









European IGTF+ update

Enabling Communities, Trust, Identity, and Security from the EUGridPMA+









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AARC TREE, co-fundied by the European Union
co-supported by Nikhef and the Dutch
National e-Infrastructure coordinated by SURF

Meanwhile in the EUGridPMA+ ...

- EUGridPMA State of the Fabric
 - constituency and developments
 - IGTF distribution updates and packaging
 - S/MIME baseline in CABF: separating authentication and email in TCS
- AARC (Authentication and Authorisation for Research Collaboration)
 and its Technical Revision for Enhanced Effectiveness (AARC TREE)
 - Evolving AARC and the AARC Blueprint Architecture "BPA 2025"
 - Attribute Authority Operations self-assessment for secure and trusted BPA proxies
 - Policy Development Kit: supporting community structuring and a secure baseline
 - Notice management for AUP and data protection
 - novel (OpenID) federation models disambiguating trust and technical translations

https://www.eugridpma.org/ for all details and meeting minutes!

EMEA area membership evolution



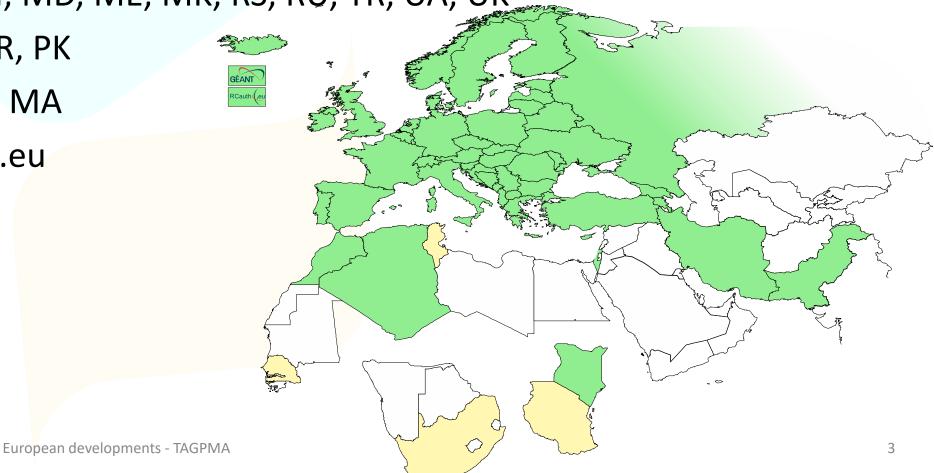
• Europe⁺: GEANT TCS, and CZ, DE, DK(+FI+IS+NO+SE), FR, GR, HR, NL, PL,

RO, SI, SK; AM, MD, ME, MK, RS, RU, TR, UA, UK

Middle East: IR, PK

Africa: DZ, KE, MA

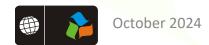
CERN, RCauth.eu



Membership and other changes



- Identity providers: both reduction and growth
 - migration to GEANT TCS continues
 https://wiki.geant.org/display/TCSNT/TCS+Participants+Section
 - CERN joining TCS via Renater (FR)
 - Discontinued: -GE, -BY, -PT, -AE
 - Suspended: -KE
- Self-audit review
 - Cosmin Nistor will update us in a moment
 - real-time interaction between authority and reviewers helps, but ...
- .ch is now served by eMudhra confirmed since September 2024





RedHat's and Firefox's idea of what trust means for self-signed objects in an explicit trust store ...

The Challenge of Self-Signed Roots in RedHat

Although it conceptually makes no sense ...

While all intermediate and end-entity certificate now use secure hash algorithms, some operating system distros are deprecating sha1 also for self-signed root certs

- FF103+
- RHEL9+ (and its rebuilds)

Impacts both joint-trust and igtf-only trust, but for web-trust clients it is taken care of by specific bespoke software configuration (RHEL's OpenSSL trust flags, or the Firefox built-ins)

For other cases, there is - for now - a policy override:

