

# **Beyond X.509: Token-based Authentication and Authorization with the INDIGO Identity and Access Management Service**


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# INDIGO IAM: main requirements

Provide a central **Identity and Authorization Service** to support scientific computing

- Based on **existing** and **popular** standards (**do not reinvent the wheel**)
- Providing **flexible authentication and authorization** to integrated services
- **Easy** to integrate 
- Supporting **delegation** and long-running applications
- **Mobile-friendly**

IAM developed at INFN CNAF during the INDIGO DataCloud project with a **strong focus on code quality and testing**

# INDIGO Identity and Access Management service

**Flexible authentication** support (SAML, X.509, OpenID Connect, username/password, ...)

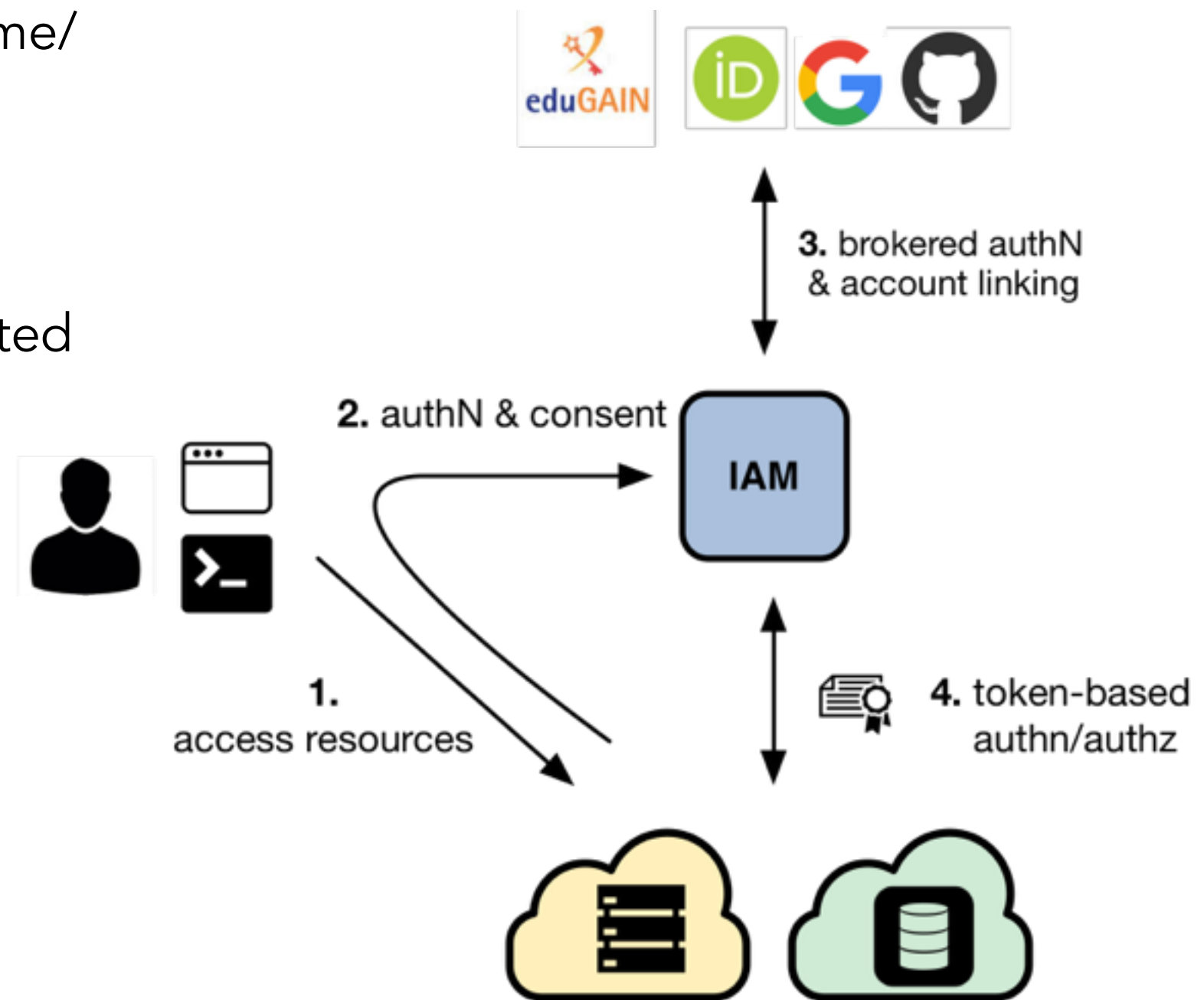
**Account linking**

**Registration service** for moderated and automatic user enrollment

**AUP enforcement** support

**Mobile-friendly** organization management tools

**Easy integration** in off-the-shelf components thanks to OpenID Connect/OAuth



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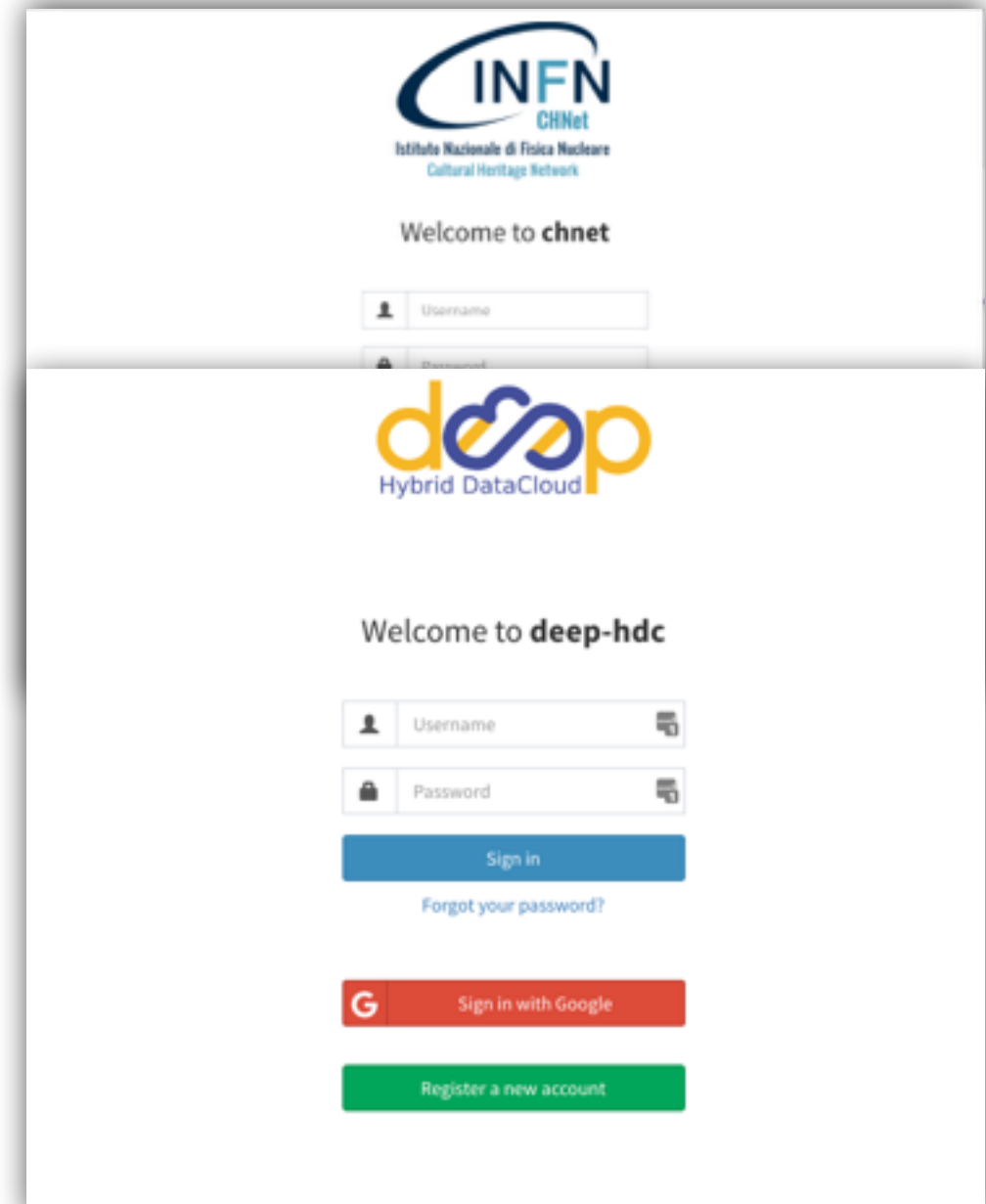


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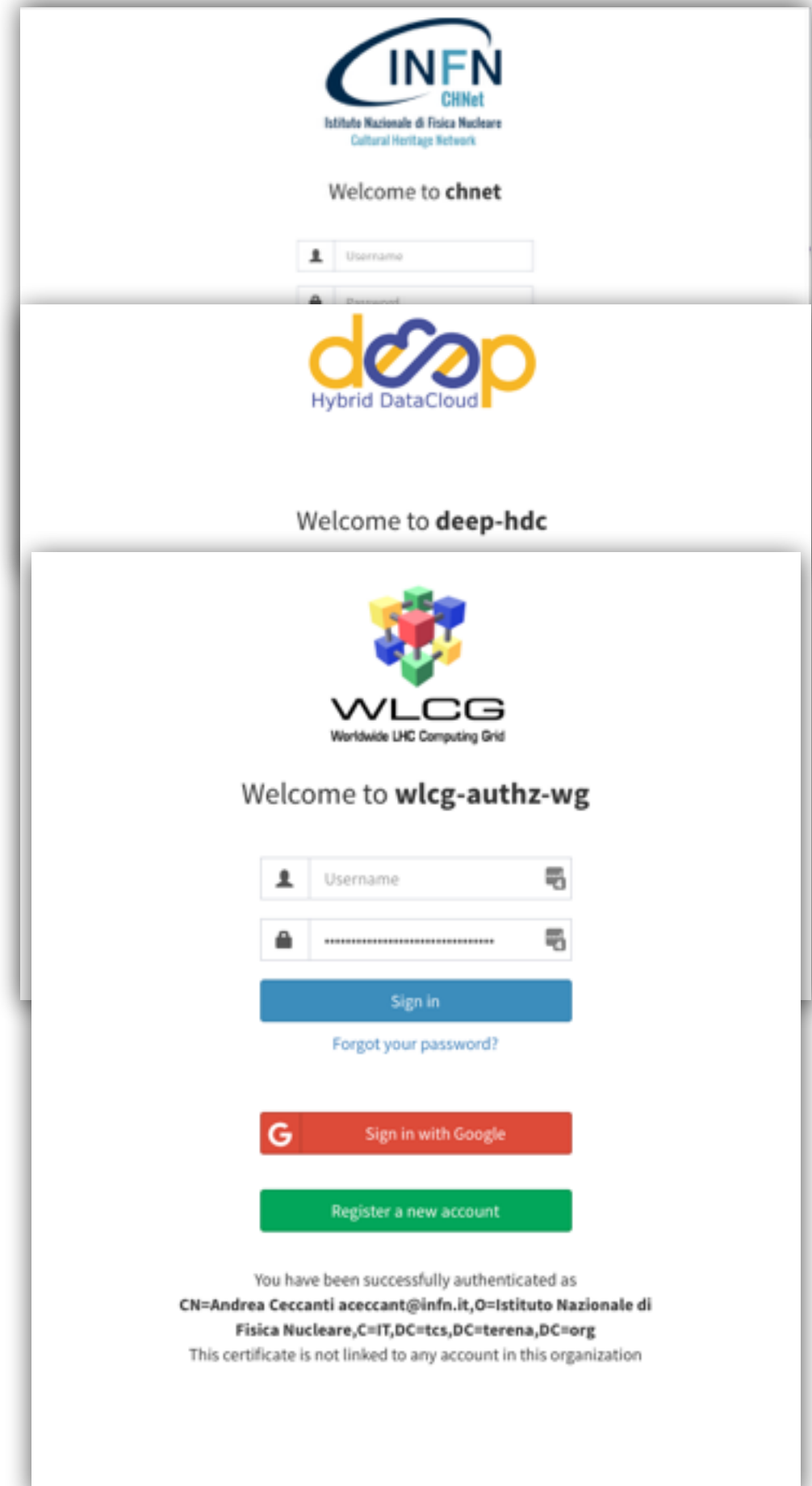


