



Authentication and Authorisation for Research and Collaboration

Trust by Demonstration ... without overdoing it

Security Coordination Communications Challenges – all in it together

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WISE Community meeting

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Many communities test, test, and test again

TI Reaction Test [TI-XI #107402165633] - Mozilla Thunderbird

File Edit View Go Message Enigmail Tools Help

Get Messages Write Chat Address Book Tag

Enigmail Good signature from Trusted Introducer

From ti@trusted-introducer.org ☆

Subject TI Reaction Test [TI-XI #107402165633]

To security@nikhef.nl ★

Dear TI Colleagues,

please take a short moment by clicking on the URL below please contact someone that is representative(s).

The time of your teams reaction will be recorded.

Please visit the following <https://up.trusted-introducer.org/>

Best regards,
the Trusted Introducer

[EGI #16469] Site Security Contact Communication Challenge

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From [redacted] via RT <csirt@rt.egi.eu> ★

Subject [EGI #16469] Site Security Contact Communication Challenge

To security@nikhef.nl ★

Dear security contact for ** NIKHEF-ELPROD **, == Why you have received this message ==

To verify the security contact data set in the GOC-DB, == What action is required ==

Confirm that this contact is still correct by visiting <https://csirt-challenge.egi.eu/2020S-fe775a375>

No further action is required except for the above.

== Additional information ==

The EGI Security Incident Response Procedure requires sites to respond to requests from EGI CSIRT within 4 hours during an incident. For this reason it is essential that the contact information in GOC-DB is kept up to date and remains valid. Challenge emails such as this are used occasionally to test this validity.

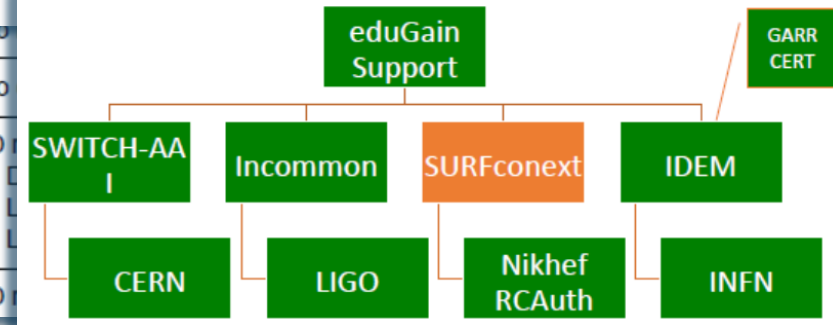
More information and links to the procedure are available here - https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/EGI_CSIRT:Incident_reporting

Thank you



Timeline

Day	Time (CEST)	
Monday	11:00	
22nd	11:54	Zenodo
	15:00	Zenodo
	15:44	ORCID
	15:56	ORCID



One test amongst many – *but the first in the Sirtfi (eduGAIN) community*

In AARC2 we will further the work undertaken in AARC and provide a framework

Month	What
9	Incident Response Test Model for Organizations MNA3.3
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?	Guideline on Incident Response for Federation Participants
22	Report on Security Incident Response DNA3.2

16-11-2018

Incident Response Test Model for Organisations - Simulation #2

Deliverable MNA3.3.3

Contractual Date: N/A
 Actual Date: 16-11-2018
 Grant Agreement No.: 730941
 Work Package: NA3
 Task Item:
 Lead Partner: CERN

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Role Test 1
Identity 1
IdP1
SP1
SP3

AARC-I051

Guide to Federated Security Incident Response for Research Collaboration

2.5. Establish Secure Communication Channels in Advance

A key finding during Incident Response Simulations [AARC2-DNA3.2/DNA3.1] carried out in 2018 was the need for established, secure communication channels in the event of a security incident. Such channels should allow Federation and Interfederation Operators, Federation Participants and any potential third parties to easily communicate and safely share information. Significant work is required to understand the needs for the community, and to identify and provide a solution.

Who runs the test?

The first tests with these participants were run 'by AARC'

Logical candidates that could all run the test

... and have an interest in knowing the result to establish trust

- eduGAIN
- GEANT.org
- but also any EOSC-HUB and e-Infrastructure CSIRT teams
- the IGTF (as it leverages federated id)
- each of the e-Infrastructures XSEDE, EGI, EUDAT, PRACE, OSG, HPCI, ...
- every research infra with an interest: WLCG, LSAAI, BBMRI, ELIXIR, ...

And any institution (or person) with access to <https://mds.edugain.org/> can run them, of course
so in a short while, all the email in the world will be on Sirtfi Incident Response tests??

