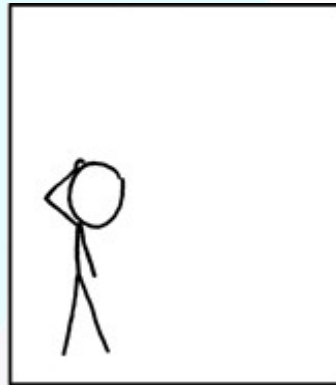


inside

jGridstart

getting to know the application and its components,
dependencies, philosophy, ideas, bugs, adoption,
problems encountered, their workarounds, solutions,
etc. etc. etc. etc. etc. etc. etc. etc. etc. etc.

Willem van Engen, [Nikhef](#), 13th of December 2012



<http://xkcd.com/508/>

jGridstart ... what?

BiG Grid

goal

use the grid

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jGridstart's goal

get ready to use the grid

& stay

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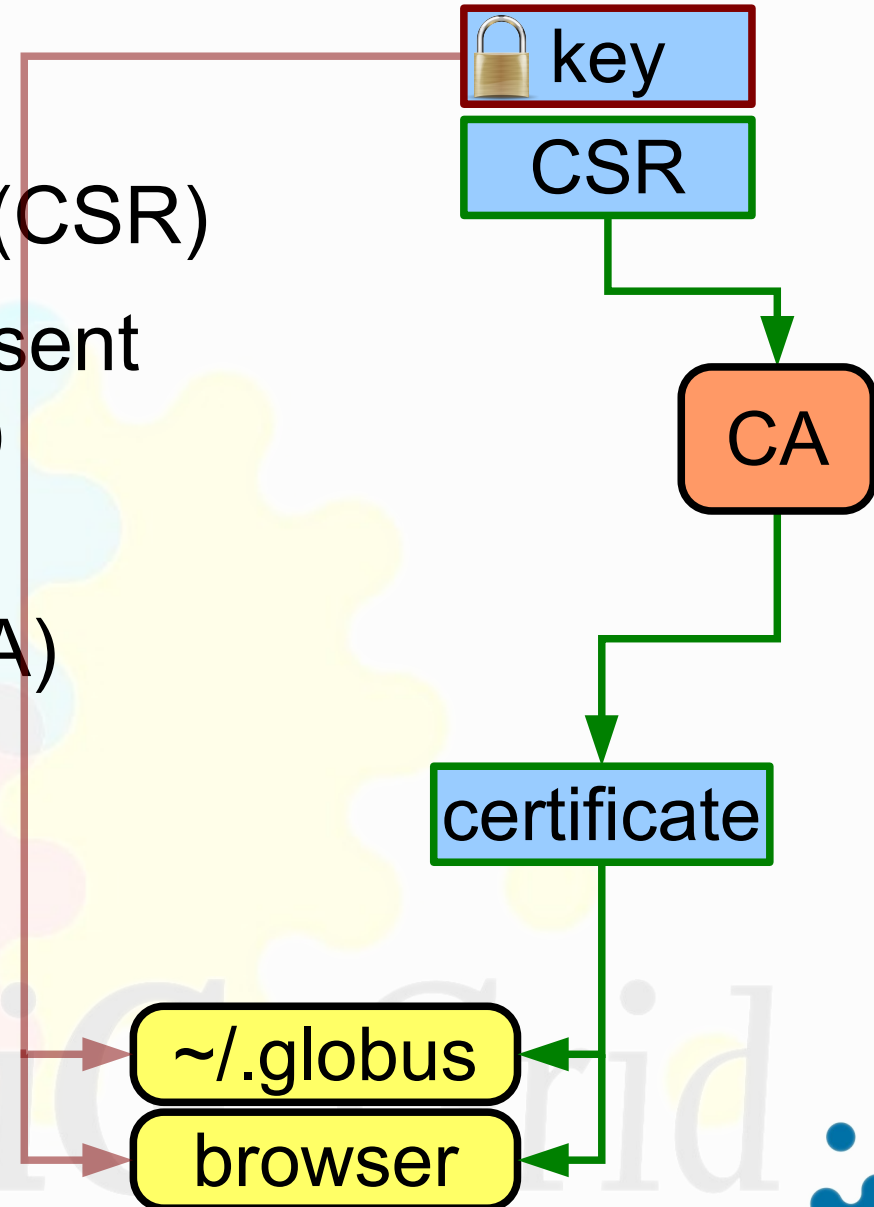
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(your secret!)

The process

- User generates key & certificate signing request (CSR)
- Certificate signing request is sent to certificate authority (CA)
- User brings proof-of-identity to registration authority (RA)
- CA signs the CSR
- User retrieves certificate and installs it



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5. Verify identity at RA
6. *Install certificate into
~/.globus & browser*
7. *Signup for VOs*
8. Start using the grid

philosophy

user

BiG Grid

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we aren't perfect

but I think we could use a little more of this

philosophy

The User's Bill of Rights.

perspective

installation

compliance

instruction

control

dependencies

feedback

scope

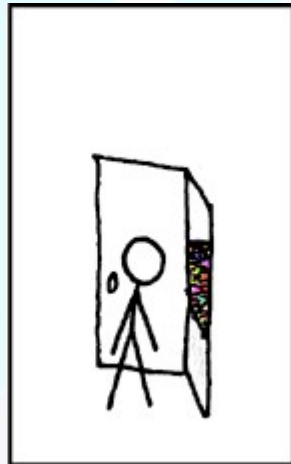
usability

assistance



Big Grid





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now show me what's inside!

