Introducing the New Globus CLI (alpha)



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There are problems inherent in the CLI being a hosted service which users SSH into.

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The new CLI is a local command which communicates with our APIs, making Globus resources a native part of your shell environment.

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You now have the globus command at your disposal. Feel free to

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$ globus --help
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If you ever forget, you can always remind yourself with

\$ globus login

which prints login help.

Authentication (cont.)



tokens.globus.org tokens are only good for 2 days, so don't try to build anything on this stuff (yet)!
Remember, the CLI is still in alpha.

First Commands



You have the CLI installed, and you have credentials. Make sure it's all setup right by firing a command at each of our services.

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```
$ globus ... | grep 'go@globusid.org' | cut
-d'|' -f1
```

and store it in a variable, but there is a better way.

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piping to sed -e 's/\s**//g' -e 's/\s*\$//g'

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So, we try to show you what went wrong in a human-friendly format:

```
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Globus CLI Error: A Transfer API Error Occurred.
HTTP status: 400
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$ echo $?
1
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Check out the help on the endpoint search command, and it should provide some guidance:

```
$ globus transfer endpoint search --help
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This Software is Amazing! What can't it do?



```
$ globus list-commands
Globus CLI Commands
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        Show a short description for all Globus CLI commands. For detailed
        help text, run the specific command you want to know more about with
        the '--help' option
    globus login
        Get authentication credentials for the Globus CLI. Necessary before
        any Globus CLI commands which require authentication will work
== AIITH ==
Interact with Globus Auth API. Inspect Tokens, Identities, and Identity Sets,
consent to service terms, revoke and manage Consents, and manage OAuth Clients
    globus auth get-identities
        Inspect Globus Auth Identities
    globus auth token-introspect
        Inspect Globus Auth Tokens
== TRANSFER ==
Interact with Globus Transfer API. Transfer, Delete, List, and Rename files on
Endpoints, manage your Endpoints and Shares, and monitor your ongoing Transfer
Tasks
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Be a Mensch! Give Us Your Feedback and Contributions!

- Open GitHub issues and Pull Requests (https://github.com/globus/globus-cli/issues)
- ► Help us determine good CLI behaviors on the Developer mailing list: developer-discuss@globus.org