

NAME

gtransfer – The GridFTP transfer script

SYNOPSIS

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{gtransfer|gt} [--source|-s sourceUrl] [--destination|-d destinationUrl] [--transfer-list|-f transferList]
[--auto-optimize|-o transferMode] [--guc-max-retries gucMaxRetries] [--gt-max-retries gtMaxRetries]
[--gt-progress-indicator indicatorCharacter] [--verbose|-v] [--metric|-m dataPathMetric] [--logfile|-l log-
file] [--auto-clean|-a] [--configfile configurationFile] [-- gsiftpParameters]
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DESCRIPTION

gtransfer is a wrapper script for **tgftp** and provides an advanced interface for performing GridFTP transfers.

gtransfer has the following features:

Multi-step data transfers

It can transfer files along predefined paths by using transit sites and can therefore bridge different network domains.

Optimized data transfer performance

It supports usage of pre-optimized data transfer parameters for specific connections. Therefore this tool is also helpful for single step transfers. In addition **gtransfer** can also automatically optimize a data transfer depending on the size of the files.

Data transfer interruption and continuation

It supports interruption and continuation of transfers. You can interrupt a transfer by hitting Ctrl+C. To continue an interrupted transfer simply issue the very same command, **gtransfer** will then continue the transfer where it was interrupted. The same procedure works for a failed transfer.

Data transfer reliability

It supports automatic retries of failed transfer steps. The number of retries is configurable.

Bash completion

It makes use of bash completion to ease usage. This supports completion of options and URLs. URL completion also expands (remote) paths. Just hit the TAB key to see what's possible.

OPTIONS

The options are as follows:

[--source|-s *sourceUrl*]

Set the source URL for the transfer.

Possible URL examples:

```
{[gsi]ftp|http}://FQDN[:PORT]/path/to/file
```

```
[file:///]/path/to/file
```

"FQDN" is the fully qualified domain name.

[--destination|-d *destinationUrl*]

Set the destination URL for the transfer.

Possible URL examples:

[gsi]ftp://FQDN[:PORT]/path/to/file

[file:]/path/to/file

"FQDN" is the fully qualified domain name.

[--transfer-list|-f *transferList*]

As alternative to providing source and destination URLs on the command line, one can also provide a list of source and destination URLs in a transfer list; gtransfer will then perform a *list transfer* instead of an *URL transfer* when using source and destination URLs. The format of each line of the transfer list file is as follows:

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"<PROTOCOL>://source.domain.tld:<PORT>/path/to/file"      "<PROTOCOL>://destination.domain.tld:<PORT>/path/to/file[/]"
```

All lines have to use the exact same source and destination host addresses (i.e. "gsiftp://host.domain.tld:2811")!

[--auto-optimize|-o *transferMode*]

This option activates an automatic optimization of transfers depending on the size of files to be transferred. If less than 100 files are going to be transferred, gtransfer will fall back to URL or list transfer depending on command line options. The *transferMode* controls how files of different size classes are transferred. Currently "sequential" (different size classes are transferred sequentially) is possible. To define different file size classes use the file *[...]/chunkConfig*. See FILES section below for more details.

[--guc-max-retries *gucMaxRetries*]

This option sets the maximum number of retries globus-url-copy (guc) will do for a transfer of a single file. By default this is set to 1, which means that guc will tolerate at max. one transfer error per file and retry the transfer once. Alternatively this option can also be set through the environment variable "GUC_MAX_RETRIES".

[--gt-max-retries *gtMaxRetries*]

This option sets the maximum number of retries gt will do for a single transfer step. By default this is set to 3, which means that gt will try to finish a single transfer step three times or fail. Alternatively this option can also be set through the environment variable "GT_MAX_RETRIES".

[--verbose|-v]

Be verbose.

[--metric|-m *dataPathMetric*]

Set the metric to select the corresponding path of a data path.

[--logfile|-l *logfile*]

Set the name for the logfile, **tgftp** will generate for each transfer. If specified with ".log" as extension, **gtransfer** will insert a "__step_#" string to the name of the logfile ("#" is the

number of the transfer step performed). If omitted **gtransfer** will automatically generate a name for the logfile(s).

[--auto-clean|-a]

Remove logfiles automatically after the transfer completed.

[--configfile *configurationFile*]

Set the name of the configuration file for **gtransfer**. If not set, this defaults to:

/etc/gtransfer/gtransfer.conf or

<GTRANSFER_BASE_PATH>/etc/gtransfer.conf or

/etc/opt/gtransfer/gtransfer.conf or

\$HOME/.gtransfer/gtransfer.conf in this order.

[-- *gsiftParameters*]

Set the "globus-url-copy" parameters that should be used for all transfer steps. Notice the space between "--" and the actual parameters. This overwrites any available default parameters and is not recommended for regular usage. There exists one exception for "-len" or "-partial-length". If one of these is provided, it will only be added to the default parameters for a connection or - if no default parameters are available - to the builtin default parameters.

NOTICE: If specified, this option must be the last one in a **gtransfer** command line.

General options:

[--help] Prints out a help message.

[--version|-V]

Prints out version information.

FILES

[...]/gtransfer.conf

The **gtransfer** configuration file.

[...]/chunkConfig

The chunk configuration file. In this file you can define the different file size classes for the auto-optimization. Practically the file is a table with three columns: MIN_SIZE_IN_MB, MAX_SIZE_IN_MB and GUC_PARAMETERS separated by a semicolon.

Each line defines a size class. The value for MIN_SIZE_IN_MB is **not** included in the class. The value for MAX_SIZE_IN_MB is included in the class. Use the keyword "min" in the column MIN_SIZE_IN_MB to default to the size of the smallest file available in a transfer list. Files of this size will be included in this class then. Use the keyword "max" in the column MAX_SIZE_IN_MB to default to the size of the biggest file available in a transfer list. The third column (GUC_PARAMETERS) defines the transfer parameters to use for the specific file size class.

Example:

```
# MIN_SIZE_IN_MB;MAX_SIZE_IN_MB;GUC_PARAMETERS
min;50;-cc 16 -tcp-bs 4M -stripe -sbs 4M -cd
50;250;-cc 8 -tcp-bs 8M -stripe -sbs 4M -cd
250;max;-cc 6 -p 4 -tcp-bs 8M -stripe -sbs 8M -g2 -cd
```

[...]/dpaths/

This directory contains the system dpaths usable by **gtransfer** and is configurable.

[...]/dparams/

This directory contains the system dparams usable by **gtransfer** and is configurable.

\$HOME/.gtransfer/dpaths/

This directory contains the user dpaths usable by **gtransfer**. Can be created with **dpath**. If existing, dpaths in this directory have precedence.

\$HOME/.gtransfer/dparams/

This directory contains the user dparams usable by **gtransfer**. Can be created with **dparam**. If existing, dparams in this directory have precedence.

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SEE ALSO

dpath(1), **dparam(1)**, **tgftp(1)**, **uberftp(1C)**