



Security of Distributed Software

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Part III

TRUSTWORTHY SOFTWARE ENGINEERING



Trustworthy Software Engineering

- Trustworthy Software
 - In http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/security/docs/ict-wpo910.pdf defined as
 - Trustworthiness can be seen as software and infrastructure that is secure, reliable and resilient to attacks and operational failures; guaranteeing quality of service; protecting user data; ensuring privacy and providing usable and trusted tools to support the user in his/her security management.
 - Trustworthiness needs to be considered from the outset rather than being addressed as add-on feature.
- So, we focus on: Identity & Security by Design (SBD)
 - Who is it for?
 - Why does it matter?
 - What is it all about?
 - Where does it apply?
 - When to apply?
 - How to apply?



Chapter 1 IDENTITY



Introduction

- Fundamental question
 - Internet as a Danger Zone in terms of Identity
 - What exactly needs to be protected?
 - What should one orient towards?
 - Which data is exceptionally worthy of protection?
- Security vs. Identity
 - For starters: Keynote by Dick Hardt at WWW 2007 on "Identity 2.0"
 - Speech on Identity by Kim Cameron [http://www.identityblog.com]



Video

- Keynote by Dick Hardt at WWW 2007 on "Identity 2.0"
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RrpajcAgR1E



Problem

- Kim Cameron: "The Internet was built without a way to know who and what you are connecting to."
- Initial situation:
 - Internet Services are left on their own
 - Must provide security → isolated identity solutions
 - Criminalization of Internet
 - Leads to loss of Internet's credibility, for example, drawback for e-businesses
 - Identity layers are complex
 - Successful attempts, such as SSL and Kerberos however, overall too many different scenarios are required, so agreement is difficult
- Possible solution: Identity Metasystem
 - Such a system provides confidential support to ensure who is connecting to whom/what on the Internet
 - Many questions: Who holds the data? Who trusts whom? What scales? How does one realize openness to new developments that do not yet exist?



Identity

- Identity description
 - Not simple there exist numerous attempts and different forms, see Wikipedia
 - Lecture is based on Kim Cameron's definition
 - Interesting trends: FOAF and Semantic Web
- Definition Identity Digital identity is a set of claims, which are made by a digital Subject about self or other subjects.
 - Definition Digital Subject person or thing (referred or real) in a digital realm that is described or with which one is dealing
 - "with which one is dealing" often in the context with request/response model
 - Example digital subjects: real persons, devices, resources, rules/policies and relationships between digital subjects
 - Discussions of the 'subject' term extend into the philosophy (Oxford English Dictionary for Subject: "central substance or core of a thing as opposed to its attributes.")
 - See Kim Cameron on Entity, Thing und Subject
 - Definition Claim Claim suggests that something is true, typically something that seems to be controversial or questionable.
 - Remark: Claim is a relationship between a certain instance, a digital subject and an identity attribute



Understanding Identity

- We must be able to structure our understanding of digital identity
 - We need a way to avoid returning to the Empty Page every time we talk about digital identity
 - We need to inform peoples' thinking by teasing apart the factors and dynamics explaining the successes and failures of identity systems since the 1970s
 - We need to develop hypotheses resulting from observation that are testable and can be disproved
 - Our goals must be pragmatic, bounding our inquiry, with the aim of defining the characteristics of an unifying identity metasystem
 - The Laws of Identity offer a "good way" to express this thought
 - Beyond mere conversation, the Blogosphere offers us **a crucible**. The concept has been to employ this crucible to harden and deepen the laws.
 - Identity and Subject and Claim etc....
 - These definitions embrace Kerberos, X.509, SAML. They take this problem of the evaluation of the usefulness of a digital identity up to a higher level in the systems sense of multiple layers. These definitions separate the layer of where stuff is communicated from the layer where evaluations are done a very important step forward.



