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41 this profile: 1) use of SAML 2.0 Attribute Assertions with XACML, including the use of SAML  
42 Attribute Assertions in a SOAP Header to convey Attributes that can be consumed by an XACML  
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44 and authorization decision responses, 3) use of SAML to carry XACML policies, policy queries,  
45 and policy query responses, 4) use of XACML authorization decisions or policies as Advice in  
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# 1 Introduction

[Except for schema fragments, all text is normative unless otherwise indicated.]

*Non-normative through Section 1.4*

The OASIS eXtensible Access Control Markup Language [XACML] is a powerful, standard language that specifies schemas for authorization policies and for authorization decision requests and responses. It also specifies how to evaluate policies against requests to compute a response. A brief non-normative overview of XACML is available in [XACMLIntro].

The non-normative XACML usage model assumes that a Policy Enforcement Point (PEP) is responsible for protecting access to one or more resources. When a resource access is attempted, the PEP sends a description of the attempted access to a Policy Decision Point (PDP) in the form of an authorization decision request. The PDP evaluates this request against its available policies and attributes and produces an authorization decision that is returned to the PEP. The PEP is responsible for enforcing the decision.

In producing its description of the access request, the PEP may obtain attributes from on-line Attribute Authorities (AA) or from Attribute Repositories into which AAs have stored attributes. The PDP (or, more precisely, its Context Handler component) may augment the PEP's description of the access request with additional attributes obtained from AAs or Attribute Repositories.

The PDP may obtain policies from on-line Policy Administration Points (PAP) or from Policy Repositories into which PAPs have stored policies.

XACML itself defines the content of some of the messages necessary to implement this model, but deliberately confines its scope to the language elements used directly by the PDP and does not define protocols or transport mechanisms. Full implementation of the usage model depends on use of other standards to specify assertions, protocols, and transport mechanisms. XACML also does not specify how to implement a Policy Enforcement Point, Policy Administration Point, Attribute Authority, Context Handler, or Repository, but XACML artifacts can serve as a standard format for exchanging information between these entities when combined with other standards.

One standard suitable for providing the assertion and protocol mechanisms needed by XACML is the OASIS Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML), Version 2.0 [SAML]. SAML defines schemas intended for use in requesting and responding with various types of security assertions. The SAML schemas include information needed to identify, validate, and authenticate the contents of the assertions, such as the identity of the assertion issuer, the validity period of the assertion, and the digital signature of the assertion. The SAML specification describes how these elements are to be used. In addition, SAML has associated specifications that define bindings to other standards. These other standards provide transport mechanisms and specify how digital signatures should be created and verified.

## 1.1 Organization of this Profile

This Profile defines how to use SAML 2.0 to protect, store, transport, request, and respond with XACML schema instances and other information needed by an XACML implementation. The remaining Sections of this Profile describe the following aspects of SAML 2.0 usage.

Section 2 describes how to use SAML Attributes in an XACML system. It describes the use of the following elements:

1. `<saml:Attribute>` – A standard SAML element that MAY be used in an XACML system for storing and transmitting attribute values. The `<saml:Attribute>` must be at least conceptually transformed into an `<xacml-context:Attribute>` before it can be used in an XACML Request Context.

- 196 2. <saml:AttributeStatement> – A standard SAML element that MUST be used to hold  
197 <saml:Attribute> instances in an XACML system.
- 198 3. <saml:Assertion> – A standard SAML element that MUST be used to hold  
199 <saml:AttributeStatement> instances in an XACML system, either in an Attribute  
200 Repository or in a SAML Attribute Response. The <saml:Assertion> contains information  
201 that is required in order to transform a <saml:Attribute> into an <xacml-  
202 context:Attribute>. An instance of such a <saml:Assertion> element is called a SAML  
203 Attribute Assertion in this Profile.
- 204 4. <samlp:AttributeQuery> – A standard SAML protocol element that MAY be used by an  
205 XACML PDP or PEP to request <saml:Attribute> instances from an Attribute Authority for  
206 use in an XACML Request Context.
- 207 5. <samlp:Response> – A standard SAML protocol element that MUST be used to return SAML  
208 Attribute Assertions in response to a <samlp:AttributeQuery> in an XACML system. An  
209 instance of such a <samlp:Response> element is called a SAML Attribute Response in this  
210 Profile.

211 Section 3 describes ways to convey XACML Attributes in a SOAP message.

212 Section 4 describes the use of SAML in requesting, responding with, storing, and transmitting  
213 authorization decisions in an XACML system. The following types and elements are described:

- 214 1. `xacml-saml:XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType` – A new SAML extension type defined  
215 in this Profile that MAY be used in an XACML system to create XACMLAuthzDecision  
216 Statements that hold XACML authorization decisions for storage or transmission.
- 217 2. <saml:Statement> – A standard SAML element that MUST be used to contain instances of  
218 the <xacml-saml:XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType>. An instance of such a  
219 <saml:Statement> element is called an XACMLAuthzDecision Statement in this Profile.
- 220 3. <saml:Assertion> – A standard SAML element that MUST be used to hold  
221 XACMLAuthzDecision Statements in an XACML system, either in a repository or in a  
222 XACMLAuthzDecision Response. An instance of such a <saml:Assertion> element is called  
223 an XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion in this Profile.
- 224 4. <xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery> – A new SAML extension protocol element  
225 defined in this Profile that MAY be used by a PEP to request an authorization decision from an  
226 XACML PDP.
- 227 5. <samlp:Response> – A standard SAML protocol element that MUST be used to return  
228 XACMLAuthzDecision Assertions from an XACML PDP in response to an <xacml-  
229 samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>. An instance of such a <samlp:Response> element  
230 is called an XACMLAuthzDecision Response in this Profile.

231 Section 5 describes the use of SAML in requesting, responding with, storing, and transmitting XACML  
232 policies. The following types and elements are described:

- 233 1. `xacml-saml:XACMLPolicyStatementType` – A new SAML extension type defined in this  
234 Profile that MAY be used in an XACML system to create XACMLPolicy Statements that hold  
235 XACML policies for storage or transmission.
- 236 2. <saml:Statement> – A standard SAML element that MUST be used to contain instances of  
237 the `xacml-saml:XACMLPolicyStatementType`. An instance of such a <saml:Statement>  
238 element is called an XACMLPolicy Statement in this Profile.

- 239 3. <saml:Assertion> – A standard SAML element that MUST be used to hold XACMLPolicy  
240 Statement instances in an XACML system, either in a repository or in an XACMLPolicy  
241 Response. An instance of such a <saml:Assertion> element is called an XACMLPolicy  
242 Assertion in this Profile.
- 243 4. <xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery> – A new SAML extension protocol element defined in  
244 this Profile that MAY be used by a PDP or other application to request XACML policies from a  
245 Policy Administration Point (PAP).
- 246 5. <samlp:Response> – A standard SAML protocol element that MUST be used to return  
247 XACMLPolicy Assertions in response to an <xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>. An  
248 instance of such a <samlp:Response> element is called an XACMLPolicy Response in this  
249 Profile.

250 Section 6 describes the use of XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion and XACMLPolicy Assertion instances  
251 as advice in other SAML Assertions. The following element is described:

- 252 1. <saml:Advice> – A standard SAML element that MAY be used to convey XACMLPolicy  
253 Assertions or XACMLAuthzDecision Assertions as advice in other <saml:Assertion>  
254 instances.

255 Section 7 describes the use of XACMLAuthzDecision Assertions as authorization tokens in a SOAP  
256 message exchange.

257 Section 8 describes recommended non-normative SAML metadata for use with these XACML-related  
258 protocols.

259 Section 9 describes requirements for conformance with various aspects of this Profile.

## 260 1.2 Diagram of SAML integration with XACML

261 Figure 1 illustrates the XACML use model and the messages that can be used to communicate between  
262 the various components. Not all components or messages will be used in every implementation. Not  
263 shown, but described in this Profile, is the ability to use an XACMLPolicy Assertion or an  
264 XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion in a <saml:Advice> instance.



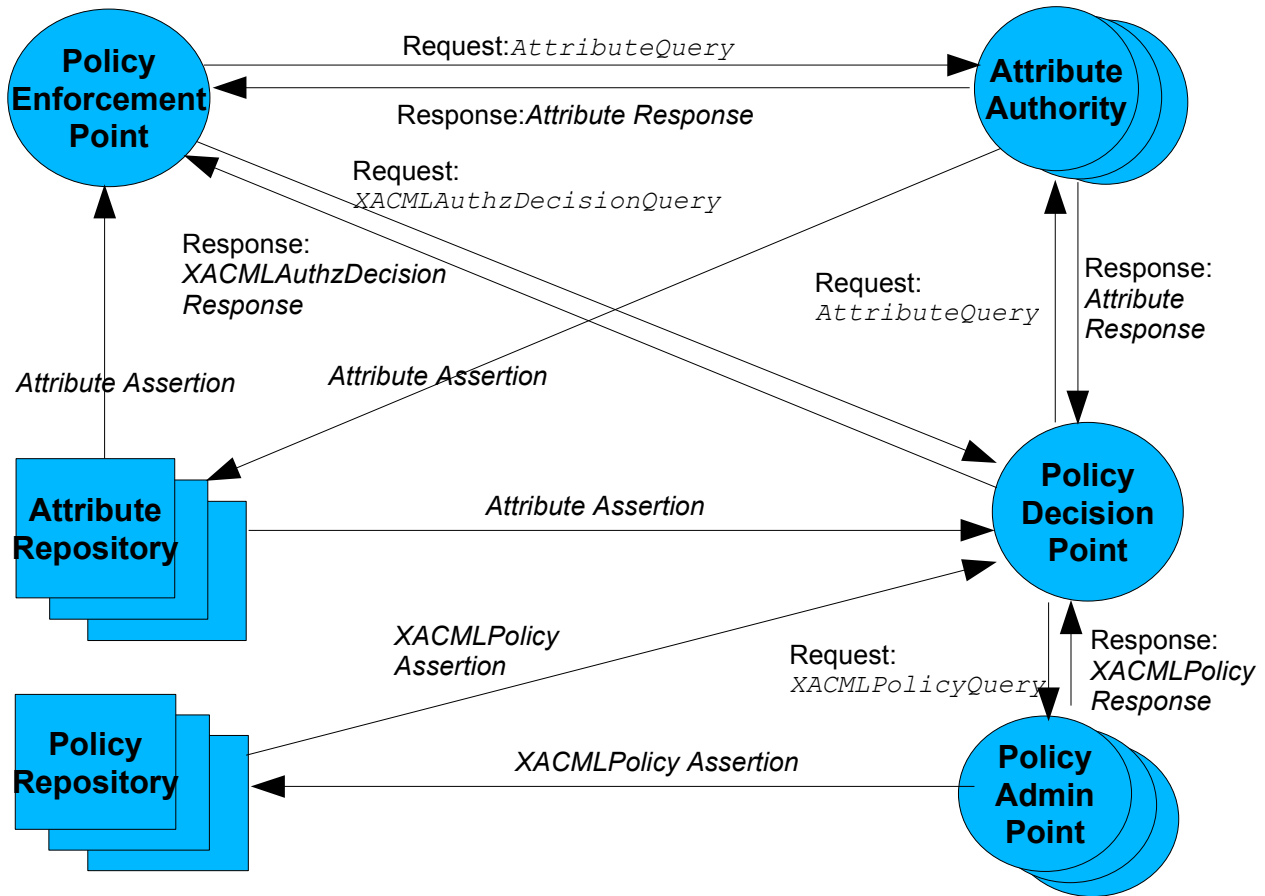


Figure 1: Components and messages in a integration of SAML with XACML

265 This Profile describes all these message elements, and describes how to use them, along with other  
 266 aspects of using SAML with XACML.

