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Introduction

This specification defines the abstract Liberty protocols for identity federation, single sign-on, name registration, federation termination, and single logout. Several concrete bindings and profiles of these protocols are defined in [LibertyBindProf].

1.1 Notation

This specification uses schema documents conforming to W3C XML Schema (see [Schema]) and normative text to describe the syntax and semantics of XML-encoded SAML assertions and protocol messages. Note: Phrases and numbers in brackets [ ] refer to other documents; details of these references can be found in Section 6 (at the end of this document).

The key words “MUST,” “MUST NOT,” “REQUIRED,” “SHALL,” “SHALL NOT,” “SHOULD,” “SHOULD NOT,” “RECOMMENDED,” “MAY,” and “OPTIONAL” in this specification are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119]: “they MUST only be used where it is actually required for interoperation or to limit behavior which has potential for causing harm (e.g., limiting retransmissions).”

These keywords are thus capitalized when used to unambiguously specify requirements over protocol and application features and behavior that affect the interoperability and security of implementations. When these words are not capitalized, they are meant in their natural-language sense.

Listings of schemas appear like this.

Listings of instance fragments appear like this.

The following namespaces are referred to in this document:

- The prefix lib: stands for the Liberty namespace (http://projectliberty.org/schemas/core/2002/12). This namespace is the default for instance fragments, type names, and element names in this document.
- The prefix ac: stands for the Liberty authentication context namespace (http://projectliberty.org/schemas/authctx/2002/05)
- The prefix saml: stands for the SAML assertion namespace (urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion).
- The prefix samlp: stands for the SAML protocol namespace (urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:protocol).
- The prefix ds: stands for the W3C XML signature namespace (http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#).
- The prefix xsd: stands for the W3C XML schema namespace (http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema). In schema listings, this is the default namespace and no prefix is shown.
- The prefix xsi: stands for the W3C XML schema instance namespace (http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance).
1.2 Overview

This specification defines a set of protocols that collectively provide a solution for identity federation management, cross-domain authentication, and session management. This specification also defines provider metadata schemas that may be used for making a priori arrangements between providers.

The Liberty architecture contains three actors: Principal, identity provider, and service provider. A Principal is an entity (for example, an end user) that has an identity provided by an identity provider. A service provider provides services to the Principal.

Once the Principal is authenticated to the identity provider, the identity provider can provide an authentication assertion to the Principal, who can present the assertion to the service provider. The Principal is then also authenticated to the service provider if the service provider trusts the assertion. An identity federation is said to exist between an identity provider and a service provider when the service provider accepts authentication assertions regarding a particular Principal from the identity provider. This specification defines a protocol where the identity of the Principal can be federated between the identity provider and the service provider.

This specification relies on the SAML specification in [SAMLCore]. In SAML terminology, an identity provider acts as an Asserting Party and an Authentication Authority, while a service provider acts as a Relying Party.

2 Schema Declarations

This document specifies an XML schema for Liberty. The schema header along with namespace, type, and element declarations are in 2.1 and 2.2.