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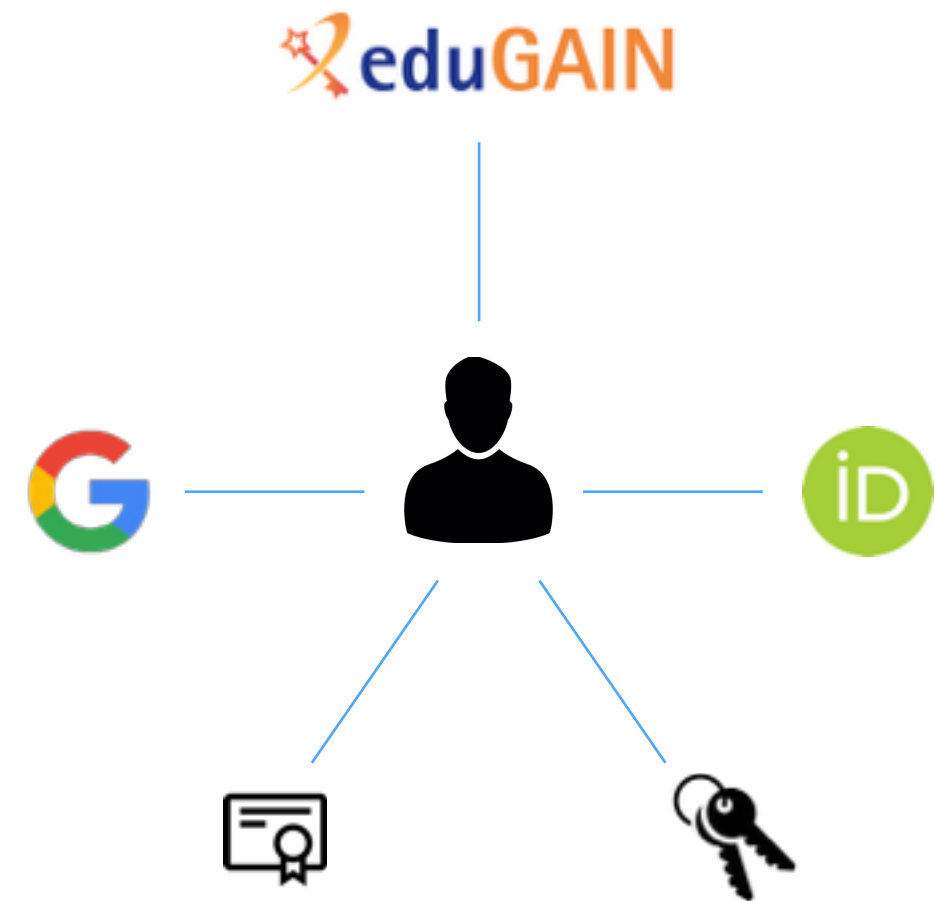
# Flexible authentication & account linking

Authentication supported via

- **local username/password** credentials (created at registration time)
- **SAML** Home institution IdP (e.g., EduGAIN)
- **OpenID Connect** (Google, Microsoft, Paypal, ORCID)
- **X.509** certificates

Users can link any of the supported authentication credentials to their IAM account at registration time or later

To link an external credential/account, the user has to **prove** that he/she owns such account



# User enrollment & registration service

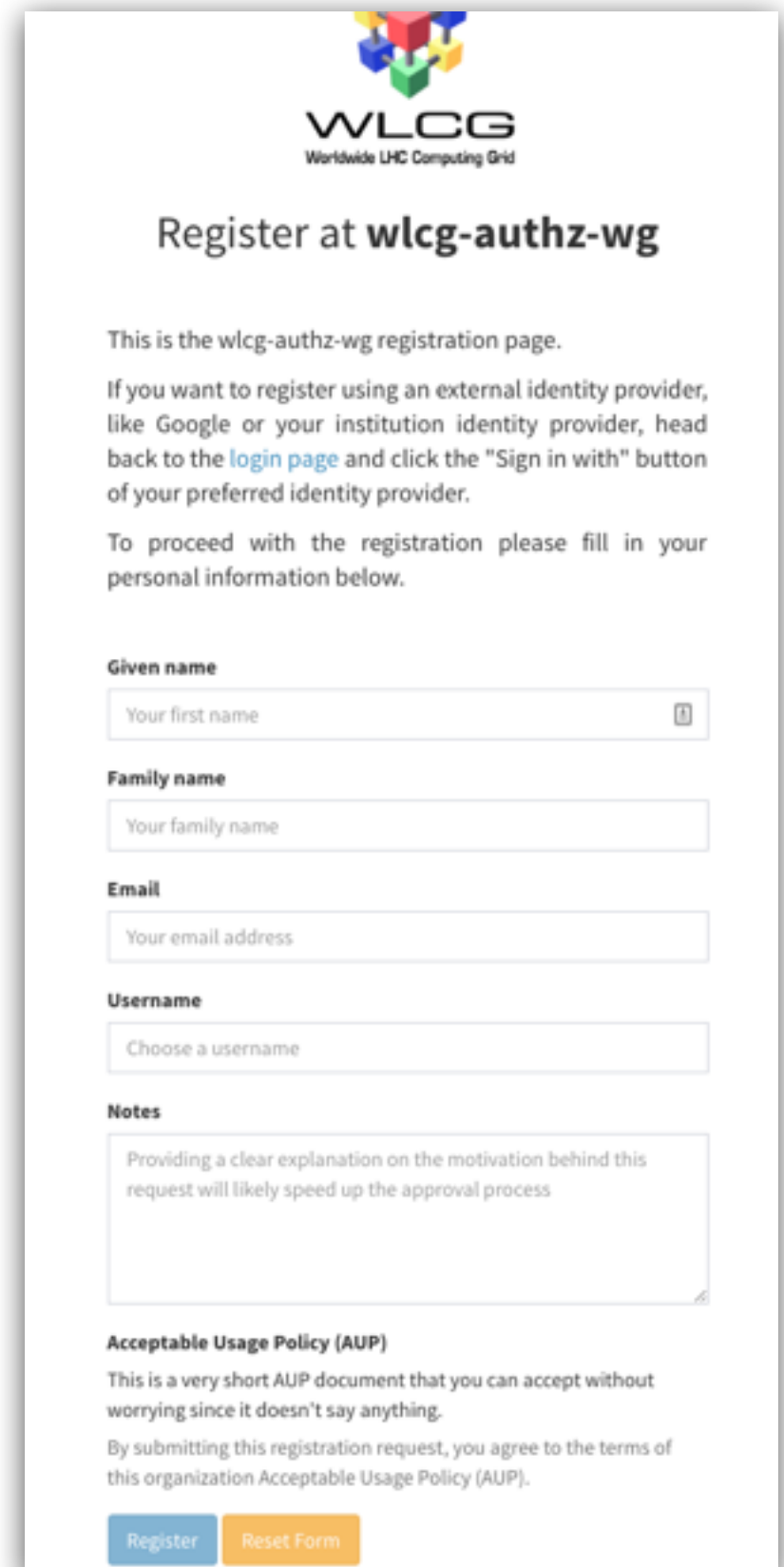
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## Admin-moderated flow

