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# ProtoGENI Tutorial

# Wireless Network



- **SSID:** hhonors
- Open your web browser, to get auth page
- **IMPORTANT:**
  - Check the 'Advanced User' box on this page
- Promotional code: GENI0710

# This Tutorial

- Overview, signing up for accounts
- Creating a slice using command-line tools
- Using Kentucky Instrumentation Tools
- If time: Emulab Frontend

# ProtoGENI Basics



# The Basics

You describe a network

ProtoGENI builds it for you

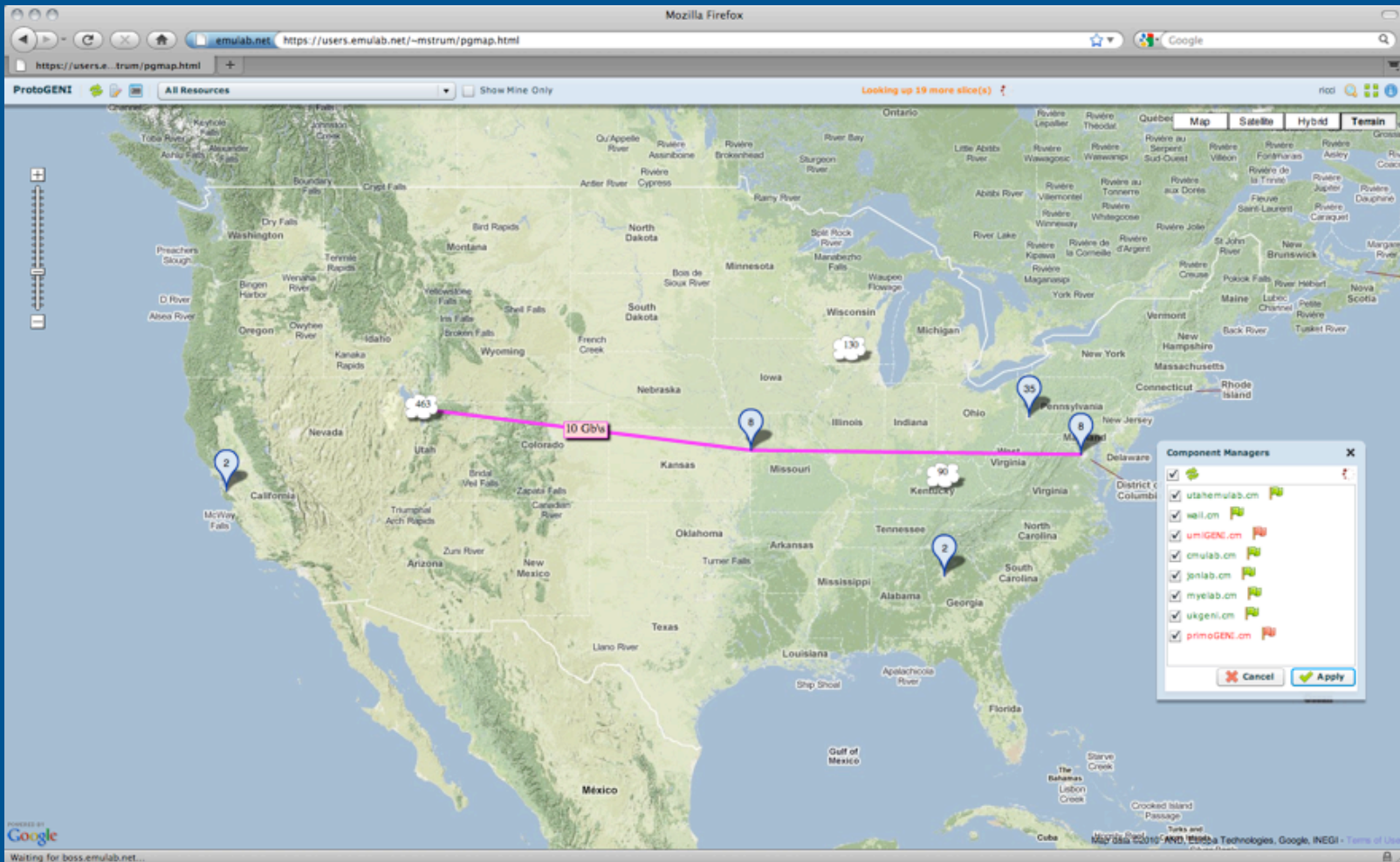
# Your Network

- A “Slice”
  - Isolated from everyone else’s slice
- Described in terms of nodes (hosts, routers, etc.) and links
  - Description is done with an RSpec

# What We Build It From

- PCs, switches, and tunnels (“components”)
  - At several sites around the country
  - Nationwide backbone with Internet2
- Guaranteed resources
  - Raw PCs
  - VLANs
- “Best effort” resources
  - Shared PCs (OpenVZ)
  - Tunnels across the Internet
- Other hardware as well (NetFPGAs, wireless devices, OpenFlow switches)

# Current ProtoGENI Federation



# What You Can Do With Your Network

- Log in to the PCs (ssh)
- Run your own code
  - Exclusive PCs – anything at all, including replacing the OS, any protocol you want
  - On shared PCs – ‘mostly root’, any protocol you want as long as it’s IP
- Send traffic
  - Within the links you defined (“experimental net”)
  - To the Internet (“control net”)

# So How Do I Make a Slice?

- Raw APIs
- Command-line tools (“test scripts”)
- Emulab Frontend
- Coming soon: Flash GUI

# Hands-On

# Getting Ready for Hands-On



- Get in teams of 2 or 3
  - 20 teams max
- One laptop per team
  - WiFi
  - Emulab.net account (will cover this next)
  - SSH client (on Windows, putty works well)
    - [www.putty.org](http://www.putty.org)
  - Browser with Java (Firefox, Chrome tested)
    - Only if we get time



# Getting An Account


- Apply at [www.emulab.net](http://www.emulab.net)
  - Operators are standing by
- Why emulab.net?
  - ProtoGENI is built on Emulab software
  - emulab.net is the site at Utah
  - Having an account there will get you into to any federated ProtoGENI site

# Applying For An Account



- Go to 'www.emulab.net'
- Click on 'Request Account'
- Click on 'Join Project'
- Fill out form
- Project name **gec8tutorial**
- Watch your email for confirmation step

# Applying For An Account



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## Emulab - Network Emulation Testbed Home

Vers: 4.184 Build: 11/10/20

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*Emulab* provides integrated access to a wide range of experimental environments:

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# After Today: Start a New Project



- Projects are what they sound like
  - Collection of people collaborating on something
- Click on “Start a New Project”
  - Most be done by faculty member
- No sharing accounts
  - Project leader can approve users into the project
- Can use the account you’ve already created
  - Just log in first

# What Your Account Gives You



- Accepted by every member of the ProtoGENI federation
- You are identified by a URN
  - eg. urn:publicid:IDN+emulab.net+user+ricci
- Certificate for authentication
  - Standard x.509
  - Can be used with OpenSSL or in your browser

# Get an SSL Certificate



The screenshot shows the 'My Emulab' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'My Emulab', 'Logout', 'News', and 'Contact Us', along with a search bar for 'Documentation'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Experiments', 'Projects', and 'Profile'. The 'Profile' tab is selected, displaying a user profile for 'leebee' (30379). The profile includes fields for Username, Full Name, Email Address, Home Page URL, Emulab Wiki Page, and Address 1. To the left of the profile, there is an 'Options' menu with links for 'Edit Profile', 'Edit SSH Keys', 'Edit SFS Keys', 'Generate SSL Cert', and 'Show Mailman Lists'.

