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1 Introduction

1.1 Preface

This SAML implementation profile ('OIOSAML Web SSO Profile') specifies behavior and options that deployments of the SAML V2.0 Web Browser SSO Profile [SAML2Prof], and related profiles, are required or permitted to rely on. The document is aimed at developers and other technical resources who are involved in developing, configuring and testing implementations and the reader is assumed to be intimately familiar with the core SAML 2.0 specifications.

The OIOSAML profile is governed by the Danish Agency for Digitisation and questions about the profile can be sent to: nemlogin@digst.dk. Updates to the profile will be published at Digitaliser.dk¹ where other related resources (including reference implementations of the profile) also can be found.

Version 3.0 of the profile is to a large degree inspired by the [SAML2Int] profile in order to leverage the large amount of experience put into this profile, to maximize interoperability, allow easier comparison with international profiles and ease implementation.

There are several reasons for updating the previous OIOSAML 2.0.9 profile including:

- The next generation of the Danish eID infrastructure (including MitID and NemLog-in3) will be rolled out in the coming years. This involves substantial changes to the OCES PKI infrastructure including separation of authentication and signature components.
- A new reference architecture [REF-ARK] for identity and access management has been developed for the public sector.
- Several new regulations have emerged including GDPR, Danish Dataprotection Act (Databeskyttelsesloven), [eIDAS], [NSIS] etc.
- There is a need to more clearly highlight formal requirements in the profile and separate them from guidance and explanations.
- Requirements for algorithms, key lengths, protocols and other security parameters needed to be updated to modern standards.

The requirements specified are in addition to all normative requirements of the underlying Web Browser SSO and Single Logout profiles [SAML2Prof], as modified by the Approved Errata [SAML2Err], and readers are assumed to be familiar with all relevant reference documents. Any such requirements are not repeated here except where deemed necessary to highlight a point of discussion or draw attention to an issue addressed in errata but remain implied.

¹ <https://www.digitaliser.dk/group/42063>



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Nothing in this profile should be taken to imply that disclosing personally identifiable information, or indeed any information, is required from an Identity Provider (IdP) with respect to any particular Service Provider (SP). Such privacy considerations remain at the discretion of applicable settings, user consent, or other appropriate means in accordance with regulations and policies. However, this profile does obligate IdPs to honor certain key signals from an SP in the area of subject identification and requires successful responses to include specific SAML Attributes under certain conditions.

Note that SAML features that are optional, or lack mandatory processing rules, are assumed to be optional and out of scope of this profile if not otherwise precluded or given specific processing rules.

1.2 Usage Scenarios

This profile is intended for use within Danish public sector federations where information about authenticated identities is communicated across organizations. The goal is to achieve standardization, interoperability, security and privacy, while enabling re-use of common implementations. It replaces previous versions of OIOSAML (2.0.9 and earlier). OIOSAML will be the main interface of the public sector Identity Broker in Denmark (NemLog-in3).

It should be noted, that the profile has been designed with flexibility in mind to e.g. allow individual sectors to define their own attribute profiles under OIOSAML. Thus, a delicate trade-off between interoperability and flexibility has been attempted.



2 Notation and terminology

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14 [RFC2119][RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

This specification uses the following typographical conventions in text: `<ns:Element>`, `Attribute`, **Datatype**, `OtherCode`. The normative requirements of this specification are individually labeled with a unique identifier in the following form: **[OIO-EXAMPLE-01]**. All information within these requirements should be considered normative unless it is set in *italic* type. Italicized text is non-normative and is intended to provide additional information that may be helpful in implementing the normative requirements.

2.1 References to SAML 2.0 specification

When referring to elements from the SAML 2.0 core specification [SAML2Core], the following syntax is used:

- `<samlp:ProtocolElement>` - for elements from the SAML 2.0 Protocol namespace.
- `<saml:AssertionElement>` - for elements from the SAML 2.0 Assertion namespace.

When referring to elements from the SAML 2.0 metadata specification [SAML2Meta], the following syntax is used:

- `<md:MetadataElement>`

When referring to elements from the XML-Signature Syntax and Processing Version 1.1 WWWC Recommendation [XMLSig], the following syntax is used:

- `<ds:Element>`

2.2 Terminology

The abbreviations IdP and SP are used below to refer to Identity Providers and Service Providers in the sense of their usage within the SAML Browser SSO Profile and Single Logout profiles. A proxy-IdP will act in both roles i.e. as a SP towards the 'real' IdP and as IdP towards the 'real' SP.

Whether explicit or implicit, all the requirements in this document are meant to apply to deployments of SAML profiles and may involve explicit support for requirements by SAML-implementing software and/or supplemental support via applica-



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tion code. Deployments of a Service Provider may refer to both stand-alone implementations of SAML, libraries integrated with an application, or any combination of the two. It is difficult to define a clear boundary between a Service Provider and the application/service it represents, and unnecessary to do so for the purposes of this document.



3 Common Requirements

This chapter includes material of general significance to both IdPs and SPs. Subsequent sections provide guidance specific to those roles.

