Phasing Out the Legacy Metadata Aggregate

InCommon Operations will remove the legacy metadata download endpoint (currently, a redirect) on Wednesday, February 14, 2018

All metadata clients that download metadata from this endpoint should switch to one of the production endpoints noted in: Metadata Aggregates before that date. Failure to do so will cause your SAML deployment to break. This page is being preserved for legacy/archival purposes. Please disregard the content below.

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On March 29, 2014, the legacy metadata aggregate at location

- http://wayf.incommonfederation.org/InCommon/InCommon-metadata.xml

will be *replaced with a redirect* to the following new location:

- http://md.incommon.org/InCommon/InCommon-metadata-fallback.xml

All deployers are advised to migrate to one of the new metadata aggregates ASAP but no later than March 29, 2014.

In recent weeks, a number of people have asked me: What will happen if I do nothing? One answer is:

In more than 90% of the cases, if you do nothing, your deployment will continue to function as normal after March 29th.

We could drill down on that other 10% but consider this: We know with 100% certainty that a redirect will be installed on March 29th, so knowing nothing else but that simple fact, we can conclude that all deployers are better off migrating to the new fallback aggregate than they are doing nothing because all other things being equal (which they are) **a controlled migration is always safer than a forced migration**.

If you're running Shibboleth, migrating to the new fallback aggregate is as simple as changing the URL in your Shibboleth Metadata Config. Go ahead, schedule that simple configuration change subject to whatever change management policy you have in place. You'll know in a few moments if it's going to work, and honestly, there is a very high probability *it will just work*. If it does, you're home free because you can complete the rest of the migration on your own time. If it doesn't work, you can quickly back out the change and invoke Plan B.

So why does that simple config change work without bootstrapping an authentic copy of the new metadata signing certificate? Because Shibboleth ignores all the certificate details except the public key bound to the certificate, and that key hasn't changed, so we're good to go.

For more detailed information, consult the Metadata Migration Process wiki page.

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