Laws of Identity

- 1. User Control and Consent
- 2. Minimal Disclosure for a Constrained Use
- 3. Justifiable Parties
- 4. Directed Identity
- 5. Pluralism of Operators and Technologies
- 6. Human Integration
- 7. Consistent Experience Across Contexts



Laws of Identity (Law 1)

1. User Control and Consent

- Digital identity systems must only reveal information identifying a user with the user's consent
 - Systems need to appeal in their convenience and simplicity
 - Constantly care about users' confidence
 - Requires a holistic commitment
 - User must be central to control with respect to which identities are used and which data is made public
 - System must protect from deception (for example, web-site location and misuse)
 - System must inform the user of possible consequences upon certain action (data sharing, login, etc.)
 - The holistic approach must be used as a paradigm in all contexts (e.g. when logging into a company or a private blog it should always be clear that the user consents to the release of certain data)

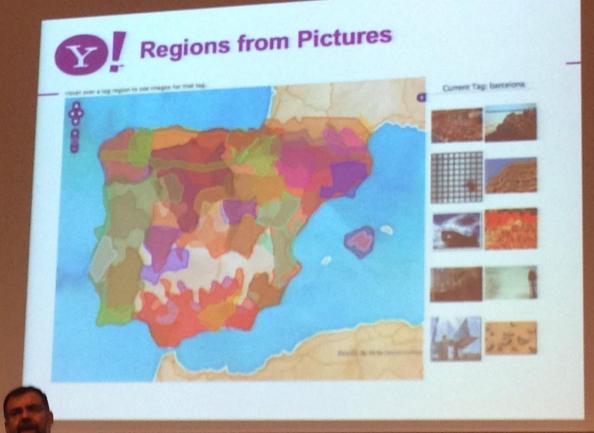


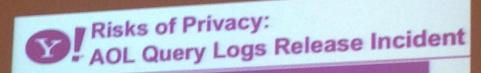
Laws of Identity (Law 2)

2. Minimal Disclosure for a Constrained Use

- The solution that discloses the least identifying information and best limits its use is the most stable long term solution
 - One should assume that data/information violations are unavoidable
 - To reduce risks, information use should be checked with respect to 2 strategies: "must be obtained" or "must be saved"
 - Less information implies less value implies less risk
 - "As little as possible identification information" means:
 - Reduction of linkable information
 - Use of claim-transformations. See 01.01.1950 vs. Over 18?
 - Avoid unnecessary information storage for "possible future" use (Why should a credit card be stored by the shop?)
 - This law is closely related to information disasters







A Face Is Exposed for AOL Searcher No. 4417749,

By MICHAEL BARBARO and TOM ZELLER Jr.

The New York Times, Aug 9 2006



No. 4417749 conducted hundreds of searches over a three-month period on topics ranging from "numb fingers" to "60 single men".

Other queries: "landscapers in Lilburn, Ga," several people with the last name Arnold and "homes sold in shadow lake subdivision gwinnett county georgia."

Data trail led to Thelma Arnold, a 62-year-old widow who lives in Lilburn, Ga., frequently researches her friends' medical ailments and loves her three dogs.

Laws of Identity (Law 3)

3. Justifiable Parties

- Digital identity systems must limit disclosure of identifying information to parties having a necessary and justifiable place in a given identity relationship
 - User has to have a clear understanding whom the information is/will be exchanged with
 - System itself may not draw conclusions about relationships between subject and parties
 - Example Microsoft Passport is very successful if I'd like to log into MSN, but why should Passport know if I log into eBay or Google
 - In which situations are regulatory identities required?
 - Same holds for intermediaries (what should they know to achieve their goal)
 - All participants must submit statements of how the information will be used



Laws of Identity (Law 4)

