

When: Wednesday 6th July, 14:00 CEST

Attendees: DavidG, Scott K, Romain, Nick, Daniela, Paul, Jaime, Tangui, Tom, DaveK

Agenda:

- Sirtfi Logo - suggestion that we register this as a trademark. Question is, where and what should we register?
- Entity Aggregates - There is some split opinion on advising Federation Operators to publish entity aggregates for sirtfi compliant entities. It's fairly clear that this is not advisable for SPs but the decision for IdPs is less clear cut.
- Sirtfi Supporting Documentation - new suggestions include an official REFEDS document describing the framework, a comparison between Sirtfi and ISO27*, business case for Federations to sell Sirtfi to management/funding bodies.
- AOB

Sirtfi Logo

Where do we want to register this? Europe?

Register "Sirtfi" as well as Logo?

Nicole has proposal?

eduGAIN as an EC trademark, talk to Brook.



Summary: Executive decision to stick with original colouring since little benefit seen from changing now that REFEDS has agreed via a vote. Sirtfi should be registered following the process done for eduGAIN e.g.

<http://tm.kurzy.cz/delivery-of-advanced-network-technology-to-europe-limited/edugain-pz1048551e.htm>

Entity Aggregates

Creating Sirtfi entity aggregates is seen as unhelpful overhead by some federation operators, and a bad practice. Also assumed that SPs may wish to have complex filtering logic, e.g. (epuid || R&S) && Sirtfi, and federation operators cannot be expected to generate custom aggregates for all.

However, a key benefit of Sirtfi is to ensure that all user identities are covered by an incident response contact - there must be some access restriction somewhere. Where should this workload be completed? Want to keep this light-weight for relying parties.

Sirtfi SP Entity Aggregate = bad idea as it breaks the user flow
Sirtfi IdP Entity Aggregate = better idea?

Can we study LIGO vs NIH to get a better idea?

Proposal? REFEDS advocates several best practices for entities worldwide, such as R&S and Sirtfi, and is effectively creating an eduGAIN subset of more “valid” entities. To encourage the uptake of such practices it seems logical that REFEDS should recommend tools which can make life easier. Creating an alternative REFEDS-endorsed metadata aggregate would make accessing this subset simpler, particularly for entities not running Shibboleth and SSP. I’d suggest that we recommend federations to provide one additional metadata aggregate of entities that conform to all the highly recommended practices. Obviously, if a federation has not yet begun pushing for certain best practices then they would have no use for the aggregate and would not bother.

- Scott K: I disagree. I prefer right now federations focus on getting more IdPs to support R&S and release attributes. I do not think federations have the necessary effort to curate another aggregate. (+1 from Nick)

World is moving away from metadata aggregates, towards per entity lookup just in time - point is mute

Potentially premature, federations may not have effort and this is not priority

Scott: SPs could drive the creation of a trusted group of home organisations. LIGO, CiLogon, WLCG. Could include much more information that the SPs care about. FIM4R. Send a side note to Dean Woodbeck asap to try and reserve a side meeting

Summary: We should not recommend that Federation Operators create aggregates (for anything). Metadata aggregates are not priority since

- **Most organisations can do this easily at their own IdP or SP**

- ***The use of metadata aggregates will be phased out***

Research SPs and communities may agree within themselves to generate an aggregate for the short term

Supporting Documentation

Official REFEDS document describing the framework, something akin to R&S category description.

From Nick: I'd like to request that we add 'formalizing the sirtfi entity attribute documentation' as a topic. Right now, the only reference to the entity attribute information is at:

<https://wiki.refeds.org/display/SIRTFI/Guide+for+Federation+Operators>

A normative description of the requirements of asserting the assurance entity attribute for sirtfi, along the lines of the R&S entity category (<https://refeds.org/category/research-and-scholarship>) is needed.

- Something that concretely describes the roles, responsibilities and processes
- ACTION, H to do draft
- Document with *MUST*s would be useful
- Need to describe interaction between entities and Fed Ops
- Discuss non-compliance, how to indicate, what is sufficient reason to remove etc. need to stipulate that tag removal cannot easily be undone
- Have a whitelist of entities allowed to add

Rhys: is self-assessment clear? Levels of Sirtfi described in SCI

Comparison between Sirtfi and ISO27*, could be useful for bulk adoption.

- Going through the self assessment is very quick
- Not sure whether there is a direct overlap
- E.g. Traffic light does not appear in ISO, no obligation to work with other communities

Business case for Federations to sell Sirtfi to management/funding bodies. Canarie has asked for something like this since they will need to justify time and resources to support adoption.

- Might see further need during deployment scenarios
- Need for operational security is much more compelling than consequences of non-action
- Entity category description should address this

Summary: Priority is having a normative document describing the framework. See draft at

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EsDYo4xRtNQJjW_7hU8QwRIs_C83naesYYGHnkZwR2k/edit?usp=sharing This could help the business case for Federation Operators needing to justify the expense of adoption. Should describe

- ***Responsibilities of the registrar***
- ***What is self assessment?***

- ***Non-compliance***

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Self assessment, where would fed ops look & is there audit?

Should get a side meeting going at REFEDS

Shel Waggener would like to evolve this to a massive scheme... AARC review

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Summary:

- ***AARC Review feedback wants to expand Sirtfi into a more all-encompassing scheme***
- ***Not many Europeans will be at TechEx but can hold several side discussions***
- ***Could ask for a slot at TechEx, or a brief bit of REFEDS***