

MyData Architecture Framework

# Account Service Specification

v. 2.0

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MyData Architecture defines the operations and APIs between the Operational Roles (Operator, Source, Sink etc.). Any descriptions or figures of the role's internal structure or operations are for illustrative purposes only.

# 1. Introduction

This document specifies MyData Account Management.

This document is part of the MyData Architecture Framework release 2.0. The reader is assumed to be familiar with the ‘MyData Architecture - Consent Based Approach for Personal Data Management’ document and with the parallel technical specification documents available at [https://github.com/mydata-sdk/mydata-docs/tree/master/architecture\\_specs](https://github.com/mydata-sdk/mydata-docs/tree/master/architecture_specs).

Known deficiencies in this release: account export/import functionality.

## 1.1 Definitions

The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [RFC2119].

## 1.2 Diff/revision history

In release 2.0:

- Service Linking initialisation process
- Data model changes
- New APIs for data querying
- New APIs for Service Link management
- New APIs for Consent management
- API data model updates
- Event logging
- Sequence diagrams updated to match new Service Linking initialisation process

## 1.2 Terminology

Key terminology used in this specification is defined in the Glossary of ‘MyData Architecture Framework’ release 2.0 available at [https://github.com/mydata-sdk/mydata-docs/tree/master/architecture\\_specs](https://github.com/mydata-sdk/mydata-docs/tree/master/architecture_specs).

**Account Owner (AO) [role]** is the natural person controlling a particular MyData Account. Depending on the account type, the owner may be either (strongly) authenticated or even anonymous. Account Owner is the same as the Data Subject.

**Consenting [interaction]** Account Owner’s act of granting permission for 1) a service to process data or 2) data transfer from a specific Source to a specific Sink. 1) results in a Consent Record and 2) results in a pair of Consent Records (one each for the Source and the Sink) documenting the granted permission.

**Consent Record (CR)** documents the permission the Account Owner has granted to a specific service. For authorising data processing within a service, the Account Owner creates a single Consent Record for the related service. For consenting data transfer from a specific Source to a specific Sink, the Account Owner

creates a pair of Consent Records (one for the Source and one for the Sink). The Source's CR defines, what data can be provisioned to the specified Sink, and the Sink's CR defines, how the data can be accessed. The Sink's CR can also include the permissions for data processing. A Consent Record is a manifestation of legally valid Consent and makes it technically feasible to change or withdraw the consent dynamically. Consent Records are stored in the MyData Account.

**Consent Status Record (CSR)** is a record MyData Operator sends to a service when status of a consent changes. Service MUST store these records for future use.

**MyData Account** is a human centric concept in MyData architecture. MyData Account contains Account Owner's digital identity or identities, linked services, contracts, consents, notifications of processing and objections to processing. MyData Account can include additional data about Account Owner to help in providing improved services.

**Service Link Record (SLR)** is the outcome of a successful Service Linking. It documents in machine readable form the terms and scope of the agreement between the Account Owner and a single Service, Source or Sink. Service Link Records are stored in the MyData Account.

**Service Link Status Record (SSR)** is a record MyData Operator sends to a service when status of a Service Link changes. Service MUST store these records for future use.

**Service Linking [interaction]** Account Owner's act of linking a service (Service, Source or Sink) to their MyData Account. As the result the Service Linking status and parameters are documented within a digital machine-readable record, called a Service Link Record.

**Surrogate ID** is a *pseudonym* that associates Account Owner's MyData Account to her account at the service being linked (see *Service Linking*). This ID is meaningful only to Operator and to the service that generated it. It is used in communication between these two parties whenever they need to unambiguously refer to a specific Account Owner's MyData Account (messages from service to Operator), or to a specific user account at the service (messages from Operator to service).

## 1.3 Formats

In this architecture framework, all data records and their respective digital signatures exchanged between actors are expressed using Javascript Object Notation (JSON). Digital signatures are expressed as JSON Web Signature (JWS)-structures and cryptographic keys as JSON Web Key (JWK)-structures.

In this document, JSON definitions of the data records are presented without JWS structures.

All Timestamps are in UTC in the NumericDate format as defined in [RFC7519].

## 2. MyData Account model

MyData Account is a key enabler in all MyData transactions. It stores all Account Owner's service links, contracts, consents, notifications and objections along with their history in a single place. This helps provide a unified view to all data processing policies and 3rd party data transfer authorisations based on consents, and it enables the Account Owner to manage and control the aforementioned.

To perform its function, MyData Account has to process and store some personal data about the Account Owner. Allowing the Operator to use this additional data may enable a more personalised user experience for the Account Owner.

Typically, MyData Account contains at least the following information about Account Owner:

- local credentials
- personal details (first name, last name and date of birth)
- contact details (email address)
- Account Owner's cryptographic keys (at least the public keys, but in some implementations also the private keys)
- Account Owner's Service Links and Consents with corresponding Status Records

Additional information that MyData Account MAY contain to provide more personalised user experience

- Account Owner's linked identities, e.g. for single sign-on (SSO) purposes
- preferences for user interfaces
- presets for data flow authorisation
- detailed contact details

The MyData Account has to be hosted by an Operator.

Some operations (e.g. exporting the contents of the account or permanently deleting the account) may require further verification steps from the Account Owner. Depending on the identity used with the account, this can be implemented e.g. replying to a verification email.

All the information in SDK's MyData Account reference implementation is designed to be portable allowing Account Owner to change between Operators by moving their data from the one Operator to the other one.

## 3. Transactions from MyData SDK's Reference Account Service Implementation

The reference implementation of Account Service supports a number of transactions, which have been presented in the following two sections: Account Management and Operational Support. Account Management contains transactions for managing the MyData Account itself, whereas Operational Support contains transactions to enable Service Linking, Consenting and other interactions as described in the framework specification.

### 3.1 Account Management

There are three transactions for Account Management: creating an account, exporting the contents of an account, and deleting an account.

#### 3.1.1 Account creation

##### **Motivation**

Individual wants to become Account Owner and start to manage his/her data and related policies.