3.1 General

3.1.1 Clock Skew

[OIO-GE-01]

Deployments **MUST** allow between three (3) and five (5) minutes of clock skew — in either direction — when interpreting `xsd:dateTime` values in assertions and when enforcing security policies based thereupon.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of items to which this directive applies: `NotBefore`, `NotOnOrAfter`, and `validUntil` XML attributes found on

```
<saml:Conditions>,
```

```
<saml:SubjectConfirmationData>,
```

```
<samlp:LogoutRequest>,
```

```
<md:EntityDescriptor>,
```

```
<md:EntitiesDescriptor>,
```

```
<md:RoleDescriptor>, and
```

```
<md:AffiliationDescriptor> elements.
```

3.1.2 Document Type Definitions

[OIO-GE-02]

Deployments **MUST NOT** produce any SAML protocol message that contains a Document Type Definition (DTD). Deployments **SHOULD** reject messages that contain them.

3.1.3 SAML entityIDs

[OIO-GE-03]

Deployments **MUST** be named via an absolute URI whose total length **MUST NOT** exceed 256 characters. To support having a well-known location from which metadata can be downloaded the Entity Identifier **SHOULD** be derived from the internet domain name of the Service Provider e.g.

```
https://saml.[domain name]
```



An entityID SHOULD be chosen in a manner that minimizes the likelihood of it changing for political or technical reasons, including for example a change to a different software implementation or hosting provider.

3.2 Metadata and Trust Management

3.2.1 Metadata Consumption and Use

[OIO-MD-01]

Deployments MUST provision their behavior in the following areas based solely on the consumption of SAML Metadata [SAML2Meta] the processing rules defined by the SAML Metadata Interoperability profile [SAML2MDIOP]:

- indications of support for Browser SSO and Single Logout profiles
- selection, determination, and verification of SAML endpoints and bindings
- determination of the trustworthiness of XML signing keys
- selection of XML Encryption keys

Metadata exchange mechanisms and establishment of trust in metadata are left to deployments to specify.

3.2.2 Metadata Production

[OIO-MD-02]

Deployments MUST have the ability to provide SAML metadata capturing their requirements and characteristics in the areas identified above in a secure fashion.

Metadata SHOULD NOT include content indicating support for profiles or features beyond the bounds of this profile.

3.2.2.1 Keys and Certificates

[OIO-MD-03]

Public keys used for signing and encryption MUST be expressed via X.509 certificates included in metadata via `<md:KeyDescriptor>` elements.

The certificates MUST be FOCES or VOCES certificates (issued under the OCES2 or OCES3 certificate policies)² or qualified certificates (according to the eIDAS regulation) issued to a legal person. Certificates MUST NOT be expired or revoked.

² https://www.nemid.nu/dk-da/om-nemid/historien_om_nemid/oces-standarden/oces-certifikatpolitikker/



[OIO-MD-04]

RSA public keys **MUST** be at least 2048 bits in length. At least 3072 bits is **RECOMMENDED** for new deployments.

[OIO-MD-05]

EC public keys **MUST** be at least 256 bits in length.

[OIO-MD-06]

By virtue of the profile's overall requirements, an IdP's metadata **MUST** include at least one signing certificate (that is, an `<md:KeyDescriptor>` with no `use` attribute or one set to `signing`), and an SP's metadata **MUST** include at least one signing certificate and one encryption certificate (that is, an `<md:KeyDescriptor>` with no `use` attribute or one set to `encryption`).

3.3 Cryptographic Algorithms

[OIO-ALG-01]

Deployments **MUST** only use the following algorithms when communicating with peers in the context of this profile. Where multiple options exist, any of these may be used, and the chosen algorithm should be agreed upon via metadata or similar. The profile will be updated as necessary to reflect changes in government and industry recommendations regarding algorithm usage.

- Digest
 - <http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#sha256> [XMLEnc]
- Signature
 - <http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#rsa-sha256> [RFC4051]
 - <http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#ecdsa-sha256> [RFC4051]
- Block Encryption
 - <http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#aes128-cbc> [XMLEnc]
 - <http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#aes256-cbc> [XMLEnc]
 - <http://www.w3.org/2009/xmlenc11#aes128-gcm> [XMLEnc]
 - <http://www.w3.org/2009/xmlenc11#aes192-gcm> [XMLEnc]
 - <http://www.w3.org/2009/xmlenc11#aes256-gcm> [XMLEnc]
- Key Transport



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- <http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#rsa-oaep-mgf1p> [XMLEnc]
- <http://www.w3.org/2009/xmlenc11#rsa-oaep> [XMLEnc]

Note: For block encryption the 'GCM' variants are more secure than the 'CBC' variants, which are allowed for backwards compatibility. The CBC variants may be deprecated in a future version of the profile.



4 SP Requirements

4.1 Web Browser SSO

[OIO-SP-01]

SPs MUST support the Browser SSO Profile [SAML2Prof], as updated by the Approved Errata [SAML2Err], with behavior, capabilities, and options consistent with the additional constraints specified in this section.

4.1.1 Requests

4.1.1.1 Binding

[OIO-SP-02]

The HTTP-Redirect binding [SAML2Bind] with deflate encoding MUST be used for the transmission of `<samlp:AuthnRequest>` messages.

