

Confusa: technical intro  
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# First things first - about:henrik

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Presentations is not my cup of tea – ask questions!

# about:Confusa

- Map Federated identities to Grid-compatible X.509 certificates
- Fast (< 1 min)
- Secure
- Attributes will always be updated
- Started as a port of Swiss SLCS, will end up as an SLCS/MICS setup
- Moved to php and pure web-interface (simpleSAMLphp and Feide policy)
- <https://slctest.uninett.no/slcsweb/>

# Attributes

- ePPN (eduPersonPrincipalName)  
Unique attribute within a federation
- Full Name
- E-mail
- We deduce country based on federation
- Resulting subject:

/C=NO/O=Nor dugr id/OU=Nor dugr id/CN=henr ikau@un inet t .no

# SLCS & MICS compliance

- Never re-issue certificates (for both SLCS and MICS)
- Unique CN in DN (ePPN)
- 2 separate 'CA-profiles' for SLCS and MICS based on attribute
- Dedicated CA with HSM (FIPS-140 lvl 3)

# Secure

- Attributes are always updated
- Guaranteed unique CN (ePPN)
- SSO is stopped – user must always authenticate before using Confusa
- All coms via SSL
- CSR and Cert. Stored for limited time
- Monitor number of CSRs uploaded from single address (block abusive clients for approx 15mins)

# Agile

- We test fields of uploaded CSRs
- Tailor scripts for users
- Changes can be implemented fast  
(worst-case: user must download new script)

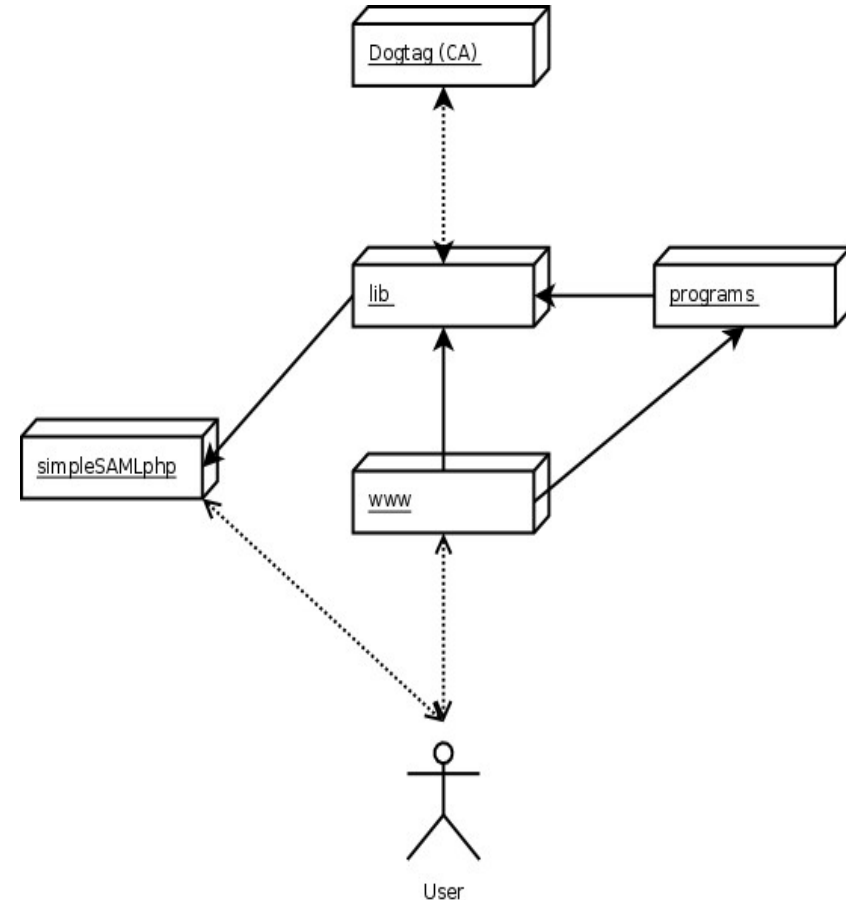
# Current 'Members'

- Feide: Feb. '08
- Surfnet: Aug. '08
- DK-AAI: Sept. '08
- HAKA: Nov. '08
- Sweden: delayed (due to non-saml2)



# Confusa setup

- SimpleSAMLphp handles all authN, integration with other Federations
- Browser handles redirect, SAML-header magic
- Client creates key and CSR
- **We** verify AuthN, compare attribs and create CMC for CA to sign



# Steps

0. User downloads tailored script (need AuthN) [www]
1. Create key+CSR [script]
2. Upload CSR (part of step 1) [script]
3. Approve CSR for signing (req. AuthN) [www]
4. Download certificate [script, www, email]

# Demo

Tell Henrik to stop – this is where he's supposed to demo Confusa for you ;-)

# Further work

- One, single, integrated (user)step
- CRLs (required, plans ready)
- Differentiate between SLCS and MICS
- Test system (NorStore-test, [grid1.uninett.no](http://grid1.uninett.no))
- Expand setup, collect user experience
- Add CA info to ARC-base (part of accred.)

# Obtain source

- Via git:

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git clone git://github.com/henrikau/conufsa.git  
git clone git://git.assembla.com/confusa.git
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- Via package:

<http://www.assembla.com/spaces/confusa/documents>

# Thank you – I'm done!

- Project site: <http://www.confusa.org>
- Help: [confusa-help@confusa.org](mailto:confusa-help@confusa.org)
- Dev: [confusa-dev@confusa.org](mailto:confusa-dev@confusa.org)
- PoC: <https://slctest.uninett.no/slcsweb/>

