

Disable use of IdP internal encryption key

During installation, a special internal encryption key, referred to as a [Cookie Encryption Key](#) or "data sealer" key in various places, is generated. Various features that are enabled by default to support stateless [clustering](#) of the IdP depend on this key, along with some less-used features.

If you want to completely disable the use of this key and avoid having one at all, you will need to make a few changes to the configuration (V3.4.0 or later):

1. Comment out all the properties in *idp.properties* that begin with **idp.sealer**, particularly **idp.sealer.storeResource**.
2. Uncomment and override the **idp.session.StorageService** and **idp.consent.StorageService** properties in *idp.properties* to reference an appropriate storage service of your choosing.
3. Uncomment and modify the property named **idp.transientId.generator** in *saml-nameid.properties*, and set it to **shibboleth.StoredTransientIdGenerator**.
4. Edit the list bean named **shibboleth.ClientStorageServices** in *session-manager.xml* and comment out the two bean references (but **not** the list itself) inside it.
5. Switch the pre-configured CAS ticket service in *cas-protocol.xml* from the "encodingTicketService" to the "simpleTicketService" (these are bean aliases with documentation around them).
6. If you have enabled the **shibboleth.authn.Password.RetainAsPrivateCredential** bean in *authn/password-authn-config.xml*, you must turn it back off.

The IdP should then restart and function normally.