##### **Prerequisites**

- The party creating or using a MyData Account **MUST** be a natural person, as legal persons are not allowed to be Account Owners

##### **Process** (steps refer to Figure 3.1)<sup>1</sup>

- *Step 1:* Operator front-end sends required information about new account to MyData Account Service
- *Step 2:* MyData Account Service validates<sup>2</sup> delivered information
- *Step 3:* MyData Account Service checks that proposed username is not already taken
- *Step 4:* MyData Account Service creates a new MyData Account
- *Step 5:* MyData Account Service sends verification email to provided email address (step 1)

##### **Outcome**

- New MyData Account

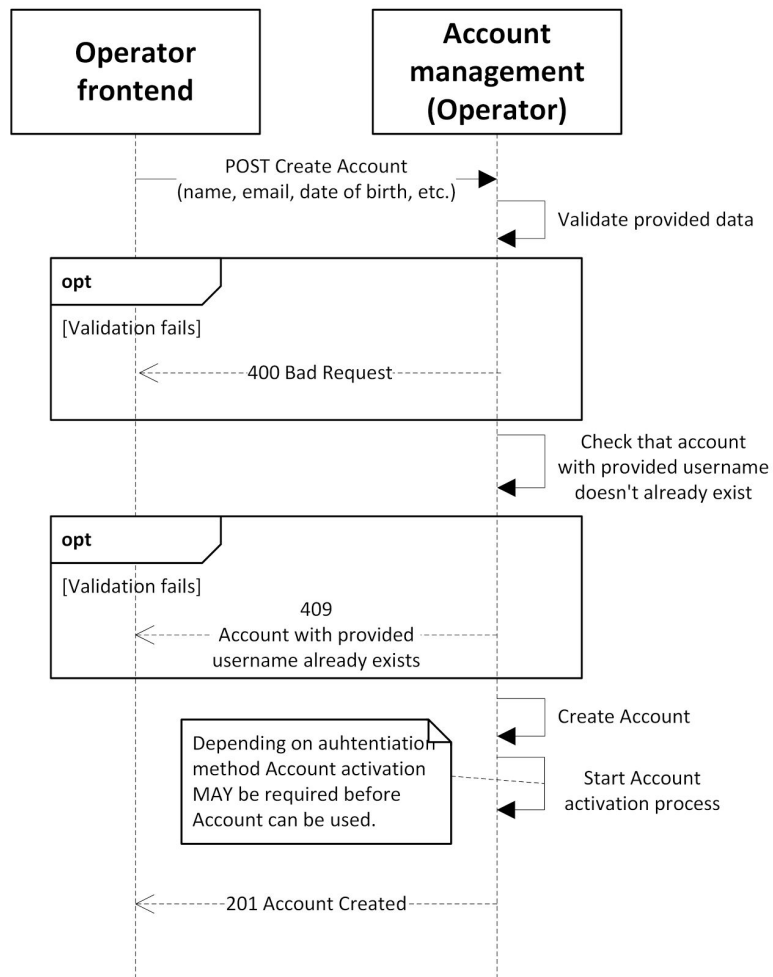
##### **Additional info**

- MyData Account **MUST** be activated via verification email before it can be used. This minimum verification procedure may be overridden - also in other transactions later in this specification - with a more complicated process per applied identity assurance mechanism chosen by the Operator.

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<sup>1</sup> This process refers to creating a local identity; Operator **MAY** also support the use of external identities.

<sup>2</sup> Validation rules have been defined in section 5.1. Internal API specification



*Figure 3.1: A simplified Account creation flow*



### 3.1.2 Data export

#### **Motivation**

Account Owner wants to export all data related to his/her MyData Account.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Individual has MyData Account at Operator

#### **Process** (steps refer to Figure 3.2)

- *Step 1:* Account Owner **MUST** be authenticated
- *Step 2:* Operator front-end sends request to export specified MyData Account
- *Step 3:* MyData Account Service checks that authenticated user is authorised to export data of specified MyData Account
- *Step 4:* MyData Account Service sends verification request to the Account Owner with appropriate method, e.g. an email to the verified email address of the MyData Account
- *Step 5:* MyData Account Service collects all data related to specified MyData Account
- *Step 6:* MyData Account Service encapsulates collected data into format preferred by Account Owner
- *Step 7:* MyData Account Service sends export instructions to the Account Owner, in our basic example, via email to the verified email address of the MyData Account

#### **Outcome**

- Exported representation of MyData Account in the Account Owner's preferred format (default: JSON)

#### **Additional info**

- MyData Account data collection process will be started after email verification has been completed
- Export instructions contain a download link for the MyData Account data in the preferred format

