Introduction to Liberty Alliance

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Why was Liberty Alliance Formed?

- Identity is important & complex. We must deliver clarity OR:
  - industry will become more fractured
  - governments will intervene
- Foster the ubiquitous, open, interoperable, privacy-respecting, identity layer (holistic identity management):
  - Liberty represents all constituencies toward this objective
    - (vendors, enterprise, government, universities, SME’s, etc.)
- Develop standards-based model to …
  - Interoperate in heterogeneous environments
  - Avoid proprietary vendor lock-in
  - Provide flexible foundation for future growth
  - Scale to the WWW
- Deliver consumer & enterprise confidence that security, privacy and data integrity will be maintained
Liberty’s Global Membership

150 diverse member companies and organizations representing leaders in IT, mobility, government, service provision, system integration and finance working collaboratively to address the technology, business and policy aspects of digital identity management

Management Board

Sponsors
The Liberty Process - Market Centric

- By …
  - Listening to the Market
  - Collaborating with other relevant groups
  - Documenting the requirements
  - Developing specifications and frameworks to meet the needs
  - Certify the products & assessors
  - Continuous evolution and improvement
Some Liberty Achievements

- The de-facto standard for assurance-based **Identity Federation** (SAML 2.0)
- Standard framework for **secure Web Services** (ID-WSF 2.0)
- Publish **case studies** of successful deployments (17 verticals)
- EAP merger & **Identity Assurance Framework public draft**
- GSA joins those requiring **Liberty Interoperable™** testing
- **Concordia Project** standards harmonization demo at RSA
- **OpenLiberty.org** Web Services Client (Java) beta release
- Completed requirements for **Strong Authentication** (ID-SAFe)
- Initiated **Identity Governance Framework** (IGF) specification
- Finalized **Advanced Client** specification for device provisioning