[OIO-SP-03]

Requests MUST NOT be issued inside an HTML frame or via any mechanism that would require the use of third-party cookies by the IdP to establish or recover a session with the User Agent. This will typically imply that requests will involve a full-frame redirect, in order that the top-level window origin be associated with the IdP.

4.1.1.2 Request Content

[OIO-SP-04]

The `<samlp:AuthnRequest>` message SHOULD omit the `<samlp:NameIDPolicy>` element.

[OIO-SP-05]

The message SHOULD contain an `AssertionConsumerServiceURL` attribute and MUST NOT contain an `AssertionConsumerServiceIndex` attribute (i.e., the desired endpoint MUST be the default, or identified via the `AssertionConsumerServiceURL` attribute).

The `AssertionConsumerServiceURL` value, if present, MUST match an endpoint location expressed in the SP's metadata exactly, without requiring URL canonicalization/normalization.

As an example, the SP cannot specify URLs that include a port number (e.g., <https://sp.example.com:443/acs>) in its requests unless it also includes that port number in the URLs specified in its metadata, and vice versa.

4.1.1.3 Authentication Contexts

[OIO-SP-06]



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The following `<saml:AuthnContextClassRef>` values MAY be used to request the desired [NSIS] assurance level, and if present, MUST be used with the Comparison attribute set to minimum:

```
https://data.gov.dk/concept/core/nsis/loa/Low  
https://data.gov.dk/concept/core/nsis/loa/Substantial  
https://data.gov.dk/concept/core/nsis/loa/High
```

Note the implicit hierarchy between these levels.

Note also that use of the above [NSIS] identifiers for LoA (Level of Assurance) requires that the implementation adheres to NSIS requirements for the given level and has been notified to and accepted by the Danish Agency for Digitisation.

Example:

```
<saml2p:RequestedAuthnContext Comparison="minimum">  
  <saml2:AuthnContextClassRef xmlns:saml2="urn:oasis:  
names:tc:SAML:2.0:assertion">  
  
https://data.gov.dk/concept/core/nsis/loa/Substantial  
</saml2:AuthnContextClassRef>  
</saml2p:RequestedAuthnContext>
```

[OIO-SP-07]

The following `<saml:AuthnContextClassRef>` values MAY be used to request the desired attribute profile (see chapter 6 for attribute profiles):

```
https://data.gov.dk/eid/Person  
https://data.gov.dk/eid/Professional
```

Note: the comparison attribute mentioned above in [OIO-SP-06] does not apply to the attribute profile but only the assurance level.

4.1.1.4 Signed Requests

[OIO-SP-08]

Requests MUST be signed by the SP using a private key defined in their metadata.

Note: Since HTTP Redirect binding with DEFLATE encoding is used, the signature is located in the "Signature" query string described by this binding instead of in the request XML message.

4.1.1.5 Proxy IdPs

[OIO-SP-09]



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If the SP is in fact a proxy IdP acting on behalf of another SP, the `<AuthnRequest>` MUST contain a `ProviderName` attribute which describes the 'real' SP behind the proxy. The description MUST be user-friendly and informative such that it can be displayed in a log-in-client to inform the user about which service they are about to authenticate with.

4.1.2 Responses

4.1.2.1 Binding

[OIO-SP-10]

SPs MUST support the HTTP-POST binding for the receipt of `<samlp:Response>` messages. Support for other bindings is OPTIONAL.

[OIO-SP-11]

The endpoint(s) at which an SP supports receipt of `<samlp:Response>` messages MUST be protected by TLS 1.2 or higher.

4.1.2.2 XML Encryption

[OIO-SP-12]

SPs MUST support decryption of `<saml:EncryptedAssertion>` elements. Support for other encrypted constructs is OPTIONAL.

4.1.2.3 Error Handling

[OIO-SP-13]

SPs MUST gracefully handle error responses containing `<samlp:StatusCode>` other than `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:status:Success`.

[OIO-SP-14]

The response to such errors MUST direct users to appropriate support resources offered by the SP.

4.1.2.4 Forced Re-Authentication

[OIO-SP-15]

SPs that include a `ForceAuthn` attribute of `true` in their requests SHOULD test the currency of the `AuthnInstant` element in the received assertions to verify the currency of the authentication event.

4.1.3 LoA check

[OIO-SP-16]

When consuming SAML Assertions, SPs MUST check the specified [NSIS] level of assurance regardless of any LoA was set in the request. See section 6.2.4 where the attribute is defined.



Note: SPs are not guaranteed that the IdP can or will honor the requested assurance level set in the `<AuthnRequest>`.

4.1.4 Discovery

[OIO-SP-17]

SPs SHOULD support the Identity Provider Discovery Profile described in [SAML2Prof] which enables a Service Provider to discover which Identity Providers a principal is using with the web browser SSO profile.

Note: The profile relies on a cookie that is written in a domain common between Identity Providers and Service Providers in a deployment. The cookie contains a list of Identity Provider identifiers and the most recently used IdP should be at the end of the list.

4.2 Single Logout

[OIO-SP-18]

SPs MUST support the Single Logout Profile [SAML2Prof], as updated by the Approved Errata [SAML2Err]. The following requirements apply in the case of such support.