### 267 1.3 Backwards compatibility

268 This Profile requires no changes or extensions to XACML, but does define extensions to SAML. The  
 269 Profile may be used with XACML 1.0 , 1.1, 2.0, or 3.0. Separate versions of the Profile schemas are  
 270 used with each version of XACML as described in Section 1.5.

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### 272 1.4 Terminology

273 The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD  
 274 NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this specification are to be interpreted as  
 275 described in IETF RFC 2119 [RFC 2119]

276 **AA** – Attribute Authority. An entity that binds attributes to identities. Such a binding may be expressed  
 277 using a SAML Attribute Assertion with the Attribute Authority as the issuer.

278 **Attribute** - In this Profile, the term "Attribute", when the initial letter is capitalized, may refer to either an  
 279 XACML Attribute or to a SAML Attribute. The term will always be preceded with the type of Attribute  
 280 intended.

- 281 • An XACML Attribute is a typed name/value pair, with other optional information, specified using an  
282 `<xacml-context:Attribute>` instance. An XACML Attribute is associated with an entity or topic  
283 identity by the XACML Attribute's position within a particular Attribute group in the XACML Request.
- 284 • A SAML Attribute is a name/value pair, with other optional information, specified using a  
285 `<saml:Attribute>` instance. A SAML Attribute is associated with a particular subject by its  
286 inclusion in a SAML Attribute Assertion that contains a `<saml:Subject>` instance. The SAML  
287 Subject may correspond to any XACML Attribute group.

288 **Attribute group** – In this Profile, the term “Attribute group” is used to describe a collection of XACML  
289 Attributes in an XACML Request Context that are associated with a particular entity. In XACML 1.0, 1.1,  
290 and 2.0, there is a fixed number of such collections, called Subject Attributes, Resource Attributes,  
291 Action Attributes, and Environment Attributes. In XACML 3.0, the number and identifiers of such  
292 collections is extensible, but there are standard identifiers that correspond to the fixed collections defined  
293 in previous versions of XACML.

294 **attribute** – In this Profile, the term “attribute”, when not capitalized, refers to a generic attribute or  
295 characteristic unless it is preceded by the term “XML”. An “XML attribute” is a syntactic component in  
296 XML that occurs inside the opening tag of an XML element.

297 **Attribute Assertion** – A `<saml:Assertion>` instance that contains a  
298 `<saml:AttributeStatement>` instance.

299 **Attribute Response** – A `<samlp:Response>` instance that contains a SAML Attribute Assertion.

300 **PAP** – Policy Administration Point. An abstract entity that issues authorization policies that are used by  
301 a Policy Decision Point (PDP).

302 **PDP** - Policy Decision Point. An abstract entity that evaluates an authorization decision request against  
303 one or more policies to produce an authorization decision.

304 **PEP** – Policy Enforcement Point. An abstract entity that enforces access control for one or more  
305 resources. When a resource access is attempted, a PEP sends an access request describing the  
306 attempted access to a PDP. The PDP returns an access decision that the PEP then enforces.

307 **policy** – A set of rules indicating the conditions under which an access is permitted or denied. XACML  
308 has two different schema elements used for policies: `<xacml:Policy>` and `<xacml:PolicySet>`. An  
309 `<xacml:PolicySet>` is a collection of other `<xacml:Policy>` and `<xacml:PolicySet>` elements.  
310 An `<xacml:Policy>` contains actual access control rules.

311 **XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion** – A `<saml:Assertion>` instance that contains an  
312 XACMLAuthzDecision Statement.

313 **XACMLAuthzDecision Response** – A `<samlp:Response>` instance that contains an  
314 XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion.

315 **XACMLAuthzDecision Statement** – A `<saml:Statement>` instance that is of type `xacml-`  
316 `saml:XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType`.

317 **XACMLPolicy Assertion** – A `<saml:Assertion>` instance that contains an XACMLPolicy Statement.

318 **XACMLPolicy Response** – A `<samlp:Response>` instance that contains an XACMLPolicy Assertion.

319 **XACMLPolicy Statement** – A `<saml:Statement>` instance that is of type `xacml-`  
320 `saml:XACMLPolicyStatementType`.

## 321 1.5 Namespaces

322 *Normative*

323 The following namespace prefixes are used in the schema fragments:

Prefix	Namespace
xacml	The XACML policy namespace.
xacml-context	The XACML context namespace.
xacml-saml	XACML extensions to the SAML 2.0 Assertion schema namespace.
xacml-samlp	XACML extensions to the SAML 2.0 Protocol schema namespace.
xacml-samlm	urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:schema:metadata
saml	urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:assertion
samlp	urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:protocol
md	urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:metadata
ds	http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#
xsi	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance
wsse	http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd or http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.1.xsd

324 This Profile is written for use with XACML 1.0 [XACML1], 1.1 [XACML 1.1], 2.0 [XACML2], or 3.0  
 325 [XACML3]. Depending on the version of XACML being used, the xacml, xacml-context, xacml-  
 326 saml, and xacml-samlp namespace prefixes have the following values in the schemas:

327 XACML 1.0:

```
328 xacml="urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:policy"
329 xacml-context="urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:context"
330 xacml-saml=
331 "urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:schema:assertion"
332 xacml-samlp=
333 "urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:schema:protocol"
```

335 XACML 1.1:

```
336 xacml="urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:policy"
337 xacml-context="urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:context"
338 xacml-
339 saml="urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.1:profile:saml2.0:v2:schema:assertion"
340 xacml-
341 samlp="urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.1:profile:saml2.0:v2:schema:protocol"
```

