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## **Abstract:**

This document details the metadata schema and methods of resolution for discovering the location of metadata instances for the Liberty Identity Federation Framework

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- 42 • Allows unbounded `OrganizationalDisplayName` and `OrganizationURL`, and adds the required attribute
- 43 `xml:lang` on this element to allow multiple language representations of the Organization name.
- 44 • General clean-up and errors
- 45 • Altered `AdditionalMetaLocation` to allow for multiple locations, and namespace attr for easing selection when
- 46 multiple locations are provided

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- 49 • Remove of `ServiceDescriptor` from the data model
- 50 •

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## 1. Introduction

Within ID-FF version 1.1 specification [IDFF11] of the Liberty Alliance protocols, basic metadata were exchanged out-of-band between entities. This specification more formally describes metadata, as well as protocols to facilitate real-time requests for this data allowing for more spontaneous conversations between Liberty enabled entities.

There are three primary functions for this metadata:

- declarations of entity metadata, for providers, principals and devices, and affiliations
- entity trust metadata, which enables entities to cast business decisions based on the characteristic trust information provided in this class, conveyed through document signature(s), server authenticated protected channel delivery of the instance using TLS [RFC2246] as amended by [RFC3546], DNS zone signatures, and optionally additional material that publishers may convey within the `Extension` and `AdditionalMetaLocation` elements
- origin and document verification through signature use in (server authenticated) HTTPS retrieval of the instance documents, DNS signatures, and document level signatures

This document presents extensions to the model for metadata described in Liberty ID-FF versions 1.1 [IDFF11] to better support ad-hoc interactions between entities. The location of cryptographic keys in a distributed-computing architecture that contains "arms-length" peer domains presents an opportunity for some fresh thinking. Conventional solutions to this problem fail to fully exploit the potential of the evolving Web Services architecture to minimize administrative costs. Liberty ID-FF version 1.2 [IDFF12PS], ID-WSF and ID-SIS set of specification [LibArchOV] operations between previously un-introduced parties will benefit from any mechanisms that simplify how keying material and service interface points can be discovered, leading to mechanisms for trust establishment and services invocations in both direct and indirect means.

### 1.1. Notation and Conventions

This specification uses schema documents conforming to W3C XML Schema [Schema1] and normative text to describe the syntax and semantics of XML-encoded protocol messages.

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

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.

Within this document, a *publisher* is the subject of, or authorized representing party for, the subject of the instance document, as referenced by `providerID` and a *consumer* is the entity resolving, retrieving, or otherwise processing the instance as a relying party to its information.

### 1.2. Overview

The metadata protocols and schemas specified in this document will enable two Liberty-enabled entities to exchange or request cryptographic keys, service endpoints information, and protocol and profile support in real time, allowing dynamic interactions between these parties, eliminating the need for out-of-band negotiations to have occurred a-priori. The addition of interactions between separate authentication authorities and identity chaining in the Liberty ID-WSF will depend upon this exchange, as portions of a principle's identity may be previously established outside the range of providers established agreements.

## 2. Metadata Schema

The metadata schema allows for several methods of representation:

- As a single instance document describing a single organization which may operate using one or more `providerID`'s expressed within the `EntityDescriptor` Node
- As a single instance document describing more than one organizations' metadata, each described as above, within separate `EntityDescriptor` nodes, each being an immediate descendant of the plural `EntitiesDescriptor` node
- As a single instance document describing a set of `providerID`'s collectively identified by `affiliationID`, and maintained by `affiliationOwnerID`

The first two forms may also be expressed as multiple documents, involving additional metadata, which MAY be of a namespace `urn:liberty:metadata:2003-08` (the default), or another namespace, as specified by the element `Location`'s corresponding `namespace` attribute

### 2.1. Entity Descriptors

The metadata schema consists of two primary forms and an alternate form:

- A single document expressing all of the metadata for a single entity identified by one or more `providerID` identifiers
- A single document describing multiple entities identified by multiple `providerID` identifiers
- Documents which reside at more than one location, whose locations are described either by multiple `NAPTR` resource records, or through the use of the `AdditionalMetaLocation` element

### 2.2. Schema Declarations

The metadata schema is constructed in such a way to allow an entity, described by one or more `providerID`'s publish single or multiple schema instances to describe their identity architecture services.

The primary container for a published document is either `EntityDescriptor` or the plural form `EntitiesDescriptor` (used when an affiliated set of entities chooses to publish a consolidated set of metadata documents as one).

The immediate child nodes of `EntityDescriptor` expects one or more of:

- `SPDescriptor`
- `IDPDescriptor`

or one of:

- `AffiliationDescriptor`

140 which are described below. Additionally, an extension point `Extension` is provided in order to convey additional  
 141 metadata.

## 142 2.2.1. Namespaces in metadata

143 The following namespace declarations are used to complete the metadata schema:

- 144 • `ds`: is described by the W3C XML Signature [\[XMLDSIG\]](http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlsig#) schema (<http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlsig#>)
- 145 • `saml`: is described by the SAML Assertion Specification [\[SAMLCore\]](http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/security/doc) ([urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion](http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/security/doc))

146 Schema Fragment:

```
147
148 <xs:schema attributeFormDefault="unqualified" elementFormDefault="qualified"
149   targetNamespace="urn:liberty:metadata:2003-08"
150   xmlns="urn:liberty:metadata:2003-08"
151   xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlsig#"
152   xmlns:saml="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion"
153   xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
154
155   <xs:import namespace="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlsig#" schemaLocation="http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlsig-core/xmlsig-core-schema
156
157   <xs:import namespace="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion" schemaLocation="http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/security/doc
158
159   <xs:import namespace="http://www.w3.org/XML/1998/namespace" schemaLocation="http://www.w3.org/2001/xml.xsd"/>
160   <xs:include schemaLocation="lib-arch-utility.xsd"/>
161
```