4. Directed Identity

- A unifying identity metasystem must support both "omnidirectional" identifiers for public entities and "unidirectional" identifiers for private entities
 - Digital Identity should always be viewed in the context of another Identity or a set of Identities
 - OMNI-DIRECTIONAL: Public entities require "beacons" (publicly known Identifier or URI)
 - Example: Web sites (URLs) or public devices
 - UNI-DIRECTIONAL: Private entities (people) require an ability not to be turned into a beacon
 - They require a unidirectional identifier, which can be used in combination with a trusted beacon (no correlation, e.g. user-bank interaction)
 - Negative examples: Bluetooth and RFID, partially WLAN



Laws of Identity (Law 5)

- 5. Pluralism of Operators and Technologies
- A unifying identity metasystem must channel and enable the inter-working of multiple identity technologies run by multiple identity providers
 - System may be ideal with respect to one characteristic, but not with respect to another
 - Example: Authority vs Employer vs Individual (as customer or simply person)
 - Old and new technologies must be used and can co-exist identity system must not be in competition with technology, but must use it
 - Technologies may have more growth than others (identity ecology)



Laws of Identity (Law 6)

6. Human Integration

- A unifying identity metasystem must define the human user as a component integrated through protected and unambiguous human-machine communications
 - Communication can be completely secure, but what about the last two meters (off the screen and into the eyes of the viewer) – Does the user really know who it is he's communication with?
 - Phishing attacks are a good example
 - Protocol for use of safety issues has to become a ceremony, absolutely predictable and controlled
 - Example: communication in the cockpit (channel 9 on United Airlines)
 - How does one achieve such reliability?



Laws of Identity (Law 7)

7. Consistent Experience Across Contexts

- A unifying identity metasystem must provide a simple consistent experience while enabling separation of contexts through multiple operators and technologies
 - Simplicity and clarity are the main goal Identities have to be used in a similar fashion to all other things on the desktop
 - User must be able to see, verify, add and remove Identities
 - Which type of Identity is acceptable in which context?
 - Properties of such candidates are defined by the using parties
 - Users must be able to recover the Identity in the given context and understand which information is associated with it
 - Person (human/legal) could possibly accept different types of Identities
 - User must be able to choose the best Identity in his opinion



Chapter 2

IDENTITY IN THE LIGHT OF PRIVACY, SECURITY AND TRUST



Identity in Context

- 7 Laws of Identity define requirements of dealing with Identities
 - First focus on conceptual / basic understanding
- Identity in global context has to comply with different levels
 - Layered approach of Identity management

Tier 3: Abstracted Identity
(Identity of groups (My Identity within groups)

Tier 2: Shared Identity (Received/Assigned/Temporary attributes)

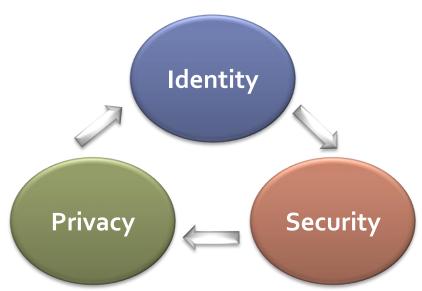
Tier 1: MY Identity (timeless and unconditional attributes)

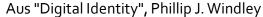
Based on "Digital Identity", Phillip J. Windley and Ping Identity Corp.



Identity - Security - Privacy

- Identity (in a digital setting) is often "only" closely linked to security - Identity is more!
 - Security Protect data from unauthorized access, removal, tampering
 - Privacy Protect attributes, preferences, etc., which are associated with Identity, against unnecessary use by subject
 - Identity is in relation to others → Attributes realize trust relationships







Identity & Trust

- Trust [Source: Wikipedia]
 - In a social context, **trust** has several connotations. Definitions of trust typically refer to a situation characterised by the following aspects: One party (trustor) is willing to rely on the actions of another party (trustee); the situation is directed to the future. In addition, the trustor (voluntarily or forcedly) abandons control over the actions performed by the trustee. As a consequence, the trustor is uncertain about the outcome of the other's actions; he can only develop and evaluate expectations. The uncertainty involves the risk of failure or harm to the trustor if the trustee will not behave as desired.
 - Trust Conviction and belief in the sincerity, honesty and good intentions of another party with respect to a risk-prone action.