- The applicant fills basic registration information, accepts AUP, proves email ownership
- VO administrators are informed by email and can approve or reject incoming membership requests
- The applicant is informed via email of the administrator decision

## Automatic-enrollment flow

- Users authenticated at **trusted**, **configurable** SAML IdPs are automatically on-boarded, without administrator approval



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This is the wlcg-authz-wg registration page.

If you want to register using an external identity provider, like Google or your institution identity provider, head back to the [login page](#) and click the "Sign in with" button of your preferred identity provider.

To proceed with the registration please fill in your personal information below.

**Given name**

**Family name**

**Email**

**Username**

**Notes**  

Providing a clear explanation on the motivation behind this request will likely speed up the approval process

**Acceptable Usage Policy (AUP)**  
This is a very short AUP document that you can accept without worrying since it doesn't say anything.  
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At the bottom are two buttons: "Register" (blue) and "Reset Form" (orange).



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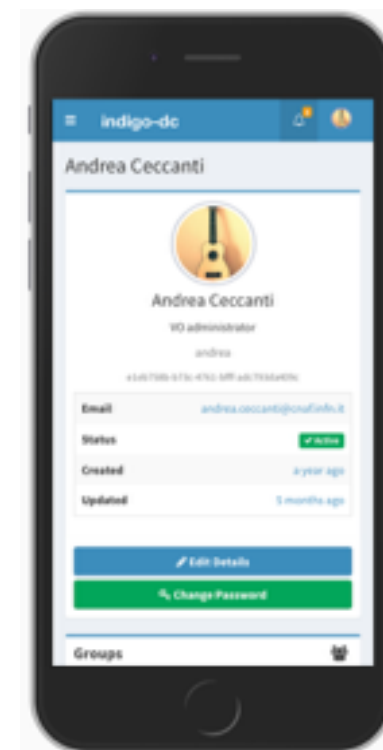
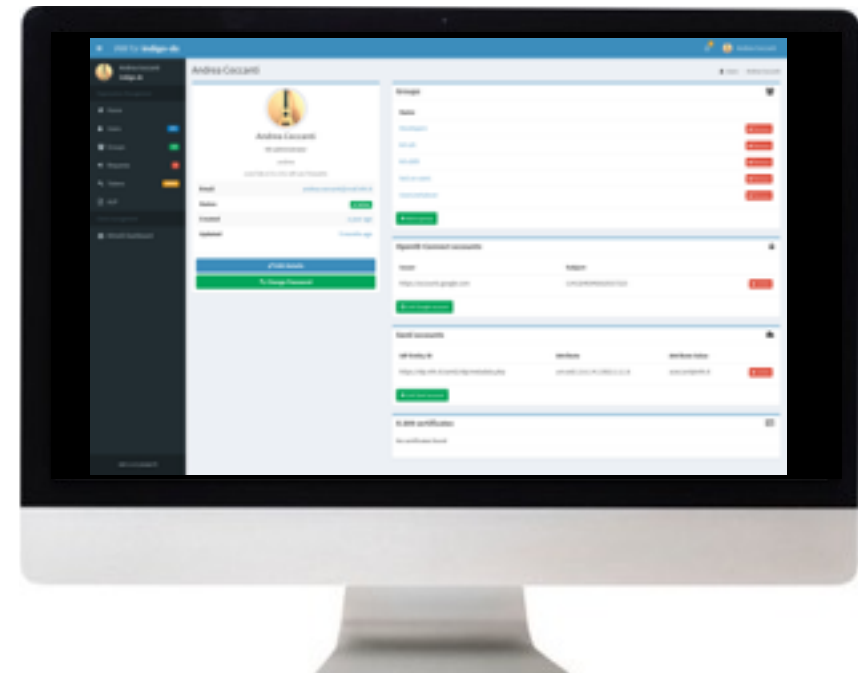
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# Management tools

IAM provides a **mobile-friendly** dashboard for:

- User management
- Group management
- Membership request management
- Account linking and personal details editing
- Token management