2.1 Schema Header and Namespace Declarations

The following schema fragment defines the XML namespaces and other header information for the Liberty schema:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<schema targetNamespace="http://projectliberty.org/schemas/core/2002/12"
xmlns:lib="http://projectliberty.org/schemas/core/2002/12"
xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
xmlns:saml="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion"
xmlns:samlp="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:protocol"
xmlns:AC="http://www.projectliberty.org/schemas/authctx/2002/05"
xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" elementFormDefault="qualified"
attributeFormDefault="unqualified">
</schema>
```
2.2 Type and Element Declarations

Declarations for types and elements that are subsequently referred to in this document are as follows:

<element name="ProviderID" type="anyURI"/>

3 Protocols

The Liberty protocol suite consists of the following protocols:

- Single Sign-On and Federation: The protocol by which identities are federated and by which single sign-on occurs.
- Name Registration: The protocol by which a provider can register an alternative opaque handle (or name identifier) for a Principal.
- Federation Termination Notification: The protocol by which a provider can notify another provider than a particular identity federation has been terminated (also known as defederation).
- Single Logout: The protocol by which providers notify each other of logout events.

3.1 General Requirements

The following sections define a set of general requirements applicable to all protocols.

3.1.1 XML Signature

The XML signature specification calls out a general XML syntax for signing data with many flexibilities and choices. All signed XML entities MUST adhere to the “XML Signature Profile” constraints defined in [SAMLCore].

3.1.2 Protocol and Assertion Versioning

Version information appears in protocol messages and assertions defined in this specification. This specification defines version 1.0 for the protocol messages and assertions. Version numbering of assertions is independent of the version numbering of the protocol messages.

This specification follows the version numbering requirements, processing rules, and error conditions specified in “SAML Versioning” in [SAMLCore].

3.1.3 Provider ID Uniqueness

All providers have a URI-based identifier. The provider’s URI-based identifier MUST be unique within the scope of all providers with which it communicates. It is RECOMMENDED that a provider use a URL with its own domain name for this identifier. The URI-based identifier MUST NOT be more than 1024 characters in length.

Some profiles of the protocols contained in this specification may require a succinct 20-byte identifier. A provider MUST derive any such identifier by generating the SHA-1 hash of its URI-based identifier.
3.1.4 Name Identifier Construction

Principals are assigned name identifiers by identity providers and potentially by service providers. When generated by the identity provider, a name identifier MUST be constructed using pseudo-random values that have no discernible correspondence with the Principal’s identifier (e.g., username) at the identity provider. The intent is to create a non-public pseudonym to prevent the discovery of the Principal’s identity or activities. Service providers SHOULD follow the same construction rules. Name identifier values MUST NOT exceed a length of 256 characters.

3.1.5 Signature Verification

Processing rules for the protocols defined in this document commonly specify digital signature verification. In these cases, it is not sufficient to only verify the signature of the signed object. Verification of the <ds:Signature> element MUST be performed in accordance with the best practices for the certification path technology in use. For example, when using X.509 v3 public key certificates it is strongly RECOMMENDED that certification path validation be performed in accordance to the PKIX Profile as specified in [RFC3280].

XML signatures SHOULD NOT be performed with any transforms other than:

- Enveloped Signature [XMLDsig]
- Exclusive XML Canonicalization [XMLCanon]

Receivers MUST NOT accept XML signatures created using other transforms without verification that the transforms do not omit any part of the data to be signed from the signed byte stream. Receivers MAY reject any messages with transforms other than the set specified above. Senders MUST NOT send messages using other transforms without prior agreement as to their contents.

XML signatures in messages MUST use a proper URI fragment in the URI attribute of the Reference element to identify the signed element. This URI fragment SHOULD reference the id attribute of an element in the same document using an XPointer [XPointer] shortcut reference.

The signer MUST NOT assume that the signed element will be at the root of the document during verification. It MUST be possible to validate the signature after adding or removing surrounding context for the profile in use (for example, the SOAP envelope, or the <samlp:Response> element). Implementers are encouraged to verify compliance with this requirement via empirical testing.

The SignedSAMLRequestType is provided to allow SAML requests to be signed using these guidelines. Specific usage of this type is shown in the relevant sections of [LibertyBindProf].

3.1.6 Security

Because this specification defines only abstract protocols and does not define specific protocol profiles or the environment in which protocols will be deployed, most security requirements are deferred to individual profiles. See [LibertyBindProf] for security considerations for the Liberty-defined bindings and profiles. When a general security requirement can be stated for one of the abstract protocols described in this specification, the requirement is stated in line with the specific protocol.
3.1.7 Time Values

All Liberty time values have the type `dateTime`, which is built in to the W3C XML Schema Datatypes specification [Schema2]. Liberty time values MUST be expressed in UTC form, indicated by a “Z” immediately following the time portion of the value.

Liberty requesters and responders SHOULD NOT rely on other applications supporting time resolution finer than seconds, as implementations MAY ignore fractional second components specified in timestamp values. Implementations MUST NOT generate time instants that specify leap seconds.

3.1.8 Time Synchronization

Providers SHOULD NOT assume that other providers have clocks that are synchronized closer than one minute.

The Identity Provider SHOULD NOT include a `NotBefore` attribute on the Conditions element of the assertion it generates which contains the time the assertion was generated.

The Identity Provider SHOULD NOT include a `NotOnOrAfter` attribute on the Conditions element of the assertion it generates which is less than one minute later than the time when the assertion was generated.

The Service Provider SHOULD NOT terminate the principal's session based solely on the `NotOnOrAfter` attribute of the Conditions element of the assertion used to authenticate the principal. If the assertion was valid when the principal was authenticated, the principal SHOULD remain authenticated until one of the following occurs:

- `<LogoutRequest> is received`
- The user's session times out via normal means
- The `ReauthenticateOnOrAfter` time on the `<AuthenticationStatement>` used to authenticate the principal, if any, is reached

3.1.9 Response Status Codes

All Liberty response messages use `<samlp:StatusCode>` elements to indicate the status of a corresponding request. Responders MUST comply with the rules governing `<samlp:StatusCode>` elements specified in [SAMLCore] regarding the use of nested second-level response codes to provide specific information relating to particular errors. A number of status codes are defined within the Liberty namespace for use with this specification.

3.2 Single Sign-On and Federation Protocol

The Single Sign-On and Federation Protocol defines a request and response protocol by which single sign-on and identity federation occurs. The protocol works as follows:

1. A service provider issues an `<AuthnRequest>` request to an identity provider, instructing the identity provider to provide an authentication assertion to the service provider.
   Optionally, the service provider MAY request that the identity be federated.

2. The identity provider responds with either an `<AuthnResponse>` containing authentication assertions to the service provider or an artifact that can be de-referenced into an authentication assertion. Additionally, the identity provider potentially federates the
Principal’s identity at the identity provider with the Principal’s identity at the service provider.

The resulting authentication statement in the assertion by the identity provider MAY contain a ReauthenticateOnOrAfter attribute. If this attribute is included, the service provider MUST send a new <AuthnRequest> for the Principal to the identity provider at the next point of interaction with the Principal on or after the time specified by the ReauthenticateOnOrAfter attribute. It is then up to the identity provider to authenticate the user.

Note: The Principal may already have an authenticated session with the identity provider, in which case the identity provider would generate a new authentication assertion without any intervention by the Principal.

3.2.1 Request

The service provider issues an <AuthnRequest> request to the identity provider. A set of parameters is included in the request that allows the service provider to specify desired behavior at the identity provider in processing the request. The service provider can control the following identity provider behaviors:

- Prompt the Principal for credentials if the Principal is not presently authenticated.
- Prompt the Principal for credentials, even if the Principal is presently authenticated.
- Federate the Principal’s identity at the identity provider with the Principal’s identity at the service provider.
- Use a specific protocol profile in responding to the request.
- Use a specific authentication context (for example, smartcard-based authentication vs. username/password-based authentication).

Additionally, the service provider MAY include any desired state information in the request that the identity provider should relay back to the service provider in the response.

The <AuthnRequest> message SHOULD be signed.

3.2.1.1 Element <AuthnRequest>

The <AuthnRequest> is defined as an extension of samlp:RequestAbstractType. The RequestID attribute in samlp:RequestAbstractType has uniqueness requirements placed on it by [SAMLCore], which require it to have the properties of a nonce.

The elements of the request are as follows:

ProviderID [Required]

The service provider’s URI-based identifier.

IsPassive [Optional]

If “true,” specifies that the identity provider MUST NOT interact with the Principal and MUST NOT take control of the user interface from the service provider. If “false,” the identity provider MAY interact with the user and MAY temporarily take control of the user interface for that purpose. If not specified, “true” is presumed.

ForceAuthn [Optional]
Controls whether the identity provider authenticates the Principal regardless of whether the Principal is already authenticated. This element is specified only when <IsPassive> is “false.” If <ForceAuthn> is “true,” specifies that the identity provider MUST always authenticate the Principal, regardless of whether the Principal is presently authenticated. If “false,” specifies that the identity provider MUST re-authenticate the user only if the Principal is not presently authenticated. If not specified, “false” is presumed.

Federate [Optional]

Specifies that the service provider wishes to federate the Principal’s identity at the service provider with the Principal’s identity at the identity provider. If the element is not specified, it is presumed that the service provider does not wish to federate the identity.

ProtocolProfile [Optional]

The protocol profile that the service provider wishes to use for the response. If the element is not specified, the default protocol profile is http://projectliberty.org/profiles/brws-art, defined in [LibertyBindProf].

AuthnContext [Optional]

Information describing which authentication context the service provider desires the identity provider to use in authenticating the Principal.

RelayState [Optional]

This contains state information that will be relayed back in the response. This data SHOULD be integrity-protected by the request author and MAY have other protections placed on it by the request author. An example of such protection is confidentiality.

id [Optional]

Identifier used to identify this element in the signature. See section 3.1.5, Signature Verification for more information.

AuthnContextComparison [Optional]

If set to “exact”, then the identity provider is asked to match at least one of the specified <AuthnContext> elements exactly. This can also be set to “minimum”, which asks that the identity provider use a context that he feels is at least as good as any specified in the <AuthnContext> or “better”, which means that they can use any context better than any that were supplied. If not specified, this is assumed to be “exact”.

The <AuthnContext> element has the following mutually exclusive elements:

AuthnContextClassRef [Optional]

The ordered set of authentication context class references the service provider desires the identity provider to use in authenticating the Principal.

AuthnContextStatementRef [Optional]

The ordered set of exact authentication statements the service provider desires the identity provider to use in authenticating the Principal.

The schema fragment defining the element and its type is as follows:
<extension base="samlp:RequestAbstractType">
  <sequence>
    <element ref="lib:ProviderID"/>
    <element name="ForceAuthn" type="boolean" minOccurs="0"/>
    <element name="IsPassive" type="boolean" minOccurs="0"/>
    <element ref="lib:ProtocolProfile" minOccurs="0"/>
    <element ref="lib:AuthnContext" minOccurs="0"/>
    <element ref="lib:RelayState" minOccurs="0"/>
    <element name="AuthnContextComparison" type="lib:AuthnContextComparisonType" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
  </sequence>
  <attribute name="id" type="ID" use="optional"/>
</extension>
</complexContent>
</complexType>

<element name="RelayState"/>
<element name="ProtocolProfile" type="anyURI"/>
<element name="AuthnContext">
  <complexType>
    <choice>
      <element name="AuthnContextClassRef" type="anyURI" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <element name="AuthnContextStatementRef" type="anyURI" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </choice>
  </complexType>
</element>

3.2.1.2 Example

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<lib:AuthnRequest id="12345" RequestID="RPCUk2l1+GVz+t11LURp51oFvJXk" MajorVersion="1" MinorVersion="0" IssueInstant="2001-12-17T21:42:42" xmlns:lib="http://projectliberty.org/schemas/core/2002/12">
  <ds:Signature> ... </ds:Signature>
  <lib:ProviderID>http://ServiceProvider.com</lib:ProviderID>
  <lib:ForceAuthn>false</lib:ForceAuthn>
  <lib:IsPassive>false</lib:IsPassive>
  <lib:Federate>true</Federate>
  <lib:AuthnContext>
    <lib:AuthnContextClassRef>http://projectliberty.org/schemas/authctx/classes/Password-ProtectedTransport</lib:AuthnContextClassRef>
    <lib:RelayState>01GOD1hcgGALMAAAAQAEMtzwFPl9dDBb</lib:RelayState>
    <lib:AuthnContextComparison>exact</lib:AuthnContextComparison>
  </lib:AuthnContext>
</lib:AuthnRequest>

3.2.2 Response

The response is an <AuthnResponse> element containing either a set of authentication assertions or a set of artifacts the service provider can dereference into a set of authentication assertions.

All authentication assertions generated by an identity provider for a service provider MUST be of type AssertionType. The <saml:Subject> element in any subject statement MUST be of type SubjectType. If the service provider registered a name identifier for the Principal (see 3.3), the <saml:NameIdentifier> element in the <saml:Subject> element MUST be the service provider-provided name identifier for the Principal. Otherwise, <saml:NameIdentifier> MUST be the most current name identifier supplied by the identity provider. The <IDPProvidedNameIdentifier> MUST contain the most recent name identifier supplied by the identity provider.

All authentication statements MUST be of type AuthenticationStatementType.
Identity providers MUST include a `<saml:AudienceRestrictionCondition>` element that specifies the intended consumers of the assertion. The `<saml:Audience>` element MUST be set to the intended recipient’s ProviderID. The recipient MUST validate that it is the intended viewer before using the assertion.

Identity providers MAY include a `SessionIndex` attribute in resulting authentication statements, which is used to aid the identity provider in managing multiple sessions with the Principal. If the identity provider includes this `SessionIndex` attribute, subsequent messages from the service provider to the identity provider that are session-dependent MUST include this `SessionIndex` attribute.

Each assertion in the `<AuthnResponse>` message MUST be individually signed by the identity provider (that is, each assertion must contain a Signature element which signs only the assertion). It is RECOMMENDED that the signature be omitted from the `<AuthnResponse>` itself, but signing of the message is not forbidden.

3.2.2.1 Element `<AuthnResponse>`

The type `AuthnResponseType` is extended from `samlp:ResponseType`.

The response contains the following elements:

- **ProviderID [Required]**
  - The identity provider’s URI-based identifier.

- **RelayState [Optional]**
  - This contains state information being relayed.

- **id [Optional]**
  - Identifier used to identify this element in a signature. See section 3.1.5, Signature Verification for more information.

The schema fragment is as follows:

```xml
<element name="AuthnResponse" type="lib:AuthnResponseType"/>
<complexType name="AuthnResponseType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="samlp:ResponseType">
      <sequence>
        <element ref="lib:ProviderID"/>
        <element ref="lib:RelayState" minOccurs="0"/>
      </sequence>
      <attribute name="id" type="ID" use="optional"/>
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>
```

3.2.2.2 Element `<AssertionType>`

Assertions provided in an `<AuthnResponse>` element MUST be of type `AssertionType`, which is an extension of `saml:AssertionType`, so that the `RequestID` attribute from the original `<AuthnRequest>` is included in the `InResponseTo` attribute in the `<Assertion>` element. This is done because it is not required that the `<AuthnResponse>` element itself be signed. Instead, the individual `<Assertion>` elements contained must each be signed. The `id` attribute is also included to facilitate such signatures (see section 3.1.5, Signature Verification).

The schema fragment is as follows:
<complexType name="AssertionType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="saml:AssertionType">
      <attribute name="InResponseTo" type="saml:IDReferenceType"/>
      <attribute name="id" type="ID" use="optional"/>
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>

3.2.2.3 Type SubjectType

The type SubjectType, extended from saml:SubjectType, is used to include the
<IDPProvidedNameIdentifier> element in subject statements. The schema fragment is as
follows:

<complexType name="SubjectType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="saml:SubjectType">
      <sequence>
        <element ref="lib:IDPProvidedNameIdentifier"/>
      </sequence>
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>

3.2.2.4 Type AuthenticationStatementType

The type AuthenticationStatementType is an extension of saml:AuthenticationStatementType,
which allows for the following elements and attributes:

AuthnContext [Optional]

The context used by the identity provider in the authentication event that yielded this
statement. Contains either an authentication context statement or a reference to an
authentication context statement. Optionally contains a reference to an authentication
context class.

ReauthenticateOnOrAfter [Optional]

The time at, or after which the service provider reauthenticates the Principal with the
identity provider (as required in Section 3.2 above).

SessionIndex [Optional]

Indexes the particular session between the Principal and the identity provider under which
this authentication statement is being issued. This value SHOULD be a small, positive
integer but may be any string of text. However, this value MUST NOT be a globally
unique value for the Principal's session at the Identity Provider.

When an <AuthnContext> element is specified, the saml:AuthenticationMethod attribute on
the <saml:AuthenticationStatement> MUST be
"http://projectliberty.org/schemas/authctx/2002/05".

When the Service Provider is processing a <saml:AuthenticationStatement> of type
lib:AuthenticationStatementType and the saml:AuthenticationMethod attribute is
"http://projectliberty.org/schemas/authctx/2002/05", the Service Provider MUST refer to the
<AuthnContext> element and ignore the saml:AuthenticationMethod attribute.

The schema fragment is as follows:

<complexType name="AuthenticationStatementType">
3.2.2.5 Example

