WS-Federation in TrustCoM und BREIN

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Agenda

- What is Microsoft EMIC?
- Security management challenges in Vos
- SAFe A pluggable STS
- Some deployment options
- SAFe Development Overview
- Future plans

Security management challenges in virtual organizations

Security-management challenges

- We work with many partner organizations, our employee assignments to projects (VOs) may change frequently
 - We don't know all colleagues from other companies
 identity and access mgmt is difficult to get right
- Security needs to be managed in a distributed way
 - We must ensure privacy for our employees when they access remote resources
 - We need assurance when remote users access our services

Security-related challenges (II)

- Security management Who does it?
 - Need to find appropriate abstraction so that the I&A mgmt can be understood and done by the business owner
- Different VO membership models are possible
 - Static vs. dynamic partner sets
 - Varying infrastructure support (central repositories)

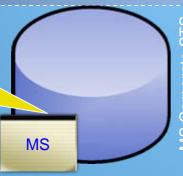
Our goals were...

- Enable people in different organizations to easily share services
- Dynamic
 - Collaborations across organizations created as necessary
 - Minimal out-of-band overhead for administrators or users
- Secure
 - Make it more secure for IT groups by making it more manageable
- Intuitive
 - Each federation is based on trust between humans

Our (EMIC) beliefs regarding collaboration

- Trust across organizations depends on people who trust each other
- 2. Whoever makes a decision should have the tool to enforce that decision
- 3. Collaborations must be visible and manageable inside the company

The corporate STS's contact database for EPR/tokens













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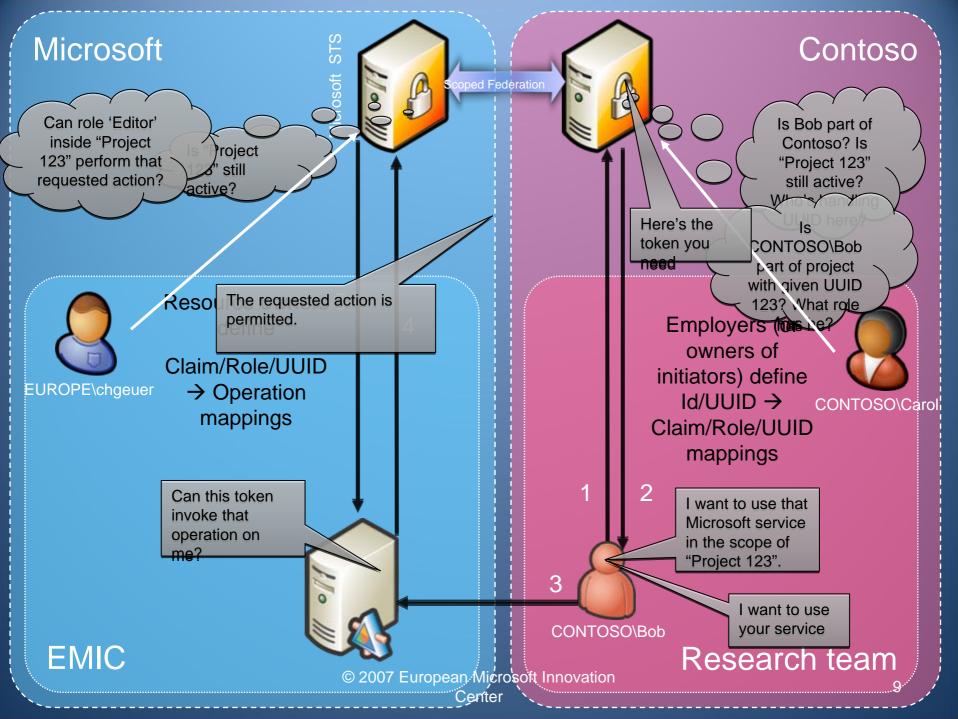
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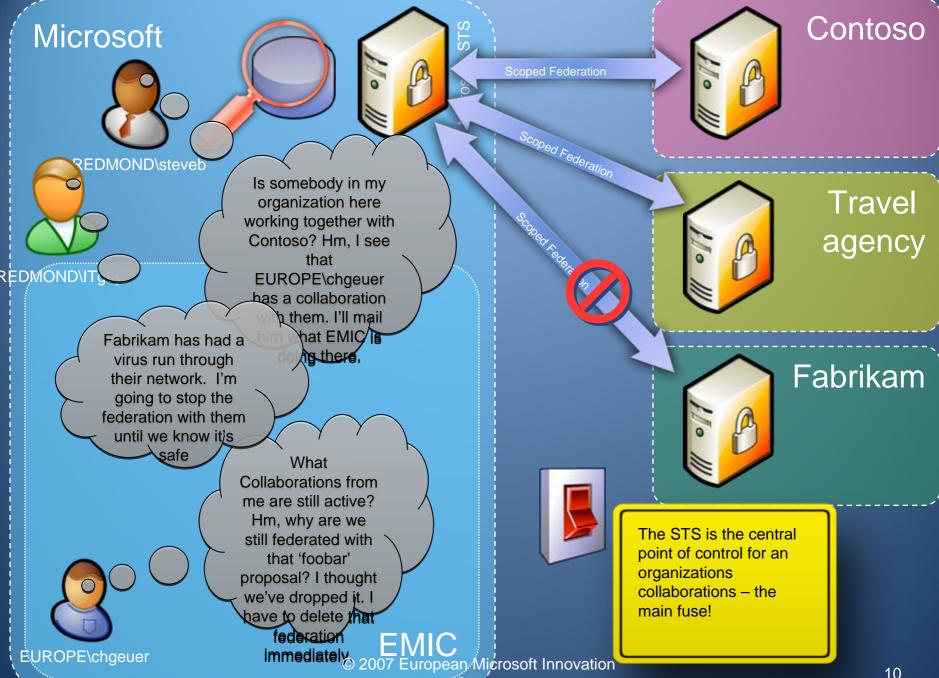
Enact collaboration inside the organizations