All management functionality is also exposed by REST APIs

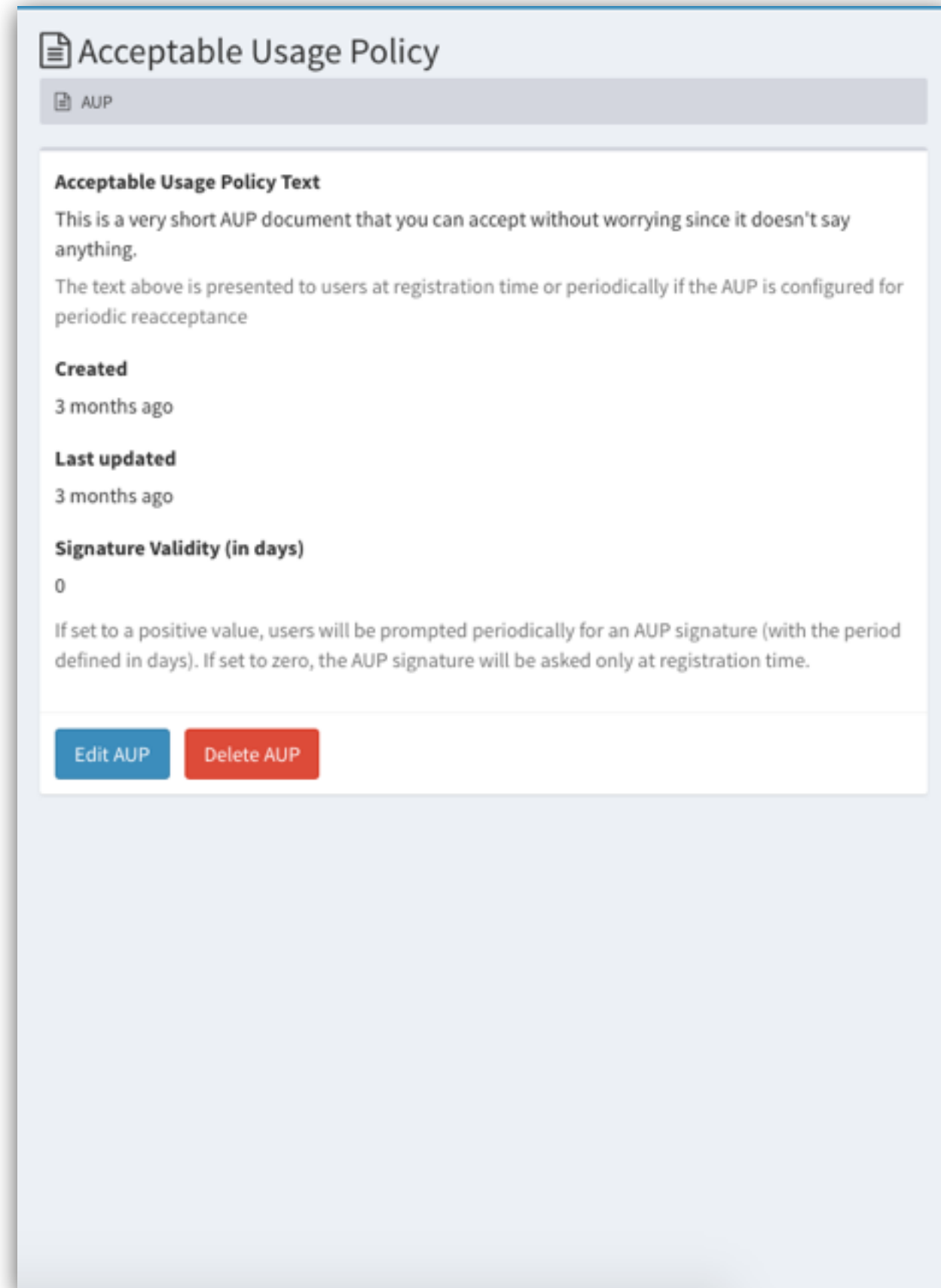


# AUP enforcement support

**AUP acceptance**, if enabled, can be configured to be:

- requested once at user registration time
- periodically, with configurable period

User cannot login to the system (and as such be authenticated at authorized at services) unless the **AUP** has been accepted



The screenshot shows a web interface for configuring an 'Acceptable Usage Policy' (AUP). The title bar at the top says 'Acceptable Usage Policy' with a document icon. Below it is a sub-header 'AUP'. The main content area is titled 'Acceptable Usage Policy Text' and contains the following text: 'This is a very short AUP document that you can accept without worrying since it doesn't say anything. The text above is presented to users at registration time or periodically if the AUP is configured for periodic reacceptance'. Below this text are three fields: 'Created' with the value '3 months ago', 'Last updated' with the value '3 months ago', and 'Signature Validity (in days)' with the value '0'. A descriptive note below the last field states: 'If set to a positive value, users will be prompted periodically for an AUP signature (with the period defined in days). If set to zero, the AUP signature will be asked only at registration time.' At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Edit AUP' (blue) and 'Delete AUP' (red).

# Easy integration with services

Standard OAuth/OpenID Connect enable **easy integration** with off-the-shelf services and libraries.

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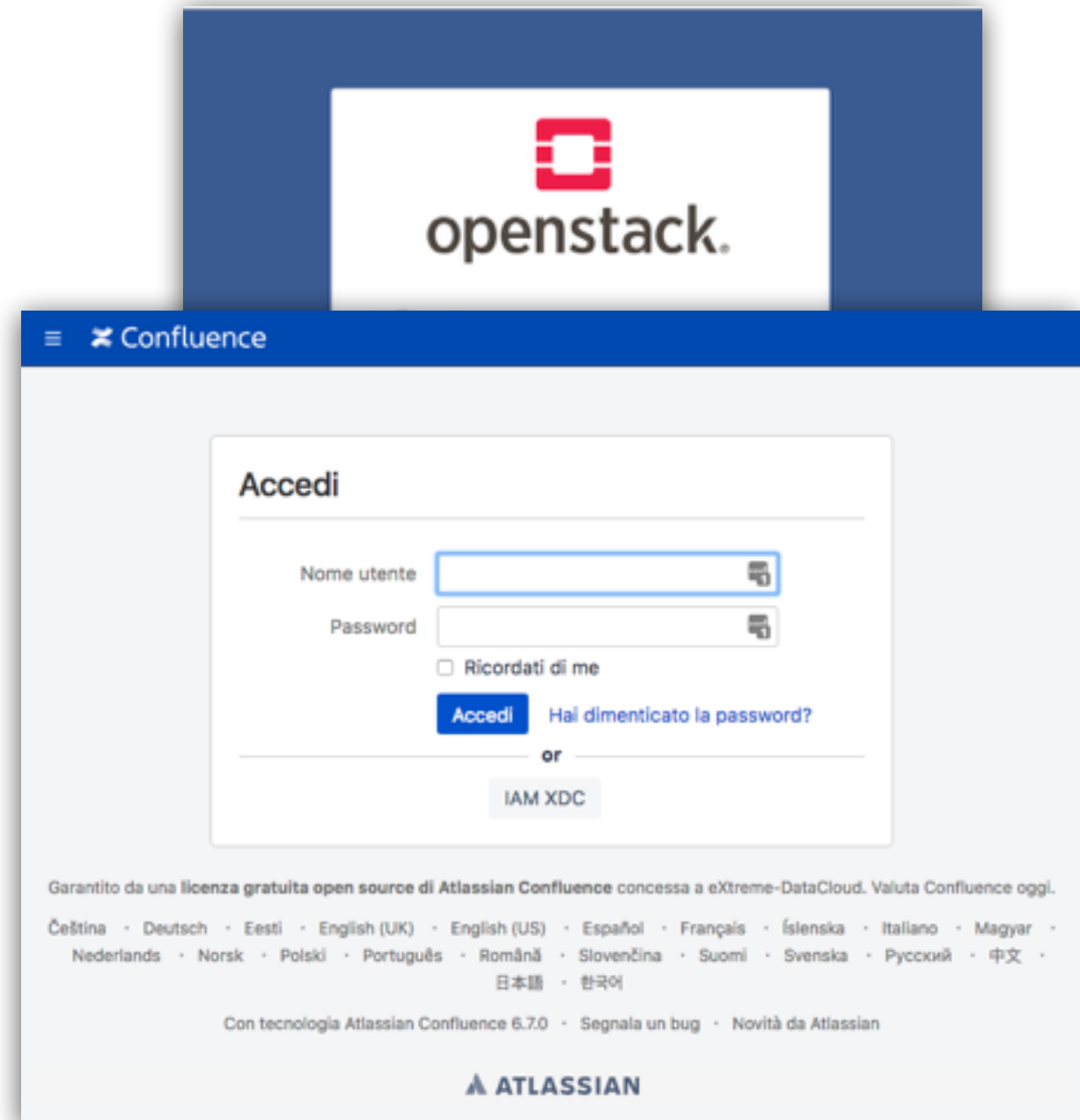


