

Status and plans of AARC SA1 Libraries pilots

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SA1 TSA1.1 Pilots on Guest Identities

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Goals for subtask TSA1.1.3 (Libraries)

- Pilot solutions (from JRA1) for **supporting Libraries in adopting Federated AAI**
 - taking into account the requirements from users' communities
- Library pilots have to take into account:
 - Solutions allowing **Hybrid Authentication**
 - IP-based AuthN and Identity Federations
 - **Walk-In Users:**
 - Library Users might not be registered in any IDP
 - **Library Consortia / Branding:**
 - In many cases one or few organizations manage contracts with publishers at the national level

Identity Federation vs Libraries Consortia

National bodies dealing with purchasing electronic resources are the Identity Federations only in few cases in Europe

We Need a link between Nat Id Federations and National Bodies for the Negotiation of electronic resources

Examples:

- UK(JISC), NL,
 - contract signer = National Identity Federation
- FR, SP, IT:
 - IT ,FR ,SP: Nat Id Fed does not manage contracts + National Body to issue contracts (not managing any Federation)
- GR : 2 Federations : HEAL-Link and GRnet

Goals for pilot #1

Scenario 1:

- Demonstrate usage of EZproxy as Access Mode Switch (AMS)
- Gain hands-on experience on the tool
- Write a comprehensive guide supporting libraries in the configuration of EZ proxy as AMS
 - enabling SAML IDP based AuthN wherever possible

Scenario 2

- Extend Authentication mechanisms for one library to
 - set Attributes in assertions based on IP information
 - providing a portal dealing with walk-in users as bulk users

Scenario 3

- Extend Scenario 2 to the case of multiple libraries

Goals for pilot #2

- Showcase benefit for a Library Consortium to join a federation as and IDP/SP proxy

[see later slides from Nicolas here]

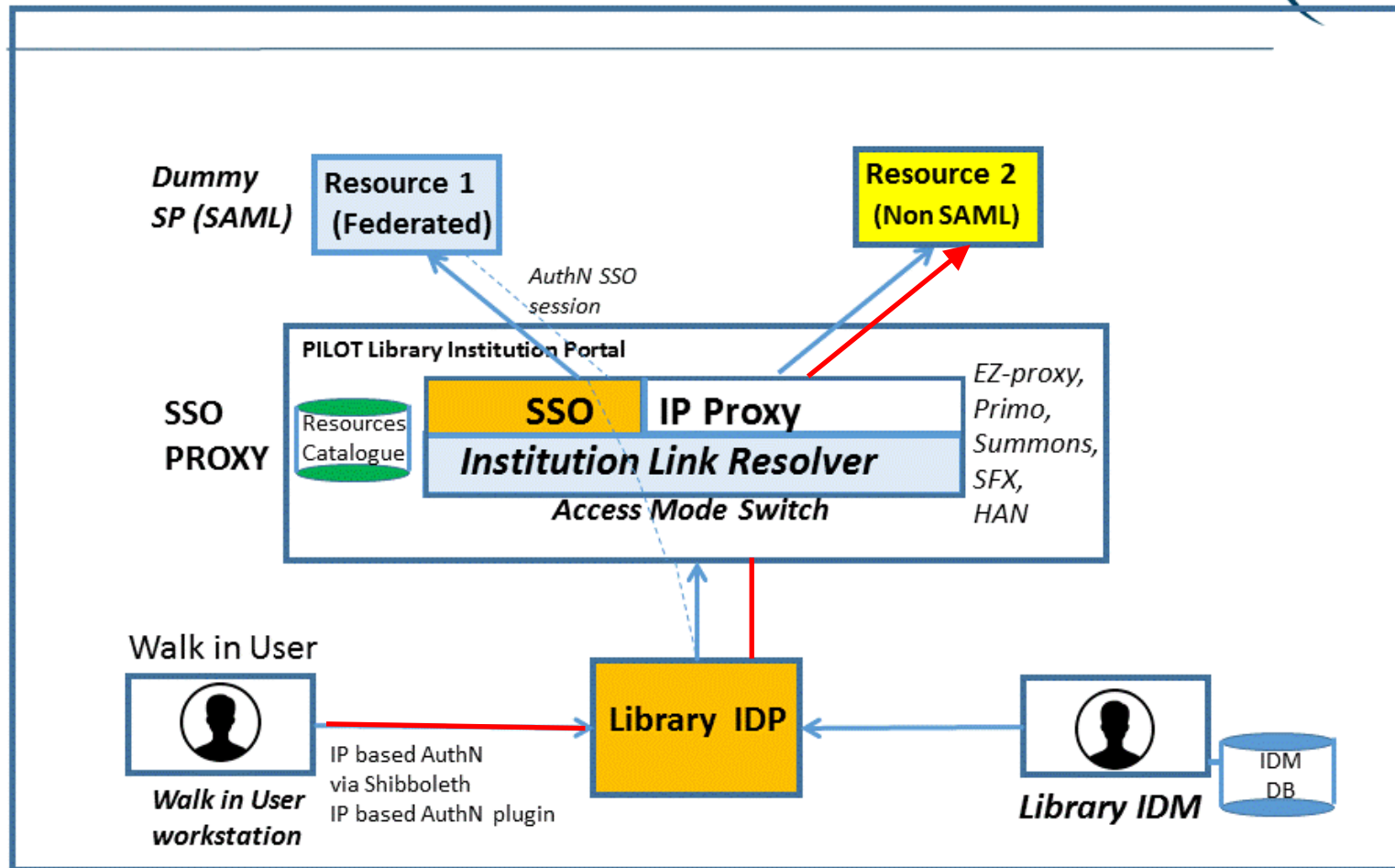
Scenario 1: Hybrid access (EZproxy as access mode switch)



