



Authentication and Authorisation for Research and Collaboration

## Testing Incident Response Channels and Communications End Points

whilst not overloading the target audience

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# Distributed Incident Response and Readiness Challenges

## ***Sirtfi* version 1 is gaining traction**

- provides - self-asserted - security contacts
- point-to-point communications
- interaction not usually visible at the 'global' level

## **we need to now go 'beyond *Sirtfi*'**

- incidents are not usually bi-lateral
- may spread through federated identity systems
- and outside to relying parties or entire Infrastructure



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### **Incident Response Test Model for Organisations**

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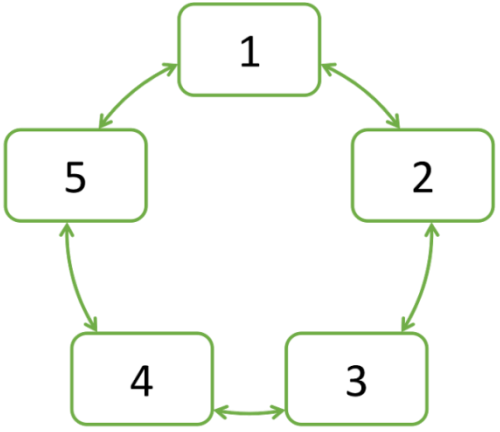
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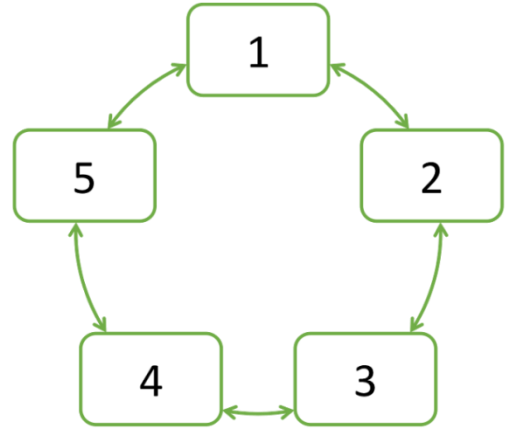
# Beyond Sirtfi: streamlining the response process

trust relationships: allow information to flow rapidly to all that need to know

Infrastructure sharing model: PRACE, XSEDE, ...

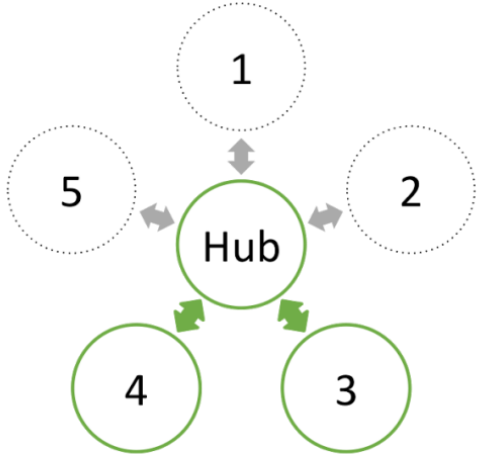


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Information shared between all participants

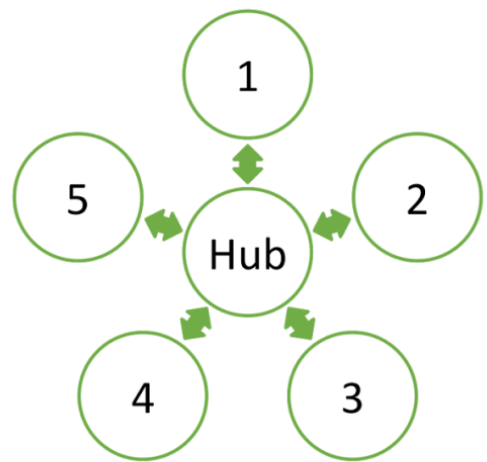


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Information shared between all participants

Infrastructure sharing model: EGI, WLCG, ...

