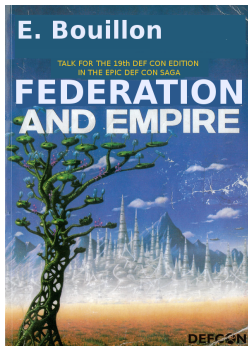


Federation & Empire

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Why should you care?

- Pervasive
- Cloud
- Joining a federation usually has severe contractual, legal implications.
- It's coming your way!

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The main problem to solve

- User and Administrator friendly cross organization boundaries
SSO - here for web apps
 - Secure
 - Scalable
 - Manageable
 - Privacy / Anonymity
- Ideally compliant with the Laws of Identity [5]

Historical approaches

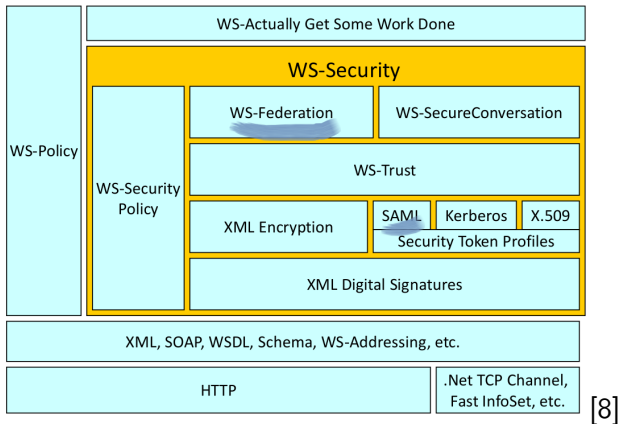
The good old time

- Account Replication
 - Manual
 - Automated
- WHAT?
 - Lose control of accounts, or
 - Have multiple passwords
- "Trust" relationships to be established with other realms / domains
 - All user information shared with federated partners
 - Firewalls need to be opened to allow trust
 - Bilateral $\Rightarrow n^2$ problem - no easy way to establish trust with multiple partners
- Privacy / anonymity
 - Anonymity Support for Kerberos [1]

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Federated identity with SAML 101



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Security Assertion Markup Language [3]

- transfer of identity information
- between organizations
- that have an established trust relationship

SAML components

- SAML Assertions / Protocols / Bindings / Profiles
 - Web Browser SSO Profile
 - Identity Provider Discovery Profile

What are SAML Assertions?

- Signed XML document containing claims or attributes about a user
- Collected Claims = Identity
- Claims do not need to unambiguously identify user. Only relevant information (e.g. Age > 21, so can buy booze)

What it looks like

```
<Assertion ID="_e3534d1e-a301-462c-ad72-46fe56c995c8" IssueInstant="2010-11-23T12:14:18.382Z"
xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:assertion">
  <Issuer>..Token Issuer..</Issuer>
  <ds:Signature xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">
    <ds:SignedInfo>
      <ds:CanonicalizationMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#"></ds:Can
      <ds:SignatureMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#rsa-sha256"></ds:
      <ds:Reference URI="#_e3534d1e-a301-462c-ad72-46fe56c995c8">
        <ds:Transforms>
          <ds:Transform Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#enveloped-signature"></d
          <ds:Transform Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#"></ds:Transform>
        </ds:Transforms>
        <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#sha256"></ds:DigestMetho
        <ds:DigestValue>C4uizWDjuFgPlRf9Eh8G6ssZsVByFp7rSf9Gd+butds=</ds:DigestValue>
      </ds:Reference>
    </ds:SignedInfo>
    <ds:SignatureValue>..Signature Value..</ds:SignatureValue>
    <KeyInfo xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">
      <ds:X509Data>
        <ds:X509Certificate>..Base64 Encoded Issuer Certificate..</ds:X509Certificate>
      </ds:X509Data>
    </KeyInfo>
  </ds:Signature>
</Subject>
  <SubjectConfirmation Method="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:cm:holder-of-key">
```