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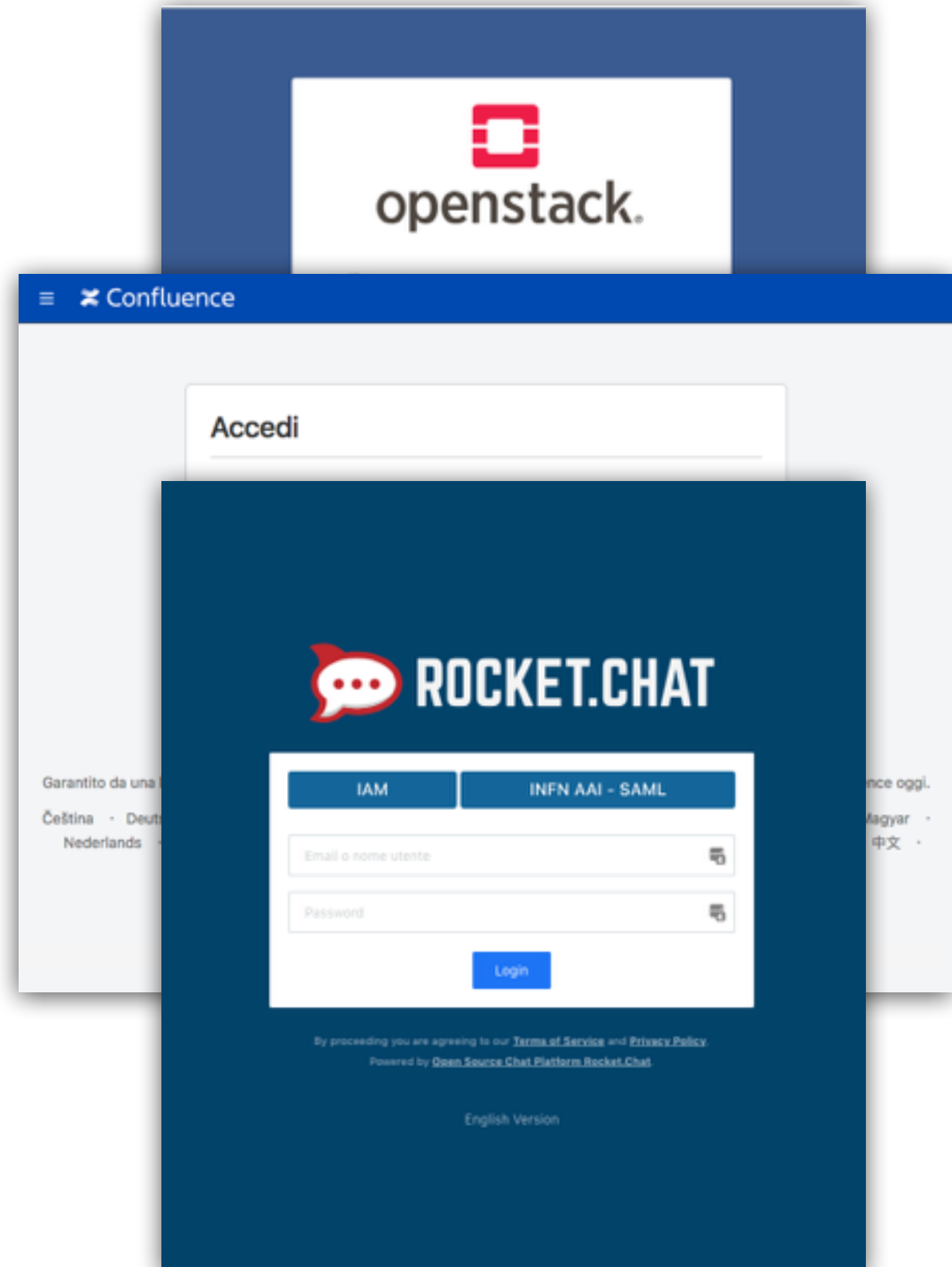


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**Demo**

# Technical details



# IAM deployment strategies

IAM is a **Spring Boot** application

- currently based on the MitreID Connect libraries
- typically deployed behind an **NGINX**
- stores data in a **MariaDB/ MySQL** database

