Research and Scholarship IdP Config

To support the Research and Scholarship Category, an IdP releases the R&S attribute bundle to all R&S SPs, including R&S SPs in other federations. See below for detailed configuration instructions.

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Software Requirements

To release attributes to all current and future R&S SPs with a one-time configuration, an IdP leverages entity attributes (instead of entity IDs). Thus the configuration steps documented here require Shibboleth IdP v2.3.4 or later, which fully supports using entity attributes in SP metadata as part of an attribute release filter policy. To release a dynamic subset of the R&S attribute bundle based on <md:RequestedAttribute> elements in SP metadata, Shibboleth IdP v2.4.3 (or later) is required.

No other SAML IdP software is known to support entity attributes at this time.

Optimize your IdP configuration

Once you've configured your IdP to release attributes to R&S SPs as described below, you should optimize your IdP configuration files by removing all references to the entity IDs of individual R&S SPs. That is, in fact, the whole point of using entity attributes to configure attribute release policy.

ACOnet Example: Configuring an IdP

ACOnet provides an example attribute policy rule for the R&S Category. (Here's a direct link to the R&S rules but that's missing any context and explanations.)

InCommon Example: Configure an IdP to Release a Fixed Subset of R&S Attributes

InCommon recommends the following approach to configure Shibboleth IdP v2.3.4 (or later) to release a fixed subset of the R&S Attribute Bundle to all R&S SPs, including R&S SPs in other federations, as follows:
InCommon Example: Configure an IdP to Release a Dynamic Subset of R&S Attributes

InCommon recommends the following approach to configure Shibboleth IdP v2.4.3 (or later) to release a dynamic subset of the R&S Attribute Bundle by filtering the actual release of attributes based on `<md:RequestedAttribute>` elements in SP metadata:

```
<afp:AttributeFilterPolicy id="releaseDynamicSubsetRandSAttributeBundle">
    <!-- for Shib IdP V3, use type saml:EntityAttributeExactMatch instead -->
    <afp:PolicyRequirementRule xsi:type="saml:AttributeRequesterEntityAttributeExactMatch"
        attributeName="http://macedir.org/entity-category"
        attributeValue="http://refeds.org/category/research-and-scholarship"/>

    <!-- a dynamic subset of the Research & Scholarship Attribute Bundle -->
    <afp:AttributeRule attributeID="eduPersonPrincipalName">
        <afp:PermitValueRule xsi:type="saml:AttributeInMetadata" onlyIfRequired="false"/>
    </afp:AttributeRule>

    <!-- release ePPN iff ePPN is listed in metadata -->
    <afp:AttributeRule attributeID="eduPersonTargetedID">
        <afp:PermitValueRule xsi:type="basic:ANY"/>
    </afp:AttributeRule>

    <afp:AttributeRule attributeID="email">
        <afp:PermitValueRule xsi:type="basic:ANY"/>
    </afp:AttributeRule>

    <!-- either displayName or (givenName and sn) is REQUIRED but all three are RECOMMENDED -->
    <afp:AttributeRule attributeID="displayName">
        <afp:PermitValueRule xsi:type="basic:ANY"/>
    </afp:AttributeRule>
    <afp:AttributeRule attributeID="givenName">
        <afp:PermitValueRule xsi:type="basic:ANY"/>
    </afp:AttributeRule>
    <afp:AttributeRule attributeID="surname">
        <afp:PermitValueRule xsi:type="basic:ANY"/>
    </afp:AttributeRule>

    <!-- release ePSA is OPTIONAL -->
    <afp:AttributeRule attributeID="eduPersonScopedAffiliation">
        <afp:PermitValueRule xsi:type="basic:ANY"/>
    </afp:AttributeRule>
</afp:AttributeFilterPolicy>
```
Visit the Shibboleth wiki for more information about type `saml:AttributeInMetadata`. 