4.2.1 Requests

4.2.1.1 Binding

[OIO-SP-19]

The HTTP-Redirect binding [SAML2Bind] MUST be used for the transmission of (the initial) `<samlp:LogoutRequest>` messages to the IdP.

[OIO-SP-20]

SPs MUST support the HTTP-Redirect or HTTP-POST [SAML2Bind] binding for the receipt of `<samlp:LogoutRequest>` messages from the IdP, and MAY support SOAP binding.

[OIO-SP-21]

Requests MUST NOT be issued inside an HTML frame or via any mechanism that would require the use of third-party cookies by the IdP to establish or recover a session with the User Agent. This will typically imply that requests must involve a full-frame redirect, in order that the top level window origin be associated with the IdP.

Note: The full-frame requirement is also necessary to ensure that full control of the user interface is released to the IdP.

4.2.1.2 Request Content

[OIO-SP-22]

Logout Requests MUST be signed.



[OIO-SP-23]

The `<saml:NameID>` element included in `<samlp:LogoutRequest>` messages MUST exactly match the corresponding element received from the IdP, including its element content and all XML attributes included therein.

[OIO-SP-24]

The `<saml:NameID>` element in `<samlp:LogoutRequest>` messages MUST NOT be encrypted³.

4.2.2 Responses

4.2.2.1 Binding

[OIO-SP-25]

The HTTP-Redirect, HTTP-POST or SOAP binding [SAML2Bind] MUST be used for the transmission of `<samlp:LogoutResponse>` messages to the IdP.

[OIO-SP-26]

SPs MUST support the HTTP-Redirect or HTTP-POST binding [SAML2Bind] binding for the receipt of `<samlp:LogoutResponse>` messages from the IdP (to the initial request).

4.2.2.2 Response Content

[OIO-SP-27]

Responses MUST be signed.

4.2.3 Behavioral Requirements

[OIO-SP-28]

SPs MUST terminate any local session before issuing a `<samlp:LogoutRequest>` message to the IdP.

Note: This ensures the safest possible result for subjects in the event that logout fails for some reason.

[OIO-SP-29]

SPs MUST NOT issue a `<samlp:LogoutRequest>` message as the result of an idle activity timeout.

Note: Timeout of a single application/service must not trigger logout of an SSO session because this imposes a single service's requirements on an entire IdP deployment. Applications with sensitivity requirements should consider other mechanisms, such as the `ForceAuthn` attribute, to achieve their goals.

³ Due to interoperability concerns.



4.2.4 Logout and Virtual Hosting

[OIO-SP-30]

An SP that maintains distinct sessions across multiple virtual hosts SHOULD identify itself by means of a distinct entityID (with associated metadata) for each virtual host.

Note: A single entity can have only one well-defined `<SingleLogoutService>` endpoint per binding. Cookies are typically host-based and logout cannot typically be implemented easily across virtual hosts. Unlike during SSO, a `<samlp:LogoutRequest>` message cannot specify a particular response endpoint, so this scenario is generally not viable.

4.3 Metadata and Trust Management

4.3.1 Support for Multiple Keys

The ability to perform seamless key migration depends upon proper support for consuming and/or leveraging multiple keys at the same time.

[OIO-SP-31]

SP deployments SHOULD support multiple signing certificates in IdP metadata and MUST support validation of XML signatures using a key from any of them.

[OIO-SP-32]

SP deployments SHOULD be able to support multiple decryption keys and MUST be able to decrypt `<saml:EncryptedAssertion>` elements encrypted with any configured key.

4.3.2 Metadata Content

[OIO-SP-33]

By virtue of this profile's requirements, an SP's metadata MUST contain:

- an `<md:SPSSODescriptor>` role element
 - at least one `<md:AssertionConsumerService>` endpoint element
 - at least one `<md:KeyDescriptor>` element whose `use` attribute is set to `encryption`
 - at least one `<md:KeyDescriptor>` element whose `use` attribute is set to `signing`
 - exactly one `<md:NameIDFormat>` element within their `<md:SPSSODescriptor>` element containing either



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- `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:nameid-format:transient`
indicating a fresh/transient identifier per authentication or
- `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:nameid-format:persistent`
indicating a persistent (SP-specific) identifier
- at least one `<md:SingleLogoutService>` endpoint element

In addition, an SP's metadata SHOULD contain:

- an `<md:ContactPerson>` element with a `contactType` of `technical` and an `<md:EmailAddress>` element



5 IdP Requirements

5.1 Web Browser SSO

[OIO-IDP-01]

IdPs MUST support the Web Browser SSO Profile [SAML2Prof], as updated by the Approved Errata [SAML2Err], with behavior, capabilities, and options consistent with the additional constraints specified in this section.

5.1.1 Requests

5.1.1.1 Binding

[OIO-IDP-02]

IdPs MUST support the HTTP-Redirect binding [SAML2Bind] for the receipt of `<samlp:AuthnRequest>` messages.

[OIO-IDP-03]

All IdP endpoints (including at which an IdP supports receipt of `<samlp:AuthnRequest>` messages) MUST be protected by TLS 1.2 or higher.