Proposed AARC SA1 library pilot set up



OCLC
EZproxy
acting
as
access
mode
switch
+
IP based
IDP ext
for
Walk-ins



1. Installed EZpx working as a **standard IP proxy** @ GARR Firenze

- a. working with actual publishers
- b. local DB to store credentials (username and password of users)

2. Shibboleth: Made EZproxy become an SP in the test federation

- a. required wildcard * certificates - used TCS digicert - easy to obtain - wild card for port 443
- b. self-signed certificate for metadata

3. Configured a trusted connection to a single IDP

4. Release of attributes to EZproxy:

- a. entitlement of the user (not only affiliation, but if a user belongs to a specific department...and so on) - Shibboleth set up, you can specify specific roles - I followed the suggestion on the guide
- b. Many options are available

5. Configured **federated login** on EZproxy

- a. Users logged in on EZproxy using their HO credentials

- ~~6. After login, the PX mechanism would be in place also publishers support federated ID~~
- 7. Configured the Access Mode Switch:
 - a. Each resource/publisher has been configured in EZproxy standard way (database stanzas)
 - b. For those publisher who provides “Institutional Login” a special directive (SPUEdit) has been configured
 - c. Any user request is served redirecting the user session to the SP login initiator if available or simply proxying contents otherwise
- 8. Advantages: in case of IP proxying, the network traffic mostly depends on the proxy activity - in the other case the user is redirected to the publisher reducing the network connections

Compared to the standard proxy mechanism (based on IP) the advantage of SSO is to maintain user profiling feature (if available by the provider)

EZpx acts like a service provider accepting federated login and thus avoiding the need of having a local user DB

EZpx is already in place in many location of our community and is known to work well with many discovery service tools and library delivery systems

So: if resources are not federated → Simple IP Px

If resources are federated, use the redirect SSO, BYPASSING the IP proxying mechanisms

A guide has been written based on the experience of this pilot

IP based authn and walk ins in Scenario 1



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- Implemented mechanisms for Guest Users a smart way to manage users not yet in IDP
 - Libraries accepting walk in users - not registered in the IDP - on a public terminal

Shibboleth in the IDP instance can support not only username and password but also IP

