



## gPlazma theory

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# Overview

- Background: who are you?
- gPlazma (the old)
- gPlazma (the new)
- Future directions

# Who are you?



'Who are you?' said the Caterpillar.

This was not an encouraging opening for a conversation. Alice replied, rather shyly, 'I— I hardly know, sir, just at present — at least I know who I was when I got up this morning, but I think I must have been changed several times since then.'

# Proving who you are: in the “real” world

- You are who you say you are
  - usually too weak when money is involved
- You are who others say you are
  - Typically your parents (shortly after birth),
  - “The state” (or agents thereof) after:
- How do you prove you are this person?
  - You have to look like your passport photo
  - Have recent bills
  - ...

# Credential vs Principal

## Credentials



## Principals

Name: Wile E. Coyote

ACME customer ID: 11493

Passport number: 0008103314

Bank account number: 001213921  
Banks with: United ACME Bank

Member-of: Antagonists Anonymous



# Proving who you are: in computer world

- Based on one or more of:
  - knowing a secret
  - Holding something difficult to fake
  - Some biometric identifier
- Examples:
  - Username + password
  - X509 certificate (+ private key)
  - Kerberos
  - Federated identity:



Shibboleth.



Browser ID

# X509: a quick primer

- Public/private key-pair.
- Certificate, signed by a trustworthy organisation.
  - Chain-of-trust
  - Certificate Revocation List (CRL)
- Proxy certificate
  - short-lived certificate, created by the user.
- VOMS proxy certificate
  - a proxy certificate with group membership embedded.

# Kerberos: a quick primer

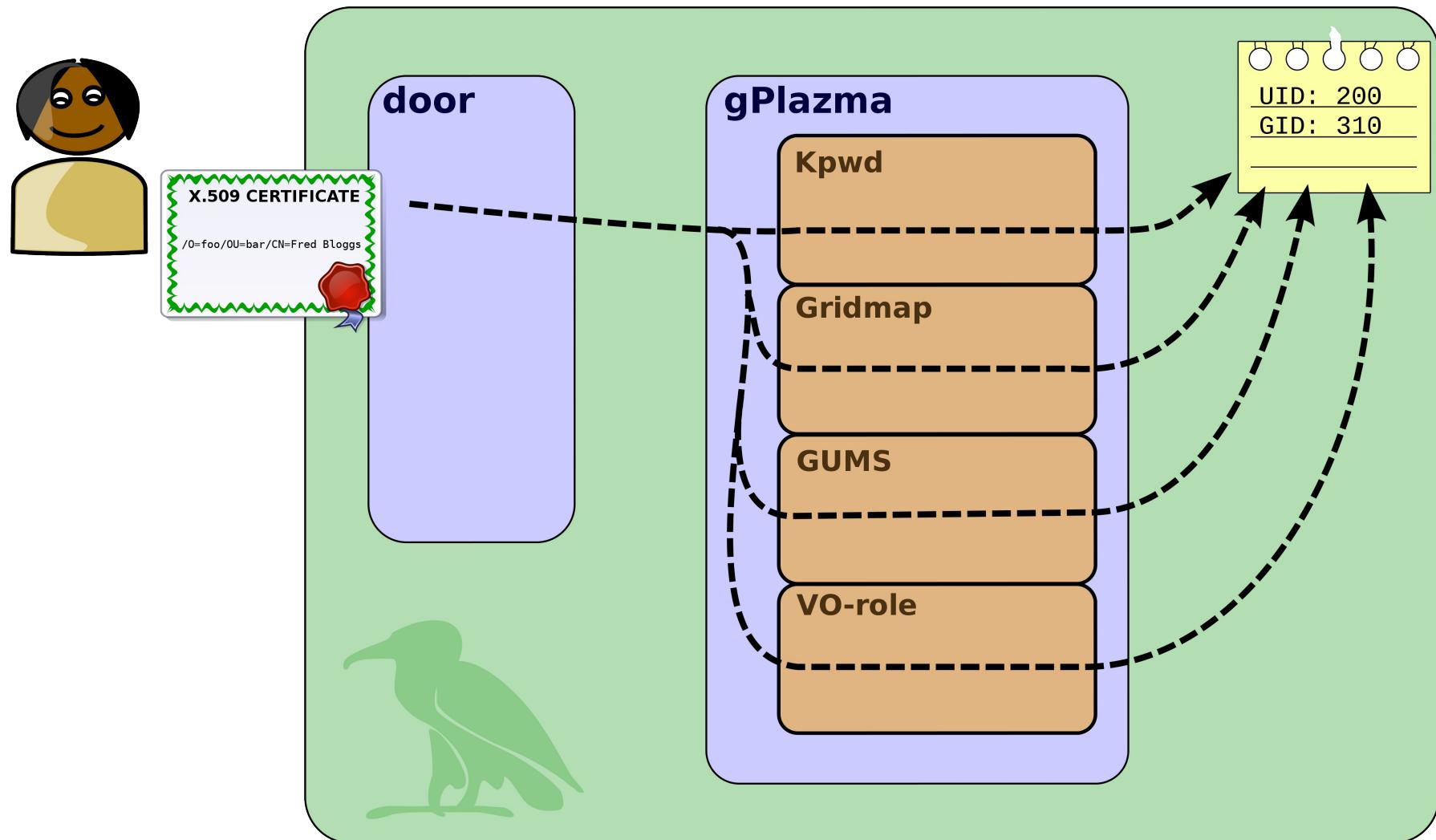
- Central 'KDC' issues users with 'tickets'
  - Ticket for login session, another for each service you use
- Trusted hosts on an untrusted network
  - Mutual authentication
- Trust relationship between services and KDC.
- Login is part of desktop login or with **kinit**

