







In OMF version 5.2 we are introducing the Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol (XMPP) for communication between the EC and the nodes.

All entities register with the XMPP server and subscribe to a set of PubSub nodes. Messages posted to a certain PubSub node are relayed to all node subscribers by the XMPP server.

The message format is standardised XML, and we are making use of XMPP standard features such as authentication, encryption and presence.

Messages can be sent to either a specific node through various identifiers, such as the node's IP address or node ID, or they can be sent to groups.

A group can be a group of nodes as defined in the experiment script, or a "meta" group such as all nodes in a specific experiment, session or domain.

Using XMPP's publish/subscribe scheme, each domain, session, experiment, node and group is represented by a PubSub node.

Members of a group subscribe to the respective group nodes, all nodes in an experiment subscribe to the experiment node, and each node subscribes to their very own PubSub node named after their node ID or IP address.

In order to send messages to a certain node or group, the sender just needs to pick the right PubSub node to publish to.

Case 1:
SSH Proxy

Case 2a:
HTTP Proxy

Case 2b:
HTTP Proxy

Case 3:
VPN Access Server