IP-based access from the IDP side (>>>> only towards IP endpoints) [few IP address to be Auth]

>> Not prompted for username and password

Outcome Pilot Scenario 1: full exploitation of EZproxy

- Full validation of EZ proxy as Access Mode Switch
- Produced Install and Config guide to support Librarians in configuring EZ-proxy:
- <https://wiki.geant.org/download/attachments/58131750/guidaEzproxyShibboleth-en-2.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1463672915747&api=v2>
- Guide will be initial input for a dedicated training program for Librarians (---> NA2)

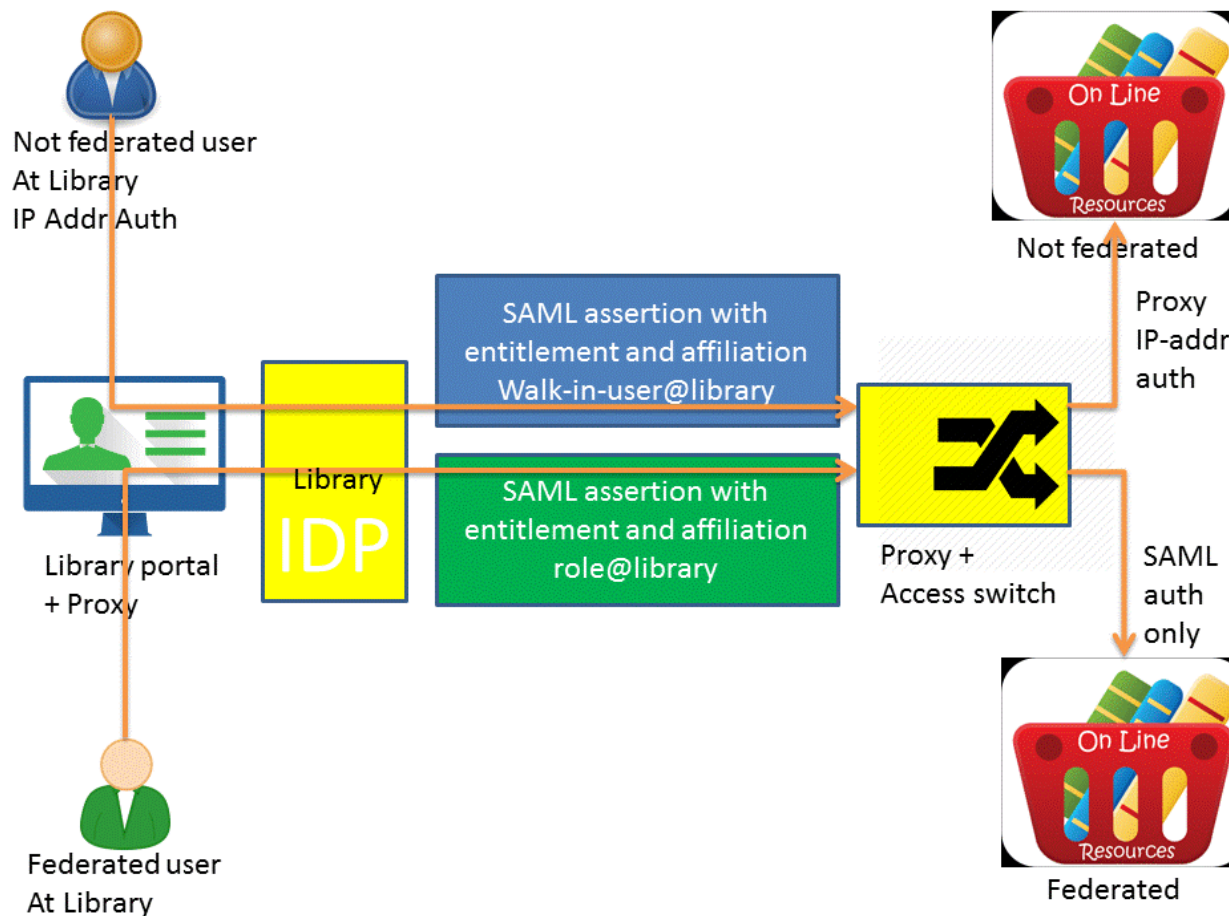
Scenario 2

Walk-In user portal including IP-based AuthN

Portal allowing both IP and federated AuthN

Dealing with 1 Library (1 IDP)