343 XACML 2.0:

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344 xacml="urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:2.0:policy:schema:os"
345 xacml-context="urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:2.0:context:schema:os"
346 xacml-
347 saml="urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:2.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:schema:assertion"
348 xacml-
349 samlp="urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:2.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:schema:protocol"
```

351 XACML 3.0:  
 352     xacml="urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:schema:os"  
 353     xacml-context="urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:schema:os"

354         NOTE: XACML 3.0 uses a single schema for both policies and context.  
 355     xacml-  
 356     saml="urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:schema:assertion"  
 357     xacml-  
 358     sampl="urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:schema:protocol"

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## 2 Attributes

392 In an XACML system, PEPs and PDP Context Handlers often need to retrieve attributes from on-line  
393 Attribute Authorities or from Attribute Repositories. SAML provides assertion and protocol elements that  
394 MAY be used for retrieval of attributes for use in an XACML Request Context. These elements include a  
395 `<saml:Attribute>` element for expressing a named attribute value, a  
396 `<saml:AttributeStatement>` for holding a collection of `<saml:Attribute>` elements, and a  
397 `<saml:Assertion>` element that can hold various kinds of statements, including a  
398 `<saml:AttributeStatement>`. A `<saml:Assertion>` instance containing a  
399 `<saml:AttributeStatement>` is called a SAML Attribute Assertion in this Profile. A SAML Attribute  
400 Assertion includes the name of the attribute issuer, an optional digital signature for authenticating the  
401 attribute, an optional subject identity to which the attribute is bound, and optional conditions for use of the  
402 assertion that may include a validity period during which the attribute is to be considered valid. Such an  
403 assertion is suitable for storing attributes in an Attribute Repository, for transmitting attributes between an  
404 Attribute Authority and an Attribute Repository, and for transmitting attributes between an Attribute  
405 Repository and a PEP or XACML Context Handler. For querying an on-line Attribute Authority for  
406 attributes, and for holding the response to that query, SAML defines `<samlp:AttributeQuery>` and  
407 `<samlp:Response>` elements. In this Profile, an instance of such a `<samlp:Response>` element is  
408 called a SAML Attribute Response. This Section describes the use of these SAML elements in an  
409 XACML system.

410 Since the format of a `<saml:Attribute>` differs from that of an `<xacml-context:Attribute>`, a  
411 mapping operation is required. This Section describes how to transform information contained in a  
412 SAML Attribute Assertion into one or more `<xacml-context:Attribute>` instances.

### 2.1 Element `<saml:Attribute>`

414 The standard `<saml:Attribute>` element MAY be used in an XACML system for storing and  
415 transmitting attribute values.

416 In order to be used in an XACML Request Context, each `<saml:Attribute>` instance MUST comply  
417 with the *SAML XACML Attribute Profile*, associated with namespace  
418 `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:profiles:attribute:XACML`, in Section 8.5 of the *Profiles for*  
419 *the OASIS Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML 2.0)* [SAML-PROFILE].

#### 2.1.1 Mapping a `<saml:Attribute>` to an `<xacml-context:Attribute>`

421 An `<xacml-context:Attribute>` instance MUST be constructed from the corresponding  
422 `<saml:Attribute>` instance contained in a SAML Attribute Assertion as follows. An XACML  
423 implementation is NOT REQUIRED to instantiate the `<xacml-context:Attribute>` instances  
424 physically so long as the XACML PDP can obtain values for the XACML Attributes as if they had been  
425 instantiated in this way.

- 426 • XACML `AttributeId` XML attribute

427 The fully-qualified value of the `<saml:Attribute>` `Name` XML attribute MUST be used.

- 428 • XACML `DataType` XML attribute

429 The fully-qualified value of the `<saml:Attribute>` `DataType` XML attribute MUST be used. If the  
430 `<saml:Attribute>` `DataType` XML attribute is missing, the XACML `DataType` XML attribute  
431 MUST be `http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string`.

432 • XACML Issuer XML attribute

433 The string value of the `<saml:Issuer>` instance from the SAML Attribute Assertion MUST be used.

434 • `<xacml-context:AttributeValue>`

435 The `<saml:AttributeValue>` value MUST be used as the value of the `<xacml-`  
436 `context:AttributeValue>` instance.

437 Each `<saml:Attribute>` instance MUST be mapped to no more than one `<xacml-`  
438 `context:Attribute>` instance. Not all `<saml:Attribute>` instances in a SAML Attribute Assertion  
439 need to be mapped; a subset of `<saml:Attribute>` instances MAY be selected by a mechanism not  
440 specified in this Profile. The Issuer of the SAML Attribute Assertion MUST be used as the Issuer for  
441 each `<xacml-context:Attribute>` instance that is created from `<saml:Attribute>` instances in  
442 that SAML Attribute Assertion.

443 The `<xacml-context:Attribute>` created from the SAML Attribute Assertion MUST be placed into  
444 the Attribute group of the XACML Request Context that corresponds to the entity that is represented by  
445 the `<saml:Subject>` in the SAML Attribute Assertion.

446 *Non-normative Example:* For example, if the SAML Attribute Assertion `<saml:Subject>` contains  
447 a `<saml:NameIdentifier>` instance, and the value of that `NameIdentifier` matches the value  
448 of the `<xacml-context:Attribute>` having an `AttributeId` of  
449 `urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:resource:resource-id`, then `<xacml-`  
450 `context:Attribute>` instances created from `<saml:Attribute>` instances in that SAML  
451 Attribute Assertion MUST be placed into the `<xacml-context:Resource>` Attribute group or its  
452 corresponding XACML 3.0 Attribute group.

453 If a mapped `<saml:Attribute>` is placed into an `<xacml-context:Subject>` instance, then the  
454 XACML `SubjectCategory` XML attribute MUST also be consistent with the conceptual “subject  
455 category” of the entity that corresponds to the `<saml:Subject>` of the SAML Attribute Assertion that  
456 contained the `<saml:Attribute>`. The `<saml:Subject>` itself is NOT translated into an `<xacml-`  
457 `context:Attribute>` as part of processing a SAML Attribute Assertion; the `<saml:Subject>`  
458 identity is used only to determine the Attribute group in the XACML Request Context to which the  
459 `<saml:Attribute>` values should be added.

460 The mapping MUST be done in such a way that the semantics defined by SAML for the elements in a  
461 SAML Attribute Assertion have been adhered to. The mapping entity need not perform these semantic  
462 checks itself, but the system in which it operates MUST be such that the checks have been done before  
463 any `<xacml:Attribute>` created from a SAML Attribute Assertion is used by an XACML PDP. These  
464 semantic checks include, but are not limited to the following.

465 • Any `NotBefore` and `NotOnOrAfter` XML attributes in the SAML Attribute Assertion MUST be valid  
466 with respect to the `<xacml:Request>` in which the SAML-derived `<xacml:Attribute>` is used.  
467 This means that the XACML Attributes associated with the following `AttributeId` values in the  
468 `<xacml:Request>` MUST represent times and dates that are not before the `NotBefore` XML  
469 attribute value and not on or after the `NotOnOrAfter` XML attribute value:  
470 `urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:environment:current-time`  
471 `urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:environment:current-date`  
472 `urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:environment:current-dateTime`

473 The time period during which SAML Attribute Assertions are considered valid in XACML 3.0 depends  
474 on whether the PDP is configured to retrieve XACML Attributes that were valid at the time a policy  
475 was issued or at the time the policy is being evaluated.

- 476 • The semantics defined by SAML for any `<saml:AudienceRestrictionCondition>` or  
477 `<saml:DoNotCacheCondition>` elements MUST be adhered to.

## 478 **2.2 Element `<saml:AttributeStatement>`**

479 When a `<saml:Attribute>` instance is stored or transmitted in an XACML system, the instance MUST  
480 be enclosed in a standard SAML `<saml:AttributeStatement>`. The definition and use of the  
481 `<saml:AttributeStatement>` element MUST be as described in the SAML 2.0 standard [SAML].

## 482 **2.3 Element `<saml:Assertion>`: SAML Attribute Assertion**

483 When a `<saml:AttributeStatement>` instance is stored or transmitted in an XACML system, the  
484 instance MUST be enclosed in a `<saml:Assertion>`. An instance of such a `<saml:Assertion>`  
485 element is called a SAML Attribute Assertion in this Profile.

486 When used as a SAML Attribute Assertion in an XACML system, the definition and use of the  
487 `<saml:Assertion>` element MUST be as specified in the SAML 2.0 standard, augmented with the  
488 following requirements. Except as specified here, this Profile imposes no requirements or restrictions on  
489 the SAML Attribute Assertion element and its contents beyond those specified in SAML 2.0.

490 `<saml:Issuer>` [Required]

491 The `<saml:Issuer>` element is a required element for holding information about “the SAML  
492 authority that is making the claim(s) in the assertion” [SAML].

493 In order to support 3<sup>rd</sup> party digital signatures, this Profile does NOT require that the identity provided  
494 in the `<saml:Issuer>` element refer to the entity that signs the SAML Attribute Assertion.. It is up  
495 to the relying party to determine whether it has an appropriate trust relationship with the authority  
496 that signs the SAML Attribute Assertion.

497 When a SAML Attribute Assertion containing a `<saml:Attribute>` is used to construct an  
498 `<xacml-context:Attribute>`, the string value of the `<saml:Issuer>` instance MUST be used  
499 as the value of the `<xacml-context:Attribute>` Issuer XML attribute, so the  
500 `<saml:Issuer>` value SHOULD be specified with this in mind.

501 `<ds:Signature>` [Optional]

502 The `<ds:Signature>` element is an optional element for holding “An XML Signature that  
503 authenticates the assertion, as described in Section 5 of the SAML 2.0 specification [SAML].”

504 A `<ds:Signature>` instance MAY be used in a SAML Attribute Assertion. In order to support 3<sup>rd</sup>  
505 party digital signatures, this Profile does NOT require that the identity provided in the  
506 `<saml:Issuer>` instance refer to the entity that signs the SAML Attribute Assertion. It is up to the  
507 relying party to determine whether it has an appropriate trust relationship with the authority that signs  
508 the SAML Attribute Assertion.

509 A relying party SHOULD verify any signature included in the SAML Attribute Assertion and SHOULD  
510 NOT use information derived from the SAML Attribute Assertion unless the signature is verified  
511 successfully.

512 `<saml:Subject>` [Optional]

513 The `<saml:Subject>` element is an optional element used for holding “The subject of the  
514 statement(s) in the assertion” [SAML]. Each SAML Attribute Assertion used in an XACML system  
515 MUST contain a `<saml:Subject>` element.



516 In a SAML Attribute Assertion containing a `<saml:Attribute>` that is to be mapped to an  
517 `<xacml-context:Attribute>`, the `<saml:Subject>` instance MUST contain the identity of the  
518 entity to which the `<saml:Attribute>` and its value are bound. For a mapped  
519 `<saml:Attribute>` to be placed in a given XACML Attribute group, this identity SHOULD refer to  
520 the same entity as any XACML Attribute that serves as an entity identifier in the Attribute group. For  
521 example, the `<saml:Subject>` associated with a mapped SAML->XACML Attribute to be  
522 placed in the XACML `<xacml-context:Resource>` Attribute group SHOULD refer to the same  
523 entity as the value of any XACML Attribute having an `AttributeId` of  
524 `urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:resource:resource-id` that occurs in the same `<xacml-`  
525 `context:Resource>` instance. See Section 2.1 for more information.

526 `<saml:Conditions>` [Optional]

527 The `<saml:Conditions>` element is an optional element that is used for “conditions that MUST be  
528 taken into account in assessing the validity of and/or using the assertion” [SAML].

529 The `<saml:Conditions>` instance SHOULD contain `NotBefore` and `NotOnOrAfter` XML  
530 attributes to specify the limits on the validity of the SAML Attribute Assertion. If these XML attributes  
531 are present, the relying party SHOULD ensure that an `<xacml-context:Attribute>` derived  
532 from the SAML Attribute Assertion is used by a PDP for evaluating policies only when the value of  
533 the `<xacml-context:Attribute>` in the XACML Request Context having an `AttributeId` of  
534 `urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:environment:current-dateTime` is contained within the  
535 SAML Attribute Assertion's specified validity period. The time period during which SAML Attribute  
536 Assertions are considered valid in XACML 3.0 depends on whether the PDP is configured to retrieve  
537 XACML Attributes that were valid at the time a policy was issued or at the time the policy is being  
538 evaluated.

## 539 **2.4 Element `<samlp:AttributeQuery>`**

540 The standard SAML `<samlp:AttributeQuery>` element MAY be used in an XACML system by a  
541 PEP or XACML Context Handler to request SAML Attribute Assertions from an on-line Attribute Authority  
542 for use in an XACML Request Context. The definition and use of the `<samlp:AttributeQuery>`  
543 element MUST be as described in the SAML 2.0 standard [SAML].

544 Note that the SAML-defined `ID` XML attribute is a required component of a  
545 `<samlp:AttributeQuery>` and can be used to correlate the `<samlp:AttributeQuery>` with the  
546 corresponding SAML Attribute Response.

## 547 **2.5 Element `<samlp:Response>`: SAML Attribute Response**

548 The response to a `<samlp:AttributeQuery>` MUST be a `<samlp:Response>` instance containing a  
549 SAML Attribute Assertion that holds any `<saml:AttributeStatement>` instances that match the  
550 query. An instance of such a `<samlp:Response>` element is called a SAML Attribute Response in this  
551 Profile. The definition and use of the SAML Attribute Response MUST be as described in the SAML 2.0  
552 standard, augmented with the following requirements. Except as specified here, this Profile imposes no  
553 requirements or restrictions on the SAML Attribute Response and its contents beyond those specified in  
554 SAML 2.0.

555 `<saml:Issuer>` [Optional]

556 The `<saml:Issuer>` element is an optional element that “Identifies the entity that generated the  
557 response message” [SAML].



558 In order to support 3<sup>rd</sup> party digital signatures, this Profile does NOT require that the identity provided  
559 in the `<saml:Issuer>` element refer to the entity that signs the SAML Attribute Response. It is up  
560 to the relying party to determine whether it has an appropriate trust relationship with the authority  
561 that signs the SAML Attribute Response.

562 `<ds:Signature>` [Optional]

563 The `<ds:Signature>` element is an optional element for holding “An XML Signature that  
564 authenticates the responder and provides message integrity” [SAML].

565 A `<ds:Signature>` instance MAY be used in a Attribute Response. In order to support 3<sup>rd</sup> party  
566 digital signatures, this Profile does NOT require that the identity provided in the `<saml:Issuer>`  
567 refer to the entity that signs the SAML Attribute Response. It is up to the relying party to determine  
568 whether it has an appropriate trust relationship with the authority that signs the SAML Attribute  
569 Response .

570 A relying party SHOULD verify any signature included in the SAML Attribute Response and  
571 SHOULD NOT use information derived from the SAML Attribute Response unless the signature is  
572 verified successfully.

573

## 3 Conveying XACML Attributes in a SOAP Message

574 At the time a Web Service is invoked, the service MAY need to determine whether the client is  
575 authorized to invoke the service or to access resources that are involved in the service invocation. A  
576 Web service MAY use an XACML PDP to make such an authorization decision.

577 When a service evaluates an XACML authorization, access control, or privacy policy related to a SOAP  
578 message, it MAY obtain the XACML Attributes required for the evaluation from various sources, including  
579 databases, registries, trusted Attribute Authorities, and so on. This work is done in the application-  
580 dependent XACML Context Handler that provides XACML Attributes to the PDP on request. A Web  
581 Services client or intermediary MAY include XACML `<xacml-context:Attribute>` instances in a  
582 `wsse:Security` SOAP Header for use by this Context Handler. This Section of this Profile describes  
583 two ways in which such `<xacml-context:Attribute>` instances MAY be provided.

### 3.1 `<xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>`

585 The first way in which XACML Attributes MAY be provided to a service is by including an instance of the  
586 `<xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>` (see Section 4.4) in the `wsse:Security` Header of a  
587 SOAP message. This query contains an XACML Request Context that SHOULD contain `<xacml-`  
588 `context:Attribute>` instances related to any resource access that the client will need in order to  
589 interact successfully with the service. The `<xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>` SHOULD  
590 be signed by an entity that the Web Service trusts to authenticate the enclosed `<xacml-`  
591 `context:Attribute>` instances.

592 The Web Service MAY provide the `<xacml-context:Attribute>` instances in such an `<xacml-`  
593 `samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>` to an XACML PDP as part of evaluating XACML policies related  
594 to the Web Service interaction. The service SHOULD verify that the query is signed by an entity that the  
595 service trusts to authenticate the enclosed `<xacml-context:Attribute>` instances. It SHOULD  
596 verify that the `IssueInstant` of the `<xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>` is close enough  
597 the the current time to meet the validity requirements of the service.

### 3.2 SAML Attribute Assertion

599 A second way in which XACML Attributes MAY be provided to a service is in the form of a SAML  
600 Attribute Assertion in the `wsse:Security` Header of a SOAP message. The SAML Attributes contained in  
601 the SAML Attribute Assertion MAY be converted to XACML Attributes as described in Section 2.1 of this  
602 Profile by an XACML Context Handler for use by a PDP associated with the Web Service in evaluating  
603 XACML policies related to the Web Service interaction.

604

## 4 Authorization Decisions

605 XACML defines `<xacml-context:Request>` and `<xacml-context:Response>` elements for  
606 describing an authorization decision request and the corresponding response from a PDP. In many  
607 environments, instances of these elements need to be signed or associated with a validity period in order  
608 to be used in an actual protocol between entities. Although SAML 2.0 defines a rudimentary  
609 `<samlp:AuthzDecisionQuery>` in the SAML Protocol Schema and a rudimentary  
610 `<saml:AuthzDecisionStatement>` in the SAML Assertion Schema, these elements are not able to  
611 convey all the information that an XACML PDP is capable of accepting as part of its Request Context or  
612 conveying as part of its XACML Response Context. In order to allow a PEP to use the SAML protocol  
613 with full support for the XACML Request Context and XACML Response Context syntax, this Profile  
614 defines one SAML extension type and one SAML extension element, and describes how they are used  
615 with other standard SAML elements.

- 616 • `<xacml-saml:XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType>` is a new SAML extension type that  
617 includes an XACML `<xacml-context:Response>` along with other optional information.
- 618 • A `<saml:Statement>` of type `<xacml-saml:XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType>` (defined  
619 using `xsi:type`) MAY be used by a PDP Context Handler to convey an XACML `<xacml-  
620 context:Response>` along with other optional information. An instance of such a  
621 `<saml:Statement>` element is called an XACMLAuthzDecision Statement in this Profile.
- 622 • A `<saml:Assertion>` MUST be used to hold XACMLAuthzDecision Statements. An instance of  
623 such a `<saml:Assertion>` element is called an XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion in this Profile.
- 624 • A `<xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>` is a new SAML extension element that MAY be  
625 used by a PEP to submit an XACML Request Context, along with other optional information, as a  
626 SAML protocol query to an XACML Context Handler.
- 627 • A `<samlp:Response>` containing an XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion MUST be used by an XACML  
628 Context Handler as the response to an `<saml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>`. An instance  
629 of such a `<samlp:Response>` element is called an XACMLAuthzDecision Response in this Profile.

630 This Section defines and describes the usage of these types and elements.. The schemas for the new  
631 type and element are contained in the [XACML-SAML] and [XACML-SAML] schema documents.

### 632 4.1 Type `<xacml-saml:XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType>`

633 The new `<xacml-saml:XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType>` complex type contains an XACML  
634 Response Context along with related information. Use of this type is an alternative to use of the SAML-  
635 defined `<saml:AuthzDecisionStatementType>`; this alternative allows an XACML Context Handler  
636 to use SAML with full support for XACML authorization decisions. An instance of a  
637 `<saml:Statement>` element that is of this type (defined using `xsi:type="xacml-  
638 saml:XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType"`) is called an XACMLAuthzDecision Statement in this  
639 Profile.