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<Subject>
  <SubjectConfirmation Method="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:cm:holder-of-key">
    <SubjectConfirmationData a:type="KeyInfoConfirmationDataType" xmlns:a="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">
      <KeyInfo xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">
        <e:EncryptedKey xmlns:e="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmenc#">
          <e:EncryptionMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmenc#rsa-oaep-mgf1p">
            <DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1"></DigestMethod>
          </e:EncryptionMethod>
          <KeyInfo>
            <ds:X509Data xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">
              <ds:X509IssuerSerial>
                <ds:X509IssuerName>..Cert Issuer..</ds:X509IssuerName>
                <ds:X509SerialNumber>..Cert Ref..</ds:X509SerialNumber>
              </ds:X509IssuerSerial>
            </ds:X509Data>
          </KeyInfo>
          <e:CipherData>
            <e:CipherValue>..Encrypted Key..</e:CipherValue>
          </e:CipherData>
        </e:EncryptedKey>
      </KeyInfo>
    </SubjectConfirmationData>
  </SubjectConfirmation>
</Subject>
<Conditions NotBefore="2010-11-23T12:14:18.368Z" NotOnOrAfter="2010-11-23T13:14:18.368Z">
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</Subject>
<Conditions NotBefore="2010-11-23T12:14:18.368Z" NotOnOrAfter="2010-11-23T13:14:18.368Z">
  <AudienceRestriction>
    <Audience>..Relying Party URI..</Audience>
  </AudienceRestriction>
</Conditions>
<AttributeStatement>
  <Attribute Name="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/claims/UPN">
    <AttributeValue>
      ..Value from Directory..
    </AttributeValue>
  </Attribute>
  <Attribute Name="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/name">
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  </Attribute>
  <Attribute Name="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/claims/EmailAddress">
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</AttributeStatement>
<AuthnStatement AuthnInstant="2010-11-23T12:14:18.315Z">
  <AuthnContext>
    <AuthnContextClassRef>urn:federation:authentication:windows</AuthnContextClassRef>
  </AuthnContext>
</AuthnStatement>
</Assertion>
```

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- Standards-based (so widely supported), including:
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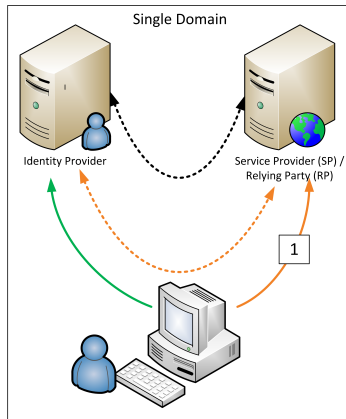
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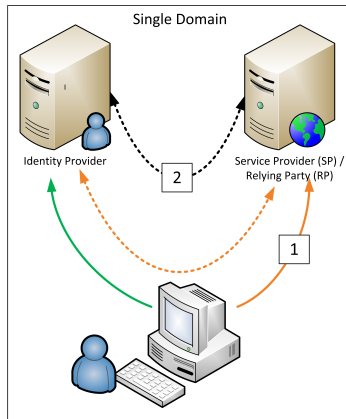
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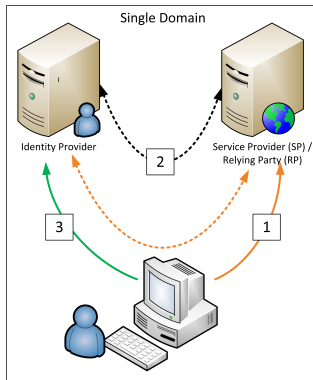
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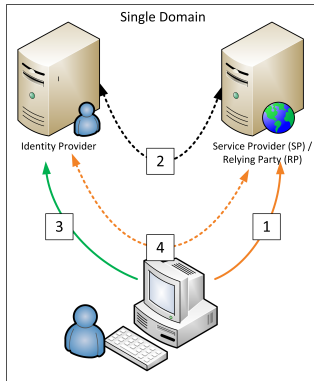
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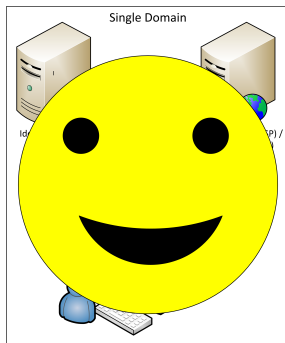
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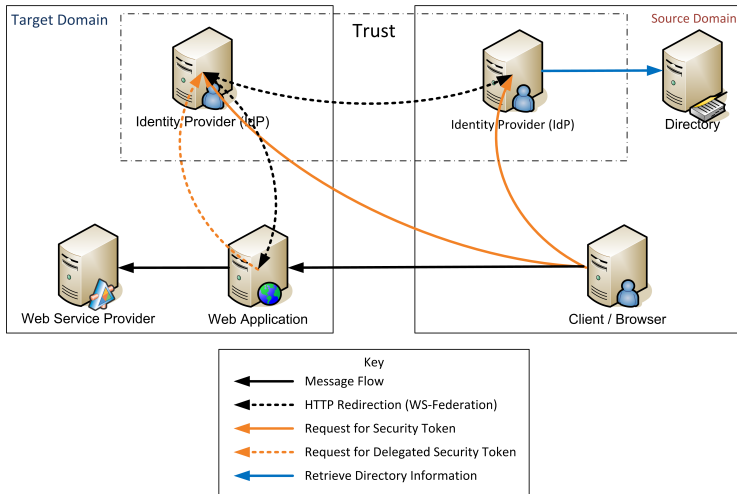
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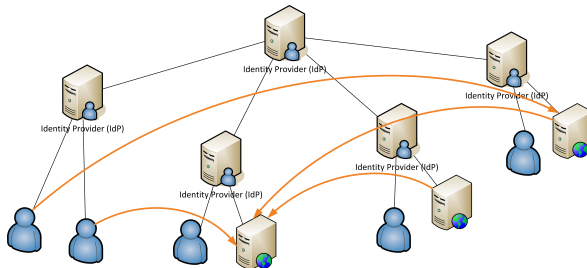
- In addition to SSO, also supports:
 - Federation — the sharing of identity between domains
 - Delegation — maintenance of identity to backend services
 - Distribution of Directory information to other applications, which gives us:
 - ABAC (Attribute Based Access Control) = RBAC +
