

# AttributeFilter

The <AttributeFilter> element configures the component used to "filter" incoming attributes to prevent applications protected by an SP from seeing data that violates whatever policies the filter implements. A few example use cases include:

- limiting the values of an attribute whose values are required to be from an enumeration (e.g., the eduPersonScopedAffiliation attribute)
- applying automated rules for the acceptance of attribute "scopes" based on SAML metadata
- blocking self asserted personal identification data from known "open" IdPs
- limiting custom attributes intended to be used by only a single IdP

While there are no specifically "mandated" points at which filters run, the SP generally invokes filtering immediately prior to the caching of a set of attributes into a user's session. Actually performing the filtering process is typically up to an [AssertionConsumerService](#) handler (in the case of attributes delivered during SSO) or an [AttributeResolver](#).

## Types

Type	Description
<a href="#">XML</a>	The only type included with the software, implements an XML-based rule syntax for filtering rules that is a derivation of the original filtering syntax from the Shibboleth IdP software

## Reference

### Common Attributes

All <AttributeFilter> plugins support the following attributes:

Name	Type	Req?	Description
type	string	Y	Specifies the type of AttributeFilter plugin to use