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**My Emulab** 'leebee' Logged in.  
Wed Nov 11 9:10am MST

Experiments Projects Profile

**Options**

- Edit Profile
- Edit SSH Keys
- Edit SFS Keys
- Generate SSL Cert
- Show Mailman Lists

Username:	leebee (30379)
Full Name:	Leigh Bee Stoller
Email Address:	stoller+leebeet2@flux.utah.edu
Home Page URL:	
Emulab Wiki Page:	LeeBeeStoller
Address 1:	5920 SW Balsam Drive

- Click on “My Emulab” if you do not see this page



# Create an SSL Cert

- Click on “Generate SSL Certificate”

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- Click on Generate SSL Certificate
- Pick a good PassPhrase!
  - But note: will be stored in plaintext



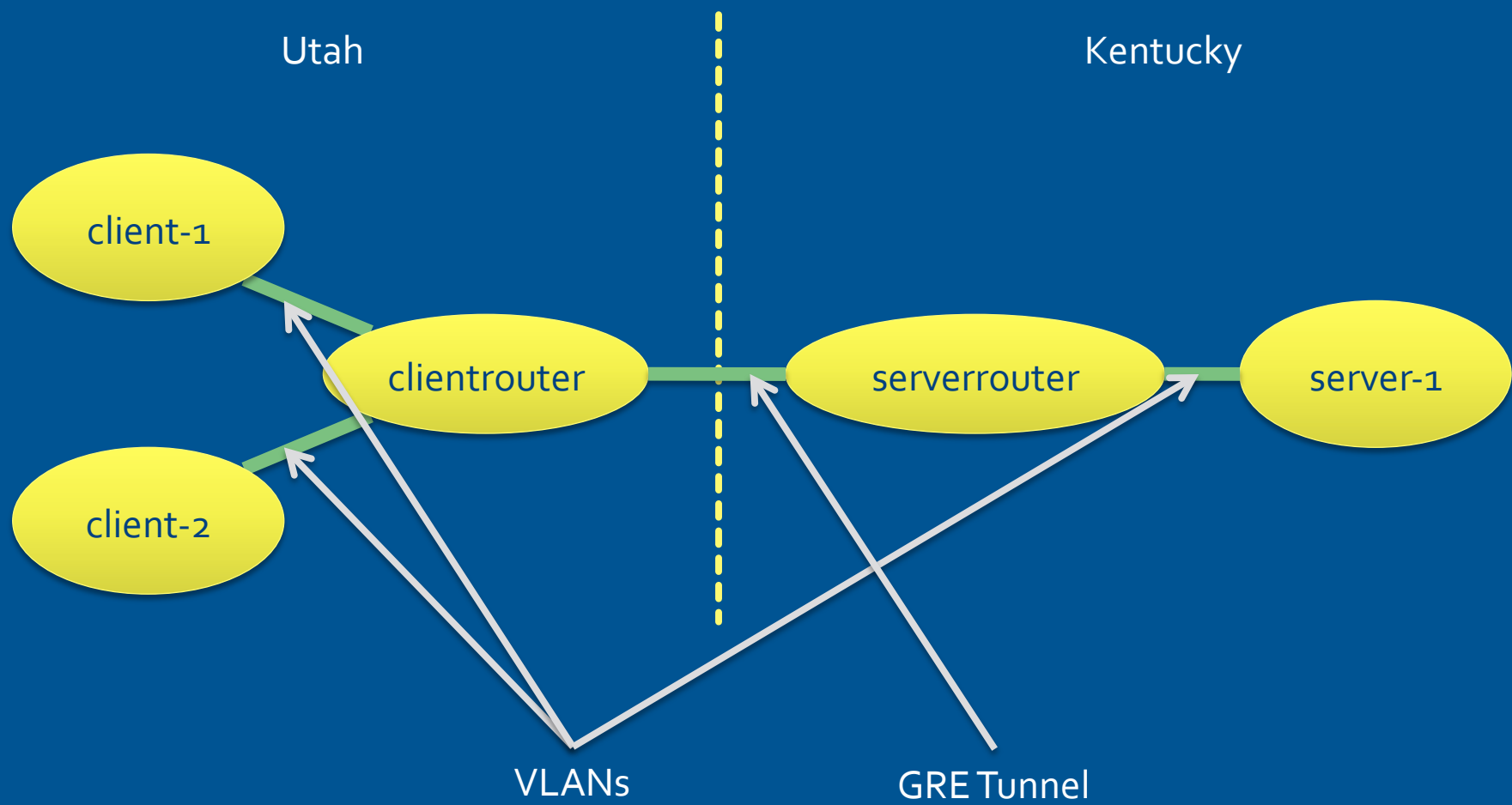
# Hands-On: Command-line Slice Creation

# Hands-On: Instrumentation Tools

<http://www.netlab.uky.edu/p/instools/>

# Hands-On: Emulab Frontend

<https://www.protogeni.net/trac/protogeni/wiki/GEC8Tutorial>



# Where To Get More Information

<http://www.protogeni.net>

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[geni-users@emulab.net](mailto:geni-users@emulab.net)

# Extra Slides

# Resources

# What are Components?

- Nodes
  - PCs
  - NetFPGAs
  - Routers
  - Wireless Nodes
- Links -- Connectivity between nodes
  - VLANs
  - Tunnels



# Nodes

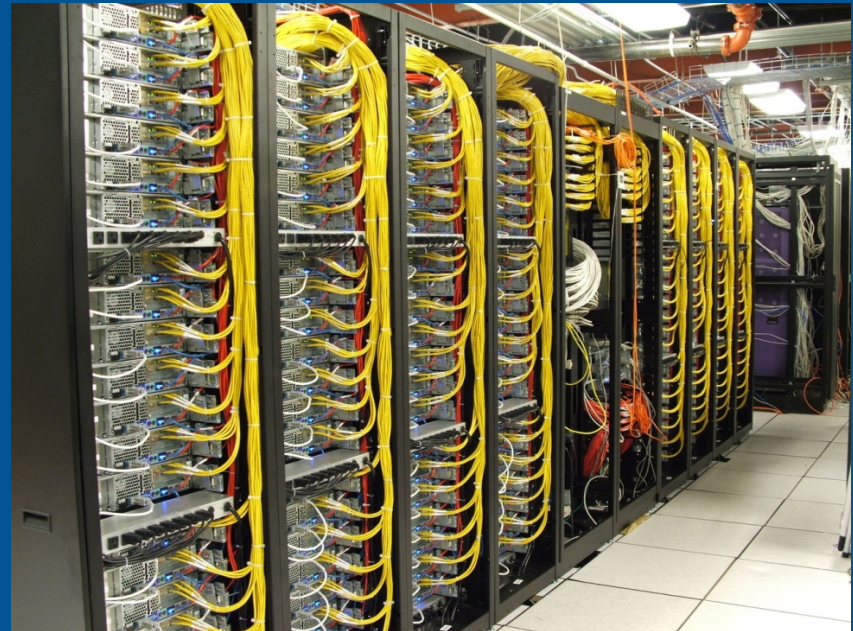
What kinds of nodes can I get?