# gPlazma v1

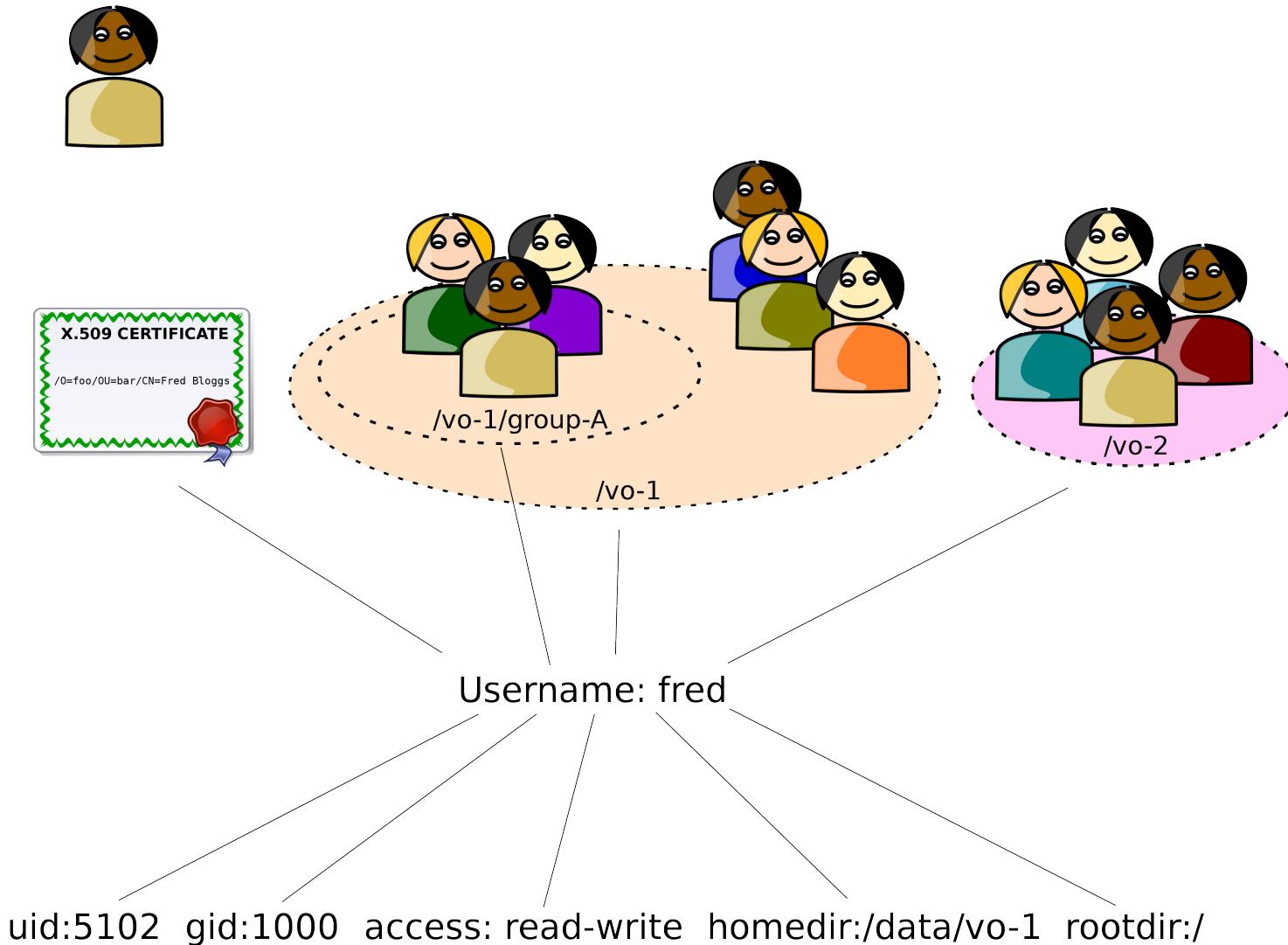


An awkward predicament –  
W. Heath Robinson

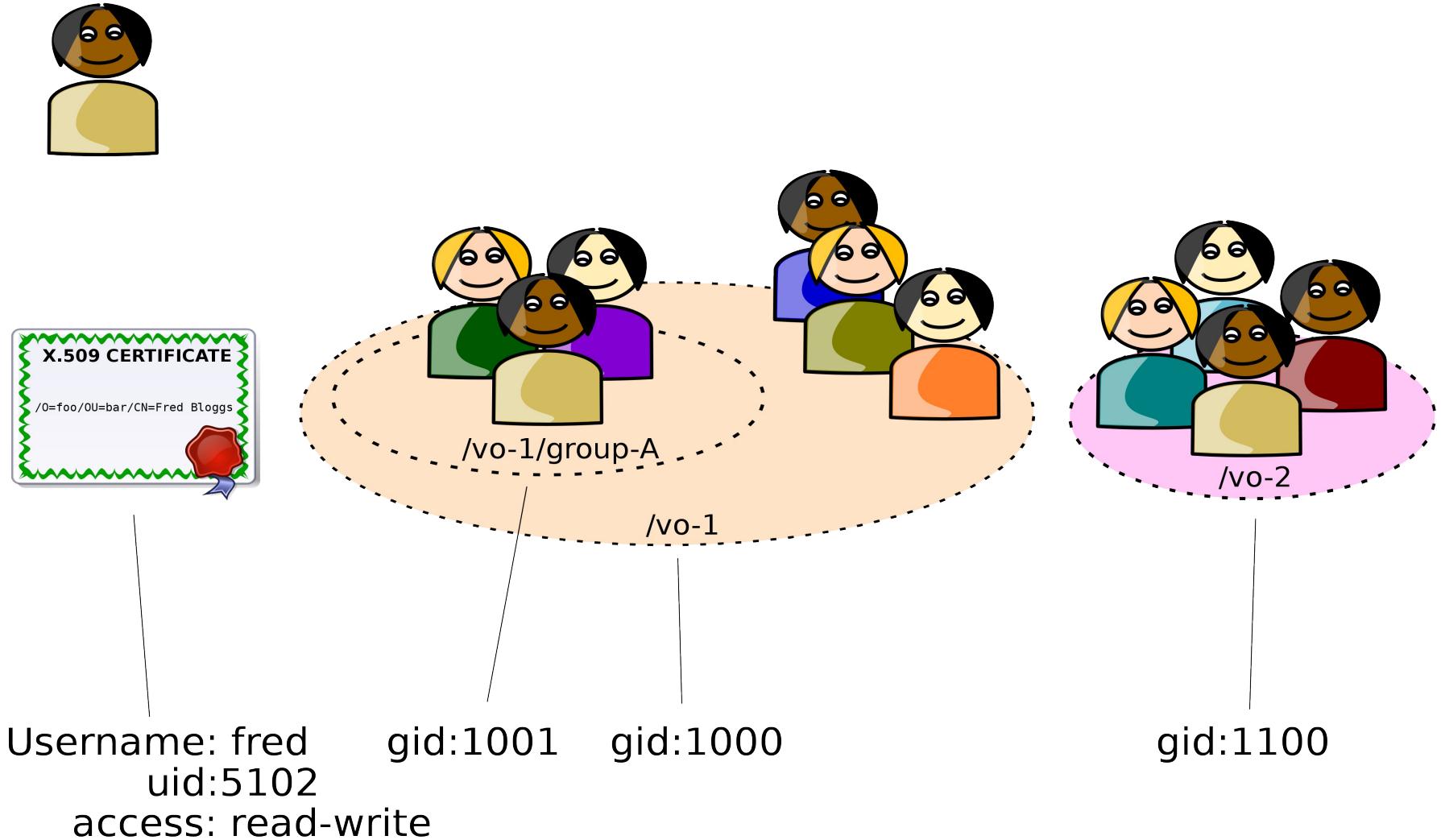
# gPlazma v1 structure



# gplazmalite-vorole-mapping



# What we would like

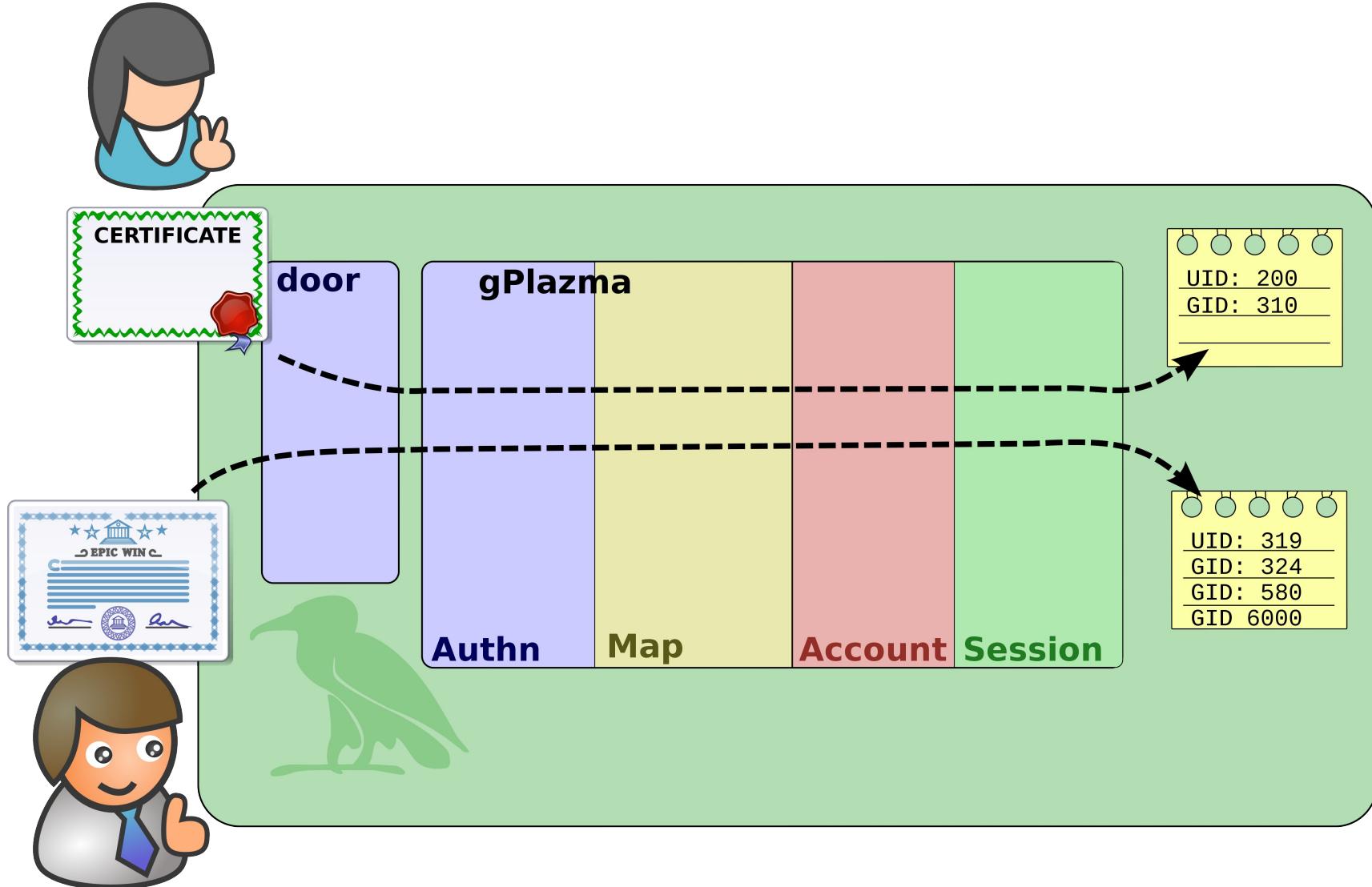


# gPlazma v2

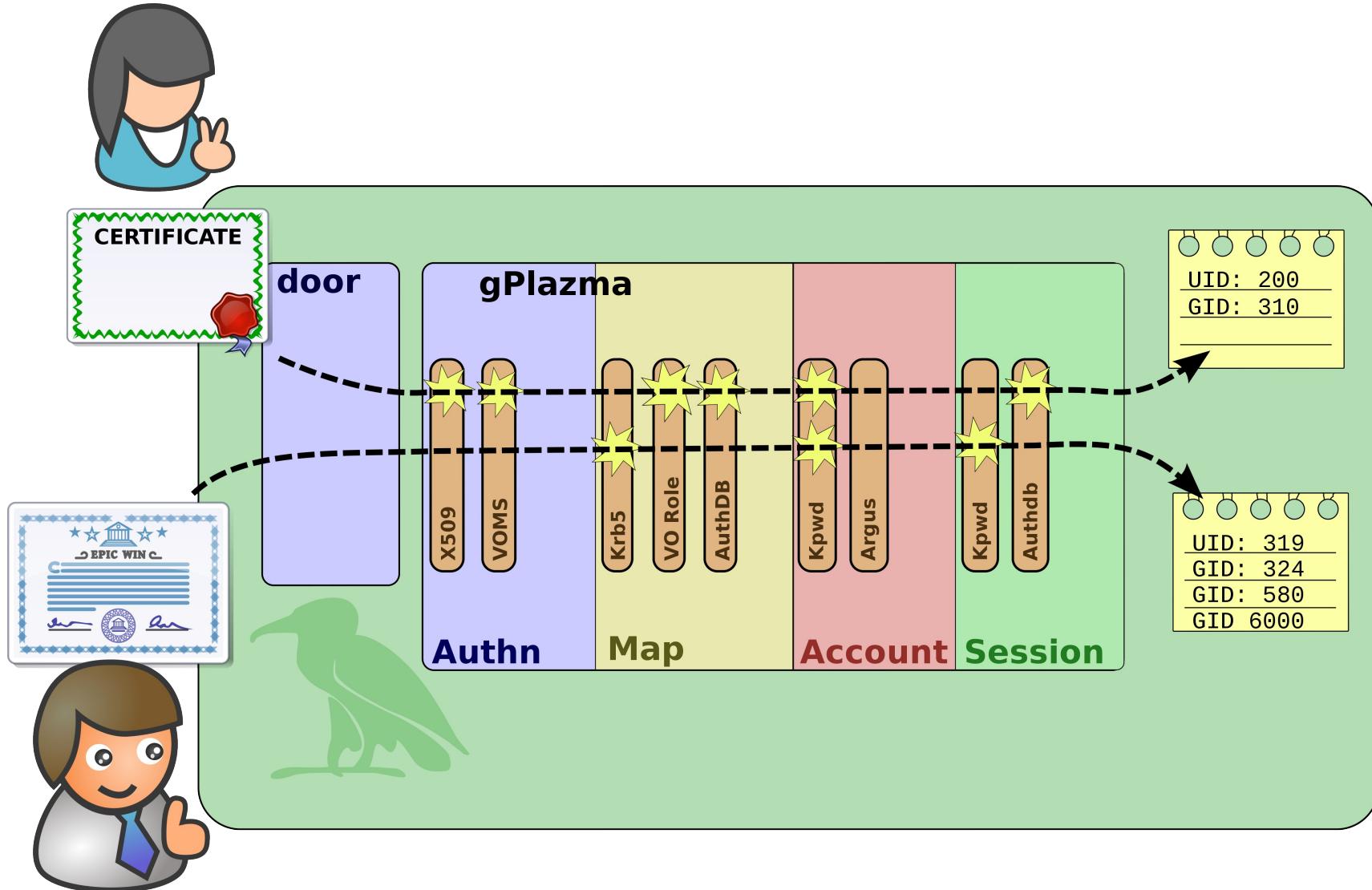


*“The only way you can predict the future is to build it.”* -Alan Kay

# Logging in: the four phases



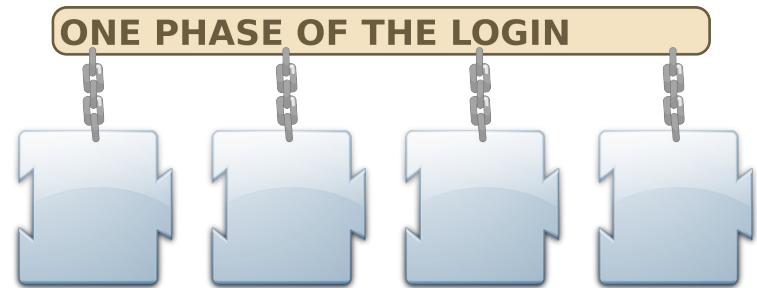
# Logging in: plugins



# Wiring plugins together

- Each phase is comprised of plugins

Result of a phase depends on the result of running these plugins

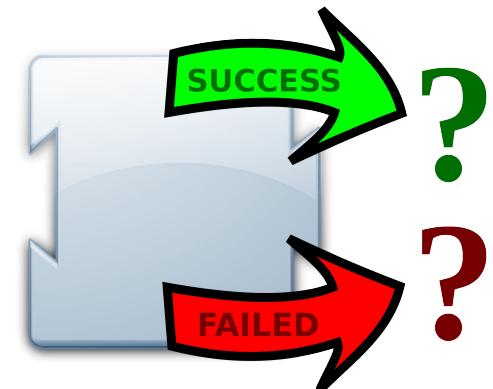


- When a plugin runs:

Running a plugin is either **success** or **failure**.

Plugins that fail sometimes is expected

- Four options describe what to do next:



| Name              | Description   |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>optional</b>   | Success or failure of the plugin doesn't matter; always move onto next one in the phase |
| <b>sufficient</b> | Successful plugin finishes the phase with success                                       |
| <b>requisite</b>  | Failing plugin finishes the phase with failure  |
| <b>required</b>   | Failing plugin fails the phase but remaining plugins are still run                      |

# gPlazma configuration

```
auth    optional      x509
auth    optional      voms
auth    optional      kpwd          gplazma.kpwd.file=/etc/dcache.kpwd

map     optional      krb5
map     optional      vorolemap
map     sufficient   authzdb
map     requisite    kpwd

account requisite   argus

session optional    authzdb
session optional    kpwd
```

# gPlazma configuration

First column is required and identifies in which phase the plugin is being configured