Setting attributes based on IP info



Scenario 2

- Currently being implemented by Pete - Martin on OKEANOS resources
- Based on IP-based Authentication extension for Shibboleth IDP version 3
- DAASI has gained experience on IP based Shib IDP extension from past projects

Scenario 3: "Super Walk-in" portal dealing with multiple libraries

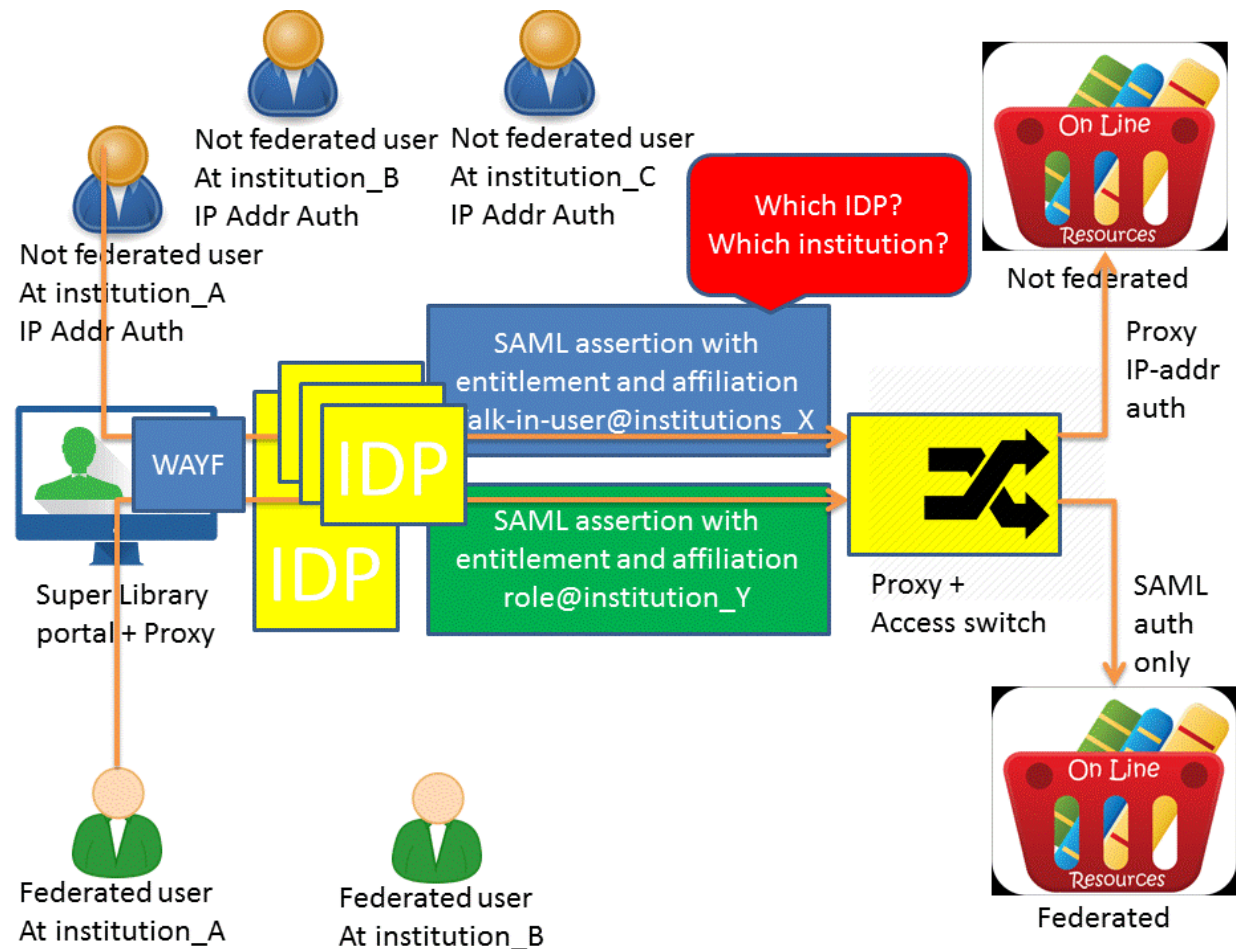
Portal dealing with many Libraries

Acting as User Interface

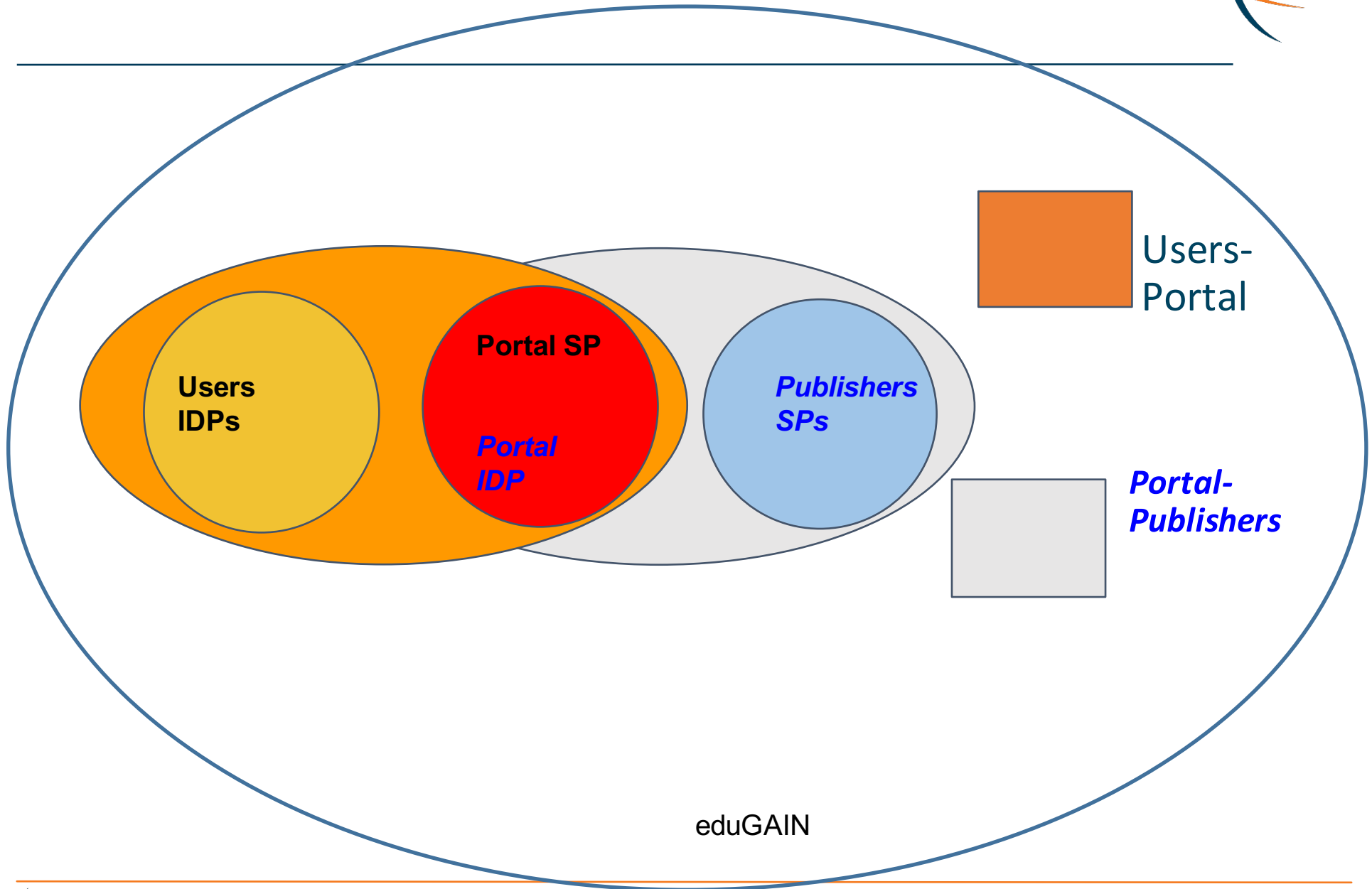
Publishers see IDPs selected by user

Portal is a Federation SP

Manages IP based info



Simplified Trust Model



Scenario 3 : Super Walk-In portal for many libraries

Additional features w.r.t. Scenario 1 and 2:

- Deals with multiple libraries
- Manages contracts centrally → Sets IP ranges for Libraries
- Enables both Authentication methods:
 - IP-based
 - Federated IDP
- Sets appropriate SAML Attribute based on IP-based info
 - ePSA = library-walkin@scope
