

Service Provider Virtualization

Running multiple SPs on a single host



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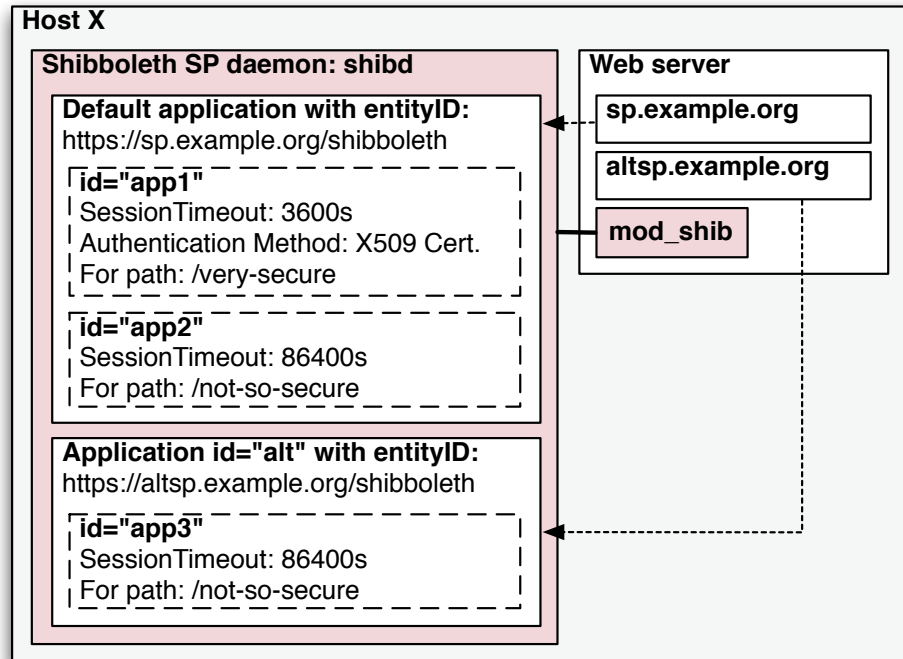
Physical vs. logical SP

A single physical SP can host any number of logical SPs

- A logical SP can then include any number of “applications”
- Applications can be configured on a per-path or per-virtual-host basis
- Web virtual hosting is often related but is also independent
- Applications can inherit or override default configuration settings on a piecemeal basis

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Multiple applications and domains on a single host



shibboleth2.xml configuration

Add an **ApplicationOverride** element for each logical SP, and specify its own **CredentialResolver**:

```
<ApplicationDefaults id="default" policyId="default" ... >
  ...
  <ApplicationOverride id="altsp"
    entityID="https://altsp#.example.org/shibboleth">
    <CredentialResolver type="File"
      key="/etc/shibboleth/altsp-key.pem"
      certificate="/etc/shibboleth/altsp-cert.pem"/>
  </ApplicationOverride>
</ApplicationDefaults>
```

Note: when adding a customized **Sessions** element to the **ApplicationOverride**, be sure to spell out *all* its attributes (inheritance from **ApplicationDefaults** is disabled as soon as a **Sessions** element is present).

Apache httpd configuration

Define an additional `VirtualHost` for the logical SP, and map it to the respective `ApplicationOverride` from `shibboleth2.xml`:

```
<VirtualHost *:443>
  ServerName altsp#.example.org:443
  ...

  <Location />
    ShibRequestSetting applicationId altsp
  </Location>

</VirtualHost>
```

Recommendations

- use separate Apache `VirtualHosts` / IIS sites to run multiple, but distinct AAI-protected resources on a single host (avoid path-based separation of applications)
- define separate entity IDs for each resource, and create key pairs (self-signed certificates) for each of them
- register and manage each resource / logical SP in the AAI RR as a separate entity with its respective attribute requirements
- Further reading:
<https://wiki.shibboleth.net/confluence/display/SHIB2/NativeSPApplicationOverride>