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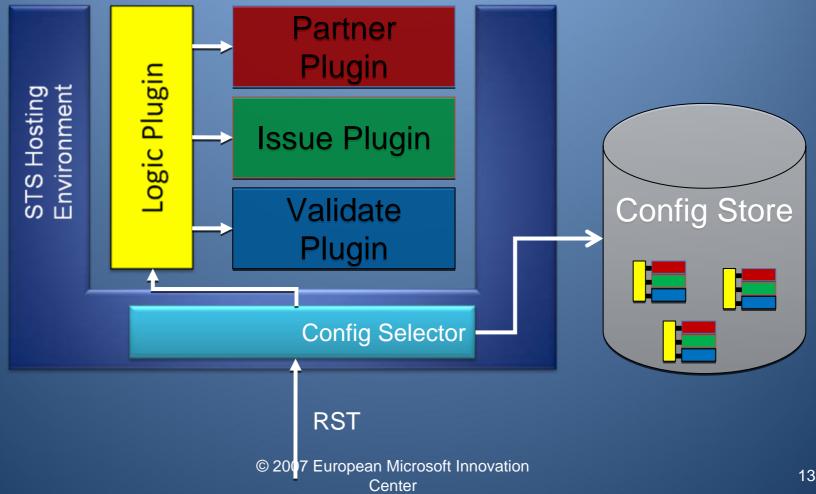
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"Scoped" Federations