```xml
<AuthnResponse id="54321" ResponseID="9hhuujalbc744hGJn59a5yvEIgS" InResponseTo="Zon3Wj2KL7j+bJU7MuIr4P2go5" MajorVersion="1" MinorVersion="0" IssueInstant="2002-10-31T21:55:41Z">
  <Status>
    <StatusCode Value="samlp:Success" />
  </Status>
  <Assertion id="12345" MajorVersion="1" MinorVersion="0" AssertionID="e06e5a28-bc80-4ba6-9ecb-712949db39e2b" Issuer="http://IdentityProvider.com" IssueInstant="2001-12-17T09:47Z" InResponseTo="4e7c3772-4fa4-4a0f-99e8-7d719ff6067c" xsi:type="AssertionType">
    <Conditions NotBefore="2001-12-17T09:47Z" NotOnOrAfter="2001-12-17T09:47Z">
      <AudienceRestrictionCondition>
        <Audience>http://ServiceProvider.com</Audience>
      </AudienceRestrictionCondition>
    </Conditions>
    <AuthenticationStatement AuthenticationInstant="2001-12-17T09:47Z" SessionIndex="3" ReauthenticateOnOrAfter="2001-12-17T09:47Z" xsi:type="AuthenticationStatementType">
      <Subject xsi:type="SubjectType">
        <NameIdentifier>342ad3d8-93ee-4c68-be35-cc9e7db39e2b</NameIdentifier>
        <IDPProvidedNameIdentifier>342ad3d8-93ee-4c68-be35-cc9e7db39e2b</IDPProvidedNameIdentifier>
      </Subject>
    </AuthenticationStatement>
    <Signature>...</Signature>
  </Assertion>
</AuthnResponse>
```

3.2.3 Processing Rules

When an identity provider receives an authentication request, it MUST process the request according to the following rules:

- The `<ProviderID>` in the request MUST be the Provider ID of a known service provider with which the identity provider has established a relationship. The `<ProviderID>` MUST be resolvable to an assertion consumer service URL at the service provider that the identity provider may use when returning the corresponding assertion reference.
- If `<IsPassive>` is “true,” the identity provider MUST NOT interact with the Principal and MUST NOT take control of the user interface (if applicable).
• The identity provider MUST attempt to authenticate the Principal if `<ForceAuthn>` is "true," regardless of whether the Principal is presently authenticated, unless `<IsPassive>` is "true."

• Failure to authenticate the Principal is indicated by a status code other than “Success.” For failures, assertions MUST NOT appear in the `<AuthnResponse>.

• The identity provider MAY federate the Principal’s identity at the service provider with the user’s identity at the identity provider if `<Federate>` is “true” and the Principal has consented for such an action to occur. The identity provider MUST NOT federate if `<Federate>` is “false.” If `<Federate>` is "true" but the identity provider already has a previous federation on record for the Principal's identity at the service provider (such as when a service provider previously issued a `<FederationTerminationNotification> which was not received by the identity provider), the identity provider SHOULD treat the request as if `<Federate>` were "false".

• The identity provider MUST respond using the specified `<ProtocolProfile>.

• If `<RelayState>` contains a value, the identity provider MUST include this value in unmodified form in the `<RelayState>` element of the returned authentication assertion.

• The `InResponseTo` attribute in all generated `<Assertion>` elements in the `<AuthnResponse>` element MUST be set to the value of the `RequestID` attribute in the corresponding `<AuthnRequest>` element.

• If the Principal's identity at the service provider is not federated with the identity provider, and the `<Federate>` flag is not set, then the identity provider MUST return a second-level `<samlp:StatusCode>` of `lib:FederationDoesNotExist` indicating that the Principal's identity at the service provider is not federated with this identity provider.

• If `<AuthnContextComparison>` is specified and set to "exact", then the resulting authentication statement in the assertion (if any) MUST be the exact match of at least one of the authentication contexts specified.

• If `<AuthnContextComparison>` is specified and set to "minimum", then the resulting authentication statement in the assertion (if any) MUST be at least as strong (as deemed by the identity provider) as one of the authentication contexts specified.

• If `<AuthnContextComparison>` is specified and set to "better", then the resulting authentication statement in the assertion (if any) MUST be stronger (as deemed by the identity provider) than any specified in the supplied authentication contexts.

Additionally, if the `<AuthnContext>` element is specified, the identity provider MUST authenticate the Principal according to the following rules:

• If one or more `<AuthnContextClassRef>` elements are included, then the resulting authentication statement in the assertion (if any) MUST contain an authentication statement that conforms to one of the specified classes. Additionally, the set of `<AuthnContextClassRef>` elements MUST be evaluated as an ordered set, where the first element is the most preferred authentication context class. If none of the specified authentication context classes can be satisfied, the identity provider MUST not include an authentication statement in the resulting assertion.
• If one or more `<AuthnContextStatementRef>` elements are included, then the resulting authentication statement in the assertion (if any) MUST follow the rule specified in the `<AuthnContextComparison>` element. If this requirement cannot be satisfied, the identity provider MUST not include an authentication statement in the resulting assertion.

If an identity is being federated, the identity provider MUST adhere to the following rules in generating the name identifier:

• The name identifier MUST be unique across all Principals in the scope of that service provider-identity provider relationship.

• The name identifier for the specific Principal MUST be unique across all service providers with which an identity federation exists with the identity provider.

Failure to either authenticate the Principal and/or federate the identity is indicated by a status code other than "Success." For failures, assertions MUST NOT appear in the `<AuthnResponse>`.

If the service provider attempts to federate a Principal's identity with an identity provider, but another Principal's identity at the same service provider is already federated with the same identity provider, it will receive the other Principal's established name identifier in the `<AuthnResponse>`, rather than a new random one. The service provider MUST detect this error and handle it appropriately without leaving either Principal's identity at the service provider in an unusable state.

### 3.2.3.1 Active Intermediaries

In some profiles, an intermediary is active between the service provider’s authentication request and the identity provider’s authentication response. Examples of an active intermediary include a user agent or client proxy that implements the "Liberty-Enabled Client and Proxy Profile" described in [LibertyBindProf].

NOTE: an active intermediary has the capability to return status codes to the service provider it interacts with. For example, the intermediary may be unable to contact an identity provider identified by the service provider, and the intermediary may return a status code to the service provider indicating that an error occurred. Status codes MUST be conveyed within `<AuthnResponse>` messages using the `<samlp:Status>` element, according to the rules specified in [SAMLCore], utilizing second-level `<samlp:StatusCode>` elements. Specific values are defined below. Service providers should also note that intermediaries are not providers, and hence may not have clocks as accurately synchronized. This may invalidate the IssueInstant attribute included in the `<AuthnResponse>` received by the service provider.

For all profiles specifying an active intermediary, the profile specification must:

• Specify whether the `<AuthnRequest>` element sent from the service provider to the identity provider via the intermediary is wrapped in an `<AuthnRequestEnvelope>`. See section 3.2.4.

• Specify whether the `<AuthnResponse>` element sent from the identity provider to the service provider via the intermediary is wrapped in an `<AuthnResponseEnvelope>`. See section 3.2.5.
3.2.3.1.1 Processing Rules for Active Intermediaries

For all profiles specifying an active intermediary, the intermediary MUST follow these processing rules:

- If the profile specifies that the message sent from the service provider to the identity provider, via the intermediary, is wrapped in an `<AuthnRequestEnvelope>`:
  - The intermediary MUST remove the enveloping `<AuthnRequestEnvelope>` before forwarding the `<AuthnRequest>` element to the identity provider.

- The intermediary MAY locally generate `<AuthnResponse>` elements and send them to the service provider using the `<AssertionConsumerServiceURL>` contained within the `<AuthnRequestEnvelope>`. Such `<AuthnResponse>` elements MUST NOT contain any `InResponseTo` attribute set to the RequestID of the `<AuthnRequest>` that could not be serviced. If the `<AuthnRequest>` contained a `<RelayState>` element, the `<AuthnResponse>` MUST include a `<RelayState>` element with its value set to that supplied in the `<AuthnRequest>`. Such responses MAY be generated as a result of local errors on the intermediary, and should indicate the underlying reasons in the `<samlp:Status>` element in the `<AuthnResponse>`. The following are error conditions for which second-level `<samlp:StatusCode>` values are defined in section 3.2.3.1.2:
  - The identity provider cannot be reached
  - There is no identity provider in common between the intermediary and the service provider

- If the profile specifies that the message from the identity provider to the service provider, via the intermediary, is wrapped in an `<AuthnResponseEnvelope>`:
  - The intermediary MUST remove the enveloping `<AuthnResponseEnvelope>` before forwarding the `<AuthnResponse>` element to the service provider.
  - The intermediary MUST send `<AuthnResponse>` messages received from the identity provider to the service provider using the `<AssertionConsumerServiceURL>` contained within the `<AuthnResponseEnvelope>` sent by the identity provider.

3.2.3.1.2 Status Code Values for Error Conditions

If an error occurs in the processing at the intermediary, the following values are defined for use in second-level `<samlp:StatusCode>` elements:

- `lib:NoAvailableIDP`: Used to indicate that none of the supported identity provider URLs from the `<IDPList>` can be resolved or that none of the supported identity providers are available.
- `lib:NoSupportedIDP`: Used to indicate that none of the identity providers are supported by the intermediary.

3.2.4 Request Envelope

Some profiles MAY wrap the `<AuthnRequest>` element in an envelope. This envelope allows for extra processing by an intermediary between the service provider and the identity provider. An example of an intermediary is a user agent or proxy. Processing rules are given in section 3.2.3.1.1.
Note that the envelope is for consumption by the intermediary and is removed before the enveloped <AuthnRequest> element is forwarded to the identity provider.

### 3.2.4.1 Element <AuthnRequestEnvelope>

The authentication request envelope contains the following elements:

- **AuthnRequest** [Required]
  - The authentication request contained within the envelope.
- **ProviderID** [Required]
  - The requestor’s ProviderID.
- **ProviderName** [Optional]
  - The human-readable name of the requestor.
- **AssertionConsumerServiceURL** [Required]
  - A URL specifying where <AuthnResponse> elements, locally generated by an intermediary, should be sent. See the processing rules for active intermediaries specified in section 3.2.3.1.1.
- **IDPList** [Optional]
  - A list of identity providers, from which, one may be chosen to service the authentication request.
- **IsPassive** [Optional]
  - If “true,” specifies that any intermediary between the service provider and identity provider MUST NOT interact with the Principal. If not specified, “true” is presumed.

The schema fragment is as follows:

```xml
<complexType name="AuthnRequestEnvelopeType">
    <complexContent>
        <extension base="lib:RequestEnvelopeType">
            <sequence>
                <element ref="lib:AuthnRequest"/>
                <element ref="lib:ProviderID"/>
                <element name="ProviderName" type="string" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element name="AssertionConsumerServiceURL" type="anyURI"/>
                <element ref="lib:IDPList" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element name="IsPassive" type="boolean" minOccurs="0"/>
            </sequence>
        </extension>
    </complexContent>
</complexType>
```

### 3.2.4.2 Element <IDPList>

In the request envelope, some profiles may wish to allow the service provider to transport a list of identity providers to the user agent. This specification provides a schema that profiles SHOULD use for this purpose. The elements are as follows:

```
IDPList
```
The container element for an IDP List.

IDPEntries
Contains a list of identity provider entries.

IDPEntry
Describes an identity provider that the service provider supports.

ProviderID
The identity provider’s ProviderID.

ProviderName
The identity provider’s human-readable name.

Loc
The identity provider’s URI, to which authentication requests may be sent.

GetComplete
If the identity provider list is not complete, this element is included with a URI that points to where the complete list can be retrieved.

The schema fragment is as follows:

```
<element name="IDPList" type="lib:IDPListType"/>
<complexType name="IDPListType">
  <sequence>
    <element ref="lib:IDPEntries"/>
    <element ref="lib:GetComplete" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </sequence>
</complexType>
<element name="IDPEntry">
  <complexType>
    <sequence>
      <element ref="lib:ProviderID"/>
      <element name="ProviderName" type="string" minOccurs="0"/>
      <element name="Loc" type="anyURI"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>
</element>
<element name="IDPEntries">
  <complexType>
    <sequence>
      <element ref="lib:IDPEntry" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>
</element>
<element name="GetComplete" type="anyURI"/>
```

### 3.2.4.3 Example

```
<AuthnRequestEnvelope>
  <AuthnRequest> ... </AuthnRequest>
  <ProviderID>http://ServiceProvider.com</ProviderID>
  <ProviderName>Service Provider X</ProviderName>
  <AssertionConsumerServiceURL>http://ServiceProvider.com/lecp_assertion_consumer</AssertionConsumerServiceURL>
  <IDPList>
    <IDPEntries>
      <IDPEntry>
        <ProviderID>http://IdentityProvider.com</ProviderID>
        <ProviderName>Identity Provider X</ProviderName>
        <Loc>http://www.IdentityProvider.com/liberty/sso</Loc>
      </IDPEntry>
    </IDPEntries>
    <GetComplete>https://ServiceProvider.com/idplist?id=604be136-fe91-441e-afb8-f88748ae3b8b</GetComplete>
</IDPList>
```

3.2.5  Response Envelope

As with the <AuthnRequest> element, some profiles MAY wrap the <AuthnResponse> element in an envelope. This envelope allows for extra processing by an intermediary (such as a user agent or proxy) between the identity provider and the service provider. Applicable processing rules are given in section 3.2.3.1.1. Note that the envelope is for consumption by the intermediary and is removed prior to the forwarding of the enveloped <AuthnResponse> element to the service provider.

3.2.5.1  Element <AuthnResponseEnvelope>

The authentication response envelope contains the following elements:

- **AuthnResponse** [Required]
  - The enveloped authentication response.
- **AssertionConsumerServiceURL** [Required]
  - The service provider's URL where the authentication response should be sent. This element's value SHOULD be obtained from the element of the same name in the service provider's Provider Metadata.

The schema fragment is as follows:

```xml
<element name="AuthnResponseEnvelope" type="lib:AuthnResponseEnvelopeType"/>
<complexType name="AuthnResponseEnvelopeType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="lib:ResponseEnvelopeType">
      <sequence>
        <element ref="lib:AuthnResponse"/>
        <element name="AssertionConsumerServiceURL" type="anyURI"/>
      </sequence>
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>
```

3.2.5.2  Example

```xml
<AuthnResponseEnvelope>
  <AuthnResponse> ... </AuthnResponse>
  <AssertionConsumerServiceURL>
    http://ServiceProvider.com/lecp_assertion_consumer
  </AssertionConsumerServiceURL>
  <AuthnResponseEnvelope>
```

3.3  Name Registration Protocol

During federation, the identity provider generates an opaque handle that serves as the initial name identifier that both the service provider and the identity provider use in referring to the Principal when communicating with each other. This name identifier is termed the <IDPProvidedNameIdentifier>.
Subsequent to federation, the service provider MAY register a different opaque handle with the identity provider. This opaque handle is termed the `<SPProvidedNameIdentifier>`. Until the service provider registers a different name, the identity provider will use `<IDPProvidedNameIdentifier>` to refer to the Principal when communicating with the service provider.

After a service provider’s name registration, the identity provider MUST use the `<SPProvidedNameIdentifier>` for `<saml:NameIdentifier>` elements when communicating to the service provider about the Principal. The service provider MUST use the current (most recently supplied) `<IDPProvidedNameIdentifier>` for `<saml:NameIdentifier>` elements when communicating to the identity provider about the Principal.

Either the service provider or the identity provider MAY register a new name identifier for a Principal with each other at any time following federation. The name identifiers specified by providers SHOULD adhere to the following guidelines:

- The name identifier SHOULD be unique across the identity providers with which the Principal’s identity is federated.
- The name identifier SHOULD be unique within the group of name identifiers that have been registered with the identity provider by this service provider.

### 3.3.1 Request

To register a `<SPProvidedNameIdentifier>` with an identity provider, the service provider sends a `<RegisterNameIdentifierRequest>` message. The same `<RegisterNameIdentifierRequest>` message may be sent by an identity provider, seeking to change the `<IDPProvidedNameIdentifier>` stored by the service provider.

The `<RegisterNameIdentifierRequest>` message SHOULD be signed.

#### 3.3.1.1 Element `<RegisterNameIdentifierRequest>`

The elements of the message are as follows:

- **ProviderID [Required]**
  - The provider’s identifier.

- **IDPProvidedNameIdentifier [Required]**
  - The name identifier the service provider should use when communicating with the identity provider.

- **SPProvidedNameIdentifier [Required]**
  - The name identifier the identity provider should use when communicating to the service provider.

- **OldProvidedNameIdentifier [Required]**
  - In the case of either provider choosing to request a change of provided name identifiers, this element holds the previous version. For a service provider making their first name change following federation, the `<OldProvidedNameIdentifier>` will contain the
current <IDPProvidedNameIdentifier>. The <SPProvidedNameIdentifier>
will contain the new name that the service provider wishes the identity provider to use.

id [Optional]
Identifier used to identify this element in the signature. See section 3.1.5, Signature
Verification.

RelayState [Optional]
This contains state information that will be relayed back in the response. This data
SHOULD be integrity-protected by the request author and MAY have other protections
placed on it by the request author. An example of such protection is confidentiality.

The schema fragment is as follows:

```xml
<element name="RegisterNameIdentifierRequest" type="lib:RegisterNameIdentifierRequestType"/>
<complexType name="RegisterNameIdentifierRequestType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="samlp:RequestAbstractType">
      <sequence>
        <element ref="lib:ProviderID"/>
        <element name="IDPProvidedNameIdentifier" type="saml:NameIdentifierType"/>
        <element name="SPProvidedNameIdentifier" type="saml:NameIdentifierType"/>
        <element name="OldProvidedNameIdentifier" type="saml:NameIdentifierType"/>
        <element ref="lib:RelayState" minOccurs="0"/>
      </sequence>
      <attribute name="id" type="ID" use="optional"/>
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>
```

3.3.1.2 Example

```xml
/RegisterNameIdentifierRequest id="12345" RequestID="eb20e77f-d982-44f9-936e-dd135bf437d4"
MajorVersion="1" MinorVersion="0" IssueInstant="2001-12-17T09:30:47Z">
  <ds:Signature>...</ds:Signature>
  <ProviderID>http://ServiceProvider.com</ProviderID>
  <IDPProvidedNameIdentifier>342ad3d8-93ee-4c68-be35-cc9e7db39e2b</IDPProvidedNameIdentifier>
  <SPProvidedNameIdentifier>e958019a</SPProvidedNameIdentifier>
  <OldProvidedNameIdentifier>e895014a</OldProvidedNameIdentifier>
  <RelayState>R0lGODlhcgGSALMAAAQCAEMmCZtuMFQxDS8b</RelayState>
</RegisterNameIdentifierRequest>
```

3.3.2 Response

The responding provider MUST respond with <RegisterNameIdentifierResponse>, which
is of type StatusResponseType. StatusResponseType is an extension of samlp:ResponseType
and a <samlp:Status> element and a <RelayState> may exist in the body.

This message SHOULD be signed.

3.3.2.1 Element <RegisterNameIdentifierResponse>

The elements of the message are as follows:

ProviderID [Required]
The provider’s unique identifier.

Status [Required]
The status of the request processing.

**id [Optional]**

Identifier used to identify this element in the signature. See section 3.1.5, Signature Verification.

**RelayState [Optional]**

This element contains state information that will be relayed back in the response, if it has been supplied in the request.

The schema fragment is as follows:

```xml
<element name="RegisterNameIdentifierResponse" type="lib:StatusResponseType"/>
<complexType name="StatusResponseType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="samlp:ResponseAbstractType">
      <sequence>
        <element ref="lib:ProviderID"/>
        <element ref="samlp:Status"/>
        <element ref="lib:RelayState" minOccurs="0"/>
      </sequence>
      <attribute name="id" type="ID" use="optional"/>
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>
```

### 3.3.2.2 Example

