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Files on LUMI 2: LUMI-O object storage

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Why do I need to know this?

- LUMI-O is the primary option on LUMI to transfer large amounts of data to LUMI
- LUMI-O is the only local option if you want to backup some data
- Some datasets come in a format optimised for object storage rather than a parallel file system
- What we will discuss:
 - Properties of object storage
 - Getting started
 - But not a reference manual of the tools that can be used on LUMI-O

What is LUMI-O?

- Object storage system, based on Ceph
 - Finnish users: similar to Allas, but less functionality at the moment
 - Specific tools to access data, not mounted as a regular file system
- Organisation: 3 levels:
 - Projects: LUMI projects
 - Buckets: "Containers" used to store objects.
 - Flat structure: Buckets cannot contain other buckets
 - Objects: Any type of data, stored in a bucket
 - Atomic access to objects: Put, get, copy, delete, ..., but no partial write
 - Flat space, though slashes in the name can create a pseudo-folder view in some tools
 - Metadata for buckets and objects
 - Bucket: e.g., access rights
 - Custom metadata possible

What is LUMI-O? (2)

- Objects can be served on the web also
 - This is how recordings of some LUST courses are served
 - But not meant as a data publishing service (e.g., no EUDAT alternative)
- Can be reached easily from outside LUMI
 - So also a mechanism for data exchange
 - Tools of object storage are more performant and more robust than sftp
- Specs:
 - Capacity: 30 PB
 - Quota: 150 TB capacity, 1K buckets and 500K objects per bucket
 - Billed at 0.25 TB hour per TB per hour (0.5 before 2025)
 - Persistent for the duration of the project

Lustre vs LUMI-O (1)

Lustre	LUMI-O object storage
Closely integrated with compute nodes	Separate system
Upgrades with the system	Separate upgrade cycle and on-the-fly
Organisation: Hierachical directory structure and files	Organisation: Triple flat space of projects, buckets and objects
Files can be read, written, modified, appended,	Simple atomic operations on objects: put, get, copy, delete
Optimised for bandwidth to the compute nodes	Optimised for reliability and resilience
Simpler schemes for redundancy	Very complex internal redundancy setup

Lustre vs LUMI-O (2)

Lustre	LUMI-O object storage
Integrated in the authentication of the supercomputer	Separate key-based authentication mechanism
Seen as any other POSIX file system	Separate range of access tools/APIs, some tools can provide a filesystem view
No external access	External access integrated, includes web
Structure with MDS and ODS	Structure with MDS and ODS, but very different technologies
Parallelism for performance: Access a file in parallel from multiple processes	Parallelism for performance: Different processes access different objects
Fairly expensive to very expensive hardware	Cheaper hardware

LUSTRE vs LUMI-O (3)

- The optimal way/technology of storing data is very different depending on whether you work from a parallel file system or from object storage. E.g., in earth and climate science:
 - netCDF is a popular data storage format for storing simulation data on a parallel filesystem
 - Not suited for object storage though as it would be a single object
 - Zarr is a format to store similar data on object storage (cloud storage)
 - It is not a single object, but a structured collection of objects
 - Putting it on a parallel filesystem where each object would become a file in a directory tree is a very bad idea!
 - But with the right libraries, you can access Zarr data on object storage directly from your application

Accessing LUMI-O

- Access is based on authentication keys
 - Generated via a web interface: Separate steps to generate the credentials and to get them on LUMI.
 - Or generated via Open OnDemand: Can put credentials on LUMI for rclone and s3cmd.
- Tools:
 - rclone: Easiest tool if you want public and private data
 - s3cmd
 - restic: More a backup tool
 - boto3: Python API from the AWS SDK for programmatic access
 - Needs a more recent Python version than the system Python
 - Additional GUI-based tools exist for clients
 - Open OnDemand web interface is not a substitute!
 - Speed limited by browser protocols

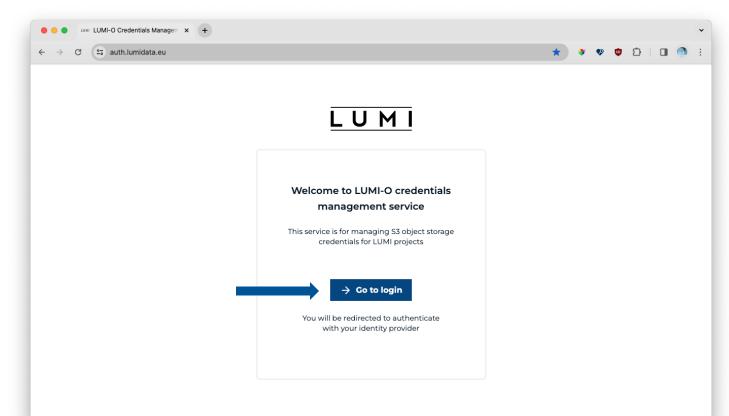
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Credential mangement web interface: Create credentials (3)