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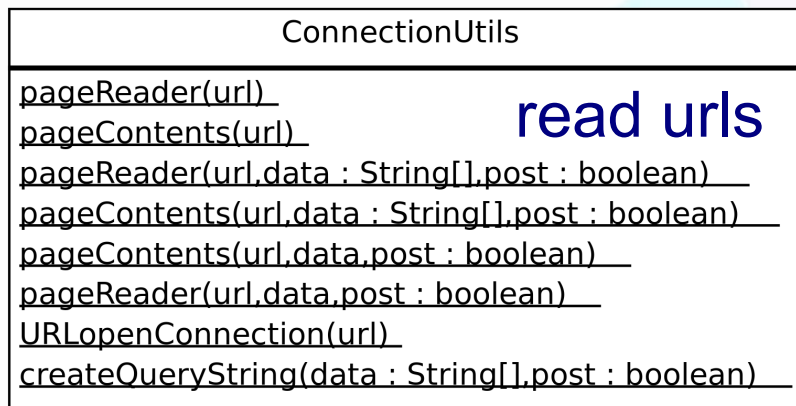
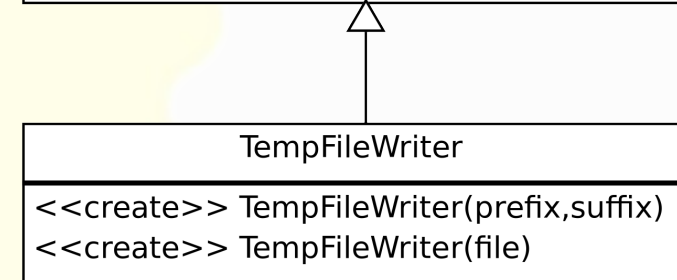
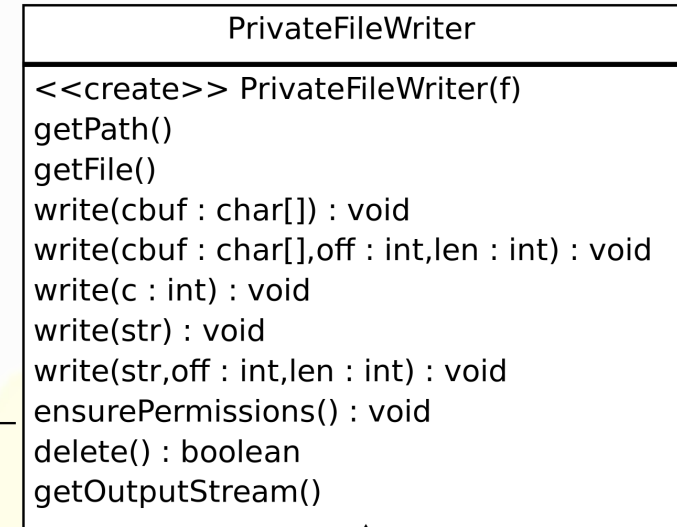
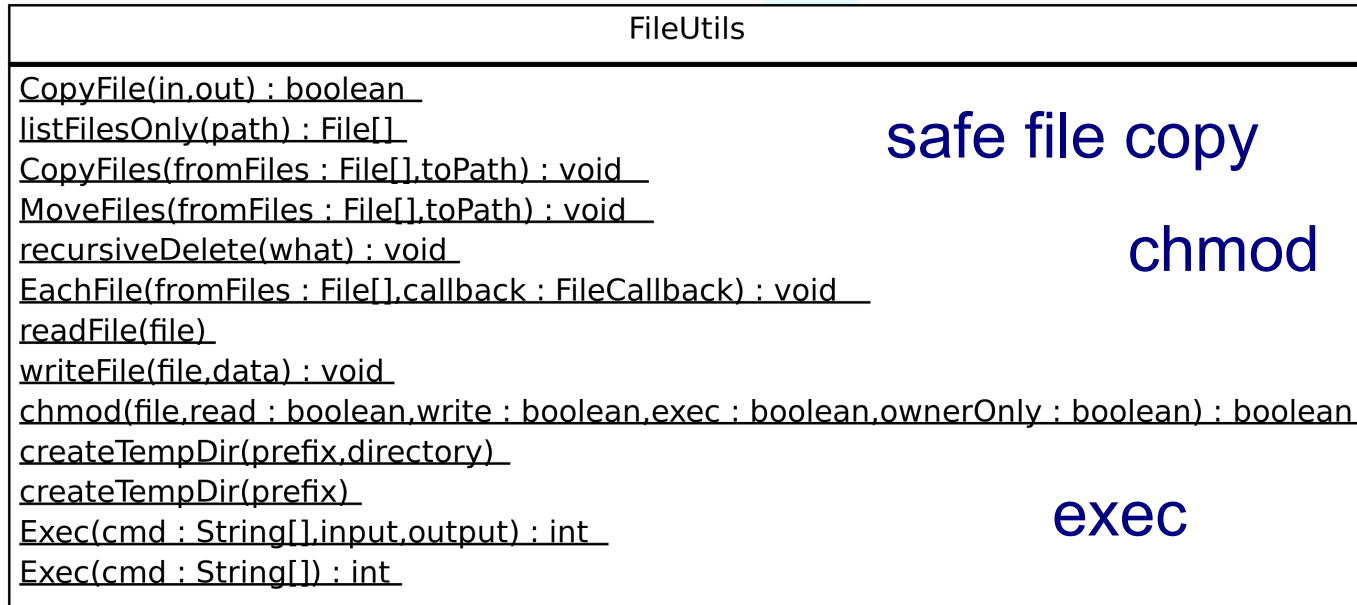
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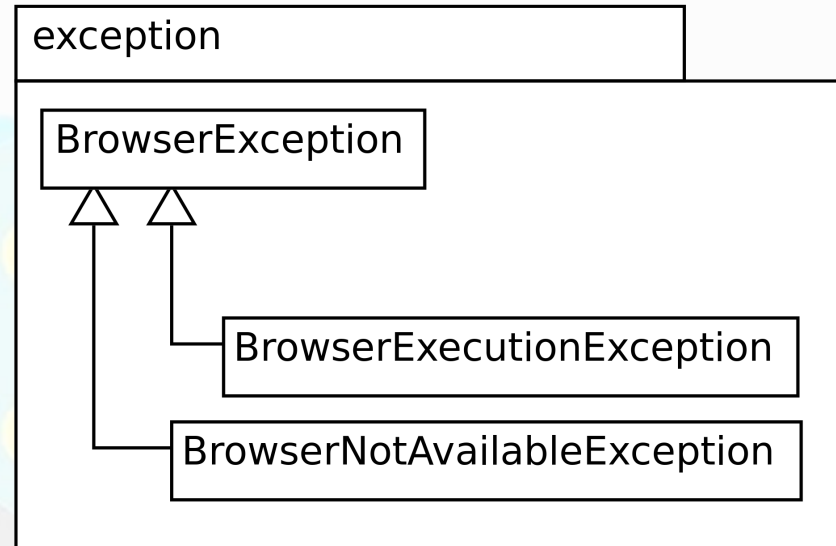
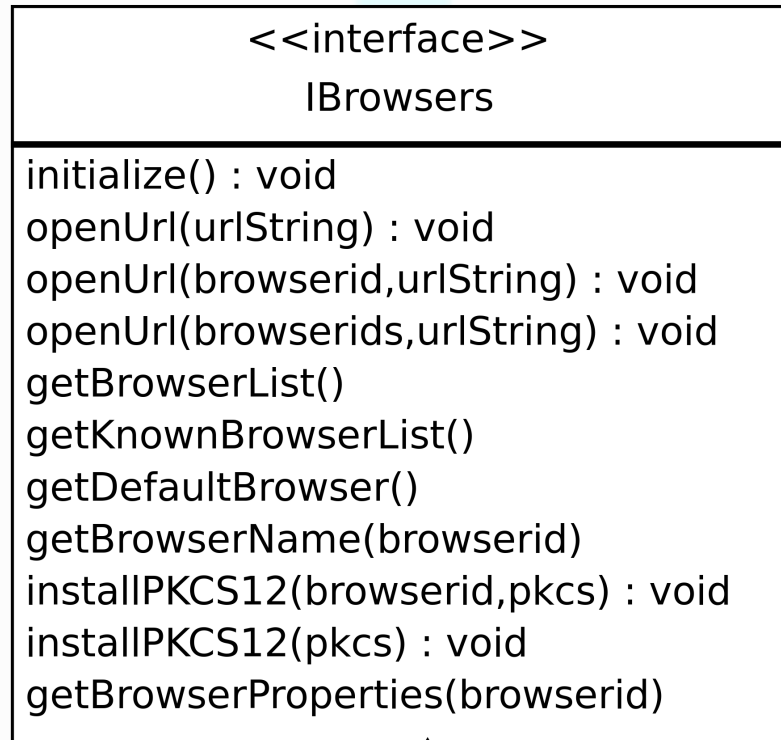
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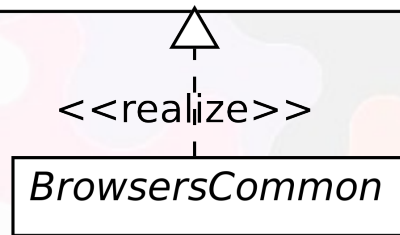
safer tempfiles