# Node Sharing

- Shared Nodes
  - Multiple Experimenters
  - Only OpenVZ Containers
  - Experimenters all have root in separate containers
- Exclusive Nodes
  - One experiment at a time
  - May have multiple containers at once

# Raw PCs

- Physical PC
- Exclusive Access
- No Multiplexing
- Running FreeBSD or Linux
- You have the power
  - Root
  - Modify the kernel
  - Entirely new OS



# OpenVZ Containers

- Container on a Physical PC
- Exclusive or shared access
- Multiple containers per PC
- OpenVZ Linux Image
- Root Authority
  - Within Container

# Backbone Nodes

- Located in Internet 2 PoPs
- 2 PCs in each PoP
- Contain NetFPGAs
- Connectivity
  - 10 Gbps Dedicated (now)
  - 1 Gbps MPLS Tunnels (soon)
  - Ethernet Layer

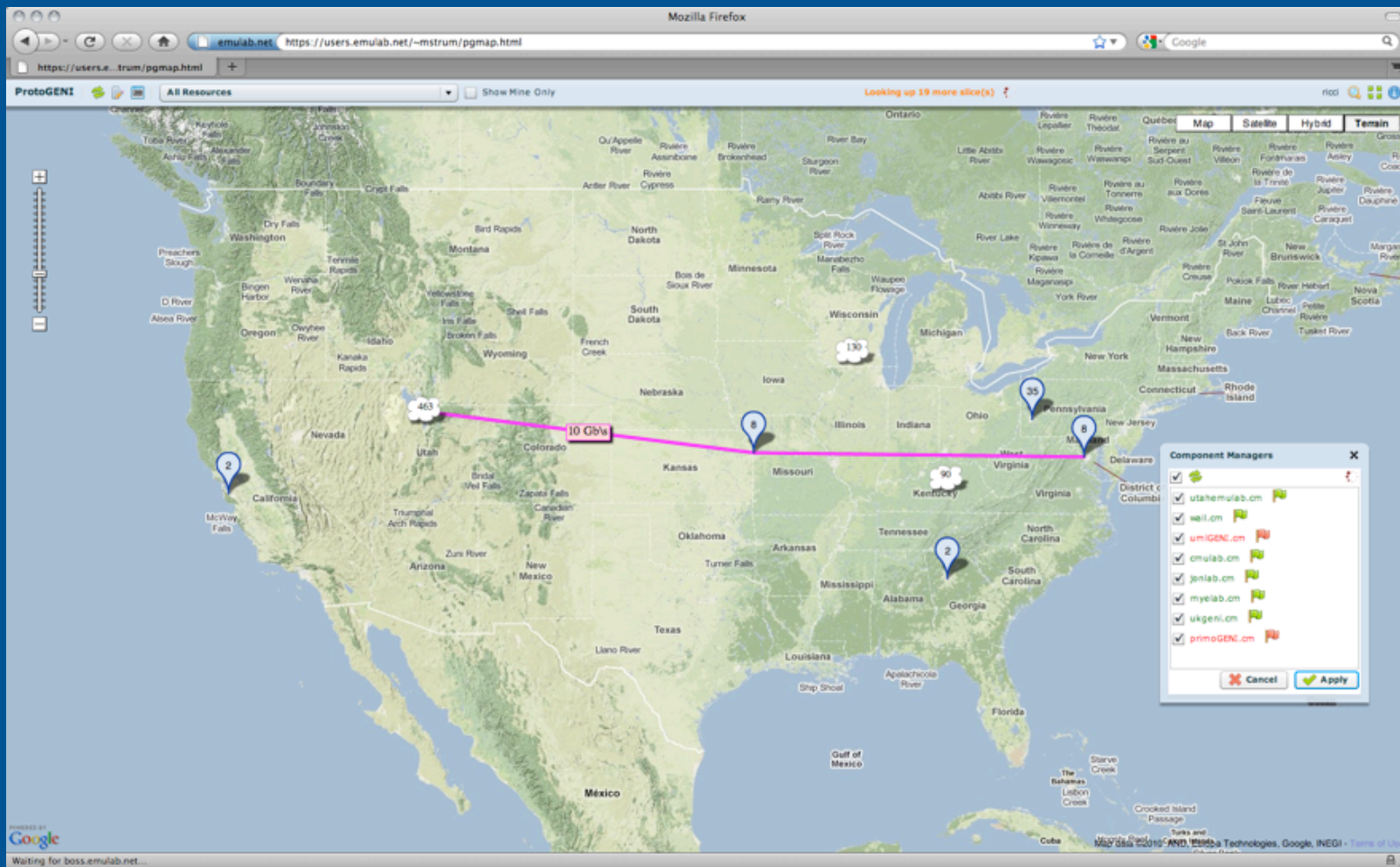


# CMs other than Utah

- Emulabs
  - Kentucky (PCs)
  - Wisconsin (PCs)
  - Umass- Lowell (PEN)
  - CMU (PCs, wireless)
  - FIU (PCs, simulator)
  - “Inner Elabs” at Utah
- Reference CM
  - ETRI (programmable router – in progress)
  - Sparta (ABAC testing)



# Current ProtoGENI Federation



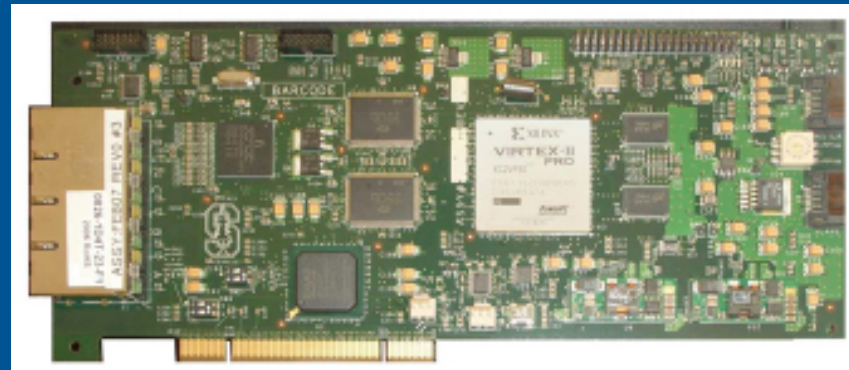
# Others

- NetFPGAs
- Wireless nodes
- Widearea nodes
- Non-Emulab sites



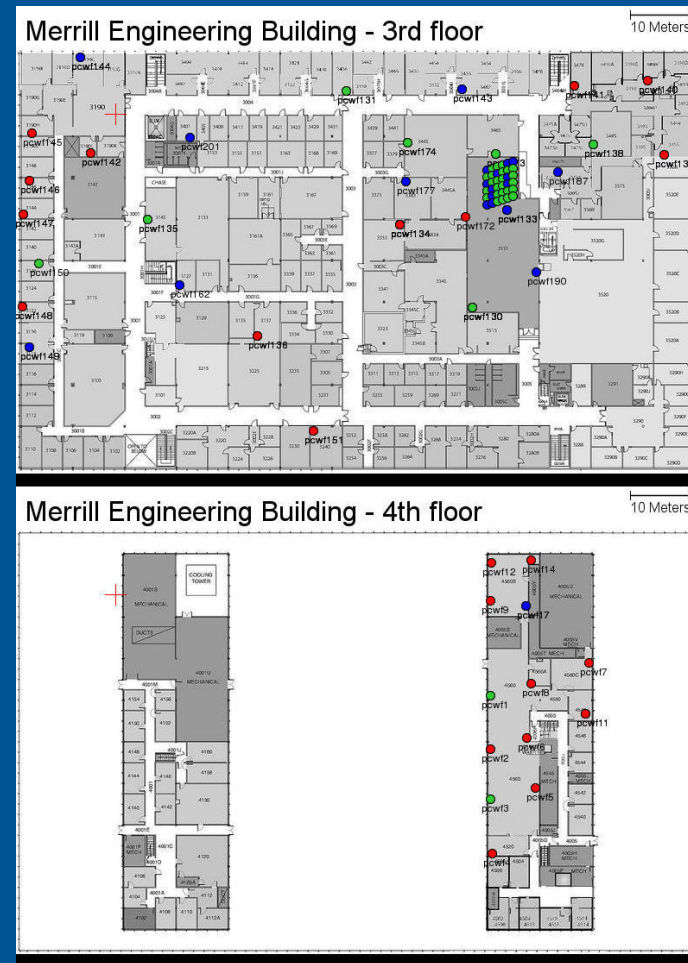
# NetFPGA (Stanford)

- Network interfaces
- With FPGA for hardware design
- Attached to a PC
- Exclusive Access
- Allocated along with that PC