```

<complexType name="XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="saml:StatementAbstractType">
      <sequence>
        <element ref="xacml-context:Response"/>
        <element ref="xacml-context:Request" minOccurs="0"/>
      </sequence>
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>

```

640 The `<xacml-saml:XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType>` complex type is an extension to the  
 641 SAML-defined `<saml:StatementAbstractType>`. It contains the following elements:

642 `<xacml-context:Response>` [Required]

643 An XACML Response Context created by an XACML PDP. This Response MAY be the result of  
 644 evaluating an XACML Request Context from an `<xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>`.

645 `<xacml-context:Request>` [Optional]

646 An `<xacml-context:Request>` element containing `<xacml-context:Attribute>` instances  
 647 that were used by the XACML PDP in evaluating policies to obtain the corresponding `<xacml-`  
 648 `context:Response>`.

649 If the XACMLAuthzDecision Statement represents a response to an `<xacml-`  
 650 `samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>`, and if the ReturnContext XML attribute in the `<xacml-`  
 651 `samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>` instance is "true", then this element MUST be included; if  
 652 the ReturnContext XML attribute in the `<xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>`  
 653 instance is "false", then this element MUST NOT be included. See the description of the  
 654 ReturnContext XML attribute in Section 4.4 for a specification of the `<xacml-`  
 655 `context:Attribute>` instances that MUST be returned in this element when it is part of a  
 656 response to an `<xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>`.

657 If the XACMLAuthzDecision Statement does not represent the response to an `<xacml-`  
 658 `samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>`, then this element MAY be included. In this case, the PDP  
 659 MUST determine which `<xacml-context:Attribute>` instances are included using criteria that  
 660 are outside the scope of this Profile.

## 661 4.2 Element `<saml:Statement>`: XACMLAuthzDecision Statement

662 A `<saml:Statement>` instance MAY be of type `<xacml-`  
 663 `saml:XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType>` by using `xsi:type` as shown in the example in  
 664 Section 4.3. An instance of a `<saml:Statement>` element that is of type `<xacml-`  
 665 `saml:XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType>` is called an XACMLAuthzDecision Statement in this  
 666 Profile. Any instance of an XACMLAuthzDecision Statement in an XACML system MUST be enclosed in  
 667 a `<saml:Assertion>`.

## 668 4.3 Element `<saml:Assertion>`: XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion

669 A `<saml:Assertion>` instance MAY contain an XACMLAuthzDecision Statement as shown in the  
 670 following non-normative example:

```

<saml:Assertion Version="2.0" ID="9812368"
  IssueInstant="2006-05-31T13:20:00.000">
  <saml:Issuer>https://XACMLPDP.example.com</saml:Issuer>
  <saml:Statement
    xsi:type="xacml-saml:XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType">
    <xacml-context:Response>
      <xacml-context:Result>
        <xacml-context:Decision>
          NotApplicable
        </xacml-context:Decision>
      </xacml-context:Result>
    </xacml-context:Response>
    <xacml-context:Request>
      . . . .
    </xacml-context:Request>
  </saml:Statement>
</saml:Assertion>

```

671 An instance of a `<saml:Assertion>` element containing an XACMLAuthzDecision Statement is called  
 672 an XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion in this Profile.

673 This Profile imposes the following requirements and restrictions on the `<saml:Assertion>` element  
 674 beyond those specified in SAML 2.0 when used as an XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion.

675 `<saml:Issuer>` [Required]

676 The `<saml:Issuer>` element is a required element for holding information about “the SAML  
 677 authority that is making the claim(s) in the assertion” [SAML].

678 In order to support 3<sup>rd</sup> party digital signatures, this Profile does NOT require that the identity provided  
 679 in the `<saml:Issuer>` element refer to the entity that signs the XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion. It  
 680 is up to the relying party to determine whether it has an appropriate trust relationship with the  
 681 authority that signs the XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion.

682 `<ds:Signature>` [Optional]

683 The `<ds:Signature>` element is an optional element for holding “An XML Signature that  
 684 authenticates the assertion, as described in Section 5 of the SAML 2.0 core specification [SAML].”

685 A `<ds:Signature>` instance MAY be used in a `<saml:Assertion>`. In order to support 3<sup>rd</sup> party  
 686 digital signatures, this Profile does NOT require that the identity provided in the `<saml:Issuer>`  
 687 instance refer to the entity that signs the XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion. It is up to the relying party  
 688 to determine whether it has an appropriate trust relationship with the authority that signs the  
 689 Assertion .

690 A relying party SHOULD verify any signature included in the XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion and  
 691 SHOULD NOT use information derived from the Assertion unless the signature is verified  
 692 successfully.

693 `<saml:Subject>` [Optional]

694 The `<saml:Subject>` element MUST NOT be included in an XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion.  
 695 Instead, the Subject of an XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion is specified in the XACML Request  
 696 Context of the corresponding authorization decision request. This corresponding XACML Request  
 697 Context MAY be included in the XACMLAuthzDecision Statement as described in Section 4.1.

698 `<saml:Conditions>` [Optional]

699 The <saml:Conditions> element is an optional element that is used for “conditions that MUST be  
700 taken into account in assessing the validity of and/or using the assertion” [SAML].

701 The <saml:Conditions> instance SHOULD contain NotBefore and NotOnOrAfter XML  
702 attributes to specify the limits on the validity of the XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion. If these XML  
703 attributes are present, the relying party SHOULD ensure that an <xacml-context:Response>  
704 taken from the XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion is used only during the Assertion's specified validity  
705 period.

#### 706 **4.4 Element <xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>**

707 The <xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery> protocol element MAY be used by a PEP to  
708 request an authorization decision from an XACML PDP. This element is an alternative to the SAML-  
709 defined <samlp:AuthzDecisionQuery>; this alternative allows the PEP to use the full capabilities of  
710 an XACML PDP. It allows use of the SAML query protocol to convey an XACML Request Context along  
711 with related information.