module: browsers



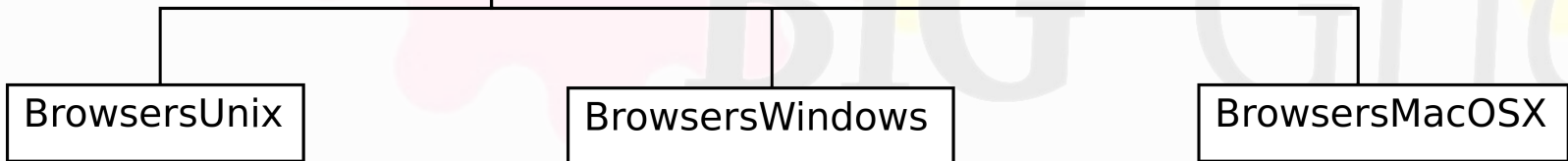
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# browsers.properties
firefox.desc = Mozilla Firefox
firefox.url = http://www.mozilla.
firefox.exe = firefox
firefox.uti = org.mozilla.firefox
firefox.certinst = mozilla
explorer.desc = Internet Explorer
  
```



```

$ browsertool -l
* firefox           Mozilla Firefox
  chromium         Chromium
$ browsertool -b chromium -o http://
  
```



module: passwordcache

PasswordCache

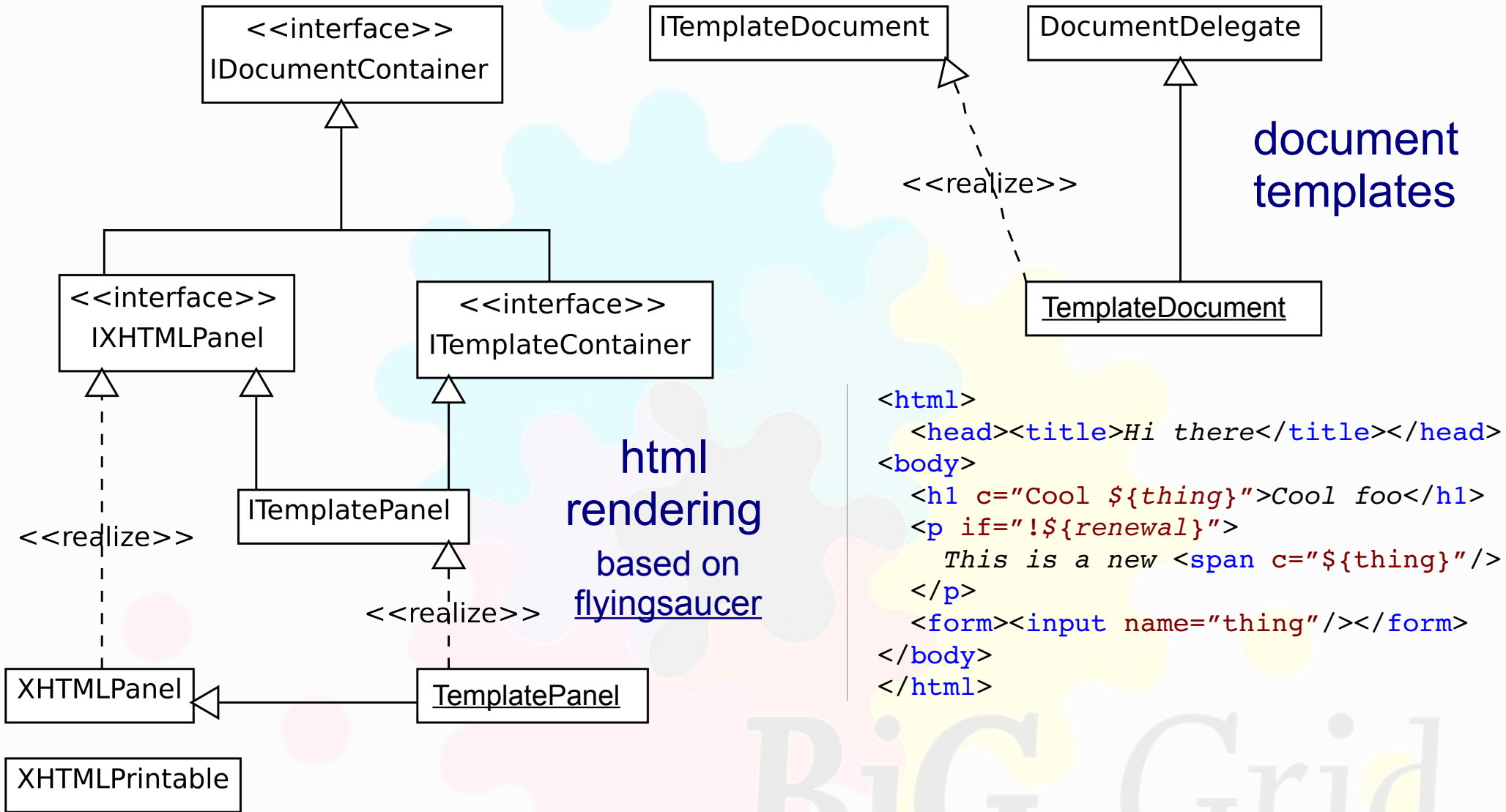
```
<<create>> PasswordCache()  
getInstance() : PasswordCache  
setParent(parent) : void  
setTimeout(s : int) : void  
getTimeout() : int  
setUI(ui : int) : void  
getUI() : int  
invalidate(loc) : void  
getForDecrypt(msg,loc) : char[]  
getForEncrypt(msg,loc) : char[]  
set(loc,pw : char[]) : void  
clear() : void  
touch(loc) : void  
setAlwaysAskForEncrypt(alwaysAsk : boolean) : boolean  
getEncryptPasswordFinder(msg,loc) : CachePasswordFinder  
getDecryptPasswordFinder(msg,loc) : CachePasswordFinder  
isPasswordWrongException(e) : boolean  
isPasswordWrongException(e) : boolean  
isPasswordNotSuppliedException(e) : boolean  
isPasswordNotSuppliedException(e) : boolean  
isPasswordCancelledException(e) : boolean  
isPasswordCancelledException(e) : boolean  
optionPaneSetFocus(c) : void
```

PEMReader

PEMWriter

PasswordCancelledException

module: xhtmlrenderer