Trust Examples

- Shopping with a Credit Card Which trust relationships and risks exist?
 - Identity and Credit Card company
 - Identity and service
 - Identity/service and card reader
 - Identity and cash register
 - Identity/service and money
 - •
- Trust is always associated with risk
- Trust is something one connects to a person
 - One can not enforce trust for another person ("Give me your trust")



Trust Properties (1)

- Trust is rarely transitive
 - Example: I trust Anne's taste in music, she, in turn, trusts Peter's – therefore, I would, possibly, trust Peter in selecting music for my Birthday party.
- Trust can not be shared
 - Example: A trusts B, A trusts C does not imply that B and C trust each other.
- Trust is not symmetric
 - Example: If I trust you, you don't necessarily trust me in return.
- Trustworthiness can not be self-declared
 - "Trust me!"



Trust Properties (2)

- Trust is a value closely related to evidence
 - I buy a computer, which is 10 EUR more expensive, since I trust the brand.
 - Computer allows access upon login, since the provided evidence (login/password) serve as proof.
 - What are: HTTPS and certificates in this context? Do you also know the secret?
- Trust is hard to quantify
 - I trust Anna more than Peter What does that mean?
 - In business context trust can be evaluated against risks (given obvious risk levels)
 - Otherwise, contract as a basis: Analysis is required, risks are evaluated and, thereby, contractual relationships are defined. Leads to Service Level Agreements (SLA) between providers and users.



Trust Properties (3)

- Trust by reputation
 - Trust in a person can develop from other people's statements about him/her (Communities of Trust)
 - Examples:
 - All security experts advise caution when traveling in the following countries.
 - eBay: One buys a product from a handler he doesn't know, but which has a high reputation (good reviews)



Identity & Privacy (1)

- Privacy is an important and complicated topic (tightly coupled with data protection)
- Identity und Privacy are closely related
 - What does privacy mean for a person?
 - Generally: Private data shouldn't become public
 - However, often: Private data disclosure is ok if it yields considerable benefits
 - Privacy must be observed in context
 - Example: Discount systems: Provide us your address and date of birth and we'll give you a 15% discount
 - What doespPrivacy have to do with trust?



Identity & Privacy (2)

- Privacy is partially legally regulated
 - Example: Introduction of an electronic phonebook within the company GM (lasted 2 years, due to statutory regulations)
 - Examples
 - Federal Data Protection Act (FDPA / BDSG). Excerpt: "The purpose of this Act is to protect individuals from being compromised in his personal rights through handling of their personal data..."
 - European Data Protection Directive (for EU companies with respect to customer data storage and utilization
 - Patriot Act (for financial institutions in the USA, enforcing the collection of customer data and cross-checking with government agencies as anti-terrorism measures)



Identity & Privacy (3)

- Conclusion in legal context: Own applications and systems must take Identity and Privacy into account. (see Laws of Identity)
 - Embed the concepts of Identity und Privacy in design
 - Use of Identity und Privacy-relevant information must be comprehensible, verifiable and reportable at any point in time
 - Identity Management System or an Identity Metasystem must be able to answer questions on Identity-Privacy terms
 - Legal requirements force system operators to testify on privacy policy
 - Example: Web-Shop sends Cookies to customers
 - What should the privacy policy say? Examples: We use Cookies.
 The shopping cart will not work without them.