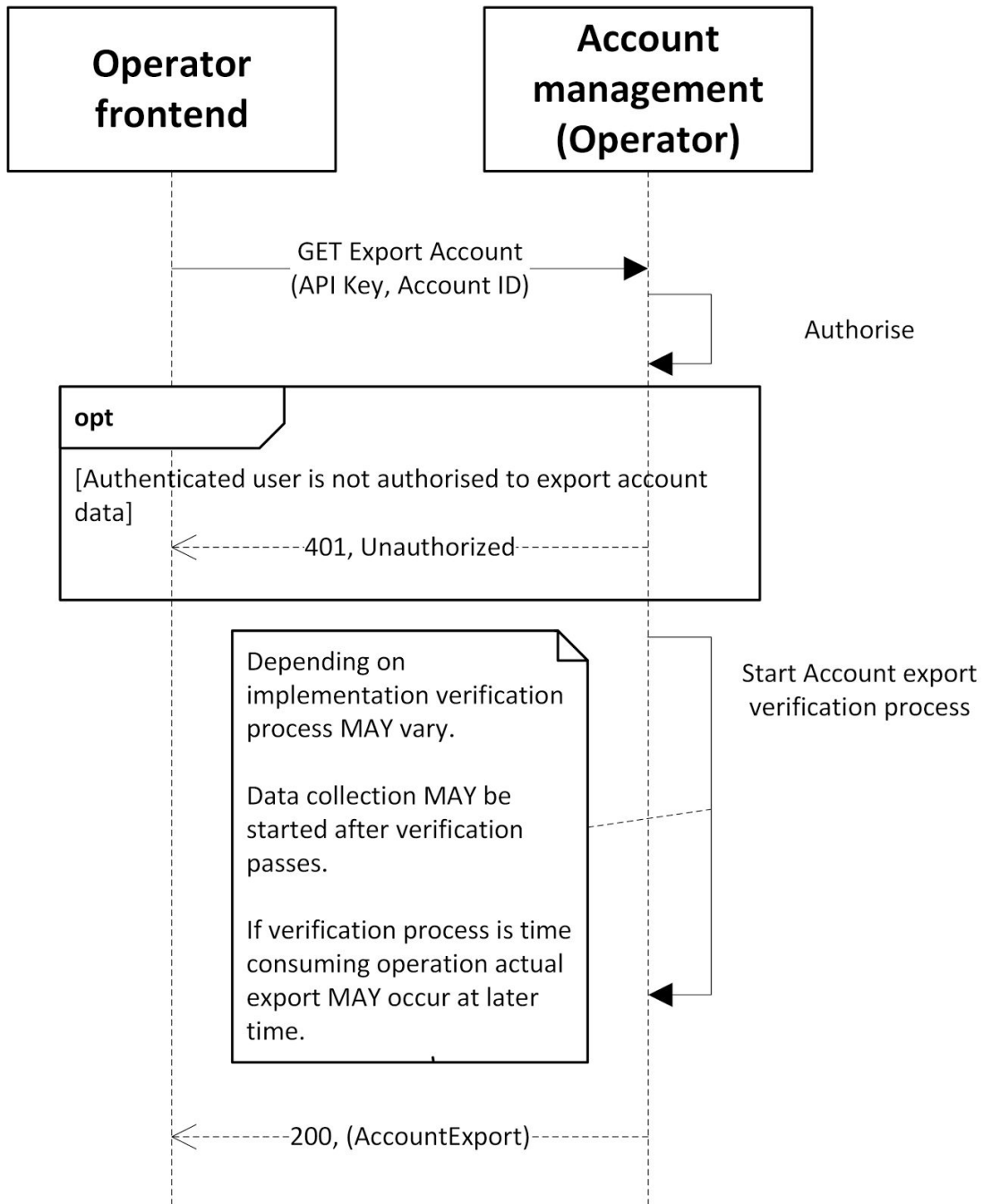


Figure 3.2: A simplified Account export flow

### 3.1.3 Account deletion

#### **Motivation**

Account Owner wants to delete all data related to his/her MyData Account.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Individual has a MyData Account at Operator

#### **Process** (steps refer to Figure 3.3)

- *Step 1*: Account Owner **MUST** be authenticated
- *Step 2*: Client sends request to delete specified MyData Account
- *Step 3*: MyData Account Service checks that authenticated user is authorised to delete data of specified MyData Account
- *Step 4*: MyData Account Service sends verification request to the Account Owner with appropriate method, e.g. an email to the verified email address of the MyData Account
- *Step 5*: MyData Account Service deletes all data related to specified MyData Account

#### **Outcome**

- MyData Account is deleted

#### **Additional info**

- MyData Account data deletion process will be started after verification has been completed
- Operator **MAY** provide a grace period during which the deletion can be undone.

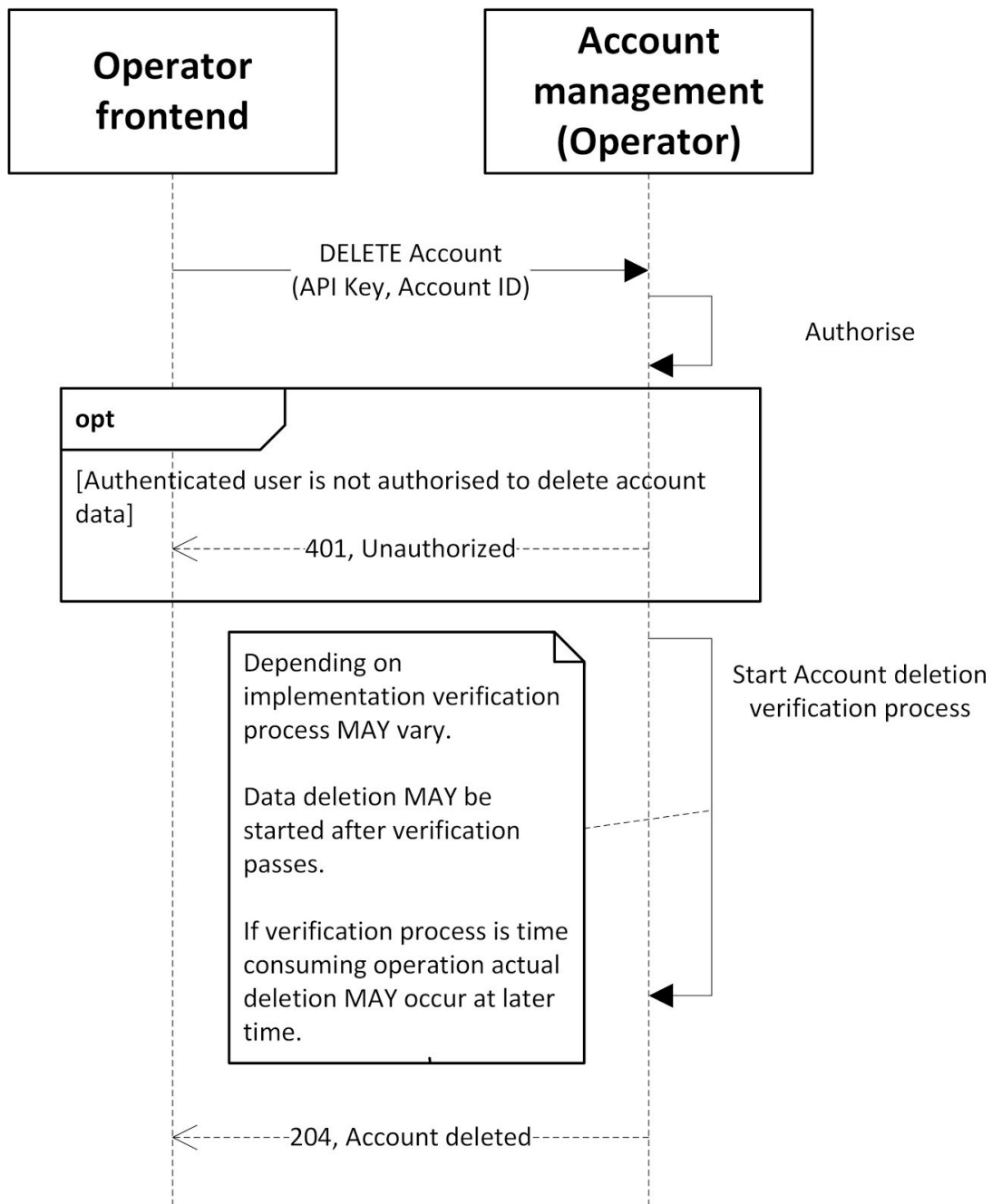


Figure 3.3: A simplified Account deletion flow

## 3.2 Operational Support

There are three transactions implemented in the SDK reference: Service Linking, Consenting, and Logging.

### 3.2.1 Service linking

A Service Link consists of two records: a Service Link Record (SLR) and a Service Link Status Record (SSR).

#### 3.2.1.1 Constructing Service Link Record

##### Motivation

Account Owner wants to manage processing of data at a service through the Operator.

