

Glossary

Glossary and Terminology

attribute

A piece of information provided by Shibboleth to an Application about a User for the Application to use. Examples include: A List of Classes; A Globally Unique Identifier; Preferred Name; Favorite Ice Cream.

attribute authority

A data source that contains the values of Attributes provided by Shibboleth. There should be only one source for a specific attribute. Different attributes may come from different authorities.

binding

some definition

discovery service (DS)

some definition

home organization

some definition

identity provider (IdP)

Part of a Single Sign-On system that contains the actual information & process used to Authenticate an user. It will have a record for each user that it can Authenticate.

issuer

some definition

metadata

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name identifier (NameID)

some definition

presenter

some definition

profile

some definition

protocol

some definition

relying party

some definition

security assertion markup

language (SAML)

some definition

service provider (SP)

some definition

single sign-on

The concept that a user can Authenticate once so that multiple applications and/or resources can apply proper Authorization to grant (or deny) access for that user. Shibboleth is a package that enables single sign-on (sso) for web applications and resources.

subject

some definition

user

some definition