- It is the support for Federation that makes the use of SAML suitable for the cloud, and it will become ubiquitous.

Federation



Brokered Federation model

- Trust through a central Broker, establishes trust between many IdPs
- But:
 - How is the trust established?
 - Do we trust all of them?
 - How are standards to be maintained?



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Tools

Tool set usually made of a combination of

- Pro/Community edition of Commercial tools
- FOSS
- Custom scripts

Methodology

- Procedure (+/-) formal (generic or custom)
- Generally accepted best practices
- Habits, personal preferences
- Still many manual, ad-hoc, improvised steps

Exiting SAML oriented helpers


- UNINETT beta SAML tracer [11]
 - Firefox Plugin
 - A tool for viewing SAML messages sent through the browser during single sign-on and single logout
- Feide RnD SAML 2.0 Debugger [12]
 - Online application to encode/decode SAML message
- Federation Lab beta [13]
 - Online automated checks on SP implementation
- Manual approach
 - Burp decoder (truncated)
 - Python, ruby
 - `saml = Zlib::Inflate.new(-Zlib::MAX_WBITS).inflate(B...`
 - `encoded = CGI::escape(Base64::encode64(Zlib::Deflate...`

Fed Lab Service Provider test

Against an out of the box "Hello world" SP SimpleSAMLphp based

Federation Lab

Technical resources and tools for exploration of Identity Federation



Federation Lab · Federation Lab

Configure your Service ProviderConnectivity TestsRunning tests

Success (59)Errors (14)Warnings (2)Notices (11)

Session fixation check

Basic IdP-initiated Logout Test

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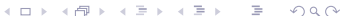
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SP SHOULD NOT accept an signed assertion, where the signature is referring to another assertion.

SP SHOULD NOT accept an signed assertion embedded in an AttributeValue inside an unsigned assertion.

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SP SHOULD NOT accept an signed assertion embedded in an AttributeStatement, not only in the first



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SAML 2.0 SP Demo Example

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SAML 2.0 SP Demo Example

Hi, this is the status page of simpleSAMLphp. Here you can see if your session is timed out, how long it lasts until it times out and all the attributes that is attached to your session.

Your attributes

urn:oid:1.3.6.1.4.1.5923.1.1.1.6 andreas@uninett.no

SP MUST accept an LogoutRequest with two sessionindexes (first valid) (sent in separate session, no session-cookies)

SP MUST accept an LogoutRequest with two sessionindexes (second valid) (sent in separate session, no session-cookies)

SP MUST NOT accept LogoutRequest when NameID content is wrong

SP MUST NOT accept LogoutRequest when NameID@Format is wrong

SP MUST NOT accept LogoutRequest when NameID@SPNameQualifier is wrong

SP MUST NOT logout user when invalid SessionIndex is sent

SP MUST NOT accept unsigned LogoutRequest

SP MUST NOT accept a replayed Response. An identical Response/Assertion used a second time. [Profiles]: 4.1.4.5 POST-Specific Processing Rules (test 2 of 2: unsolicited response)

All endpoints in SP metadata SHOULD be HTTPS (not http) (saml2int)

SP should not accept a Response with a SubjectConfirmationData elements with a incorrect @Address attribute

SP should not accept a Response with a AuthnStatement missing

AuthnRequest:

```
<samlp:AuthnRequest xmlns:samlp="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:protocol" xmlns:saml="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:assertion" |
  <saml:Issuer>http://www.verypenid.net/simplesaml/module.php/saml/sp/metadata.php/default-sp/</saml:Issuer>
  <samlp:NameIDPolicy Format="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:nameid-format:transient" AllowCreate="true"/>
</samlp:AuthnRequest>
```

Adapt your toolset

"Don't be a tool" [15] but...

- Properly using the right tools often makes the difference
- Time constraint

Two reasons

- Allow "traditional" assessment of Web applications and Services protected by SAML tokens
- Configurations of such architectures is crucial yet complex and error prone, so we need tools to assess these configurations criteria are effective

Decoding / encoding

[15] "Things humans arent good at"

- Decoding / encoding on the fly

Gain of automation

- Easy semantic understanding
- Allows relevant request mangling
- Changes scanner from dumb to smart fuzzer
- Thwarts anti-reply safeguards (e.g. unique random nonce)
- Updates timestamps (long scans can unfold)

Pre & Post processing

- Same approach as [20] for WCF Binary SOAP
- Proxy chaining
 - Preprocessing (decoding requests / encoding responses)
 - Scanning (Fuzz, mangle, do stuff...)
 - Postprocessing (encoding requests / decoding responses)

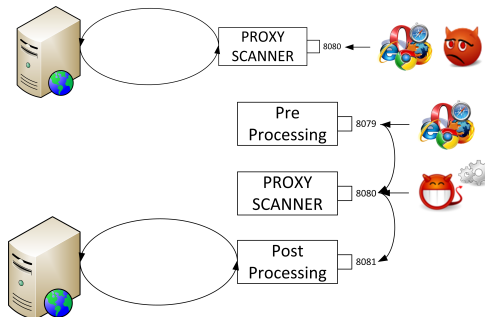


Illustration with Burp Pro Suite

- Burp Pro Suite [14] Extender
 - Java API to extend Burp Suite functionalities
 - Particularly suitable for Pre & Post processing
 - Bindings for Python and Ruby (Buby [17])
- Buby
 - Ruby based framework to extend Burp Suite
 - Tutorial: [18]
 - Hook either *evt_proxy_message* or *evt_http_message*
- POC
 - Buby modules and sample code at <http://code.google.com/p/buby-saml>
 - `buby -r SAML_preprocessing -e ReqTamperer`
 - `buby -r SAML_postprocessing -e ReqTamperer`

Preprocessing proxy - Original request