5.1.1.2 Endpoint Verification

[OIO-IDP-04]

IdPs MUST verify the `AssertionConsumerServiceURL` supplied in an SP's `<samlp:AuthnRequest>` (if any) against the `<md:AssertionConsumerService>` elements in the SP's metadata. In the absence of such a value, the default endpoint from the SP's metadata MUST be used for the response.

When verifying the `AssertionConsumerServiceURL`, it is RECOMMENDED that the IdP perform a case-sensitive string comparison between the requested value and the values found in the SP's metadata. It is OPTIONAL to apply any form of URL canonicalization.

5.1.1.3 Signing

[OIO-IDP-05]

IdPs MUST verify the request signature according to a certificate found in SP metadata or fail the request.

[OIO-IDP-06]

IdPs MUST reject unsigned requests.

5.1.1.4 Forced Re-Authentication

[OIO-IDP-07]

IdPs MUST ensure that any response to a `<samlp:AuthnRequest>` that contains the attribute `ForceAuthn` set to `true` or `1` results in an authentication challenge that requires proof that the subject is present. If this condition



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is met, the IdP MUST also reflect this by setting the value of the `AuthnInstant` value in the assertion it returns to a fresh value.

If an IdP cannot prove subject presence, then it MUST fail the request and SHOULD respond to the SP with a SAML error status.

5.1.1.5 *Passive Authentication*

[OIO-IDP-08]

IdPs MUST understand and respect the `IsPassive` attribute on requests. If the `IsPassive` attribute is set and control of the user interface is needed to complete an authentication, the following status code MUST be returned `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:status:NoPassive`.

Note: The NoPassive error can occur if the IdP does not have a session with the user, if the IdP has a session but at a lower LoA than requested by the SP, or if the IdP policy requires active user consent prior to attribute release.

5.1.2 Responses

5.1.2.1 *Binding*

[OIO-IDP-09]

IdPs MUST support the HTTP-POST binding [`SAML2Bind`] for the transmission of `<samlp:Response>` messages.

5.1.2.2 *Response Content*

[OIO-IDP-10]

Successful responses SHOULD NOT be directly signed.

Note: Instead, Assertions are signed (see below).

[OIO-IDP-11]

Successful responses MUST contain exactly one SAML `<saml:Assertion>`, and the assertion MUST contain exactly one `<saml:AuthnStatement>` sub-element and exactly one `<saml:AttributeStatement>` sub-element. The `<saml:AttributeStatement>` sub-element MUST conform to one of the attribute profiles for natural persons or professionals as described in chapter 6 including all mandatory attributes.

All other statements MUST NOT be used.

[OIO-IDP-12]

The `<saml:Assertion>` within the response MUST be directly signed by the IdP.



[OIO-IDP-13]

Assertions transferred via the user agent **MUST** be encrypted and transmitted via a `<saml:EncryptedAssertion>` element. Information intended for the consumption of the SP **MUST NOT** be further encrypted via `<saml:EncryptedID>` or `<saml:EncryptedAttribute>` constructs.

5.1.3 Issuer

[OIO-IDP-14]

Assertions **MUST** contain an `<Issuer>` element uniquely identifying the IdP. The Format attribute **MUST** be omitted or have a value of

```
urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:nameid-format:entity
```

See also section 3.1.3 on EntityIDs.

5.1.4 Subject Identifiers

[OIO-IDP-15]

Assertions **MUST** contain one `<saml:Subject>` element with a `<saml:NameID>` element with Format set to

```
urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:nameid-format:transient or  
urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:nameid-format:persistent
```

as defined in [\[SAML2Core\]](#).

The NameID element (whether persistent or transient) **SHOULD** contain an **SP-specific** identifier based on a UUID following RFC 4122 as shown in the following example:

```
https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/person/uuid/123e4567-  
e89b-12d3-a456-426655440000
```

(if the Subject represents a natural person identity), and

```
https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/profes-  
sional/uuid/123e4567-e89b-12d3-a456-426655440000
```

(if the Subject represents a professional identity; see chapter 6 for details)

So if the nameformat is “:transient” the UUID will be different for every authentication of the same identity, and if the nameformat is “:persistent” the UUID will be the same over time for all authentications requested from this SP, but other SP’s will get a different UUID regardless of their choice of nameformat. If identifiers are needed which are stable across SPs, the attributes described in chapter 6 should be used as a supplement.



Example:

```
<saml:NameID Format="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:nameid-format:persistent">
```

```
https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/person/uuid/123e4567-e89b-12d3-a456-426655440000
```

```
</saml:NameID>
```

[OIO-IDP-16]

The `<saml:NameID>` identifier **MUST** be generated as an persistent or transient identifier by the IdP according to preferences specified in SP metadata (see section 4.3.2).

5.1.5 Subject Confirmation

[OIO-IDP-17]

The Subject element **MUST** contain at least one `<SubjectConfirmation>` element specifying a conformation method of `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:cm:bearer`.