```
<html>
  <head><title>Hi there</title></head>
  <body>
    <h1 c="Cool ${thing}">Cool foo</h1>
    <p if="!${renewal}">
      This is a new <span c="${thing}" />
    </p>
    <form><input name="thing" /></form>
  </body>
</html>
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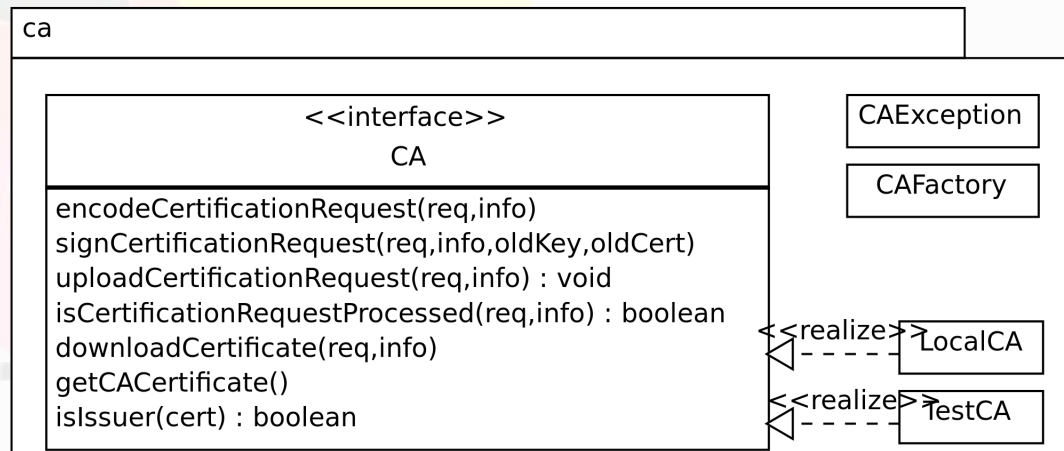
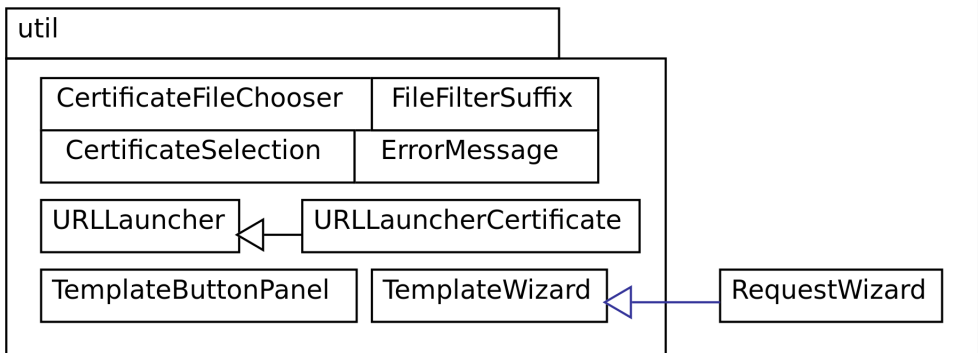