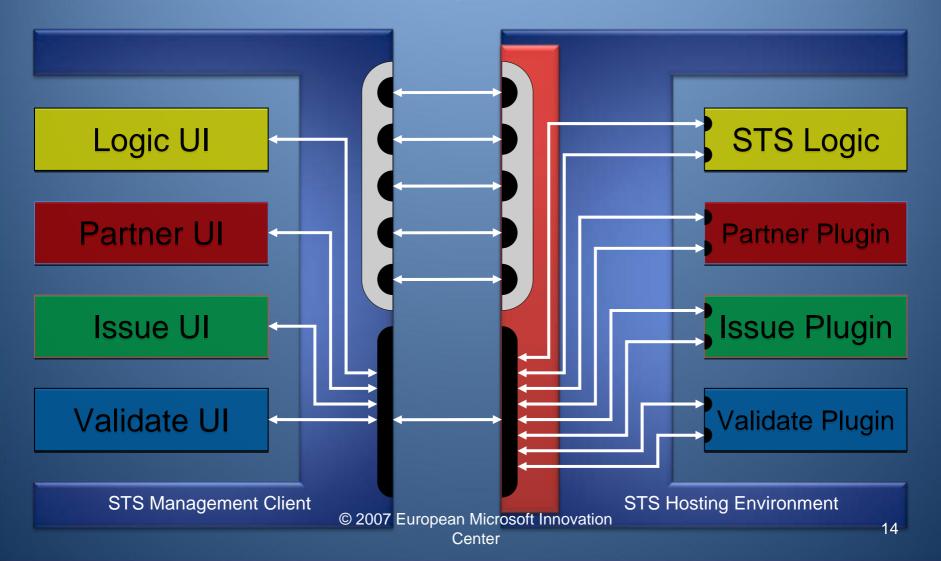
- Enable federations but scope (constrain) them to specific resources in the network
- Federations can be setup for fast situations
 - Technical support issue, sales presentations, one time interactions, etc....
- Safer for IT departments
 - Reduces the threat surface by only exposing assets in scope
 - Enables monitoring of information flow between companies
 - Puts context on information sharing, making leakage easier to detect and handle

SAFe – A pluggable STS

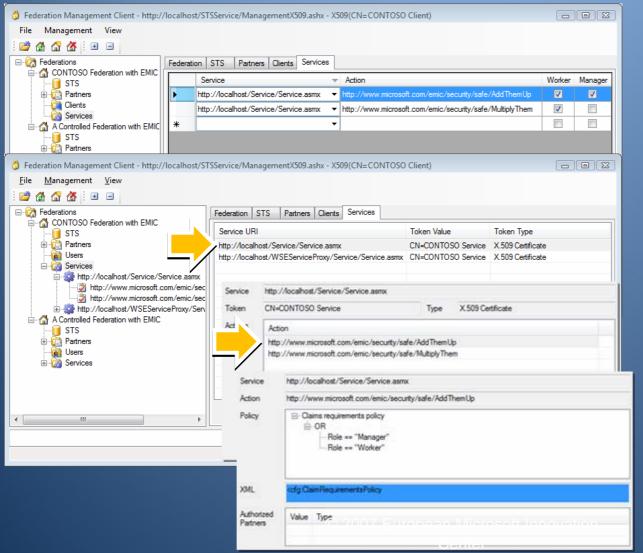
SAFe – A pluggable STS hosting environment



SAFe – Pluggable Manageability



Customized federation management experience



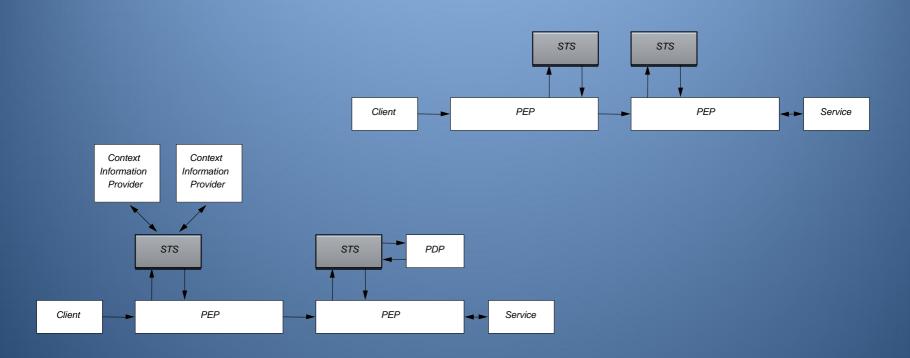
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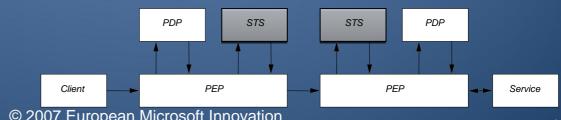
- e.g. simple, template based service mgmt
- e.g. complex, finegrained access control