Identity & Privacy (4)

- Privacy principle respect privacy
 - Accountability
 - Identifying purposes
 - Requirement of affected person's consent
 - Minimal privacy data collection (time limit)
 - Limitation of use
 - Data collection accuracy
 - Protection
 - Access to personal data (to the owner)
 - Comprehensible regulations

[Based on "Digital Identity", P.J. Windley]



Chapter 7

IDENTITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS



Introduction

- What is needed for Identity implementation?
 - Some kind of *Identity Metasystem* → *contains* ₃ *certain roles* (can be more)
- Identity provider
 - Person or an organization, which creates digital identities, either for themselves or on behalf...
 - Examples:
 - Online-Shop could create identities for customers
 - Authorities provide identities for their employees
 - Company handling token creation for on-line age verification
- Relying Party (human/legal person)
 - Person or organization, which requires digital identity before allowing entry/access
 - Example:
 - Users willing to revoke a contract the Relying Party defines which claims are required in order to execute cancellation, as well as which formats and credentials are accepted
- Digital subject
 - Individual or entity for which claims are made



Definition Identity Management

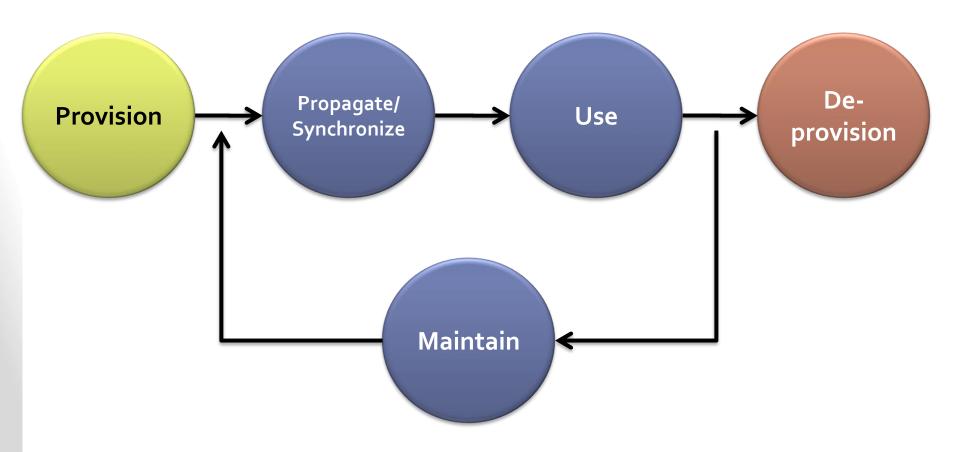
Definition:

"Identity management is the set of processes, tools and social contracts surrounding the creation, maintenance and termination of a digital Identity for people or, more generally, for systems and services to enable secure access to an expanding set of systems and applications."

(HP Whitepaper, Identity Management: the drive to federation, 2003)



Identity Management Lifecycle





(In Anlehnung an Phillip. J Windly, Digital Identity)

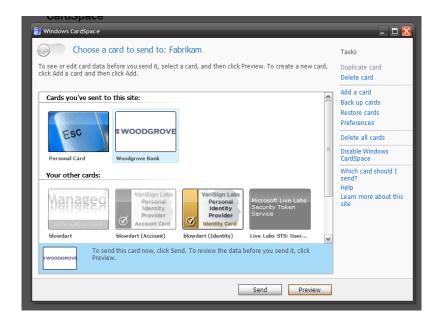
Identity Management Levels

- Personal identity management
- Organization-related identity management
- Federated identity management



Personal Identity Management

- Entity-perspective
 - Management of different identities (different accounts for different systems)
 - Management and control of which information is provided to a service (z.B. Email, phone number etc.)
- Exemplary products
 - MS Passport
 - MS Cardspace





Org.-related Identity Management

- Organizational perspective
 - Management of identities of an organization
 - Different services of an organization are provided with and updated by identity information.
 - Traceability of data flows and data accesses
 - Management of privileges and roles within the organization
 - Definition of organization's policies as to the entities i.e. which data can be accessed.
- Exemplary products
 - SUN Identity Management Suite (SUN Identity Manager)
 - Microsoft Identity Integration Server
 - IBM Tivoli Identity Manager



Organizational Questions

- What kind of identities exist?
- Which attributes are required to describe an identity?
- What are the sources and goals of individual attributes?
- Who is legally responsible for which attribute?
- Which values should individual attributes posess?
- Who approves distribution paths?
- Who can access which attributes?



