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#### Abstract:

This document contains an implementation profile for eGovernment use of SAML V2.0, suitable for the purposes of testing conformance of implementations of SAML V2.0. It is not a deployment profile, and does not provide for or reflect specific behavior expected of implementations when used within a particular deployment context.

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# 1 Introduction

SAML V2.0 is a rich and extensible standard that must be profiled to be used interoperably, and the profiles that typically emerge from the broader standardization process usually remain fairly broad and include a number of options and features that increase the burden for implementers and make deployment-time decisions more difficult.

The Kantara Initiative eGovernment Implementation Profile provides a SAML V2.0 conformance specification for Identity Provider and Service Provider implementations operating in eGovernment federations and deployments. The profile is based on the SAML V2.0 specifications created by the Security Services Technical Committee (SSTC) of OASIS, and related specifications approved by that body. It constrains and supplements the base SAML V2.0 features, elements, and attributes required for eGovernment federations and deployments.

Implementation profiles define the features that software implementations must support such that deployers can be assured of the ability to meet their own (possibly varied) deployment requirements. Deployment profiles define specific options and constraints to which deployments are required to conform; they guide product configuration and federation operations, and provide criteria against which actual deployments may be tested. This document does not include a deployment profile, but reflects the features deemed necessary or desirable from software implementations in support of a variety of deployment profiles planned and in use. This includes requirements deemed useful to further the eventual goal of interfederation between deployments.

## 1.1 Notation

This specification uses normative text to describe the use of SAML capabilities.

The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this specification are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119]:

...they MUST only be used where it is actually required for interoperation or to limit behavior which has potential for causing harm (e.g., limiting retransmissions)...

These keywords are thus capitalized when used to unambiguously specify requirements over protocol and application features and behavior that affect the interoperability and security of implementations. When these words are not capitalized, they are meant in their natural-language sense.

Listings of XML schemas appear like this.

Example code listings appear like this.

Conventional XML namespace prefixes are used throughout the listings in this specification to stand for their respective namespaces as follows, whether or not a namespace declaration is present in the example:

- The prefix `saml2:` stands for the SAML 2.0 assertion namespace, `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:assertion`
- The prefix `saml2p:` stands for the SAML 2.0 protocol namespace, `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:protocol`
- The prefix `md:` stands for the SAML 2.0 metadata namespace, `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:metadata`
- The prefix `idpdisc:` stands for the Identity Provider Discovery Service Protocol and Profile [IdPDisco] namespace, `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:profiles:SSO:idp-discovery-protocol`

- 124 • The prefix `mdattr:` stands for the Metadata Extension for Entity Attributes Version 1.0 [MetaAttr]  
125 namespace, `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:metadata:attribute`

126 This specification uses the following typographical conventions in text: `<ns:Element>`, `Attribute`,  
127 **Datatype**, `OtherCode`.

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## 2 SAML V2.0 Implementation Profile

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181 This profile specifies behavior and options that implementations of a selected set of SAML V2.0 profiles  
182 [SAML2Prof] are required to support. The requirements specified are *in addition to* all normative  
183 requirements of the original profiles, as modified by the Approved Errata [SAML2Err], and readers should  
184 be familiar with all relevant reference documents. Any such requirements are not repeated here except  
185 where deemed necessary to highlight a point of discussion or draw attention to an issue addressed in  
186 errata, but remain implied.

187 SAML leaves substantial latitude to implementations with regard to how software is architected and  
188 combined with authentication and application infrastructure. Where the terms "Identity Provider" and  
189 "Service Provider" are used, they should be understood to include the total software footprint intended to  
190 provide the desired functionality; no specific assumptions are made as to how the required features are  
191 exposed to deployers, only that there is some method for doing so.

### 2.1 Required Information

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193 **Identification:** <http://kantarainitiative.org/eGov/profiles/SAML2.0/v2.0>

194 **Contact information:** <http://kantarainitiative.org/confluence/display/eGov/Home>

195 **Description:** Given below

196 **Updates:** Liberty Alliance eGov Profile for SAML 2.0 [eGov15]

### 2.2 Metadata and Trust Management

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198 Identity Provider, Service Provider, and Discovery Service implementations MUST support the use of  
199 SAML V2.0 Metadata [SAML2Meta] in conjunction with their support of the SAML V2.0 profiles referenced  
200 by subsequent sections. Additional expectations around the use of particular metadata elements related to  
201 profile behavior may be encountered in those sections.

#### 2.2.1 Metadata Profiles

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203 Implementations MUST support the SAML V2.0 Metadata Interoperability Profile Version 1.0 [MetalOP].