Using web services mgmt:

- application-specific "federation" mgmt
- federation mgmt operations embedded in business process

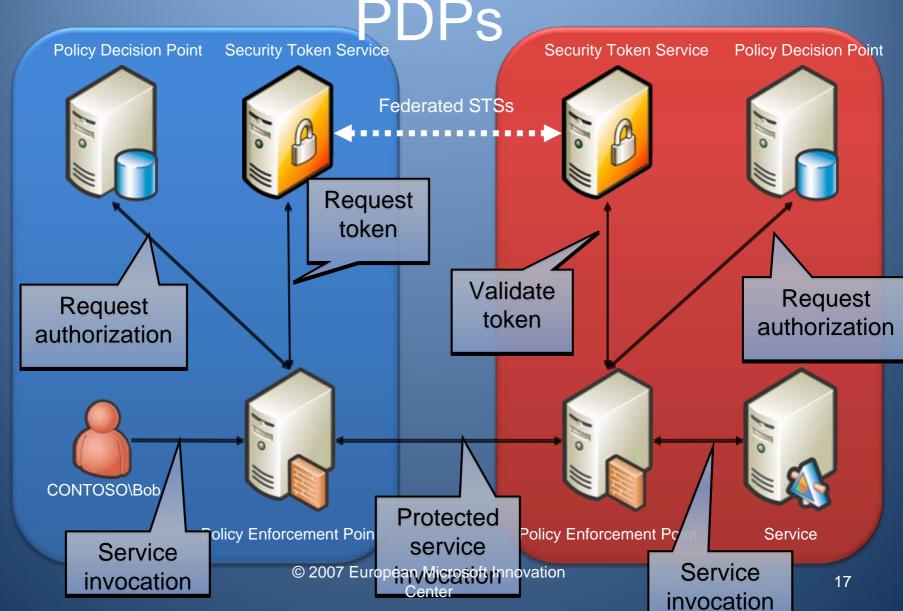
One STS – Many deployments





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The TrustCoM flavor: STS and



Some architectural choices

- VO Membership
 - Manually-established partner lists ("Every partner knows every partner")
 - VO-wide STS (WS-Trust frontend to a membership database)
- Authorization decisions
 - Dedicated PDP, STS only validates claims
 - STS running as authorization service
 - Mixed mode (TrustCoM)
 - STS validates claims and does authorization decision
 - PEP configuration specifies whether additional PDP is contacted
- Client claims
- Token formats
- ...

SAFe – Development overview

SAFe Prototype Implementation

- Prototype validation in multiple EU FP6 projects
 - TrustCoM
 - MOSQUITO
 - NextGRID
 - MYCAREVENT
- Main technologies
 - SOAP, WS-Security for communications
 - WS-Trust for token exchanges
 - SAML profile for security tokens (currently)

SAFe Prototype Implementation (II)

Features

- Based in .NET 2.0 / WSE3.0, will migrate soon to Indigo/WCF
- Pluggable modules for
 - VO Partner membership providers
 - Claims implementations
 - Claims derivation providers
 - Service access authorization / claims validation modules
- Claims-requirements policy engine
- Proxy support to hook up legacy web services
- Web services-based federation management

SAFe Release Plan

- SAFe Release planned for May 2007 (part of TrustCoM Reference Implementation)
- SDK based on .NET 2.0 / WSE 3.0
- SDK contains STS, management client, and sample plugins (such as the TrustCoM-specific plugins)

Plans for BREIN

- WCF (Indigo) support
- Data-centric security enforcement
- Dynamic context selection service
- (SecPAL Authorization support)

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