

The Hunt For Red IdPs

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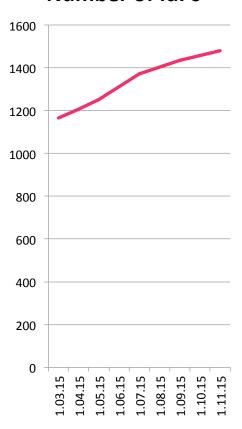
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The Mission Scenario



Number of IdPs

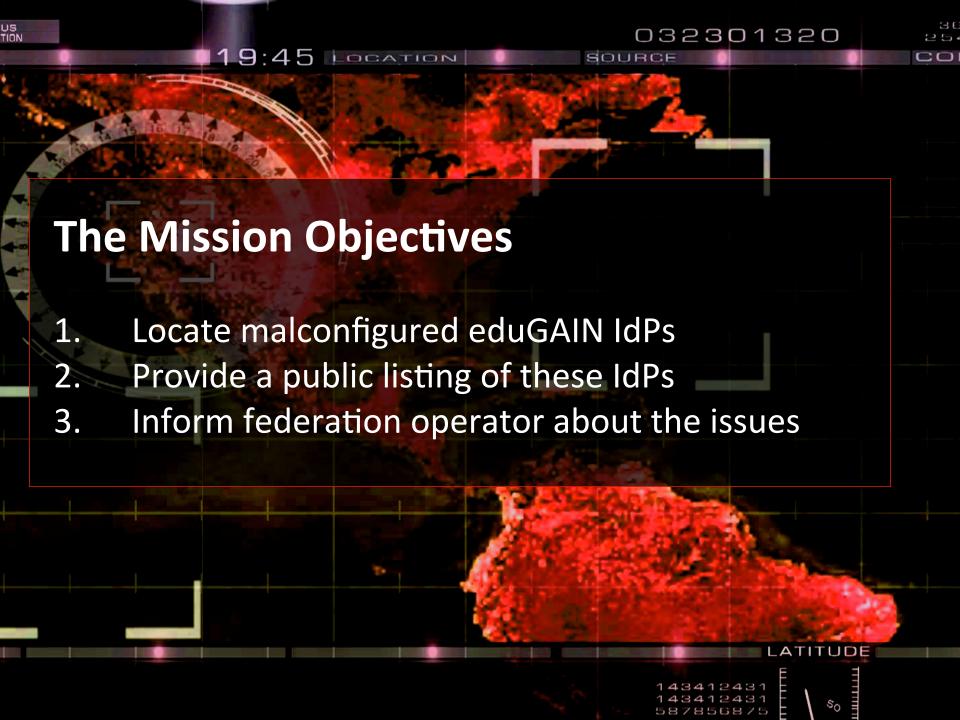


Nice increase of eduGAIN IdPs

- Also thanks to move from opt-in to opt-out ©
- But many eduGAIN IdPs don't "work" (3)
 - Test when users select IdP to authenticate at an eduGAIN service
 - Poor perceived "service quality" of "eduGAIN" for users or SP admins

That is what triggered





The Weapon of Choice



Public web service similar like the CoCo monitor:

eduGAIN Connectivity Check Service (ECCS) https://technical.edugain.org/eccs/

- For each eduGAIN IdP do the following check:
 - Initiate a login process from two eduGAIN SPs (except for disabled IdPs)
 - Check if a reasonable login page is returned
 - Classify error messages (Error = Red, Warning = Yellow)
 - Display results on a public web page
- The check seems easy but there are false positives:
 - The hub of Hub&Spoke federations often don't react like expected
 - HTTP Basic Auth, redirects with JavaScripts, strange TLS configurations, ...
 - There is an option to exclude IdPs or whole federations from checks

The Yellow Submar.... ahm.... Identity Providers





- Yellow IdPs = IdPs in category "Warning"
 - are probably working but they don't seem to consume eduGAIN metadata,
 i.e. they issue an error message that the test SPs are unknown
- Probably a configuration problem (e.g. no automatic metadata download)
 - False positive: Hub&Spoke federations where each IdP has to enable eduGAIN SP

Yellow Identity Providers in Warning Category



Identity Providers | All IdP Test Results | Instructions | Contacts

Show IdPs with status: Error | Warning | OK | Disabled | Show all

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201 (13.6%) yellow ldPs of **1481** (30.11.2015)

The Red Identity Providers



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- Have a more serious configuration problem or are not reachable
- False positive: E.g. host temporarily not down or not reachable (behind firewall)

Red Identity Providers in Error Category



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T: a.mills@nelson.ac.uk

S: a.rhodes@nelson.ac.uk

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CURL-Error

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102 (6.9%) redIdPs of 1481 (30.11.2015)

https://athenslart.nelson.ac.uk

'oala/metadata

Nelson and Colne College

303 (20.5%) Red and Yellow IdPs ⊗ (30.11.2015) vs 864 (58.3%) Green IdPs

http://ukfederation.org.uk

Excluded Identity Providers in Disabled Category



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- IdPs can be disabled by sending an email to edugain@geant.org
- No checks will be done anymore
- 316 (21.3%) Gray IdPs that are excluded from checks (30.11.2015)

Conclusion



- Way too many IdPs that are not configured properly
 - Or ECCS's checks are wrong/too strict
- Check is not perfect! There are still false positives!
 - We went through the hole list at one point to identify and exclude IdPs that generate false positives but new IdPs were added in the mean time
- Have a look at the results on https://technical.edugain.org/eccs/
- In particular check the IdPs of your federation
- eduGAIN Steering Group Delegates/Deputies will be notified soon
 - In case there are red and yellow IdPs

Credits



Inspiration:

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Thank you

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