

**Attributes Centric Architecture** 

Fulup Ar Foll
Chief Technology Officer
Global Software Practice
fulup@sun.com



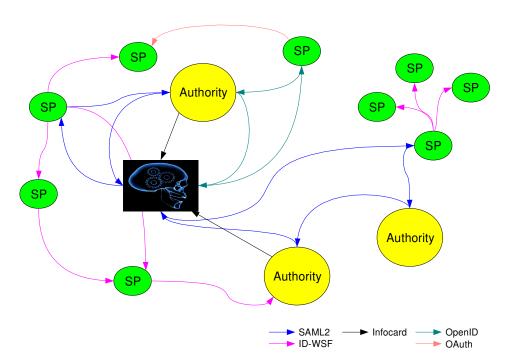
SHIFT—OUR UNIVERSE. OUR WORLD. YOUR MOVE.





# Authent. protocols armistice

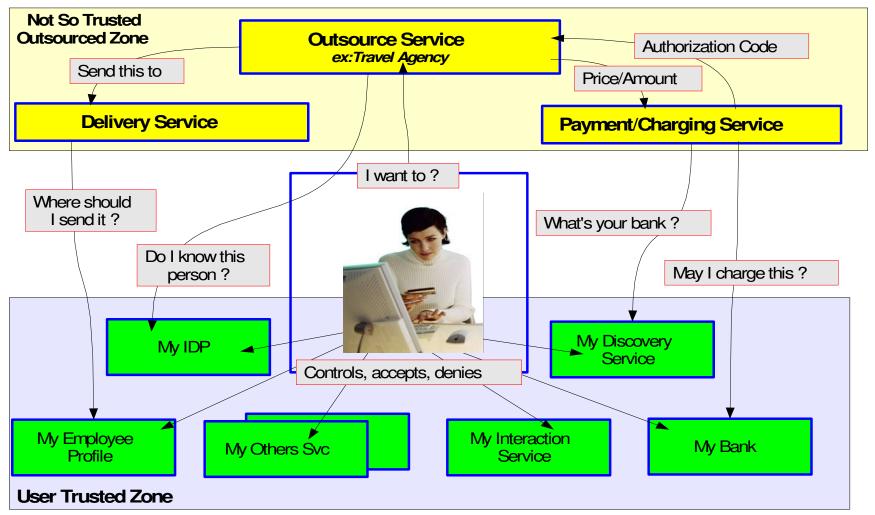
- SAML2: business related services
- OpenID: web2.0 and free services
- InfoCard: user interface, identity selection







#### What about after authentication





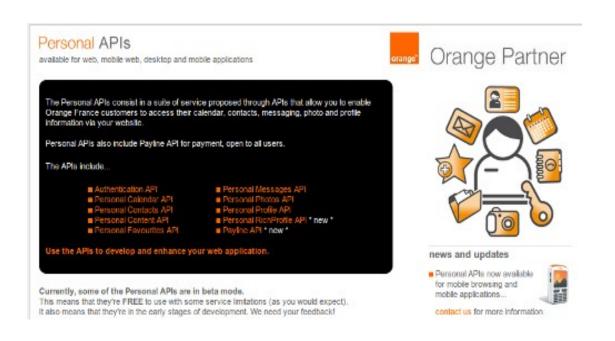
# Authentication is not the end goal

- Authentication is only the entry door to your house.
- Authentication enables identity aware applications, but does not provide any added value.
- Authentication is a nothing more than a "must have feature" that does not interest end-users.



# Attributes define you

- what you are, what you can do, where you can go.
- Attributes enable personal APIs







# Architecture requirements

- Authentication (who are you?)
  - Only a technical MUST HAVE feature
- Attributes (what you are)
  - The real value of identity
- Proof of validity (trustful?)
  - Source of the ID and/or Reputation
  - Assurance framework
- Privacy as a first class citizen
  - Isolation of partial user ID in federated silos
  - Contracts to enable delegation of trust
  - Minimal disclosure, minimal creation of information



#### Current situation

- Every service creates its own copy of your personal attributes.
- Still in a very centralized approach, including the ones that pretend themselves open & distributed.
- I'm the center of the world. I control 100% of your identity. Others can use it, if they agree to my conditions.
- Assumption is that user attributes must be attached to the principal of the Identity.



## Where should we go

- Move from copy attributes to retrieve/cache on demand from authoritative source.
- Define & normalize an assurance framework for attributes.
- Move away from fixed location to a by-user discovery model.
- Define meta-data (in-band/out-of-band) to help receivers to apply the right policy on usage/storage/dissemination.



## Advantages [attribute centric model]

- No more gigantic provisioning work-flow.
- Cheaper and more reliable data.
- Better privacy.
- Scale to Internet/Cloud level.



## Constraints [attributes centric model]

- Delegation of trust (not controlled by me).
- Performances in some specific cases.
- What about off-line transactions?
- Negotiation of mesh contracts (meta-data for relying parties).



# Existing technologies

- Protocols
  - OAuth
  - ID-WSF
  - XACML
- Assurance framework
  - Kantara
    - ISWG(Information Sharing Working Group)
    - UMA(User Managed Access)
  - OpenLiberty ArisID

#### Fulup@sun.com

Sun ORACLE

- •http://www.fridu.org/fulup
- •http://kantarainitiative.org
- http://www.openliberty.org (project aristotle)
- •http://www.oracle.com