Anticipated Benefits of IDM systems

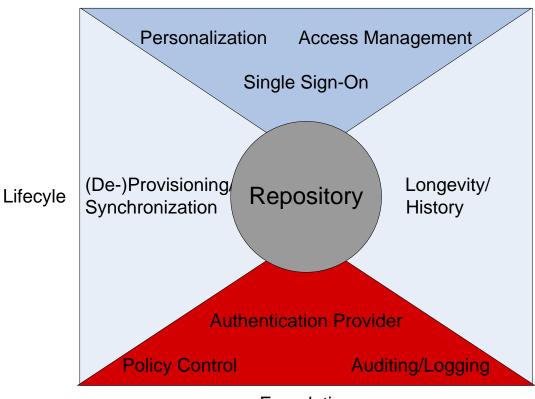
- Reduced management overhead
- Better optimization/automatization of business processes
- Reduced time required for providing a new employee with access rights to resources
- Reduced risk of a former employee accessing resources
- Policy and legal requirement compliance support (privacy)
- Data consistency (data matching, modification checks, ...)
- Standard interfaces (APIs, standards ...) to data/services/resources



Components of IDM systems

"The focus of identity management is on *user provisioning* — the creation, maintenance, and termination of user accounts and management of credentials in support of *authentication* and *access control*." (*Hurwitz Group*, 2001)

Consumable





IDM Basic Components (1)

Repository

- Repository represents the core component for many identity management systems
- It is a logical data storage (i.e. database, directory service), in which identity information, guidelines and other organization information can be stored

Propagation

 Depending on the system in use, an identity entry could need to be transferred from the current reposiroty to another one

Authentication Provider/Identity Provider

- Is responsible for primary identity authentication
- Often issues a credential, which can be used for further authentication and authorization (z.B. SAML Token)
- Provides multiple interfaces (z.B. LDAP, Kerberos), by means of which service can perform authentication



IDM Basic Components (2)

Policy Control

- Policy control governs rules of information usage, disclosure and logging
- Authorization policies determine which identity can access and manipualte which information
- Policy control monitors the defined guidelines, creates events to be audited and signalled of according to certain rules (for example, security warnings)

Auditing, Monitoring

- Auditing provides necessary mechanisms for information detection and storage
- That information normally contains access protocols and data operations (specifically in the repository)
- If form a basis for tracking whether the policies are being adhered to and is used for subsequent security checks



IDM Lifecycle Components

(De-)Provisioning and propagation/synchronization

- Applies automation of all the procedures and tools to manage the identity lifecycle.
- This Lifecycle is split into initial provosioning, synchronization and de-provisioning phases.
- In the initial provisioning phase the according service is supplied with the necessary identity information such that the new identity can use the service (provisioning process).
- In the synchronzsation phase identity information is updated and compared between services (synchronization and propagation process).
- In the de-provisioning phase all the identity information is removed (de-provisioning process).

History, Longevity

- History and longevity tools create historical records, by means of which one can examine evolution of an identity overtime (i.e. creation, activation, locking, new status, removal).
- These components provide means for such activites as investigating whether or not a certain identity exists in the system and which changes it underwent.



IDM Usage Components

Single Sign-on

- Single Sign-on enables an identity to perform its initial authentication and access numerous services and data without further re-authentication.
- Initial authentication is typically performed by an associated Identity Provider, which issues a credential.
- That Credential is then used to authenticate to other systems.

Personalization

 Personalization and preference management tools provide the identity an ability to set up individual settings for applications/services bound to that identity.

Access Management

- Similar to policy control
- Identity can define policies as to which identity can access/modify which information.