 - ePE = staff, student,

Scenario 3: User Workflow

Users can own Federated IDs in a Library IDP or be walk-ins:

- Portal UI has a Federation SP component:
 - if in IDP , they log in on the portal selecting their IDP
 - if not, they are identified as Walk-in users @ library
- Once logged in, the portal act as a multiple connector:
 - a SSO proxy redirecting to publisher SP if users are federated towards federated SP presenting IDP released attributes
 - an IDP to SP releasing walk-in@scope (ePSA) to federated SPs for walk-in users (IP-based AuthN)
 - an IP proxy for all AuthN'ed users towards non-federated SPs

Scenario 3: Management Workflow

Libraries managers:

- log in to the portal
- set IP ranges (net/subnets) for IP based AuthN
- select which attributes they want the portal to release
 - matching IP based information
 - Eg. ePSA ePE
 - Attribute release can be SP-specific



AARC SA1 Pilots

Subtask SA1.1.3

Pilot #2 - Proxy Model for Library Consortia

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Pilot goals (I)

The main goal of this pilot is to showcase the benefits for a library consortium, namely HEAL-Link, joining a federation as an IdP/SP proxy. These benefits include:

- allowing publisher contracts to be managed centrally by the consortium

- easier to implement and manage than establishing trust relationships among IdPs and SPs (either bilateral or through a federation)

- the consortium will retain control on the branding and policies

- disconnecting the establishment of technical trust between the IdP and SP entities from the application of policies relating to contracts (publisher subscriptions etc.)

- more precise and easier to produce statistics

Pilot goals (II)

Integrate with the other library pilot activities in order to investigate the possibilities in the proxy model to address library requirements relating to the use of:

- guest identities

- mixed federated and IP-based access

Pilot milestones



GREAT SUCCESS

Deploy IdP/SP proxy and publish metadata to REEP ✓

Test login workflow using AARC DIY IdP and pilot SP entities ✓

The IdP/SP proxy has joined GRNET federation ✓

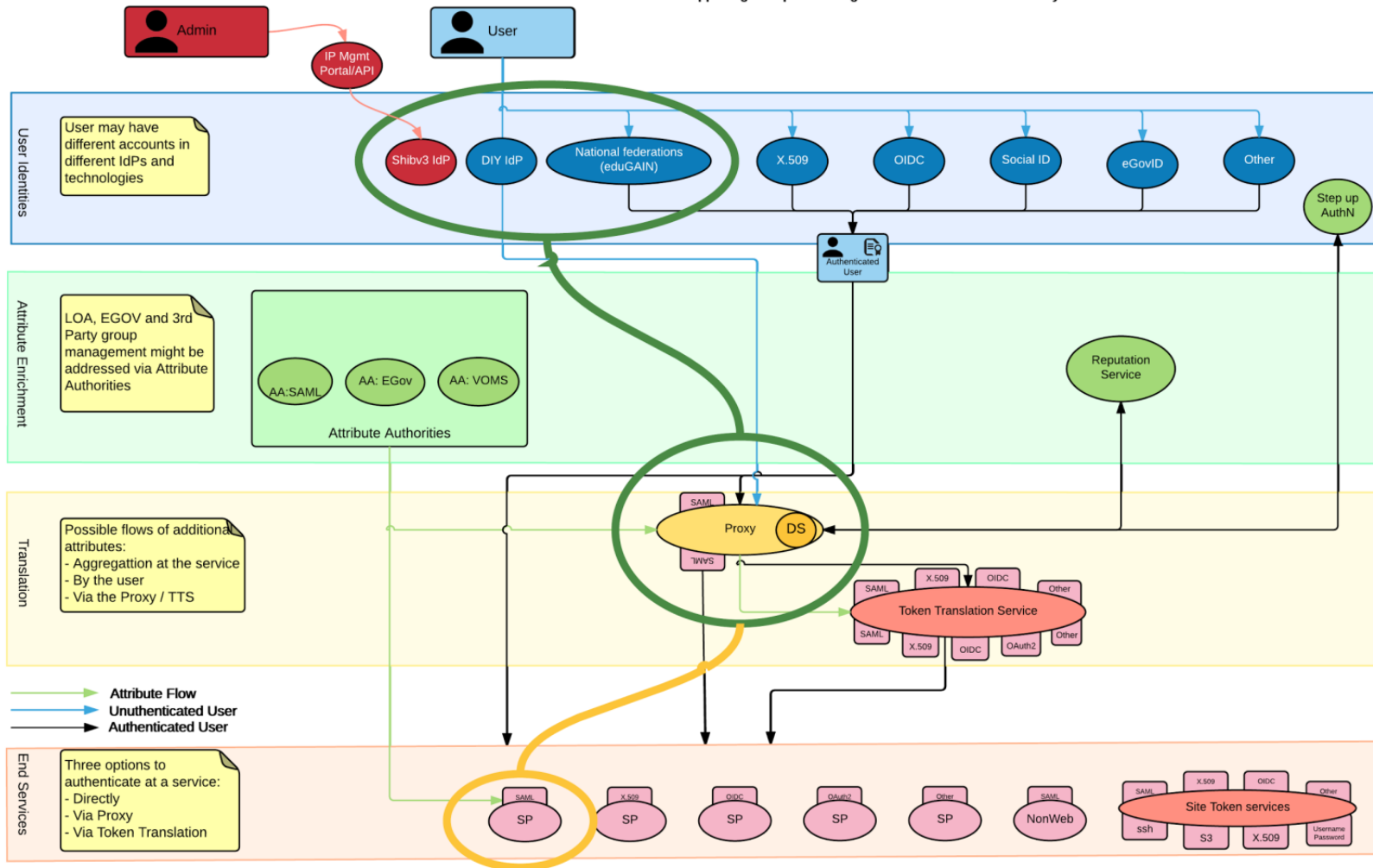
Test login workflow using production IdPs in Greece [WIP]

Federate IdP/SP proxy with at least one SP of a publisher (even demo/testing), who partners with HEAL-Link [WIP]

Test login workflow and access to content has been tested successfully.

AAI: The e-Infrastructure view

What is happening on top of existing Federation infrastructures today





Pilot extension: Mixed federated and IP-based access



Adding support for Library (Walk-In) users based on IP address would require:

Interconnecting proxy to Shibv3IdP with IP-based AuthN plugin

Allowing admin staff of consortium and member libraries to manage IP address ranges / eduPersonEntitlements via:

Web portal

REST API

Next Steps

- Proceed with implementation of Scenario 2- 3 for Pilot#1
 - Finalize/Test scenario 2
 - Enlarge discussion to Libraries and publishers about Scenario 3
 - Expand carefully the design into further detail for Scenario 3
 - Splitting admin and user profiles/roles
 - requires assessment of possible options/solutions
 - Test in multiple federation scenarios
- Proceed with workplan for Pilot#2
 - test in production
 - add support for walk-in users