204 Implementations MUST also support an alternative to that profile's language on use of the  
205 `<md:KeyDescriptor>` element as follows:

- 206 • Implementations MUST support the `<ds:X509Certificate>` element as input to subsequent  
207 requirements. Support for other representations, and for other mechanisms for credential  
208 distribution, is OPTIONAL.
- 209 • Implementations MUST support some form of path validation of signing, TLS, and encryption  
210 credentials used to secure SAML exchanges against one or more trusted certificate authorities.  
211 Support for PKIX [RFC5280] is RECOMMENDED; implementations SHOULD document the  
212 behavior of the validation mechanisms they employ, particular with respect to limitations or  
213 divergence from PKIX [RFC5280].
- 214 • Implementations MUST support the use of OCSP [RFC2560] and certificate revocation lists  
215 (CRLs) obtained via the "CRL Distribution Point" X.509 extension [RFC5280] for revocation  
216 checking of those credentials.
- 217 • Implementations MAY support additional constraints on the contents of certificates used by  
218 particular entities, such as "subjectAltName" or "DN", key usage constraints, or policy extensions,  
219 but SHOULD document such features and make them optional to enable where possible.

220 Note that these metadata profiles are intended to be mutually exclusive within a given deployment context;  
221 they are alternatives, rather than complimentary or compatible uses of the same metadata information.

222 Implementations SHOULD support the SAML V2.0 Metadata Extension for Entity Attributes Version 1.0  
223 [MetaAttr] and provide policy controls on the basis of SAML attributes supplied via this extension  
224 mechanism.

## 225 **2.2.2 Metadata Exchange**

226 It is OPTIONAL for implementations to support the generation or exportation of metadata, but  
227 implementations MUST support the publication of metadata using the Well-Known-Location method  
228 defined in section 4.1 of [SAML2Meta] (under the assumption that entityID values used are suitable for  
229 such support).

230 Implementations MUST support the following mechanisms for the importation of metadata:

- 231 • local file
- 232 • remote resource at fixed location accessible via HTTP 1.1 [RFC2616] or HTTP 1.1 over TLS/SSL  
233 [RFC2818]

234 In the case of HTTP resolution, implementations MUST support use of the "ETag" and "Last-Modified"  
235 headers for cache management. Implementations SHOULD support the use of more than one fixed  
236 location for the importation of metadata, but MAY leave their behavior unspecified if a single entity's  
237 metadata is present in more than one source.

238 Importation of multiple entities' metadata contained within an <md:EntitiesDescriptor> element  
239 MUST be supported.

240 Finally, implementations SHOULD allow for the automated updating/reimportation of metadata without  
241 service degradation or interruption.

### 242 **2.2.2.1 Metadata Verification**

243 Verification of metadata, if supported, MUST include XML signature verification at least at the root  
244 element level, and SHOULD support the following mechanisms for signature key trust establishment:

- 245 • Direct comparison against known keys.
- 246 • Some form of path-based certificate validation against one or more trusted certificate authorities,  
247 along with certificate revocation lists and/or OCSP [RFC2560]. Support for PKIX [RFC5280] is  
248 RECOMMENDED; implementations SHOULD document the behavior of the validation  
249 mechanisms they employ, particular with respect to limitations or divergence from PKIX  
250 [RFC5280].

## 251 **2.3 Name Identifiers**

252 In conjunction with their support of the SAML V2.0 profiles referenced by subsequent sections, Identity  
253 Provider and Service Provider implementations MUST support the following SAML V2.0 name identifier  
254 formats, in accordance with the normative obligations associated with them by [SAML2Core]:

- 255 • urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:nameid-format:persistent
- 256 • urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:nameid-format:transient

257 Support for other formats is OPTIONAL.

## 258 **2.4 Attributes**

259 In conjunction with their support of the SAML V2.0 profiles referenced by subsequent sections, Identity  
260 Provider and Service Provider implementations MUST support the generation and consumption of  
261 `<saml2:Attribute>` elements that conform to the SAML V2.0 X.500/LDAP Attribute Profile [SAML-  
262 X500].

263 The ability to support `<saml2:AttributeValue>` elements whose values are not simple strings (e.g.,  
264 `<saml2:NameID>`, or other XML values) is OPTIONAL. Such content could be base64-encoded as an  
265 alternative.

## 266 **2.5 Browser Single Sign-On**

267 This section defines an implementation profile of the SAML V2.0 Web Browser SSO Profile [SAML2Prof].

### 268 **2.5.1 Identity Provider Discovery**

269 Service Provider and Discovery Service implementations MUST support the Identity Provider Discovery  
270 Service Protocol Profile in conformance with section 2.4.1 of [IdPDisco].