## 162 2.2.2. datatype entityIDType

163 The datatype `entityIDType` restricts the XML data to a length of 1024 bytes.

164 Additionally, the `entityIDType` structure is defined by the following BNF, derived from *URI* Specification  
 165 [\[RFC2396\]](http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2396) as modified by [\[RFC2732\]](http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2732)

```
166
167     BNF for Liberty entityIdentifiers
168     # constraint on absoluteURI
169     entityID      = absoluteURI [ "#" fragment ]
170     absoluteURI  = scheme ":" ( hier_part | opaque_part )
171
172     # constraint on hier_part (net_path only)
173     hier_part    = net_path [ "?" query ]
174     opaque_part  = uric_no_slash *uric
175
176     uric_no_slash = unreserved | escaped | ";" | "?" | ":" | "@" |
177                   "&" | "=" | "+" | "$" | ","
178
179     net_path     = "/" authority [ abs_path ]
180     abs_path    = "/" path_segments
181
182     ; pragmatically, scheme SHOULD be an officially IANA registered URI scheme
183     ; http://www.iana.org/assignments/uri-schemes
184     scheme      = alpha *( alpha | digit | "+" | "-" | "." )
185
186     authority   = server | reg_name
187
188     reg_name    = 1*( unreserved | escaped | "$" | "," |
189                   ";" | ":" | "@" | "&" | "=" | "+" )
190
191     server     = [ [ userinfo "@" ] hostport ]
192     userinfo   = *( unreserved | escaped |
193                   ";" | ":" | "&" | "=" | "+" | "$" | "," )
194
195     hostport   = host [ ":" port ]
196     ; constraint on host (no ipAddress)
197     host       = hostname
198     hostname   = *( domainlabel "." ) toplabel [ "." ]
```

```

199 domainlabel = alphanum | alphanum *( alphanum | "-" ) alphanum
200 toplabel    = alpha | alpha *( alphanum | "-" ) alphanum
201 port       = *digit
202
203 path       = [ abs_path | opaque_part ]
204 path_segments = segment *( "/" segment )
205 segment    = *pchar *( ";" param )
206 param      = *pchar
207 pchar      = unreserved | escaped |
208             ":" | "@" | "&" | "=" | "+" | "$" | ", "
209
210 query      = *uric
211
212 fragment   = *uric
213
214 uric       = reserved | unreserved | escaped
215 reserved   = ";" | "/" | "?" | ":" | "@" | "&" | "=" | "+" |
216             "$" | ", "
217 unreserved = alphanum | mark
218 mark       = "-" | "_" | "." | "!" | "~" | "*" | "'" |
219             "(" | ")"
220
221 escaped     = "%" hex hex
222 hex        = digit | "A" | "B" | "C" | "D" | "E" | "F" |
223             "a" | "b" | "c" | "d" | "e" | "f"
224
225 alphanum   = alpha | digit
226 alpha      = lowalpha | upalpha
227
228 lowalpha   = "a" | "b" | "c" | "d" | "e" | "f" | "g" | "h" | "i" |
229             "j" | "k" | "l" | "m" | "n" | "o" | "p" | "q" | "r" |
230             "s" | "t" | "u" | "v" | "w" | "x" | "y" | "z"
231 upalpha    = "A" | "B" | "C" | "D" | "E" | "F" | "G" | "H" | "I" |
232             "J" | "K" | "L" | "M" | "N" | "O" | "P" | "Q" | "R" |
233             "S" | "T" | "U" | "V" | "W" | "X" | "Y" | "Z"
234 digit      = "0" | "1" | "2" | "3" | "4" | "5" | "6" | "7" |
235             "8" | "9"
236
237

```

238 The schema fragment for entityIDType:

```

239
240 <xsd:simpleType name="entityIDType">
241   <xsd:restriction base="xsd:anyURI">
242     <xsd:maxLength id="maxlengid" value="1024"/>
243   </xsd:restriction>
244 </xsd:simpleType>
245

```

### 246 2.2.3. Common Attributes

247 Several common attributes are defined and generally used throughout the schema:

- 248 • `libertyPrincipalIdentifier` of type `entityIDType` used to provide a pointer to contact entities metadata which MAY be dereferencable
- 249
- 250 • `providerID` of type `entityIDType` indicates the providerID of the entity described by the children of the node
- 251 • `validUntil` of type `dateTime` indicates the expiration date and time of the node (and it's descendants). If
- 252 `dateTime` expressions evaluate to nonequivalent values, parsers MUST adhere to the most restrictive value (the
- 253 earliest `dateTime`).
- 254 • `cacheDuration` of type `duration` indicates the maximum elapsed time a consumer may cache the metadata
- 255 document (or fragment). Consistent with the `validUntil` attribute, the most restrictive value MUST be used
- 256 when conflicting cache directives occur



257 Publishers MUST provide either a `validUntil` or `cacheDuration` attribute when publishing metadata. Since this  
258 directive is available at both the top-level `EntityDescriptor` and its immediate descendants, care should be taken in selecting  
259 expiration settings. It is RECOMMENDED that publishers express document expiration at the `EntityDescriptor`  
260 element only, and not on the child nodes.

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

264 Liberty entities SHOULD NOT rely on other applications supporting time resolution finer than seconds, as imple-  
265 mentations MAY ignore fractional second components specified in timestamp values. Implementations MUST NOT  
266 generate time instants that specify leap seconds.

267 If consumers send an *HTTP (1.1)* [RFC2616] request to the publisher URL with a header *If-Modified-Since: [last*  
268 *retrieval dateTime]*, the publisher server returns a *304 Not-Modified* response, and the publisher expresses the  
269 expiration as a `cacheDuration`, the consumer MAY reset the retrieval `dateTime`, effectively resetting the duration  
270 clock (see Section 5.2).