|         |            |           |                                    |
|---------|------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| auth    | optional   | x509      |                                    |
| auth    | optional   | voms      |                                    |
| auth    | optional   | kpwd      | gplazma.kpwd.file=/etc/dcache.kpwd |
| map     | optional   | krb5      |                                    |
| map     | optional   | vorolemap |                                    |
| map     | sufficient | authzdb   |                                    |
| map     | requisite  | kpwd      |                                    |
| account | requisite  | argus     |                                    |
| session | optional   | authzdb   |                                    |
| session | optional   | kpwd      |                                    |

# gPlazma configuration

Second column is required and identifies the wiring: what to do next

|         |                   |           |                                    |
|---------|-------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| auth    | <b>optional</b>   | x509      |                                    |
| auth    | <b>optional</b>   | voms      |                                    |
| auth    | <b>optional</b>   | kpwd      | gplazma.kpwd.file=/etc/dcache.kpwd |
|         |                   |           |                                    |
| map     | <b>optional</b>   | krb5      |                                    |
| map     | <b>optional</b>   | vorolemap |                                    |
| map     | <b>sufficient</b> | authzdb   |                                    |
| map     | <b>requisite</b>  | kpwd      |                                    |
|         |                   |           |                                    |
| account | <b>requisite</b>  | argus     |                                    |
|         |                   |           |                                    |
| session | <b>optional</b>   | authzdb   |                                    |
| session | <b>optional</b>   | kpwd      |                                    |
|         |                   |           |                                    |

# gPlazma configuration

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| map     | optional   | krb5      |                                    |
| map     | optional   | vorolemap |                                    |
| map     | sufficient | authzdb   |                                    |
| map     | requisite  | kpwd      |                                    |
| account | requisite  | argus     |                                    |
| session | optional   | authzdb   |                                    |
| session | optional   | kpwd      |                                    |

# gPlazma configuration

Final column is optional and provide local configuration. Configuration is normally achieved in dcache.conf and layout file

|         |            |           |   |
|---------|------------|-----------|---|
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| auth    | optional   | voms      |   |
| auth    | optional   | kpwd      | <b>gplazma.kpwd.file=/etc/dcache.kpwd</b> |
| map     | optional   | krb5      |   |
| map     | optional   | vorolemap |   |
| map     | sufficient | authzdb   |   |
| map     | requisite  | kpwd      |   |
| account | requisite  | argus     |   |
| session | optional   | authzdb   |   |
| session | optional   | kpwd      |   |