### 271 **2.5.2 Authentication Requests**

#### 272 **2.5.2.1 Binding and Security Requirements**

273 Identity Provider and Service Provider implementations MUST support the use of the HTTP-Redirect  
274 binding [SAML2Bind] for the transmission of `<saml2p:AuthnRequest>` messages, including the  
275 generation or verification of signatures in conjunction with this binding.

276 Support for other bindings is OPTIONAL.

#### 277 **2.5.2.2 Message Content**

278 In addition to standard core- and profile-driven requirements, Service Provider implementations MUST  
279 support the inclusion of at least the following `<saml2p:AuthnRequest>` child elements and attributes  
280 (when appropriate):

- 281 • `AssertionConsumerServiceURL`
- 282 • `ProtocolBinding`
- 283 • `ForceAuthn`
- 284 • `IsPassive`
- 285 • `AttributeConsumingServiceIndex`
- 286 • `<saml2p:RequestedAuthnContext>`
- 287 • `<saml2p:NameIDPolicy>`

288 Identity Provider implementations MUST support all `<saml2p:AuthnRequest>` child elements and  
289 attributes defined by [SAML2Core], but MAY provide that support in the form of returning appropriate  
290 errors when confronted by particular request options. However, implementations MUST fully support the  
291 options enumerated above.

292 Implementations MAY limit their support of the `<saml2p:RequestedAuthnContext>` element to the  
293 value "exact" for the `Comparison` attribute.



294 Identity Provider implementations MUST support verification of requested  
295 AssertionConsumerServiceURL locations via comparison to <md:AssertionConsumerService>  
296 elements supplied via metadata using case-sensitive string comparison. It is OPTIONAL to support other  
297 means of comparison (e.g., canonicalization or other manipulation of URL values) or alternative verification  
298 mechanisms.

## 299 **2.5.3 Responses**

### 300 **2.5.3.1 Binding and Security Requirements**

301 Identity Provider and Service Provider implementations MUST support the use of the HTTP-POST and  
302 HTTP-Artifact bindings [SAML2Bind] for the transmission of <saml2p:Response> messages.

303 Support for other bindings, and for artifact types other than  
304 urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:artifact-04, is OPTIONAL.

305 Identity Provider and Service Provider implementations MUST support the generation and consumption of  
306 unsolicited <saml2p:Response> messages (i.e., responses that are not the result of a  
307 <saml2p:AuthnRequest> message).

308 Identity Provider implementations MUST support the issuance of <saml2p:Response> messages (with  
309 appropriate status codes) in the event of an error condition, provided that the user agent remains available  
310 and an acceptable location to which to deliver the response is available. The criteria for "acceptability" of a  
311 response location are not formally specified, but are subject to Identity Provider policy and reflect its  
312 responsibility to protect users from being sent to untrusted or possibly malicious parties. Note that this is a  
313 stronger requirement than the comparable language in [SAML2Prof].

314 Identity Provider and Service Provider implementations MUST support the signing of  
315 <saml2:Assertion> elements in responses; support for signing of the <saml2p:Response> element  
316 is OPTIONAL.

317 Identity Provider and Service Provider implementations MUST support the use of XML Encryption via the  
318 <saml2:EncryptedAssertion> element when using the HTTP-POST binding; support for the  
319 <saml2:EncryptedID> and <saml2:EncryptedAttribute> elements is OPTIONAL.

### 320 **2.5.3.2 Message Content**

321 The Web Browser SSO Profile allows responses to contain any number of assertions and statements.  
322 Identity Provider implementations MUST allow the number of <saml2:Assertion>,  
323 <saml2:AuthnStatement>, and <saml2:AttributeStatement> elements in the  
324 <saml2p:Response> message to be limited to one.

325 In turn, Service Provider implementations MAY limit support to a single instance of those elements when  
326 processing <saml2p:Response> messages.

327 Identity Provider implementations MUST support the inclusion of a Consent attribute in  
328 <saml2p:Response> messages, and a SessionIndex attribute in <saml2:AuthnStatement>  
329 elements.

330 Service Provider implementations that provide some form of session semantics MUST support the  
331 <saml2:AuthnStatement> element's SessionNotOnOrAfter attribute.

## 332 **2.5.4 Artifact Resolution**

333 Pursuant to the requirement in section 2.5.3.1 for support of the HTTP-Artifact binding [SAML2Bind] for  
334 the transmission of `<saml2p:Response>` messages, implementations MUST support the SAML V2.0  
335 Artifact Resolution profile [SAML2Prof] as constrained by the following subsections.

