Canadian Access Federation: Trust Assertion Document (TAD)

1. Purpose

A fundamental requirement of Participants in the Canadian Access Federation is that they assert authoritative and accurate identity attributes to resources being accessed, and that Participants receiving an attribute assertion protect it and respect privacy constraints placed on it by the asserting Participant.

To accomplish this practice, CANARIE requires Participants to make available to all other Participants answers to the questions below.

1.1 Canadian Access Federation Requirement

Currently, the community of trust is based on "best effort" and transparency of practice. Each Participant documents, for other Participants, their identity and access management practices, which they can confidently meet. Each Participant should make available to other Participants basic information about their identity management system and resource access management systems registered for use within the Canadian Access Federation. The information would include how supported identity attributes are defined and how attributes are consumed by services.

1.2 Publication

Your responses to these questions must be:

1. submitted to CANARIE to be posted on the CANARIE website; and
2. posted in a readily accessible place on your web site.

You must maintain an up-to-date Trust Assertion Document.
2. Canadian Access Federation Participant Information

2.1.1. Organization name: Canadian Light Source Inc.

2.1.2. Information below is accurate as of this date:

01-Aug-2012

2.2 Identity Management and/or Privacy information

2.2.1. Where can other Canadian Access Federation Participants find additional information about your identity management practices and/or privacy policy regarding personal information?

ICT Department Manager or CID Department Manager

2.3 Contact information

2.3.1. Please list person(s) or office who can answer questions about the Participant’s identity management system or resource access management policy or practice.

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3. Identity Provider Information

Two criteria for trustworthy attribute assertions by Identity Providers are: (1) that the identity management system be accountable to the organization's executive or business management, and (2) the system for issuing end-user credentials (e.g., userids/passwords, authentication tokens, etc.) has in place appropriate risk management measures (e.g. security practices, change management controls, audit trails, accountability, etc.).

3.1 Community

3.1.1. As an Identity Provider, how do you define the set of people who are eligible to receive an electronic identity? If exceptions to this definition are allowed, who must approve such an exception?

CLS Staff, Users, and Contractors on an as needed basis. Certain accounts may be created for operational reasons to perform data acquisition not associated with specific individuals.

3.1.2. What subset of persons registered in your identity management system would you identify as a "Participant" in SAML identity assertions to CAF Service Providers?

All individuals eligible to receive an electronic identity

3.2 Electronic Identity Credentials

3.2.1. Please describe, in general terms, the administrative process used to establish an electronic identity that results in a record for that person being created in your electronic identity database? Please identify the office(s) of record for this purpose.

Staff: CLS-HR advises CLS-ICT of a need to create an account; Contractors: On an as required basis contact administrator advise ICT
Users: CLS User Office creates directly or advises ICT of a need to create an account.

3.2.2. What authentication technologies are used for your electronic identity credentials (e.g., Kerberos, userlD/password, PKI, ...) that are relevant to Canadian Access Federation activities? If more than one type of electronic credential is issued, how is it determined who receives which type? If multiple credentials are linked, how is this managed (e.g., anyone with a Kerberos credential also can acquire a PKI token) and audited?

Active directory will communicate with various systems including but not limited to Kerberos, CAS. Within ScienceStudio there is provision to map multiple electronic identities to a single individual.

3.2.3. If your electronic identity credentials require the use of a secret password or PIN, and there are circumstances in which that secret would be transmitted across a network without being protected by encryption (e.g., "clear text passwords" are used when accessing campus services), please identify who in your organization can discuss with any other Participant concerns that this might raise for them:

Certain network attached devices may use clear text passwords, these are restricted to a protected internal network. Generally all passwords are encrypted.

3.2.4. If you support a “single sign-on” (SSO) or similar campus-wide system to allow a single user authentication action to serve multiple applications, and you will make use of this to authenticate people for CAF Service Providers, please describe the key security aspects of your SSO system including whether session timeouts are enforced by the system,
whether user-initiated session termination is supported, and how use with "public access sites" is protected.

Single sign on is accomplished through the use of CAS protocol; timeouts in CAS are currently set at 2 hours. CISCO VPN and WebVPN is also used.

3.2.5. Are your primary electronic identifiers for people, such as “NetID,” eduPersonPrincipalName, or eduPersonTargetedID considered to be unique for all time to the individual to whom they are assigned? If not, what is your policy for re-assignment and what is the interval between such reuse?

