

# IdP User Consent

Transparency for attribute release



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**Part 1: Overview of user consent in  
IdP version 3**

**Part 2: Technical bits**

# User consent

## Two pieces

1. Attribute release consent [enabled]
2. Terms of use consent [disabled]

Both prompt user on first access to every SP and again when attributes or terms change.

## What's in version 3

- Attribute release and terms of use consent now built in
- Inspired by uApprove and uApproveJP plugins for v2
- No consent data migration, storage implementations are *not compatible*
- May be enabled or disabled per relying party and per profile
- Decisions logged

## Differences with uApprove

- User can select attributes to release [disabled]
- Consent duration choices
  1. "Ask me again if information changes"  
= if set of attributes changes
  2. "Ask me again at next login" [enabled]
  3. "Do not ask me again", ever, for any SP [enabled]
- No regular expression for SP white/black lists
- No translations provided

## Why enable user consent?

- Easier to have now with v3 than with v2
- Required by SWITCHaaI Interfederation Access Declaration
- Inform users about what personal data is transmitted in a more real-time fashion
- Recommended to comply with data protection laws

## Why (not) enable user consent?

- One more page to read and click through upon login, but only the first time for each SP
- Global consent disabled: users cannot choose "I don't care about my privacy"
- Decide for all your users or let them decide?

## When should consent be sought?

- All SPs: the best option ← recommended
- Outside your organisation: good, less clicks
- Outside CH: currently no technical means to distinguish "Swiss" SPs and the data might not even be stored in Switzerland

## Part 2: Technical bits

## Global configuration options

Configured by Spring beans in `conf/relying-party.xml`, see comments inside for overrides

### Post-authentication flows

- Attribute consent [enabled]
- Terms of use consent [disabled]

# Example conf/relying-party.xml

Both post-authentication flows enabled for SAML2 SSO  
[only attribute-release]

```
<bean id="shibboleth.DefaultRelyingParty" parent="RelyingParty">
  <property name="profileConfigurations">
    <list>
      <bean parent="Shibboleth.SSO"
        p:postAuthenticationFlows="attribute-release" />
      <ref bean="SAML1.AttributeQuery" />
      <ref bean="SAML1.ArtifactResolution" />
      <bean parent="SAML2.SSO"
        p:postAuthenticationFlows="#{{'terms-of-use','attribute-release'}}"/>
      <ref bean="SAML2.ECP" />
      <ref bean="SAML2.Logout" />
      <ref bean="SAML2.AttributeQuery" />
      <ref bean="SAML2.ArtifactResolution" />
    </list>
  </property>
</bean>
```

## Attribute consent configuration

Configured by Java properties in  
conf/idp.properties

### Consent duration options

- "Ask me again if information changes"  
Always available to users
- "Ask me again at next login"  
`idp.consent.allowDoNotRemember = true`  
[true]
- "Do not ask me again"  
`idp.consent.allowGlobal = false` [true]

# Attribute consent configuration

## Per attribute behaviour

- Allow selection of attributes to release, may break applications if required attributes are withheld  
`idp.consent.allowPerAttribute = false [false]`
- Ask again if attribute *values* change  
`idp.consent.compareValues = true [false]`

# Intercept flow configuration

Configured by Spring beans in  
conf/intercept/consent-intercept-  
config.xml

## White & black lists

Which attribute to prompt for [all except black list]

- White list [empty]  
**When filled:** any attribute not mentioned in a list is released *without asking*
- Black list [`transientId`, `persistentId`,  
`eduPersonTargetedID`]
- Pattern match [not defined]

# Intercept flow configuration

## Attribute display order (coming in version 3.2.0)

- Alphabetical order by default
- Except attributes in white list show up first
- Set pattern to ^.\*\$ to catch all other attributes
- Fully customised order ⇒ implement  
`java.util.Comparator<String>`

# Terms of use consent configuration

Configured by Java properties in `messages/consent-messages.properties`

## Terms for each SP

- Default mapping using the `entityID`

```
https://sp.example.org = example-tou-1
example-tou-1.title = Example Terms of Use
example-tou-1.text = <em>This is an example ToU</em> [...]
```

- Other mapping configurable but the key is still `entityID` (default value available)

# Custom terms of use mapping

Configured by Spring beans in  
conf/intercept/consent-intercept-  
config.xml

Provided bean mapping entityIDs to values [disabled]

```
<bean id="shibboleth.consent.terms-of-use.Key"
      class="com.google.common.base.Functions" factory-method="compose">
  <constructor-arg name="g">
    <bean class="com.google.common.base.Functions" factory-method="forMap"
          c:defaultValue="terms-of-use">
      <constructor-arg name="map">
        <map>
          <entry key="https://sp.example.org/shibboleth" value="example-terms">
            </map>
        </constructor-arg>
      </bean>
    </constructor-arg>
    <constructor-arg name="f">
      <ref bean="shibboleth.RelyingPartyIdLookup.Simple" />
    </constructor-arg>
  </bean>
</constructor-arg>
```

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## Hands-on: use only one ToU

We want to always display the same terms of use regardless of the SP.