##### Prerequisites

- Individual has MyData Account
- Account Owner has started the linking process at the MyData Operator

##### Process (steps refer to Figure 3.4)

- *Step 1:* Operator makes Service Linking initialisation request to MyData Account Service
  - MyData Account Service generates unique identifier for Service Link
  - If target service is a Sink Operator MUST provide service's Proof-of-Possession Key within request
- *Step 2:* MyData Operator requests MyData Account Service to fill the missing fields to a partial SLR payload and to construct and sign SLR payload
- *Step 3:* MyData Account Service validates the request's payload
- *Step 4:* MyData Account Service fetches the public part of Account Owner's cryptographic key from Operator's Key Management
- *Step 5:* MyData Account Service fills missing fields to partial SLR payload
- *Step 6:* MyData Account Service requests Operator's Key Management to encapsulate SLR payload as JWS and to sign it with Account Owner's cryptographic key
- *Step 7:* MyData Account Service returns Account signed SLR to Operator

##### Outcome

- Partial Service Link Record (signed only by Account Owner) which is then delivered to service for signing

##### Additional info

- See [Service Linking Specification](#)

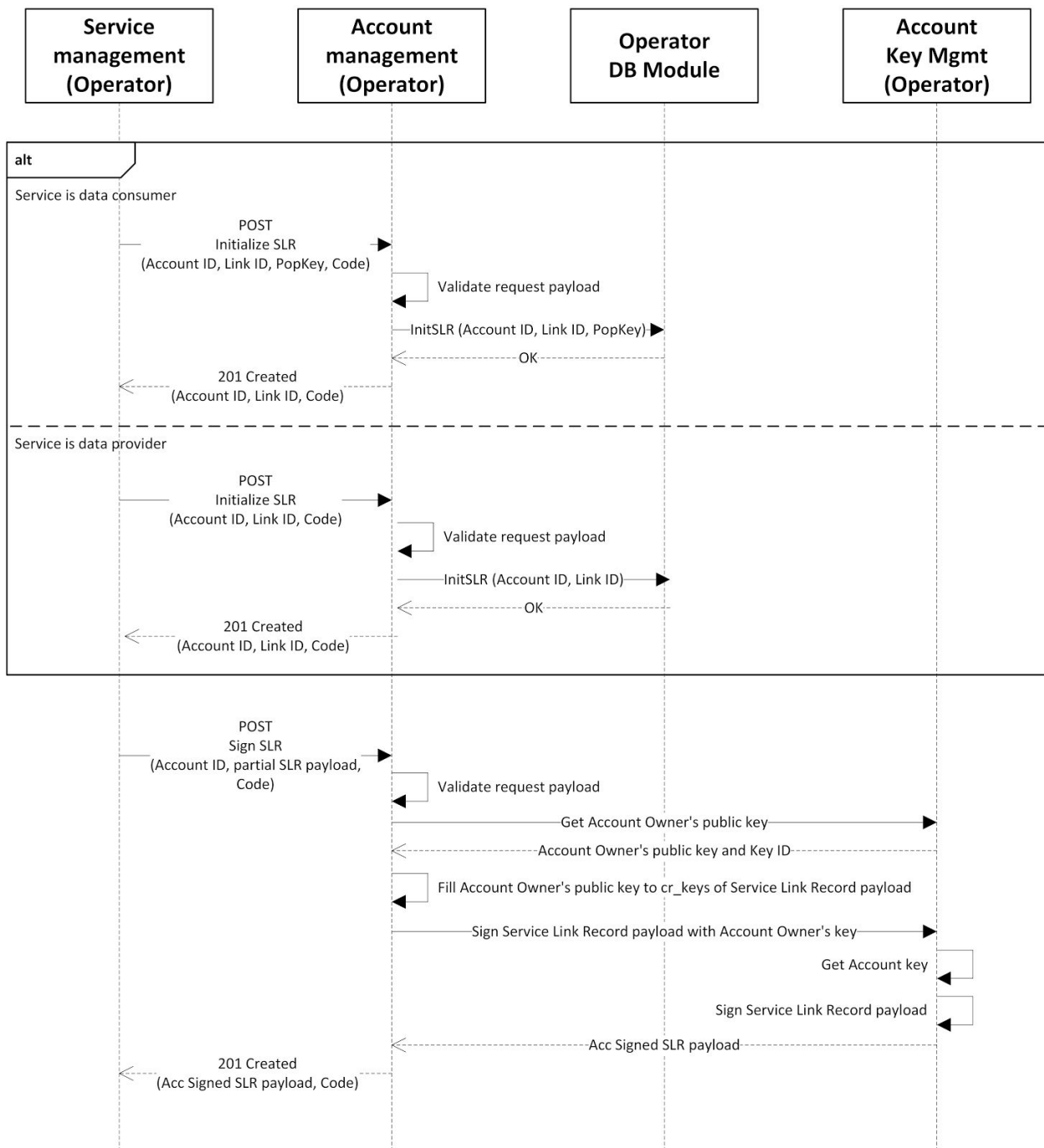


Figure 3.4 : A simplified flow of construction and signing a Service Link Record

### 3.2.1.2 Constructing a Service Link Status Record

#### Motivation

Account Owner wants to manage access to data at a service through the Operator.

#### Prerequisites

- Account Owner has started the linking process at the MyData Operator
- Service Link Record has been constructed and signed (*see previous section*)

### Process (steps refer to Figure 3.5)

- *Step 1:* MyData Operator requests MyData Account Service to store SLR and to construct, sign and store SSR payload
- *Step 2:* MyData Account Service validates request's payload
- *Step 3:* MyData Account Service requests MyData Operator's Key Management to verify Account Owner's signature in SLR
- *Step 4:* MyData Account Service fills missing fields to partial SSR payload
- *Step 5:* MyData Account Service requests MyData Operator's Key Management to encapsulate SSR payload as JWS and to sign it with Account Owner's cryptographic key
- *Step 6:* MyData Account Service requests MyData Operator's Database Service to store SLR and SSR to persistent storage
- *Step 7:* MyData Account Service returns Account Owner signed SLR and SSR to MyData Operator

### Outcome

- Service Link Record and Service Link Status Record

### Additional info

- See [Service Linking Specification](#)