```

<element name="XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery"
  xsi:type="xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQueryType" />
<complexType name="XACMLAuthzDecisionQueryType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="samlp:RequestAbstractType">
      <sequence>
        <element ref="xacml-context:Request"/>
        <element ref="xacml-samlp:AdditionalAttributes"
minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
        <element ref="xacml:Policy"
minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
        <element ref="xacml:PolicySet"
minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
        <element ref="xacml-saml:ReferencedPolicies"
minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" />
      </sequence>
      <attribute name="InputContextOnly"
type="boolean"
use="optional"
default="false"/>
      <attribute name="ReturnContext"
type="boolean"
use="optional"
default="false"/>
      <attribute name="CombinePolicies"
type="boolean"
use="optional"
default="true"/>
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>

```

712 The <xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery> element is of <xacml-  
713 samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQueryType> complex type, which is an extension to the SAML-defined  
714 <samlp:RequestAbstractType>.

715 The <xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery> element contains the following XML attributes and  
716 elements in addition to those defined for the <samlp:RequestAbstractType>:

717 InputContextOnly [Default "false"]

718 This XML attribute governs the sources of information that the PDP is allowed to use in making its  
719 authorization decision. If the value of this XML attribute is "true", then the authorization decision  
720 MUST be made solely on the basis of information contained in the <xacml-  
721 samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>; external XACML Attributes MUST NOT be used. If the  
722 value of this XML attribute is "false", then the authorization decision MAY be made on the basis of  
723 XACML Attributes not contained in the <xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>.

724 ReturnContext [Default "false"]

725 This XML attribute allows the PEP to request that an <xacml-context:Request> instance be  
726 included in the XACMLAuthzDecision Statement resulting from the query. It also governs the  
727 contents of that <xacml-context:Request> instance.

728 If the value of this XML attribute is "true", then the PDP MUST include an <xacml-  
729 context:Request> instance in the XACMLAuthzDecision Statement in the XACMLAuthzDecision

730 Response. This `<xacml-context:Request>` instance MUST include all those attributes supplied  
731 by the PEP in the `<xacml-sampl:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>` that were used in making the  
732 authorization decision. The PDP MAY include additional attributes in this `<xacml-  
733 context:Request>` instance, such as external attributes obtained by the PDP and used in making  
734 the authorization decision, or other attributes known by the PDP that may be useful to the PEP in  
735 making subsequent authorization decision queries.

736 If this XML attribute is “false”, then the PDP MUST NOT include an `<xacml-context:Request>`  
737 instance in the XACMLAuthzDecision Statement in the XACMLAuthzDecision Response.

738 `CombinePolicies` [Default “true”]

739 This XML attribute allows the PEP to specify whether policies supplied in `<xacml:Policy>` and  
740 `<xacml:PolicySet>` elements of the `<xacml-sampl:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>` are to be  
741 combined with other policies available to the PDP during evaluation.

742 If the attribute value is “true”, then the PDP MUST insert all policies passed in the `<xacml-  
743 sampl:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>` into the set of policies or policy sets that define the PDP as  
744 specified in Section 7.13 of the XACML 2.0 core specification [XACML2]. They MUST be combined  
745 with the other policies using the policy combining algorithm that defines the PDP as specified in  
746 Section 7.13 of the XACML 2.0 core specification [XACML2]. If the policy combining algorithm that  
747 defines the PDP is one in which element order is considered, then the policies passed in the  
748 XACMLAuthzDecision Query MUST be considered in the order in which they appear in the `<xacml-  
749 sampl:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>` and MUST be considered as following all other policies that  
750 define the PDP.

751 *TBD: Issue#72 describes a problem in combining policies passed in this way in connection with*  
752 *XACML 3.0 policy reduction.*

753 If the attribute value is “false”, then there MUST be no more than one `<xacml:Policy>` or  
754 `<xacml:PolicySet>` passed in the `<xacml-sampl:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>`. This policy  
755 MUST be treated as the policy that defines the PDP as specified in Section 7.13 of the XACML 2.0  
756 core specification [XACML2] for evaluation of the `<xacml-context:Request>` passed in the  
757 `<xacml-sampl:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>`. It MUST NOT be used to evaluate any other  
758 `<xacml-context:Request>` instances unless provided to the PDP independent of the particular  
759 `<xacml-context:Request>`.

760 `<xacml-context:Request>` [Required]

761 An XACML Request Context that is to be evaluated.

762 `<xacml-sampl:AdditionalAttributes>` [Zero or One]

763 Entity descriptions and corresponding `<xacml-context:Attribute>` instances that apply to  
764 them. This element is used only with XACML 3.0 Administrative Policy [ADMIN] functionality.

765 `<xacml:Policy>` [Any Number]

766 Optional XACML Policy instances that MUST be used only for evaluating this authorization decision  
767 request.

768 If the `CombinePolicies` XML attribute is “true”, then the PDP MAY choose to use such XACML  
769 Policy instances.

770 If the `CombinePolicies` XML attribute is “false”, then the PDP MUST use this XACML Policy  
771 instance. There MUST be only one such XACML Policy instance and there MUST NOT be any  
772 XACML PolicySet instances in this `<xacml-sampl:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>` instance.



773 <xacml:PolicySet> [Any Number]

774 Optional XACML PolicySet instances that MUST be used only for evaluating this authorization  
775 decision request.

776 If the CombinePolicies XML attribute is "true", then the PDP MAY choose to use such XACML  
777 PolicySet instances.

778 If the CombinePolicies XML attribute is "false", then the PDP MUST use this XACML PolicySet  
779 instance. There MUST be only one such XACML PolicySet instance and there MUST NOT be any  
780 XACML Policy instances in this XACMLAuthzDecision Query.

781 <xacml-saml:ReferencedPolicies> [Zero or One]

782 With the exception of XACML Policy and PolicySet instances that the receiver of the  
783 XACMLAuthzDecision Statement is not authorized to view, this element MUST contain all XACML  
784 Policy and PolicySet instances required to resolve all <xacml:PolicySetIdReference> or  
785 <xacml:PolicyIdReference> instances contained in the XACMLAuthzDecision Statement,  
786 including those in the <xacml-saml:ReferencedPolicies> instance itself. The values of the  
787 PolicyId and PolicySetId XML attributes of the policies included in the <xacml-  
788 saml:ReferencedPolicies> instance MUST exactly match the values contained in the  
789 corresponding <xacml:PolicySetIdReference> or <xacml:PolicyIdReference>  
790 instances.

#### 791 4.5 Element <xacml-samlp:AdditionalAttributes>

792 This element applies only for use with XACML 3.0 Administrative Policy [ADMIN], and requires an  
793 XACML 3.0 PDP.

794 In some cases it may be useful for the PEP to provide attributes for delegates with the authorization  
795 decision request. Since the Request Contexts used in reduction are not formed until after the access  
796 request is submitted to the PDP, the delegate attributes need to be treated differently from the attributes  
797 part of the access **Request Context**. The following defines elements that MAY be used to submit  
798 XACML Attributes for this purpose. The XACML Attributes MUST be made available by the Context  
799 Handler when the reduction Request Contexts are created.

```
800 <element name="AdditionalAttributes"  
801   type="xacml-samlp: AdditionalAttributesType"/>  
802 <complexType name="AdditionalAttributesType">  
803   <sequence>  
804     <element ref="xacml-samlp:AssignedAttributes" minOccurs="0"  
805     maxOccurs="unbounded"/>  
806   </sequence>  
807 </complexType>
```

808 The <AdditionalAttributes> element is of AdditionalAttributesType complex type.

809 The <AdditionalAttributes> element contains the following elements:

810 <AssignedAttributes> [Required]

811 Assignment of a set of XACML Attributes to specified delegate entities.

## 812 **4.6 Element <xacml-samlp:AssignedAttributes>**

813 This element is used only with XACML 3.0 Administrative Policy [ADMIN], and requires an XACML 3.0  
814 PDP.

815 The <AssignedAttributes> element MUST contain XACML Attributes that apply to delegate entities  
816 identified by the <xacml-samlp:HolderAttributes> element.

```
817 <element name="AssignedAttributes" type="xacml-  
818 samlp:AssignedAttributesType"/>  
819 <complexType name="AssignedAttributesType">  
820 <sequence>  
821 <element ref="xacml-samlp:HolderAttributes"/>  
822 <element ref="xacml-samlp:HolderAttributes"/>  
823 </sequence>  
824 </complexType>
```

825 The <AssignedAttributes> element is of AssignedAttributesType complex type.

826 The <AssignedAttributes> element contains the following elements:

827 <xacml-samlp:HolderAttributes> [Required]

828 The identities of the delegate entities to which the provided XACML Attributes apply.

829 <xacml-samlp:HolderAttributes> [Required]

830 The XACML Attributes of the delegate entity.

## 831 **4.7 Element <xacml-samlp:HolderAttributes>**

832 This element is used only with XACML 3.0 Administrative Policy [ADMIN], and requires an XACML 3.0  
833 PDP.

834 The <HolderAttributes> element MUST identify the delegate entities to which the provided <xacml-  
835 samlp:HolderAttributes> elements apply.

```
836 <element name="HolderAttributes" type="xacml-samlp:HolderAttributesType"/>  
837 <complexType name="HolderAttributesType">  
838 <sequence>  
839 <element ref="xacml:Match" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>  
840 </sequence>  
841 </complexType>
```

842 The <xacml-samlp:HolderAttributes> element is of <xacml-samlp:HolderAttributesType> complex type.

843 The <xacml-samlp:HolderAttributes> element contains the following elements:

844 <xacml:Match> [One to many, required]

845 Matches the delegate entities to which the XACML Attributes in the associated <xacml-  
846 samlp:HolderAttributes> element apply.

847 *TBD: the details of the <HolderAttributes> element are not specified yet since the core schema is in the*  
848 *process of being rewritten.*

## 849 **4.8 Element <xacml-samlp:HolderAttributes>**

850 This element is used only with XACML 3.0 Administrative Policy [ADMIN], and requires an XACML 3.0  
851 PDP.

852 The <xacml-samlp:HolderAttributes> element **MUST** contain XACML Attributes that apply to the  
853 delegate entities identified in the corresponding <xacml-samlp:HolderAttributes> element.

```
854 <element name="HolderAttributes" type="xacml-samlp:HolderAttributesType"/>  
855 <complexType name="HolderAttributesType">  
856   <sequence>  
857     <element ref="xacml-context:Attribute"  
858       minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>  
859   </sequence>  
860 </complexType>
```

861 The <xacml-samlp:HolderAttributes> element is of <xacml-samlp:HolderAttributesType>  
862 complex type.

863 The <xacml-samlp:HolderAttributes> element contains the following elements:

864 <xacml-context:Attribute> [any number]

865 An XACML Attribute of the delegate entities identified in the corresponding <xacml-  
866 samlp:HolderAttributes> element.

## 867 **4.9 Element <xacml-saml:ReferencedPolicies>**

868 An instance of this element **MUST** be used to contain copies of all policies referenced from  
869 <xacml:Policy> or <xacml:PolicySet> instances included in an XACMLAuthzDecision Statement  
870 or in an XACMLPolicy Statement, as well as copies of all policies referenced from other policies included  
871 in the <xacml-saml:ReferencedPolicies> instance..

```
872 <element name="ReferencedPolicies"  
873   type="xacml-saml:ReferencedPoliciesType"/>  
874 <complexType name="ReferencedPoliciesType">  
875   <sequence>  
876     <choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">  
877       <element ref="xacml:Policy"/>  
878       <element ref="xacml:PolicySet"/>  
879     </choice>  
880   </sequence>  
881 </complexType>
```

882 The <xacml-saml:ReferencedPolicies> element is of <xacml-  
883 saml:ReferencedPoliciesType> complex type.

884 The <xacml-saml:ReferencedPolicies> element contains the following elements:

885 <xacml:Policy> [any number]

886 A single <xacml:Policy> that is referenced using an <xacml:PolicyIdReference> from  
887 another <xacml:Policy> or <xacml:PolicySet> instance included in an XACMLAuthzDecision  
888 Statement or XACMLPolicy Statement. The value of the PolicyId XML attribute in the  
889 <xacml:Policy> **MUST** be equal to the value of the corresponding  
890 <xacml:PolicyIdReference> element.

891 <xacml:PolicySet> [any number]

892 A single `<xacml:PolicySet>` that is referenced using an `<xacml:PolicySetIdReference>`  
893 from another `<xacml:Policy>` or `<xacml:PolicySet>` instance included in an  
894 XACMLAuthzDecision Statement or XACMLPolicy Statement. The value of the `PolicySetId` XML  
895 attribute in the `<xacml:PolicySet>` MUST be equal to the value of the corresponding  
896 `<xacml:PolicySetIdReference>` element.

## 897 **4.10 Element `<samlp:Response>`: XACMLAuthzDecision Response**

898 A `<samlp:Response>` instance MAY contain an XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion as shown in the  
899 following non-normative example:

```
<samlp:Response Version="2.0" ID="9812368"  
  IssueInstant="2006-05-31T13:20:00.000">  
  <saml:Assertion Version="2.0" ID="9812368"  
    IssueInstant="2006-05-31T13:20:00.000">  
    <saml:Issuer>https://XACMLPDP.example.com</saml:Issuer>  
    <saml:Statement  
      xsi:type="xacml-saml:XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType">  
      <xacml-context:Response>  
        <xacml-context:Result>  
          <xacml-context:Decision>  
            NotApplicable  
          </xacml-context:Decision>  
        </xacml-context:Result>  
      </xacml-context:Response>  
      <xacml-context:Request>  
        . . . .  
      </xacml-context:Request>  
    </saml:Statement>  
  </saml:Assertion>  
</samlp:Response>
```

900 An instance of a `<samlp:Response>` element containing an XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion is called  
901 an XACMLAuthzDecision Response in this Profile. Such a Response MUST be used as the response to  
902 an `<xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>`.

903 This Profile imposes the following requirements or restrictions on the `<samlp:Response>` element in  
904 addition to those specified in SAML 2.0 when used as an XACMLAuthzDecision Response.

905 `<saml:Issuer>` [Optional]

906 The `<saml:Issuer>` element is an optional element that "Identifies the entity that generated the  
907 response message" [SAML].

908 In order to support 3<sup>rd</sup> party digital signatures, this Profile does NOT require that the identity provided  
909 in the `<saml:Issuer>` element refer to the entity that signs the XACMLAuthzDecision Response. It  
910 is up to the relying party to determine whether it has an appropriate trust relationship with the  
911 authority that signs the Response.

912 `<ds:Signature>` [Optional]

913 The `<ds:Signature>` element is an optional element for holding "An XML Signature that  
914 authenticates the responder and provides message integrity" [SAML].

915 A `<ds:Signature>` instance MAY be used in a XACMLAuthzDecision Response. In order to  
916 support 3<sup>rd</sup> party digital signatures, this Profile does NOT require that the identity provided in the

917 <saml:Issuer> instance refer to the entity that signs the XACMLAuthzDecision Response. It is up  
918 to the relying party to determine whether it has an appropriate trust relationship with the authority  
919 that signs the Response.

920 A relying party SHOULD verify any signature included in the XACMLAuthzDecision Response and  
921 SHOULD NOT use information derived from the Response unless the signature is verified  
922 successfully.

923 <saml:Assertion> [Any Number]

924 <saml:Assertion> instances that MAY include one or more XACMLAuthzDecision Assertions that  
925 represent responses to associated queries.

926 <samlp:StatusCode> [Required]

927 The <samlp:StatusCode> element is a component of the <samlp:Status> element in the  
928 <samlp:Response>.

929 In the response to an <xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>, the <samlp:StatusCode>  
930 Value XML attribute MUST depend on the value of the <xacml-context:StatusCode> instance  
931 of the XACML Response Context <xacml-context:Status> instance as follows:

932 urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:status:Success

933 This value for the <samlp:StatusCode> Value XML attribute MUST be used if and only if the  
934 <xacml-context:StatusCode> value is urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:status:ok.

935 urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:status:Requester

936 This value for the <samlp:StatusCode> Value XML attribute MUST be used when the  
937 <xacml-context:StatusCode> value is  
938 urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:status:missing-attribute or when the <xacml-  
939 context:StatusCode> value is urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:status:syntax-  
940 error due to a syntax error in the <xacml-context:Request>.

941 urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:status:Responder

942 This value for the <samlp:StatusCode> Value XML attribute MUST be used when the  
943 <xacml-context:StatusCode> value is  
944 urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:1.0:status:syntax-error due to a syntax error in an  
945 <xacml:Policy> or <xacml:PolicySet>. Note that not all syntax errors in policies will be  
946 detected in conjunction with the processing of a particular query, so not all policy syntax errors  
947 will be reported this way.

948 urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:status:VersionMismatch

949 This value for the <samlp:StatusCode> Value XML attribute MUST be used only when the  
950 SAML interface at the PDP does not support the version of the SAML schema used in the query.

951 InResponseTo [Optional]

952 This optional XML attribute is “A reference to the identifier of the request to which the response  
953 corresponds.” When the XACMLAuthzDecision Response is issued in response to an  
954 XACMLAuthzDecision Query, this XML attribute MUST contain the value of the ID XML attribute  
955 from the XACMLAuthzDecision Query to which this is a response. This allows the receiver to  
956 correlate the XACMLAuthzDecision Response with the corresponding XACMLAuthzDecision  
957 Query. The SAML-defined ID XML attribute is a required component of an instance of the

958 <samlp:RequestAbstractType> of which the <xacml-  
959 samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery> is an extension.

## 960 **4.11 Functional Requirements for the <xacml- 961 samlp:AssignedAttributes> Element**

962 *TBD: the matching of the <Holders> element against the Request Context is not defined yet since  
963 the core schema (including the Request Context) is being rewritten.*

964

965 During processing of the provided access request, if the <xacml-samlp:Holders> element of a  
966 provided <xacml-samlp:AssignedAttributes> element matches a section of the XACML Request  
967 Context, then the XACML Context Handler MUST make the XACML Attributes in the <xacml-  
968 samlp:HolderAttributes> element appear in that section of the XACML Request Context. Any  
969 inheritance between <xacml-samlp:AssignedAttributes> elements is not deduced.

970 The matching of additional XACML Attributes MUST be made against all Request Contexts involved in  
971 the processing of the XACMLAuthzDecision Query, including the provided access request itself and any  
972 Request Contexts formed as part of reduction.

973 The provided XACML Attributes MUST be used only in the evaluation of the provided access request  
974 and any derived Request Contexts, including reduction, and MUST NOT be used in evaluation of  
975 requests not related to the provided access request unless associated with those other requests  
976 independent of the <xacml-samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>.

977 Note that, to implement this functionality, if additional XACML Attributes are fetched by the Context  
978 Handler during processing, the implementation MUST test whether those additional XACML Attributes  
979 provide a match for a <xacml-samlp:Holders> element. It is also conceivable that the XACML  
980 Attributes provided in the <xacml-samlp:HolderAttributes> element may trigger XACML  
981 Attributes from other attribute sources available to the Context Handler. An implementation MUST be  
982 prepared to handle any circular dependencies that may arise.

983

## 5 Policies

984 XACML defines the `<xacml:Policy>` and `<xacml:PolicySet>` elements for expressing policies. In  
985 many environments, instances of these elements need to be stored or transmitted between entities in an  
986 XACML system. Such instances may need to be signed or associated with a validity period. SAML is  
987 intended to provide this functionality for security-related assertions, but SAML does not define any  
988 Protocol or Assertion elements for policies. In order to allow entities in an XACML system to use SAML  
989 assertions and protocols to store, transmit, and query for XACML policies, this Profile defines one SAML  
990 extension type and one SAML extension element, and describes how they are used with other standard  
991 SAML elements.

- 992 • `<xacml-saml:XACMLPolicyStatementType>` is a new SAML extension type that includes  
993 XACML policies.
- 994 • A `<saml:Statement>` defined using `xsi:type="xacml-saml:XACMLPolicyStatementType"`  
995 MAY be used in an XACML system to store or convey XACML policies. An instance of a  
996 `<saml:Statement>` element defined using this type is called an XACMLPolicy Statement in this  
997 Profile.
- 998 • A `<saml:Assertion>` MUST be used to hold XACMLPolicy Statements. An instance of such a  
999 `<saml:Assertion>` element is called an XACMLPolicy Assertion in this Profile.
- 1000 • An `<xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>` is a new SAML extension element that MAY be used by  
1001 a PDP or other entity to request XACML policies as a SAML protocol query.
- 1002 • A `<samlp:Response>` containing an XACMLPolicy Assertion that MUST be used in response to an  
1003 `<xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>`. It MAY be used to transmit XACML policies in other  
1004 contexts. An instance of such a `<samlp:Response>` is called an XACMLPolicy Response in this  
1005 Profile.

1006 This Section defines and describes the usage of these types and elements. The schemas for the new  
1007 type and element are contained in the [XACML-SAML] and [XACML-SAML]P schema documents.

### 1008 5.1 Type `<xacml-saml:XACMLPolicyStatementType>`

1009 The `<xacml-saml:XACMLPolicyStatementType>` complex type contains XACML Policy and or  
1010 XACML PolicySet elements. An instance of a `<saml:Statement>` element that is of this type is called  
1011 an XACMLPolicy Statement in this Profile.

```

<complexType name="XACMLPolicyStatementType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="saml:StatementAbstractType">
      <sequence>
        <choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
          <element ref="xacml:Policy"/>
          <element ref="xacml:PolicySet"/>
        </choice>
        <element ref="xacml-saml:ReferencedPolicies"
minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" />
      </sequence>
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>

```

1012 The `<xacml-saml:XACMLPolicyStatementType>` complex type is an extension to the SAML-  
1013 defined `<saml:StatementAbstractType>`. It contains the following elements.

1014 `<xacml:Policy>` [Any Number]

1015 If the XACMLPolicy Statement represents a response to an `<xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>`,  
1016 then this element MUST contain one of the `<xacml:Policy>` instances that meet the specifications  
1017 of the associated `<xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>`. Otherwise, this element MAY contain an  
1018 arbitrary `<xacml:Policy>` instance.

1019 `<xacml:PolicySet>` [Any Number]

1020 If the XACMLPolicy Statement represents a response to an `<xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>`,  
1021 then this element MUST contain one of the `<xacml:PolicySet>` instances that meet the  
1022 specifications of the associated `<xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>`. Otherwise, this element  
1023 MAY contain an arbitrary `<xacml:PolicySet>` instance.

1024 `<xacml-saml:ReferencedPolicies>` [Zero or One]

1025 With the exception of XACML Policy and PolicySet instances that the receiver of the XACMLPolicy  
1026 Statement is not authorized to view, this element MUST contain all XACML Policy and PolicySet  
1027 instances required to resolve all `<xacml:PolicySetIdReference>` or  
1028 `<xacml:PolicyIdReference>` instances contained in the XACMLPolicy Statement, including  
1029 those in the `<xacml-saml:ReferencedPolicies>` instance itself. The values of the `PolicyId`  
1030 and `PolicySetId` XML attributes of the policies included in the `<xacml-`  
1031 `saml:ReferencedPolicies>` instance MUST exactly match the values contained in the  
1032 corresponding `<xacml:PolicySetIdReference>` or `<xacml:PolicyIdReference>`  
1033 instances.

1034 Subject to authorization and availability, if the XACMLPolicy Statement is issued in response to an  
1035 `<xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>`, there MUST be exactly one `<xacml:Policy>` element  
1036 included for every XACML Policy that satisfies the XACMLPolicy Query, and there MUST be exactly one  
1037 `<xacml:PolicySet>` element included for every XACML PolicySet that satisfies the XACMLPolicy  
1038 Query . The responder MUST return all XACML policies available to the responder that satisfy the  
1039 `<xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>` and that the requester is authorized to receive.

1040 If the XACMLPolicy Statement is issued in response to an `<xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>`, and  
1041 there are no `<xacml:Policy>` or `<xacml:PolicySet>` instances that meet the specifications of the  
1042 associated `<xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>`, then there MUST be exactly one empty  
1043 XACMLPolicy Statement included in the response.



## 1044 **5.2 Element <xacml-saml:ReferencedPolicies>**

1045 An instance of this element **MUST** be used to contain copies of all policies referenced from  
1046 <xacml:Policy> or <xacml:PolicySet> instances included in the <xacml-  
1047 samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>, as well as copies of all policies referenced from other policies included in  
1048 the <xacml-saml:ReferencedPolicies> instance.

1049 See Section 4.9 for a description of the <xacml-saml:ReferencedPolicies> element.

## 1050 **5.3 Element <saml:Statement>: XACMLPolicy Statement**

1051 A <saml:Statement> instance **MAY** be defined to be of type <xacml-  
1052 samlp:XACMLPolicyStatementType> by using xsi:type="xacml-  
1053 samlp:XACMLPolicyStatementType" as shown in the example in Section 5.4. such an instance of a  
1054 <saml:Statement> element is called an XACMLPolicy Statement in this Profile. Any instance of an  
1055 XACMLPolicy Statement in an XACML system **MUST** be enclosed in a <saml:Assertion>.

## 1056 **5.4 Element <saml:Assertion>: XACMLPolicy Assertion**

1057 A <saml:Assertion> instance **MAY** contain an XACMLPolicy Statement as shown in the following  
1058 non-normative example:

```
<saml:Assertion Version="2.0" ID="9812368"  
  IssueInstant="2006-05-31T13:20:00.000">  
  <saml:Issuer>https://XACMLPDP.example.com</saml:Issuer>  
  <saml:Statement  
    xsi:type="xacml-saml:XACMLPolicyStatementType">  
    <xacml:Policy PolicyId="policy:1" RuleCombiningAlgId="..">  
      ....  
    </xacml:Policy>  
    <xacml:PolicySet PolicySetId="policyset:5" ... >  
      ...  
    </xacml:PolicySet>  
  </saml:Statement>  
</saml:Assertion>
```

1059 An instance of a <saml:Assertion> element containing an XACMLPolicy Statement is called an  
1060 XACMLPolicy Assertion in this Profile.

1061 When an XACMLPolicy Assertion is part of a response to an <xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>,  
1062 then the XACMLPolicy Assertion **MUST** contain exactly one XACMLPolicy Statement, which in turn **MAY**  
1063 contain any number of XACML Policy and PolicySet instances.

1064 This Profile imposes the following requirements and restrictions on the <saml:Assertion> element  
1065 beyond those specified in SAML 2.0 when used as an XACMLPolicy Assertion.

1066 <saml:Issuer> [Required]

1067 The <saml:Issuer> element is a required element for holding information about “the SAML  
1068 authority that is making the claim(s) in the assertion” [SAML].

1069 In order to support 3<sup>rd</sup> party digital signatures, this Profile does **NOT** require that the identity provided  
1070 in the <saml:Issuer> element refer to the entity that signs the XACMLPolicy Assertion. It is up to  
1071 the relying party to determine whether it has an appropriate trust relationship with the authority that  
1072 signs the XACMLPolicy Assertion.

1073 <ds:Signature> [Optional]

1074 The <ds:Signature> element is an optional element for holding “An XML Signature that  
1075 authenticates the assertion, as described [in Section 5 of the SAML 2.0 core specification[SAML]].”

1076 A <ds:Signature> instance MAY be used in an XACMLPolicy Assertion. In order to support 3<sup>d</sup>  
1077 party digital signatures, this Profile does NOT require that the identity provided in the  
1078 <saml:Issuer> instance refer to the entity that signs the XACMLPolicy Assertion. It is up to the  
1079 relying party to determine whether it has an appropriate trust relationship with the authority that signs  
1080 the XACMLPolicy Assertion.

1081 A relying party SHOULD verify any signature included in the XACMLPolicy Assertion and SHOULD  
1082 NOT use information derived from the XACMLPolicy Assertion unless the signature is verified  
1083 successfully.

1084 <saml:Subject> [Optional]

1085 The <saml:Subject> element MUST NOT be included in an XACMLPolicy Assertion. Instead,  
1086 the Subjects of an XACMLPolicy Assertion are specified in the XACML Policy and PolicySet  
1087 elements contained in the enclosed XACMLPolicy Statement.

1088 <saml:Conditions> [Optional]

1089 The <saml:Conditions> element is an optional element that is used for “conditions that MUST be  
1090 taken into account in assessing the validity of and/or using the assertion” [SAML].

1091 The <saml:Conditions> instance SHOULD contain NotBefore and NotOnOrAfter XML  
1092 attributes to specify the limits on the validity of the XACMLPolicy Assertion. If these XML attributes  
1093 are present, the relying party SHOULD ensure that an <xacml-context:Response> taken from  
1094 the XACMLPolicy Assertion is used only during the XACMLPolicy Assertion's specified validity  
1095 period.

## 1096 **5.5 Element <xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>**

1097 An instance of the new <xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery> protocol element MAY be used by a  
1098 PDP or application to request XACML <xacml:Policy> or <xacml:PolicySet> instances from an  
1099 on-line Policy Administration Point.

```
<element name="XACMLPolicyQuery"
  xsi:type="xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQueryType" />
<complexType name="XACMLPolicyQueryType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="samlp:RequestAbstractType">
      <choice minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded">
        <element ref="xacml-context:Request"/>
        <element ref="xacml:PolicySetIdReference"/>
        <element ref="xacml:PolicyIdReference"/>
      </choice>
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>
```

1100 The <xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery> element is of <xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQueryType>  
1101 complex type, which is an extension to the SAML-defined <samlp:RequestAbstractType>.

1102 The <xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery> element contains zero or more of the following elements in  
1103 addition to those defined for the <samlp:RequestAbstractType>:

1104 <xacml-context:Request> [Any Number]

1105 An XACML Request Context. All XACML <xacml:Policy> and <xacml:PolicySet> instances  
1106 potentially applicable to this Request that the requester is authorized to receive MUST be returned.  
1107 The concept of “applicability” in the XACML context is defined in the XACML 2.0 Specification  
1108 [XACML]. Any superset of applicable policies MAY be returned; for example, all policies having top-  
1109 level Target elements that match the Request MAY be returned.

1110 <xacml:PolicySetIdReference> [Any Number]

1111 Identifies an XACML <xacml:PolicySet> instance to be returned.

1112 <xacml:PolicyIdReference> [Any Number]

1113 Identifies an XACML <xacml:Policy> instance to be returned.

1114 *Non-normative note: The <xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery> is not intended as a robust*  
1115 *provisioning protocol. Users requiring such a protocol may consider using the OASIS Service*  
1116 *Provisioning Markup Language (SPML). Note that the SAML-defined ID XML attribute is a required*  
1117 *component of an instance of <samlp:RequestAbstractType> that the <xacml-*  
1118 *samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery> extends and MAY be used to correlate the <xacml-*  
1119 *samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery> with the corresponding XACMLPolicy Response.*

## 1120 **5.6 Element <samlp:Response>: XACMLPolicy Response**

1121 A <samlp:Response> instance MAY contain an XACMLPolicy Assertion. An instance of such a  
1122 <samlp:Response> element is called an XACMLPolicy Response in this Profile. An XACMLPolicy  
1123 Response is shown in the following non-normative example:

```
<samlp:Response Version="2.0" ID="x9812368"  
  IssueInstant="2006-05-31T13:20:00.000">  
  <saml:Assertion Version="2.0" ID="x9812369"  
    IssueInstant="2006-05-31T13:20:00.000">  
    <saml:Issuer>https://XACMLPDP.example.com</saml:Issuer>  
    <saml:Statement  
      xsi:type="xacml-saml:XACMLPolicyStatementType">  
      <xacml:PolicySet PolicySetId="policyset:1" ... >  
        ....  
      </xacml:PolicySet>  
    </saml:Statement>  
  </saml:Assertion>  
</samlp:Response>
```

1124 An instance of a <samlp:Response> element that contains an XACMLPolicy Assertion is called an  
1125 XACMLPolicy Response in this Profile. Such a Response MUST be used as the response to an  
1126 <xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>. It MAY be used to convey or store XACML policies for other  
1127 purposes.

1128 This Profile imposes the following requirements and restrictions on the <samlp:Response> element in  
1129 addition to those specified in SAML 2.0 when used as an XACMLPolicy Response.

1130 <saml:Issuer> [Optional]

1131 The <saml:Issuer> element Identifies the entity that generated the XACMLPolicy Response  
1132 message.” [SAML].

1133 In order to support 3<sup>rd</sup> party digital signatures, this Profile does NOT require that the identity provided  
1134 in the <saml:Issuer> element refer to the entity that signs the XACMLPolicy Response. It is up to  
1135 the relying party to determine whether it has an appropriate trust relationship with the authority that  
1136 signs the XACMLPolicy Response.

1137 <ds:Signature> [Optional]

1138 The <ds:Signature> element is an optional element for holding “An XML Signature that  
1139 authenticates the responder and provides message integrity” [SAML].

1140 A <ds:Signature> instance MAY be used in an XACMLPolicy Response. In order to support 3<sup>rd</sup>  
1141 party digital signatures, this Profile does NOT require that the identity provided in the  
1142 <saml:Issuer> instance refer to the entity that signs the XACMLPolicy Response. It is up to the  
1143 relying party to determine whether it has an appropriate trust relationship with the authority that signs  
1144 the XACMLPolicy Response.

1145 A relying party SHOULD verify any signature included in the XACMLPolicy Response and SHOULD  
1146 NOT use information derived from the XACMLPolicy Response unless the signature is verified  
1147 successfully.

1148 <saml:Assertion> [Any Number]

1149 If the XACMLPolicy Response is issued in response to an <xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>,  
1150 then there MUST be exactly one instance of this element that contains an XACMLPolicy Assertion  
1151 representing the response to the associated XACMLPolicy Query. If the XACMLPolicy Response is  
1152 not issued in response to an <xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>, it MAY contain one or more  
1153 XACMLPolicy Assertions as well as other SAML or XACML Assertions.

1154 <saml:Status> [Required]

1155 If the XACMLPolicy Response is issued in response to an <xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>,  
1156 and if it is not possible to return all policies that satisfy the <xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>, then  
1157 a <samlp:StatusCode> value of  
1158 urn:oasis:names:tc:saml:2.0:status:TooManyResponses MUST be returned in the  
1159 <samlp:Status> element of the Response.

1160 InResponseTo [Optional]

1161 This optional XML attribute is “A reference to the identifier of the request to which the response  
1162 corresponds.” When the XACMLPolicy Response is issued in response to an <xacml-  
1163 samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery>, this XML attribute MUST contain the value of the ID XML attribute  
1164 from the <xacml-samlp:XACMLPolicyQuery> to which this is a response. This allows the  
1165 receiver to correlate the XACMLPolicy Response with the corresponding XACMLPolicy Query.

1166

## 6 Advice

1167 This Section describes how to include XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion and XACMLPolicy Assertion  
1168 instances as advice in another SAML Assertion instance.

### 1169 6.1 Element `<saml:Advice>`

1170 A SAML Assertion MAY include a `<saml:Advice>` element containing “Additional information related to  
1171 the assertion that assists processing in certain situations but which MAY be ignored [without affecting  
1172 either the semantics or the validity of the assertion] by applications that do not understand the advice or  
1173 do not wish to make use of it.” [SAML] An XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion or XACMLPolicy Assertion  
1174 may be used in the Advice element as shown in the following non-normative example:

```
<saml:Advice>
  <saml:Assertion Version="2.0" ID="200606231640"
    IssueInstant="2006-05-31T13:20:00:000">
    <saml:Issuer>https://XACMLPDP.example.com</saml:Issuer>
    <saml:Statement
      xsi:type="xacml-saml:XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType">
      <xacml-context:Response>
        . . . .
      </xacml-context:Response>
      <xacml-context:Request>
        . . . .
      </xacml-context:Request>
    </saml:Statement>
  </saml:Assertion>
</saml:Advice>
```

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## 7 Using an XACML Authorization Decision as an Authorization Token

1177 This Section of the Profile describes how to use an XACMLAuthzDecision Statement as a security and  
1178 privacy authorization token as part of a SOAP message exchange in a Web Services context. This  
1179 token MAY be used by a client to convey an authorization decision from a trusted 3<sup>rd</sup> party to a service.  
1180 A Web Service MAY use such a token to determine that the client is authorized to access information  
1181 involved in the Web Services interaction.

1182 In a Web Services context, an instance of an XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion MAY be used as an  
1183 authorization token in the Web Services Security [WSS] `wsse:Security` Header of a SOAP message.  
1184 When used in this way, the XACMLAuthzDecision Statement in the XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion  
1185 MUST include the corresponding XACML Request Context. This allows the Web service to determine  
1186 whether the `<xacml-context:Attribute>` instances in the Request correspond to the access that  
1187 the client requires as part of the Web Service interaction. The XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion  
1188 SHOULD be signed by a Policy Decision Point trusted by the Web Service.

1189 A Web Service MAY use this token to determine that a trusted 3<sup>rd</sup> party has evaluated an XACML  
1190 Request Context that is relevant to the invocation of the service, and has reported an authorization  
1191 decision. The service SHOULD verify that the signature on the XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion is from  
1192 a Policy Decision Point that the service trusts. The service SHOULD verify that the validity period of the  
1193 XACMLAuthzDecision Assertion includes the time at which the Web Service interaction will access the  
1194 information or resource to which the Request Context applies. The service SHOULD verify that the  
1195 `<xacml-context:Attribute>` instances contained in the XACML `<xacml-context:Request>`  
1196 element correctly describe the information or resource access that needs to be authorized as part of this  
1197 Web Service interaction.

1198

## 8 SAML Metadata

1199 The following SAML metadata extensions are RECOMMENDED.

1200 *TBD: this Section is under development. Contributions from developers who have implemented the*  
1201 *Profile are invited. See <http://wiki.oasis-open.org/xacml/IssuesList>, Issue#74 for more information on*  
1202 *current contributions to this topic.*

1203 These SAML metadata extensions are used to create XACML SAML versions of the standard SAML  
1204 metadata information. The namespace for these metadata extensions is