The bearer `<SubjectConfirmation>` element described above **MUST** contain a `<SubjectConfirmationData>` element that has a Recipient attribute containing the Service Provider's assertion consumer service URL and a NotOnOrAfter attribute that limits the window during which the assertion can be delivered. It **MAY** contain a NotBefore attribute but the receiver is not required to process it.

5.1.6 Audience Restriction

[OIO-IDP-18]

The assertion **MUST** contain an `<AudienceRestriction>` including the Service Provider's unique identifier as an `<Audience>`.

5.1.7 Discovery via common domain

[OIO-IDP-19]

IdPs **SHOULD** support the Identity Provider Discovery Profile described in [SAMLProf] which enables a Service Provider to discover which Identity Providers a principal is using with the web browser SSO profile.



A cookie SHOULD be written in a domain common between Identity Providers and Service Providers in a deployment. The cookie contains a list of Identity Provider identifiers and the most recently used IdP SHOULD be at the end of the list.

5.2 Single Logout

[OIO-IDP-20]

IdPs MUST support the Single Logout Profile [SAML2Prof], as updated by the Approved Errata [SAML2Err], with behavior, capabilities, and options consistent with the additional constraints specified in this section.

The term "IdP session" is used to refer to the ongoing state between the IdP and its clients allowing for SSO. Support for logout implies supporting termination of a subject's IdP session in response to receiving a `<samlp:LogoutRequest>` or upon some administrative signal.

[OIO-IDP-21]

IdPs MUST support the propagation of logout signaling to SPs using HTTP-Redirect, HTTP-POST and SOAP Binding [SAML2Bind]. The binding selected for a specific SP should be based on the SP capabilities as defined in its metadata.

5.2.1 Requests

5.2.1.1 Binding

[OIO-IDP-22]

IdPs MUST support the HTTP-Redirect [SAML2Bind] binding for the receipt of (the initial) `<samlp:LogoutRequest>` message.

Note that SOAP binding is not allowed for the initial message, since the IdP would not be able to propagate the request to SPs only supporting front-channel bindings.

5.2.2 Request Content

[OIO-IDP-23]

Logout Requests MUST be signed.

[OIO-IDP-24]

The `<saml:NameID>` element in `<samlp:LogoutRequest>` messages MUST NOT be encrypted⁴.

⁴ Due to interoperability concerns.



5.2.3 Responses

5.2.3.1 Binding

[OIO-IDP-25]

The IdP SHOULD respond to requests using the same binding used in the request from the initiating SP.

5.2.3.2 Response Content

[OIO-IDP-26]

Logout Responses MUST be signed (with a mechanism according to the selected Binding).

[OIO-IDP-27]

The `<samlp:StatusCode>` in the response issued by the IdP MUST reflect whether the IdP session was successfully terminated.

5.3 Attribute Query

This chapter specifies an attribute service profile for querying attributes from an Attribute Service (often part of an Identity Provider). It is used in scenarios where a Service Provider after the initial authentication of the user needs further information e.g. in order to grant access to a resource or personalize an application. The attribute query profile can further enhance end-user privacy in scenarios where an SP initially only needs a few attributes during authentication and then later queries for more attributes if the need emerges (instead of getting all attributes that are potentially required up front).

[OIO-IDP-28]

An IdP SHOULD offer all its attributes to authorized Service Providers via a SAML `<AttributeQuery>` interface.

[OIO-IDP-29]

The SAML SOAP Binding SHOULD be used for the interface and the endpoint MUST be protected by TLS 1.2 or higher.

5.3.1 Request Message

[OIO-IDP-30]

The request message MUST contain a Consent attribute and an `<Issuer>` element matching a registered SP. The IdP SHOULD define a policy setting SP obligations regarding collection of end-user consent or other legal basis for requesting attributes.

[OIO-IDP-31]



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The request message **MUST** uniquely identify the Subject using an identifier specified by the Attribute Service Provider.



[OIO-IDP-32]

The Attribute Service **MUST** verify that the request message is signed by the SP with a key corresponding to a certificate found in SP metadata.

5.3.2 Response Message

[OIO-IDP-33]

A successful response **MUST** be in the form of an Assertion containing exactly one attribute statement. Naming and encoding of attributes **MUST** be the same as specified for Web SSO, see chapter 6 for details.

[OIO-IDP-34]

A successful response **MUST** contain an `<Issuer>` element.

[OIO-IDP-35]

A successful response **MUST NOT** contain an `<AuthnStatement>` element or `<AuthzDecisionStatement>`.

[OIO-IDP-36]

The Assertion in the response **MUST** be signed by the IdP with a key corresponding to a certificate found in IdP metadata.

5.3.3 Error handling

[OIO-IDP-37]

If the IdP cannot identify the Subject stated in the request, it **MUST** return an error response with a second-level status code set to `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:status:UnknownPrincipal`

[OIO-IDP-38]

The top-level error code **SHOULD** be set to “Success” if any of the requested attributes can be returned; otherwise it **SHOULD** be set to `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:status:Requester`.

If attributes are unknown, a nested status code element **SHOULD** be included specifying a status code of `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:status:InvalidAttrNameOrValue`

A sequence of `<StatusDetail>` elements **SHOULD** further be included, one per unknown attribute, specifying the name of the unknown attribute to the requester.