### 336 **2.5.4.1 Artifact Resolution Requests**

337 Identity Provider and Service Provider implementations MUST support the use of the SAML SOAP (using  
338 HTTP as a transport) binding [SAML2Bind] for the transmission of `<saml2p:ArtifactResolve>`  
339 messages.

340 Implementations MUST support the use of SAML message signatures and TLS server authentication to  
341 authenticate requests; support for TLS client authentication, or other forms of authentication in conjunction  
342 with the SAML SOAP binding, is OPTIONAL.

### 343 **2.5.4.2 Artifact Resolution Responses**

344 Identity Provider and Service Provider implementations MUST support the use of the SAML SOAP (using  
345 HTTP as a transport) binding [SAML2Bind] for the transmission of `<saml2p:ArtifactResponse>`  
346 messages.

347 Implementations MUST support the use of SAML message signatures and TLS server authentication to  
348 authenticate responses; support for TLS client authentication, or other forms of authentication in  
349 conjunction with the SAML SOAP binding, is OPTIONAL.

## 350 **2.6 Browser Holder of Key Single Sign-On**

351 This section defines an implementation profile of the SAML V2.0 Holder-of-Key Web Browser SSO Profile  
352 Version 1.0 [HoKSSO].

353 The implementation requirements defined in section 2.5 for the non-holder-of-key profile apply to  
354 implementations of this profile.

## 355 **2.7 SAML 2.0 Proxying**

356 Section 3.4.1.5 of [SAML2Core] defines a formalized approach to proxying the SAML 2.0 Authentication  
357 Request protocol between multiple Identity Providers. This section defines an implementation profile for  
358 this behavior suitable for composition with the Single Sign-On profiles defined in sections 2.5 and 2.6.

359 The requirements of the profile are imposed on Identity Provider implementations acting as a proxy.  
360 These requirements are in addition to the technical requirements outlined in section 3.4.1.5.1 of  
361 [SAML2Core], which also MUST be supported.

### 362 **2.7.1 Authentication Requests**

363 Proxying Identity Provider implementations MUST support the mapping of incoming to outgoing  
364 `<saml2p:RequestedAuthnContext>` and `<saml2p:NameIDPolicy>` elements, such that deployers  
365 may choose to pass through values or map between different vocabularies as required.

366 Proxying Identity Provider implementations MUST support the suppression/eliding of  
367 `<saml2p:RequesterID>` elements from outgoing `<saml2p:AuthnRequest>` messages to allow for  
368 hiding the identity of the Service Provider from proxied Identity Providers.

## 369 **2.7.2 Responses**

370 Proxying Identity Provider implementations MUST support the mapping of incoming to outgoing  
371 `<saml2:AuthnContext>` elements, such that deployers may choose to pass through values or map  
372 between different vocabularies as required.

373 Proxying Identity Provider implementations MUST support the suppression of  
374 `<saml2:AuthenticatingAuthority>` elements from outgoing `<saml2:AuthnContext>` elements  
375 to allow for hiding the identity of the proxied Identity Provider from Service Providers.

## 376 **2.8 Single Logout**

377 This section defines an implementation profile of the SAML V2.0 Single Logout Profile [SAML2Prof].

378 For clarification, the technical requirements for each message type below reflect the intent to normatively  
379 require initiation of logout by a Service Provider using either the front- or back-channel, and  
380 initiation/propagation of logout by an Identity Provider using the back-channel.

### 381 **2.8.1 Logout Requests**

#### 382 **2.8.1.1 Binding and Security Requirements**

383 Identity Provider implementations MUST support the SAML SOAP (using HTTP as a transport) binding  
384 [SAML2Bind] for the issuance of `<saml2p:LogoutRequest>` messages, and MUST support the SAML  
385 SOAP (using HTTP as a transport) and HTTP-Redirect bindings [SAML2Bind] for the reception of  
386 `<saml2p:LogoutRequest>` messages.

387 Service Provider implementations MUST support the SAML SOAP (using HTTP as a transport) binding  
388 [SAML2Bind] for both issuance and reception of `<saml2p:LogoutRequest>` messages.

389 Support for other bindings is OPTIONAL.

390 Implementations MUST support the use of SAML message signatures and TLS server authentication to  
391 authenticate `<saml2p:LogoutRequest>` messages; support for TLS client authentication, or other  
392 forms of authentication in conjunction with the SAML SOAP binding, is OPTIONAL.

393 Identity Provider and Service Provider implementations MUST support the use of XML Encryption via the  
394 `<saml2:EncryptedID>` element when using the HTTP-Redirect binding.

