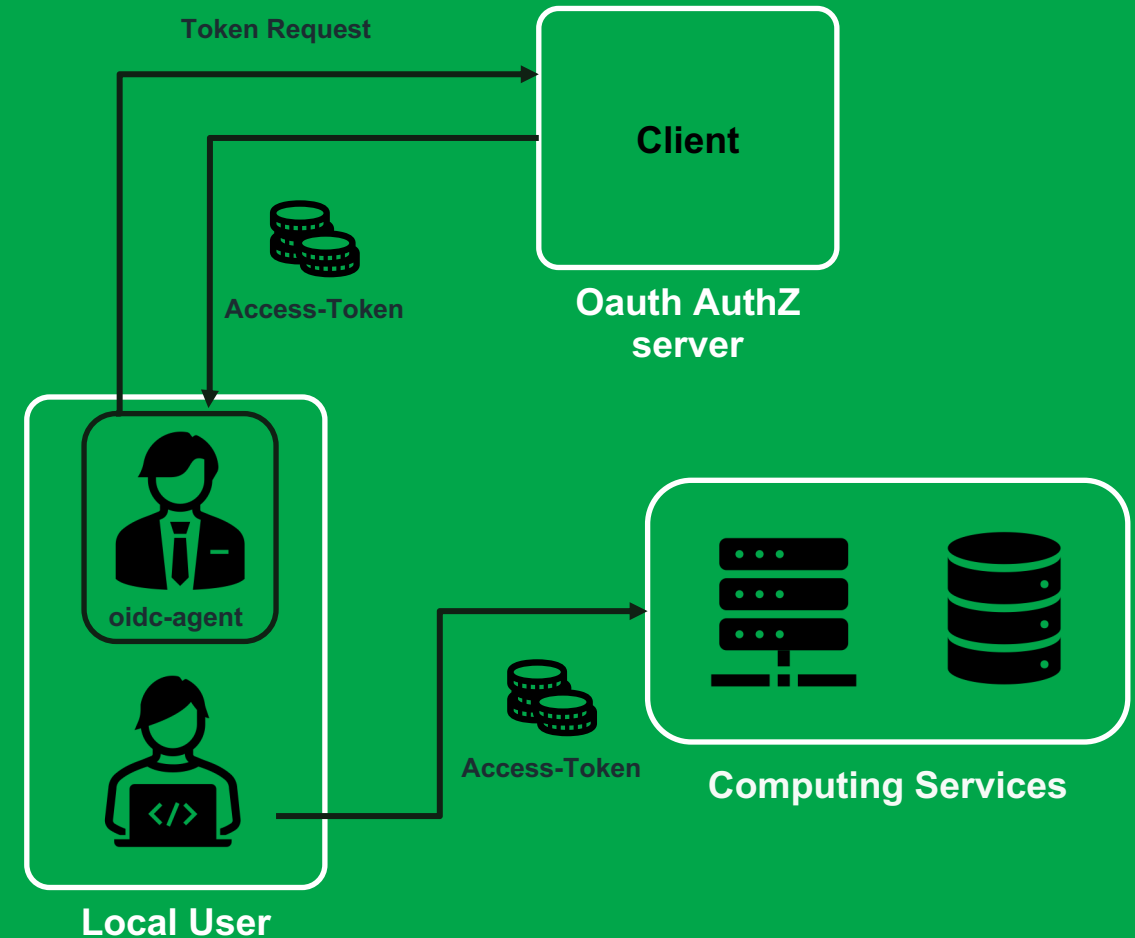
Pros:

- Based on **JWT technology**, widely integrated with other services' workflow
- Short-lived
- Provide **fine-grained** authZ based on **scopes** or **groups**

Cons:

- **Short-lived***
- oidc-agent is restricted to the user machine and **can't be forwarded**