```
1205 xmlns:xacml-samlm=  
1206 "urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:schema:metadata
```

1207 The types defined in this Section of the Profile are used as in the following example, where an `xacml-`  
1208 `samlm:XACMLPDPDescriptorType` is used to instantiate a standard SAML `md:RoleDescriptor` in a  
1209 standard SAML `md:EntityDescriptor` by means of the `xsi:type` XML attribute: example:

```
<md:EntityDescriptor entityID="..." validUntil="..."  
  cacheDuration="..." ID="..." >  
  <ds:Signature>...</ds:Signature>  
  <md:RoleDescriptor xsi:type="xacml-samlm:XACMLPDPDescriptorType"  
    ...any std RoleDescriptor attributes... >  
    <xacml-samlm:XACMLAuthzService/>  
  </md:RoleDescriptor>  
  <md:Organization>...</md:Organization>  
  <md:ContactPerson>...</md:ContactPerson>  
  <md:AdditionalMetadataLocation>...</md:AdditionalMetadataLocation>  
</md:EntityDescriptor>
```

1210

1211 **8.1 Type <xacml-samlm:XACMLPDPDescriptorType>**

1212 PDP information: standard SAML metadata. Proposed syntax:



```

<complexType name="XACMLPDPDescriptorType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="md:RoleDescriptorType">
      <sequence>
        <element ref="xacml-samlm:XACMLAuthzService"
          maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      </sequence>
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>
<element name="XACMLAuthzService" type="md:EndpointType"/>

```

1213 **8.2 Type <xacml-samlm:XACMLPDPConfigType>**

1214 Extended PDP information. Attributes which are not defined in SAML standard metadata. No proposed  
 1215 syntax yet.

1216 **8.3 Type <xacml-**  
 1217 **samlm:XACMLAuthzDecisionQueryDescriptorType>**

1218 PEP endpoint information. Proposed syntax:

```

<complexType name="XACMLAuthzDecisionQueryDescriptorType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="md:QueryDescriptorType">
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>

```

1219

```
<element name="XACMLAuthzDecisionQueryDescriptor"
  type="xacml-samlm:XACMLAuthzDecisionQueryDescriptorType"/>
<complexType name="XACMLAuthzDecisionQueryDescriptorType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="md:QueryDescriptorType">
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>
```

1220 **8.4 Type <xacml-samlm:XACMLAuthzDecisionQueryConfigType>**

1221 PEP extended metadata. No proposed syntax yet.

1222

## 9 Conformance

1223 Implementations of this Profile MAY implement certain subsets of the described functionality. Each  
1224 implementation MUST clearly identify the subsets it implements using the following identifiers.

1225 An implementation of this Profile is a conforming *SAML Attribute* implementation if the implementation  
1226 conforms to Section 2 of this Profile. The following URI MUST be used as the identifier for this  
1227 functionality:

1228 urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:attrs:all

1229 An implementation of this Profile is a conforming *SOAP Attributes as XACML Authz Decision Query*  
1230 implementation if the implementation conforms to Section 3.1 of this Profile. The following URI MUST be  
1231 used as the identifier for this functionality:

1232 urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:SOAP:authzQuery

1233 An implementation of this Profile is a conforming *SOAP Attributes as SAML Attribute Assertion*  
1234 implementation if the implementation conforms to Section 3.2 of this Profile. The following URI MUST be  
1235 used as the identifier for this functionality:

1236 urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:SOAP:attrAssertion

1237

1238 An implementation of this Profile is a conforming *XACML Authz Decision without Policies* implementation  
1239 if the implementation conforms to all parts of Section 4 of this Profile excluding the `<xacml:Policy>`,  
1240 `<xacml:PolicySet>`, and `<xacml-samlp:ReferencedPolicies>` elements and their sub-  
1241 elements and the `CombinePolicies` XML attribute in the `<xacml-  
1242 samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>`. XACML 3.0 implementations MUST support the `<xacml-  
1243 samlp:AdditionalAttributes>` element and its sub-elements in the `<xacml-  
1244 samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>`. XACML 1.0, 1.1, and 2.0 implementations MUST NOT support  
1245 the `<xacml-samlp:AdditionalAttributes>` element and its sub-elements in the `<xacml-  
1246 samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>`. The following URI MUST be used as the identifier for this  
1247 functionality:

1248 urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:authzDecisionurn:oasis:nam  
1249 es:tc:xacml:3.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:authzDecision:noPolicies

1250 An implementation of this Profile is a conforming *XACML Authz Decision with Policies* implementation if  
1251 the implementation conforms to all parts of Section 4 of this Profile. XACML 3.0 implementations MUST  
1252 support the `<xacml-samlp:AdditionalAttributes>` element and its sub-elements in the `<xacml-  
1253 samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>`. XACML 1.0, 1.1, and 2.0 implementations MUST NOT support  
1254 the `<xacml-samlp:AdditionalAttributes>` element and its sub-elements in the `<xacml-  
1255 samlp:XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>`. The following URI MUST be used as the identifier for this  
1256 functionality:

1257 urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:authzDecision:withPolicies

1258 An implementation of this Profile is a conforming *XACML Policies* implementation if the implementation  
1259 conforms to Section 5 of this Profile. The following URI MUST be used as the identifier for this  
1260 functionality:

1261 urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:policies

1262 An implementation of this Profile is a conforming *SAML Advice* implementation if the implementation  
1263 conforms to Section 6 of this Profile. The following URI MUST be used as the identifier for this  
1264 functionality:

1265 urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:adviceSAML

1266 An implementation of this Profile is a conforming *XACML Authz Token* implementation if the  
1267 implementation conforms to Section 7 of this Profile. The following URI MUST be used as the identifier  
1268 for this functionality:

1269 urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:authzToken

1270 An implementation of this Profile is a conforming *SAML Metadata* implementation if the implementation  
1271 conforms to Section 8 of this Profile. The following URI MUST be used as the identifier for this  
1272 functionality:

1273 urn:oasis:names:tc:xacml:3.0:profile:saml2.0:v2:metadata

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Rev	Date	By whom	What
WD 1	12 April 2006	Anne Anderson	Create from SAML Profile errata document. <XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType>: replace "ReturnResponse" with "ReturnContext" in description. Authorization Decisions: replaced "in the Response to an <XACMLAuthzDecisionStatement>" with "...<XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery>". Create new types for SAML elements that will need to include XACML extensions. Create new elements for each extended type. Allow an XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery to include XACML policies for use in evaluating that query. Allow an XACMLAssertion to contain an XACMLAdvice element that in turn can contain an XACMLAssertion.
WD 2	23 June 2006	Anne Anderson	Changed name to "xacml-2.0-profile-saml2.0-v2-spec.... Removed specifications for all new elements except the XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery and XACMLPolicyQuery and all new types except for XACMLAuthzDecisionStatementType and XACMLPolicyStatementType and the two new Query types. Added descriptions of each standard SAML element in which XACML types might occur, and gave examples of use of xsi:type. Described use of the ID and InResponseTo attributes to correlate Queries and Responses.
WD 3	5 March 2007	Anne Anderson	-change boilerplate to conform to new OASIS template -Title: change to reflect that this profile applies to all versions of XACML -1.3 Added section on backwards compatibility -1.4 Removed notation section -1.5 Added namespaces section -2.6 Insert the "Conveying XACML Attributes in a SOAP Message" section from the WS-XACML profile -2.1.1 Clarify that <saml:Subject> is not translated into an XACML -id Attribute -3.5 and following,3.13: add syntax for passing additional Attributes in XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery from Admin Policy. 3.9 and following: add syntax for passing references policies. -4.4 XACMLPolicyQuery: clarify it returns all <b>potentially</b> applicable policies; remove Target element; change Choice lower bound from 0 to 1 and remove case where no elements included; add non-normative note to consider SPML for provisioning protocol -4.5 Response: Use valid ID values in example; add <samp:Status> element saying to use SAML TooManyResponses StatusCode if unable to return all applicable policies -7 Insert the "XACML Authorization Token" section from the WS-XACML profile -Schemas: create versions specific to each XACML version -Protocol schema: remove XACMLPolicyQuery Target element, change Choice lower bound from 0 to 1 -Protocol schema: add Administrative Policy elements.
WD 4	15 June 2007	Anne Anderson	-throughout: used actual schema elements rather than

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			<p>invented names except when speaking about instances embedded in other instances (e.g. &lt;saml:Attribute&gt; rather than SAML Attribute, but SAML Attribute Response rather than &lt;samlp:Response&gt;).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-throughout: changed SHALL to MUST</li> <li>-throughout: added namespace designators to schema items and added additional namespace prefixes to list in Section 1.4</li> <li>-Figure 1 updated the "Components and messages diagram to use same names as text</li> <li>-2.1.1 Clarified that implementations need not create actual &lt;xacml-context:Attribute&gt; instances so long as PDP can obtain corresponding values as if such instances existed.</li> <li>-2.1.1 Reworded description of NotBefore, NotOnOrAfter relationship to XACML date/time Attributes to be more clear</li> <li>-3.4.7,B.1 Inserted non-normative notes referring to open issues in relevant places</li> <li>-3.4.4.1 Clarified that the ReferencedPolicies element need not contain policies that receiver is not authorized to view</li> <li>-3.9 Clarified that Policy[Set]IdReference values must exactly match corresponding Policy[Set]Id values in the ReferencedPolicies element.</li> <li>-3.7 Changed "AttributeMatch" to "Match" to fit 3.0 schema</li> <li>-3.9,schemas:Fixed schema for ReferencedPolicies so it validates</li> <li>-3.4.4.1 Reworded AssignedAttributes and XACMLAuthzDecisionQuery Policy[Set] descriptions to clarify that the values must not be used except with the given Request "unless associated with the ... independently of the Request"</li> <li>-4.1,4.2 Add ReferencedPolicies element to XACMLPolicyStatementType</li> <li>-4.6 Reworded so to allow Response that is not issued in response to a specific Query</li> <li>-7 Added first draft of SAML Metadata</li> <li>-8 Added urn for SAML Metadata functionality</li> </ul>
WD 5	19 July 2007	Anne Anderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Import XACML 1.0 schemas from local copies</li> <li>-Import XACML 2.0 schemas from <a href="http://docs.oasis-open.org/xacml/">http://docs.oasis-open.org/xacml/</a> directory</li> <li>-Import XACML 3.0 WD3 schema</li> <li>-Add OASIS copyright to all schemas</li> <li>-Made "Conveying XACML Attributes in a SOAP Message" a separate Section for easier reference in Conformance Section</li> <li>-Revised Conformance Section to refer to current document sections and to include previously omitted elements.</li> <li>-Made Introduction non-normative except for Namespaces and Normative References sections.</li> <li>-Made SAML Metadata section normative but RECOMMENDED</li> </ul>



