

# High-Speed Networking and Distributed Applications

## Lab Exercise 2: Introduction to the GENI APIs and omni

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In this lab exercise, you will set up the GENI Control Framework on your computer and work with resource specification (rspec) XML files. You will also load and run software automatically in a GENI node using the rspec's install script functionality.

### Procedure

**Step 0:** Download gcf from

<http://software.geni.net/local-sw/download&software=gcf-2.3.3.tar.gz>  
and follow the instructions at <http://trac.gpolab.bbn.com/gcf/wiki/QuickStart>  
to install it.<sup>1</sup> Stop right after step 3 “Install software dependencies”, because  
configuration will be handled through the GENI Portal.

**Step 1:** Go to your GENI Portal account and click the “Profile” link at the top  
navigation, then click “Configure omni”.

Download your customized configuration data, making sure you select KU-CS491 as  
your default project.

Run

```
omni-configure.py
```

in the terminal and omni will autoconfigure itself based on the configuration data you  
downloaded. If it complains that a key already exists, hit `n` to not replace it.

**Step 2:** Create a slice through the GENI Portal and call it                     lab2. Launch  
Flack.

**Step 3:**

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part II”. Presented at the *17th GENI Engineering Conference*, Madison, Wisconsin.  
[http://groups.geni.net/geni/wiki/GEC17Agenda/GettingStartedWithGENI\\_II](http://groups.geni.net/geni/wiki/GEC17Agenda/GettingStartedWithGENI_II)

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<sup>1</sup>If you're using a syslab computer, you should copy the gcf-2.3.3 directory to your home folder because  
you don't have root privileges on the box. If you're using your own laptop, you can copy the directory  
anywhere you want.