```xml
/RegisterNameIdentifierResponse id="12345" ResponseID="74ffec0f-1165-4fa3-b088-3dd2c2388b91"
   InResponseTo="eb20e77f-d982-44f9-936e-dd135bf437d4" MajorVersion="1" MinorVersion="0"
   IssueInstant="2001-12-17T09:30:47Z" Recipient="http://ServiceProvider.com">
   <ds:Signature>...</ds:Signature>
   <ProviderID>http://ServiceProvider.com</ProviderID>
   <samlp:Status>
     <samlp:StatusCode Value="samlp:Success"/>
   </samlp:Status>
   <RelayState>R0lGODlhcgGSALMAAAQCAEMmCZtuMFQxDS8b</RelayState>
</RegisterNameIdentifierResponse>
```

### 3.3.3 Processing Rules

The recipient MUST validate any signature present on the message. To be considered valid, the signature provided MUST be the signature of the `<ProviderID>` contained in the message.

If the request includes an `<IDPProvidedNameIdentifier>` for which no federation exists between the service provider and the identity provider, the provider MUST respond with a `<samlp:Status>` element containing a second-level `<samlp:StatusCode>` of `lib:FederationDoesNotExist`. Otherwise, the identity provider MUST use `<SPProvidedNameIdentifier>` when subsequently communicating to the service provider regarding this Principal.

Either provider MAY choose to change their provided name identifier. In this case, the `<OldProvidedNameIdentifier>` should contain the previous version of their name identifier.

When a service provider chooses to change their provided name identifier, the `<OldProvidedNameIdentifier>` should contain the current `<SPProvidedNameIdentifier>`. Note that when they first change their name, this will be equal to the `<IDPProvidedNameIdentifier>`. Similarly, when an identity provider wishes to change their provided name identifier, they will move the previous version to the `<OldProvidedNameIdentifier>` when sending this message.

Changes to these identifiers may take a potentially significant amount of time to propagate through
the systems at both the sender and the receiver. Implementations MAY wish to allow each party to
accept either identifier for some period of time following the successful completion of a name
identifier change. Not doing so could result in the inability of the Principal to access resources.

If <RelayState> contains a value, the recipient MUST include this value in unmodified form in
the <RelayState> element of the response.

3.4 Federation Termination Notification Protocol

When the Principal terminates an identity federation between a service provider and an identity
provider from the service provider, the service provider MUST send a
<FederationTerminationNotification> message to the identity provider. Semantically,
the service provider is stating that it will no longer accept authentication assertions from the
identity provider for the specified Principal.
Likewise, when the Principal terminates an identity federation from the identity provider, the
identity provider MUST send a <FederationTerminationNotification> message to the
service provider. Semantically, the identity provider is stating that it will no longer provide
authentication assertions to the service provider for the specified Principal.
This notification message is a one-way asynchronous message. Reasonable, best-effort delivery
MUST be employed by all providers sending this message.

3.4.1 Message

The provider sends a <FederationTerminationNotification> to the provider with which it
is terminating a federation.
The <FederationTerminationNotification> message SHOULD be signed.

3.4.1.1 Element <FederationTerminationNotification>

The elements are as follows:
ProviderID [Required]
The identifier of the provider that is sending this message.
NameIdentifier [Required]
The name identifier of the Principal terminating federation. This name identifier MUST be
equal to the <saml:NameIdentifier> element (and its included attributes) agreed upon
earlier between the two communicating providers.
id [Optional]
Identifier used to identify this element in the signature. See section 3.1.5, Signature
Verification.
RelayState [Optional]
This element contains state information that may be relayed back.
The schema fragment is as follows:

```xml
<element name="FederationTerminationNotification" type="lib:FederationTerminationNotificationType"/>
<complexType name="FederationTerminationNotificationType">
  <complexContent>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>
```
3.4.1.2 Example

```xml
<FederationTerminationNotification id="12345" RequestID="9ec2-eb65-4bce-ab8f-4becdf229815"
MajorVersion="1" MinorVersion="0" IssueInstant="2001-12-17T09:30:47Z">
  <ds:Signature>...</ds:Signature>
  <ProviderID>http://IdentityProvider.com</ProviderID>
  <saml:NameIdentifier>e958019a</saml:NameIdentifier>
  <RelayState>R0lGODlhcgGSALMAAAQCAEMmCZtuMFQxDS8b</RelayState>
</FederationTerminationNotification>
```

3.4.2 Processing Rules

The receiving provider MUST validate any signature present on the message. The signature on the message MUST be the signature of the `<ProviderID>` contained in the message. If the signature is not valid, the provider MUST ignore the message.

If a provider receives a federation termination notification message that refers to a federation that does not exist from the perspective of the provider, the provider MUST ignore the message. Otherwise, the provider MAY perform any maintenance with the knowledge that the federation has been terminated.

A provider MAY choose to invalidate the session of a user for whom federation has been terminated.

3.5 Single Logout Protocol

The Single Logout Protocol provides a message exchange protocol by which all sessions authenticated by a particular identity provider are near-simultaneously terminated. The Single Logout Protocol is used either when a Principal logs out at a service provider or when the Principal logs out at an identity provider.

When the Principal invokes the single logout process at a service provider, the service provider MUST send a `<LogoutRequest>` message to the identity provider that provided the authentication service for the session.

When either the Principal invokes a logout at the identity provider or a service provider sends a logout request to the identity provider specifying that Principal, the identity provider MUST send a `<LogoutRequest>` message to each service provider to which it provided authentication assertions in the current session with the Principal, with the exception of the service provider that sent the `<LogoutRequest>` message to the Identity Provider.

3.5.1 Request

The `<LogoutRequest>` message indicates to the message receiver that a Principal’s session was terminated. The message includes an optional `<SessionIndex>` element that MUST be specified if and only if the authentication statement in the assertion that the service provider used in
establishing the session with the Principal contained a SessionIndex attribute. This message SHOULD be signed.

### 3.5.1.1 Element <LogoutRequest>

#### NameIdentifier [Required]

The name identifier of the Principal that logged out. This name identifier MUST be equal to the <saml:NameIdentifier> element (including the equality of contained attributes) agreed upon between the two communicating providers.

#### ProviderID [Required]

The identifier of the provider that is making the request.

#### SessionIndex [Optional]

The session index specified in the authentication statement of the assertion used to establish the session being terminated. If a <SessionIndex> element was present in the authentication statement, an identical <SessionIndex> MUST be present in the <LogoutRequest>. If no <SessionIndex> element was present in the authentication statement, the <SessionIndex> MUST be omitted from the <LogoutRequest>.

#### id [Optional]

Identifier used to identify this element in the signature. See section 3.1.5, Signature Verification.

#### RelayState [Optional]

This may contain state information that will be relayed back in the response. This data SHOULD be integrity-protected by the request author and MAY have other protections placed on it by the request author. An example of such protection is confidentiality.

The schema fragment is as follows:

```xml
<element name="LogoutRequest" type="lib:LogoutRequestType"/>
<complexType name="LogoutRequestType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="samlp:RequestAbstractType">
      <sequence>
        <element ref="lib:ProviderID"/>
        <element ref="saml:NameIdentifier"/>
        <element name="SessionIndex" type="string" minOccurs="0"/>
        <element ref="lib:RelayState" minOccurs="0"/>
      </sequence>
      <attribute name="id" type="ID" use="optional"/>
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>
```

### 3.5.1.2 Example

```xml
<LogoutRequest id="12345" RequestID="47693d03-7c33-4d65-931f-ddeb19fa6a73" MajorVersion="1" MinorVersion="0" IssueInstant="2001-12-17T09:30:47Z">
  <ds:Signature>...</ds:Signature>
  <ProviderID>http://ServiceProvider.com</ProviderID>
  <saml:NameIdentifier>342ad3d8-93ee-4c68-be35-cc9e7db39e2b</saml:NameIdentifier>
  <SessionIndex>3</SessionIndex>
  <RelayState>R01GDD1hcgG51MAAAQCAEMnC2tuMFQxDS8b</RelayState>
</LogoutRequest>
```
3.5.2 Response

The responding provider MUST return a <LogoutResponse> message, which is of type StatusResponseType.

This message SHOULD be signed.

3.5.2.1 Element <LogoutResponse>

The elements of the message are as follows:

ProviderID [Required]

The identifier of the provider responding.

Status [Required]

A status code that indicates the result of the request.

id [Optional]

Identifier used to identify this element in the signature. See section 3.1.5, Signature Verification.

RelayState [Optional]

This contains state information that may have appeared in the request, and is being relayed back to the sender.

The schema fragment is as follows:

```xml
<element name="LogoutResponse" type="lib:StatusResponseType"/>
```

3.5.2.2 Example

```xml
<LogoutResponse id="12345" ResponseID="74ffec0f-1165-4fa3-b088-3dd2c2388b91" InResponseTo="eb20e77f-d982-44f9-936e-dd135bf437d4" MajorVersion="1" MinorVersion="0"
  IssueInstant="2001-12-17T09:30:47Z" Recipient="http://ServiceProvider.com"
  <ProviderID>http://IdentityProvider.com</ProviderID>
  <samlp:Status>
    <samlp:StatusCode Value="samlp:Success"/>
  </samlp:Status>
  <RelayState>R0lGODlhcgGSALMAAAQCAEMmCZtuMFQxDS8b</RelayState>
</LogoutResponse>
```

3.5.3 Processing Rules

If <RelayState> contains a value, the recipient MUST include this value in unmodified form in the <RelayState> element of the response.

Other unique processing rules apply based on whether the message receiver is an identity provider or a service provider.

3.5.3.1 Identity Provider Processing Rules

When an identity provider receives the <LogoutRequest> message, the identity provider MUST validate that any signature present on the message is the signature of a service provider to which the identity provider provided an authentication assertion for the current session. If that holds, the identity provider SHOULD do the following:
• Send a <LogoutRequest> message to each service provider for which the identity provider provided authentication assertions in the current session, other than the originator of the <LogoutRequest>. If an error occurs during this further processing of the logout (for example, relying service providers may not all implement the Single Logout profile used by the requesting service provider), the identity provider MUST respond to the original requestor with a <LogoutResponse> message, indicating the status of the logout request. The value <lib:UnsupportedProfile> is provided for a second-level <samlp:StatusCode>, indicating that a service provider should retry the <LogoutRequest> using a different profile.

• Terminate the Principal’s current session as specified by the <saml:NameIdentifier> element.

### 3.5.3.2 Service Provider Processing Rules

When the service provider receives the <LogoutRequest> message, the service provider MUST validate the identity provider’s signature contained in the <ds:Signature> element. If the signature is that of the identity provider that provided the authentication for the Principal’s current session, the service provider MUST invalidate the Principal’s session referred to in the <saml:NameIdentifier> element.

### 4 Provider Metadata Schema

For providers to communicate with each other, they must a priori have obtained metadata regarding each other. These provider metadata include items such as X.509 certificates and service endpoints. This specification defines metadata schemas for identity providers and service providers that may be used for provider metadata exchange. However, provider metadata exchange protocols are outside the scope of this specification.

#### 4.1 Generic Provider Descriptor

Certain provider metadata are generic to both service providers and identity providers. The complex type ProviderDescriptorType contains the following elements:

ProviderID [Required]  
The provider’s URI-based identifier.

KeyInfo [Optional]  
The provider’s public key.

SoapEndpoint [Optional]  
The provider’s SOAP endpoint URI.

SingleLogoutServiceURL [Optional]  
The URL used for user-agent-based Single Logout Protocol profiles.

SingleLogoutServiceReturnURL [Optional]  
The URL to which the provider redirects at the end of user-agent-based Single Logout Protocol profiles.
4.2 Service Provider Descriptor

The additional service provider-specific metadata are as follows:

```xml
<complexType name="ProviderDescriptorType">
  <sequence>
    <element name="ProviderID" type="anyURI"/>
    <element ref="ds:KeyInfo" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
      <element name="FederationTerminationServiceURL" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <element name="FederationTerminationServiceReturnURL" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <element name="FederationTerminationNotificationProtocolProfile" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <element name="SingleLogoutProtocolProfile" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <element name="RegisterNameIdentifierProtocolProfile" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <element name="RegisterNameIdentifierServiceURL" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <element name="RegisterNameIdentifierServiceReturnURL" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </element>
  </sequence>
</complexType>
```
AssertionConsumerServiceURL [Required]

The service provider’s URL for consuming assertions from identity providers.

AuthnRequestsSigned [Required]

Specifies whether the service provider will always sign authentication requests it sends to the identity provider.

The schema fragment is as follows:

```xml
<element name="SPDescriptor" type="lib:SPDescriptorType"/>
<complexType name="SPDescriptorType">
    <complexContent>
        <extension base="lib:ProviderDescriptorType">
            <sequence>
                <element name="AssertionConsumerServiceURL" type="anyURI"/>
                <element name="AuthnRequestsSigned" type="boolean"/>
            </sequence>
        </extension>
    </complexContent>
</complexType>
```

4.2.1 Example

```xml
<SPDescriptor>
    <ProviderID>http://ServiceProvider.com</ProviderID>
    <ds:KeyInfo>...</ds:KeyInfo>
    <SoapEndpoint>http://ServiceProvider.com/soap</SoapEndpoint>
    <SingleLogoutServiceURL>http://ServiceProvider.com/liberty/slo</SingleLogoutServiceURL>
    <FederationTerminationServiceURL>http://ServiceProvider.com/liberty/term</FederationTerminationServiceURL>
    <FederationTerminationServiceReturnURL>http://ServiceProvider.com/liberty/term_return</FederationTerminationServiceReturnURL>
    <FederationTerminationNotificationProtocolProfile>http://projectliberty.org/profiles/fedterm-idp-soap</FederationTerminationNotificationProtocolProfile>
    <RegisterNameIdentifierProtocolProfile>http://projectliberty.org/profiles/rni-idp-soap</RegisterNameIdentifierProtocolProfile>
    <RegisterNameIdentifierProtocolProfile>http://projectliberty.org/profiles/rni-idp-http</RegisterNameIdentifierProtocolProfile>
    <RegisterNameIdentifierServiceURL>http://Provider.com/liberty/register_name</RegisterNameIdentifierServiceURL>
    <RegisterNameIdentifierServiceReturnURL>http://Provider.com/liberty/register_name_return</RegisterNameIdentifierServiceReturnURL>
    <AssertionConsumerServiceURL>http://ServiceProvider.com/liberty/assertion_consumer</AssertionConsumerServiceURL>
    <AuthnRequestsSigned>1</AuthnRequestsSigned>
</SPDescriptor>
```

4.3 Identity Provider Descriptor

The additional identity provider-specific metadata are as follows:

SingleSignOnServiceURL [Required]


SingleSignOnProtocolProfile [Required]

The schema fragment is as follows:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<complexType name="AuthnRequestType">
    <element name="AuthnRequest" type="lib:AuthnRequestType"/>
    <element name="ProviderID" type="anyURI"/>
</complexType>
```

### 4.3.1 Example

```xml
<ProviderID>http://IdentityProvider.com</ProviderID>
<Federate>true</Federate>
<IsPassive>true</IsPassive>
<ForceAuthn>true</ForceAuthn>
<RelayState>somevalue</RelayState>
<AuthnContext>somecontext</AuthnContext>
<ProtocolProfile>someprofile</ProtocolProfile>
<DSIGInfo/>
```