burp intruder repeater window about

target proxy spider scanner intruder repeater sequencer decoder comparer options alerts

intercept options history

Filter: hiding CSS, image and generic binary content

#	host	method	url	params	mod	status	length	MIME ty...	extensi...	title	comment	SGL
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39	https://www.verypoen...	GET	/simplesaml/module.php/saml/disco.php?entit...			200	17643	HTML	php	Select your id...		81.20
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41	https://www.verypoen...	GET	/simplesaml/module.php/saml/sp/discoresp.p...			302	3050	HTML	php	Redirect		81.20
42	https://openidp.feide...	GET	/simplesaml/saml2/dp/S50Service.php?SAML...			302	2500	HTML	php	Redirect		158.3
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47	https://www.verypoen...	POST	/simplesaml/module.php/saml/sp/saml2-ac...									81.20

original request edited request

raw params headers hex

SAMLResponse <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?><SamlResponse xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:protocol" ID="ID-1" Version="2.0" IssueInstant="2012-12-12T12:12:12.123Z" Destination="https://www.verypoen.no/saml2/idp/profile/SSOService.php?SAML2=1" InResponseTo="ID-2" Assertion="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:assertion:1" Status="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:status:Success" NameID="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:nameid-type:emailAddress" Subject="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:subject:1" AuthnContext="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:authn-context:1" />

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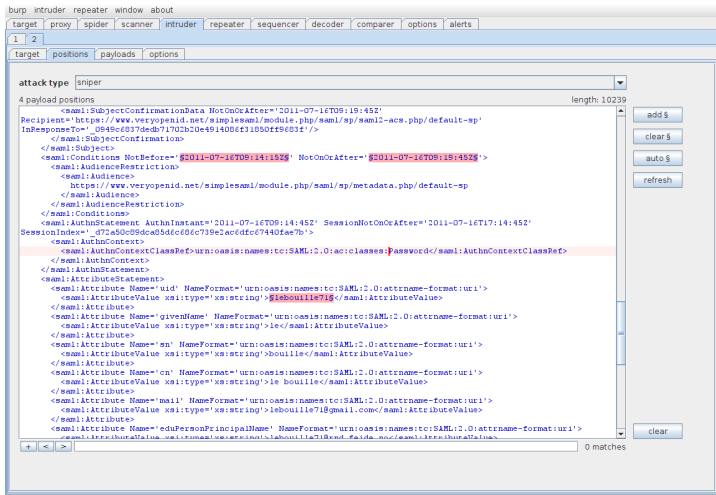
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Central Burp instance - Intruder



Postprocessing proxy - Original request

Intruder repeater spider scanner intruder repeater sequencer decoder comparator options alerts