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update-crypto-policies --set DEFAULT:SHA1
update-crypto-policies --set LEGACY
```

A blunt mitigation for the actual issue, as it allows for other sha1 purposes

which is 'fine' for the IGTF fabric, but not in general



The OSG experiment

- OSG shipped the dual-blob mode that mimicks the bespoke OS config
 - using equivalent of https://www.nikhef.nl/~davidg/tmp/make-trusted.sh
 - first a "BEGIN TRUSTED CERTIFICATE",
 then in the same file "BEGIN CERTIFICATE"
- However, it broke ☺
 - CANL-Java, extending BouncyCastle, cannot process this blob and will balk even if it does not recognise it and should just ignore it (https://stackoverflow.com/questions/55550299/java-can-not-load-begin-trusted-certificate-format-certificate)
 - open as a dCache Feature Enhancement on CANL Java (by Paul Millar)
- will not be fixed overnight, of course ... and we may find other issues thereafter



Yet maybe ...

On 2023-12-20 13:25, Guido Pineda (SURF NL) wrote:

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> I am using fetch-crl version 3.0.22.
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- > We have a total of 89 trust anchors configured on our /etc/grid-security directory.
- > I have tested fetch-crl with different versions of OpenSSL and here are the
- > outcomes:
- > For versions 1.1.1k and versions 3.2.0, the amount of errors when trying to verify
- > the CRL's is only one [which was explainable]
- > However, when using OpenSSL version 3.0.7, we get 10 errors

Due to self-compiling OpenSSL? And does that then ignore the RH crypt-policies?



It cannot be solved without changes to RP software

- asking for 'a SHA-1 free IGTF distribution' is not helpful
 - unless you at the same time also remove all SHA-1 from the public web trust stores
- dual-blob solution might the the best option, but it needs CANL-Java fixes
 - for the large authorities, e.g. DigiCert Assured ID Root from 2006, re-issuing with the same key and different digest will cause unfathomable confusion in browsers
 - migrating to another (SHA-2 rooted) signing hierarchy will take at least 395 days, may be a lot of engineering on the RP and CA side, or require new contracts
- root cause is RH and FF not understanding what a self-signed trust anchor is, but that will not help us in the short term



Reissuance of roots – state and progress

Just to make the problem appear smaller, some issuers are migrating anyway

Current list of SHA-1 self-signed trust anchors:

ASGCCA-2007 ArmeSFo

DZeScience DigiCertAssuredIDRootCA-Root

IHEP-2013 (to change <1yr)

KEK CESNET-CA-Root

MARGI RDIG
RomanianGRID SRCE
SiGNET-CA TRGrid