# Wireless Nodes

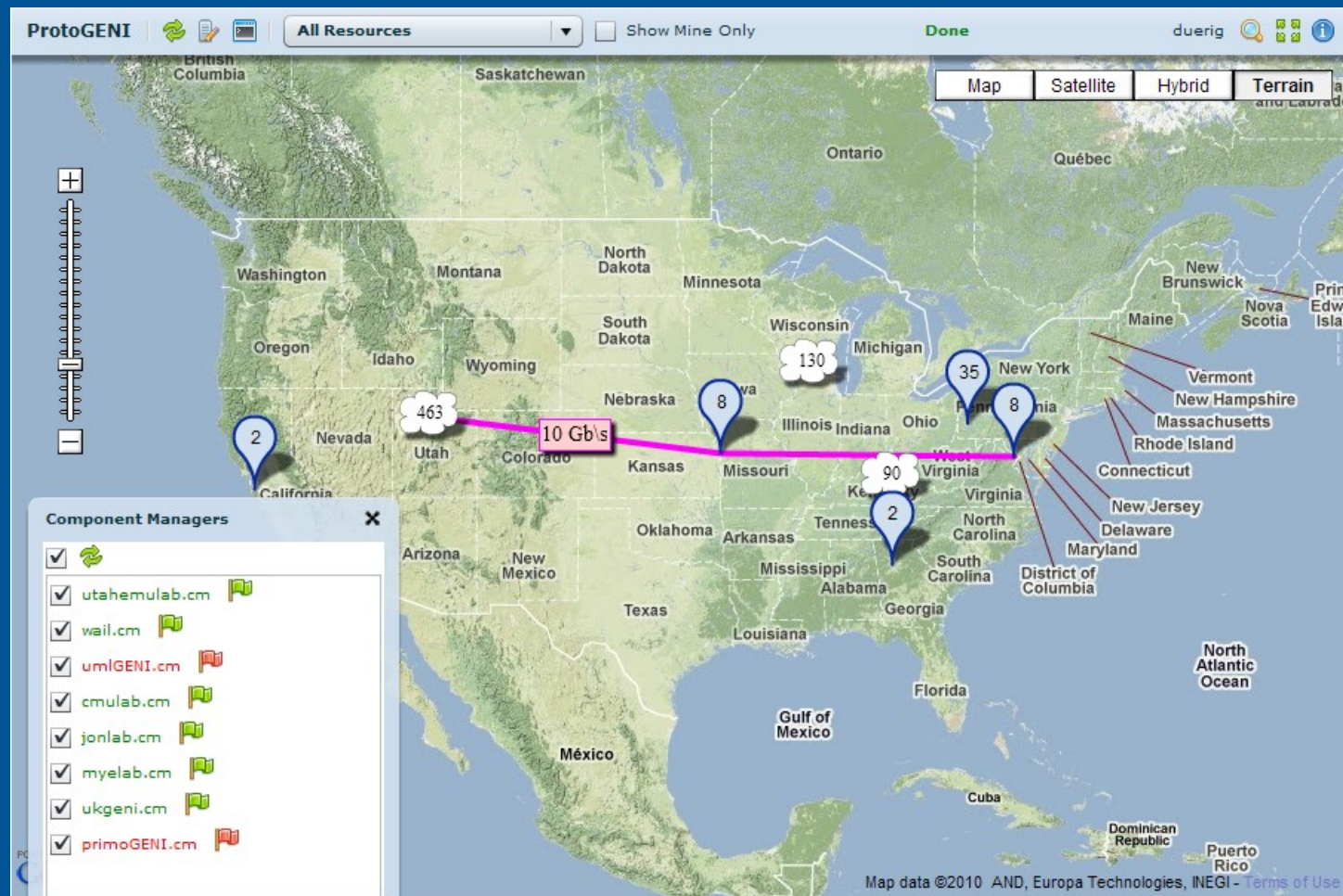
- Where
  - Building-scale Wireless Testbed (Utah)
  - Wireless Emulator (CMU)
- Select and login like a normal node
- Wireless Interfaces
- No isolation
- Map of wireless locations available



# Wide Area Nodes

- Managed by Utah CM
- Connected to different campuses
- Use tunnels to connect to other nodes

# Map Interface



# Links

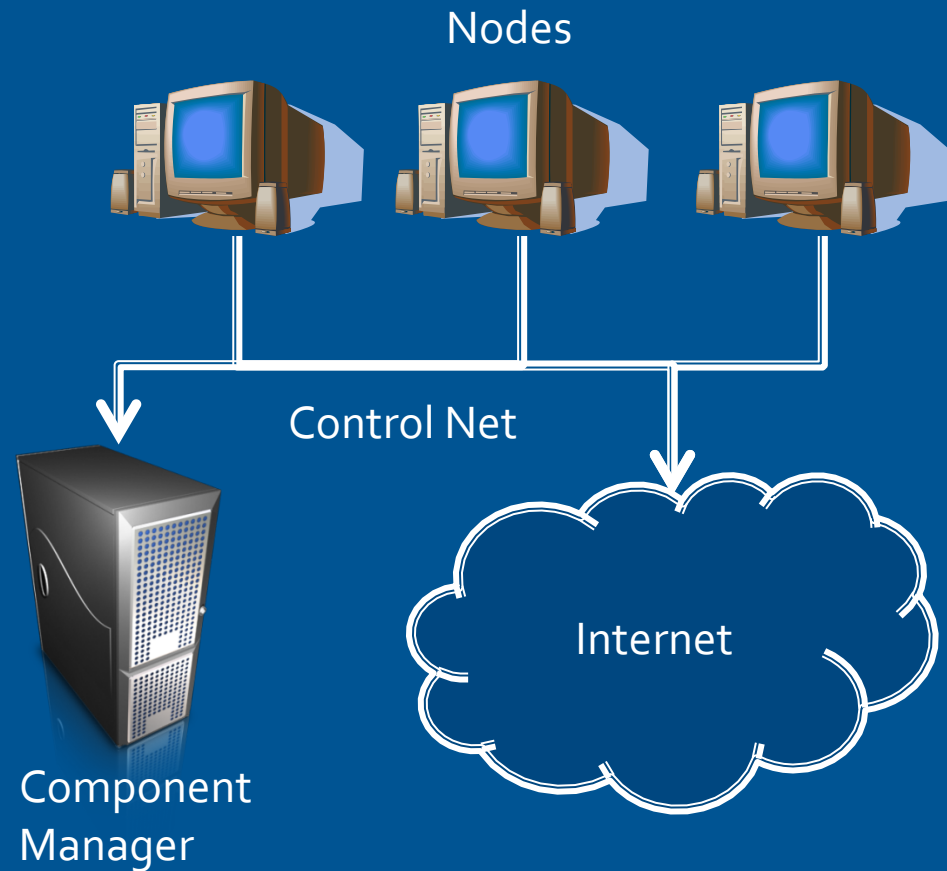
Connecting nodes together

# Three Planes of Communication

- Control Plane
  - Configuration of components
- Access Plane
  - User access to resources
  - Connection to commodity Internet or I2
- Data Plane
  - Connectivity between slivers
  - Experimental data

# Control Net

- Control Plane
  - Disk Image Transfer
  - Node Setup
  - Node Health
- Access Plane
  - Not All Sites
  - Tunnels
  - Non-GENI World
  - Internet



# Experimental Net

- Data Plane
- Isolated from control & access planes
- Intra-experiment Traffic Only
- Current CMs Support Some of:
  - Connection Between Cluster Nodes
  - Dedicated Bandwidth



# Experimental Net

- Can Be Shaped (Emulab Only)
  - Bandwidth
  - Latency
  - Loss
  - Bring Links Down/Up
- Emulate Wide-area Links
  - Any Network Conditions