271 The schema fragment for the common attribute:

```
272  
273 <xsd:attribute name="libertyPrincipalIdentifier" type="entityIDType"/>  
274 <xsd:attribute name="providerID" type="libMD:entityIDType"/>  
275 <xsd:attribute name="validUntil" type="xsd:dateTime"/>  
276 <xsd:attribute name="cacheDuration" type="xsd:duration"/>  
277
```

## 278 2.2.4. Common Elements

279 There are several common elements defined globally, and used throughout the schema:

### 280 2.2.4.1. organizationType data type

281 The `organizationType` datatype provides some basic information consumers may require when interacting with a  
282 principal:

- 283 • `OrganizationName` of type `string`: a localizable ([XML] Section 2.12 Language Identification) Organizational  
284 Name of the entity, generally the complete Organization Legal name
- 285 • `OrganizationDisplayName` of type `string`: a localizable organization name suitable for display to a principal
- 286 • `OrganizationURL` of type `anyURI`: a localizable URL of the organization suitable for dereferencing by a user-  
287 agent, which may be used for directing a principal for additional information on the entity

288 Localized strings SHOULD be used when present in the metadata instance, and the preferred language of the target  
289 entity is known by the consumer

```
290
291 <xs:complexType name="organizationType">
292   <xs:sequence>
293     <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" name="OrganizationName" type="organizationNameType"/>
294     <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" name="OrganizationDisplayName" type="organizationDisplayNameType"/>
295     <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" name="OrganizationURL" type="localizedURIType"/>
296     <xs:element minOccurs="0" ref="Extension"/>
297   </xs:sequence>
298 </xs:complexType>
299 <xs:complexType name="organizationNameType">
300   <xs:simpleContent>
301     <xs:extension base="xs:string">
302       <xs:attribute ref="xml:lang"/>
303     </xs:extension>
304   </xs:simpleContent>
305 </xs:complexType>
306 <xs:complexType name="organizationDisplayNameType">
307   <xs:simpleContent>
308     <xs:extension base="xs:string">
309       <xs:attribute ref="xml:lang" use="required"/>
310     </xs:extension>
311   </xs:simpleContent>
312 </xs:complexType>
313 <xs:complexType name="localizedURIType">
314   <xs:simpleContent>
315     <xs:extension base="xs:anyURI">
316       <xs:attribute ref="xml:lang" use="required"/>
317     </xs:extension>
318   </xs:simpleContent>
319 </xs:complexType>
320
```

#### 321 2.2.4.2. contactType data type

322 The contactType data type conveys general contact information for human-to-human contact regarding an entity. It is  
323 defined with the the following attributes:

- 324 • `libertyPrincipalIdentifier` [optional] : a principals dereferencable nameIdentifier of type `entityIDType`  
325 which may point to an online instance of the person's PIP profile
- 326 • `contactType` : the type of contact, which may be one of `technical`, `administrative`, `billing`, or `other`.  
327 The default value is `technical`

328 The elements defined by this type:

- 329 • `Company` [optional]: The company name of type `xs:string` for which the cited individual is employed for the  
330 purposes relating to the instance document
- 331 • `GivenName` [optional]: The given name of the contact of type `xs:string`
- 332 • `SurName` [optional]: The surname of the contact of type `xs:string`
- 333 • `EmailAddress` [optional]: The email address of the contact of type `xs:anyURI`
- 334 • `TelephoneNumber` [optional]: The contacts telephone number of type `xs:string`

335 The schema fragment for contactType:

```
336
337 <xs:complexType name="contactType">
338   <xs:sequence>
339     <xs:element maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0" name="Company" type="xs:string"/>
340     <xs:element maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0" name="GivenName" type="xs:string"/>
341     <xs:element maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0" name="SurName" type="xs:string"/>
342     <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="EmailAddress" type="xs:anyURI"/>
343     <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="TelephoneNumber" type="xs:string"/>
344
345     <xs:element minOccurs="0" ref="Extension"/>
346   </xs:sequence>
347   <xs:attribute ref="libertyPrincipalIdentifier" use="optional"/>
348   <xs:attribute name="contactType" type="attr.contactType" use="required"/>
349 </xs:complexType>
350 <xs:simpleType name="attr.contactType">
351   <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
352     <xs:enumeration value="technical"/>
353     <xs:enumeration value="administrative"/>
354     <xs:enumeration value="billing"/>
355     <xs:enumeration value="other"/>
356   </xs:restriction>
357 </xs:simpleType>
358
```

### 359 2.2.4.3. providerDescriptorType complex type

360 The providerDescriptorType is a utility type, which describes generic metadata for any Liberty-enabled entity who's  
361 attributes include:

- 362 • providerID [required] The providerID of the entity.
- 363 • id [optional] The fragment identifier of the instance node (required if the node is signed as described in [Section 5.1](#)  
364 ).
- 365 • validUntil [optional] The dateTime the fragment expires. Processing rules are described in [Section 2.2.3](#) [8].
- 366 • cacheDuration [optional] The maximum duration a consumer may cache the fragment. Processing rules are  
367 described in [Section 2.2.3](#) [8].
- 368 • protocolSupportEnumeration [required] describes the protocol release supported by the entity described  
369 by providerID. NMTOKENS type allows for the enumeration of a set of liberty ID-FF protocol releases  
370 which the interfaces described within MUST support. The datatype of the tokens MUST be URN's (presently  
371 urn:liberty:iff:2002-12 for release 1.1 and urn:liberty:iff:2003-08 for release 1.2). Subsequent releases ID-FF  
372 shall express protocol support using the defined namespace attribute of the corresponding ID-FF schema.

373 The elements describing the entity include:

- 374 • KeyInfo The provider's key material used in liberty protocols. The element carries the attribute use which is  
375 required, and whose values may be on of: encryption or signing, indicating the allowed usage (by the subject  
376 of the instance document or node) for this key material.  
377 KeyInfo extends ds:KeyInfoType as defined in XML Digital Signature [\[XMLDSIG\]](#)
- 378 • SoapEndpoint The provider's SOAP endpoint URI.
- 379 • SingleLogoutServiceURL The URL used for user-agent-based Single Logout Protocol profiles.
- 380 • SingleLogoutServiceReturnURL The URL to which the provider redirects at the end of user-agent-based  
381 Single Logout Protocol profiles.