seegrid-ca-2013

Changed by now: GridCanada, CILogon basic/silver/OpenID, UKeScienceRoot-2007

Removed: DigiCertGridCA-*, DFN-GridGermany, CNIC, BYGCA, LIPCA

Pending withdrawal:





Authentication and Authorisation for Research Collaboration (AARC) & Enabling Communities (EnCo)

FEDERATED T&I AND AARC

Federated T&I and AARC

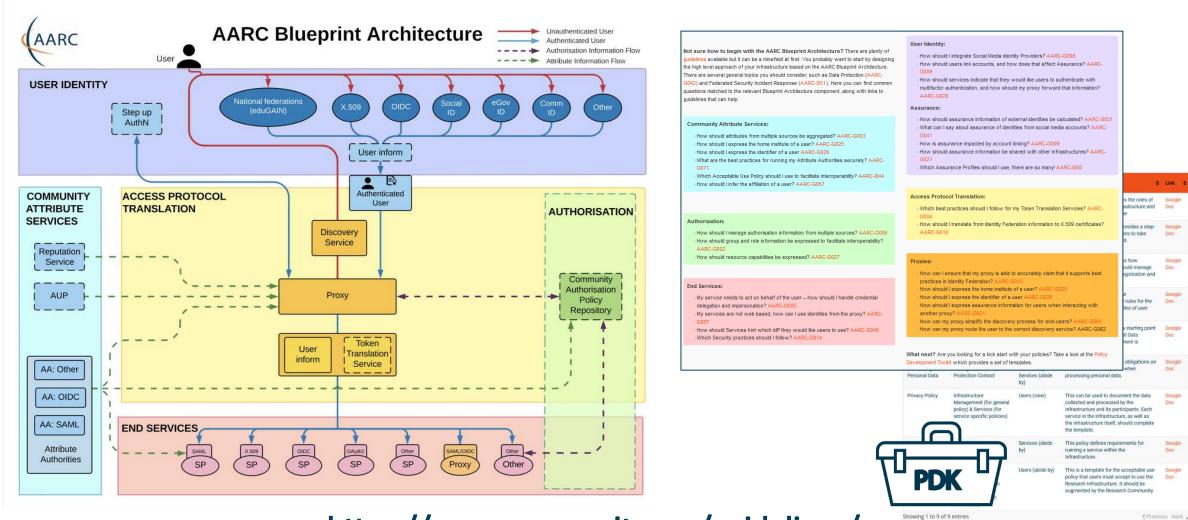
EUGridPMA+ is also the place for the AARC Policy Community & EnCo:

- AARC Policy Development Kit: supporting community structuring, security baseline, trust proxies
- notice management for AUP and data protection in proxies
- novel (OpenID) federation models disambiguating trust and translation
- but also federated access to 'SSH' non-web services, and ssh-ca

https://www.eugridpma.org/meetings/2024-09/The-Copenhagen-60th-EUGridPMA+-Meeting-Summary.pdf

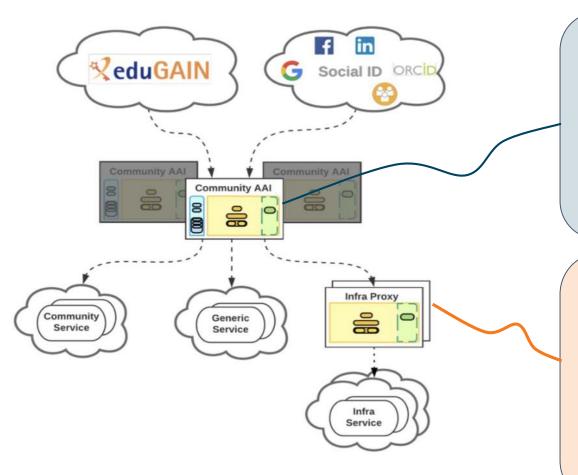
Interoperability – more than just the nice colours





The Community AAI and the Infrastructure Proxy – structuring elements





Community AAI

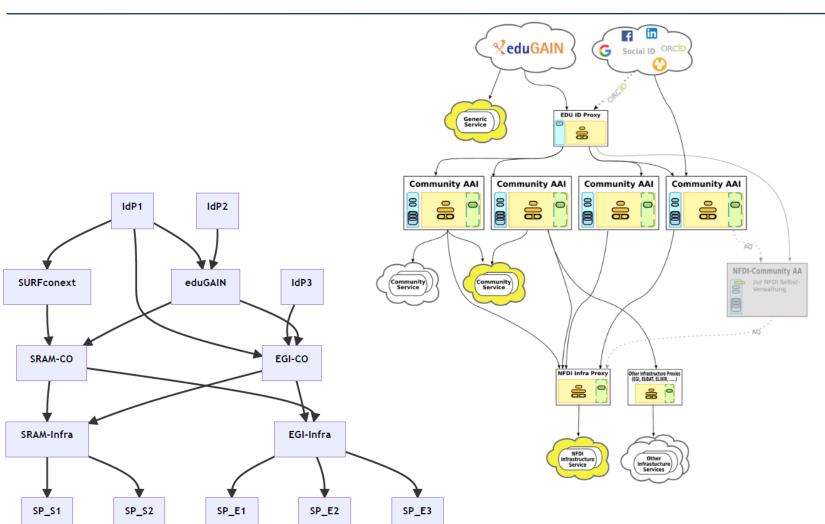
The purpose of the Community AAI is to streamline researchers' access to services, both those provided by their own infrastructure as well as the services provided by infrastructures that are shared with other communities.

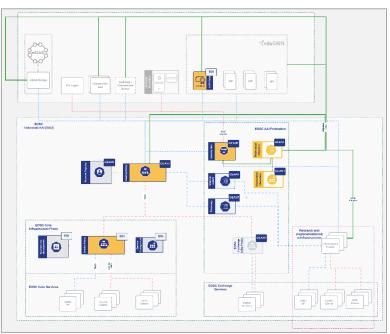
Infrastructure Proxy

The Infrastructure Proxy, enables Infrastructures with a large number of resources, to provide them through a single integration point, where the Infrastructure can maintain centrally all the relevant Policies and business logic for making available these resources to multiple communities

Our federated world is growing more complex







Images: SURF SSRAM and EGI by Maarten Kremers, NDFI AAI (Marcus Hardt), EOSC AAI for the EOSC Core and Exchange Federation for the EOSC European Node by Christos Kanellopoulos, Nicolas Liampotis, David Groep (June 2023 version)

AARC-TREE: Evolved BPA for more complex (and the simpler) worlds



Guidelines for expression of community user attributes

- reduce inconsistencies between implementations
- improve interoperability & end-user usability across research community communities and infrastructures

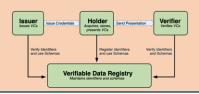
Authorisation guidelines

 best practises to enable efficient & effective sharing of federated resources



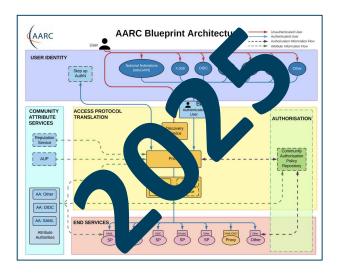
Decentralised identities

guidance for **digital wallets** linked to BPA



Extend AARC BPA

- improve scalability
- leverage emerging standards like OpenID Federation

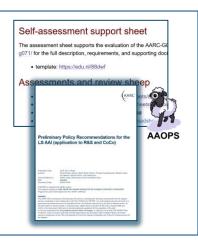


Policy and good practice underpinning the AARC Blueprint BPA