*an issue as well, in some cases



Users Toolkit – State of the art

Tokens Management



oidc-agent*

mytoken

htgettoken

Storage Access



StoRM*

StoRM WebDAV*

XrootD*

Job Submission



HTCondor-CE*

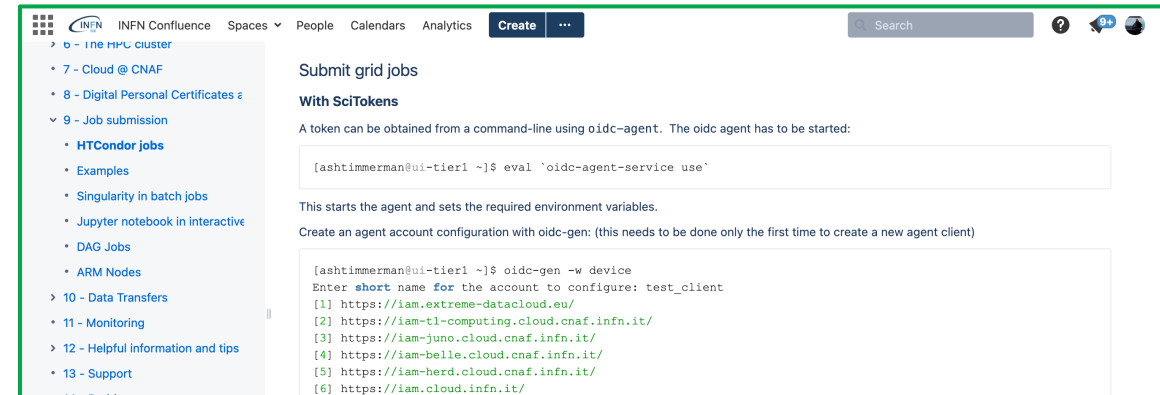
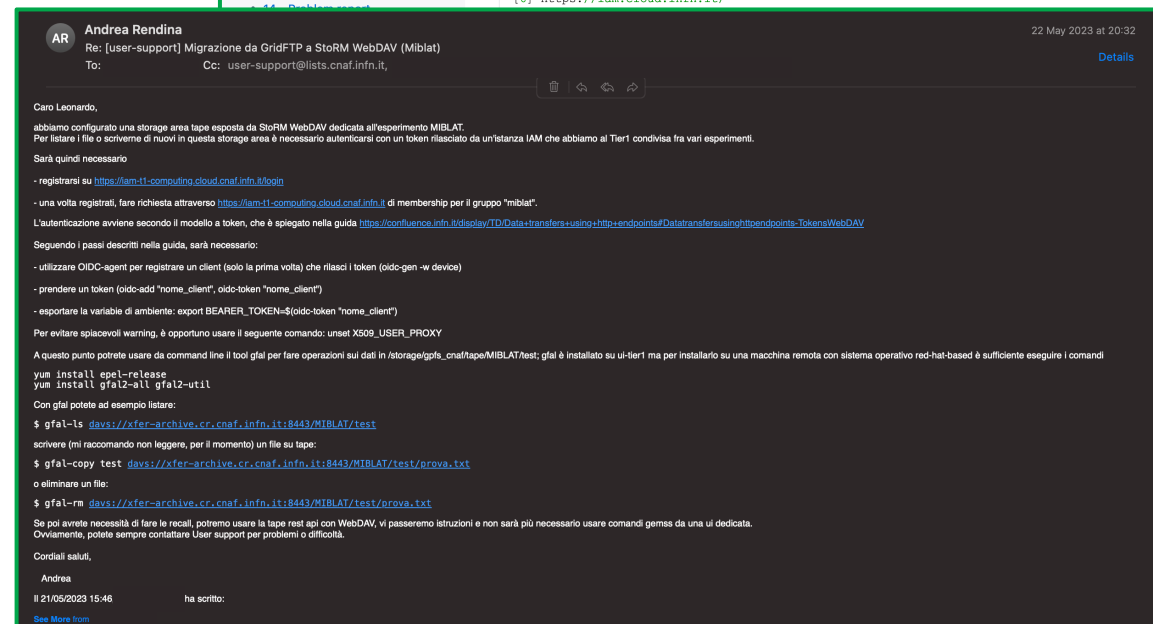
ARC-CE

* Currently supported at CNAF

Issues with tokens

- OAuth flow is quite complex
- → need to provide **simplified guides** to users
- → spot on assistance via **email** or **in person meeting**

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Possible Solutions*

- DIY solution
- **mytoken** [4]
- htgettoken

*Marteen Litmaath's talk during GDB session on 27th March [5]