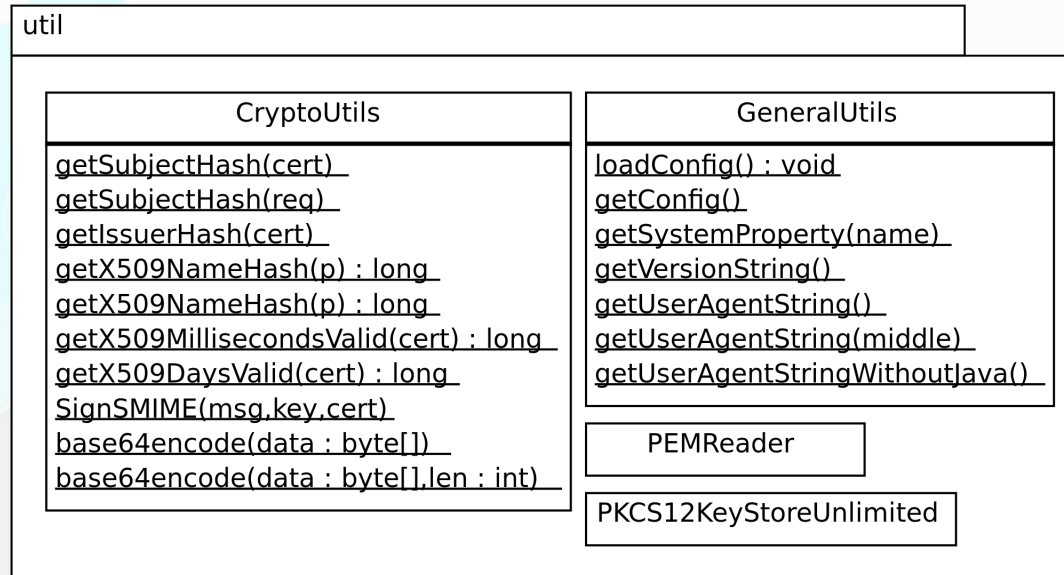
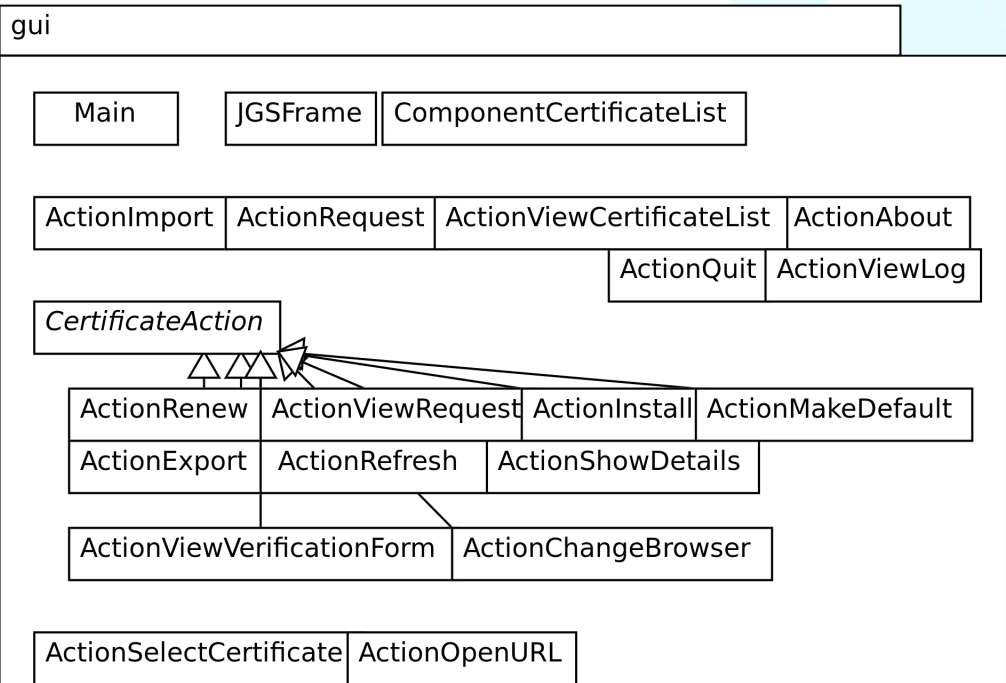
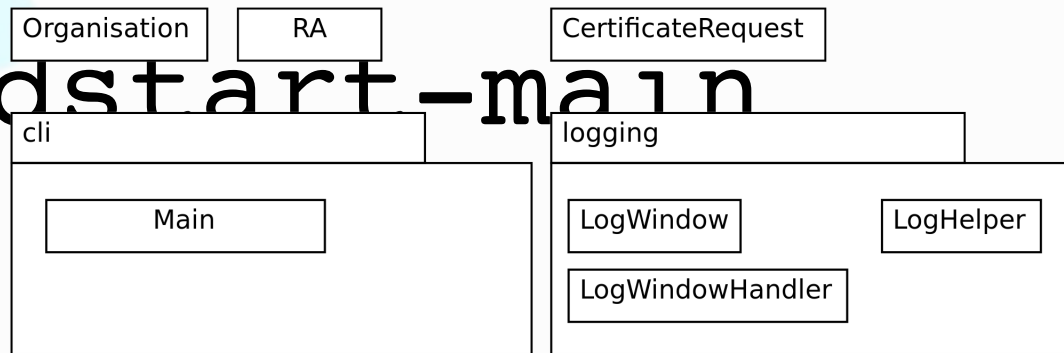
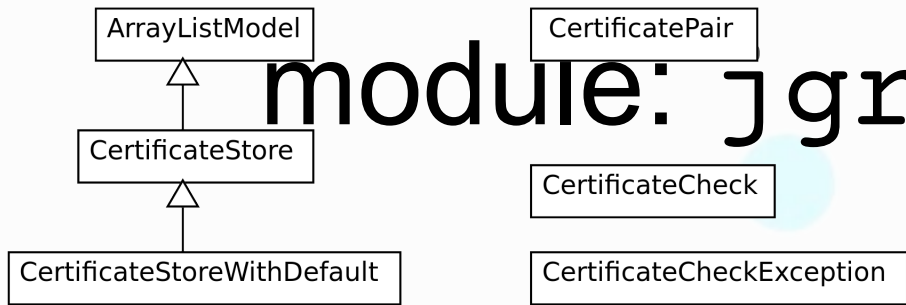
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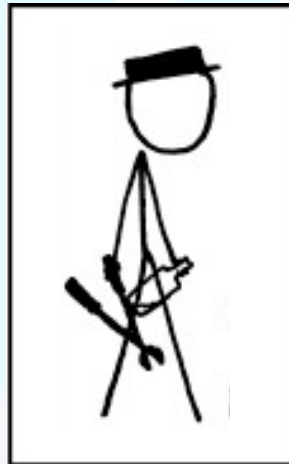
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module: jgridstart-main





