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# A Study of Authentication Proxy Service for Various Research Communities

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#### Academic Identity Federation in Japan



- Build up new ICT infrastructure to support R&E based on SSO technologies
- Provides trust framework (technologies, policies and assessment)
- Offers value added services (academic discount, etc.) by collaboration with commercial
- Improves usability and security with continuous R&D (including multifactor/cert. auth.)



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#### Background



- Necessity for a new trust framework in Japan
  - GakuNin has provided a stable trust framework to academia in Japan.
  - There are many research communities in Japan, but they don't always rely on IdPs in GakuNin because all GakuNin IdP do not satisfy the requirement of the communities.
  - As a result, a trust framework has been formed in each research community.
  - Many of users in the research communities are also constituent members of IdPs that join GakuNin.
  - It is natural for users to demand to use home organization account for services in the research communities. In other words, users shouldn't want to manage several accounts.

#### **Request from Research Communities**



- Authenticating users that don't have suitable IdP accounts.
  - Users that RC offers services not always possess the account of an IdP joining GakuNin.
  - RC want to rely on IdP that provides sufficient identity assurance.
- Grasping authenticator level
  - Password only or multi-factor authentication
  - For certain services RC want users to impose MFA.
- Identification user that belongs to several organization.
- Ensuring user identity moving between different organizations.
  - SP want to provide continuously and efficiently services to users moving between different organizations.
- Support for suitable attributes for purpose
  - e.g., grasping whether resident or not (export control)



### **Development of Authentication Proxy Service**



- Support for the new GakuNin trust framework.
- Bridging between IdPs and SPs, and enabling IAL/AAL management and attribute assurance.
- Enabling research communities to delegate identity vetting to user's IdP.

#### **Design of Authentication Proxy Service, "Orthros"**





#### Use case 1 – credential bridging



• Researchers of companies use GakuNin RDM with ORCiD credential.



#### Use case 2 – IAL enhancement



• By binding several ID, IAL required by SP is satisfied.





# **Design and Implementation of Orthros**

- Core part of authentication proxy (IDaaS)
  - **SELMID** https://ctc-insight.com/selmid
- User interface part
  - developed in-house
- Fundamental functions
  - ID management, login, ID binding, management of ID binding, attribute management
- SP management (for SP administrator)
  - handling IAL/AAL imposed by each SP
- Agreement management for each SP
  - Getting user agreement when user initially login to SP
  - Enabling user to confirm or cancel the current status of agreement.
  - Enabling administrator to check the status of agreement of user.
- Attribute assurance
  - Enabling administrator to ensure attributes of user whom the administrator manage.
  - e.g. ensuring user affiliation attribute



# **Design and Implementation of Orthros (Cont'd)**

- More functions implemented
  - Notification at changing mail address.
  - Termination of account.
  - Management of IdP linkage.
  - Forcible password resetting.
- Linking external IdPs
  - Linked : LINE, Google, Yahoo! JAPAN, Facebook, Twitter
  - Now in progress : gBizID, ORCiD
- Linking more SPs

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#### **Future Plan**



- Toward Orthros in production operation
  - Migration OpenIdP to Orthros
    - OpenIdP supports users who do not possess an account of IdP that joins GakuNin.
  - Linkage external IdP (gBizID, ORCID) in production operation.
  - Enabling user to select attributes that user send to each SP.
  - Home IdP Binding at organization change.
  - Support for GakuNin IAL/AAL policy.
  - Enhancement of attribute handling for authorization.
  - AL enhancement scheme.
  - Operation policy and practice statement should be published.





- We developed an authentication proxy service, called "Orthros", to solve the issues of current research situation in Japan.
- Orthros can
  - support new GakuNin trust framework,
  - match IAL/AAL required by SP or ensured by IdP,
  - enhance assurance level,
  - bridge different credentials,
  - coordinate attributes.



• We plan to proceed to trial operation in FY2023.