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ARC CLIENTS
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Chapter 1

Introduction

The command line user interface of ARC consists of a set of commands necessary for job submission and manipulation and data management. This manual replaces the older version in NORDUGRID-MANUAL-1 and is valid for ARC versions 0.9 and above. Command line tools semantics is the same as in earlier versions of ARC, roughly following that of basic Linux commands and most common batch system commands. One obvious difference is change of the legacy prefix from "ng" to the more appropriate "arc". This is not only a cosmetic change: behaviour of the commands also have changed, as did their functionalities and options.

Users are strongly discouraged from modifying their old scripts by simply replacing "ng" with "arc" – results may be unpredictable.

Chapter 2

Commands

2.1 Proxy utilities

ARC now comes complete with a set of utilities to create temporary user credentials (proxies) used to access Grid services.

2.1.1 arcproxy

In order to contact Grid services (submit jobs, copy data, check information etc), one has to present valid credentials. These are commonly formalized as so-called "proxy" certificates. There are many different types of proxy certificates, with different Grids and different services having own preferences. arcproxy is a powerful tool that can be used to generate most commonly used proxies. It supports the following types:

- pre-RFC GSI proxy
- RFC-compliant proxy (default)
- VOMS-extended proxy
- MyProxy delegation

arcproxy requires presence of user's private key and public certificate, as well as the public certificate of their issuer CA.

arcproxy [options]

(ARC 0.9)

ptions:

-P,proxy	path	path to the proxy file
-C,cert	path	path to the certificate file
-K,key	path	path to the key file
-T,cadir	path	path to the trusted certificate directory, only needed for VOMS client functionality
-V,vomses	path	path to the VOMS server configuration file
-S,voms	voms[:command]	Specify VOMS server (more than one VOMS server can be specified like this:

-voms VOa:command1 -voms VOb:command2)

:command is optional, and is used to ask for specific attributes(e.g. roles). Command options are:

all – put all of this DN's attributes into AC;

list – list all of the DN's attribute, will not create AC extension;

/Role=yourRole – specify the role, if this DN has such a role, the role will be put into AC

/voname/groupname/Role=yourRole – specify the VO,group and role; if this DN has such a role, the role will be put into AC

use GSI communication protocol for contacting

VOMS services

-0, --old use GSI proxy (default is RFC 3820 compliant proxy)

-I, --info print all information about this proxy. In order to show the Identity (DN without CN as suffix for proxy) of the certificate, the 'trusted certdir' is

needed.

-U, --user string username for MyProxy server
 -L, --myproxysrv URL URL of MyProxy server

-M, --myproxycmd PUT|GET command to MyProxy server. The command can be

PUT and GET.

 $\operatorname{PUT/put}$ – put a delegated credential to MyProxy

server;

GET/get – get a delegated credential from MyProxy server, credential (certificate and key) is not needed

in this case.

-c, --constraint string proxy constraints

-t, --timeout seconds timeout in seconds (default 20 seconds)

-d, --debug debuglevel debug level is one of FATAL, ERROR, WARNING,

INFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG

-z, --conffile filename configuration file (default \$HOME/.arc/client.conf)

-v, --version print version information

-h, --help page

Supported constraints are:

-G, --gsicom

- validityStart=time e.g. 2008-05-29T10:20:30Z; time when certificate becomes valid. Default is now.
- validityEnd=time time when certificate becomes invalid. Default is 43200 (12 hours) from start.
- validityPeriod=time e.g. 43200 or 12h or 12H; for how long certificate is valid. If neither validityPeriod nor validityEnd are specified, default is 12 hours
- vomsACvalidityPeriod=time e.g. 43200 or 12h or 12H; for how long the AC is valid. Default is the same as validityPeriod.
- proxyPolicy=policy content assigns specified string to proxy prolicy to limit it's functionality.
- proxyPolicyFile=policy file

MyProxy functionality can be used together with VOMS functionality.

2.1.2 arcslcs

This utility generates short-lived credential based on the credential to IdP in SAML2SSO profile (normally the username/password to Shibboleth IdP).

arcslcs [options]

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Options:	Options:					
-S,ur;	URL		of /127.0.0.1:6	SLCS 30000/slcs)	Service	(e.g.
-I,idp	URL	the	name	of ib.org/idp/s	IdP hibboleth)	(e.g.
-U,user	string	User ac	count to Io	łΡ		
-P,pass	sword $string$	passwoi	rd for user	accoutn to	IdP	
-Z,keys	size $integer$	size of t	the private	key, default	is 1024	
-K,keyp	oass		vate key f	_	private key; if be protected	
-L,life	etime hours	life time rent tin		dential (hou	rs)), starting v	vith cur-
-D,sto	redir $path$	store di	rectory of	the credenti	al	
-t,time	eout $seconds$	timeout	in second	s (default 20	seconds)	
-d,debi	ng debugler			of FATAL, c or DEBUC	ERROR, WA	RNING,
-c,conf	ffile filename	e configu	ration file	(default \$HO	OME/.arc/clien	nt.conf)
-v,vers	sion	print ve	ersion infor	mation		
-h,help		print he	elp page			

2.2 Job submission and management

The following commands are used for job submission and management, such as status check, results retrieval, cancellation, re-submission and such. The jobs must be described using a job description language. ARC supports the following languages: JSDL [1], xRSL [2] and JDL [3].

2.2.1 arcsub

The arcsub command is the most essential one, as it is used for submitting jobs to the Grid resources. arcsub matches user's job description to the information collected from the Grid, and the optimal site is being selected for job submission. The job description is then being forwarded to that site, in order to be submitted to the Local Resource Management System (LRMS), which can be, e.g., PBS or Condor or SGE etc.

arcsub [options] [filename]

(ARC 0.9)

Options:

-c,cluster	[-] url	explicitly select or reject (-) a specific site
-i,index	url	explicitly select or reject (-) a specific index server
-e,jobdescrstring	filename	string describing the job to be submitted
-f,jobdescrfile	filename	file describing the job to be submitted
-j,joblist	filename	file where user's job information will be stored
-x,dumpdescription		do not submit – dump transformed job description to stdout
-b,broker	string	select broker method (default is Random)
-n,dolocalsandbox		store job descriptions in local sandbox (useful for eventual resubmission/migration)
-t,timeout	seconds	timeout in seconds (default 20)
-d,debug	debuglevel	debug level, FATAL, ERROR, WARNING, INFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG - default WARNING
-z,conffile	filename	configuration file (default \$HOME/.arc/client.conf)
-v,version		print version information
-h,help		print help page
Arguments:		
filename		file describing the job(s) to be submitted

The -c and -i arguments accept meta-URLs of the format GRID:URL, where GRID indicates a Grid middleware flavour. Possible flavours are ARCO, ARC1, CREAM and UNICORE. For example, for index servers:

```
ARCO:ldap://index.ng.org:2135/mds-vo-name=sweden,0=grid CREAM:ldap://cream.glite.org:2170/o=grid
```

or clusters:

ARCO:ldap://ce.ng.eu:2135/nordugrid-cluster-name=ce.ng.eu,Mds-Vo-name=local,o=grid It is strongly recommended to use aliases for these long URLs. Aliases are specified in the configuration file (see Section 4).