- 382 • `FederationTerminationServiceURL` The URL used for user-agent-based Federation Termination Notifica-  
383 tion Protocol profiles.
- 384 • `FederationTerminationServiceReturnURL` The URL to which the provider redirects at the end of user-  
385 agent-based Federation Termination Notification Protocol profiles.
- 386 • `FederationTerminationNotificationProtocolProfile` The Federation Termination Notification Proto-  
387 col profiles supported by the provider. Each value of the element MUST contain a valid Federation Termination  
388 Notification Protocol profile identification URI as defined in [IDFF12BP]. The absence of this element SHALL  
389 mean that provider does not support any profile of the Federation Termination Notification Protocol.
- 390 • `SingleLogoutProtocolProfile` The Single Logout Protocol profiles supported by the provider. Each element  
391 MUST contain a valid Single Logout Protocol profile identification URI. The absence of this element SHALL  
392 mean that the provider does not support any profile of the Single Logout Protocol.
- 393 • `RegisterNameIdentifierProtocolProfile` The provider's preferred Register Name Identifier Protocol  
394 profile, which should be used by other providers when registering a new identifier. Each element MUST contain a  
395 valid Register Name Identifier Protocol profile identification URI as defined in [IDFF12BP]. The absence of this  
396 element SHALL mean that the provider does not support any profile of the Register Name Identifier Protocol.
- 397 • `RegisterNameIdentifierServiceURL` The URL used for user-agent-based Register Name Identifier Protocol  
398 profiles.
- 399 • `RegisterNameIdentifierServiceReturnURL` The provider's redirecting URL for use after HTTP name  
400 registration has taken place.
- 401 • `RelationshipTerminationNotificationProtocolProfile` an unbounded URI type describing the pro-  
402 file(s) the entity supports for relationship termination as defined in [IDFF12BP]
- 403 • `NameIdentifierMappingBinding` of type `saml:AuthorityBindingType`, describing the SAML authority bind-  
404 ing at the identity provider to which identifier mapping queries can be sent.
- 405 • `Organization` The Organization (see [Section 2.2.4.1](#)) information about the provider.
- 406 • `ContactPerson` A Container expressing one or more contacts responsible for technical, administrative, billing,  
407 or other information concerning an identity service implementation expressed in the metadata (see [Section 2.2.4.2](#))
- 408 • `AdditionalMetaLocation` The location of other relevant metadata about the provider which MAY contain the  
409 attribute namespace, indicating the namespace of the target document.
- 410 • `Extension` Provides for metadata extensions describing an *SP* or *IDP*
- 411 • `ds:Signature` An optional signature of the provider metadata (see [Section 5.1](#))

412 The schema fragment for `providerDescriptorType`:

```
413
414 <xs:complexType name="providerDescriptorType">
415   <xs:sequence>
416     <xs:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" name="KeyInfo" type="keyInfoType" />
417     <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="SoapEndpoint" type="xs:anyURI" />
418     <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="SingleLogoutServiceURL" type="xs:anyURI" />
419     <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="SingleLogoutServiceReturnURL" type="xs:anyURI" />
420     <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="FederationTerminationServiceURL" type="xs:anyURI" />
421     <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="FederationTerminationServiceReturnURL" type="xs:anyURI" />
422     <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"
423       name="FederationTerminationNotificationProtocolProfile" type="xs:anyURI" />
424     <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="SingleLogoutProtocolProfile" type="xs:anyURI" />
425     <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"
426       name="RegisterNameIdentifierProtocolProfile" type="xs:anyURI" />
427     <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="RegisterNameIdentifierServiceURL" type="xs:anyURI" />
428     <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="RegisterNameIdentifierServiceReturnURL" type="xs:anyURI" />
429     <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"
430       name="RelationshipTerminationNotificationProtocolProfile" type="xs:anyURI" />
431     <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="NameIdentifierMappingBinding" type="saml:AuthorityBindingType" />
432
433     <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="Organization" type="organizationType" />
434     <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="ContactPerson" type="contactType" />
435     <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="AdditionalMetaLocation" type="additionalMetadataLocationType" />
436
437
438     <xs:element minOccurs="0" ref="Extension" />
439     <xs:element minOccurs="0" ref="ds:Signature" />
440   </xs:sequence>
441   <xs:attribute ref="providerID" use="required" />
442   <xs:attribute name="protocolSupportEnumeration" type="xs:NMTOKENS" use="required" />
443   <xs:attribute name="id" type="xs:ID" use="optional" />
444   <xs:attribute ref="validUntil" use="optional" />
445   <xs:attribute ref="cacheDuration" use="optional" />
446 </xs:complexType>
447
```

#### 448 2.2.4.4. SPDescriptor element

449 SPDescriptor extends `providerDescriptorType` with the following elements:

- 450 • `AssertionConsumerServiceURL` [required] One or more URI(s) of the SP for receiving Authentication Assertions from an authenticating party. When an SP sends an *AuthNRequest* to the IDP, it may indicate the preferred `AssertionConsumerServiceURL` using the provided `id` (QNAME) attribute to direct the principal to for consumption of the *AuthNResponse*.  
451  
452 IDP's should inspect the Service Providers metadata for the appropriate URL, or the default (indicated by the `isDefault` attribute) location, if no `id` is provided. Publishers MUST express only one default `AssertionConsumerServiceURL`. `AssertionConsumerServiceURL` Requires the following attributes:  
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454  
455  
456  
457
  - 458 • `id` [required] the fragment identifier of the `AssertionConsumerServiceURL` used as a reference in an *AuthNRequest*.
  - 459
  - 460 • `isDefault` [required] boolean indicator for the default `AssertionConsumerServiceURL` value to use when no identifier is provided in the request.
  - 461
  
- 462 • `AuthnRequestsSigned` [required] boolean element indicating whether the Service Provider will always signed its *AuthNRequests*  
463

464 the schema fragment for SPDescriptor:

```

465 <xs:complexType name="SPDescriptorType">
466   <xs:complexContent>
467     <xs:extension base="providerDescriptorType">
468       <xs:sequence>
469         <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" name="AssertionConsumerServiceURL">
470           <xs:complexType>
471             <xs:simpleContent>
472               <xs:extension base="xs:anyURI">
473                 <xs:attribute name="id" type="xs:ID" use="required"/>
474                 <xs:attribute default="false" name="isDefault" type="xs:boolean"/>
475               </xs:extension>
476             </xs:simpleContent>
477           </xs:complexType>
478         </xs:element>
479         <xs:element name="AuthnRequestsSigned" type="xs:boolean"/>
480       </xs:sequence>
481     </xs:extension>
482   </xs:complexContent>
483 </xs:complexType>
484
485

```

#### 486 2.2.4.4.1. SPDescriptor Example

487 [Need example]

#### 488 2.2.4.5. IDPDescriptor element

489 IDPDescriptor extends providerDescriptorType with the following elements:

- 490 • SingleSignOnServiceURL [required] The identity provider s URL for accepting authentication requests for the  
491 Single Sign-On and Federation Protocol.
- 492 • SingleSignOnProtocolProfile [required] The Single Sign-On Protocol profiles supported by the provider.  
493 Each element MUST contain a valid Single Sign-On Protocol profile identification URI as defined in [IDFF12BP].
- 494 • IntroductionNotificationProtocolProfile of URI type describes the profile of this protocol supported  
495 by the identity provider as defined in [IDFF12BP].