# gPlazma configuration

The plugin configuration order  
is the order in which they are run

x509, voms, kpwd  
krb5, vorolemap, authzdb, kpwd  
argus  
authzdb, kpwd

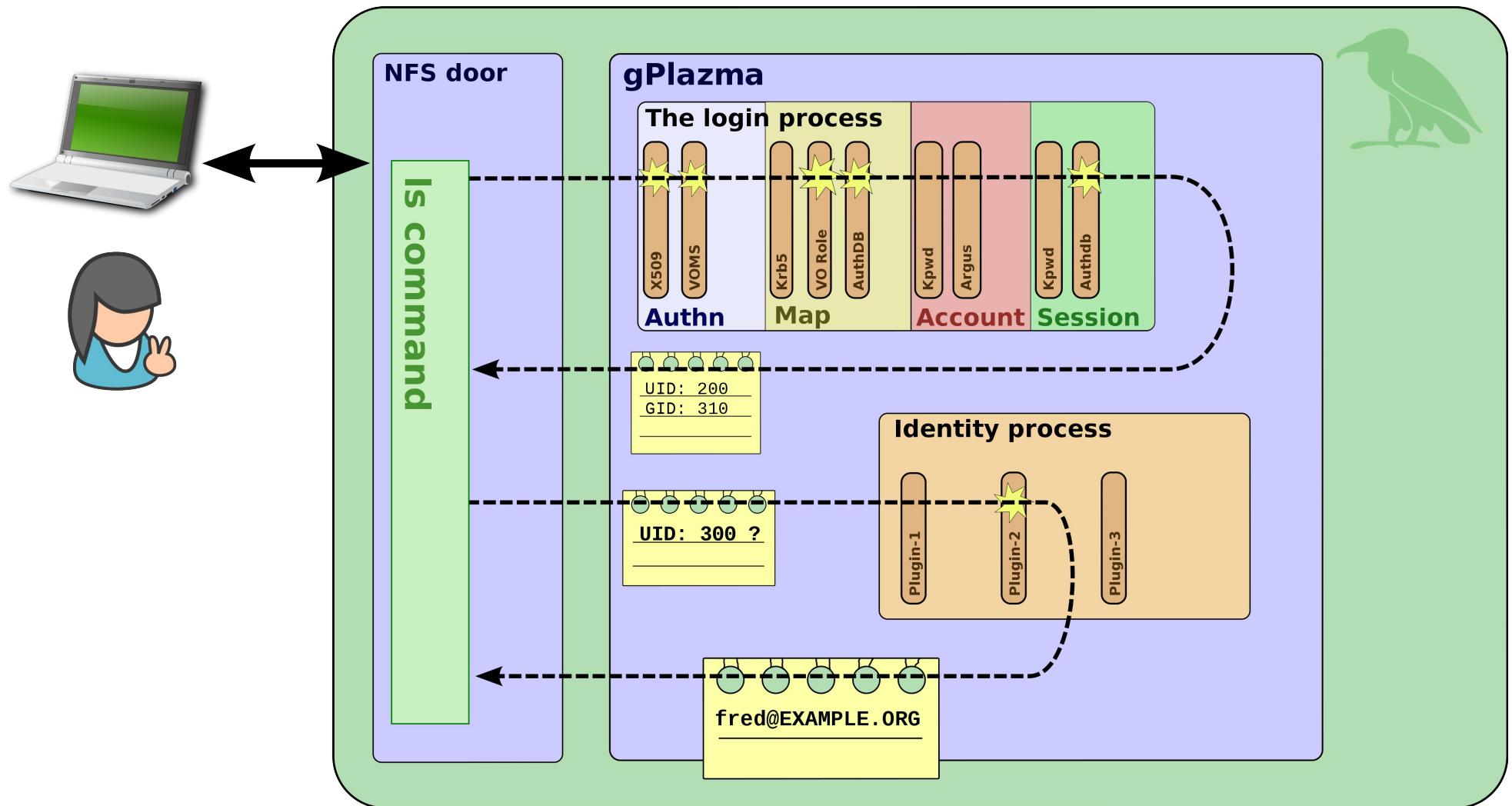
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| map     | optional   | vorolemap |
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| map     | requisite  | kpwd      |
| account | requisite  | argus     |
| session | optional   | authzdb   |
| session | optional   | kpwd      |

# gPlazma configuration

The same plugin may appear multiple times, usually in different phases

|         |            |  |                                    |
|---------|------------|--|------------------------------------|
| auth    | optional   | x509<br>voms<br><b>kpwd</b>                        | gplazma.kpwd.file=/etc/dcache.kpwd |
| auth    | optional   |  |                                    |
| auth    | optional   |  |                                    |
| map     | optional   | krb5<br>vorolemap<br><b>authzdb</b><br><b>kpwd</b> |                                    |
| map     | optional   |  |                                    |
| map     | sufficient |  |                                    |
| map     | requisite  |  |                                    |
| account | requisite  | argus  |                                    |
| session | optional   | <b>authzdb</b>                                     |                                    |
| session | optional   | <b>kpwd</b>  |                                    |

# Something new: identity mapping



# gPlazma1 in a gPlazma2 world

- In 1.9.12, there's a switch:  
gPlazma instance is either v1 or v2, but never both.
- In 2.2, there is only gPlazma2:

## Don't panic:

- gPlazma1 available as a gPlazma2 plugin  
(this is the default configuration)
- gPlazma2 can be configured to give same behaviour as a configured gPlazma1  
(see next talk for details)
- After 2.2 we will remove v1 completely

# Future directions



To infinity ... and beyond!

## Future direction

- **Autogenerate uid/gid** for previously unknown principals:  
X509 DNs → uid, FQAN → gid.
- **Discover FQANs** if user didn't provide them
  - Not always possible for user to provide FQANs
  - Likely only be used for reading.
- Add support for **federated identity** systems.

# One final thing..

# Life's not always that easy

- Sometimes system is misconfigured
- User is unable to use dCache
  - User is told **only** that login failed  
for good security reasons
- Simple logging might not provide enough information, or information in the wrong place at wrong time:
  - gPlazma failures may be difficult to understand
- Need an overview



# Introducing gPlazma result printer

# Simple example

```
LOGIN FAIL
|   in: host/zitpcx6184.desy.de@DESY.DE

+--AUTH OK
|   |
|   +--x509 OPTIONAL:FAIL (no X509 certificate chain) => OK
|   |
|   +--voms OPTIONAL:FAIL (no X509 certificate chain) => OK
|   |
|   +--kpwd OPTIONAL:FAIL (no username and password) => OK

+--MAP FAIL
|   removed: host/zitpcx6184.desy.de@DESY.DE

|   +--krb5 OPTIONAL:OK => OK
|       added: UserNamePrincipal[host/zitpcx6184.desy.de]

|   +--vorolemap OPTIONAL:FAIL (no record) => OK

|   +--authzdb SUFFICIENT:FAIL (no mapping exists for host/zitpcx6184.desy.de) => OK
|
|   +--kpwd REQUISITE:FAIL (no login name) => FAIL (ends the phase)

+--(ACCOUNT) skipped

+--(SESSION) skipped

+--(VALIDATION) skipped
```