Federated Identity Management

- Federation perspective
 - Association of organizational units, organizations or even nations
 - Shared use of resources and services of Federation partners
 - Cross-organizational business processes within the Federation
 - Modeling and definition of trust relationships
 - Federative services are then made available according to the defined trust relationships providing ease of access to resources/data (i.e. Single Sign-on)
- Exemplary products/projects/approaches
 - Liberty Alliance Projekt (SAML 2.0)
 - WS-Federation specification
 - SUN Identity Management Suite (SUN Federation/Access Manager)
 - Ping-ID, PingFederate
 - Shibboleth
 - FOAF+SSL



Chapter 8

MODELLING TRUSTWORTHY SYSTEMS



Introduction

What is meant by "Federation"?

"Federation is an association of independent organizational units, which have a trust relationship."

- Among the latest developements in the field of IdM.
- Is driven both by the state and industry
 - Common and simplified resource access
 - Cmplex problems/business processes and a high level of specialization require cooperation.
 - Harmonization of business pocesses
 - Cost savings with respect to administration and resource use
- Frequently used technologies
 - SAML (Security Assertion Markup Language)
 - XML (Schema, Encryption, Signature etc.)
 - Web Service interfaces



WAM (WebComposition Architecture Model)

- WebComposition Architecture Model
 - Developed in 2005 by Gaedke and Meinecke
 - Uses different layered models, e.g. Federation model
 - Uses UML notation in combination with OCL
 - Provides overview of Web Architecture, Federation and other Realm related relationships
- Six Core Entities
 - Connected by Bindings (described in profiles)
 - Entities are assigned to Zones/Realms
 - Connections with Labels are provided to complement the properties in addition (detailed) to graphical notation
 - Labels und their descriptions are stored in separate databases and support reuse in further projects



WAM Core Entities (1)



Service

- Represents the system's distributed (atomic or composite) components
- E.g. SOAP Web service



Application

- Allows users to interact with the overall system
- E.g. Web applications or portals



Data Provider

- Distinguish between the services and the underlying systems that serve as the actual data sources
- Connected to service or application with undirected line

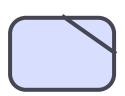


Process Unit

- Connected systems that perform functionality beyond data management
- E.g. software that performs computations or triggers events



WAM Core Entities (2)



Security Realm

- Envelopes applications, services, data provider and process untis as organizational zones of control as such functions as identity and access management context
- E.g. defines set of roles and permissions
- Realms might be nested
- Implemented e.g. as a Security Token Service



Identity provider

- Store for accounts/identities (of known users as well as applications)
- Allow to authenticate the members of the realm issues security tokens
- E.g. through login forms or Web service interfaces



Name Label

- These label represent a naming context for each entity
- Naming-Labels might be used as shortcut for a detailed description of these entities



WAM Core Entities (3)



- Invocation (Communication Profile)
 - Potential accesses on services and applications
 - Labels indicate the designated communication protocols (label acts as a shortcut for a detailed description of the communication relationship)
 - E.g. SOAP via HTTP, SOAP via SMTP, WS-I compliance etc.



- Trust (Trust Profile)
 - Trust-label separate realms that form a federation
 - STS of the trusting realm accepts the tokens originating from the trusted realm (label acts as a shortcut for a detailed description of the trust relationship)
 - Identities of the foreign requestors can be mapped to tokens that are locally valid these relationships are defined for the trusts labels