Infrastructure alignment and policy harmonisation: helping out the proxy

- Operational Trust for Community and Infrastructure BPA Proxies
- Increase acceptance of research proxies by identity providers through common baselines
- Review infrastructure models for **coordinated AUP, T&C, and privacy notices**, improving cross-infrastructure user experience (users need to click only once)



User-centric trust alignment and policy harmonization: helping out the community

- Lightweight community management policy template
- Guideline on cross-sectoral trust in novel federated access models
- Assurance in research services through (eIDAS) public identity assertion

Anchored in the researcher user communities by co-creation with FIM4R





AARC-G071

IGTF AAOPS (https://www.eugridpma.org/guidelines/aaops/)

ATTRIBUTE AUTHORITY OPERATIONAL SECURITY

Taking proper care of trust sources

Protections for (IGTF) identity providers are known

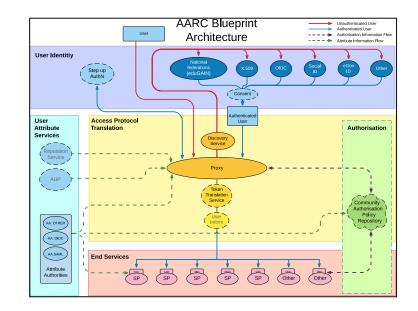
and documented

- RFC3647
- IGTF Guidelines
- Technical profiles



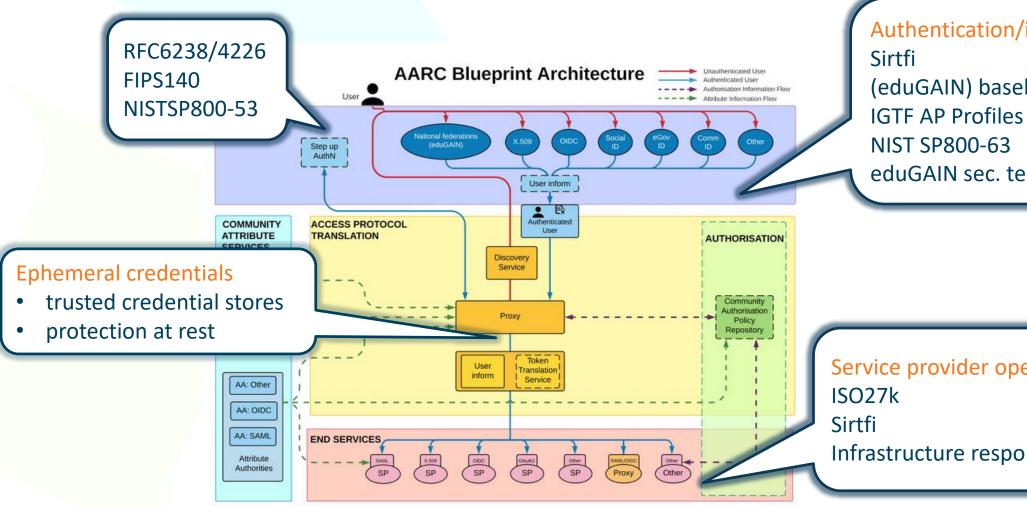
The AAI relies also on other attribute sources, and on the hubs & AARC Proxies

- only generic guidance
- proxies fully hide ID source



Operational guideline landscape for - proxy or source

- AAI components



Authentication/identity sources

(eduGAIN) baselining, RAF

eduGAIN sec. team workflow

Service provider operations

Infrastructure response plans

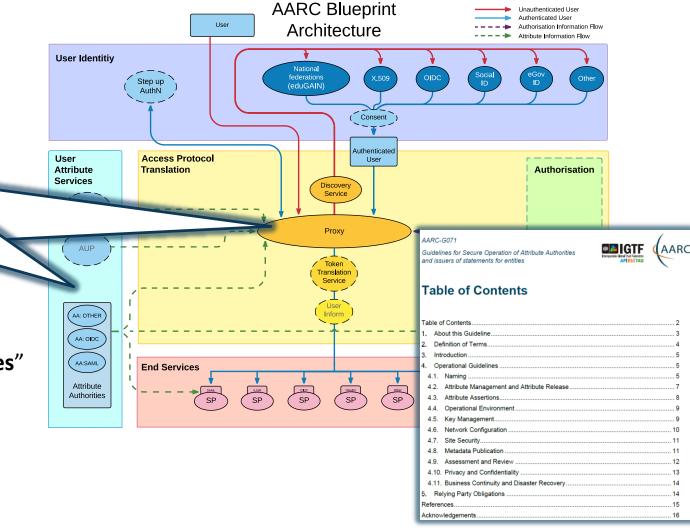
Trust and security in the BPA beyond IdPs and SPs



- integrity of membership
- traceability
- site and service security
- protection on the network
- assertion integrity

AARC-G071: Structured around concept of "AA Operators" operating "Attribute Authorities" (technological entities or proxies),

on behalf of, one or more, **Communities**, that are trusted by **Relying Parties**



Implementing the AA Operations Security guidelines

- 1. Major RPs and Infrastructures reviewed it based on current use cases and models
- 2. Guideline aimed at both Infrastructure and Community use cases
- 3. Useful input to e.g. 'EOSC' connected proxies as a good practice guideline
- 4. Assessment or review process is separate could be IGTF or an RP consortium, but does state what needs to be logged and saved to do a (self) assessment

https://aarc-community.org/guidelines/aarc-g071/

AARC-G071 Guidelines for Secure Operation of Attribute Authorities and issuers of statements for entities