[OIO-IDP-39]

If Attributes are requested which the Attribute Service does not want to disclose to the requestor according to its attribute release policy, the Attribute



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Service SHOULD return a second-level status code being: `urn:oa-sis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:status:RequestDenied` followed by a sequence `<StatusDetail>` elements describing the reason for not disclosing the attribute.

5.4 Metadata and Trust Management

5.4.1 Support for Multiple Keys

The ability to perform seamless key migration depends upon proper support for consuming and/or leveraging multiple keys at the same time.

[OIO-IDP-40]

IdP deployments MUST support multiple signing and encryption certificates in SP metadata and MUST support validation of signatures using a key from any of them.

5.4.2 Metadata Content

[OIO-IDP-41]

By virtue of this profile's requirements, an IdP's metadata MUST contain:

- an `<md:IDPSSODescriptor>` role element
 - at least one `<md:SingleSignOnService>` endpoint element
 - at least one `<md:SingleLogoutService>` endpoint element
 - at least one `<md:KeyDescriptor>` element whose use attribute is set to signing and

In addition, an IdP's metadata MUST contain:

- an `<md:ContactPerson>` element with a `contactType` of technical and an `<md:EmailAddress>` element

[OIO-IDP-42]

If an IdP offers an `AttributeQuery` interface it SHOULD declare the offered attributes in metadata via an `<AttributeAuthorityDescriptor>` element.



6 Attribute profiles

This chapter describes attribute profiles used for communicating about identities representing natural persons and professionals. Thus, an identity is represented by a set of attributes.

Note that some attribute names are used with both types of identities (person and professional) – referred to as common attributes. This does not mean that the attribute values are necessarily the same ‘run time’ since attribute values are linked to identities and not entities. For example, if the same physical person entity is represented both as a person identity and professional identity, the run-time value of the e-mail attribute may be different with the two identities (attribute sets). However, some attribute values (e.g. name and CPR number) are linked to the entity and will be the same across the entity’s identities.

6.1 General requirements

[OIO-AP-01]

If an attribute is marked as Mandatory in the tables below it **MUST** be present in all Assertions. Identity Providers **MAY** include additional attributes (e.g. sector-specific attributes).

Only a small subset of the (non-identifying) attributes are Mandatory in order to comply with the data minimization principle.

[OIO-AP-02]

The actual set of attributes in an Assertion **SHOULD** only contain attributes needed by the SP as specified in the SP metadata. An IdP **MAY** define policies that restrict which attributes SPs can get and it **MAY** ask the end-user for consent and use this for limiting the released attribute set.

[OIO-AP-03]

`<saml:Attribute>` elements **MUST** contain a NameFormat of `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:attrname-format:uri`.

This requirement ensures unique, non-conflicting naming of Attributes even in cases involving custom requirements for which no standard Attributes may exist.

[OIO-AP-04]

All attribute values **SHOULD** if possible be simple text strings with type `xs:string`.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the content of each `<saml:AttributeValue>` element be limited to a single child text node (i.e. a simple string value) and that multiple values of an `<saml:Attribute>` be expressed as individual



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`<saml:AttributeValue>` elements rather than embedded in a delimited form within a single element.

Note that this refers to `<saml:AttributeValue>` elements, not `<saml:Attribute>` elements, and refers to the form of each individual value. It discourages the use of complex XML content models within the value of an Attribute. For this reason, the OIO Basic Privilege Profile base64 encodes complex attribute values.

6.2 Common attributes

This section specifies common attributes shared by subsequent attribute profiles. The common attributes therefore do not have '/person' or '/professional' part in their name after /eid.

6.2.1 SpecVer attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/specVersion
<i>Description</i>	Specifies the version of the OIOSAML profile specification - the current version is shown in example below.
<i>Mandatory</i>	Yes
<i>Example</i>	<code><AttributeValue>OIO-SAML-3.0</AttributeValue></code>

6.2.2 BootstrapToken attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/bootstrapToken
<i>Description</i>	Contains a base64-encoded bootstrap token for identity-based web services (see [OIO IDWS] specifications).
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<code><AttributeValue>AK24bWw...</AttributeValue></code>

6.2.3 Privilege attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/privilegesIntermediate
<i>Description</i>	Contains a base64-encoded value describing privileges assigned to the identity (see OIO Basic Privilege Profile specification [OIOBPP] for details).
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<code><AttributeValue>AK24bWw...</AttributeValue></code>



6.2.4 Level of Assurance attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/concept/core/nsis/loa
<i>Description</i>	Contains the overall level of assurance of the authentication as defined by the Danish [NSIS] standard. The allowed values are 'Low', 'Substantial' and 'High'.
<i>Mandatory</i>	Yes
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>Substantial</AttributeValue>

6.2.5 Identity Assurance Level attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/concept/core/nsis/ial
<i>Description</i>	Contains Identity Assurance Level (IAL) as defined by the Danish [NSIS] standard. The allowed values are 'Low', 'Substantial' and 'High'.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>Substantial</AttributeValue>

