Building Interoperable Global Trust

bridging technology and policy divides

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Research as a global distributed enterprise



The intended outcome ...

2x3000 physicists >10k technical staff 150 institutes 50 countries/areas











Image source: joint CERN (wLCG) and EGI

Organisations participating in the global collaboration of e-Infrastructures

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Even just for wLCG, supporting the CERN LHC programme More than 200 independent institutes with end-users More than 50 countries & regions More than 300 service centres Handful regional 'service coordination organisations' 300 000 CPU cores, 200+PByte storage One independent 'policy-bridge' PKI

Building Sustainable Trust

Single Organisation managerial control over all assets

Collaborative Community

distributed responsibility loose controls varying jurisdictions



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left: the SuperMUC, LRZ, Garching bei München – which is actually also part of the R&E e-Infrastructure

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- 2. Multiple 'monolithic' organisations in equivalent roles interwork
- 3. Independent administrative domains collaborate in **distinct roles**



Relying Parties as a Defining Element

Service providers ('relying parties') absorb almost all of the residual risk – as they host and manage resources under threat

They trust others for a particular purpose

- Sources of 'subject authority' should align with RP interests to be useful
- RP must have policy controls to compose sources of authority
- RP must be equipped with effective controls to mitigate risks



Multi-authority access control with PKI in e-Infrastructures using composable policy



Why a dedicated trust fabric for eScience?

Specific assurances required for e-Infrastructures

- globally unique, non-reassigned identifiers
- identify end-users as well as networked services
- active participation in incident response at last resort

Issues for e-Infra compared to current browser trust

- 'actual' relying party end users are not even encouraged to make trust decisions autonomously - *it*'s e.g. *impossible to consistently remove an individual trust anchor from NSS default set*
- decisions (necessarily) consensus-based, but consensus in a group far larger and with divergent interests from specific cross-enterprise RPs
- public browser trust almost exclusively DNS focused

Not all RPs nor all risks are equal, so ultimately one gets differentiated LoA even in a single federation

Empowering the Relying Party



Establishing PKI interworking: AP EU TAG

- European resource provider collaboration established first CA Coordination Group for e-Infrastructures in 2000
 - Leveraged on purpose existing PKI CAs where available
 - Global research needs resulted in the 2003 'Tokyo Accord'
 - With start of production e-Infrastructures in 2004
 - EUGridPMA: national (e-infra) identity services plus major e-Infrastructures & TERENA
 - APGrid and PRAGMA establish APGridPMA
 - Canada, Latin America and USA establish TAGPMA
 - bringing together resource providers, communities, IdPs
 - agree on global, shared minimum requirements and assurance levels
 - inspired and coordinated by the needs of relying parties, who frequently co-support some of the identity management operations



Interoperable Global Trust Federation

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- 3 regional chapters: EMEA, Americas, AP
- ~ 90 Identity Providers (some leveraging a R&E federation)
- ~ 10 international major relying parties
- ~ 60 countries / economic areas / extra-territorial orgs
- > 1000 relying service provider collaborations

Minimum requirements: assurance profiles

- Federation *minimum requirements* (APs) reflect specific operational and security needs of resource providers
 > differentiated LoA support:
 - classic direct-vetting subscriber services
 - identity services leveraging (R&E) federations with ID vetting
 - 'LoAI+' Identifier-Only Trust Assurance

 if relying party has other ways to vet its users, allow for
 lower-assurance identifiers, thus enabling more federations as ID
 source
 - 'research-inspired' trust verification process: self-audits, peer-review, transparent open policies and processes
 - 'meet or exceed' required minimum standards

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Assurance Profiles – declaration of consistency towards Relying Parties

- . Vetting and assurance for identity and attributes
 - vetting rules and data quality
 - expiration and renewal
 - revocation and incident containment
- 2. Operational requirements for identity providers
 - operating environment and site security
 - staff qualification and control
- 3. Publication and audits
 - openness of policy, practices and meta-data
 - review and auditing
- 4. Privacy and confidentiality guarantees
- 5. Compromise, disaster recovery and business continuity



Engendering trust through transparent processes and procedures

- IGTF itself works on peer review process
 - Supported by self-assessments shared with the peer group



- Depending on the RP risk assessment, for identified use cases this is actually sufficient LoA
- Especially when there are complementary sources of assurance: community attributes, 'reputation', ...

Cryptographic PKI bridging

Organisations typically act as both CA (IdP) and Relying Party

Technically

- path discovery support
- permissible 'naming' defined in the cross-signing certs
- policy mapping is done in the bridges only

Bridges take care of policy responsibility for their trusting connected CAs and RPs



Rendering a PKI federation as a Policy Bridge

- Once role separation is recognised, federation is simple
- I. composable and removable assurance-tagged trust anchor lists



- 2. mechanism to distribute trust-anchor (meta) data via the federation
- 3. provide controls that **permit the RP** under its own policy to trust only those elements that **match its risk profile**



- based on **assurance profiles** expressed as accreditation trust marks
- based on relying party defined namespace constraints to set trust scope and global uniqueness of identifiers in the federation
- permit subject-based **policy decisions** (on name, issuer, attributes)

https://dl.igtf.net/distribution/current, https://www.ogf.org/documents/GFD.189.pdf

Collaboration is based on Bridging Trust!



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