intercept options history

Filter: hiding CSS, image and general binary content

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0 matches

Postprocessing proxy - Edited request

[illegible]

Example of vulnerabilities

- Open redirection [21]
 - \simeq `http://www.vulnerable.com/?redirect=http://www.attacker.com`
 - Not critical
 - Built in the standards?
- Cookie theft
 - Works even if the victim has not chosen the "Remember" option
 - Demo: Make the SP leaking *idpdisco_saml_lastidp* cookie, even if cookie *idpdisco_saml_remember* = 0
 - If you visit his site, a bad guy can inconspicuously discover your IdP = what is your originating organization

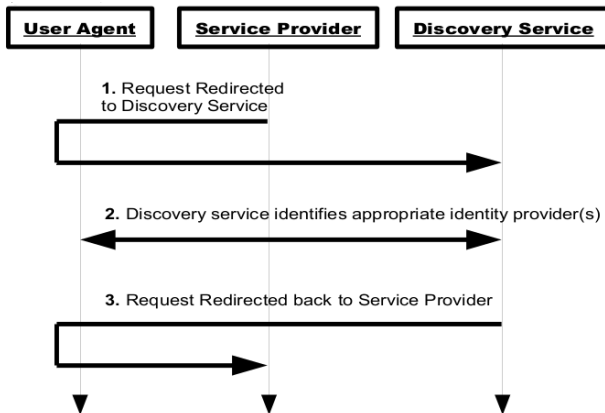
Demo: SimpleSAMLPHP open redirect

When an open redirect leads to cookie theft

- Leveraging an existing live, open to everyone test environment
- Feide [19]: Norwegian academic Federation
- on a dummy account

Back to the OASIS standard

Identity Provider Discovery Service Protocol and Profile [22]



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New risks?

Previous boundaries become more and more notional

- Network flows
 - Attack surface
 - Management interface
- Users community
 - Insider?
- Data flows

Cost/Benefit not doing it?

- Security policy comparison / enforcement

Considerations on deployment architectures

Typical situations

- Web Browser SSO Profile
- SP-Initiated SSO
- Redirect/POST Bindings

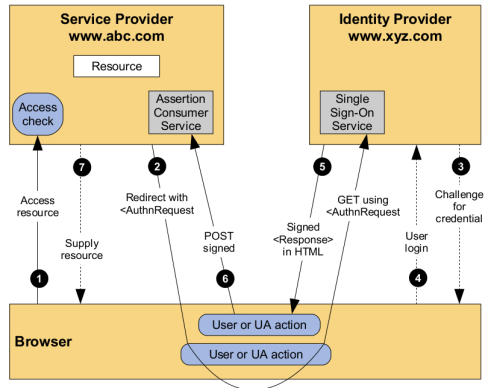
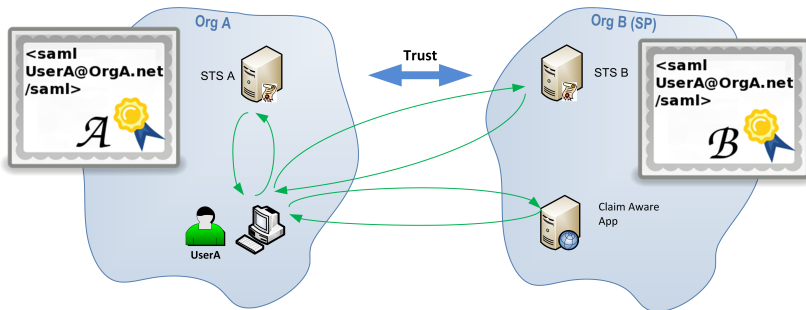


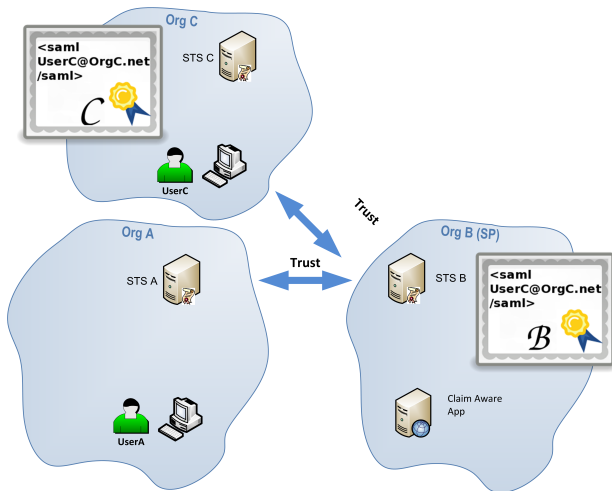
Figure 15 of [3]

Similar flows orchestrated in federated environment

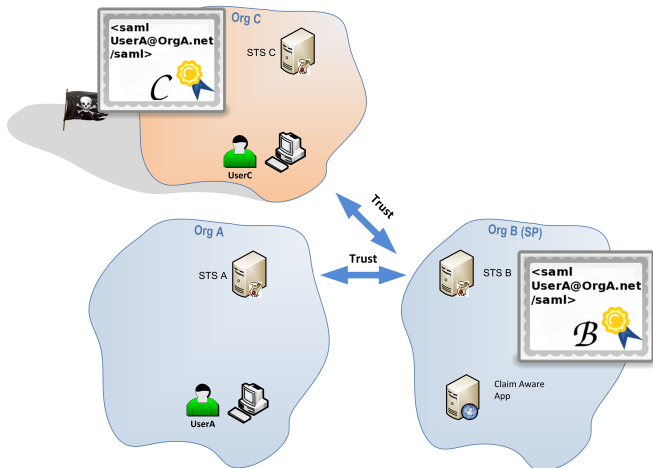
simple federation scenario [24]



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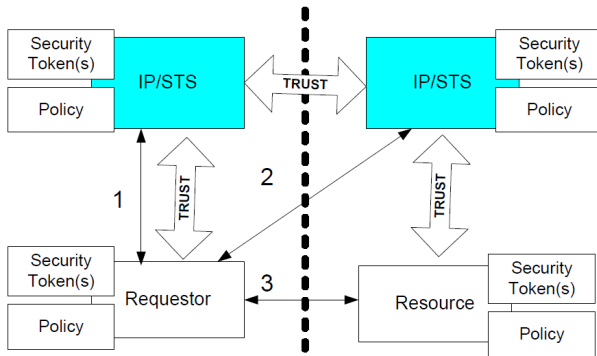
What if OrgC signs a claim for userA@orgA.net?



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Trust topology

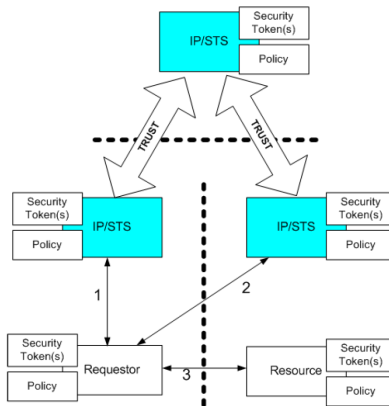