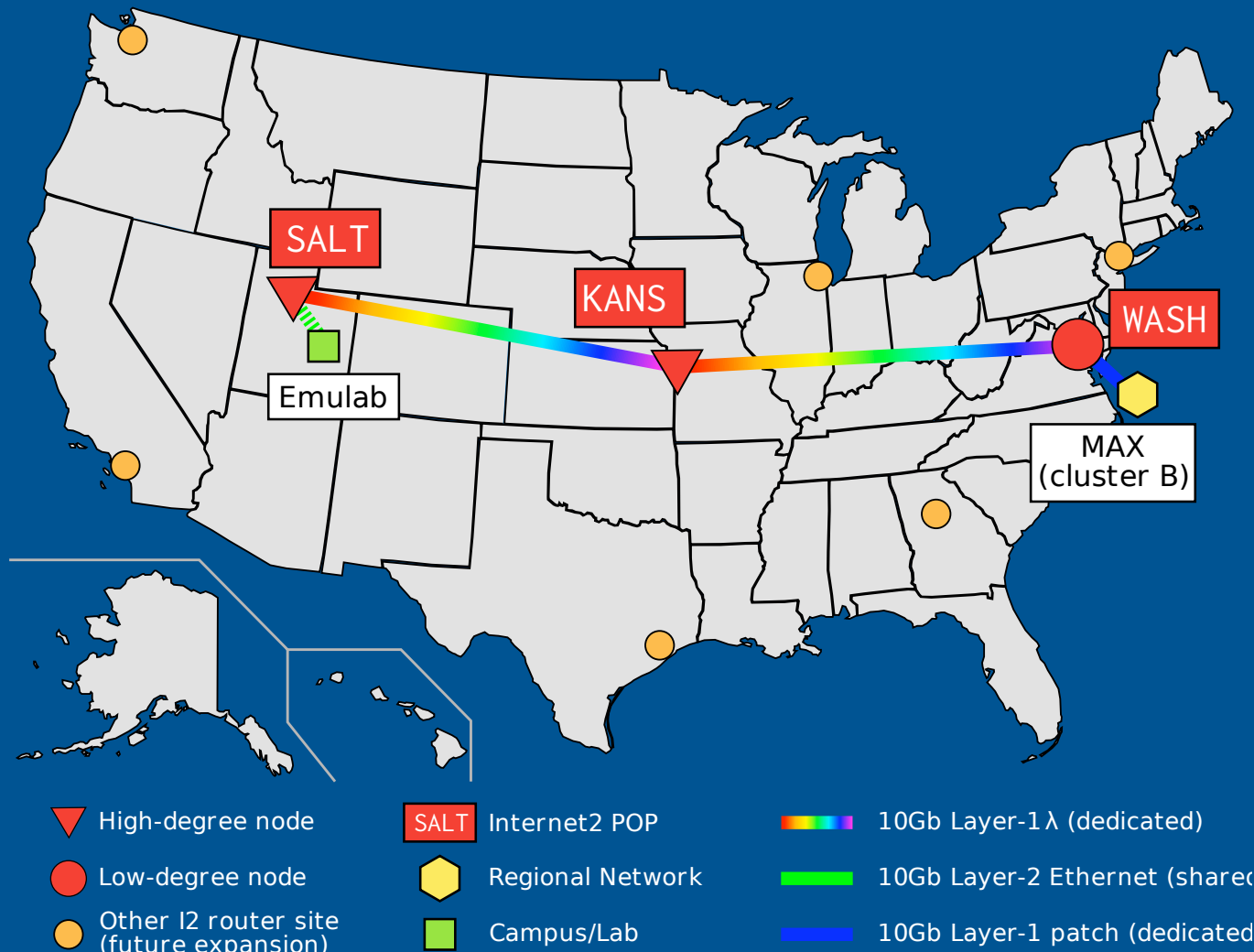
# VLANs

- Within Cluster
  - Wherever Emulab controls switches
  - Over experimental network
  - Dedicated
- Backbone Nodes
  - Using MPLS over Internet 2 (soon)
  - Not Dedicated
- Ethernet Layer
  - IPv4, IPv6, Your IP Replacement

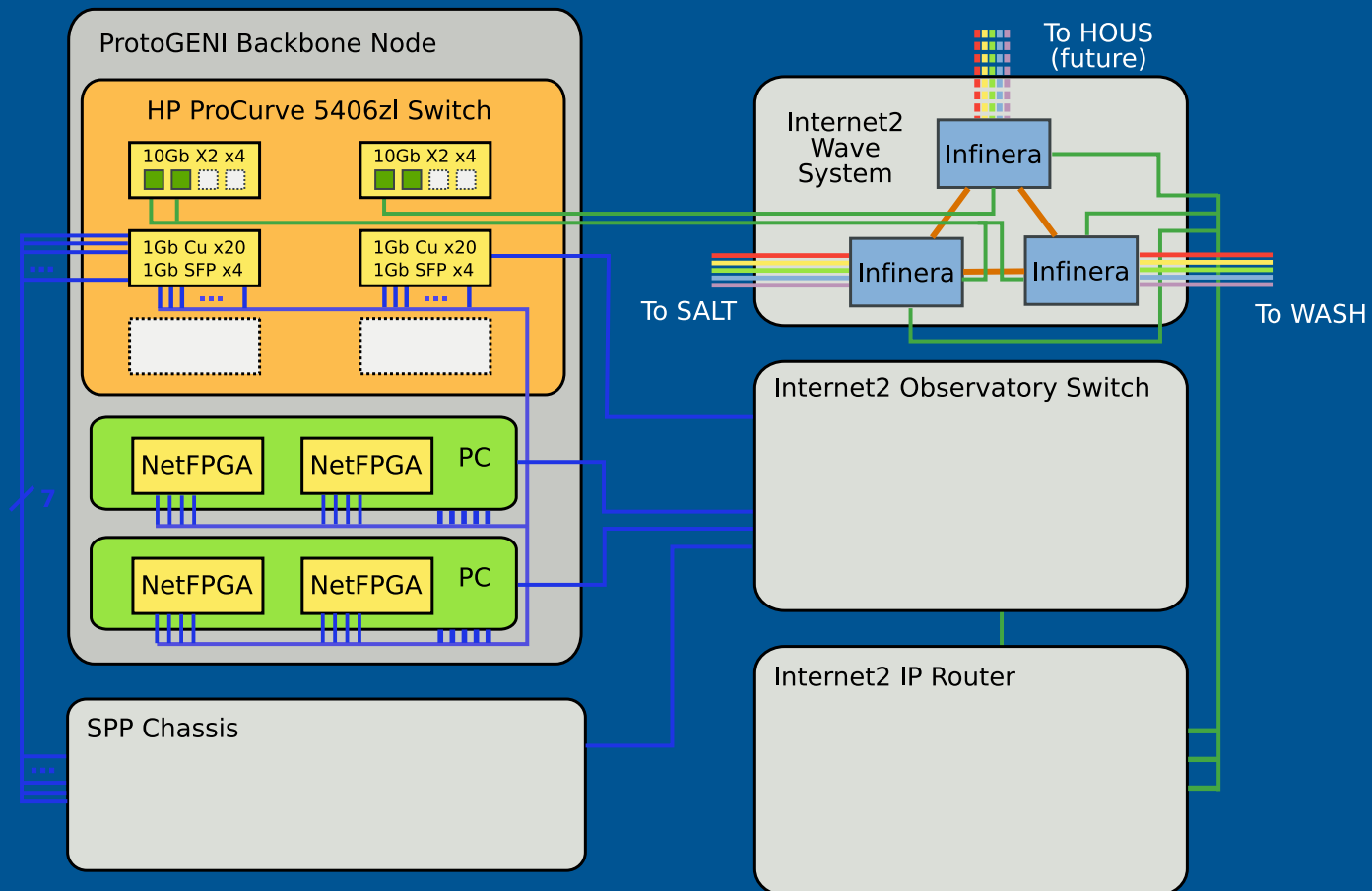
# Backbone

- Nodes in Internet2 POPs and links between them
  - Nature of links changing, but will remain layer 2
  - Allocate just like resources in an Emulab cluster
- Controlled by the Utah component manger
- Connections out to other projects
  - MAX, GpENI, SPP

