

Enabling Efficiency between Government, Business and the Citizen
A Focus on Current e-Identity Applications

27-29 November 2006, London

A joint **eema** and OASIS event



Federated Identity Management (FIM) schemes need to be able to authenticate users and incorporate advanced security features for convenient proof of identity. However, the road to achieving this is not always an easy one.

Why is FIM necessary? So that companies can share applications without needing to adopt the same technologies for directory services, security and authentication. Within companies, directory services such as Microsoft's Active Directory or products using the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol have allowed companies to recognise their users through a single identity. But asking multiple companies to match up technologies or maintain full user accounts for their partners' employees is unwieldy. FIM allows companies to keep their own directories and securely exchange information from them.

What are the challenges? Trusting a partner to authenticate its own users is a good thing only if that partner has solid security and user-management practices. Also, while some web access management products now support SAML, implementing the technology still usually requires customisation to integrate applications and develop user interfaces.

Are the standards solid? They're getting there. SAML is backed by the Organisation for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (OASIS) and The Liberty Alliance, an industry group formed to promote federated identity standards. Microsoft and IBM have proposed an alternative specification called WS-Security. However, OASIS may try to make these two approaches converge in SAML 2.0.

Who is using it? Early adopters of FIM include American Express, Boeing, General Motors and Nokia. Another, Proctor & Gamble, had improvised its own federated identity system using the more generic eXtensible Markup Language but is now moving to adopt SAML.

The *Enabling Efficiency between Government, Business and the Citizen* conference is being held in conjunction with the OASIS Adoption Forum and will cover both the business and management issues, and the standards and technological issues relating to federated identity management and the surrounding security challenges, during this three day event.

eema will run the first day and a half of the conference, entitled *A Focus on Current e-Identity Applications* which will concentrate on the business and management perspective, covering issues such as implementing and managing a FIM system; the challenges of web services security, including authentication issues and secure encryption and the predicted future developments and pitfalls to be faced in federated identity. There will also be a series of round-tables, which will give delegates the opportunity to air their thoughts, and solutions on key subjects.

Some of the subjects covered in **eema's** programme will include:

- Federated identity applications
- Web services applications
- Personal and privacy challenges
- Large scale deployment
- Policy, processes and procedures
- The business case for federated identity
- The emergence of systems integrators in the industry
- Legal issues
- Future directions.

There will be plenty of opportunity for delegates to interact, discuss issues with other delegates and question the speakers.

The conference will be relevant to high-level IT managers, business decision-makers, legal and technical personnel:

CFOs, CSOs, CIOs, CTOs

IT, Info Security and Identity Management Head of Department/Directors/Managers & Consultants

Policy Advisors

Governance & Compliance Managers

Directors/Managing Directors

Product Managers

Legal Officers & Advisors.

We welcome delegates from public sector/government, user organisations or technological organisations/vendors.

The latter day and a half of the conference will be hosted by the OASIS (the open standards consortium) on **Secure Interactions, Data Management in Sector Applications**. They will examine the standards underpinning federated identity and the technological developments, with case studies from a variety of organisations. For further information on the OASIS programme visit: <http://www.oasis-open.org/events/adoptionforum2006/about.php>.

There will be an opportunity for delegates from the **eema** event and OASIS event to network during a lunch on the second day.

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| 09:00 – 17:00 | eema Event |
| 28 November | |
| 09:00 – 12:00 | eema Event |
| 12:00 – 14:00 | Joint eema and OASIS lunch |
| 14:00 – 17:00 | OASIS Event |
| 17:30 – 18:30 | Reception |
| 29 November | |
| 09:00 – 17:00 | OASIS Event |
| Conference closes | |

Delegate Fees

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| eema/OASIS members | €100 per day |
| Non-members | €200 per day |

To register for the conference **visit:** www.eema.org
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