These guidelines describe the minimum requirements and recommendations for the secure operation of attribute authorities and similar services that make statements about an entity based on well-defined attributes. Adherence to these guidelines may help to establish trust between communities, operators of attribute authorities and issuers, and Relying Parties, infrastructures, and service providers. This document does not define an accreditation process.

Document URL: https://wiki.geant.org/download/attachments/123766269/AARC-G071-Secure-Operation-of-Attribute-Authorities-rev2.pdf
Development information: https://wiki.geant.org/display/AARC/Attribute+Authority+and+Proxy+operational+security
Status: under AEGIS review

DOI: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5927799 (reserved)

IGTF reference: https://www.igtf.net/guidelines/aaops/

Errata: none

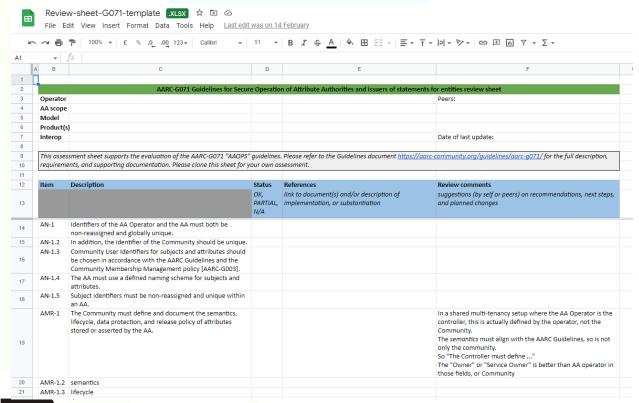


G071 self-assessment process

https://edu.nl/88dwf



- Self-assessment by WLCG, UK-IRIS, eduTEAMS, EGI CheckIn, SURF SRAM
- mutual review also improves G071 guideline itself



Self-assessment support sheet

The assessment sheet supports the evaluation of the AARC-G071 "AAOPS" g071/ for the full description, requirements, and supporting documentation. P

• template: https://edu.nl/88dwf

Assessments and review sheep

- WLCG https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zyHrgdhUo9IA8Yis
- UK-IRIS https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lvce7TXXzzP4hi8
- eduTEAMS (Core AAI platform) in progress
- SURF SRAM https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1P4Up8JpIW



AAOPS



AARC-G083

NOTICE MANAGEMENT BY PROXIES

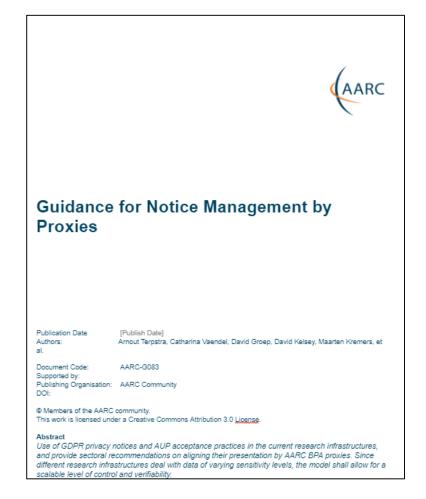
With fewer clicks to more resources: AARC-G083

Users should not click the same policy at many different places

Services should not require the user clicking (policy) acceptance, since this will interrupt workflows

Target audience for this guideline

- both community and infra proxies and hybrids
- notices for the proxies themselves: so privacy notes personal data related to use of the infrastructure
- for the notices by services that are mediated by the proxy, and thereby also allow for specific protection on (personal) research data



https://wiki.geant.org/display/AARC/AARC-G083+-+Guidance+for+Notice+Management+by+Proxies



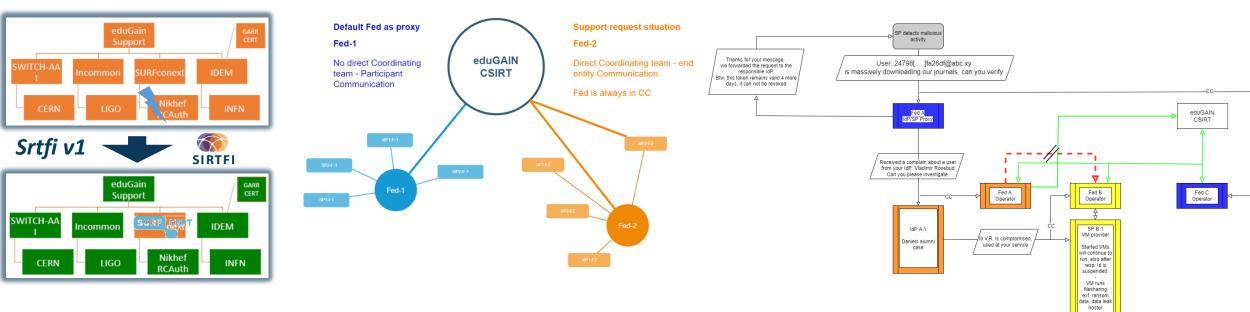


https://wiki.geant.org/display/AARC/AARC+Policy+Harmonisation

GROWING AARC POLICY HARMONISATION

Response and traceability across IdP-SP Proxies and the limits of Sirtfi





Guidelines for a joint **operational trust baseline** for membership management and proxy components, supplemented by policy guidance for sectoral federations with more specific policies where needed

- 'How can we convey the trust in what is in and behind the proxy?'