# Backbone Footprint



# POP Contents (KANS)



# Backbone Partners



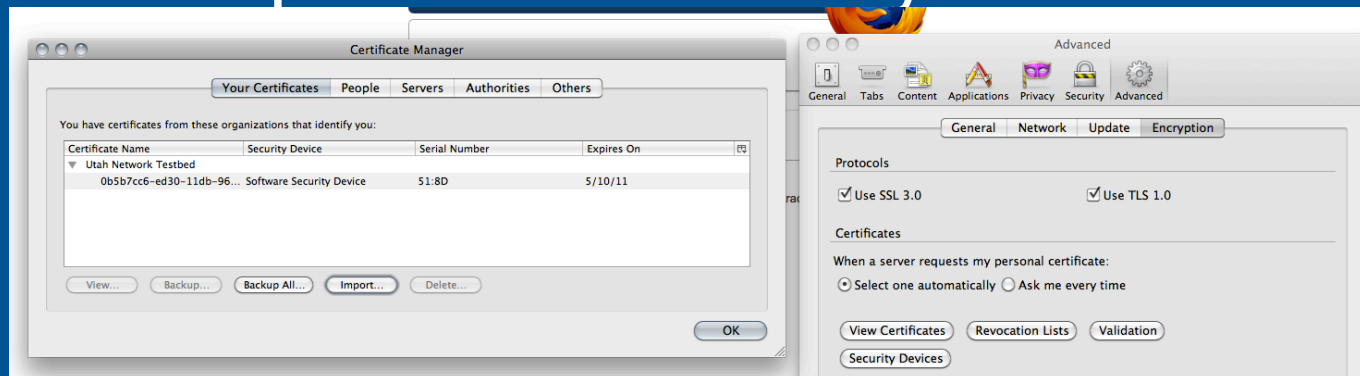
- Internet 2 Ion Service
- SPP Nodes from WUSTL
- Mid-atlantic crossroads
- GPENI

# Tunnels

- Over control network
- Between CMs
- Best Effort

# Not for Today: Download Certificate

- Click on the download link
- Put the file in your ~/.ssl directory
- Set permissions appropriately
- Optionally, create a file to hold your passphrase to avoid entering repeatedly
- Load the .p12 version into your browser





# Creating a Slice: Main Objects

# Important Objects

- Components
- Aggregates
  - Collections of components
- Slivers
  - Allocated fraction (possibly 100%) of a component
- Slices
  - Container for slivers

# Principals

- Users
  - Permissions are defined by the set of credentials they hold
- Authorities
  - Slice Authorities
    - Vouch for (take responsibility for) users and slices
  - Management Authorities
    - Same for components

- Slice Authority
  - Where user has an account, creates slices (names)
- Component Manager (Aggregate Manager)
  - List component resources, create and manage slivers
- Registry/Clearinghouse
  - Place to find lists of SAs and CMs
- Other Services
  - (eg. Slice Embedding Service)

# Other Important Things

- URNs
  - Identify objects
- Certificates
  - Authenticate principals (a type of object)
- Credentials
  - Used in authorization decisions
- RSpecs
  - Represent resources

# Creating A Slice

The Process

# Overview of Slice Creation



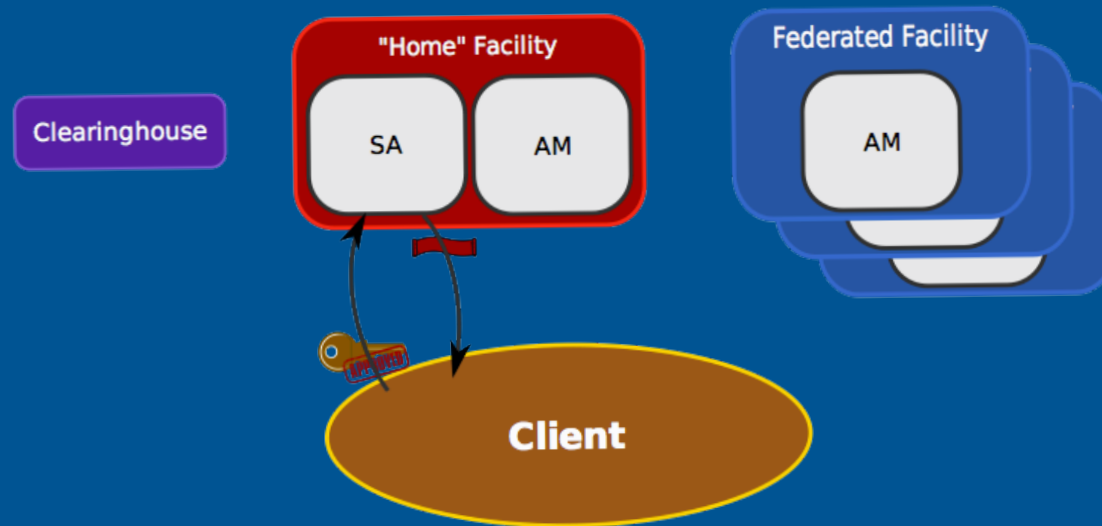
- Get an account
- Register your new slice at your Slice Authority
- List component/aggregate managers
- Discover resources
- Allocate resources
- Renew resources

# Getting An Account

- A URN and certificate will be assigned to you by an authority
  - eg. urn:publicid:IDN+emulab.net+user+ricci
- You'll use these to authenticate yourself to other objects, such as CMs/AMs
  - "Offline" authentication
- You got one automatically by signing up for an Emulab account