As a shorthand -f can be omitted if the job description file is put last on the commandline. A simple "Hello World" job can look like:

arcsub -c my-test-site job.jsdl

The -c option can be repeated several times, for example:

```
arcsub -c alias1 -c alias2 job.xrsl
```

This will submit a job to either alias1 or alias2. To submit a job to any site except badsite, use sign in front of the name:

```
arcsub -c -badsite job.xrsl
```

If option -c is not given, the arcsub command locates the available sites by querying the Information System. Default index services for the Information System are specified in the configuration template distributed with the middleware, and can be overwritten both in the user's configuration (see Section 4) and from the command line using option -i. Different Grids use different notation for such index services.

A user has to have valid credentials (see Section 2.1) and be authorised at the specified site. A test file job.jsdl is shown below.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<JobDefinition</pre>
xmlns="http://schemas.ggf.org/jsdl/2005/11/jsdl"
 xmlns:posix="http://schemas.ggf.org/jsdl/2005/11/jsdl-posix">
 <JobDescription>
   <JobIdentification>
     <JobName>Hello World job</JobName>
   </JobIdentification>
   <Application>
     <posix:POSIXApplication>
       <posix:Executable>/bin/echo</posix:Executable>
       <posix:Argument>'Hello World'</posix:Argument>
       <posix:Output>out.txt</posix:Output>
       <posix:Error>err.txt</posix:Error>
     </posix:POSIXApplication>
   </Application>
   <DataStaging>
     <FileName>out.txt</FileName>
    <CreationFlag>overwrite</CreationFlag>
     <DeleteOnTermination>false
   </DataStaging>
   <DataStaging>
     <FileName>err.txt</FileName>
     <CreationFlag>overwrite</CreationFlag>
     <DeleteOnTermination>false</DeleteOnTermination>
   </DataStaging>
 </JobDescription>
</JobDefinition>
```

If a job is successfully submitted, a **job identifier** (job ID) is printed to standard output.

The job ID uniquely identifies the job while it is being executed. Job IDs differ strongly between Grid flavours, but basically they have a form of a URL. You should use Job ID as a handle to refer to the job when doing other job manipulations, such as querying job status (arcstat), killing it (arckill), re-submitting (arcresub), or retrieving the result (arcget).

Every job ID is a valid URL for the job session directory. You can always use it to access the files related to the job, by using data management tools (see Chapter 2.3).

The job description in xRSL or JSDL format can be given either as an argument on the command line, or can be read from a file. Several jobs can be requested at the same time by giving more than one filename argument, or by repeating the -f or -e options. It is possible to mix -e and -f options in the same arcsub command.

In order to keep track of submitted jobs, ARC client stores information in a dedicated file, by default located in \$HOME/.arc/jobs.xml. It is sometimes convenient to keep separate lists (e.g., for different kinds of jobs), to be used later with e.g. arcstat. This is achieved with the help of -j command line option.

The user interface transforms input job description into a format that can be understood by the Grid services to which it is being submitted. By specifying the -dumpdescription option, such transformed description is written to stdout instead of being submitted to the remote site.

Possible broker values for the arcsub command line option -b are:

- Random ranks targets randomly (default)
- FastestQueue ranks targets according to their queue length

- Benchmark[:name] ranks targets according to a given benchmark, as specified by the name. If no benchmark is specified, CINT2000 * is used
- Data ranks targets according the amount of megabytes of the requested input files that are already
 in the computing resources cache.
- Python:<module>.<class>[:arguments] ranks targets using any user-supplied custom Python broker module, optionally with broker arguments. Such module can reside anywhere in user's PYTHONPATH
- <otherbroker>[:arguments] ranks targets using any user-supplied custom C++ broker plugin, optionally with broker arguments. Default location for broker plugins is /usr/lib/arc (may depend on the operating system), or the one specified by the ARC_PLUGIN_PATH.

To write a custom broker in C++ one has to write a new specialization of the Broker base class and implement the SortTargets method in the new class. The class should be compiled as a loadable module that has the proper ARC plugin descriptor for the new broker. For example, to build a broker plugin "MyBroker" one executes:

```
g++ -I /arc-install/include \
-L /arc-install/lib \
'pkg-config --cflags glibmm-2.4 libxml-2.0' \
-o libaccmybroker.so -shared MyBroker.cpp
```

For more details, refer to *libarclib* documentation [4].

If you plan to resubmit or migrate jobs, you will have to use command line option -n, which will instruct the client to store complete job descriptions in a local sandbox, such that a resubmitted/migrated job will be identical to the original one.

It often happens that some sites that arcsub has to contact are slow to answer, or are down altogether. This will not prevent you from submitting a job, but will slow down the submission. To speed it up, you may want to specify a shorter timeout (default is 20 seconds) with the -t option:

```
arcsub -t 5 myjob.jsdl
```

Default value for the timeout can be set in the user's configuration file.

If you would like to get diagnostics of the process of resource discovery and requirements matching, a very useful option is -d. The following command:

```
arcsub -d VERBOSE myjob.xrsl
```

will print out the steps taken by the ARC client to find the best cluster satisfying your job requirements. Possible diagnostics degrees, in the order of increasing verbosity, are: FATAL, ERROR, WARNING, INFO, VERBOSE and DEBUG. Default is WARNING, and it can be set to another value in the user's configuration file.

Default configuration file is \$HOME/.arc/client.conf. However, a user can choose any other pre-defined configuration through option -z.

Command line option -v prints out version of the installed ARC client, and option -h provides a short help text.

2.2.2 arcstat

arcstat [options] [job ...]

(ARC 0.9)

^{*}http://www.spec.org/cpu2000/CINT2000/

Ontions

job ...

Options.		
-a,all		all jobs
-j,joblist	file name	file containing a list of jobIDs
-c,cluster	[-] $name$	explicitly select or reject a specific site
-s,status	statusstr	only select jobs whose status is $statusstr$
-1,long		long format (extended information)
-t,timeout	time	timeout for queries (default 20 sec)
-d,debug	debuglevel	debug level is one of FATAL, ERROR, WARNING INFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG
-z,conffile	filename	configuration file (default \$HOME/.arc/client.conf)
-v,version		print version information
-h,help		print help page
Arguments:		

The arcstat command returns the status of jobs in the Grid, and is typically issued with a job ID (as returned by arcsub) as an argument. It is also possible to use job name instead of ID, but if several jobs have identical names, information will be collected about all of them. More than one job ID and/or name can be given.

list of job IDs and/or jobnames

If the -1 option is given, extended information is printed.

Options -a, -c, -s and -j do not use job ID or names. By specifying the -a option, the status of all active jobs will be shown. If the -j option is used, the list of jobs is read from a file with the specified filename, instead of the default one (\$HOME/.arc/jobs.xml).

Option -c accepts arguments in the GRID:URL notation, as explained in the description of arcsub, or their aliases as specified in the configuration file.

Different sites may report different job states, depending on the installed grid middleware version. Typical values can be e.g. "Accepted", "Preparing", "Running", "Finished" or "Deleted". Please refer to the respective middleware documentation for job state model description.

Command line option -s will instruct the client to display information of only those jobs which status matches the instruction. This option must be given together with either -a or -c ones, e.g.:

```
arcstat -as Finished
```

Other command line options are identical to those of arcsub.

2.2.3 arccat

It is often useful to monitor the job progress by checking what it prints on the standard output or error. The command arccat assists here, extracting the corresponding information from the execution cluster and dumping it on the user's screen. It works both for running tasks and for the finished ones. This allows a user to check the output of the finished task without actually retreiving it.

arccat [options] [job ...]

(ARC 0.9)

Options:

-a, --all all jobs

-j, --joblist filename file containing a list of job IDs