<http://xkcd.com/801/>

important tools & libraries

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tool Maven

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tool Maven: artifacts

com.example.app : my-app : 1.0
group : artifact : version

OR

```
<groupId>com.example.app</groupId>  
<artifactId>my-app</artifactId>  
<version>1.0</version>
```


tool Maven: default lifecycle

process-resources

compile

process-test-resources

test-compile

test

package

install

deploy

tool Maven: simple pom.xml

```
<project>  
  
  <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>  
  
  <groupId>com.example</groupId>  
  <artifactId>my-app</artifactId>  
  <version>1.0</version>  
  
  <dependencies>  
    <dependency>  
      <groupId>junit</groupId>  
      <artifactId>junit</artifactId>  
      <version>3.8.1</version>  
      <scope>test</scope>  
    </dependency>  
  </dependencies>  
  
</project>
```

tool Maven: standard layout

pom.xml

src/main/java

src/main/resources

src/test/java

src/test/resources

target/classes

target/my-app-1.0.jar

library BouncyCastle and JCA

- JCE = Java Cryptography Extensions
encryption, key generation, key agreement, MAC
- JCA = Java Cryptography Architecture
framework for developing and accessing cryptographic
functionality in Java
- BouncyCastle = external Java Crypto Provider

library BouncyCastle and JCA

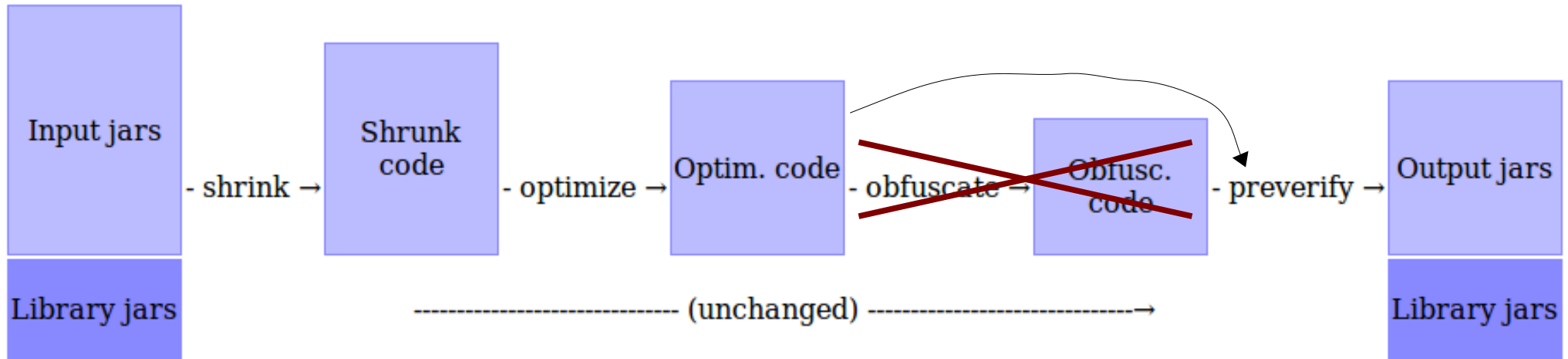
```
KeyGenerator kg = KeyGenerator.getInstance("DES");  
Key key = kg.generateKey();
```

```
Cipher cipher = Cipher.getInstance("DES");  
byte[] data = "Hello World!".getBytes();
```

```
cipher.init(Cipher.ENCRYPT_MODE, key);  
byte[] result = cipher.doFinal(data);
```