Yes, Active Directory is our principle source. We generally do not reuse or delete userid names.

3.3 Electronic Identity Database

3.3.1. How is information in your electronic identity database acquired and updated? Are specific offices designated by your administration to perform this function? Are individuals allowed to update their own information on-line?

Information is captured as part of the HR or User Office Registration process. Updated done by ICT staff or the user office staff through systems supported by ICT staff.

3.3.2. What information in this database is considered “public information” and would be provided to any interested party?

Information that shows up in a phone book is considered public; generally limited to a user name.

3.4 Uses of Your Electronic Identity Credential System

3.4.1. Please identify typical classes of applications for which your electronic identity credentials are used within your own organization.

eduroam and ScienceStudio

3.5 Attribute Assertions

Attributes are the information data elements in an attribute assertion you might make to another Canadian Access Federation Participant concerning the identity of a person in your identity management system.

3.5.1. Please describe the reliability of your identity provider attribute assertions?

very reliable

3.5.2. Would you consider your attribute assertions to be reliable enough to:

a) control access to on-line information databases licensed to your organization?

Yes ☐ No ☐

b) be used to purchase goods or services for your organization?

Yes ☐ No ☐
c) enable access to personal information such as student record information?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

3.6 Privacy Policy

Canadian Access Federation Participants must respect the legal and organizational privacy constraints on attribute information provided by other Participants and use it only for its intended purposes.

3.6.1. What restrictions do you place on the use of attribute information that you might provide to other Canadian Access Federation participants?
   Individual user Information not to be published and use for authentication only.

3.6.2. What policies govern the use of attribute information that you might release to other Canadian Access Federation participants?
   Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

3.6.3. Please provide your privacy policy URL.

   Since the CLS share holder is the University of Saskatchewan the CLS is subject to the The Saskatchewan Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). Currently the privacy policy is not published on the web.
4. Service Provider Information

Service Providers, who receive attribute assertions from another Participant, shall respect the other Participant's policies, rules, and standards regarding the protection and use of that data. Such information must be used only for the purposes for which it was provided.

Service Providers are trusted to ask for only the information necessary to make an appropriate access control decision, and to not misuse information provided to them by Identity Providers. Service Providers must describe the basis on which access to resources is managed and their practices with respect to attribute information they receive from other Participants.

4.1 Attributes

4.1.1. What attribute information about an individual do you require in order to manage access to resources you make available to other Participants? Describe separately for each service application that you offer to CAF participants.

Eduroam - No special attributes. ScienceStudio - TBD.

4.1.2. What use do you make of attribute information that you receive in addition to basic access control decisions?

Authentication and provision of access to experimental data and user registration information.

4.1.3. Do you use attributes to provide a persistent user experience across multiple sessions?

Yes, based on unique user name.

4.1.4. Do you aggregate session access records or record specific information accessed based on attribute information.

Yes, we expect to do this within ScienceStudio. Details to be resolved.

4.1.5. Do you make attribute information available to other services you provide or to partner organizations?

Potentially to user registration services hosted by service providers under contract to CLS.

4.2 Technical Controls

4.2.1. What human and technical controls are in place on access to and use of attribute information that might refer to only one specific person (i.e., personally identifiable information)? For example, is this information encrypted for storage in your system?

Data is stored in the data centre under physical prox-card access control. Access to servers is password protected.

4.2.2. Describe the human and technical controls that are in place on the management of super-user and other privileged accounts that might have the authority to grant access to personally identifiable information?
4.2.3. If personally identifiable information is compromised, what actions do you take to notify potentially affected individuals?
Passwords are reset, impacted individuals are contacted as soon as possible.
5. Other Information

5.1 Technical Standards, Versions and Interoperability

5.1.1. Identify the SAML products you are using. If you are using the open source Internet2 Shibboleth products identify the release that you are using.
   Plan to use shib 2.0

5.1.2. What operating systems are the implementations on?
   Scientific Linux (SL) 5 or 6

5.1.3. What versions of the SAML protocol (1.1 or 2.0) do you support in your implementations.
   [ ] SAML 1.1
   [x] SAML 2.0

5.2 Other Considerations

5.2.1. Are there any other considerations or information that you wish to make known to other Canadian Access Federation Participants with whom you might interoperate? For example, are there concerns about the use of clear text passwords or responsibilities in case of a security breach involving identity information you may have provided?