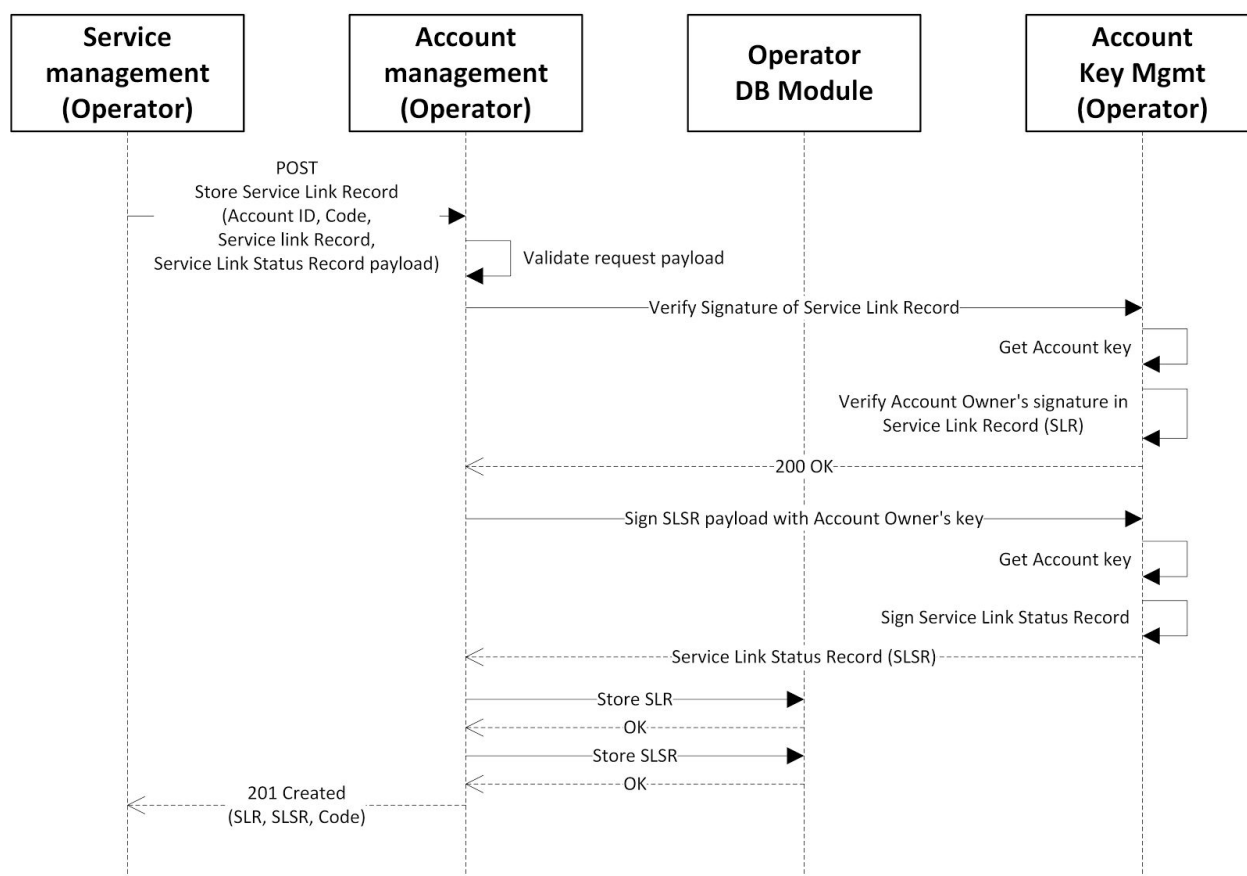


Figure 3.5 , A simplified flow of validating Account Owner's signature in a Service Link Record and constructing and signing a Service Link Status Record

### 3.2.2 Consenting

Reference implementation's support for Consenting consists of a Consent Record (CR) and a Consent Status Record (CSR).

#### Motivation

Account Owner wants to consent to processing of data at a service or authorise data flow from one service to another, 3rd party service.

#### Prerequisites

- Account Owner has completed Service Linking at least one Service, or in case of 3rd party re-use, one Source and one Sink service
- Account Owner has started the consenting process at the Operator

#### Process (steps refer to Figure 3.6)

- *Step 1:* MyData Operator requests Surrogate ID and Service Link Record ID based on Service ID and Account ID from MyData Account Service. This step is executed for both Source and Sink Services.
- *Step 2:* MyData Operator generates CR payload(s)
- *Step 3:* MyData Operator generates CSR payload(s)
- *Step 4:* MyData Operator requests MyData Account Service to sign and store CR and CSR
- *Step 5:* MyData Account Service validates request's payload
- *Step 6:* MyData Account Service requests MyData Operator's Key Management to encapsulate CR payloads and CSR payloads as JWS' and to sign those with Account Owner's cryptographic key. This step is executed for both Source and Sink Services in the 3rd party re-use case.
- *Step 7:* MyData Account Service requests MyData Operator's Database Service to store CR and CSR to persistent storage. This step is executed for both Source and Sink Services in the 3rd party re-use case.
- *Step 8:* MyData Account Service returns Account Owner signed CR(s) and CSR(s) to MyData Operator.

#### Outcome

- Consent Record(s) and Consent Status Record(s)

#### Additional info

- See [Consenting Specification](#)