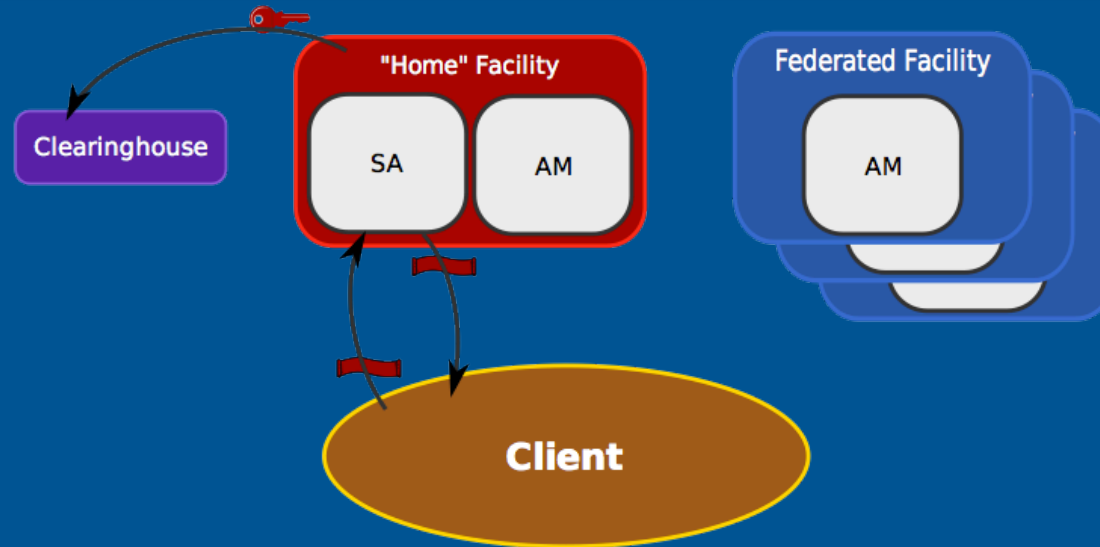


# Obtaining a Credential

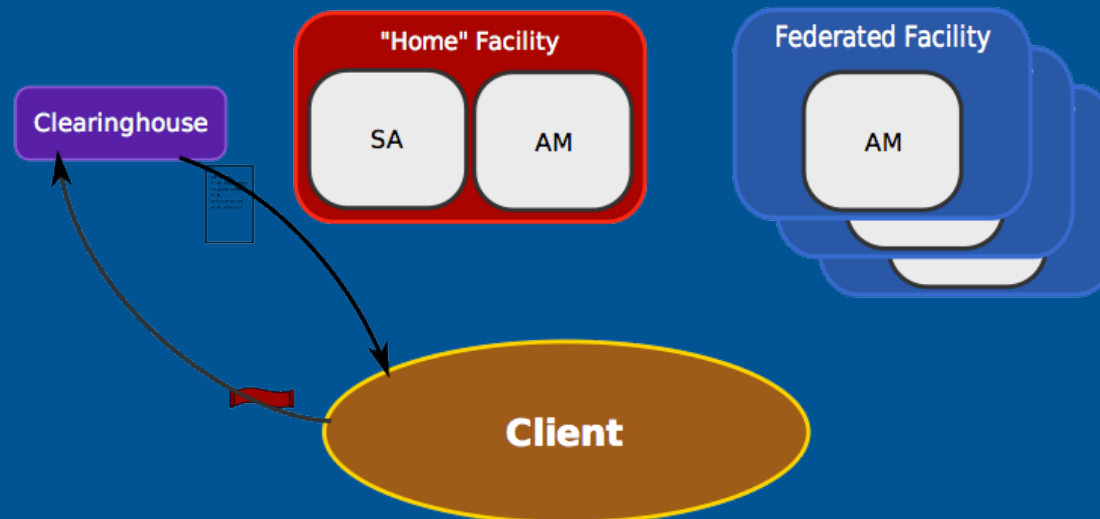


- The client invokes the GetCredential() operation on its home Slice Authority. The client must authenticate with a certified key (thus confirming its identity).
- The Slice Authority verifies the user's information, and supplies a credential conferring privileges to perform subsequent operations at the SA.

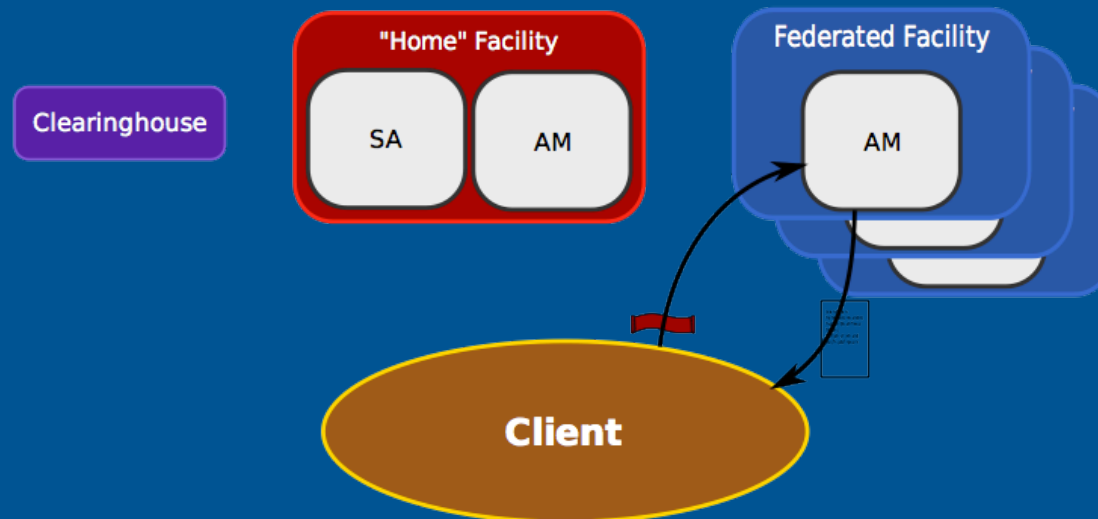
# Registering A New Slice



- The client supplies the previous credential and invokes a CreateSlice() operation.
- The SA responds by registering the user and slice name at the Clearinghouse or Registry, and issuing a credential for the newly created slice back to the client.

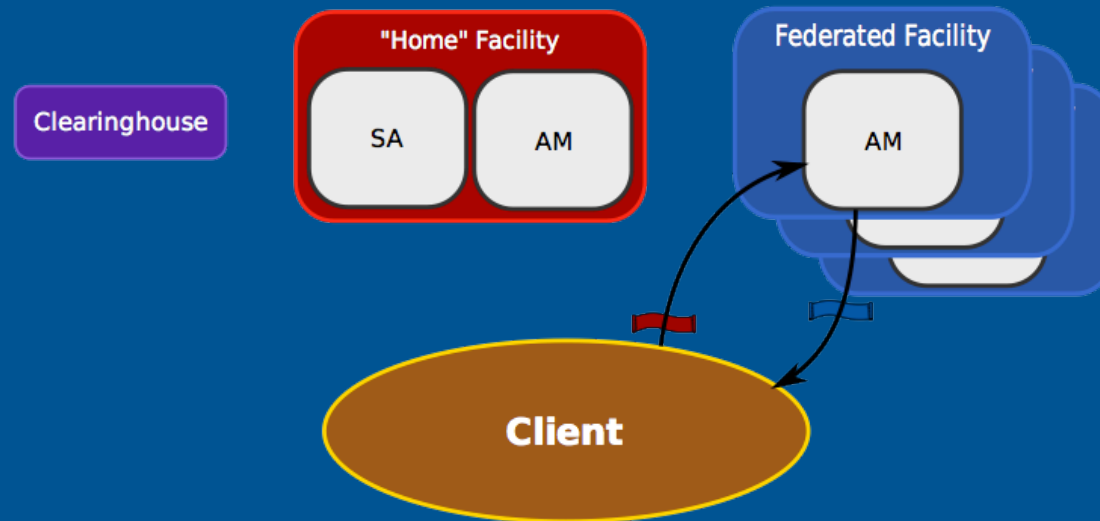


- A user can supply any valid credential from the federation to the Clearinghouse or Registry, and ask for a list of aggregate/component managers with the ListComponents() call.
- The Clearinghouse responds with a set of name/location tuples, one for each AM/CM in the federation.



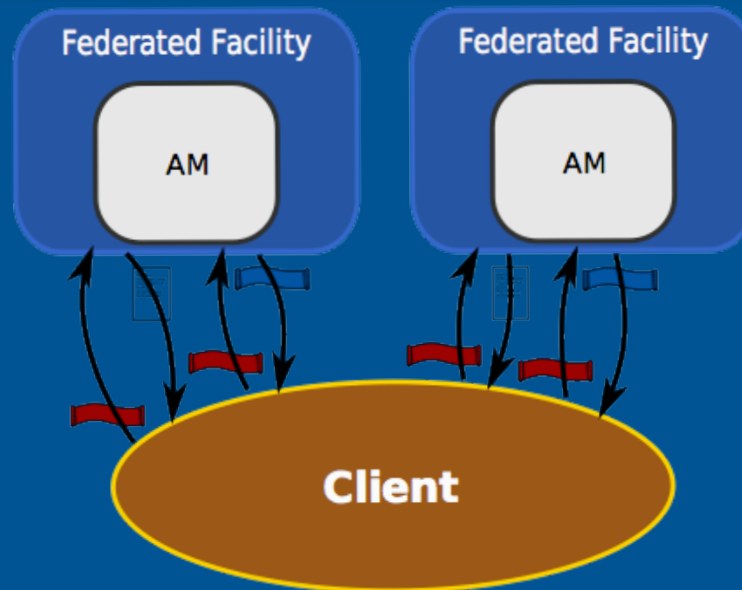
- For detailed information about available resources, the client can contact any aggregate manager with a slice credential and a DiscoverResources() request.
- The aggregate manager responds with an advertisement RSpec describing its available components.
- This operation can be performed multiple times (once per aggregate manager of interest).