#### 395 **2.8.1.2 User Interface Behavior**

396 Identity Provider implementations MUST support both user-initiated termination of the local session only  
397 and user-initiated Single Logout. Upon receipt of a `<saml2p:LogoutRequest>` message via a front-  
398 channel binding, Identity Provider implementations MUST support user intervention governing the choice  
399 of propagating logout to other Service Providers, or limiting the operation to the Identity Provider. Of  
400 course, implementations MUST return status information to the requesting entity (e.g. partial logout  
401 indication) as appropriate.

402 Service Provider implementations MUST support both user-initiated termination of the local session only  
403 and user-initiated Single Logout.

404 Identity Provider implementations MUST also support the administrative initiation of Single Logout for any  
405 active session, subject to appropriate policy.

406 **2.8.2 Logout Responses**

407 **2.8.2.1 Binding and Security Requirements**

408 Identity Provider implementations MUST support the SAML SOAP (using HTTP as a transport) and  
409 HTTP-Redirect bindings [SAML2Bind] for the issuance of `<saml2p:LogoutResponse>` messages, and  
410 MUST support the SAML SOAP (using HTTP as a transport) binding [SAML2Bind] for the reception of  
411 `<saml2p:LogoutResponse>` messages.

412 Service Provider implementations MUST support the SAML SOAP (using HTTP as a transport) binding  
413 [SAML2Bind] for both issuance and reception of `<saml2p:LogoutResponse>` messages.

414 Support for other bindings is OPTIONAL.

415 Implementations MUST support the use of SAML message signatures and TLS server authentication to  
416 authenticate `<saml2p:LogoutResponse>` messages; support for TLS client authentication, or other  
417 forms of authentication in conjunction with the SAML SOAP binding, is OPTIONAL.

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## 418 3 Conformance Classes

### 419 3.1 Standard

420 Conforming Identity Provider and/or Service Provider implementations MUST support the normative  
421 requirements in sections 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5.

#### 422 3.1.1 Signature and Encryption Algorithms

423 Implementations MUST support the signature and digest algorithms identified by the following URIs in  
424 conjunction with the creation and verification of XML Signatures [XMLSig]:

- 425 • <http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#rsa-sha256> (defined in [RFC4051])
- 426 • <http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#sha256> (defined in [XMLEnc])

427 Implementations SHOULD support the signature and digest algorithms identified by the following URIs in  
428 conjunction with the creation and verification of XML Signatures [XMLSig]:

- 429 • <http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#ecdsa-sha256> (defined in [RFC4051])

430 Implementations MUST support the block encryption algorithms identified by the following URIs in  
431 conjunction with the use of XML Encryption [XMLEnc]:

- 432 • <http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#tripleDES-cbc>
- 433 • <http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#aes128-cbc>
- 434 • <http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#aes256-cbc>

435 Implementations MUST support the key transport algorithms identified by the following URIs in conjunction  
436 with the use of XML Encryption [XMLEnc]:

- 437 • [http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1\\_5](http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-1_5)
- 438 • <http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-oaep-mgf1p>

439 Support for other algorithms is OPTIONAL.

### 440 3.2 Standard with Logout

441 Conforming Identity Provider and/or Service Provider implementations MUST meet the conformance  
442 requirements in section 3.1, and MUST in addition support the normative requirements in section 2.8.

### 443 3.3 Full

444 Conforming Identity Provider and/or Service Provider implementations MUST meet the conformance  
445 requirements in section 3.1, and MUST in addition support the normative requirements in sections 2.6,  
446 2.7, and 2.8.

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## Appendix A. Change Log

- 448 • Draft 01: first working draft based on similar document created by InCommon Federation
- 449 • Draft 02: first round of feedback incorporated, deployment section dropped, new section on  
450 Artifact Resolution added, artifact added for SSO responses, SOAP added for logout, discovery  
451 moved under SSO, language on non-string attributes added, changed SHOULD to MUST for IdP  
452 support of selected AuthnRequest features
- 453 • Draft 03: moved Artifact Resolution into a SSO profile subsection, new language on SOAP  
454 security and SLO bindings, added metadata publication via WKL, added language on IdP error  
455 handling, added Holder of Key SSO profile, added Conformance Classes
- 456 • Draft 04: added UI language around SLO, layered conformance language and added MTI  
457 algorithms, added section for Proxying
- 458 • Draft 05: revised language for IdP error handling, added text on ACS checking, added proxying  
459 privacy language, heavily revised metadata section and added a "pseudo-profile" for combining  
460 certificates in metadata with PKI as an IOP alternative
- 461 • Draft 06: added normative reference to RFC5280 in path validation text, expanded algorithm  
462 requirements, added sentence on administrative logout