Frequency of challenges and tests - examples

Trusted Introducer and TF-CSIRT

- 2-3 Reaction Tests per year
- supported by web click infrastructure, but requires (team) authentication

SURFcert challenges

- annual response challenges, just reply to email to a (traceable) ticket

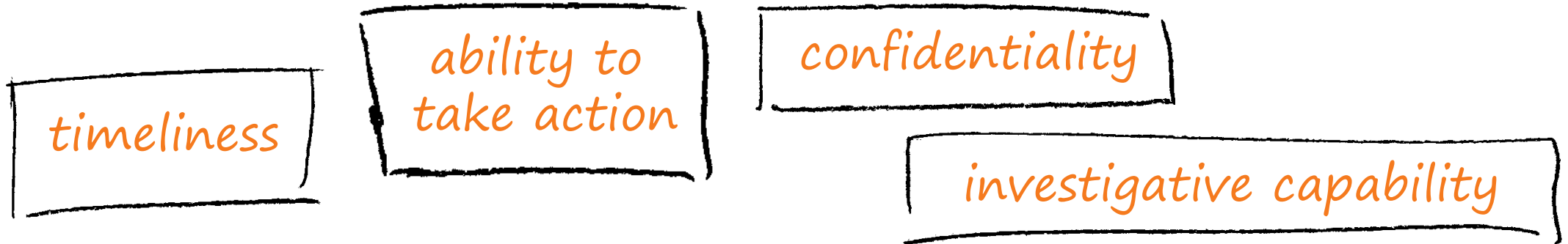
IGTF RAT Communications Challenges

- every 1-2 years
- in parallel with continuous operational monitoring

yet we already listed 14 entities that have a real interest in running tests, 5000+ entities can claim the same

Challenge elements – what is valued or expected might differ ...

A single test and challenge can answer one **or more** of these questions



- when data available: infrastructure can set its *own level* of expectancy and gives *deep trust*
- assessment supported with community controls (suspension) gives a *baseline compliance*

Communications challenges build ‘confidence’ and trust – an important social aspect!

- different tests bring complementary results: responsiveness vs. ability act , or do forensics
- unless you run the test yourself, you may not be growing more trust in the entities tested
- for a ‘warm and fuzzy feeling of trust’, share results: but this is sociologically still challenging ...

Coordination and mutual reliance

Target audiences and capabilities mostly have a ‘natural’ primary home

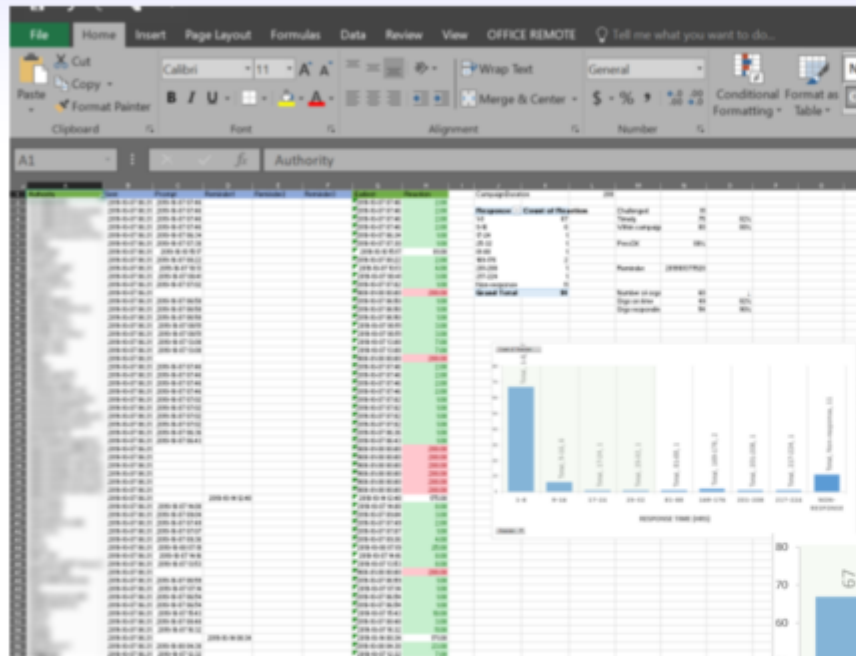
so that each ‘target’ does not get hit by many concurrent challenges

- e.g. eduGAIN to run communications challenges against Sirtfi email addresses
- the e-Infrastructures to test responsiveness of SPs and RPs
with each RP/SP/Site having a primary e-Infra as its home?
or can we jointly (EOSC-HUB) run these challenges per continent?