```
explicitly select or reject (-) a specific site
-c, --cluster
                  [-] url
                  statusstr
                               only select jobs whose status is statusstr
-s, --status
-o, --stdout
                               show the stdout of the job (default)
-e, --stderr
                               show the stderr of the job
                               show the grid manager's error log of the job
-1, --gmlog
-t, --timeout
                               timeout for queries (default 20 sec)
                  time
                               debug level is one of FATAL, ERROR, WARNING,
-d, --debug
                  debuglevel
                               INFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG
                               configuration file (default $HOME/.arc/client.conf)
-z, --conffile
                  filename
-v, --version
                               print version information
-h, --help
                               print help page
Arguments:
job ...
                               list of job IDs and/or jobnames
```

The arccat command returns the standard output of a job (-o option), the standard error (-e option) or errors reported by either Grid Manager or A-REX (-1 option).

Other command line options have the same meaning as in arcstat.

2.2.4 arcget

To retrieve the results of a finished job, the arcget command should be used. It will transfer the files specified for download in job description to the user's computer.

arcget [options] [job ...]

(ARC 0.9)

Options:		
-a,all		all jobs
-j,joblist	filename	file containing a list of jobIDs
-c,cluster	[-] $name$	explicitly select or reject a specific site (cluster)
-s,status	statusstr	only select jobs whose status is $statusstr$
-D,dir	dirname	download path (the job directory will be created in that location)
-k,keep		keep files in the Grid (do not clean)
-t,timeout	time	timeout for queries (default 20 sec)
-d,debug	debuglevel	debug level is one of FATAL, ERROR, WARNING, INFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG
-z,conffile	filename	configuration file (default \$HOME/.arc/client.conf)
-v,version		print version information
-h,help		print help page
Arguments:		
job		list of job IDs and/or jobnames

Only the results of jobs that have finished can be downloaded. Just like in arcstat and arccat cases, the job can be referred to either by the jobID that was returned by arcsub at submission time, or by its name, if the job description contained a job name attribute.

By default, the job is downloaded into a newly created directory in the current path, with the name typically being a large random number. In order to instruct **arcget** to use another path, use option -D (note the capital "D"), e.g.

```
arcget -D /tmp/myjobs "Test job nr 1"
```

After downloading, your jobs will be erased from the execution site! Use command line option -k to keep finished jobs in the Grid.

Other command line options are identical to those of e.g. arcstat.

2.2.5 arcsync

It is advised to start every grid session by running arcsync, especially when changing workstations. The reason is that your job submission history is cached on your machine, and if you are using ARC client installations on different machines, your local lists of submitted jobs will be different. To synchronise these lists with the information in the Information System, use the arcsync command.

arcsync [options]

Ontione

(ARC 0.9)

Options:		
-c,cluster	[-] $name$	explicitly select or reject a specific site
-i,index	url	explicitly select or reject (-) a specific index server
-j,joblist	filename	file where user's job information will be stored
-f,force		don't ask for confirmation
-T,truncate		truncate the job list before synchronising
-t,timeout	seconds	timeout in seconds (default 20)
-d,debug	debuglevel	debug level, FATAL, ERROR, WARNING, INFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG - default WARNING
-z,conffile	filename	configuration file (default \$HOME/.arc/client.conf)
-v,version		print version information
-h,help		print help page

The ARC client keeps a local list of jobs in the user's home directory. If this file is lost, corrupt, or the user wants to recreate the file on a different workstation, the arcsync command will recreate this file from the information available in the Information System.

Since the information about a job retrieved from a cluster can be slightly out of date if the user very recently submitted or removed a job, a warning is issued when this command is run. The -f option disables this warning.

If the job list is not empty when invoking syncronisation, the old jobs will be merged with the new jobs, unless the -T option is given (note the capital "T"), in which case the job list will first be truncated and then the new jobs will be added.

2.2.6 arckill

It happens that a user may wish to cancel a job. This is done by using the arckill command. A job can be killed almost at any stage of processing through the Grid.

arckill [options] [job ...]

(ARC 0.9)

```
Options:
-a, --all
                               all jobs
-j, --joblist
                   filename
                               file containing a list of jobIDs
-c, --cluster
                   [-] url
                               explicitly select or reject (-) a specific site
-s, --status
                   statusstr
                               only select jobs whose status is statusstr
                               keep files in the Grid (do not clean)
-k, --keep
-t, --timeout
                   time
                               timeout for queries (default 20 sec)
-d, --debug
                   debuglevel
                               debug level is one of FATAL, ERROR, WARNING,
                               INFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG
                   filename
                               configuration file (default $HOME/.arc/client.conf)
-z, --conffile
-v, --version
                               print version information
-h, --help
                               print help page
Arguments:
job ...
                               list of job IDs and/or jobnames
```

If a job is killed, its traces are being cleaned from the Grid. If you wish to keep the killed job in the system, e.g. for a post-mortem analysis, use the -k option.

Job cancellation is an asynchronous process, such that it may take a few minutes before the job is actually cancelled.

Command line options have the same meaning as the corresponding ones of arcstat and others.

2.2.7 arcclean

If a job fails or gets killed with -k option, or when you are not willing to retrieve the results for some reasons, a good practice for users is not to wait for the system to clean up the job leftovers, but to use arcclean to release the disk space and to remove the job ID from the list of submitted jobs and from the Information System.

arcclean [options] [job ...]

Options:

(ARC 0.9)

-a, --all all jobs

-j, --joblist filename file containing a list of jobIDs

-c, --cluster [-] name explicitly select or reject a specific site (cluster)

-s, --status statusstr only select jobs whose status is statusstr

-f, --force removes the job ID from the local list even if the job

is not found on the Grid

-t, --timeout time timeout for queries (default 20 sec)

```
    -d, --debug debuglevel debug level is one of FATAL, ERROR, WARNING, INFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG
    -z, --conffile filename configuration file (default $HOME/.arc/client.conf)
    -v, --version print version information
    -h, --help page
    Arguments:
    job ... list of job IDs and/or jobnames
```

Only jobs that have finished or were cancelled can be cleaned.

It happens ever so often that the job is cleaned by the system, or is otherwise unreachable, and yet your local job list file still has it listed. Use -f option in this case to forcefully remove such stale job information from the local list.

Other command line options have the same meaning as the corresponding ones of arcstat and others.

2.2.8 arcrenew

Quite often, the user proxy expires while the job is still running (or waiting in a queue). In case such job has to upload output files to a Grid location (Storage Element), it will fail. By using the arcrenew command, users can upload a new proxy to the job. This can be done while a job is still running, thus preventing it from failing

If a job has failed in file upload due to expired proxy, arcrenew can be issued whithin 24 hours (or whatever is the expiration time set by the site) after the job end, which must be followed by arcresume. The Grid Manager or A-REX will then attempt to finalize the job by uploading the output files to the desired location.

arcrenew [options] [job ...]

(ARC 0.9)

Options: -a, --all all jobs -j, --joblist filenamefile containing a list of jobIDs -c, --cluster [-] *name* explicitly select or reject a specific site (cluster) -s, --status statusstronly select jobs whose status is statusstr -t, --timeout timetimeout for queries (default 20 sec) -d, --debug debug level is one of FATAL, ERROR, WARNING, debuglevelINFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG configuration file (default \$HOME/.arc/client.conf) -z, --conffile filename-v, --version print version information -h, --help print help page Arguments: job ... list of job IDs and/or jobnames

Prior to using arcrenew, be sure to actually create the new proxy by running arcproxy!

Command line options have the same meaning as the corresponding ones of arcstat and others.

2.2.9 arcresume

In some cases a user may want to restart a failed job, for example, when input files become available, or the storage element for the output files came back online, or when a proxy is renewed with arcrenew. This can be done using the arcresume command.

Make sure your proxy is still valid, or when uncertain, run arcproxy followed by arcrenew before arcresume. The job will be resumed from the state where it has failed.

arcresume [options] [job ...]

(ARC 0.9)