Horizontally scalable

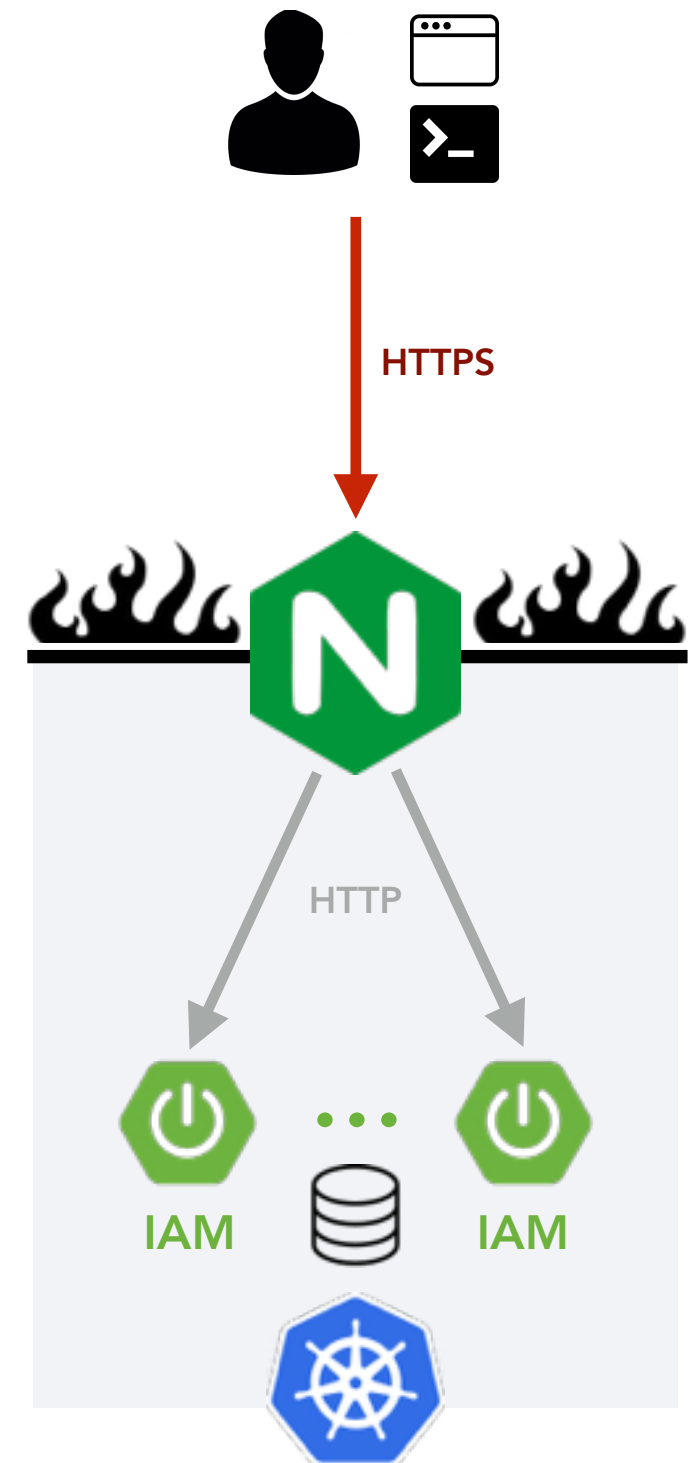
- all state persisted in the database

We deploy IAM as a **containerized** service on top of **Kubernetes**

- autoscaling, zero downtime rolling updates

And provide packages for

- CENTOS 7, UBUNTU 1604



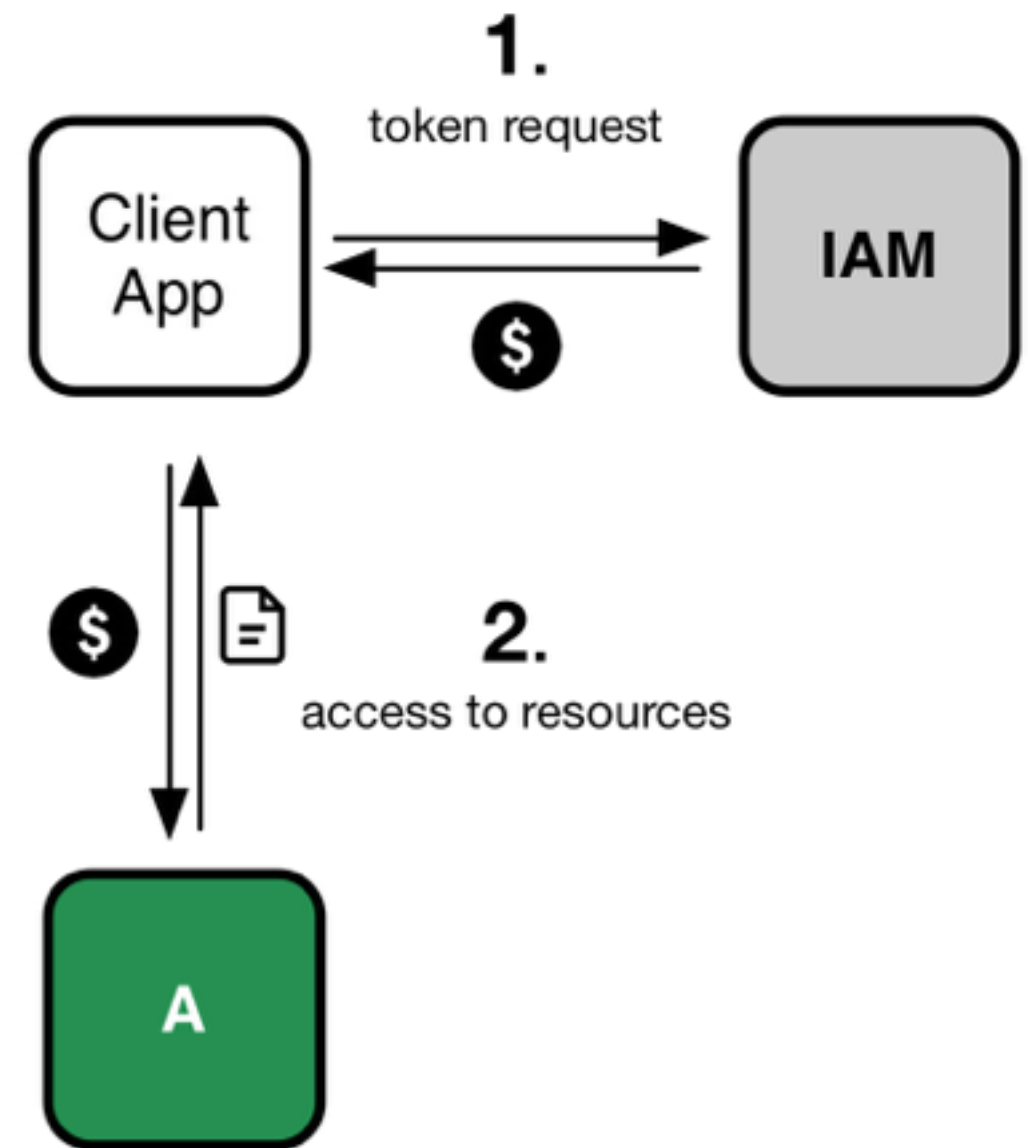
# Token-based AuthN/AuthZ with OAuth/OIDC

In order to access resources, a **client** needs an **access token**

The token is obtained from **IAM** using standard **OAuth/OpenID Connect** flows

Authorization is then performed @ the services leveraging:

- **OAuth scopes**: authorization labels that can be linked to access token at token creation time
- **Identity attributes**: e.g., Organization name,



# INDIGO IAM tokens: signed JWTs

IAM uses **structured, self-contained access tokens**

- signed JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

Access tokens provide to applications basic **authorization** information

- IAM can be configured to include selected AuthN info in access tokens

Authentication info about can be obtained via **OAuth token introspection & OpenID Connect userinfo** IAM endpoints

```
{
  "sub": "e1eb758b-b73c-4761-bfff-adc793da409c",
  "aud": "iam-client test",
  "iss": "https://iam-test.indigo-datacloud.eu/",
  "exp": 1507726410,
  "iat": 1507722810,
  "jti": "39636fc0-c392-49f9-9781-07c5eda522e3"
}
```

```
{
  "email": "andrea.ceccanti@cnaa.infn.it",
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  "gender": "M",
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    "Developers",
    "kit-x509",
    "test.vo-users"
  ],
  "name": "Andrea Ceccanti",
  "organisation_name": "indigo-dc",
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  "preferred_username": "andrea",
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  "updated_at": "Thu Aug 10 09:54:20 CEST 2017"
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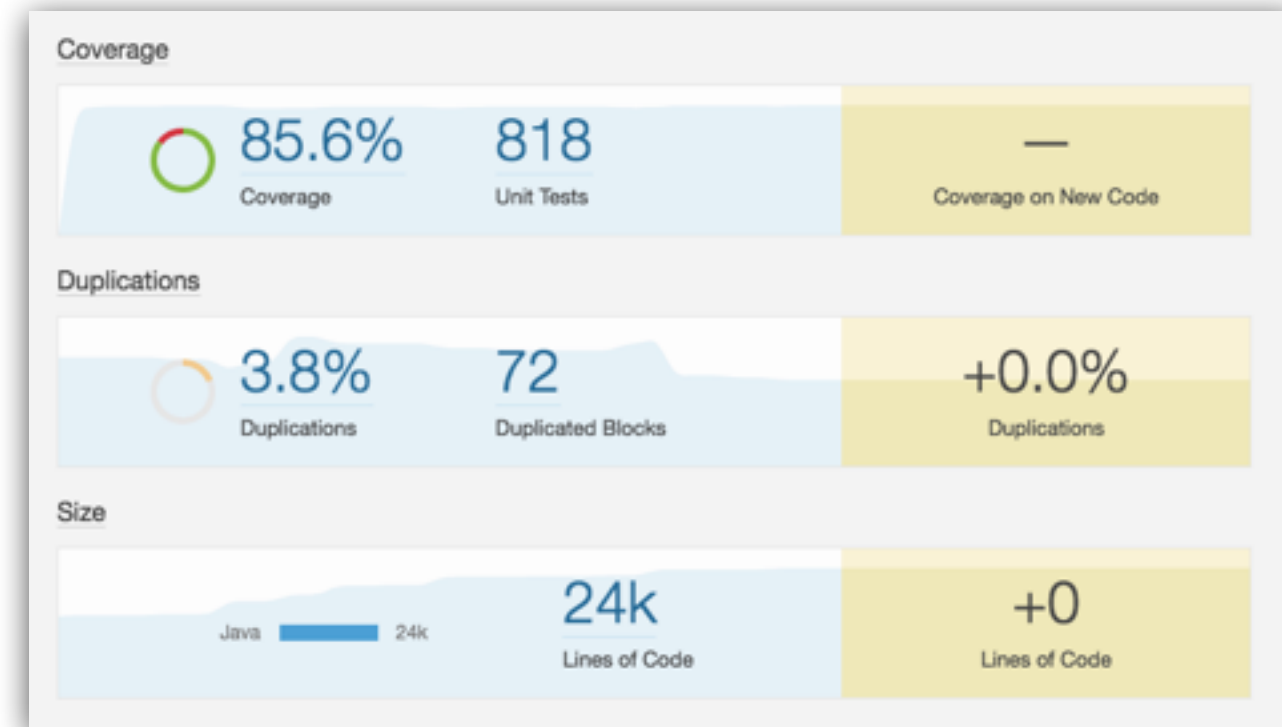
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**Coverage**

Metric	Value
Coverage	85.6%
Unit Tests	818
Coverage on New Code	—

**Duplications**

Metric	Value
Duplications	3.8%
Duplicated Blocks	72
Duplications	+0.0%

**Size**

Metric	Value
Size	0.4k
Size	0

**Add support to multiple OIDC providers #249**

[Open](#) marcocaberletti wants to merge 2 commits into `indigo-iam:develop` from `marcocaberletti:issue-229`

Conversation 1 | Commits 2 | Checks 0 | Files changed 35

marcocaberletti commented 14 days ago (Member)

This PR resolve issue #229.

- Add support to multiple OIDC providers (34d63bd)
- marcocaberletti requested review from andreaceccanti and enricovianello 14 days ago
- marcocaberletti added this to PRs ready for review in IAM next release 14 days ago

New changes since you last viewed (View changes)

- Restore Link button (caca09e)

CnafSonarBot commented 14 days ago (Collaborator)

SonarQube analysis reported 1 issue

Note: The following issues were found on lines that were not modified in the pull request. Because these issues can't be reported as line comments, they are summarized here:

- OidcConfiguration.java#L97: Method has 10 parameters, which is greater than 7 authorized.

Add more commits by pushing to the `issue-229` branch on `marcocaberletti/iam`.

[Review requested](#) (Show all reviewers)

Review has been requested on this pull request. It is not required to merge. [Learn more.](#)

# IAM evolution: porting to Keycloak

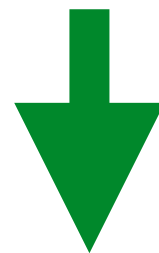
IAM 2 (currently in development) will be based on Keycloak

- Powerful RedHat SSO solution
- Vibrant community: > 250 GitHub contributors
- LDAP/Kerberos integration
- Multi-tenancy



IAM codebase will focus on what not already provided by Keycloak

- registration service
- X.509 and VOMS authentication support



**Improved flexibility and sustainability**

# Useful references

IAM @ GitHub: <https://github.com/indigo-iam/iam>

IAM documentation: <https://indigo-iam.github.io/docs>

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**Thanks!**  
**Questions?**