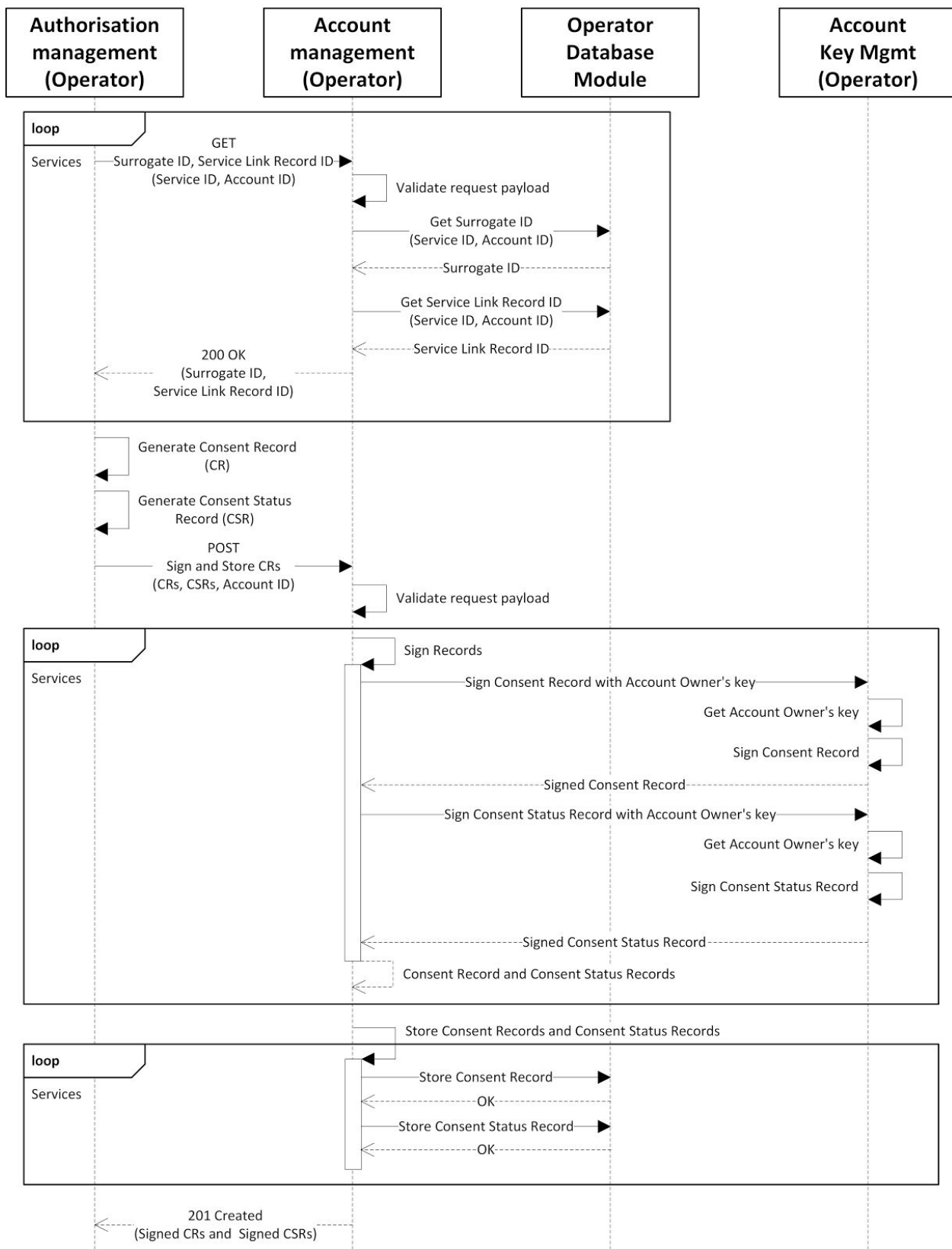


Figure 3.6: A Simplified Consenting flow from Account Management view

### 3.2.3 Logging

Logging consists of event logging and MAY also contain audit logging.

#### **Motivation**

Account Owner wants to review who has accessed his/her data resources at Operator.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Individual has a MyData Account at Operator

#### **Process**

- *Step 1:* HTTP request is made to MyData Account's API
- *Step 2:* Request consenting confirmed
- *Step 3:* New event is appended to event log

#### **Outcome**

- Log entry

#### **Additional info**

- Requirements for logging MAY vary across jurisdictions
- See [Log entry data model](#)

## 4. Data model

This section describes the MyData Account data model used in the SDK reference. A detailed example of a database implementation is also presented.

### 4.1 Identities

MyData Account's identity model is shown in Figure 4.1. MyData Account has a mandatory local identity. Account Owner may also link identities provided by third parties to his/her Account, which can be used to enable features such as single-sign-on (SSO).

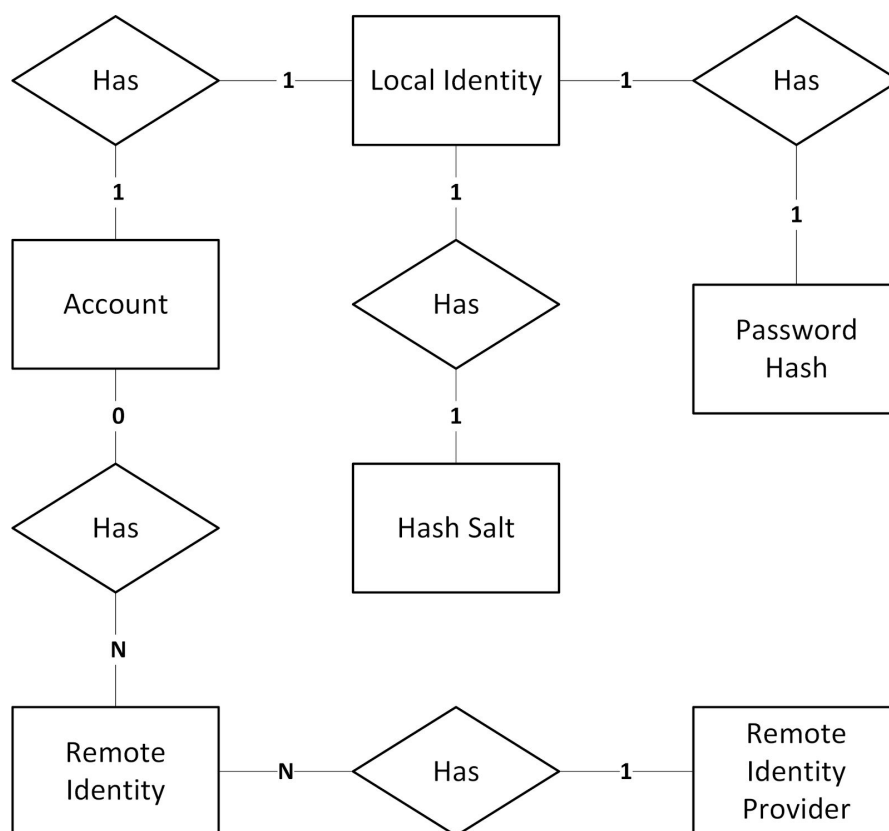


Figure 4.1: ER-model of identity information related to reference MyData Account implementation in SDK

## 4.2 Personal details

This section describes the personal details in MyData Account. As described in section 2 and in Figure 4.2, not all information in personal details is mandatory. Account details contains only basic level details about Account Owner. Contact details MAY contain all necessary contact information of Account Owner based detailed design decisions and implementation.

