

2020-Jan-14 CTAB Public Minutes

CTAB Tuesday, January 14, 2020

New Meeting Date/Time Tue 1PM ET / 10 AM PT

Attending

Members

- David Bantz, University of Alaska (chair)
- Mary Catherine Martinez, InnoSoft (vice chair)
- Pål Axelsson, SUNET
- Rachana Ananthakrishnan, Globus, University of Chicago
- Tom Barton, University Chicago and Internet2, ex-officio
- Brad Christ, Eastern Washington University, InCommon Steering Representative to CTAB
- Ercan Elibol, Florida Polytechnic University
- Richard Frovarp, North Dakota State
- Chris Hable, University of Michigan
- John Pfeifer, University of Maryland
- Chris Whalen, Research Data and Communication Technologies
- Jule Ziegler, Leibniz Supercomputing Centre
- Robert Zybeck, Portland Community College

Internet2

- Ann West, Internet2
- Albert Wu, Internet2
- Emily Eisbruch, Internet2
- Jessica Coltrin, Internet2

Regrets

- Brett Bieber, University of Nebraska
- Jon Miner, University of Wisc - Madison
- Eric Goodman, UCOP - TAC Representative to CTAB

New Action Items from this call

- Al TomB outline the steps we need to talk to kick off community consensus for next CTAB call
- Al Albert consult with Nick Roy and AnnW on suggestion to state in section 3.1.1 that federation operator will monitor and report back to CTAB on compliance

Discussion

New member Introductions

- Welcome to our new CTAB members
- <https://www.incommon.org/community/leadership/>

Baseline Expectations (BE) 2020 consensus doc

Key documents:

- **BE V2 Draft** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ubwc4RoqEO6HtbN6t9dpGvY2eiD5zcs3Zw5gh9xHMsk/edit>
- **BE Clarifications doc** provides more explanation and how tos
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Xvan2fpX8lg-KFvI4wT1fGmJR8bc464BMFWAsREh-Ec/edit>
 - The BE Clarifications Doc is intended to be an FAQ published on the wiki
 - Its goal is to help participants understand what each BE statement means and how to adhere

Reminder that there are 5 possible components of BE that CTAB is working to implement in upcoming phases.

Numbers 4 and 5 below will likely be postponed for a future year, beyond 2020.

1. SIRTFI Framework
2. Encryption for endpoints for IDPs and SP
3. Inclusion of Error URL in IDP metadata (no requirement for content; point to working group)

FOR FUTURE

4. Support for REFEDs MFA profiles (for future)
 - a. Need to detail how organizations would comply with this, thanks to Eric G for his work on this
5. IDP supports attribute bundling (R&S now; future anonymous attribute bundle) (for future)

- It was noted that the [clarification doc](#) only included items 1, 2 and 3 .
 - There is a draft of clarification for items 4 and 5, but that had been removed from the draft.
 - Decision: return the material on 4 and 5 to the draft, but explain that they are for the future most likely, and explain what likely still needs to be figured out (DONE)
 - Also will include clarification of 4 and 5 (items for beyond 2020) on the eventual FAQ wiki page.
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- CTAB reviewed recent updates to the [BE doc](#)
 - It was noted that we do NOT want to be in the position of needing to revise the [BE doc](#) every few months
 - Dispute resolution will be used to resolve situations on non compliance, such as for BE statements like this:
 - 1.3.3. All IdP service endpoints must be secured with current and supported transport layer encryption
 - We may want to be more specific around "current and supported"
 - Suggestion to add the word "strong"
 - Need to work on the wording for 1.3.3 more later
 - There will be some automated tests around endpoints, for the TLS security requirements.
 - For the SSL Labs tests, there were a few "F"s, in the preliminary analysis performed by Shannon Roddy
 - Some think we need to be more specific.
 - SURFnet uses the SSL Lab grading
 - If InCommon will use SSL Lab grading, we should be more explicit
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- For the SP side, we do not mention Error URL
 - Could specify that SPs must be ready to use an Error URL
 - Whether the SP can handle Error URL impacts the user experience
 - Suggestion to focus on **security as the theme** for this phase of BE
 - And tackle user experience issues in next phase of BE
 - There is a proposal for a task force that may address the user experience
 - **Decision:** No change to the doc at this time around mentioning SP side Error URL
 - Perhaps errorURL by SPs should be considered in a future rev of BE.
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- Do we want to add any sub-bullets in section 3 for Federation Operators?
 - **AI Albert consult with Nick Roy and AnnW on suggestion to state in section 3.1.1 that federation operator will monitor and report back to CTAB on compliance**

Timeline for BE announcement and moving into consensus period

- Consensus period
 - Start when
 - how long?
- When do we announce consensus achieved ?
- How do we field feedback during consensus?
- CTAB had hoped to have community consensus period kickoff info for the community by end of January 2020
- A future CTAB meeting should discuss logistics of running the community consensus process.
- **AI TomB outline the steps we need to talk to kick off community consensus for next CTAB call**

Next CTAB Call : Tuesday Jan 28, 2020 at 1pm ET