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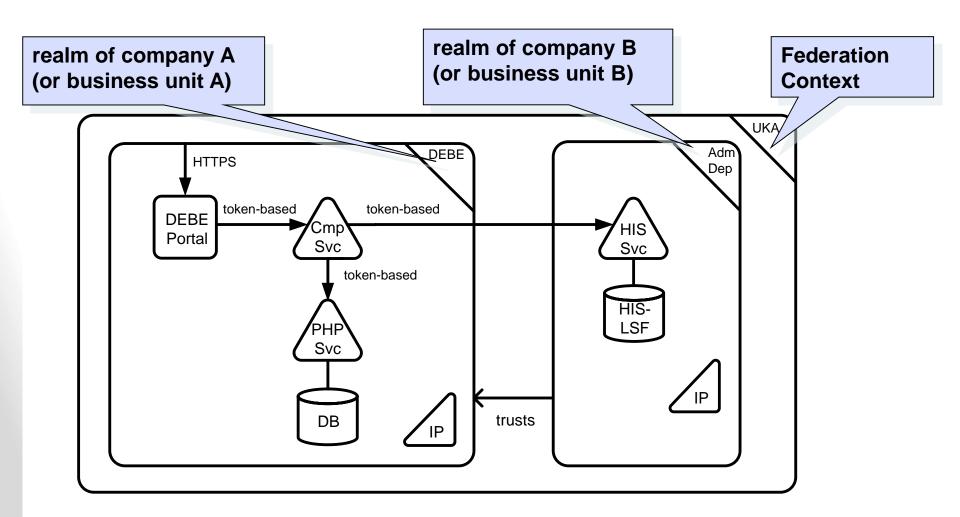
- Functionality (Functionality Profile)
 - Links Web Service technology with functionality
 - E.g. technology in use for calling process unit or data provider
- OCL might be used to describe details of Invocation and Trust



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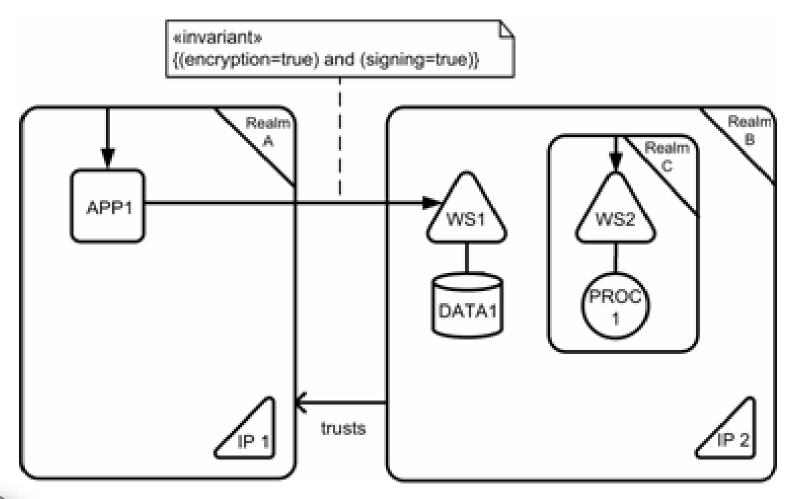
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WAM-Modeling Example*



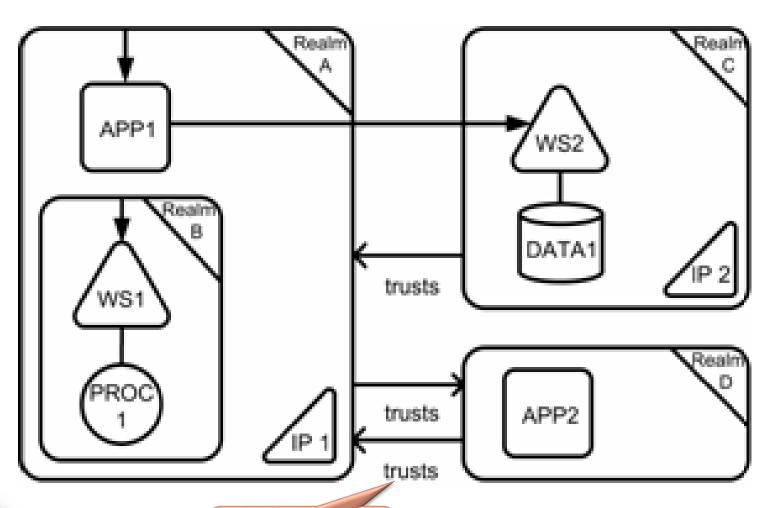


WAM Example – Use of OCL





WAM Example – Trust Relationships





WAM und WS-Federation

- WS-Federation DEMO
- http://webcomposition.net/idfs/





idFS - Flow