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 - Often available during system maintenance also
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- After a while you should see a list of projects, select the one for which you want to generate a key
 - The right column will also show active keys for the project, and expired ones
- Selecting an active access key changes the right column to one where you get information about the key, can extend the key duration and can generate templates to configure various tools

Credential mangement web interface: Check credentials



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Credential mangement web interface: Extend credential lifetime



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Access through Open OnDemand

- Open OnDemand provides
 - An app for simple credential management, including generation of config files for rclone and s3cmd on LUMI.
 - The "Home Directory" app can be used to browse, download and upload objects and to create buckets.
 Structure resembles view of a typical rclone-based browser.
- Note that Open OnDemand is not a replacement for proper tools for access to LUMI-O!
 - Uploading and downloading is through web protocols that are not as performant as proper object storage tools.
- Open OnDemand is down during LUMI system maintenance!

Credential management via OOD (1) $\overline{L \cup M I}$

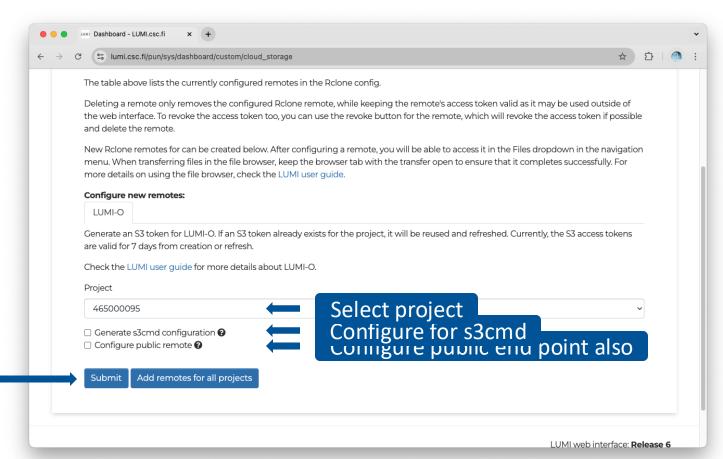
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The table above lists the currently configured remotes in the Rclone config.

Deleting a remote only removes the configured Rclone remote, while keeping the remote's access token valid as it may be used outside of the web interface. To revoke the access token too, you can use the revoke button for the remote, which will revoke the access token if possible and delete the remote.

New Relone remotes for can be created below. After configuring a remote, you will be able to access it in the Files dropdown in the navigation menu. When transferring files in the file browser, keep the browser tab with the transfer open to ensure that it completes successfully. For more details on using the file browser, check the LUMI user guide.

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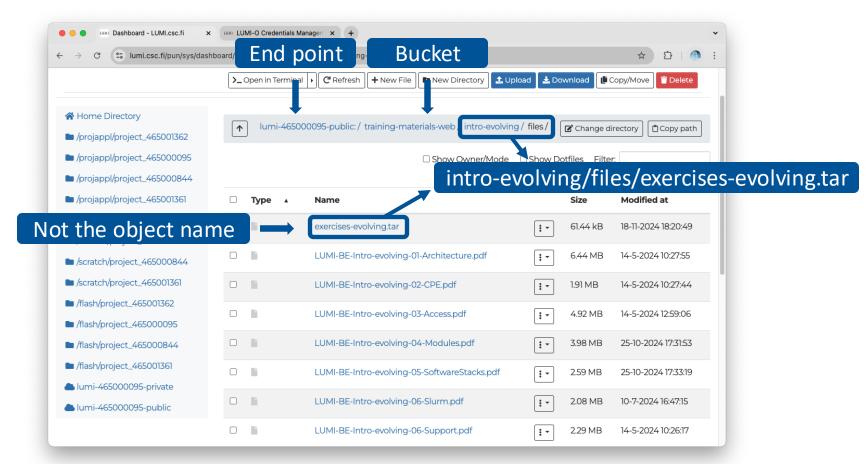
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Browsing via OOD (4)



CLI tool configuration on LUMI: lumio-conf

- On LUMI, you can use lumio-conf to configure rclone, s3cmd, aws and boto3
 - Need to load the lumio module which also provides rclone, s3cmd and restic
 - Will ask for data from the "Access key details" screen
 - Default is to create configurations for rclone and s3cmd. Try lumio-conf -h to see other options.
- Generate the configuration snippets via the web interface
 - E.g., for rclone: copy manually to ~/.config/rclone/rclone.conf
 - Can be used to configure tools on your computer also.