# Simple example

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LOGIN FAIL
| in: host/zitpcx6184.desy.de@DESY.DE
|
+--AUTH OK
|
|   +--x509 OPTIONAL:FAIL (no X509 certificate chain) => OK
|
|   +--voms OPTIONAL:FAIL (no X509 certificate chain) => OK
|
|   +--kpwd OPTIONAL:FAIL (no username and password) => OK
|
+--MAP FAIL
| removed: host/zitpcx6184.desy.de@DESY.DE
|
|   +--krb5 OPTIONAL:OK => OK
|     added: UserNamePrincipal[host/zitpcx6184.desy.de]
|
|   +--vorolemap OPTIONAL:FAIL (no record) => OK
|
|   +--authzdb SUFFICIENT:FAIL (no mapping exists for host/zitpcx6184.desy.de) => OK
|
|   +--kpwd REQUISITE:FAIL (no login name) => FAIL (ends the phase)
|
+--(ACCOUNT) skipped
|
+--(SESSION) skipped
|
+--(VALIDATION) skipped
```

**Easy to spot why login failed**

# Example with simple X509

```
LOGIN FAIL
|   in: S:/131.169.252.82
|   X509 Certificate chain:
|   |
|   +--CN=Alexander Paul Millar,OU=DESY,O=GermanGrid,C=DE [16724]
|   |
|   +--Issuer: CN=GridKa-CA,O=GermanGrid,C=DE
|   +--Validity: OK for 366 days, 20 hours, 30 minutes and 13.0 seconds
|   +--Algorithm: SHA-1 with RSA
|   +--Subject alternative names: paul.millar@desy.de
|   +--Key usage: digital signature, key encipherment, data encipherment
|
|   out: GidPrincipal[1000,primary]
|   UidPrincipal[1000]
|   UserNamePrincipal[paul]
|   /C=DE/O=GermanGrid/OU=DESY/CN=Alexander Paul Millar
|   KpwdPrincipal[paul]
|
+--AUTH OK
|   added: /C=DE/O=GermanGrid/OU=DESY/CN=Alexander Paul Millar
|
+--x509 OPTIONAL:OK => OK
|   added: /C=DE/O=GermanGrid/OU=DESY/CN=Alexander Paul Millar
|
+--voms OPTIONAL:FAIL (no FQANs) => OK
|
+--kpwd OPTIONAL:FAIL (no username and password) => OK
```

# Example with voms proxy

LOGIN FAIL

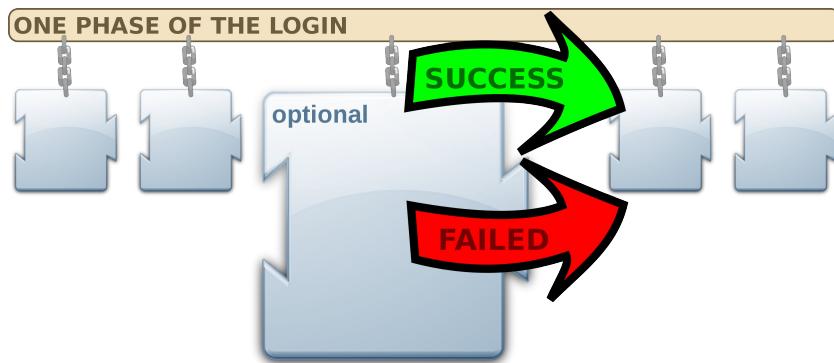
```