# Reserving Resources



- Once the client decides on the set of resources to allocate, it constructs a request RSpec and issues it as a CreateSliver() request.
- The aggregate manager makes the components available for the client's use, and responds with a sliver credential.
- If the slice requires resources from multiple sites, this step must be repeated at each applicable aggregate manager.

# Cross-Aggregate Slices



- The previous two steps (inquiring about and requesting allocations for components) can be repeated at as many aggregate managers as necessary, all within the same slice.
- Aggregate managers may be capable of provisioning dedicated or tunneled links to components at foreign facilities.

# Renewing Resources

- All slices and slivers have an expiration date
- Must periodically refresh if you want to keep them longer than this
- Can request longer expiration when creating
- Sliver lifetime cannot exceed slice lifetime

# Command-Line Scripts



```
ops> registerslice.py -n myslice  
Got my SA credential  
No such slice registered here:  
    Creating new slice called myslice  
New slice created:  
    urn:publicid:IDN+emulab.net+slice+myslice
```

# Create a Sliver

- A sliver is a container for resources at a single Component Manager
- Create an RSpec to describe the resources you want
- Submit your rspec and get back:
  - Credential to control your sliver,
  - Manifest describing your resources
- Example RSpec on next slide

# Trivial RSpec

```
<rspec xmlns="http://protoni.net/resources/rspec/0.1">  
  <node virtual_id="gen1"  
    virtualization_type="emulab-vnode"  
    exclusive="1">  
    <interface virtual_id="virt0"/>  
</node></rspec>
```

- Request a single “wildcard” node.
- Node is exclusive use, not a vnode on a shared node.
- Create your sliver with `createsliver.py`

# createsliver.py

```
ops> createsliver.py -n myslice rspec.xml
Got my SA credential
Asking for slice credential for myslice
Got the slice credential
Creating the Sliver ...
Created the Sliver
<manifest> ... </manifest>
```

# Manifest (fragment)

```
<node virtual_id="geni1"  
  component_urn="urn:publicid:IDN+emulab.net+node+pc72"  
  sliver_urn="urn:publicid:IDN+emulab.net+sliver+11291">  
  <services>  
    <login authentication="ssh-keys"  
      hostname="pc72.emulab.net" port="22" />  
  </services></node>
```

- **Physical node is “pc72”**
- **Sliver urn can be used to request another credential in case you lose it**
- **Hostname is “pc72.emulab.net”**
- **Login with ssh to port 22 on pc72**

# Sliver Status

- Createsliver “started” your sliver
- To get status, use `sliverstatus.py`
- Returns a “hash” array:

```
{ 'status' : 'ready',  
  'state' : 'started',  
  'details': { 'urn:publicid:IDN+emulab.net+sliver+11291':  
                { 'status': 'ready',  
                  'state' : 'started',  
                  'error'  : '',  
                  'component_urn':  
                    'urn:publicid:IDN+emulab.net+node+pc72' } } }
```

# Another RSpec

```
<rspec xmlns="http://protogeni.net/resources/rspec/0.1">
  <node virtual_id="geni1"
    virtualization_type="emulab-vnode"
    exclusive="1">
    <interface virtual_id="virt0"/>
  </node>
  <node virtual_id="geni2"
    virtualization_type="emulab-vnode"
    exclusive="1">
    <interface virtual_id="virt0"/>
  </node>
  <link virtual_id="link0">
    <interface_ref virtual_interface_id="virt0"
      virtual_node_id="geni1"/>
    <interface_ref virtual_interface_id="virt0"
      virtual_node_id="geni2"/>
  </link>
</rspec>
```

# RSpec Details

```
<link virtual_id="link0">  
  <interface_ref virtual_interface_id="virt0"  
    virtual_node_id="geni1"/>  
  <interface_ref virtual_interface_id="virt0"  
    virtual_node_id="geni2"/>  
</link>
```

- **Two wildcarded nodes**
- **Link between “geni1” and “geni2”**
- **Uses the interfaces named in the “interface” section of the node section**



# Restarting your Sliver

- `Createsliver.py` started your slivers
- You can restart/stop/start your slivers if they get into a bad state
- “restart” is the most common operation
- Use the `sliveraction.py` script

# sliveraction.py

```
ops> sliveraction.py -n myslice restart
Got my SA credential.
Looking for slice ...
Found the slice,
    asking for a slice credential ...
Got the slice credential,
    asking for a sliver credential ...
Got the sliver credential,
    calling RestartSliver on the sliver
Sliver has been restart'ed.
```

# Wait for “ready”

- After “start” or “restart”, must wait for nodes to come “ready”
- ie: nodes have to finish rebooting
- Use `sliverstatus.py`, described earlier
- Returns immediately, so need to poll (but not too fast)

# Login

- Login into your nodes with ssh
- No passwords, public key only
- Use sudo to do “root” things (configure interfaces, install software, etc.)
- Write papers, get famous, send us money

# More on ssh keys

- Your ssh keys are given to the CM in the RedeemTicket() method
- For convenience, you can request them in a bundle; see lookupuser.py
- createsliver.py does this for you
- Upload additional public keys via the Emulab web interface

# Renew your Sliver

- Slivers time out after a short time
- Renew them so they are not expired
- Argument is number of minutes
- Use the renewsliver.py script
- But please, do not waste resources

# Delete your Sliver

- Slivers eventually timeout
- But remember to delete them anyway
- Use the `deleteslice.py` script:

```
ops> deleteslice.py -n myslice
Got my SA credential.
Looking for slice ...
Found the slice,
    asking for a credential ...
Got the slice credential,
    deleting the slice ...
Slice has been deleted.
```

# Using other CMs

- Use `listcomponents.py` to get list of CMs

`listcomponents.py`

<https://www.emulab.net/protogeni/xmlrpc/cm>

<https://www.uky.emulab.net/protogeni/xmlrpc/cm>

<https://www.schooner.wail.wisc.edu/protogeni/xmlrpc/cm>

<https://www.pgeni.gpolab.bbn.com/protogeni/xmlrpc/cm>

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# Using other CMs, cont.

- **All scripts take an option to specify CM**

-m <https://www.emulab.net/protogeni/xmlrpc/cm>

- **Not all CMs have usable nodes**
- **Use `discover.py` to get advertisement**

# Discovering Resources

- What resources are available for RSpec?
- Use Discover (resources) to download advertisements from CMs
- Advertisements describe each node and link in detail

```
discover.py > advert.xml
```

# ProtoGENI APIs

# API Overview

- XMLRPC over HTTPS
- In “python speak,” methods take a hashed array and return a hashed array
- Authentication done with X.509 certs

# Arguments

- Most methods require at least one argument; a set of credentials
  - Each credential has a “target” and an “owner”
  - You generally get a credential to control an object as the return value for creating the object
  - Credentials are delegatable
- Objects to act on are named by a URN:
  - `urn:publicid:IDN+emulab.net+slice+lbstestslice`

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- All methods return a “GeniResponse”
  - An integer result code,
  - An optional string to aid debugging,
  - An arbitrary return value
  - Many include credentials
- The result code mimics unix “errno”

```
{“code” : $code,  
  “output” : $string,  
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```

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- Lets look at GetVersion:
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```
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- You need your "self" credential to get started:
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  - `<signed-credential> ... </signed-credential>`
- Use this credential to say, register a slice name or get a copy of a slice credential



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- Register a new slice called “myslice”

```
Register({"type" : "slice",  
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        "credential" : mycredential})
```

- Returns a slice credential
- Use this new credential to create a sliver

# Documentation

- Full documentation can be found at:
  - <http://www.protogeni.net/trac/protogeni/wiki/API>
- Example calls:
  - CreateSlice()
  - CreateSliver()
  - RenewSlice()/RenewSliver()
  - StopSliver()/RestartSliver()

# More API Details

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- Always present as an array:
  - {"arg1" : arg1, "arg2" : arg2, ...}

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