### 5 Schema Definition

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<schema targetNamespace="http://projectliberty.org/schemas/core/2002/12"
    xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
    xmlns:AC="http://www.projectliberty.org/schemas/authctx/2002/05"
    xmlns:saml="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion"
    xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">
    <element name="ProviderID" type="anyURI"/>
    <element name="AuthnRequest" type="lib:AuthnRequestType"/>
    <complexContent>
        <extension base="samlp:RequestAbstractType">
            <sequence>
                <element name="AuthnRequestType" type="lib:AuthnRequestType"/>
                <element name="ForceAuthn" type="boolean" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element name="IsPassive" type="boolean" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element name="Federate" type="boolean" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element name="ProtocolProfile" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element name="AuthnContext" type="lib:AuthnContextType" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
            </sequence>
            <attribute name="id" type="ID" use="optional"/>
        </extension>
    </complexContent>
</schema>
```
<complexType name="AuthnResponseType">
  <element name="AuthnResponse" type="lib:AuthnResponseType"/>
</complexType>

<complexType name="SubjectType">
  <element name="AuthnContext">
    <element name="ProtocolProfile" type="anyURI"/>
    <element name="RelayState"/>
  </complexType>
</complexType>

<complexType name="ResponseEnvelopeType">
</complexType>

<complexType name="AuthnResponseEnvelopeType">
  <element name="AuthnResponseEnvelope" type="lib:AuthnResponseEnvelopeType"/>
</complexType>

<complexType name="RequestEnvelopeType">
  <element name="AuthnRequestEnvelope" type="lib:AuthnRequestEnvelopeType"/>
</complexType>

<extension base="lib:RequestEnvelopeType">
  <sequence>
    <element ref="lib:AuthnRequest"/>
    <element ref="lib:ProviderID"/>
    <element name="ProviderName" type="string" minOccurs="0"/>
    <element name="AssertionConsumerServiceURL" type="anyURI"/>
    <element ref="lib:IDPList" minOccurs="0"/>
    <element name="IsPassive" type="boolean" minOccurs="0"/>
  </sequence>
</extension>

<complexType name="ResponseEnvelopeType">
  <sequence>
    <any processContents="skip" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </sequence>
</complexType>

<complexType name="AuthnResponseEnvelopeType">
  <extension base="lib:ResponseEnvelopeType">
    <sequence>
      <element name="AuthnResponse" type="lib:AuthnResponseType"/>
      <element name="AuthnRequest" type="lib:AuthnRequestType"/>
      <element name="IDPProvidedNameIdentifier"/>
      <element ref="lib:IDPList" minOccurs="0"/>
      <element name="IsPassive" type="boolean" minOccurs="0"/>
    </sequence>
  </extension>
</complexType>

<complexType name="SubjectType">
  <extension base="saml:SubjectType">
    <sequence>
      <element ref="lib:IDPProvidedNameIdentifier"/>
    </sequence>
  </extension>
</complexType>

<complexType name="AuthnResponseType">
  <extension base="saml:ResponseType">
    <sequence>
      <element ref="lib:ProviderID"/>
      <element ref="lib:RelayState" minOccurs="0"/>
      <attribute name="id" type="ID" use="optional"/>
    </sequence>
  </extension>
</complexType>
<complexType name="FederationTerminationNotificationType">
    <element name="FederationTerminationNotification" type="lib:FederationTerminationNotificationType"/>
</complexType>

<complexType name="RegisterNameIdentifierRequestType">
    <element ref="saml:NameIdentifier"/>
    <element ref="lib:ProviderID"/>
    <element ref="samlp:RelayState" minOccurs="0"/>
    <element ref="lib:ProviderID"/>
    <element ref="saml:NameIdentifier"/>
    <element ref="lib:ProviderID"/>
    <element ref="samlp:RelayState" minOccurs="0"/>
    <attribute name="id" type="ID" use="optional"/>
</complexType>

<complexType name="RegisterNameIdentifierResponseType">
    <element name="RegisterNameIdentifierResponse" type="lib:RegisterNameIdentifierResponseType"/>
</complexType>

<complexType name="StatusResponseType">
    <element name="RegisterNameIdentifierResponse" type="lib:RegisterNameIdentifierResponseType"/>
    <element name="OldProvidedNameIdentifier" type="saml:NameIdentifierType"/>
    <element name="SPProvidedNameIdentifier" type="saml:NameIdentifierType"/>
    <element name="IDPProvidedNameIdentifier" type="saml:NameIdentifierType"/>
</complexType>

<complexType name="AuthenticationStatementType">
    <sequence>
        <attribute name="id" type="ID" use="optional"/>
        <sequence>
            <attribute name="id" type="ID" use="optional"/>
        </sequence>
        <sequence>
            <attribute name="SessionIndex" type="string" use="optional"/>
            <attribute name="ReauthenticateOnOrAfter" type="dateTime" use="optional"/>
        </sequence>
        <element name="AuthnContext" minOccurs="0"/>
        <choice>
            <element ref="AC:AuthenticationContextStatement"/>
            <element name="AuthnContextClassRef" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0"/>
        </choice>
    </sequence>
</complexType>

<complexType name="LogoutRequestType">
    <element name="LogoutRequest" type="lib:LogoutRequestType"/>
</complexType>

<complexType name="LogoutResponseType">
    <element name="LogoutResponse" type="lib:LogoutResponseType"/>
</complexType>

<complexType name="LogoutRequestType">
    <element name="LogoutRequest" type="lib:LogoutRequestType"/>
</complexType>

<complexType name="LogoutResponseType">
    <element name="LogoutResponse" type="lib:LogoutResponseType"/>
</complexType>

<complexType name="LogoutRequestType">
    <element name="LogoutRequest" type="lib:LogoutRequestType"/>
</complexType>

<complexType name="LogoutResponseType">
    <element name="LogoutResponse" type="lib:LogoutResponseType"/>
</complexType>

<complexType name="LogoutRequestType">
    <element name="LogoutRequest" type="lib:LogoutRequestType"/>
</complexType>

<complexType name="LogoutResponseType">
    <element name="LogoutResponse" type="lib:LogoutResponseType"/>
</complexType>
<element name="SessionIndex" type="string" minOccurs="0"/>
</sequence>
</attribute>
</complexType>
<element name="logoutResponse" type="lib:StatusResponseType"/>
<complexType name="SignedSAMLRequestType">
<complexContent>
<extension base="samlp:RequestType">
<attribute name="id" type="ID" use="optional"/>
</extension>
</complexType>
</complexType>
<!-- End protocols schema -->
<!-- Begin assertion schema -->
<complexType name="AssertionType">
<element name="Assertion" type="lib:AssertionType"/>
</complexType>
<!-- End assertion schema -->
<!-- Begin IDP list schema -->
<complexType name="IDPListType">
<sequence>
<element name="IDPEntries" type="lib:IDPEntry" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
</sequence>
</complexType>
<!-- End IDP list schema -->
<!-- Begin provider metadata schema -->
<complexType name="ProviderDescriptorType">
<sequence>
<element name="ProviderID" type="anyURI"/>
<element ref="ds:KeyInfo" minOccurs="0"/>
<element name="SoapEndpoint" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0"/>
<element name="SingleLogoutServiceURL" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0"/>
<element name="FederationTerminationServiceURL" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0"/>
<element name="FederationTerminationServiceReturnURL" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0"/>
<element name="FederationTerminationNotificationProtocolProfile" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0"/>
<element name="SingleLogoutProtocolProfile" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
<element name="RegisterNameIdentifierProtocolProfile" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
<element name="RegisterNameIdentifierServiceURL" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
<element name="RegisterNameIdentifierServiceReturnURL" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
</sequence>
</complexType>
<!-- End provider metadata schema -->
<!-- Begin provider metadata schema -->
<complexType name="IDPEntry">
<sequence>
<element ref="lib:ProviderID" minOccurs="0"/>
<element name="ProviderName" type="string" minOccurs="0"/>
<element name="Loc" type="anyURI"/>
</sequence>
</complexType>
<!-- End provider metadata schema -->
<!-- Begin provider metadata schema -->
<complexType name="IDPEntries">
<sequence>
<element ref="lib:IDPEntry" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
</sequence>
</complexType>
<!-- End provider metadata schema -->
<!-- End IDP list schema -->
<!-- End assertio
<complexType name="spDescriptorType">
    <extension base="lib:ProviderDescriptorType">
        <sequence>
            <element name="AssertionConsumerServiceURL" type="anyURI"/>
            <element name="AuthnRequestsSigned" type="boolean"/>
        </sequence>
    </extension>
</complexType>

<complexType name="idPDescriptorType">
    <extension base="lib:ProviderDescriptorType">
        <sequence>
            <element name="SingleSignOnServiceURL" type="anyURI" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
            <element name="SingleSignOnProtocolProfile" type="anyURI"/>
        </sequence>
    </extension>
</complexType>

6 References