- 'How to provide **timely traceability** between services and identities through the proxy?' Based on requirements from FIM4R, WISE, and the proxy operators in AEGIS.



joint work with GN5 EnCo and eduGAIN CSIRT



Can we build on a trusted baseline and expectations to increase acceptance of research infrastructure proxies with R&E identity providers



Even though affiliation is the most relevant attribute from home IdPs, ...

- still need assurance statements and REFEDS Assurance Framework attribute freshness
- unless 'well hidden', proxies are met with scepticism by IdPs to release personalised to R&S
- do Entity Categories 'traverse' proxies? and can proxy ops rely on their 'downstreams'?
- a common baseline that proxies can endorse and manage for their connected services helps



review and enhance effectiveness of Snctfi 'revamped'

the set of guidelines that describe a (self-) accessible baseline for a set of service providers behind an AARC BPA Proxy

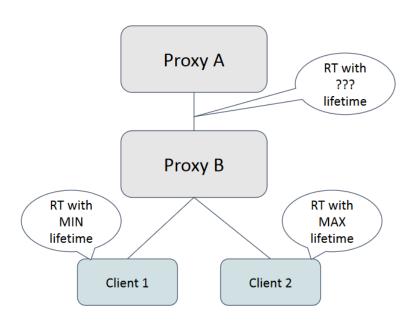
and thereby encourage trust in the proxies and their connected services

Token life times: both technical and policy elements in AARC G081



While for Refresh Tokens the validity period can be long ... a risk-based approach is needed

- Access and ID tokens may come in form that can be validated 'off-line'
- For opsec, there should be no long-lived credentials that can't be invalidated
- But what is 'long-lived'?
 If revocation is needed what issues does that cause?
- What trust can proxies have in their downstream (or upstream)?
 What about token change flows (even if less likely)?
- Limited differentiation of life times, with SHOULD defaults and MUST upper *and lower* bounds



Canonical GFD.32 guidance still appears appropriate

- a capability to invalidate (off-line) tokens on an opsec incident should be < 6 hrs, the acceptable value for emergency suspension in e.g. the WLCG operational infrastructure

Current approach to

								Recommended lifetime		
Token	Boun d	Rotati on	Verifie d online	Revo cable	Structur ed	Signed	Opaqu e*	Default	Minimal	Maximal
Opaque Access Tokens	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes			
JWT Access Tokens	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No			
JWT Access Tokens	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No			
OIDC ID Tokens	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No			no i fi
OIDC Refresh Tokens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No			
OIDC Refresh Tokens	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No			

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We'll see more diverse sources of identity & assurance anyway