in: S:/131.169.137.140
    /C=DE/ST=Hamburg/O=dCache.ORG/CN=Kermit the frog
X509 Certificate chain:
|
|---CN=proxy,CN=Kermit the frog,O=dCache.ORG,ST=Hamburg,C=DE [11549466642107437257]
|   |
|   |---Issuer: CN=Kermit the frog,O=dCache.ORG,ST=Hamburg,C=DE
|   |---Validity: OK for 11 hours, 59 minutes and 42.0 seconds
|   |---Algorithm: SHA-1 with RSA
|   |---Attribute certificates:
|   |   |
|   |   |---C=DE,O=GermanGrid,OU=DESY,CN=host/grid-voms.desy.de
|   |   |   |---Validity: OK for 11 hours, 59 minutes and 42.0 seconds
|   |   |   |---Algorithm: SHA-1 with RSA
|   |   |   |---FQANs: /desy, /desy/workshop
|   |---Key usage: digital signature, key encipherment, data encipherment, key agreement
|
|---CN=Kermit the frog,O=dCache.ORG,ST=Hamburg,C=DE [11549466642107437257]
|   |
|   |---Issuer: CN=dCache.ORG CA,O=dCache.ORG,ST=Hamburg,C=DE
|   |---Validity: OK for 357 days, 10 hours, 23 minutes and 52.0 seconds
|   |---Algorithm: SHA-1 with RSA
|   |---Subject alternative names: kermit.the.frog@dcache.org
|   |---Key usage: digital signature, key encipherment, data encipherment, key agreement
|
|---CN=dCache.ORG CA,O=dCache.ORG,ST=Hamburg,C=DE [11549466642107437183] (self-signed)
|   |
|   |---Validity: OK for 866 days, 12 hours, 13 minutes and 49.0 seconds
|   |---Algorithm: SHA-1 with RSA
|   |---Key usage: key certificate signing, CRL signing
```

# Thank you and good night!

For readers at home, there is more information in following slides ...

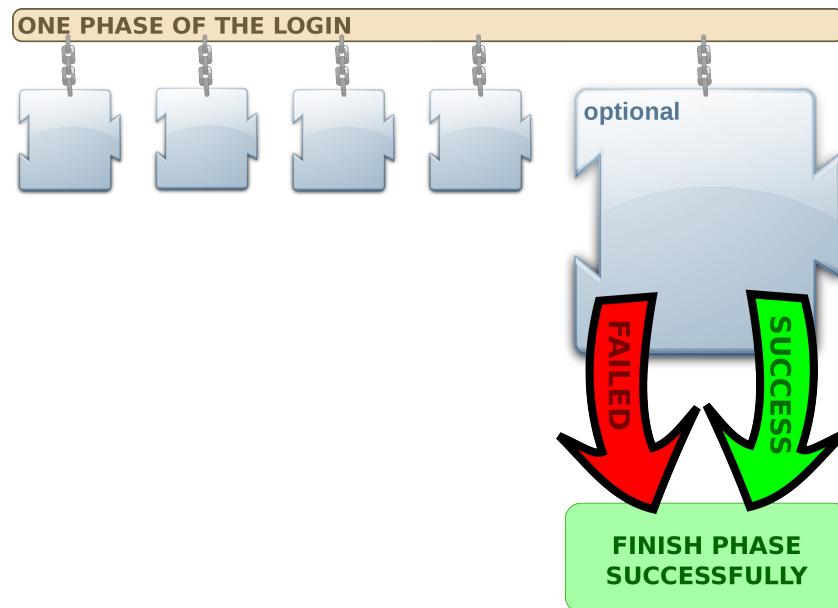
# gPlazma wiring in detail

# Wiring plugins together: optional



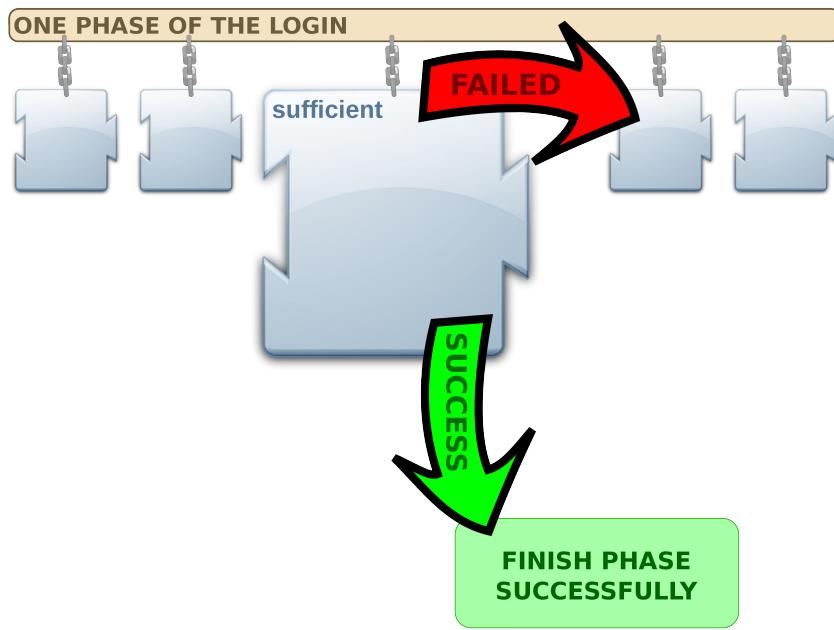
- If a plugin is optional then always move on to the next plugin

# Wiring plugins together: optional



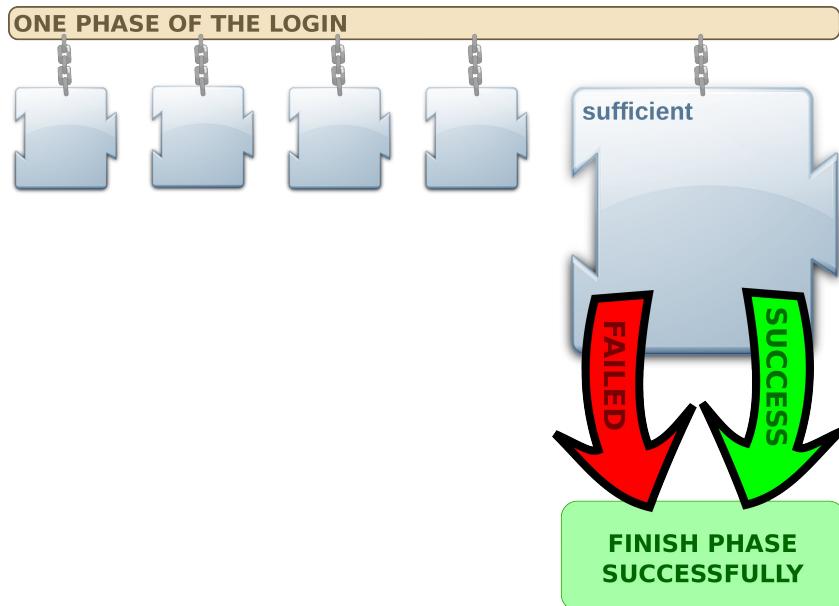