Communications challenges also build ‘confidence’ and trust – an important social aspect

- unless you test yourself, or get insight in the results of a challenge, trust may now grow enough
- so to get that ‘warm and fuzzy feeling of trust’, results could be shared
- *and that sharing needs to be confidential as well, and granularity tunes to audience*

IGTF RATCC4 Results

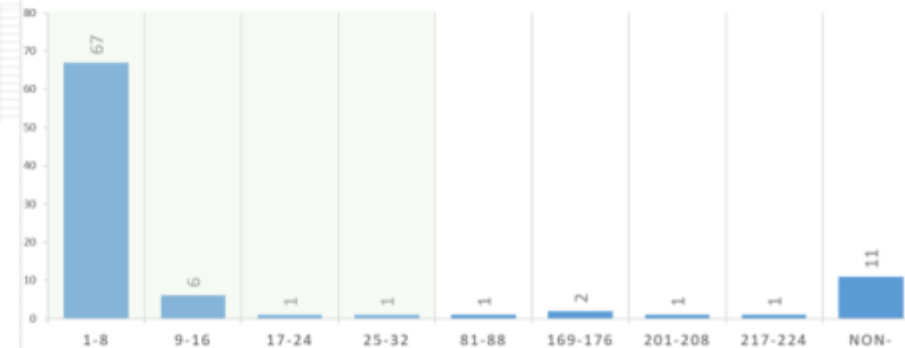


In total there are 91 trust anchors (root, intermediate, and issuing authorities) currently in the accredited bundle, managed by 60 organisations.

Of the 60 organisations, 49 responded within one working day (82%), representing (incidentally) also 82% of the trust anchors.

Within a few days more, 3 additional ones came in, and 4 more responded after a reminder.

In total, 90% of the organisations responded to the challenge, representing 88% of the trust anchors.



**PS: of the non-response organisations,
4 had their public contact meta-data fixed, and 2 were withdrawn from the distribution**

The SCCC Working Group – a joint effort of many

Coordination of ‘CCs recipient groups’ among participating infrastructures

- ensure targets are not overloaded by coinciding or overlapping challenges, for example by designating lead agency

Transitivity of trust based on challenge frequency and results

- for example by specifying the level of disclosure detail for CCs
- as extension: could CCs be requested e.g. in response to changed risk assessments between infrastructures?

Definition of CC models and classification

- ‘depth’ of the CC testing is a balance between the level of trust gained (more profound testing and good results gives more trust) and expediency (asking mail or click response consumes less resources than requesting forensics of simulated incident)

Frequency of CCs

- simple communications challenges are often performed one or several times per year
- complex challenges are less frequent (e.g. ‘black-box traceability’ trials in EGI take place once every 1-2 years)
- following a CC model classification, propose an appropriate frequency for each class

Continued engagement and coordination: WISE SCCC **JOINT** WG

WISE Community: Security Communication Challenges Coordination WG (SCCC-WG)

Introduction and background

Maintaining trust between different infrastructures and domains depends largely on predictable responses by all parties involved. Many frameworks – e.g. SCL and Sirtfi – and groups such as the coordinated e-Infrastructures, the IGTF, and REFEDS, all promote mechanisms to publish security contact information, and have either explicit or implicit expectations on their remit, responsiveness, and level of confidentiality maintained. However, it is a well-recognised fact that data that is not

WISE
SIG-ISM
REFEDS
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WISE SCCC-WG – participate!

WISE Community:

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Introduction and backgr

Maintaining trust between different responses by all parties involved. In coordinated e-Infrastructures, the contact information, and have either and level of confidentiality maintained verified becomes stale; security coordination infrastructure may later bounce, or

One of the ways to ensure contact compare their performance against

[Dashboard](#) / ... / [SCCC-JWG](#)

Communications Challenge planning

Created by David Groep, last modified on Oct 12, 2019

Body	Last challenge	Campaign name	Next challenge	Campaign
IGTF	November 2015		October 2019	IGTF-RATCC
EGI	March 2019	SSC 19.03 (8)		
Trusted Introducer	August 2019	TI Reaction Test	January 2019	TI Reaction

Campaign information

Campaigns can target different constituencies and may overlap. The description of the constituency given here should be sufficient for a detailed description or a list of addresses (which would be a privacy concern since this page is public). Challenges can also probe to different

IGTF-RATCC4-2019

Campaign	IGTF-RATCC4-2019
Period	October 2019
Initiator contact	Interoperable Global Trust Federation IGTF (rat@igtf.net)
Target community	IGTF Accredited Identity Providers
Target type	own constituency of accredited authorities
Target community size	~90 entities, ~60 organisations, ~50 countries/economic areas
Challenge format and depth	email to registered public contacts expecting human response (by email reply) within policy timeframe
Current phase	Completed, summary available
Summary or report	<i>Preliminary result: 82% prompt (1 working day) response, follow-up ongoing</i>

WISE, SIGISM, REFEDS, TI joint working group
see wise-community.org and join!

<https://wiki.geant.org/display/WISE/SCCC-JWG>

Making the SCCC JWG a useful place for all

- How to grow the community and leverage the trust built?
- Can we use joint machinery for running challenges?
eduGAIN, EGI, TI, SURF all have tooling, and more is coming
- The Wiki page is a start – evolution and completeness requires *you*!

And beyond communications, there is more to be had:

1. **Crisis exercises – the true test of readiness, and a great way of being prepared!**
look at the great things Charlie et al. are doing, like CLAW 😊
2. **eduGAIN communications and crises simulation – join in the discussion**
see https://etherpad.servus.at/p/tiime19_edugain

Thank you

Any Questions?

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