CLI tool configuration on LUMI: lumio-conf, rclone and s3cmd

- The **rclone** configuration contains two endpoints
 - lumi-46YXXXXX-private: Private buckets and objects
 - lumi-46YXXXXX-public: Public buckets and objects

Note that this was different with an earlier version of the tool

- The s3cmd config file can only contain data for one project. Solution implemented by lumio-conf:
 - Store information for project 46YXXXXXX in ~/.s3cfg-lumi-46YXXXXXX
 - Also overwrite ~/.s3cfg with the same data
 - So s3cmd will by default use the project from ~/.s3cfg but if a user has active configurations for multiple projects, the -c flag can be used to point s3cmd to the right configuration file.

Bucket and object names

• Bucket name

- Unique name within a project
- Must be between 3 and 63 characters long, lowercase letters, numbers, hyphens and dots, must not contain uppercase characters or underscores
- Must start with a lowercase letter or number
- When dots are used, each part of the name that is separated by the dots, is also called a label (but there is a also a different concept of label in Ceph).

Object name

- Unique within a bucket
- Technically, any UTF-8 string between 1 and 1024 bytes, but client software might add more restritions
- Common practice is to implement a folder-like structure using slashes in the name.
- But creating the folder view is expensive: List all objects in a bucket and sort

Policies and ACLs

- Access control is managed through bucket policies and bucket and object access control lists (ACLs)
- Policies is a very powerful but also hard to use mechanism
 - Some information in the "Advanced usage of LUMI-O" section of the docs
 - And there is also information in the Ceph manual
 - Can be managed through s3cmd
- ACLs apply to individual buckets and objects
 - Can only add rights
 - Useful to make a bucket or object public, or give access to another project, but this is done to individual objects (unless applied recursively)
 - This is what rclone uses when uploading to the public or private end points in the configurations created with the various tools for LUMI-O

Policies and ACLs Examples

- Make a bucket and all objects in it public or private s3cmd setacl --recursive --acl-public s3://bucket/ s3cmd setacl --recursive --acl-private s3://bucket/
- Grant or revoke read rights to a bucket s3cmd setacl --acl-grant='read:46YXXXXX\$46YXXXXX' s3://bucket s3cmd setacl --acl-revoke='read:46YXXXXX\$46YXXXXX' s3://bucket
 - Note the use of single quotes to make sure that \$46YXXXXXX is not interpreted as a variable name!
 - And similarly to objects
- Check the ACL and other information of a bucket or object s3cmd info s3://2day-20241210 s3cmd info s3://2day-20241210/img/LUMI-2day-20241210-10-0bjectStorage/Title.png

Sharing data

- Public buckets and objects can be read by anyone in the world, even simply via a web browser.
- It is possible to grant specific projects access to buckets and objects.
 - See the previous slide for setting ACLs
 - Access: e.g., project "46BAAAAAA" can list a bucket from project "46YXXXXXX" (assuming the latter has given sufficient rights to the former) with: s3cmd ls s3://46YXXXXX:bucket/ s3cmd ls --recursive s3://46YXXXXX:bucket/ rclone ls lumi-46BAAAAAA-private:"46YXXXXX:bucket"
- Presigned URLs: Next slide
- Invite the other to the project
 - But it is not possible to add a user who came in via puhuri to a 462-project

Sharing data: Presigned URLs

- Can be generated using rclone
- Access to anyone who gets the link without further authentication, for the validity period of the link
- Presigned URLs depend on the authentication key that was used to create them.
 - Link expires when the key expires or is revoked, even if the validity period of the link has not expired.
 - Maximum lifespan of a link is limited to 7 days on LUMI-O.
- Create: with <u>rclone link</u>:

rclone link lumi-46YXXXXX-private:bucket/object
rclone link --expire 2d lumi-46YXXXXX-private:bucket/object

Some tips & tricks

- When using the **rclone** command line tool, it is possible to throttle the speed for many commands with the **--bwlimit** command line option
 - May be needed if you upload from home over a very bandwidth-limited connection
- Sharing data from project A with project B does not protect the data from being deleted when project A ends, even if project B is still valid.
 - End of project: 90-days grace period, data read-only
 - End of grace period: Data queued for deletion



Questions?