

Meeting Minutes 17 July 2019

Kantara FI-WG Teleconference

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Date and Time

- **Date:** Wednesday, July 17, 2019
- **Time:** 16:30 EDT

Attendees

- Wessel, Keith (v)
- Roy, Nicholas (v)
- Bush, Judith (v)
- Cantor, Scott (v)
- Morgan, Andrew (v)

Agenda

1. Roll call (QV [group participation agreement](#))
2. Agenda bash
3. Approval of 6/5 meeting minutes: <https://kantarainitiative.org/confluence/x/-QDnBg>
4. Reserve working group time at 2019 Internet2 Technology Exchange in December?
5. Review of previous AIs:
6. Review of feedback received so far: <https://kantarainitiative.org/confluence/x/6IDJBg>
7. Is the level/range of feedback we've received as good as it's going to get? Additional thoughts?

Minutes

1. Roll call (QV [group participation agreement](#) - 5 of 9)
 - a. Quorum achieved
2. Agenda bash
3. Approval of 6/5 meeting minutes: <https://kantarainitiative.org/confluence/x/-QDnBg>
 - a. Nick motioned
 - b. Judith seconded
 - c. No opposed
 - d. Minutes approved
4. Reserve working group time at 2019 Internet2 Technology Exchange in December?
 - a. We'll do this as an ACAMP session
5. Review of previous AIs:
 - a. Walter: formatting revisions, Nick followed up about this on email, but not sure where it currently stands. **[DONE]** Walter submitted a PR with some questions sent separately to the list.
 - b. AI: Nick follow up again on-list **[DONE]**
6. Review of feedback received so far: <https://kantarainitiative.org/confluence/x/6IDJBg>
 - a. Good discussion of issues on email. Let's touch base to see which aren't yet resolved.
 - b. AI: Nick update statuses and dispositions in the wiki **[DONE]**
 - i. Issue 1: Done
 - ii. Issue 2: Scott's wording is probably as good as we are going to get
 - iii. Issue 3: Done
 - iv. Issue 4: AI: Keith will ask Rainer for clarification on-list
 - v. Issue 5: Scott confirmed that the defaults in Shibboleth don't match the recommendation. Can't split the digests into two different digests because of certain hardware implementations that require them to both be the same. Two possibilities:
 1. Specify SHA1 with SHA1 MGF as path of least resistance
 - a. We can be conservative and do this. Optionality not worth it.
 - b. Is there a security issue with this? Don't know, not a cryptographer. To the best of our knowledge, not aware of a problem. Has to do with the padding that you use when you encrypt certain kinds of data with RSA.
 - c. **Decision:** We'll go with SHA1 until/unless someone tells us it's a problem
 - d. AI: Scott will look at the current text and propose a change - the original text is confusing.
 2. Use SHA2 for both as more forward looking
This is a lot less important than the GCM change. Not a lot of evidence/testing to this point. GCM is probably supported a little bit more than this.
 - vi. Issue 6: Force AuthN is only confusing for the people that don't like what Force AuthN means.
 1. Do it or don't do it, but if you don't do it, don't tell the RP that you did do it. Don't silently not do it and hope the RP doesn't notice.
 2. Just because you don't like what it means doesn't mean it doesn't mean that.
 3. The original SAML forceAuthn (isPassive is much clearer) text is not very clear. It's entirely within the domain of a deployment profile to be a lot clearer so that no one is confused. Should be the opposite of isPassive (basically "isActive").
 4. Diplomatic way of responding?

- a. Just say consensus of the people who brought the forceAuthn requirement to the profile is not in agreement with the rationale for allowing fulfillment of forceAuthn requests without actively making the user re-authenticate.
 - b. We could also say that there is a broader context that you could bring into play (such as known screen lock policies on all client systems) to fulfill the requirement and respond in the affirmative for forceAuthn request. If your compensating controls are good enough that you feel confident in fulfilling this request and adhering to the spirit of the requirement, then that's fine, but that's your call.
 - c. AI: Scott volunteers to come up with text to describe the logon screen experience if people feel that's useful. This would be non-normative guidance.
7. Is the level/range of feedback we've received as good as it's going to get? Additional thoughts?
- a. There are some new issues that got added in GitHub, we should review them next time.
 - b. Don't need to push harder at least for now.

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