6.2.6 Authentication Assurance Level attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/concept/core/nsis/aal
<i>Description</i>	Contains Authenticator Assurance Level (AAL) as defined by the Danish [NSIS] standard. The allowed values are 'Low', 'Substantial' and 'High'.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>High</AttributeValue>

6.2.7 Fullname attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/fullName
<i>Description</i>	Contains the full name.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>Knud Erik Jensen</AttributeValue>

6.2.8 Firstname attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/firstName
<i>Description</i>	Contains the first name(s). In case the person has multiple first names, one or more of these MUST be present. Middlenames are not allowed.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>Knud</AttributeValue>



6.2.9 Lastname attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/lastName
<i>Description</i>	Contains the last name.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>Jensen</AttributeValue>

6.2.10 Alias attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/alias
<i>Description</i>	Contains an alias of the identity. This attribute can be used as a display name selected by the user as an alternative to the above name attributes.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>Bubber</AttributeValue>

6.2.11 Email attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/email
<i>Description</i>	Contains the email address of the identity. In cases there are multiple addresses known this attribute can be multi-valued (i.e. using multiple <AttributeValue> elements).
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>knud@jensen.dk</AttributeValue>

6.2.12 CPR attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/cprNumber
<i>Description</i>	Contains the Danish CPR number for the identity represented by 10 digits.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>2702681273</AttributeValue>

6.2.13 Age attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/age
<i>Description</i>	Contains the age of the person represented by an integer.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>38</AttributeValue>



6.2.14 CPR UUID

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/cprUuid
<i>Description</i>	Contains the central UUID for the person defined by the Danish Civil Registration Authority. This identifier is expected to replace the 10-digit CPR number.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>urn:uuid:323e4567-e89b-12d3-a456-426655440000</AttributeValue>

6.2.15 Date of Birth

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/dateOfBirth
<i>Description</i>	Contains the date of birth in the format dd-mm-yyyy.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>12-11-2001</AttributeValue>

6.3 Natural Person profile

Natural person identities are described using the common attributes and the below attributes. Attributes used exclusively for natural person identities have /person in their name after the /eid part.

6.3.1 PID attribute (deprecated)

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/person/pid
<i>Description</i>	Contains the legacy PID number used in OCES infrastructure. Note: this attribute is deprecated and SPs MUST make plans for phasing out any dependencies on this.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>9802-2002-2-9142544</AttributeValue>

6.4 Professional Person profile

Identities representing professionals are described using the common attributes and the below attributes. Attributes used exclusively for professional person identities have /professional in their name after the /eid part.



6.4.1 Persistent Identifier attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/professional/uuid/persistent
<i>Description</i>	Contains a UUID for the professional identity which is shared across all SPs. The identifier is specific to the professional role and is not related to the associated natural person. The UUID MUST follow RFC 4122. This attribute is the successor to the RID attribute (see below) but is globally unique.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>urn:uuid:323e4567-e89b-12d3-a456-426655440000</AttributeValue>

6.4.2 RID number attribute (deprecated)

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/professional/rid
<i>Description</i>	Contains the legacy RID number used in OCES infrastructure. Note: this attribute is deprecated and SPs MUST make plans for phasing out any dependencies on this.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>98023728</AttributeValue>

6.4.3 CVR number attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/professional/cvr
<i>Description</i>	Contains the CVR number (8 digits) of the organization related to the authentication context. Note that a professional may be associated with several organizations but only one organization is allowed per authentication context ⁵ .
<i>Mandatory</i>	Yes
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>20301823</AttributeValue>

⁵ I.e. the SAML Assertion only contains one relation to an organization used in the specific context.



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6.4.4 Organization name attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/professional/orgName
<i>Description</i>	Contains the name of the organization related to the authentication context. Note that a professional may be associated with several organizations but only one organization is allowed per authentication context.
<i>Mandatory</i>	Yes
<i>Example</i>	<code><AttributeValue>Digitaliseringsstyrelsen</AttributeValue></code>

6.4.5 Production unit attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/professional/productionUnit
<i>Description</i>	Contains the Production Unit identifier (10 digits) which the professional is associated to within the organization related to the authentication context.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<code><AttributeValue>4234675432</AttributeValue></code>

6.4.6 SE Number attribute

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/professional/seNumber
<i>Description</i>	Contains the SE number identifier (8 digits) which the professional is associated to within the organization related to the authentication context.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<code><AttributeValue>42346754</AttributeValue></code>



6.4.7 Authorized to Represent

<i>ID</i>	https://data.gov.dk/model/core/eid/professional/authorizedToRepresent
<i>Description</i>	Contains the CVR number(s) of an organization, if the professional is allowed to fully represent the organization with respect to public sector services. In other words, the professional has a strong legal binding to the organizations ⁶ – the type of binding will depend on type of organization. If more organizations can be fully represented the IdP MAY include multiple <AttributeValue> elements.
<i>Mandatory</i>	No
<i>Example</i>	<AttributeValue>10346754</AttributeValue>

⁶ This can e.g. be an authorized signatory ('tegningsberettiget') for a company (Danish 'selskab' such as IVS, ApS, A/S, P/S) or a fully responsible participant ('fuldt ansvarlig deltager') in other types of companies such as proprietorships.



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