- Previous example follows a direct trust topology



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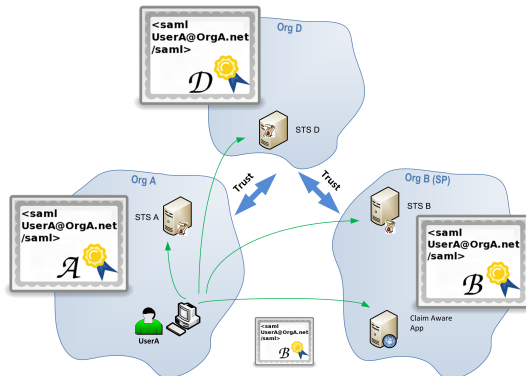
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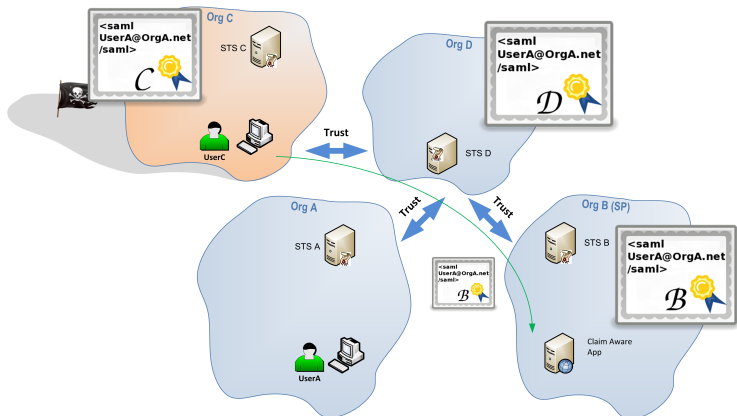
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SAML claims laundering



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- Questions usually unasked and even less answered:
 - What about a malicious/compromised IdP in the federation?
 - Can a malicious IdP impersonate another domain users?
 - Are there safeguards in place?
 - Do I own or delegate these safeguards?
 - What about a malicious/compromised SP in the federation?
- Control the loss of control
 - Whose liability
 - Other parties obligation (accountability)

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Take-aways

- Knowledge and tool to keep on powning SAML protected Web app
- Proven assumption: Standards can be read as an attempt to circumvent SOP
 - Process and tools to get there
- Important design security considerations
 - Without taking care, "Insecurity by design" is more than likely
 - E.g. Cross domain SSO with AD trust relationships
 - A compromised domain cannot impersonate other domains users
 - With SAML based cross domain SSO, by default, it will

Conclusion

- This apply to other form of federation with very few adaptation
- Developers, marketers ahead of security guys in this area. Yet default settings are not secure. The "make it working" approach might lead to insecure deployment. We need to catch up to avoid big deployment security failure (with probably thorny legal issues)
 - Get acquainted with protocols to properly assess designs and deployments
 - Adapt our tool set because bad guys will
- Incidentally some of these issues would also be solved more easily with a standardized solution as opposed to custom based checks by diligent administrators

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