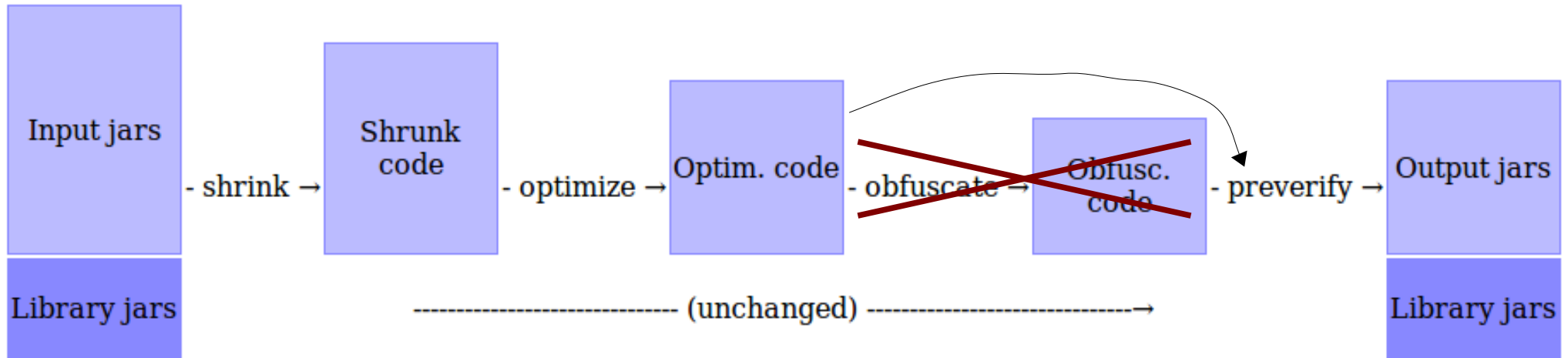
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cipher.init(Cipher.DECRYPT_MODE, key);  
byte[] original = cipher.doFinal(result);
```

tool ProGuard



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jGridstart main	207 kB
main + most deps	3.4 MB
small	1.7 MB

BouncyCastle dep.	1.8 MB
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Wrapper (total)	3.0 MB
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incl. jGridstart, dependencies, BouncyCast

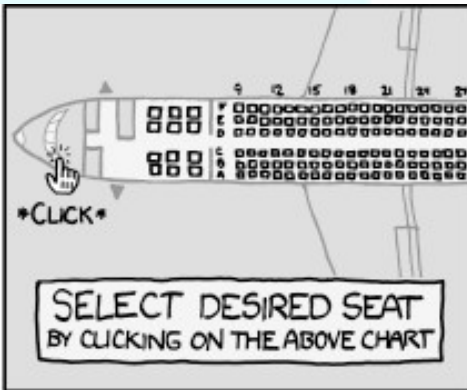
tool Java Web Start



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tool Java Web Start

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<jnlp spec="1.0+" href="jgridstart.jnlp" codebase="http://ca.dutchgrid.nl/start/">
  <information>
    <title>jGridstart 1.13</title>
    <vendor>NIKHEF / Stichting FOM</vendor>
    <homepage href="http://www.nikhef.nl/" />
    <description>Setup your computer to work with the grid</description>
  </information>
  <security>
    <all-permissions/>
  </security>
  <resources>
    <!-- program defaults, customize these for your site (properties are prefixed
         with "jnlp." to avoid the need for a signed jnlp) -->
    <property name="jnlp.jgridstart.defaults.country" value="NL"/>
    <property name="jnlp.jgridstart.keysize" value="2048"/>
    <property name="jnlp.jgridstart.org.href" value="cert_signup.conf"/>
    <property name="jnlp.jgridstart.ca.provider" value="DutchGridCA"/>
    <!-- end of program defaults -->
    <j2se href="http://java.sun.com/products/autodl/j2se" version="1.5+"/>
    <jar href="jgridstart-wrapper-1.13.jar" main="true"/>
  </resources>
  <application-desc main-class="nl.nikhef.jgridstart.wrapper.Wrapper"/>
</jnlp>
```



