

Using the ODRL Profile for Access Control for Solid Pod Resource Governance











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Motivation

Most companies whose business models depend on data, and especially on personal data, for the provision of Web services store the collected data in private data silos, far from the users' control.

In this context, a number of emergent solutions to decentralize the storage of data have appeared in recent years. However, as we are dealing with personal data, these decentralized storage systems fall on the sphere of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and therefore "read-write" access control policies are not expressive enough to define more complex policies and deal with GDPR requirements.

Decentralized Web services

Demonstration

User's WebID

User



Identity, Purpose, Personal data categories, Processing categories, Legal bases, Recipients

Data Modelling

OAC - ODRL profile for Access Control [1]

Extension of Solid's access control mechanism using the ODRL[2] specification to define policies that express permissions and/or prohibitions associated with data stored in a Solid Pod and uses DPV [3] as a controlled vocabulary to invoke specific privacy and data protection terms.

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PREFIX rdf: <a href="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#">http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#</a>
PREFIX odrl: <a href="http://www.w3.org/ns/odrl/2/#>">http://www.w3.org/ns/odrl/2/#>">
PREFIX oac: <a href="https://w3id.org/oac/">https://w3id.org/oac/>
PREFIX dpv: <a href="https://w3id.org/dpv#">https://w3id.org/dpv#>
:policy-1 a odrl:Policy;
   odrl:profile oac: ;
   odrl:permission [
   odrl:assigner <https://anne.pod/profile/card#me>;
      odrl:target oac:Demographic ;
      odrl:action oac:Read, oac:Write;
      odrl:constraint [
          odrl:leftOperand oac:Purpose;
          odrl:operator odrl:isA;
          odrl:rightOperand dpv:AcademicResearch ] ] .
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Contribution 1: SOPE, a Solid ODRL access control Policies Editor to define policies applicable to resources stored in Solid Pods

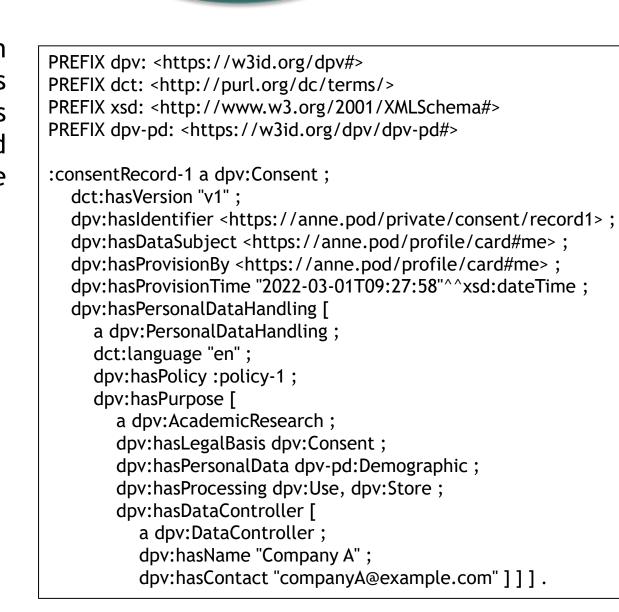
Contribution 2: A simulator that allows Solid app developers to create and launch an access request for specific personal data categories and purposes

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1. User navigates to SOPE editor
                                                  Log in to get access to SOPE
                              Access authorized
                                                             Edited policies are stored at
                                                                  /private/odrl policies/
                                                                                     Send access request
                                Check if an authorization
                                 already exists for the app
                                                       7a. If authorization exists, grant access to resources
    7b. If authorization does not exist, user's policies are
    matched with the app's request and the result is sent !
                                                          8a. Logging of the access is kept at .../private/audit/
             to the user to grant / deny consent
    8b. If access is authorized, app receives an access consent record
    9b. Copy of consent record is also
        kept at .../private/consent/
                                                         App retrieves resources based on granted access;
                                                                 and logging is kept at .../private/audit/
Sequence diagram of the proposed authorization algorithm demonstration
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SOPE app

User's Pod



LOGOUT Logged in as: https://pod.inrupt.com/besteves/profile/card#me SOPE allows you to define ODRL policies, based on the OAC specification, to govern the access to Pod resources and to store them on your Pod. Select the type of policy you want to model, choose the types of personal data and purposes to which the policy applies, generate the ODRL policy's RDF and save it in your Pod by clicking on the **EDITOR** Choose type of policy: - Policy Type PREFIX odrl: http://www.w3.org/ns/odrl/2/> Permission PREFIX oac: <https://w3id.org/oac/> PREFIX dpv: http://www.w3.org/ns/dpv#> Choose type of personal data: PREFIX rdf: http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns# Contact x Choose. <https://pod.inrupt.com/besteves/private/odrl policies/example-policy.ttl> rdf:type odrl:Policy ; Choose purpose: odrl:profile oac: ; Communication Management x odrl:permission [odrl:assigner https://pod.inrupt.com/besteves/profile/card#me; odrl:action oac:Read; Choose applicable access modes: odrl:target oac:Contact : odrl:constraint [odrl:leftOperand oac:Purpose; Policy name: odrl:operator odrl:isA; odrl:rightOperand dpv:CommunicationManagement example-policy.ttl **GENERATE**

Screenshot of the SOPE application

Conclusions & Future Work

- SOPE provides Solid users with a tool to edit policies in a user-friendly manner, without the need to know about the inner workings of ODRL.
- The request demonstrator application allows Solid developers to simulate a request for access for specific categories and purposes of personal data and obtain the URIs of the resources for which the request is authorized.
- SHACL shapes should be defined to validate the policies.
- Usability testing must be performed to assess the design choices included in SOPE.
- Other user interfaces beyond this proof of concept should be developed.
- Semantic reasoners should be leveraged in different scenarios where inferred knowledge might simplify validating a policy.



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