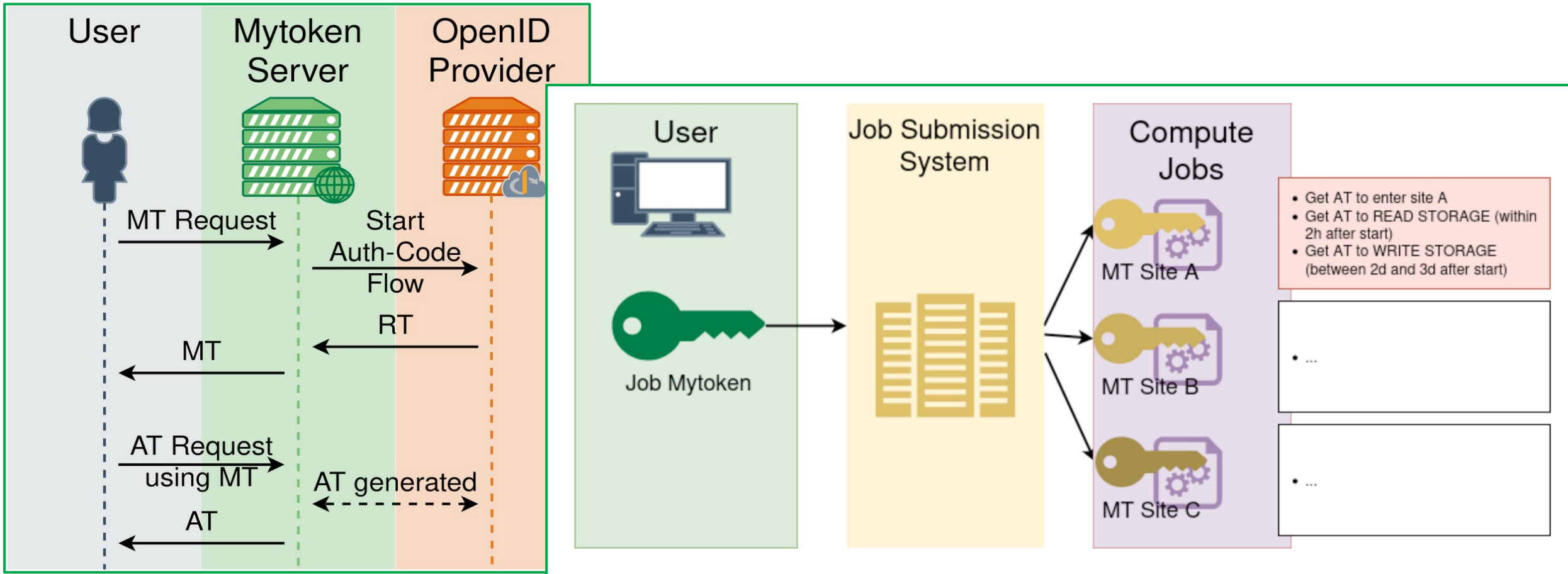
Auxiliary services

- The March 7 Ops Coordination meeting had a [presentation](#) on **MyToken**
 - Used at KIT e.g. to monitor dCache services with "dteam" tokens
 - Further details are expected to be presented in a future meeting
- At FNAL, a solution based on **Vault** and the **htgettoken** and **httokensh** clients is in production for various communities since >1 year
- Such auxiliary services are expected to facilitate various use cases
 - [Production workflows](#)
 - [Monitoring](#)
 - [User workflows](#)
 - To help avoid that users need to know anything about tokens!

[4] <https://mytoken-docs.data.kit.edu/>

[5] [Token-Transition-update-240327](#)

mytoken workflow



<https://cvs.data.kit.edu/talks/2403-mytoken-wlcg-ops/>
<https://cvs.data.kit.edu/talks/2306-mytoken-egi/>



What is a **mytoken**?

- Extension on the concept of Refresh-Token
- JWT based
- Implements new features:
 - Rotation
 - Restrictions
 - **how much time** it lasts
 - from **which hosts/country**
 - how many times can be used
 - Capabilities
 - **AT** (get access-tokens)
 - tokeninfo (retrieve information about mytoken)
 - Profiles (includes the previous)
- It can be used like a refresh-token to connect to the oidc-agent on the **mytoken-server**