<http://xkcd.com/726/>

hacks

only try this at work

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hack PKCS12KeystoreUnlimited

```
FileInputStream in = new FileInputStream("test.p12");  
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BOOM
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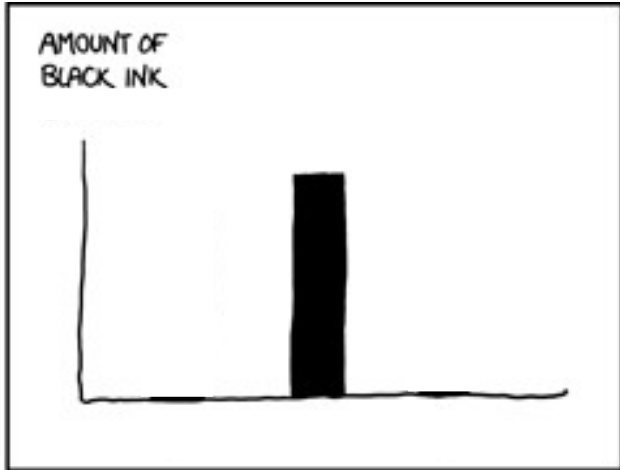
```
class PKCS12KeyStoreUnlimited extends JDKPKCS12KeyStore {
    static KeyStore getInstance() {
        // retrieve private BC provider
        KeyStore store = KeyStore.getInstance("PKCS12", "BC");
        Field keyStoreProvider =
            store.getClass().getDeclaredField("provider");
        keyStoreProvider.setAccessible(true);
        Provider provider = keyStoreProvider.get(store);
        // and keystore implementation
        Field keyStoreSpi =
            store.getClass().getDeclaredField("keyStoreSpi");
        keyStoreSpi.setAccessible(true);
        JDKPKCS12KeyStore bcStore =
            (JDKPKCS12KeyStore)keyStoreSpi.get(store);
        // override that by using our wrapper class
        keyStoreSpi.set(store,
            new PKCS12KeyStoreUnlimited(provider, bcStore));
    }
}
```

hack safe file copy



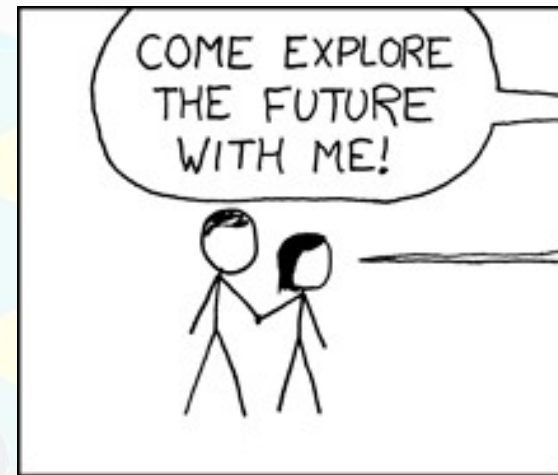
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Firefox PKCS#12 installation



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what's the value?

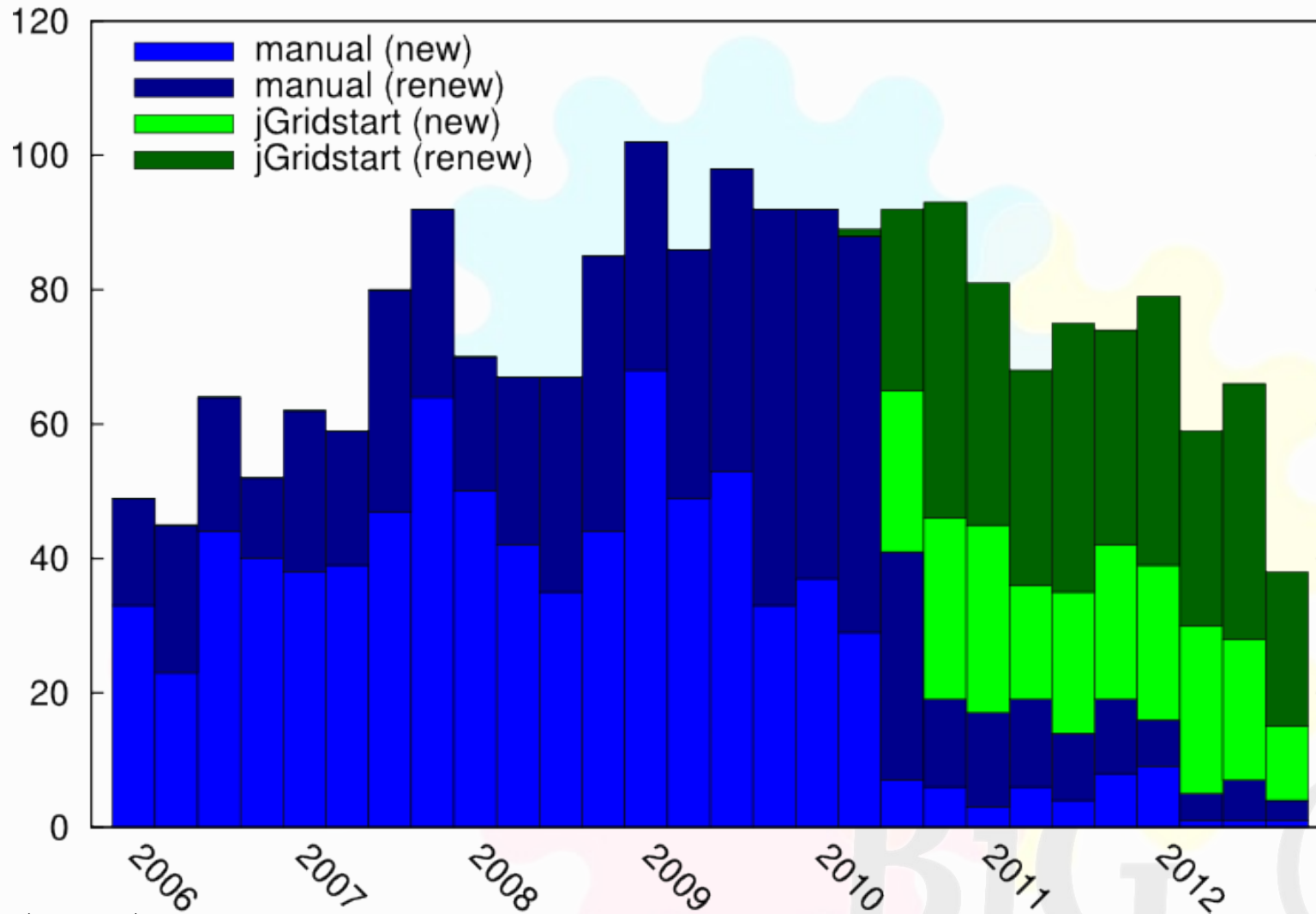


<http://xkcd.com/338/>

what next?

usage

Quarterly DutchGrid CA statistics for issued user certificates



as of Nov 2012
jGridstart grand totals

696 requests
595 granted

224 Windows
213 Macintosh
259 Linux

34 Java 1.5
626 Java 1.6
36 Java 1.7

contacts

- UK / Jens Jensen
 - Certificate Wizard (certwizard)
 - jGridstart phoneconf presentation
 - using PKCS12KeyStoreUnlimited
 - ideas for common CA interface API incl. Grix?
- Grix (AU) existed already, not friendly enough
- Some interest at EGEE UF 2012
 - poster presentation (session)
 - mostly by CAs
 - I think it's still too complicated for CAs to just go

open ends

- default file permissions on Windows?
- safe file copy works *almost* always on Windows
- new Firefox certificate installation method
e.g. by triggering a (self-deinstalling) extension
- add *archived* certificate concept
to handle expired certificates more intuitively
- finish Confusa / TCS connection
get them to finish the Confusa part first
- not all dependencies in Maven Central
WinRegistry and Abbot 1.2.0 (#4044)
- more&easier CA adaptations much done in multica branch



pointers

- Website, and for Developers lots of extra info
<http://jgridstart.nikhef.nl/>
- Code at Github; continuous integration at Travis-CI
<https://github.com/biggrid/jGridstart>
- Javadoc
<http://jgridstart.nikhef.nl/javadoc/> (hosted at Github)
- Bugs at SARA's Mantis installation
<http://jgridstart.nikhef.nl/bugs>
- Releases with test-drive
<http://jgridstart.nikhef.nl/Releases>
 - corresponding Test CA