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Based on Telecom Italia proposal of the Telecom SOA Requirement [SOA-TEL req].
The protocol here described makes possible to add other security credentials in the SAML assertions.

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This is initial draft of the mandator credential profile based on Telecom Italia requirement (OASIS Telecom SOA Requirements Version 1.0, http://docs.oasis-open.org/soa-tel/t-soa-req1.0/cd01/t-soa-req-01-cd-02.pdf) and use case (OASIS Telecom SOA Use Case and Issues Version 1.0, http://docs.oasis-open.org/soa-tel/t-soa-uci/v1.0/cs01/t-soa-uc-cs-01.pdf)
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1 Introduction

The following specification makes possible to insert into a SAML assertion additional security credentials.

1.1 Notation

This specification uses normative text. The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this specification are to be interpreted as described in:

…they MUST only be used where it is actually required for interoperation or to limit behavior which has potential for causing harm (e.g., limiting retransmissions)…

These keywords are thus capitalized when used to unambiguously specify requirements over protocol and application features and behavior that affect the interoperability and security of implementations. When these words are not capitalized, they are meant in their natural-language sense.

Listings of XML schemas appear like this.

Example code listings appear like this.

Conventional XML namespace prefixes are used throughout the listings in this specification to stand for their respective namespaces as follows, whether or not a namespace declaration is present in the example:

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<td>urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:assertion</td>
<td>This is the SAML V2.0 assertion namespace defined in the SAML V2.0 core specification [SAML2Core].</td>
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<td>ds:</td>
<td><a href="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#</a></td>
<td>This is the XML Signature namespace [XMLSig].</td>
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<td>xsi:</td>
<td><a href="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance</a></td>
<td>This is the XML Schema namespace for schema-related markup that appears in XML instances.</td>
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This specification uses the following typographical conventions in text: <SAMLElement>, <ns:ForeignElement>, Attribute, Datatype, OtherCode.

1.2 Terminology

1.3 Normative References

1.4 Non-normative References
2 Mandator credential specification

2.1 Required Information

Identification: urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:mandator

Contact information: security-services-comment@lists.oasis-open.org

Description: Given below.

Updates: None.

2.2 Description

The following specification makes possible to insert into a SAML assertion additional security credentials. The extra security credentials make possible to execute additional security routines. The extra security credentials usually represent the user requestor (the actor who started the business process).

2.3 Assumptions

2.4 Elements <Mandator>

The mandator element contains additional security credentials, to be used by the services invoked. Usually the element is designed to carry the credentials of the user who started the process which the service invocation belongs to.

The mandator element is a sub element of the <Statement> element, it is optional.

The mandator element contains an identifier:

<BaseID>, <NameID>, or <EncryptedID> [Optional]

The following schema fragment defines the <Mandator> element and its MandatorType complex type:

```xml
<element name="Mandator" type="saml:MandatorType"/>
<complexType name="MandatorType">
  <choice>
    <element ref="saml:BaseID"/>
    <element ref="saml:NameID"/>
    <element ref="saml:EncryptedID"/>
  </choice>
</complexType>
```
2.5 Processing Rules

The credentials carried in the `<mandator>` element is intended for additional security functionalities, different from those that implement the standard processing rules of a SAML assertion, its use never overlaps with that of the credentials present in the subject field of the SAML assertion.

The processing rules depends from the security context that has required the additional credential.

1. call service with credentials user
2. request SAML credentials requestor, additional credentials user
3. get SAML subject requestor, mandator user
4. call service with SAML
5. security processing in accordance with SAML core 2.0
6. additional security routines, using a mandator element
7. response
3 Conformance
Appendix A. Use Cases

The use case is that of a Web Service exposed by an Application Provider, and the scenarios is a Customer Care portal accessed by both operator customers and personnel (Call Center Operators), each of them having different “rights” on accessed data.

Customer Care portal accessed by both operator customers and personnel (Call Center Operators)

C1 is a Portal for Customer Caring that consumes a Web Service (WS-A) for retrieving profile information. It is used by both Customers (for Self Caring) and Call Center Operators.

Some of the available information such as: incoming and outgoing calls, personal information or credit cards details are ruled by privacy policies.

Obviously WS-A and all its operations are accessible by C1, but information provided as result or specific details depend on the original requester: a Customer could have full access on all information and details available on its profile while a Call Center Operator could be granted to view only a subset such data (i.e. partial call numbers, filtered credit cards details, etc.).

In the following scenarios C1 invokes WS-A for retrieving the list of incoming call numbers for specific customers:

Scenario 1 (Operator’s Customers)

Figure 1: User ID Forwarding – “Customer care” use case
A Customer accesses C1 to view the list of outcoming calls by using his Credentials.

C1 invokes a Web Service (WS-A) exposed by P1 passing the Customer’s credentials in a SAML Assertion, the subject of the SAML assertion is C1.

WS-A handles the invocation message and apply the security policies: in particular it verifies if C1 is authenticated & authorized to access the WS-A using the C1 credentials.

P1 (Provider) runs the business logic.

WS-A receives the result from P1 and applies all the privacy policies in order to then return the data to C1, in particular using the other credentials (the user credentials) verifies that the user can read the entire results, so returns it to C1.

C1 shows the entire results to Customers such as:

03/27/09 11:39 3355799553 05:37
03/27/09 12:03 3359955125 10:57.

Scenario 2 (Call Center Operator)

A Call Center Operator accesses to view the list of incoming call numbers for a specific customer by using his Credentials.

C1 invokes WS-A passing his credentials and the Operator’s credentials in a SAML Assertion, the subject of the SAML assertion is C1.

WS-A handles the invocation message and apply the security policies: in particular it verifies if C1 is authenticated & authorized to access the WS-A using the C1 credentials.

P1 (Provider) runs the business logic.

WS-A receives the result from P1 and applies all the privacy policies in order to then return the data to C1, in particular using the other credentials (the user credentials) verifies that the user can read only a part of the data, so returns it to C1 only this part. In particular only the first part of the phone number.

C1 shows the results obtained from WS-A to C/C Operator such as:

03/27/09 11:39 3355799XXX 05:37
03/27/09 12:03 3359955XXX 10:57.
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