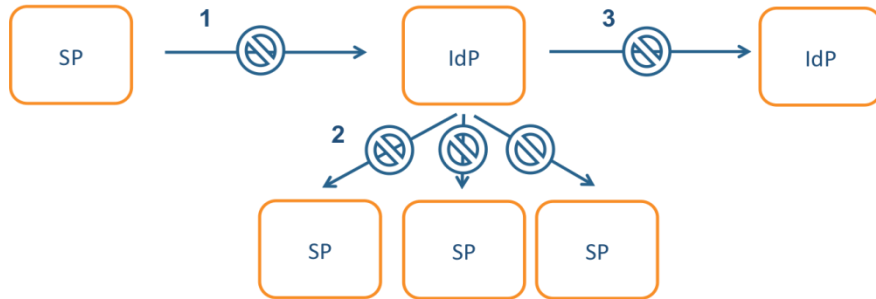


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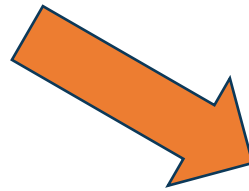


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# Incident response process evolution in federations

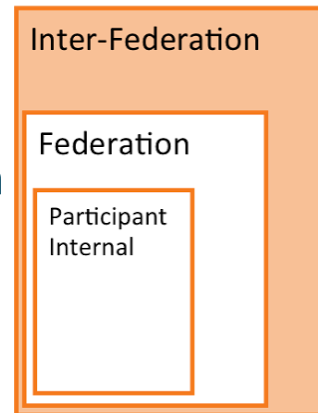


Incident Response Communication, communication blocks



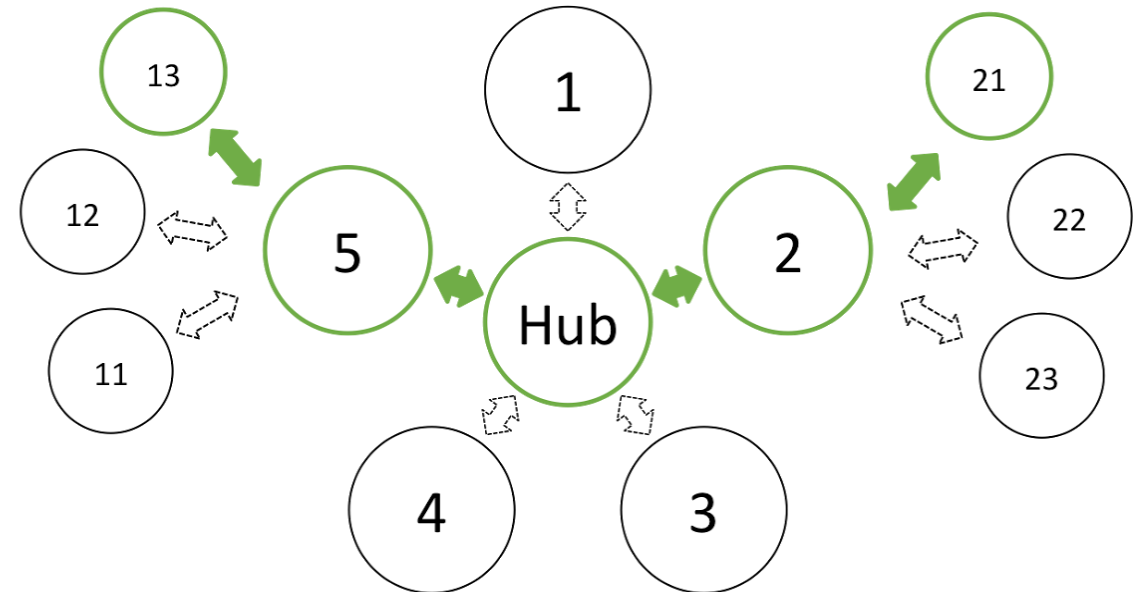
## Challenges

- IdP appears 'outside' the service's security mandate
- Lack of contact, or lack of trust, in IdP, which is an 'unknown party'
- IdP fails to inform other affected SPs, for fear of leaking data or reputation
- No established channels of communication