- If the last plugin is optional, the phase always succeeds

# Wiring plugins together: sufficient



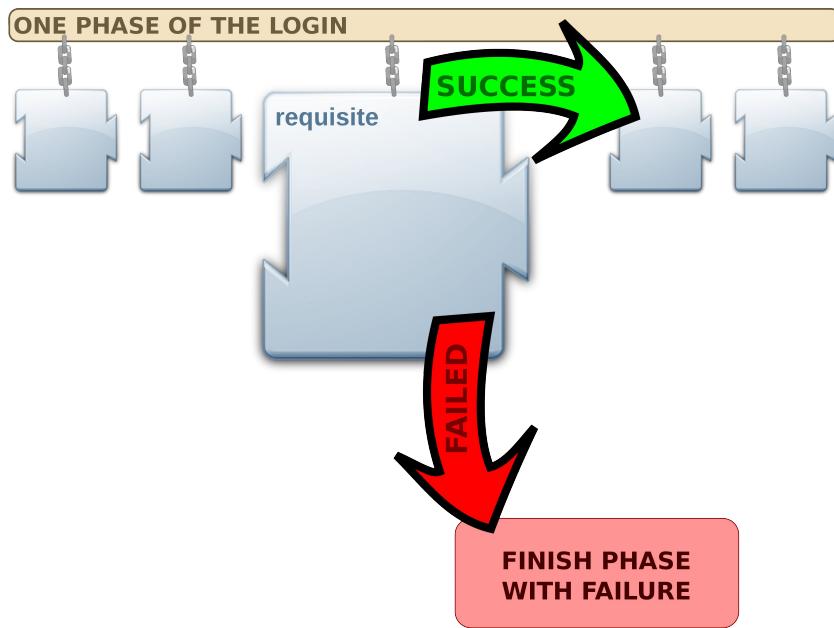
- If a sufficient plugin is successful, then end the phase immediately
- If a sufficient plugin fails, move on to the next plugin

# Wiring plugins together: sufficient



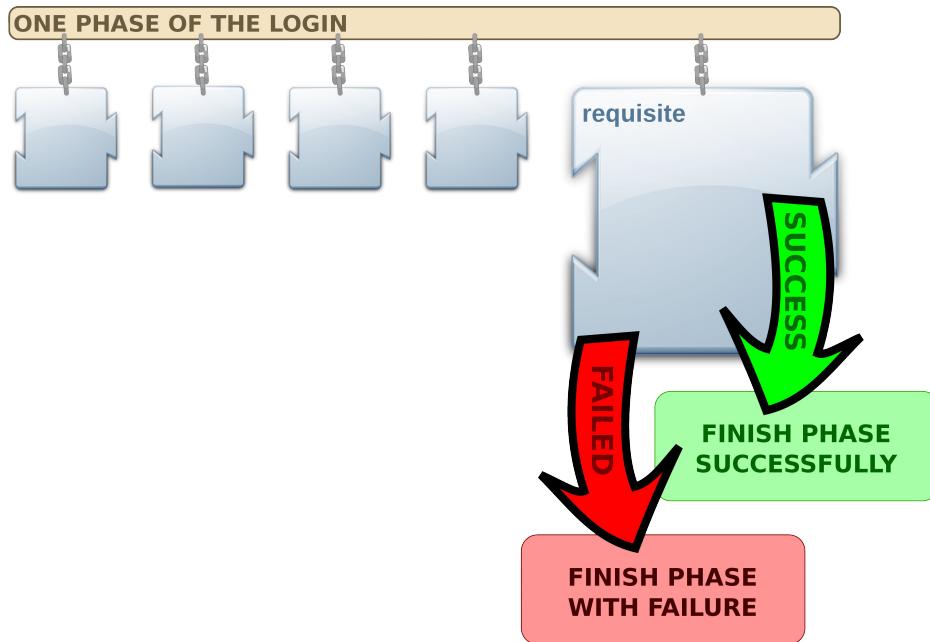
- If the last plugin in the phase is sufficient then the phase will always be successful.

# Wiring plugins together: requisite



- If a requisite plugin fails then fail the phase immediately.
- If a requisite plugin is successful, continue to the next plugin

# Wiring plugins together: requisite



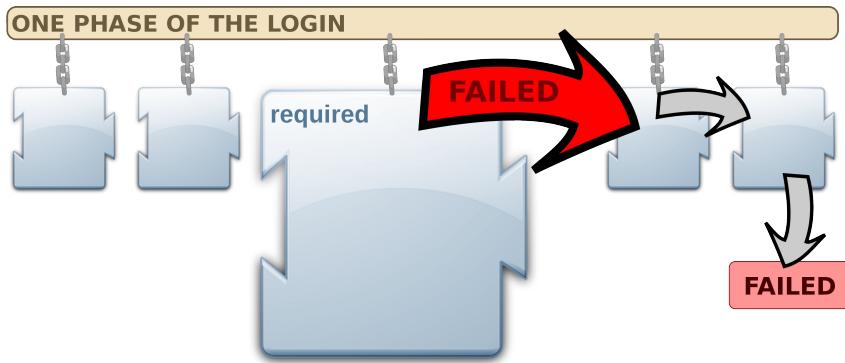
- If the last plugin is requisite then the success of the phase depends on the success of the last plugin

# Wiring plugins together: required



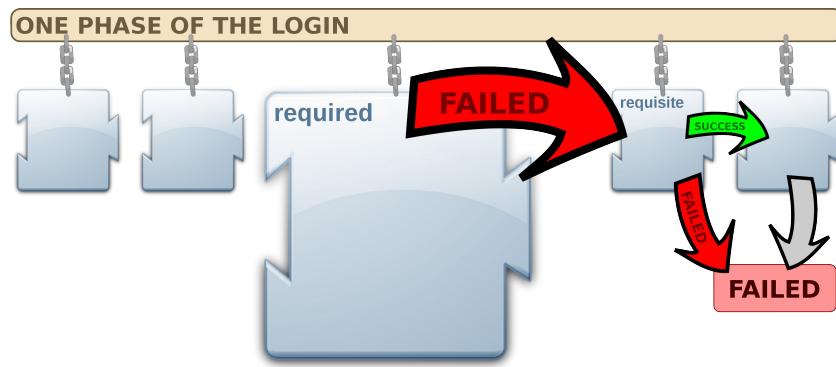
- If a required plugin succeeds then move onto the next plugin

# Wiring plugins together: required



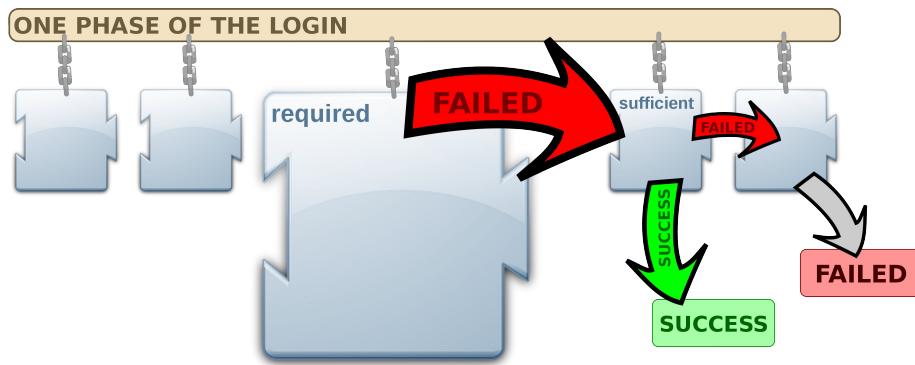
- If a required plugin fails then continue onto the next plugin, but ultimately fail with an error from this plugin
- unless ...

# Wiring plugins together: required



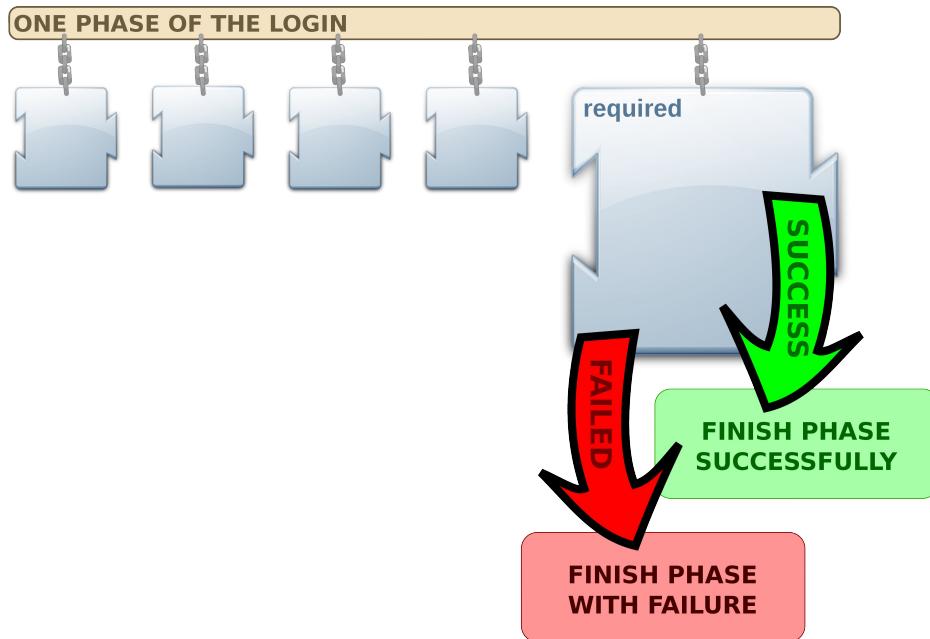
- If one of the plugins after the failing required plugin is requisite and also fails then immediately fail the phase with the error from the failing required plugin.

# Wiring plugins together: required



- If one of the plugins after the failing required plugin is sufficient and succeeds then end the phase successfully.

# Wiring plugins together: required



- If the last plugin is required then the success of the phase depends on the success of the final plugin

# Backup slides

# Kerberos in more detail