496 The schema fragment for IDPDescriptor:

```

497 <xs:complexType name="IDPDescriptorType">
498   <xs:complexContent>
499     <xs:extension base="providerDescriptorType">
500       <xs:sequence>
501         <xs:element name="SingleSignOnServiceURL" type="xs:anyURI"/>
502         <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" name="SingleSignOnProtocolProfile" type="xs:anyURI"/>
503         <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0"
504           name="IntroductionNotificationProtocolProfile" type="xs:anyURI"/>
505       </xs:sequence>
506     </xs:extension>
507   </xs:complexContent>
508 </xs:complexType>
509
510

```

#### 511 2.2.4.5.1. IDPDescriptor Example

512 [Need Example]

#### 513 2.2.4.6. EntityDescriptor element

514 The element EntityDescriptor is used to contain one or more descriptor types for a given organization. Publishers  
515 MUST NOT convey metadata for other unaffiliated organizations within this node. Representations of multiple,

516 unaffiliated providers within a single instance document MUST be done using the plural node form EntitiesDescriptor  
517 (Section 2.2.4.7) instead. Publishers MUST publish all relevant roles in this single document, or indirectly through  
518 AdditionalMetaLocation.

519 Note that it is possible for a single organization to be represented by more than one providerID, by indicating  
520 different providerID attributes for each entity descriptor.

521 EntityDescriptor may contain **either**: zero or more IDPDescriptors and zero or more SPDescriptors, **or**  
522 exactly one AffiliationDescriptor followed by any of: ContactPerson, Organization, ds:Signature,  
523 and Extension.

524 Attributes for EntityDescriptor:

- 525 • id [optional] fragment identifier which is required if ds:Signature is present.
- 526 • validUntil The expiration date`Time` of the metadata.
- 527 • cacheDuration The cache duration period for the metadata.

528 Elements contained in EntityDescriptor:

- 529 • IDPDescriptor Metadata describing an entity acting as an Identity Provider.
- 530 • SPDescriptor Metadata describing an entity acting as a Service Provider.
- 531 • AffiliationDescriptor Metadata describing a set of entities identified by their respective providerIDs  
532 collectively referred to as an affiliation [Section 2.2.4.8](#)
- 533 • ContactPerson Contact information for the overall entity (see [Section 2.2.4.2](#)).
- 534 • Organization Organizational information about the entity (see [Section 2.2.4.1](#)).
- 535 • Extension provides extension point for additional entity metadata
- 536 • ds:Signature An XML Signature on the entire entity metadata instance.

537 The schema fragment for EntityDescriptorType:

```
538 <xs:element name="EntityDescriptor" type="entityDescriptorType" />
539 <xs:group name="providerGroup">
540 <xs:sequence>
541 <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="IDPDescriptor" type="IDPDescriptorType" />
542 <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0" name="SPDescriptor" type="SPDescriptorType" />
543 </xs:sequence>
544 </xs:group>
545 <xs:complexType name="entityDescriptorType">
546 <xs:sequence>
547 <xs:choice>
548 <xs:group ref="providerGroup" />
549 <xs:element name="AffiliationDescriptor" type="affiliationDescriptorType" />
550 </xs:choice>
551 <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="ContactPerson" type="contactType" />
552 <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="Organization" type="organizationType" />
553 <xs:element minOccurs="0" ref="Extension" />
554 <xs:element minOccurs="0" ref="ds:Signature" />
555 </xs:sequence>
556 <xs:attribute name="id" type="xs:ID" use="optional" />
557 <xs:attribute ref="validUntil" use="optional" />
558 <xs:attribute ref="cacheDuration" use="optional" />
559 </xs:complexType>
560
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```

#### 564 2.2.4.7. EntitiesDescriptor

565 The element EntitiesDescriptor describes more than one organization in a single instance document. It consists  
566 of 2 or more EntityDescriptors.

567 The schema fragment for EntitiesDescriptor element:

```
568 <xs:element name="EntitiesDescriptor" type="entitiesDescriptorType" />
569 <xs:complexType name="entitiesDescriptorType">
570 <xs:sequence>
571 <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="2" ref="EntityDescriptor" />
572 </xs:sequence>
573 </xs:complexType>
574
575
```

#### 576 2.2.4.8. AffiliationDescriptor

577 The AffiliationDescriptor element describes a group of entities, identified collectively by affiliationID,  
578 as an enumeration of providerID's. The uniqueness constraints for providerID also apply for affiliationID,  
579 such that it MUST be unique across all Liberty entities with which the affiliation expects to interact, including other  
580 affiliations and providers therefore, it MUST NOT be the providerID of any of the members of the affiliation, and  
581 SHOULD be unique across the set of providerID's and affiliationID's with which the affiliation expects to  
582 interact. It is the responsibility of the entity represented by affiliationOwnerID to administer this identifier, and  
583 thus, it's members.

584 AffiliationDescriptor element contains the following attributes:

- 585 • affiliationID [required] the identifier for the affiliation (with identical structure constraints as providerID.  
586 See [Section 2.2.2](#))
- 587 • affiliationOwnerID [required] the providerID of the owner or parent operator of the affiliation, from which,  
588 additional metadata may be derived
- 589 • validUntil The expiration dateTime of the metadata.



590 • `cacheDuration` The cache duration period for the metadata.

591 and the following elements:

592 • `AffiliateMember` [required] One or more providers who are members of the affiliation. The value MUST be a  
593 `providerID` who's metadata MUST be obtained via methods described in [Section 3](#)

594 • `Extension` provides an extension point to convey additional metadata concerning the affiliation

595 • `KeyInfo` [optional] Zero or more public key material reference that is the property of the affiliation. This keying  
596 material SHOULD be separate from the keying material of the `providerID` who may be referenced as the  
597 `affiliateOwnerID` and MAY be used for encryption or signing, as indicated by it's corresponding use attribute.

598 • `ds:Signature` [optional] An XML Signature of the metadata node `AffiliationDescriptor`.

599 The schema fragment for the `AffiliationDescriptor` element:

```
600 <xs:complexType name="affiliationDescriptorType">
601   <xs:sequence>
602     <xs:element maxOccurs="unbounded" name="AffiliateMember" type="entityIDType"/>
603     <xs:element minOccurs="0" ref="Extension"/>
604     <xs:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" name="KeyInfo" type="keyInfoType"/>
605     <xs:element minOccurs="0" ref="ds:Signature"/>
606   </xs:sequence>
607   <xs:attribute name="affiliationID" type="entityIDType" use="required"/>
608   <xs:attribute name="affiliationOwnerID" type="entityIDType" use="required"/>
609   <xs:attribute ref="validUntil" use="optional"/>
610   <xs:attribute ref="cacheDuration" use="optional"/>
611   <xs:attribute name="id" type="xs:ID" use="optional"/>
612 </xs:complexType>
613
614
```

## 3. Publishing the Metadata

Two mechanisms are provided for entities to publish metadata document locations: via the DNS and via a "well-known-location" by directly dereferencing the entities `providerID`.

In either case, when retrieval requires network transport of the document, the transport SHOULD be protected with *TLS/SSL* [RFC2246] as amended by [RFC3546] in order to ensure integrity of the metadata document, as among other information within the document, trust establishment may be based in part on information provided here. Relying parties of this metadata SHOULD process the *TLS/SSL* Certificate presented by the server through normal validation procedures.

Trust establishment of the MetaData will be based on one or more of: DNS signatures (RECOMMENDED), TLS server authentication (RECOMMENDED), and MetaData `ds:Signature` (STRONGLY RECOMMENDED) evaluations. Publishers MAY implement additional trust mechanism, in conjunction with the required suggested server authentication. Additional trust metadata content, if supplied, MUST be placed in the extension points provided.

### 3.1. Instance Publication Forms

If separate documents are used, references to each MUST be made, either through one or more additional `PID2MD` NAPTR record(s), or using the `AdditionalMetaLocation` element within a document which has an associated NAPTR RR, or which is situated at the "well-known location" (see Section 3.3).

### 3.2. Using the DNS to publish metadata location(s)

In order to ensure that all providers have accessible metadata locations, entities are STRONGLY RECOMMENDED to publish their metadata document locations in a zone of their corresponding DNS [DNS]. As *providerIDs* are flexible identifiers, publication and resolution is determined by an entities URI scheme and fully qualified name part of the identifier.

URI locations for metadata will then be derived through queries of the NAPTR Resource Record (RR) as defined in [RFC2915] and [RFC3403].

It is RECOMMENDED that entities publish their resource records in signed zone files using [RFC2535] such that relying parties may establish the validity of the published location and authority of the zone and integrity of the DNS response. If DNS zone signatures are present, relying parties MUST properly validate the signature.

#### 3.2.1. Publication of Metadata locations

Readers are encouraged to read *RFC2915* and [RFC3403] to gain familiarity with this resource record, as this specification makes use of them.

Dynamic Delegation Discovery System (DDDS) [RFC3401] is a general purpose system for the retrieval of information based on an application specific input string and applying well known rules to transform that string until a terminal condition is reached requiring a look up into a application specific defined database or execution of a URL based on the application defined rules. DDDS defines a specific type of definable DNS Resource Record, NAPTR records, for the storage in the DNS of information necessary to apply DDDS rules.

Entities MAY publish separate URL's when the metadata documents need to be distributed, or where different metadata documents are required due to multiple Authentication Domain memberships which require separate keying material, or where service interfaces require separate metadata declarations. This may be accomplished through the use of the optional `AdditionalMetaLocation` attribute in the core or other subordinate metadata document, or through the `regexp` facility and multiple service definition fields in the NAPTR resource record itself.

If `providerID` is a URN, resolution of the `MetadataLocation` proceeds as specified in [RFC3404]. Otherwise, the resolution of the metadata location proceeds as specified in this specification.

656 Following is the application specific descriptions for the DDDS application for the Liberty Metadata resolution  
657 protocols.

### 658 3.2.1.1. Application Unique String

659 Liberty metadata resolution shall begin with the application unique string of `providerID`

### 660 3.2.1.2. First Well Known Rule

661 The "first well-known-rule" for processing Liberty Alliance Metadata resolution is to parse the `providerID` URI and  
662 extract the fully qualified domain name (subexpression 3) as described in section [Section 4.1.1](#)

### 663 3.2.1.3. The Order field

664 The order field indicates the order for processing each NAPTR resource record returned. Publishers MAY provide  
665 multiple NAPTR resource record's which MUST be processed by the resolver application in the order indicated by  
666 this field.

### 667 3.2.1.4. The Preference Field

668 For terminal NAPTR resource record's, the publisher expresses the preferred order of use to the resolving application.  
669 The resolving application MAY ignore this order, in cases where the service field value does not meet the resolvers  
670 requirements (eg: the resource record returns a protocol the application does not support).

### 671 3.2.1.5. The Flag Field

672 Liberty Metadata resolution makes use of two of the "U" flag, which is terminal, and the null value (implying additional  
673 resource record's are to be processed). The "U" flag indicates that the output of the rule is a URI.

### 674 3.2.1.6. The Service Field

675 The Liberty specific service fields shall include:

```
676 servicefield = 1("PID2U" /  
677                 "NID2U") "+" proto  
678                 [*( ":" class) *( ":" servicetype)] proto  
679                 = 1("https" / "uddi") class = 1(  
680                 "entity" / "entitygroup" ) servicetype =  
681                 1(si / "sp" / "idp" /  
682                 "authn" / alphanum ) si = "si"  
683                 [ ":" alphanum] [ ":" endpoint"] alphanum =  
684                 1*32(ALPHA / DIGIT)
```

685 where

- 686 • PID2U resolves a providerID identifier to metadata URL
- 687 • NID2U resolves a nameIdentifier (principal) metadata URL
- 688 • proto describes the retrieval protocol (https or uddi). In the case of UDDI, the resulting URI will be a http(s) URI  
689 referencing a WSDL document.
- 690 • class identifies which indicates whether the referenced metadata document describes a single provider, or multiple.  
691 In the latter case, the referenced document MUST contain the entity defined by `providerID` as a member of a  
692 group of entities within the document itself.

- servicetype allows a publishers to publish service provider, identity provider and service instance metadata locations as separate documents. Resolvers who encounter multiple servicetype declarations will dereference the appropriate URI, depending on which service type required for an operation (eg: a provider operating both and IDP and an SP service, may publish SP and IDP metadata at different locations).
- the si component (with optional endpoint component) allows the publisher to directly publish either the metadata for a service instance as defined by [ID-WSF-Primer], or articulating the soap endpoint (using endpoint

For example:

- PID2U+https:entity - represents the complete entity metadata document via the https protocol
- PID2U+https:entity:si:pip - returns the PIP metadata URL for the entity described by providerID via the https protocol profile
- PID2U+uddi:entity:si:foo - returns the WSDL document location which describes a service instance "foo"
- PID2U+https:entitygroup:idp - returns the metadata for a group of entities, of which providerID is a member. the referenced document describes (one or more) IdPs in the group
- NID2U+https:idp - returns an IDP providerIDs, who can provider authentication services for a principal
- NID2U+https:authn - returns a URL to attempt to authenticate the principal against

### 3.2.1.7. The regex and replacement fields

The expected output after processing the application unique sting through the regex MUST be a valid https URL or UDDI node (http references wsdl document) address.

## 3.2.2. NAPTR Examples

### 3.2.2.1. Provider Metadata NAPTR Examples

Entities publish metadata URLs in the following manner:

```
$ORIGIN provider.biz ;; order pref f service regexp or
replacement IN NAPTR 100 10 "U" PID2U+https:entity
"!^.*$!https://host.provider.biz/some/directory/trust.xml!"
" IN NAPTR 110 10 "U"
PID2U+https:entity:trust
"!^.*$!https://foo.provider.biz:1443/mdtrust.xml!"
" IN NAPTR 125 10 "U"
PID2U+https:" IN NAPTR 110 10 "U"
PID2U+uddi:entity
"!^.*$!https://this.uddi.node.provider.biz/libmd.wsdl"
"
```

### 3.2.2.2. Name identifier examples

Principals employer example.int operates an IDP which may be used by a office supply company to authenticate authorized buyers. The supplier takes users email address buyer@example.int as input to the resolution process, and parses the email address to extract the FQDN (example.int). The employer publishes the following NAPTR in example.int:

```
$ORIGIN example.int. IN NAPTR 100 10 "U"
NID2U+https:authn
"!^([^\+])@(\.)*$!https://serv.example.int:8000/cgi-bin/getmd?\1!"
" IN NAPTR 100 10 "U" NID2U+https:idp
"!^([^\+])@(\.)*$!https://auth.example.int/app/auth?\1"
"
```

---

### 736 3.3. Publication via Well-Known Location

737 Entities MAY publish their metadata documents at a well known location. The core metadata document location in  
738 this profile simply involves directly dereferencing the providerID and obtaining the document directly (or through  
739 schema-specific means of indirection)

740 For well known location documents, the XML document MUST describe the metadata for the **providerID** entity only.  
741 If other entities need to be described, the **AdditionalMetaLocation** MUST be used. Thus the **entitiesDescriptor**  
742 MUST NOT be used in documents published at a well know location, since entities as a group, are not defined by such  
743 an identifier.

## 4. Metadata Resolution and Retrieval

Metadata publication is provided for in two fashions: via a "well-known-location" and via queries on the DNS. Both mechanisms depend upon the processing of the `providerID` element (see [Section 3]), which is the primary identifier for Liberty-enabled entities.

The `providerID`, is defined as a restricted form of `anyURI` Section 2.2.2, therefore, shall be parsed as in Section 4.1.1 for these resolution profiles.

### 4.1. Resolving Locations and Retrieving Metadata

The summarized steps for retrieving metadata from a given `providerID` is as follows:

- (optionally) attempt locating the metadata document(s) via the *well known location* profile by directly dereferencing the `providerID` (end if a document was located, validated and fulfills metadata requirements for present operations)
- If the `providerID` is a URN, proceed resolution steps as defined in [RFC3404]
- parse the `providerID` to obtain the *FQDN*
- query the DNS for NAPTR resource record's of the `domain` name iteratively until a terminal resource record is returned
- identify which resource record to use based on the service fields, then order fields, then preference fields of the result set
- obtain the document(s) at the provided location(s) as required by the application

#### 4.1.1. Parsing the ProviderID

To initiate the resolution of the location of the target metadata elements, it will be necessary in some cases to decompose the `ProviderID` (expressed as a URI) into one or more atomic elements.

The following regular expression should be used when initiating the decomposition process:

```
^([\^:/?#]+)?/*([\^:/?#]*@)?(([\^/?:#]*\.)*)(([\^/?#:\.]+)\.([\^/?#:\.]+))?(:\d+)?([\^?#]*)(\?[\^#]*)?(\#.*)?$  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
```

Subexpression 3 MUST result in a Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN), which will be the basis for retrieving metadata locations from this zone.

#### 4.1.2. Obtaining metadata via the DNS

Upon completion of the parsing of the `providerID`, the application then performs a DNS query for resulting domain (subexpression 5), for NAPTR resource record's, for which it should expect 1 or more responses. Applications MAY exclude from the result set any service definitions which do not concern the present request operations.

Resolving applications MUST then order the result set according to the order field, and MAY order the result set based on the preference set. Resolvers are NOT REQUIRED to follow the ordering of the preferences field.

The resulting NAPTR resource record(s) are operated on iteratively (based on the order flag), until a terminal NAPTR resource record is reached.

780 The result will be a well formed, fully qualified URL, which will then be used to retrieve the metadata document.

#### 781 **4.1.2.1. Post Processing Operations**

782 When service specific metadata is sought, resolvers MAY filter the NAPTR result set based on more specific resource  
783 record's with service identifiers which match the service(s) sought.

#### 784 **4.1.3. Obtaining Metadata via the "Well-Known Location method"**

785 Consumers of published metadata MAY attempt retrieval via the well-known-location method by directly dereferenc-  
786 ing the providerID.

787 Other forms of well-known location MAY be agreed upon by a group of Liberty entities, however, it is STRONGLY  
788 SUGGESTED that publication in the DNS be employed as well, to allow for interactions with other Liberty  
789 implementations.

790 The resulting XML document MUST describe the metadata for the **providerID** entity only. If other entities need to  
791 be described, the **AdditionalMetaLocation** MUST be used.

792 There may be only one location, although this document MAY point to other document locations using the  
793 **AdditionalMetaLocation** element.

## 794 5. Post Processing of the Metadata document

### 795 5.1. Processing of ds:Signature and general trust processing

796 Metadata processing provides several mechanisms for trust negotiation for both the metadata itself and the trust  
797 ascribed to the entity described by such metadata:

- 798 • Trust derived from the signature of the zone from which the metadata location URI was resolved, ensuring accuracy  
799 of the metadata document location(s)
- 800 • Trust derived from signature processing of the metadata document itself, ensuring the integrity of the XML  
801 document
- 802 • Trust derived from the SSL/TLS negotiation of the metadata delivery URI, ensuring the identity of the publisher  
803 of the metadata

804 Post processing of the metadata document MUST include the signature processing at the XML-document level  
805 and MAY include one of the other two processes. Specifically, the relying party MAY choose to trust any of the  
806 cited authorities in the resolution and parsing process. Publishers of metadata MUST employ a document-integrity  
807 mechanism and MAY employ any of the other two processing profiles to establish trust of the subject of the metadata  
808 document, governed by implementation policies.

#### 809 5.1.1. Processing signed DNS zones

810 Verification of zone signature SHOULD be processed, if present, as described in [\[RFC2535\]](#)

#### 811 5.1.2. Processing signed documents and fragments

812 Published metadata documents SHOULD be signed, as described in [\[XMLDSIG\]](#), either by a certificate issued to the  
813 subject of the document, or by another trusted party. Publishers can consider signatures of other parties as a means of  
814 trust conveyance.

815 Consumers MUST validate signatures, when present, on the metadata document on initial retrieval as described by  
816 [\[XMLDSIG\]](#).

#### 817 5.1.3. Processing Server Authentication in MetaData Retrieval via TLS/SSL

818 It is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that publishers implement TLS URL's, therefore consumers SHOULD consider  
819 the trust inherited from the issuer of the TLS/SSL certificate. Since publication URLs may not always be located in the  
820 domain of the provider of the subject of the metadata document, consumers SHOULD NOT expect certificates whose  
821 subject is the provider, as it may be hosted at another trusted party.

822 Also, since the basis of this trust may not be available against a cached document, other mechanisms SHOULD be  
823 used under such circumstances.

## 824 5.2. Metadata Location and Document Caching

825 Location caching based on DNS profiles MUST NOT exceed the TTL of the DNS zone from which the location was  
826 derived. Resolvers MUST obtain a fresh copy of the MetaData location upon reaching the expiration of the TTL of  
827 the zone.

828 Publishers of Metadata documents should carefully consider the TTL of the zone when making updates to its metadata  
829 document location. Should such a location change occur, publishers MUST either keep the document at both the old



830 and new location until all conforming resolvers are certain to have the updated location (eg: time of zone change +  
831 TTL), or provide an HTTP Redirect [RFC2616] to the new location.

832 Document caching MUST NOT exceed the `validUntil` attribute of the subject element(s) and the `cacheDuration`  
833 attribute. If fragments have parents which contain caching policies, the parent fragment ALWAYS takes precedence.

834 Consumers MUST retain the `dateTime` when the document was retrieved, in order to properly process the  
835 `cacheDuration` attributes on fragments and documents.

836 When a document or fragment has expired, the consumer MUST retrieve a fresh copy, which may require a refresh of  
837 the document location(s). Consumers SHOULD process document cache processing according to [RFC2616] section  
838 13, and MAY request the Last-Modified `dateTime` from the HTTPS server. Publishers SHOULD ensure acceptable  
839 cache processing as described in [RFC2616] (Section 10.3.5 304 Not Modified)

### 840 **5.3. Handling of HTTPS Redirects**

841 Publishers MAY issue an HTTP Redirect (301 Moved Permanently, or 307 Temporary Redirect) [RFC2616], and user  
842 agents MUST follow the specified URL in the Redirect response.

843 Redirects SHOULD be to a TLS/SSL protected resource, and SHOULD be of the same protocol as the initial request.

## 844 **6. Security Considerations**

### 845 **6.1. Trust Establishment**

846 Cryptographic signatures are used to establish identity and tamper evidence in several locations within the metadata  
847 specification. While valid signatures convey some level of trust in the resulting document, extreme care should be  
848 taken as to the validity of the URIs described within the document itself. Relying parties should carefully inspect  
849 agreements and statements made by the signing authorities of the subject certificates or keys.

## 7. MetaData XSD

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xs:schema attributeFormDefault="unqualified" elementFormDefault="qualified"
  targetNamespace="urn:liberty:metadata:2003-08" xmlns="urn:liberty:metadata:2003-08"
  xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#" xmlns:saml="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <!--
  $Id: lib-arch-metadata.xsd,v 1.3 2003/07/25 22:41:52 pdavis Exp $
  FROM: draft-arch-metadata-schema.xsd,v 1.12 2003/06/16 15:48:13 jkemp Exp
  Author: Peter Davis
  Last editor: $Author: pdavis $
  $Date: 2003/07/25 22:41:52 $
  $Revision: 1.3 $
  -->
  <xs:import namespace="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#" schemaLocation="http://www.w3.org/TR/xmldsig-core/xmldsig-core-schema.xsd"/>
  <xs:import namespace="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion" schemaLocation="http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/security/doc/SAML-schema.xsd"/>
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988     artifactResponse
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990     registerNameIdentifierResponse
991     federationTerminationRequest
992     federationTerminationResponse
993     singleLogoutRequest
994     singleLogoutResponse
995     nameIdentifierMappingRequest
996     nameIdentifierMappingResponse
997     introductionNotificationRequest
998     introductionNotificationResponse
999     providerRelationshipTerminationRequest
1000     providerRelationshipTerminationResponse
1001   -->

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