```
-a, --all
                               all jobs
-j, --joblist
                               file containing a list of jobIDs
                  filename
-c, --cluster
                   [-] name
                               explicitly select or reject a specific site (cluster)
-s, --status
                  statusstr
                               only select jobs whose status is statusstr
-t, --timeout
                   time
                               timeout for queries (default 20 sec)
-d, --debug
                   debuglevel
                               debug level is one of FATAL, ERROR, WARNING,
                               INFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG
-z, --conffile
                  filename
                               configuration file (default $HOME/.arc/client.conf)
-v, --version
                               print version information
-h, --help
                               print help page
Arguments:
                               list of job IDs and/or jobnames
job ...
```

Command line options have the same meaning as the corresponding ones of arcstat and others.

2.2.10 arcresub

Quite often it happens that a user would like to re-submit a job, but has difficulties recovering the original job description xRSL file. This happens when xRSL files are created by scripts on-fly, and matching of xRSL to the job ID is not straightforward. The utility called arcresub helps in such situations, allowing users to resubmit jobs.

arcresub [options] [job ...]

(ARC 0.9)

Options:			
-a,all		all jobs	
-i,index	url	explicitly select or reject (-) a specific index server	
-j,joblist	filename	file containing a list of jobIDs	
-c,cluster	[-] $name$	explicitly select or reject a specific source site	
-q,qluster	[-] <i>name</i>	explicitly select or reject a specific site as resubmission target	
-m,same		re-submit to the same site	
-s,status	statusstr	only select jobs whose status is $statusstr$	

-x,dumpdescription		do not submit – dump transformed job description to st dout $$
-k,keep		keep files in the Grid (do not clean)
-b,broker	string	select broker method (default is Random)
-t,timeout	time	timeout for queries (default 20 sec)
-d,debug	debuglevel	debug level is one of FATAL, ERROR, WARNING, INFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG
-z,conffile	filename	configuration file (default \$HOME/.arc/client.conf)
-v,version		print version information
-h,help		print help page
Arguments:		
job		list of job IDs and/or jobnames

Only jobs where the gmlog attribute was specified in the job description can be resubmitted.

More than one jobid and/or jobname can be given. If several jobs were submitted with the same jobname all those jobs will be resubmitted.

Upon resubmission of a job the corresponding job description will be fetched from the local job list file. If input files have changed since the original job submission, the job no longer remains the same job and will therefore not be resubmitted. To make sure the job is always resubmittable, submit it with arcsub -n.

In case the job description is not found in the joblist, an attempt will be made to retrieve it from the cluster holding the original job. This however may fail, since both the submission client and the cluster can have made modifications to the job description.

Upon resubmision the job will receive a new job ID. The old job ID will be kept in the local job list file, enabling future back tracing of the resubmitted job.

Regarding command line options, arcresub behaves much like arcsub, except that -c in this case indicates not the submission target site, but on the contrary, the site from which the jobs will be resubmitted. Submission target site is specified with option -q. If you wish to re-submit each job to the same site, use option -m.

If the original job was successfully killed, its traces will be removed from the execution site, unless the -k option is specified.

2.2.11 arcmigrate

Quite often jobs end up stuck in long queues, and users wish to migrate them to a better resource. Command arcmigrate is triggering this migration. It applies only to jobs submitted to A-REX, as other Grid execution services do not support this functionality.

arcmigrate [options] [job ...]

(ARC 0.9)

Options:

-a,all	all jo	os
-i,index ur	explication described the description of the descri	itly select or reject (-) a specific index server
-j,joblist file	ename file co	ntaining a list of jobIDs
-c,cluster [-	name explic	itly select or reject a specific site (cluster)
-q,qluster [-	_	itly select or reject a specific site as re- ission target

-f,forcemigration		force migration, ignoring kill failure
-b,broker	string	select broker method (default is Random)
-t,timeout	time	timeout for queries (default 20 sec)
-d,debug	debuglevel	debug level is one of FATAL, ERROR, WARNING, INFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG
-z,conffile	filename	$configuration \ file \ (default \ \$HOME/.arc/client.conf)$
-v,version		print version information
-h,help		print help page
Arguments:		
job		list of job IDs and/or jobnames

Currently only jobs having the A-REX status "Running", "Executing" or "Queuing" can be migrated

Command line options -c and #-q#are interpreted in the same way as in arcresub, namely, -c indicates "from" and #-q#- "to" which site the job will be migrated.

If the job(s) is successfully migrated, a new job ID(s) is printed out. This jobID uniquely identifies the job while it is being executed.

2.3 Data manipulation

ARC provides basic data management tools, which are simple commands for file copy and removal, with eventual use of data indexing services.

2.3.1 arcls

arcls is a simple utility that allows to list contents and view some attributes of objects of a specified (by a URL) remote directory.

arcls [options] <URL>

(ARC 0.9)

Options:		
-1,long		detailed listing
-L,locations		detailed listing including URLs from which files can be downloaded
-m,metadata		display all available metadata
-r,recursive	$recursion_level$	operate recursively (if possible) up to specified level $(0$ - no recursion)
-t,timeout	seconds	timeout in seconds (default 20)
-d,debug	debuglevel	debug level, FATAL, ERROR, WARNING, INFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG - default WARNING
-z,conffile	filename	$configuration \ file \ (default \ $HOME/.arc/client.conf)$
-v,version		print version information
-h,help		print help page
Arguments:		
URL		file or directory URL

This tool is very convenient not only because it allows to list files at a Storage Element or records in an indexing service, but also because it can give a quick overview of a job's working directory, which is explicitly given by job ID.

Usage examples can be as follows:

```
arcls -L rls://rls.nordugrid.org:38203/logical_file_name arcls -l gsiftp://lscf.nbi.dk:2811/jobs/1323842831451666535 arcls srm://grid.uio.no:8446/srm/managerv2?SFN=/johndoe/log2
```

Examples of URLs accepted by this tool can be found in Section 3, though arcls won't be able to list a directory at an HTTP server, as they normally do not return directory listings.

2.3.2 arccp

arccp is a powerful tool to copy files over the Grid. It is a part of the A-REX, but can be used by the User Interface as well.

arccp [options] <source> <destination>

(ARC 0.9)

Options:			
-p,passive		use passive transfer (does not work if secure is on, default if secure is not requested)	
-n,nopassive		do not try to force passive transfer	
-f,force		if the destination is an indexing service and not the same as the source and the destination is already registered, then the copy is normally not done. However, if this option is specified the source is assumed to be a replica of the destination created in an uncontrolled way and the copy is done like in case of replication	
-i,indicate		show progress indicator	
-T,notransfer		do not transfer file, just register it - destination must be non-existing meta-url $$	
-u,secure		use secure transfer (insecure by default)	
-y,cache	path	path to local cache (use to put file into cache). The X509_USER_PROXY and X509_CERT_DIR environment variables must be set correctly	
-r,recursive	$recursion_level$	operate recursively (if possible) up to specified level $(0$ - no recursion)	
-R,retries	number	how many times to retry transfer of every file before failing	
-t,timeout	seconds	timeout in seconds (default 20)	
-d,debug	debuglevel	debug level, FATAL, ERROR, WARNING, INFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG - default WARNING	
-z,conffile	file name	configuration file (default \$HOME/.arc/client.conf)	
-v,version		print version information	
-h,help		print help page	
Arguments:			
source		source URL	
destination		destination URL	

This command transfers contents of a file between 2 end-points. End-points are represented by URLs or meta-URLs. For supported endpoints please refer to Section 3.

arccp can perform multi-stream transfers if threads URL option is specified and server supports it.

Source URL can end with "/". In that case, the whole fileset (directory) will be copied. Also, if the destination ends with "/", it is extended with part of source URL after last "/", thus allowing users to skip the destination file or directory name if it is meant to be identical to the source.

Usage examples of arccp are:

2.3.3 arcrm

The arcrm command allows users to erase files at any location specified by a valid URL.

arcrm [options] <source>

(ARC 0.9)

Options:

-f, --force remove logical file name registration even if not all physical instances were removed -t, --timeout timeout in seconds (default 20) secondsdebug level, FATAL, ERROR, WARNING, INFO, -d, --debug debuglevelVERBOSE or DEBUG - default WARNING configuration file (default \$HOME/.arc/client.conf) filename-z, --conffile -v, --version print version information -h, --help print help page Arguments:

A convenient use for arcrm is to erase the files in a data indexing catalog (LFC, RLS or such), as it will not only remove the physical instance, but also will clean up the database record.

source URL

Here is an arcrm example:

source

```
arcrm lfc://grid.uio.no/grid/atlas/AOD_0947.pool.root
```

2.3.4 arcsrmping

The arcsrmping command is used to quickly test availability of an SRM service, similarly to the *ping* tool in Unix.

arcsrmping [options] <service>

(ARC 0.9)

Options:

-t,timeout	seconds	timeout in seconds (default 20)
-d,debug	debuglevel	debug level, FATAL, ERROR, WARNING, INFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG - default WARNING
-z,conffile	filename	configuration file (default $HOME/.arc/client.conf)$
-v,version		print version information
-h,help		print help page
Arguments:		
service		A URL to an SRM service

The arcsrmping command is a *ping* client for the SRM service. It sends an SRM ping request to the SRM service and displays the result.

2.3.5 chelonia

chelonia is a client tool for accessing the Chelonia storage system. With it it is possible to create, remove and list file collections, upload, download and remove files, and move and stat collections and files, using Logical Names (LN).

chelonia [options] <method> [arguments]

(ARC 0.9)

Options:		
-b	URL	URL of Bartender to connect
-x		print SOAP XML messages
-ν		verbose mode
-z	filename	$configuration \ file \ (default \ $HOME/.arc/client.conf)$
- ₩		allow to run without the ARC python client libraries (with limited functionality)
Methods:		
stat	$LN\ [LN\]$	get detailed information about an entry or several
makeCollection, make, mkdir	LN	create a collection
unmakeCollection, unmake, rmdir	LN	remove an empty collection
list, ls	LN	list the content of a collection
move, mv	$source\ target$	move entries within the name space (both LNs)
<pre>putFile, put</pre>	source target	upload a file from a $source$ to a $target$ (both specified as LNs))
getFile, get	$source\ [target]$	download a file from a $source$ to a $target$
delFile, del, rm	$LN\ [LN\]$	remove file(s))
modify, mod	string	modify metadata
policy, pol	string	modify access policy rules
unlink	string	remove a link to an entry from a collection without removing the entry itself
credentialsDelegation, cre	string	delegate credentials for using gateway
removeCredentials, rem	string	remove previously delegated credentials
makeMountPoint, makemount	string	create a mount point

Without arguments, each method prints its own help. Detailed explanation of each method is given below.

Examples:

```
chelonia list /
chelonia put orange /
chelonia stat /orange
chelonia get /orange /tmp
chelonia mkdir /fruits
chelonia mkdir /fruits/apple
chelonia mv /orange /fruits
chelonia ls /fruits
chelonia rmdir /fruits/apple
chelonia rmdir /fruits/apple
chelonia rmdir /fruits/apple
chelonia rmdir /fruits/apple
chelonia modir /fruits/orange
chelonia policy / change ALL +read +addEntry
chelonia modify /pennys-orange set states neededReplicas 2
```

\mathbf{stat}

With the stat method it is possible to get all the metadata about one or more entry (file, collection, etc.). The entries are specified with their Logical Name (LN).

chelonia stat <LN> [<LN> ...]

The output contains key-value pairs grouped in sections. The 'states' section contains the size and the checksum of a file, the number of needed replicas, and whether a collection is closed or not; the 'entry' section contains the DN of the owner, the globally unique ID (GUID) of the entry, and the type of the entry (file, collection, etc.); the 'parents' section contains the GUID of the parent collection(s) of this entry, and the name of this entry in that collection separated with a '/'; the 'locations' sections contains the location of the replicas of a file, which contains of the ID (the URL) of the storage element, the ID of the replica within the storage element, and the state of the replica; the 'timestamps' section contains the creation time of the entry; the 'entries' section contains the name and GUID of the entries of a collection. Example stat of a file:

```
$ chelonia stat /thing
'/thing': found
  states
    checksumType: md5
    neededReplicas: 3
    size: 6
    checksum: a0186a90393bd4a639a1ce35d8ef85f6
    owner: /C=HU/O=NIIF CA/OU=GRID/OU=NIIF/CN=Nagy Zsombor
    GUID: 398CBDEA-E282-4735-8DF6-2464CD00BE2D
    type: file
  parents
    O/thing: parent
  locations
    https://localhost:60000/Shepherd D519F687-EF65-4AEA-9766-E6E2D42166C4: alive
  timestamps
    created: 1257351119.3
Example stat of a collection:
$ chelonia stat /
'/': found
  states
    closed: no
```

```
entry
  owner: /C=HU/O=NIIF CA/OU=GRID/OU=NIIF/CN=Nagy Zsombor
  GUID: 0
  type: collection
timestamps
  created: 1257351114.37
entries
  thing: 398CBDEA-E282-4735-8DF6-2464CD00BE2D
```

makeCollection

With the makeCollection or mkdir method it is possible to create a new empty collection. The requested Logical Name (LN) should be specified.

chelonia makeCollection <LN>

The parent collection of the requested Logical Name must exist.

Example output of the method:

```
$ chelonia mkdir /newcoll
Creating collection '/newcoll': done
$ chelonia mkdir /nonexistent/newcoll
Creating collection '/nonexistent/newcoll': parent does not exist
```

unmakeCollection

With the unmakeCollection or rmdir method it is possible to delete an empty collection which is specified by its Logical Name (LN).

chelonia unmakeCollection <LN>

Example output of the method:

```
$ chelonia rmdir /newcoll
Removing collection '/newcoll': removed
$ chelonia rmdir /dir
Removing collection '/dir': collection is not empty
```

list

With the list or ls method it is possible to list the contents of one or more collections which are specified by their Logical Name (LN).

chelonia list <LN> [<LN> ...]

Example output of the method:

move

With the move or mv method it is possible to move a file or collection within the namespace of chelonia (including renaming the entry). The source path and the target path should be specified as Logical Names

chelonia move <sourceLN> <targetLN>

Example output of the method:

```
$ chelonia mv /thing /newcoll/
Moving '/thing' to '/newcoll/': moved
$ chelonia mv /newcoll/thing /newcoll/othername
Moving '/newcoll/thing' to '/newcoll/othername': moved
```

putFile

With the putFile or put method it is possible to upload a new file into the system creating a new Logical Name (LN). It is possible the specify the number of needed replicas.

chelonia putFile <source filename> <target LN> [<number of replicas needed>]

Example output of the method:

```
$ chelonia put thing /newcoll/
'thing' (6 bytes) uploaded as '/newcoll/thing'.
```

getFile

With the getFile or get method it is possible to download a file specified with its Logical Name (LN). If the target local path is not given, then the file will be put into the local directory.

chelonia getFile <source LN> [<target filename>]

Example output of the method:

```
$ chelonia get /newcoll/thing newlocalname
'/newcoll/thing' (6 bytes) downloaded as 'newlocalname'.
```

delFile

With the delFile or rm method it is possible to delete one or more files from the system.

```
chelonia delFile <LN> [<LN> ...]
```

Example output of the method:

```
$ chelonia rm /newcoll/othername
/newcoll/othername: deleted
```

modify

With the modify or mod method it is possible to modify some metadata of an entry.

chelonia modify <LN> <changeType> <section> <property> <value>

The possible values of 'changeType' are 'set' (sets the property to value within the given section), 'unset' (removes the property from the given section - the 'value' does not matter) and 'add' (sets the property to value within the given section only if it does not exist yet).

To change the number of needed replicas for a file:

chelonia modify <LN> set states neededReplicas <number of needed replicas>

To close a collection:

chelonia modify <LN> set states closed yes

To change metadata key-value pairs:

chelonia modify <LN> set|unset|add metadata <key> <value>

policy

With the policy or pol method it is possible to modify the policy of the entry

chelonia policy <LN> <changeType> <identity> <action list>

The possible values of 'changeType' are 'set' (sets the action list to the given user overwriting the old one), 'change' (modify the current action list with adding and removing actions) and 'clear' (clear the action list of the given user).

The 'identity' could be currently three things: the DN of a user; the name of a VO (with the syntax: 'VOMS:<VO name>'); or 'ALL' for all users.

The 'action list' is a list of actions prefixed with '+' or '-', e.g. '+read +addEntry -delete'.

These are the actions which can be used for access control:

- read: user can get the list of entries in the collection; user can download the file
- addEntry: user can add a new entry to the collection;
- removeEntry: user can remove any entry from the collection
- delete: user can delete the collection if it is empty; user can delete a file
- modifyPolicy: user can modify the policy of the file/collection
- modifyStates: user can modify some special metadata of the file/collection (close the collection, change the number of needed replica of the file)
- modifyMetadata: user can modify the arbitrary metadata section of the file/collection (these are property-value pairs)

There is an implicit default policy: the owner always has all the rights. Checking the 'stat' of new collections:

```
$ chelonia stat /newcoll
'/newcoll': found
states
   closed: no
entry
   owner: /C=HU/O=NIIF CA/OU=GRID/OU=NIIF/CN=Nagy Zsombor
GUID: 41CBD461-09BE-46FD-8A1B-767C7D427AF9
```

```
type: collection
parents
    O/newcoll: parent
timestamps
    created: 1257435820.26
entries
    thing: A63658B4-2C6E-46A3-8238-7D291F8F81C2
```

shows no policies, but it shows the owner. This collection has no additional policies just the default one: the owner can do anything, noone else can do anything.

Let's set it in a way that all users can read the contents of this collection:

```
$ chelonia policy /newcoll change ALL +read
Setting action list of '/newcoll' for user ALL to +read: set.
$ chelonia stat /newcoll
'/newcoll': found
[...]
policy
   ALL: +read
[...]
```

Then we can set that all the members of the knowarc VO would be able to add entries to this collection:

```
$ chelonia policy /newcoll change VOMS:knowarc +addEntry
Setting action list of '/newcoll' for user VOMS:knowarc to +addEntry: set.
$ chelonia stat /newcoll
'/newcoll': found
[...]
policy
   ALL: +read
   VOMS:knowarc: +addEntry
[...]
```

And for example we can set a specific user to be able to remove entries from this collections:

```
$ chelonia policy /newcoll change \
    "/C=HU/O=NIIF CA/OU=GRID/OU=NIIF/CN=TestUser" +removeEntry
Setting action list of '/newcoll'
    for user /C=HU/O=NIIF CA/OU=GRID/OU=NIIF/CN=TestUser to +removeEntry: set.
$ chelonia stat /newcoll'/newcoll': found
[...]
policy
    /C=HU/O=NIIF CA/OU=GRID/OU=NIIF/CN=TestUser: +removeEntry
    ALL: +read
    VOMS:knowarc: +addEntry
[...]
```

unlink

With the unlink method it is possible to remove a file or collection just from its parent collection without removing the file or collection itself.

chelonia unlink <LN>

If there is a file called '/newcoll/thing', it is in the listing of the '/newcoll' collection:

```
$ chelonia list /newcoll
'/newcoll': collection
  thing <file>
```

The file is in the entries of the collection:

```
$ chelonia stat /newcoll
'/newcoll': found
entries
    thing: A63658B4-2C6E-46A3-8238-7D291F8F81C2
[...]

It is possible the 'stat' the file with the Logical Name '/newcoll/thing':
jim:~ zsombor$ chelonia stat /newcoll/thing
'/newcoll/thing': found
    states
    checksumType: md5
    neededReplicas: 3
    size: 6
    checksum: a0186a90393bd4a639a1ce35d8ef85f6
[...]
```

Now with the 'unlink' method it is possible to remove the file from the '/newcoll' collection, but not from the system:

```
$ chelonia unlink /newcoll/thing
Unlinking '/newcoll/thing': unset
```

Now the file is not in the collection anymore:

```
$ chelonia list /newcoll
'/newcoll': collection
    empty.
$ chelonia stat /newcoll/thing
'/newcoll/thing': not found
```

But with the GUID of the file, it can still be accessed:

```
$ chelonia stat A63658B4-2C6E-46A3-8238-7D291F8F81C2
'A63658B4-2C6E-46A3-8238-7D291F8F81C2': found
    states
        checksumType: md5
        neededReplicas: 3
        size: 6
        checksum: a0186a90393bd4a639a1ce35d8ef85f6
[...]
```

credentialDelegation

With the credentialDelegation or cre method it is possible to delegate credentials to the Bartender.

chelonia credentialDelegation

removeCredentials

With the removeCredentials or rem method it is possible to remove the previously delegated credentials.

chelonia removeCredentials

makeMountPoint

With the makeMountPoint or makemount method it is possible to create a mount point within the namespace of Chelonia which points to a GridFTP server.

chelonia makeMountPoint <LN> <URL>

The 'LN' is the requested Logical Name for the mount point, the 'URL' points to the GridFTP server.

unmake Mount Point

With the unmakeMountPoint or unmount method it is possible to remove a previously created mount point.

chelonia unmakeMountPoint <LN>

The 'LN' is the Logical Name of the mount point.

Chapter 3

URLs

File locations in ARC can be specified both as local file names, and as Internet standard *Uniform Resource Locators (URL)*. There are also some additional URL *options* that can be used.

The following transfer protocols and metadata servers are supported:

```
ordinary File Transfer Protocol (FTP)
ftp
         GridFTP, the Globus® -enhanced FTP protocol with security,
gsiftp
         encryption, etc. developed by The Globus Alliance [5]
         ordinary Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP) with PUT and
http
         GET methods using multiple streams
         HTTP with SSL v3
https
         HTTP with Globus® GSI
httpg
         ordinary Lightweight Data Access Protocol (LDAP) [6]
ldap
rls
         Globus<sup>®</sup> Replica Location Service (RLS) [7]
lfc
         LFC catalog and indexing service of EGEE gLite [8]
         Storage Resource Manager (SRM) service [9]
srm
         local to the host file name with a full path
file
         for the Chelonia storage service, communicates with Bartenders,
arc
         the path should be a Logical Name (LN)
```

An URL can be used in a standard form, i.e.

```
protocol://[host[:port]]/file
```

Or, to enhance the performance, it can have additional options:

```
protocol://[host[:port]][;option[;option[...]]]/file
```

For a metadata service URL, construction is the following:

For Chelonia, the syntax is

```
arc://<LogicalName>[?BartenderURL=<URL>]
```

where the BartenderURL could come from the 'bartender' parameter of the client configuration file. For the SRM service, the syntax is 32 CHAPTER 3. URLS

srm://host[:port][;options]/[service_path?SFN=]file

Versions 1.1 and 2.2 of the SRM protocol are supported. The default *service_path* is srm/managerv2 when the server supports v2.2, srm/managerv1 otherwise.

The URL components are:

host[:port] Hostname or IP address [and port] of a server

lfn Logical File Name

url URL of the file as registered in indexing service

service_path End-point path of the web service

file File name with full path

option URL option

metadata option for indexing service

The following options are supported for location URLs:

threads=<number> specifies number of parallel streams to be used by GridFTP or

HTTP(s,g); default value is 1, maximal value is 10

cache=yes|no|renew|copy indicates whether the GM should cache the file; default for input

files is yes. renew forces a download of the file, even if the cached copy is still valid. copy forces the cached file to be copied (rather than linked) to the session dir, this is useful if for example the file

is to be modified.

readonly=yes|no for transfers to file:// destinations, specifies whether the file

should be read-only (unmodifiable) or not; default is yes

secure=yes|no indicates whether the GridFTP data channel should be encrypted;

default is no

blocksize=<number> specifies size of chunks/blocks/buffers used in GridFTP or

HTTP(s,g) transactions; default is protocol dependent

checksum=cksum|md5|adler32|no specifies the algorithm for checksum to be computed (for transfer

verification or provided to the indexing server). This is overridden by any metadata options specified (see below). If this option is not provided, the default for the protocol is used. checksum=no

disables checksum calculation.

exec=yes|no means the file should be treated as executable

preserve=yes|no specify if file must be uploaded to this destination even if job

processing failed (default is no)

guid=yes|no make software use GUIDs instead of LFNs while communicating

to indexing services; meaningful for rls:// only

overwrite=yes|no make software try to overwrite existing file(s), i.e. before writing

to destination, tools will try to remove any information/content

associated with specified URL

protocol=gsi|gssapi to distinguish between two kinds of httpg. gssapi stands for

implemention using only GSSAPI functions to wrap data and gsi

uses additional headers as implmented in Globus IO

spacetoken=<pattern> specify the space token to be used for uploads to SRM storage

elements supporting SRM version 2.2 or higher

autodir=yes|no specify if before writing to specified location software should try to

create all directories mentioned in specified URL. Currently this applies to FTP and GridFTP only. Default for those protocols is

yes

tcpnodelay=yes|no

controls the use of the TCP_NODELAY socket option (which disables the Nagle algorithm). Applies to http(s) only. Default is no

Local files are referred to by specifying either a location relative to the job submission working directory, or by an absolute path (the one that starts with "/"), preceded with a file:// prefix.

Metadata service URLs also support metadata options which can be used for register additional metadata attributes or query the service using metadata attributes. These options are specified at the end of the LFN and consist of name and value pairs separated by colons. The following attributes are supported:

guid GUID of the file in the metadata service

checksumtype Type of checksum. Supported values are cksum (default), md5

and adler32

checksumvalue The checksum of the file

Currently these metadata options are only supported for lfc:// URLs.

Examples of URLs are:

http://grid.domain.org/dir/script.sh
gsiftp://grid.domain.org:2811;threads=10;secure=yes/dir/input_12378.dat
ldap://grid.domain.org:389/lc=collection1,rc=Nordugrid,dc=nordugrid,dc=org
rls://gsiftp://se.domain.org/datapath/file25.dat@grid.domain.org:61238/myfile02.dat
file:///home/auser/griddir/steer_cra

file:///home/auser/griddir/steer.cra
lfc://srm://srm.domain.org/griddir@lfc.domain.org/user/file1:guid=\

bc68cdd0-bf94-41ce-ab5a-06a1512764dc:checksumtype=adler32:checksumvalue=12345678² lfc://lfc.domain.org;cache=no/:guid=bc68cdd0-bf94-41ce-ab5a-06a1512764d³

¹This is a destination URL. The file will be copied to the GridFTP server at se.domain.org with the path datapath/file25.dat and registered in the RLS indexing service at grid.domain.org with the LFN myfile02.dat.

²This is a destination URL. The file will be copied to srm.domain.org at the path griddir/file1 and registered to the LFC service at lfc.domain.org with the LFN /user/file1. The given GUID and checksum attributes will be registered.

³This is a source URL. The file is registered in the LFC service at lfc.domain.org with the given GUID and can be copied or queried by this URL.

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Chapter 4

ARC Client Configuration

Default behaviour of an ARC client can be configured by specifying alternative values for some parameters in the client configuration file. The file is called client.conf and is located in directory .arc in user's home area:

\$HOME/.arc/client.conf

If this file is not present or does not contain the relevant configuration information, the global configuration files (if exist) or default values are used instead. Some client tools may be able to create the default \$HOME/.arc/client.conf, if it does not exist.

The ARC configuration file consists of several configuration blocks. Each configuration block is identified by a keyword and contains configuration options for a specific part of the ARC middleware.

The configuration file is written in a plain text format known as INI. Configuration blocks start with identifying keywords inside square brackets. Typically, first comes a common block: [common]. Thereafter follows one or more attribute-value pairs written one on each line in the following format:

```
[common]
attribute1=value1
attribute2=value2
attribute3=value3 value4
# comment line 1
# comment line 2
...
```

Most attributes have counterpart command line options. Command line options always overwrite configuration attributes.

Two blocks are currently recognized, [common] and [alias]. Following sections describe supported attributes per block.

4.1 Block [common]

defaultservices

This attribute is multi-valued.

This attribute is used to specify default services to be used. Defining such in the user configuration file will override the default services set in the system configuration.

The value of this attribute should follow the format:

```
service_type:flavour:service_url
```

where service_type is type of service (e.g. computing or index), flavour specifies type of middle-ware plugin to use when contacting the service (e.g. ARC0, ARC1, CREAM, UNICORE, etc.) and service_url is the URL used to contact the service. Several services can be listed, separated with a blank space (no line breaks allowed).

Example:

```
defaultservices=index:ARCO:ldap://index1.ng.org:2135/Mds-Vo-name=testvo,o=grid
__index:ARC1:https://index2.ng.org:50000/isis
__computing:ARC1:https://ce.arc.org:60000/arex
__computing:CREAM:ldap://ce.glite.org:2170/o=grid
__computing:UNICORE:https://ce.unicore.org:8080/test/services/BESFactory?res=default_bes_factory
```

rejectservices

This attribute is multi-valued.

This attribute can be used to indicate that a certain service should be rejected ("blacklisted"). Several services can be listed, separated with a blank space (no line breaks allowed).

Example: rejectservices=computing:ARC1:https://bad.service.org/arex

verbosity

Default verbosity (debug) level to use for the ARC clients. Corresponds to the -d command line option of the clients. Default value is WARNING, possible values are FATAL, ERROR, WARNING, INFO, VERBOSE or DEBUG.

Example: verbosity=INFO

timeout

Sets the period of time the client should wait for a service (information, computing, storage etc) to respond when communicating with it. The period should be given in seconds. Default value is 20 seconds. This attribute corresponds to the -t command line option.

Example: timeout=10

brokername

Configures which brokering algorithm to use during job submission. This attribute corresponds to the -b command line option. The default one is the Random broker that chooses targets randomly. Another possibility is, for example, the FastestQueue broker that chooses the target with the shortest estimated queue waiting time. For an overview of brokers, please refer to Section 2.2.1.

Example: brokername=Data

brokerarguments

This attribute is used in case a broker comes with arguments. This corresponds to the parameter that follows column in the -b command line option.

Example: brokerarguments=cow

joblist

Path to the job list file. This file will be used by commands such as arcsub, arcstat, arcsync etc. to read and write information about jobs. This attribute corresponds to the -j command line option. The default location of the file is in the \$HOME/.arc/client.conf directory with the name jobs.xml.

Example:

```
joblist=/home/user/run/jobs.xml
joblist=C:\\run\jobs.xml
```

bartender

Specifies default *Bartender* services. Multiple Bartender URLs should be separated with a blank space. These URLs are used by the chelonia command line tool, the Chelonia FUSE plugin and by the data tool commands arccp, arcls, arcrm, etc..

Example: bartender=http://my.bar.com/tender

proxypath

Specifies a non-standard location of proxy certificate. It is used by arcproxy or similar tools during proxy generation, and all other tools during establishing of a secure connection. This attribute corresponds to the -P command line option of arcproxy.

Example: proxypath=/tmp/my-proxy

keypath

Specifies a non-standard location of user's private key. It is used by arcproxy or similar tools during proxy generation. This attribute corresponds to the -K command line option of arcproxy.

Example: keypath=/home/username/key.pem

certificatepath

Specifies a non-standard location of user's public certificate. It is used by arcproxy or similar tools during proxy generation. This attribute corresponds to the -C command line option of arcproxy.

 $Example: \hspace{1cm} {\tt certificatepath=/home/username/cert.pem}$

cacertificatesdirectory

Specifies non-standard location of the directory containing CA-certificates. This attribute corresponds to the ¬T command line option of arcproxy.

Example: cacertificatesdirectory=/home/user/cacertificates

cacertificatepath

Specifies an explicit path to the certificate of the CA that issued user's credentials.

Example: cacertificatepath=/home/user/myCA.0

vomsserverpath

Specifies non-standard path to the file which contians list of VOMS services and associated configuration parameters. This attribute corresponds to the -V command line option of arcproxy.

Example: vomsserverpath=/etc/voms/vomses

username

Sets default username to be used for requesting credentials from Short Lived Credentials Service. This attribute corresponds to the -U command line option of arcslcs.

Example: username=johndoe

password

Sets default password to be used for requesting credentials from Short Lived Credentials Service. This attribute corresponds to the -P command line option of arcslcs.

Example: password=secret

keypassword

Sets default password to be used to encode the private key of credentials obtained from a Short Lived Credentials Service. This attribute corresponds to the -K command line option of arcslcs.

Example: keypassword=secret2

keysize

Sets size (strength) of the private key of credentials obtained from a Short Lived Credentials Service. Default value is 1024. This attribute corresponds to the -Z command line option of arcslcs.

Example: keysize=2048

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certificatelifetime

Sets lifetime (in hours, starting from current time) of user certificate which will be obtained from a Short Lived Credentials Service. This attribute corresponds to the -L command line option of arcslcs.

Example: certificatelifetime=12

slcs

Sets the URL to the Short Lived Certificate Service. This attribute corresponds to the -S command line option of arcslcs.

Example: slcs=https://127.0.0.1:60000/slcs

storedirectory

Sets directory which will be used to store credentials obtained from a Short Lived Credential Servise. This attribute corresponds to the -D command line option of arcslcs.

Example: storedirectory=/home/mycredentials

idpname

Sets Identity Provider name (Shibboleth) to which user belongs. It is used for contacting Short Lived Certificate Services. This attribute corresponds to the -I command line option of arcslcs.

Example: idpname=https://idp.testshib.org/idp/shibboleth

4.2 Block [alias]

Users often prefer to submit jobs to a specific site; since contact URLs (and especially end-point references) are very long, it is very convenient to replace them with aliases. Block [alias] simply contains a list of alias-value pairs.

Alias substitutions is performed in connection with the -c command line switch of the ARC clients.

Aliases can refer to a list of services (separated by a blank space).

Alias definitions can be recursive. Any alias defined in a list that is read before a given list can be used in alias definitions in that list. An alias defined in a list can also be used in alias definitions later in the same list.

Examples:

[alias]

```
arc0=computing:ARC0:ldap://ce.ng.org:2135/nordugrid-cluster-name=ce.ng.org,Mds-Vo-name=local,o=grid arc1=computing:ARC1:https://arex.ng.org:60000/arex cream=computing:CREAM:ldap://cream.glite.org:2170/o=grid unicore=computing:UNICORE:https://bes.unicore.org:8080/test/services/BESFactory?res=default_bes crossbrokering=arc0 arc1 cream unicore
```

4.3 Deprecated configuration files

ARC configuration file in releases 0.6 and 0.8 has the same name and the same format. Only one attribute is preserved (timeout); other attributes unknown to newer ARC versions are ignored.

In ARC $\leq 0.5.48$, configuration was done via files \$HOME/.ngrc, \$HOME/.nggiislist and \$HOME/.ngalias.

The main configuration file \$HOME/.ngrc could contain user's default settings for the debug level, the information system query timeout and the download directory used by ngget. A sample file could be the following:

Sample .ngrc file
Comments starts with
NGDEBUG=1
NGTIMEOUT=60
NGDOWNLOAD=/tmp

If the environment variables NGDEBUG, NGTIMEOUT or NGDOWNLOAD were defined, these took precedence over the values defined in this configuration. Any command line options override the defaults.

The file \$HOME/.nggiislist was used to keep the list of default GIIS server URLs, one line per GIIS (see giis attribute description above).

The file \$HOME/.ngalias was used to keep the list of site aliases, one line per alias (see alias attribute description above).

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