

Manage or Disable IdP Metadata Publishing Endpoint

By default the IdP exposes an HTTP endpoint relative to the deployed servlet context (usually `/idp`) at `/shibboleth` which returns the IdP's own metadata. This endpoint path would mirror that implied by the default IdP entityID, for example `https://idp.example.org/idp/shibboleth`, thereby implementing the Well-Known Location metadata resolution mechanism discussed in the SAML Metadata specification (section 4.1).

That endpoint returns the metadata by simply reading the XML file pointed to by IdP property `idp.entityID.metadataFile`, the value of which defaults to `%{idp.home}/metadata/idp-metadata.xml`.



Note that by default this metadata is **not signed**, nor does it dynamically reflect the actual IdP's configuration (for example signing and encryption keys). The file is simply built statically from a template at install time. As such, it is intended as informational only, and is not suitable for direct consumption as-is by an SP wishing to interoperate with the IdP.

To expose a different metadata file's contents at that endpoint, set that property to a different file path value in `conf/idp.properties`, for example:

conf/idp.properties

```
idp.entityID.metadataFile=/var/shibboleth/metadata/idp-metadata.xml
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To effectively disable metadata publishing at the endpoint entirely by returning an HTTP 404 response, set the value to an empty string:

conf/idp.properties

```
idp.entityID.metadataFile=
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