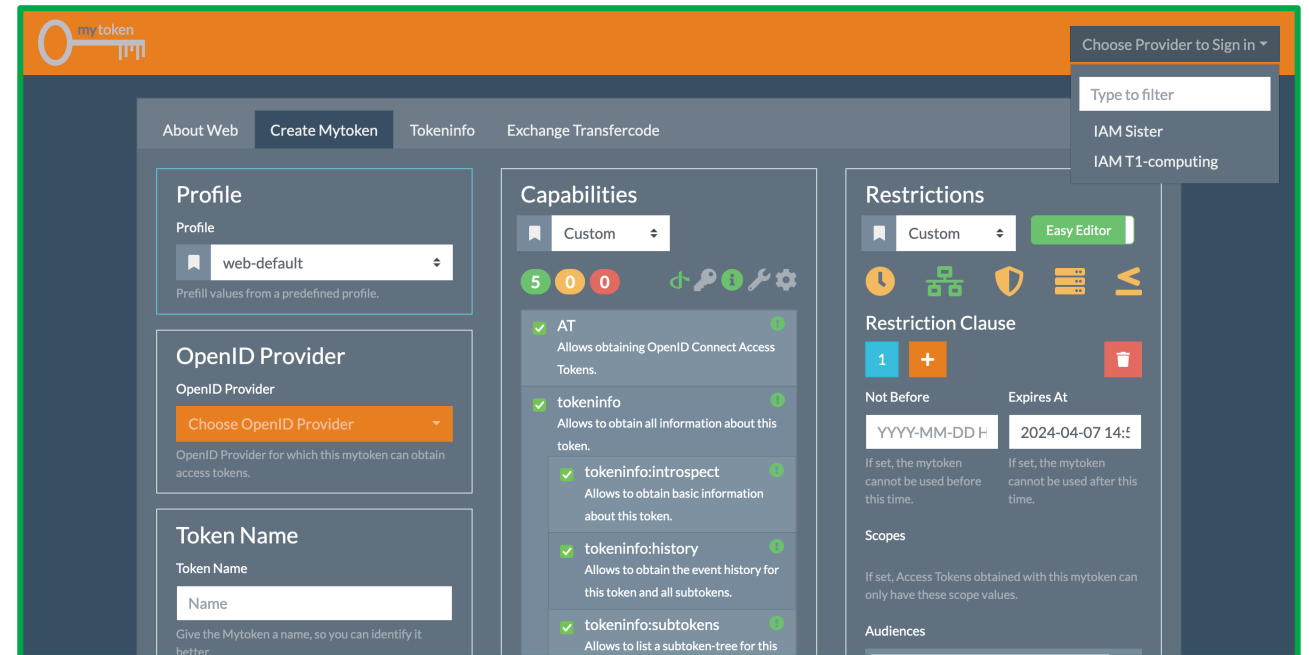
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mytoken-payload.json
1 {
2   "ver": "0.6",
3   "token_type": "mytoken",
4   "iss": "https://vm-131-154-99-29.cloud.cnaf.infn.it",
5   "sub": "U+ziyavGGtX4z2Kp5kd7Tr1NzkHyqel5XJq8ddlN+zw=",
6   "seq_no": 1,
7   "name": "mytoken for oidc-agent:t2-rendina-us-ops.cloudcnaf",
8   "aud": "https://vm-131-154-99-29.cloud.cnaf.infn.it",
9   "oidc_sub": "2c5255ba-9480-4815-aea0-88159f6602b7",
10  "oidc_iss": "https://iam-t1-computing.cloud.cnaf.infn.it/",
11  "capabilities": [
12    "AT",
13    "tokeninfo"
14  ],
15  "exp": 1711984057,
16  "nbf": 1710947257,
17  "iat": 1710947257,
18  "auth_time": 1710947257,
19  "jti": "d386cbb5-3257-43ce-94be-2bea70ba2cf7",
20  "restrictions": [
21    {
22      "exp": 1711984051,
23      "hosts": [
24        "131.154.128.0/17"
25      ]
26    },
27    {
28      "exp": 1711984054,
29      "hosts": [
30        "131.154.128.0/17"
31      ]
32    },
33    {
34      "exp": 1711984057,
35      "hosts": [
36        "131.154.128.0/17"
37      ]
38    },
39    "include": [
40      "12d",
41      "ip-cnaf"
42    ]
43  ]
44 }
```



Why mytokens?

Pros:

- Really close to our idea of resolving the issue
- Easy to configure
 - YAML config file
 - few steps to follow
 - utility scripts to configure server features
- Customizable
- Responsive developers to help troubleshooting
- Integrated with OIDC flow





- Deployment of a self hosted **mytoken-server**
 - server configuration
 - setup **CNAF profile**
(rotations, restrictions, capabilities, templates)
 - connect to Tier-1 **IAM instance**
- Test phase on how to get and use **mytokens**
 - client choice (**mytoken-client**, **oidc-agent**)
 - submission tests to manage files with AT requested via **mytoken** flow



Future actions

- Keep on testing the **mytoken** solution
 - scalability tests
 - security evaluation
 - understanding of users needs to implement new profiles
- Provide **mytoken** solution to INFN Tier-1 users in order to dismiss POSIX access to data from worker-nodes

Conclusions

User-support challenges in the future:

- support all collaboration and users transitioning from **X509** to **SciTokens**
- Keep updated guides on how to implement tokens into users' workflow
- Test new solutions to ease token usage

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 - **very helpful** on solving configuration issues we had
- How to deploy **mytoken-server**
<https://mytoken-docs.data.kit.edu/server>
- How to configure **mytoken-server**
<https://mytoken-docs.data.kit.edu/dev>
- **mytoken-server** git repo
<https://github.com/oidc-mytoken/server>
- ["mytoken - OpenID Connect Tokens for Long-term Authorization"](#) G. Zackmann (Phd Thesis)

Thank you!