## Proposed solutions

- Stronger role for federation operators, as they are known to both SPs and IdPs
- Add hub capability centrally (@ eduGAIN)



Inter-Federation Incident Response Communication

# Would this model work? You have to test!

## Incident Response Test Model for Organisations

*simulated incident to evaluate the model*

- Many participants
- Participants from multiple (existing) infrastructures
- Leverages (and overlaps with) existing groups

Test with these participants was run by Hannah as 'AARC' – *phase 1 ran last week*

Participant	Role	Federation
CERN User	Identity	SWITCHAAI (Full-Mesh)
INFN User	Identity	IDEM (Full-Mesh)
Nikhef User	Identity	SurfConext (Hub-and-Spoke)
LIGO User	Identity	Internet2 (Full-Mesh)
CERN	IdP	SWITCHAAI (Full-Mesh)
Nikhef	IdP	SurfConext (Hub-and-Spoke)
INFN	IdP	IDEM (Full-Mesh)
LIGO	IdP	Internet2 (Full-Mesh)
RCAuth Certificate Service <a href="https://rcdemo.nikhef.nl/get-proxy/">https://rcdemo.nikhef.nl/get-proxy/</a>	SP	SurfConext (Hub-and-Spoke)
CERN Marketplace <a href="https://social.cern.ch/community/cern-market">https://social.cern.ch/community/cern-market</a>	SP (Behind CERN's Proxy)	SWITCHAAI (Full-Mesh)
LIGO	????	Internet2 (Full-Mesh)
IDEM	Federation Operator	
SurfConext	Federation Operator	
SWITCHAAI	Federation Operator	
eduGAIN Support	Interfederation Operator	

## Who runs the test?

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- Test with these participants was run ‘by AARC’

### Logical candidates that could all run the test ... and ‘legitimately’ claim an interest

- eduGAIN
- GEANT.org
- EOSC-HUB ops, or EGI CSIRT
- IGTF
- each of the e-Infrastructures XSEDE, EGI, EUDAT, PRACE, OSG, HPCI, ...
- every research infra with an interest: WLCG, LSAAI, BBMRI, ELIXIR, ...
- any institution (or person) with access to <https://mds.edugain.org/>

*so in a short while, all the email in the world will be on Sirtfi Incident Response tests??*

## Frequency of challenges and tests - examples

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### Trusted Introducer and TF-CSIRT

- 2-3 Reaction Tests per year
- supported by web click infrastructure, but requires (team) authentication

### SURFcert challenges

- annual response challenges, just reply to email to a (traceable) ticket

### IGTF RAT Communications Challenges

- every 1-2 years
- in parallel with continuous operational monitoring

***yet we already listed 14 entities that have a real interest in running tests, 5000+ entities can claim the same***

## How to coordinate – discussion items!

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### **Designate a lead ‘management’ organization for each element?**

*so that each ‘target’ does not get hit by many competing and concurrent challenges?*

- e.g. eduGAIN to run communications challenges against Sirtfi email addresses
- the e-Infrastructures to test responsiveness of SPs and RPs  
*with each RP/SP/Site having a primary e-Infra as its home?  
or can we jointly (EOSC-HUB) run these challenges per continent?*
- coordination must be global

### **Communications challenges also build ‘confidence’ and trust – an important social aspect**

- unless you run the test yourself, or get full insight in the results of a challenge, you may not be growing more trust in the entities tested
- so to get that ‘warm and fuzzy feeling of trust’, results (responsiveness measurement data) should be shared  
*but that sharing needs to be confidential as well – limit to WISE SCI checked infrastructures?*



# Thank you Any Questions?

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