Metadata xml: It can be SP or IDP. entity id signing certificates and endpoints - we should be interested in this.

Endpoint - In sp ACS (AssertionConsumerService Location). In the IDP SingleSingOnService location.

How to find metadata xml is related to sp or idp. Search for the SSODescriptor tag. In idp we only find IDPSSODescriptor tag. In sp we find both SPSSODescriptor and IDPSSODescriptor tags

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    C:\Users\Aishwarya Vishwakarm\Desktop\Default\SAML\Metadata.xml

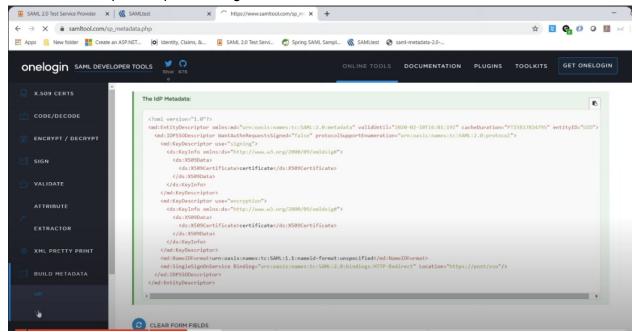
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    Ø Options ▼ 4 matches

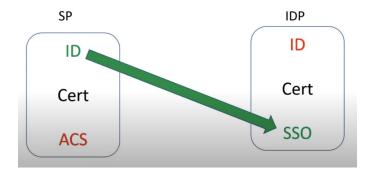
    - <SPSODescriptor protocolSupportEnumeration="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:protocol" WantAssertionsSigned="true"</li>

          <KeyDescriptor use="encryption">
              <KeyInfo xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">
                  <X509Data>
                      <X509Certificate>MIIC4jCCAcqgAwIBAgIQXYcAQ3jZkL9Jk9d7fx+xBjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADAtM
                  </X509Data>
               </KeyInfo>
           </KevDescriptor>
         - <KeyDescriptor use="signing">
             - <KeyInfo xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">
                       <X509Certificate>MIIC3DCCAcSgAwIBAgIQUpAeTBr76KxOOZBzPIhjujANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADAq
                  </X509Data>
               </KeyInfo>
           </KeyDescriptor>
           <SingleLogoutService Location="https://adfs.server.url/adfs/ls/" Binding="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:bindir</p>
<SingleLogoutService Location="https://adfs.server.url/adfs/ls/" Binding="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:bindir</p>
           <NameIDFormat>urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.1:nameid-format:emailAddress</NameIDFormat>
           <NameIDFormat>urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:nameid-format:persistent</NameIDFormat>
           <NameIDFormat>urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:nameid-format:transient</NameIDFormat>
           <AssertionConsumerService Location="https://adfs.server.url/adfs/ls/" Binding="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:</p>
          <AssertionConcurrence Location="https://adfs.server.url/adfs/ls/" Binding="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:</p>
<AssertionConsumerService Location="https://adfs.server.url/adfs/ls/" Binding="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:</p>
       </SPSSODescriptor>
       <IDPSSODescriptor protocolSupportEnumeration="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:protocol">
          <KeyDescriptor use="encryption">
              <KeyInfo xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">
                  <X509Data>
                      <X509Certificate>MIIC4jCCAcqgAwIBAgIQXYcAQ3jZkL9Jk9d7fx+xBjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADAtM
               </KeyInfo>
           </KeyDescriptor>
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We can create sp and idp files using samltool.com as shown below.

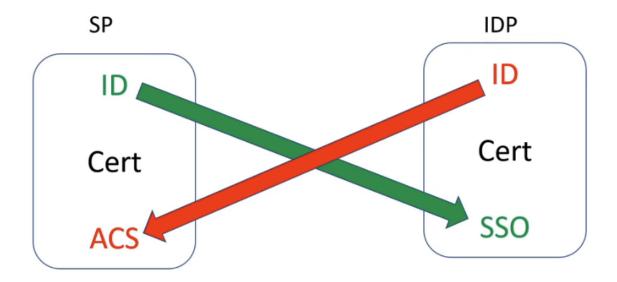


SAML Request - it is a request made by SP to IDP. it contains endpoints that are shared in meta-data file.



In SAML request it is going to destination - SSO url of IDP





Simplest explanation of overall picture.