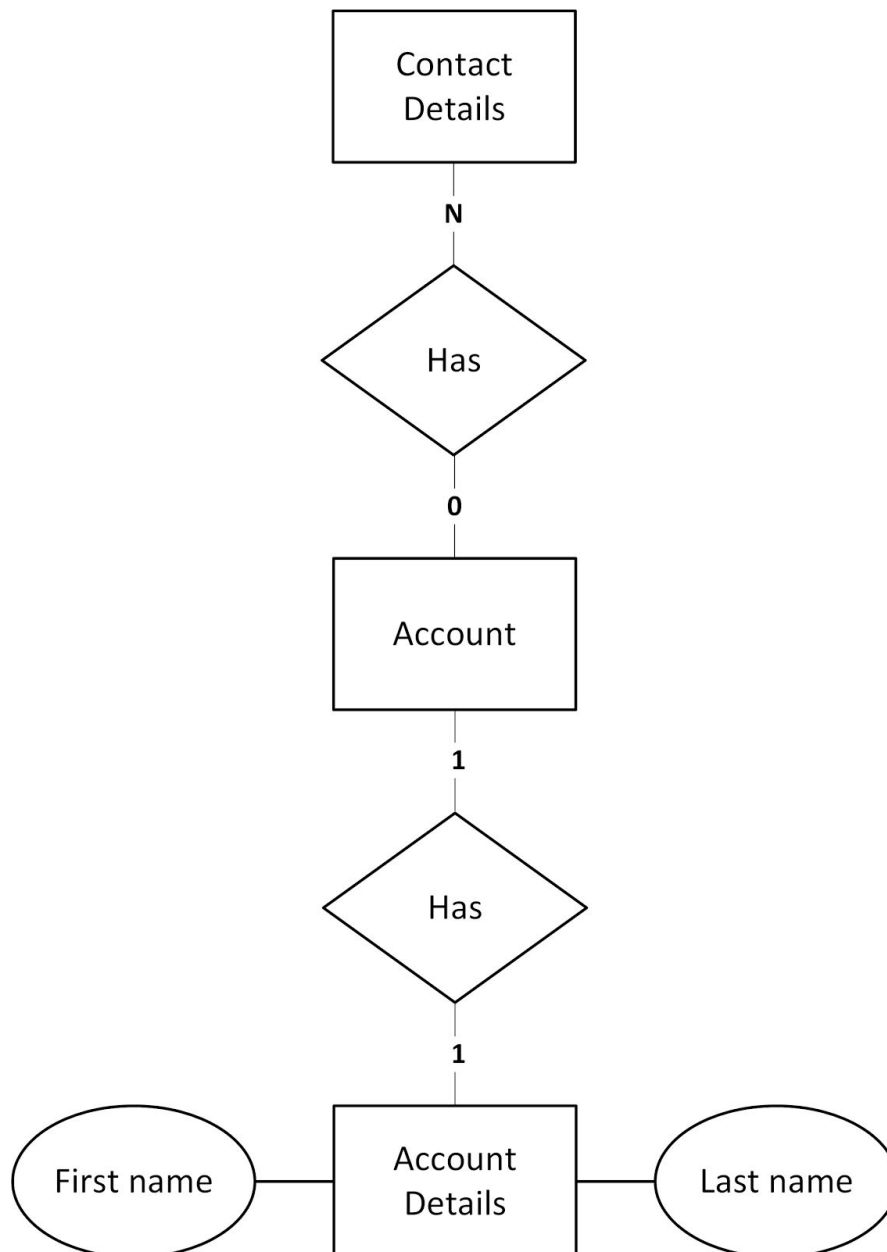


Figure 4.2: ER-model of personal details related to MyData Account

## 4.3 Service Links and Consent Records

Figure 4.3 shows, how Service Link Records, Consent Records and the related Status Records are used in MyData Account. For more information see [Service Linking Specification](#) and [Consenting Specification](#).

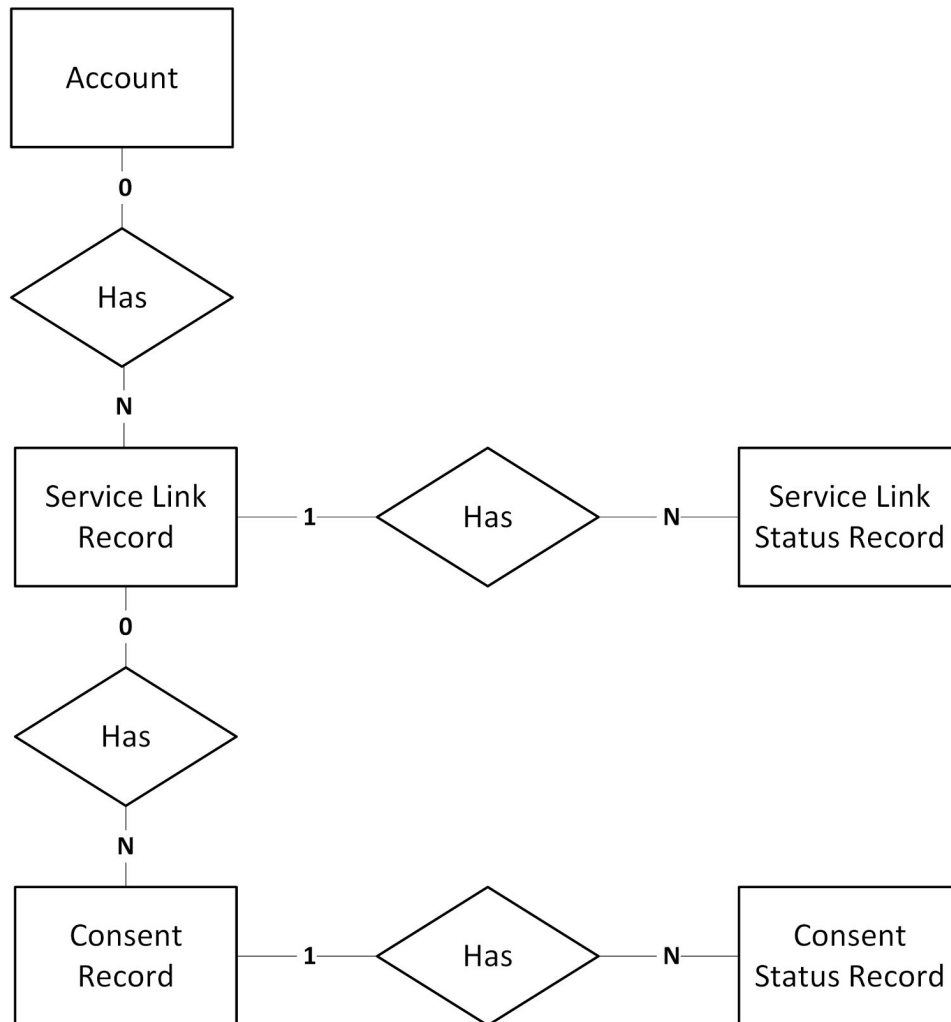
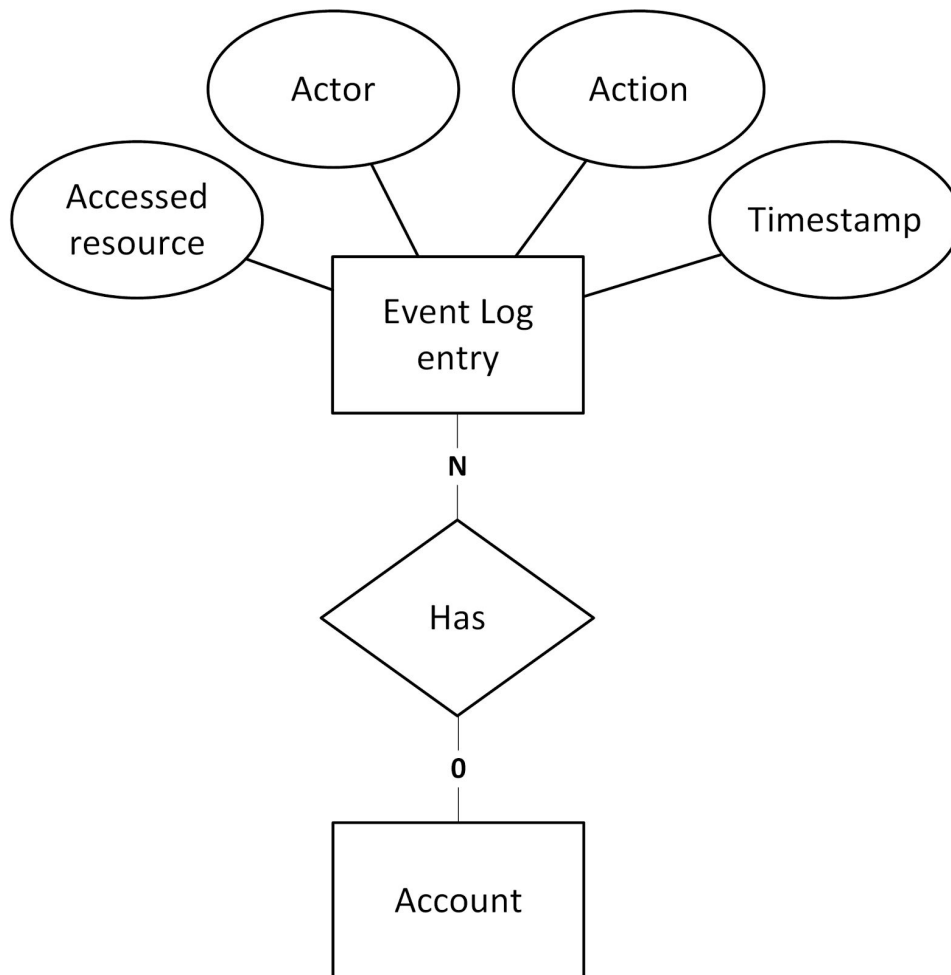


