

## ***File Access in OGSA-DAI***

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- ▶ Status
  - ▶ Review of requirements
  - ▶ Review of issues and questions
  - ▶ Way forward
  - ▶ Conclusion
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- ▶ Initial discussions
    - Chicago F2F
    - Globus world
  - ▶ Exploring design space
  - ▶ Collecting requirements
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▶ Files

- File name, properties, permissions
- Get and put
- WROC (POSIX-style interface)
- Query string
  - Structured e.g. BinX, CSV
  - Semi-structured e.g. grep
- Specialised operations e.g. JPEG header enquiry

▶ Directories

- List files, properties etc.
- List subsets of files
- Get/put files
- Create file service

▶ File system

- Mount/unmount
- Create directory service

▶ General

- OS independent
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▶ Files

- Does a file know its own name?
- Does a file know what directory its in?

▶ Directories

- Directory as a special file
- Directory as a collection of files
  - Not necessarily (just) hierarchy
- Changing directory (factory and state change)

▶ Filesystems

- Filesystem as a special kind of file (?) [loopback filesystem]
- Do we need a filesystem representation?

▶ General

- Inheritance structure (single root?)
  - Functional division into description, factory, management, access
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- ▶ Aim to provide (example) realisations for
    - Basic get/put/management
    - Access to bytes WROC
    - Query string
    - Specialist interface
  - ▶ First drafts for GGF 11
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- ▶ Many similar problems to other parts of DAIS
- ▶ What are the correct abstractions?
- ▶ Need to produce prototype(s) for discussion

