

# SAML Metadata 101

Upper layer

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Making SAML entities more user-friendly/useful:

- `md:Organization`
- `md:ContactPerson`
- `md:RequestedAttributes`
- MDUI
- Entity Attributes (Categories)

- Names the “owner” or “provider” of the entity
- Also has a `DisplayName` and a `URL`
- Use is inconsistent internationally, though.

## Example: eduID.at convention

`Organization` get's the full legal name

`OrganizationDisplayName` the “cleaned up” name

`OrganizationURL` has the organization's home page

- Gives you the name and/or contact details of someone to ask things or report problems with an Entity.
- Has different types, most important ones:
  - support, technical, administrative
- Again: Use is inconsistent internationally.

## Example: eduID.at convention

At least a “technical” contact type that has a role email address, “support” type if available.

## Metadata Extension for User Interface elements (mdui:...)

- DisplayName, Description, {PrivacyPolicy,Info}URL, Logo
  - md:OrganizationDisplayName vs. mdui:DisplayName
- Discovery Info: IP ranges, domains, geolocations

Allows building of more user-friendly user interfaces, discovery processes or error handling. Demos: eduID.at Service Catalog, ACOnet Filesender error handling, eduID.at Demo SP.

Allows SPs to express the attributes they need to function, with some limitations. IDPs can use this info to automate policy decisions.

eduID.at FileSender example

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Entity Category "Code of Conduct"

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## Metadata Extension for Entity Attributes (`mdattr:...`)

- Allows assigning arbitrary SAML attributes (NameFormat, Name, Value/s) to SAML entities (instead of Subjects)
- Popular for assigning Entities to “Categories”, in order to group them and create policy rules for whole categories.

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