Figure 4.3: ER-model of Service Links and Consents related to MyData Account

## 4.4 Logging

Figure 4.4 describes the logging format in MyData Account. Requirements for logging MAY vary across jurisdictions.



*Figure 4.4: ER-model of event logs related to MyData Account*

## 4.5 Database model

Example implementation (version 2.0) of MyData Account Database with MySQL is shown in Figure 4.5.

[Link to the EER model at MyData SDK](#)

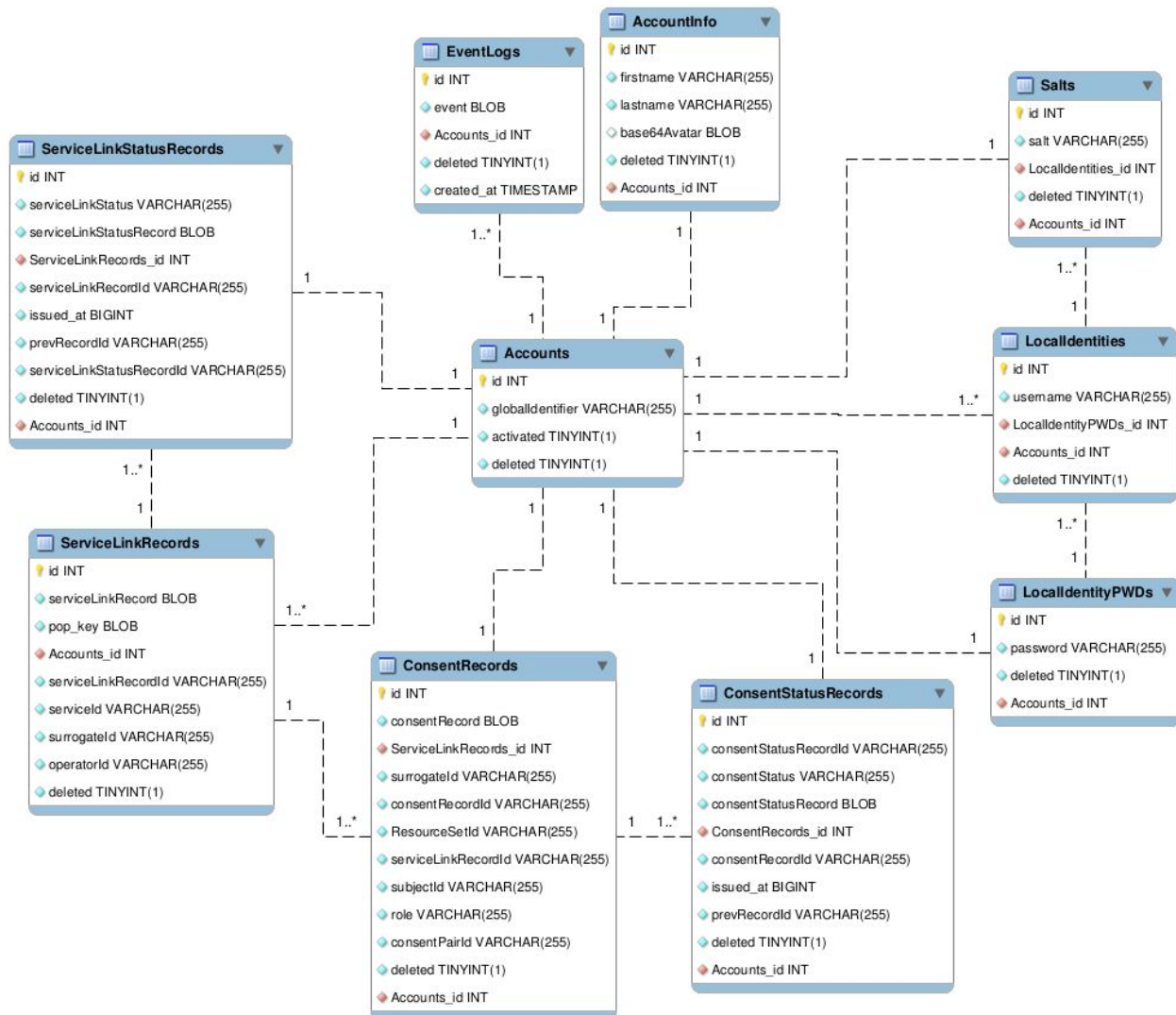


Figure 4.5: EER model of Account as MySQL database

## 4.6 Data Export

A default JSON data structure of MyData Account Export is shown in Table 4.1. The actual data format of the export can vary depending on implementation, for the purposes of account data interoperability and data exchange it is suggested to only use the schema described here.

Table 4.6: JSON Schema presentation of an exported MyData Account.

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  "definitions": {},
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                "avatar",
                "firstname"
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            "id"
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                }
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              "actor": {
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        "surrogate_id",
        "sl_status",
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  "required": [
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  "type",
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```

## 5. Account APIs

MyData Account has been implemented as a service in [MyData SDK](#). MyData Account Service's API specifications are provided as Swagger YAML.

### 5.1 Internal Account API specification

API exposed for Operator's internal functions and components. The YAML file can be found at [https://github.com/mydata-sdk/mydata-docs/tree/master/api\\_specs](https://github.com/mydata-sdk/mydata-docs/tree/master/api_specs)

### 5.2 External Account API specification

API exposed for realising an Operator front-end e.g. as a mobile native app or a web app. The YAML file can be found at

[https://github.com/mydata-sdk/mydata-docs/tree/master/api\\_specs](https://github.com/mydata-sdk/mydata-docs/tree/master/api_specs)

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