## Hands-on solution

- Enable terms-of-use flow in conf/relying-party.xml
- Change key bean in conf/intercept/consent-intercept-config.xml to

```
<bean id="shibboleth.consent.terms-of-use.Key"
      class="com.google.common.base.Functions"
      factory-method="constant">
    <constructor-arg value="my-terms" />
</bean>
```



## Hands-on solution

- Add text in messages/consent-messages.properties

```
my-terms = bogus-tou
bogus-tou.title = Bogus Terms of Use
bogus-tou.text = You can do anything you want!
```

# References

- Shibboleth wiki: [ConsentConfiguration](https://wiki.shibboleth.net/confluence/display/IDP30/ConsentConfiguration)  
(<https://wiki.shibboleth.net/confluence/display/IDP30/ConsentConfiguration>)
- Shibboleth wiki: [RelyingPartyConfiguration](https://wiki.shibboleth.net/confluence/display/IDP30/RelyingPartyConfiguration)  
(<https://wiki.shibboleth.net/confluence/display/IDP30/RelyingPartyConfiguration>)
- Google Guava Functions class Javadoc  
(<http://docs.guava-libraries.googlecode.com/git/javadoc/com/google/common/base/Functions.html>)

## Appendix: Disabling attribute consent prompt for particular SPs

# Disabling prompt for particular SPs

## Relying party overrides

- Template beans in conf/relying-party.xml to match SPs by:
  - name: entityID
  - group: <EntitiesDescriptor> in metadata
  - tag: <EntityAttributes> metadata extension
- **First match wins** ⇒ order in conf/relying-party.xml is significant

# Disabling prompt for particular SPs

## Entity attributes in metadata

- Entity categories
  - GÉANT Data Protection Code of Conduct (CoCo)
  - REFEDS Research & Scholarship
- New attributes available!
  - swissEduPersonHomeOrganization
  - swissEduPersonHomeOrganizationType

# Example metadata with attributes

```
<EntityDescriptor
    entityId="https://attribute-viewer.aai.switch.ch/interfederation-test/shibboleth
<Extensions>
    <mdattr:EntityAttributes>
        <saml:Attribute Name="http://macedir.org/entity-category">
            <saml:AttributeValue>
                http://www.geant.net/uri/dataprotection-code-of-conduct/v1
            </saml:AttributeValue>
        </saml:Attribute>
        <saml:Attribute FriendlyName="swissEduPersonHomeOrganization"
            Name="urn:oid:2.16.756.1.2.5.1.1.4">
            <saml:AttributeValue>switch.ch</saml:AttributeValue>
        </saml:Attribute>
        <saml:Attribute FriendlyName="swissEduPersonHomeOrganizationType"
            Name="urn:oid:2.16.756.1.2.5.1.1.5">
            <saml:AttributeValue>others</saml:AttributeValue>
        </saml:Attribute>
    </mdattr:EntityAttributes>
</Extensions>
<!-- ... rest of metadata for entity -->
</EntityDescriptor>
```

# Example relying party override

Disables flows for SPs belonging to a home organisation

```
<util:list id="shibboleth.RelyingPartyOverrides">
    <!-- ... more beans -->
    <bean id="shibboleth.NoUserConsentRelyingParty" parent="RelyingPartyByTag">
        <constructor-arg name="candidates">
            <list>
                <bean id="disableForSingleHomeOrganization" parent="TagCandidate"
                    c:name="urn:oid:2.16.756.1.2.5.1.1.4"
                    p:values="example.org" />
            <!-- ... more beans -->
        </list>
    </constructor-arg>
    <property name="profileConfigurations">
        <list>
            <ref bean="Shibboleth.SSO" />
            <ref bean="SAML2.SSO" />
            <!-- ... other profiles -->
        </list>
    </property>
</bean>
</util:list>
```