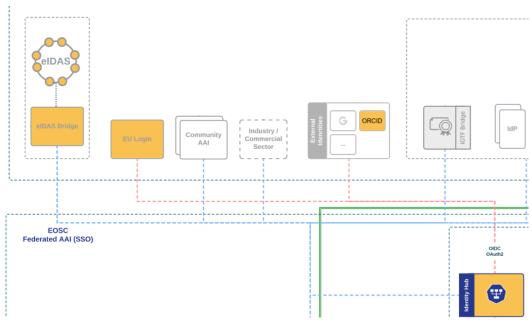


Most reliable (and most 'available') source of assurance may be the European government identity ecosystem.

- Step-up to at least substantial level can now readily be done 'at home' by users through their national eID schemes
- Joint work on eIDAS, Erasmus Student Mobility, and more makes this more accessible
- Better attainable than relying on home institutions?

... but:

- what to do with non-European users?
- how to link the identities together

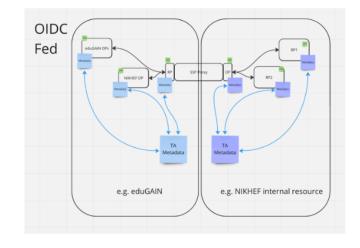


New trust models – what is the role of the proxy in OIDCFed? And Wallets?



In today's BPA proxy links both sides by being opaque, **both** for attributes **as well as** for trust

- does it have to be that way?
- separate claims/attribute transformation from trust bridging?
- can OIDCfed structure convey trust transparently? Should it?
- can we then be more flexible? or will it just confuse everyone?
- easier to bridge trust across sectors this way?
 e.g. linking .edu, .gov, and private sector federations?
- how do wallets change the trust flow? Also with composite VCs?



David Groep:

Raise of hands

Who knows about

- Proxy: most in the room
- · OIDCfederation: few in the room
- Bridge PKI (public key infra): 1

What was the problem that triggered this session?

Proxies are wonderful, they can be opaque and expose things to the outside world..

Proxy into eduGAIN using SAML, token translation, attribute transformation, augmentation Membership services?

OIDC world, to amalgamate a set of RPs

Essentially overloading the proxy with two roles, technical role of translating one for format to another (+ augment of claims), but also bridging trust between both "domains"

In OIDC federation, you can chain metadata statements not by publishing to a list, but building hierarchies, trust anchors who can sign intermediates . multiple signatures on the same

All about enabling research: FIM4R & communities are a key factor



Also in AARC-TREE we target a "co-creation process"

- support FIM4R to increase the reach of workshops in the next 2 years
- community review, ideas, and input on both policy and architecture
- start from the high-level requirements and broad community input

whatever we build must be *usable and available* by researcher communities first of all, and align to interoperability standard and open, collaborative research goals

Really a global activity: we want to engage everyone, in AARC TREE and beyond



Questions?

BUILDING OUR GLOBAL TRUST FABRIC







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Thank you Any Questions?

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