



## **DGI Update: Your Trusted Source for Interoperability Test Lab Services**

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### **SAML: How Does Your Government Exchange Identity Information?**

SAML is a secure framework for exchanging and managing identity information. Produced under OASIS, the SAML 2.0 standard is one of the leading solutions for federating identity information and attributes. There are now more than one billion Liberty-enabled devices and identities worldwide. Liberty Alliance is a global non-profit initiative which promotes the testing and certification of SAML.

The SAML 2.0 interoperability test event begins next month, running from July 14 through September 5th. Registration for the test is open through June 22nd. This is the 3rd SAML interoperability test administered by Drummond Group through the sponsorship of the Liberty Alliance Project.

The most significant addition for this test event is the introduction of the eGov 1.5 profile. Through the efforts of the US, Denmark and New Zealand governments, the eGov SAML conformance profile (vs. 1.5) has been developed to provide a global profile for SAML 2.0 deployments specifically for government identity federations. Through input from the three government stakeholders, the new eGov profile specifies the handling of multiple SP logouts, support of authentication context requests and other requirements necessary for identity eGovernment needs. Several other governments have been observing the work of Liberty's eGov profile with future intentions of adopting it for their SAML 2.0 implementations.

The new eGov profile along with some other test case changes have further improved the SAML interoperability test event to reflect the use cases of identity users worldwide. As with other DGI test events, the SAML test event will be conducted in a full-matrix manner with all participants testing against each other to verify group interoperability.

For more info and important links, click [here](#)  
For SAML adoption in various industries, click [here](#)

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## **AS4 Bootcamp Starts Jun 15**

**Is your company considering developing AS4?**

**Want to know how to develop B2B messaging software?**

**If so, come join Drummond Group's AS4 Bootcamp!**

**WHAT?** This instructor-led virtual course enables Web services developers who are not familiar with B2B messaging standards to gain familiarity with the AS4 profile and the underlying ebMS 3.0 and WS-\* specifications.

Through a combination of lectures, discussions, and hands-on lab exercises, students will learn the fundamentals necessary to design and develop robust and interoperable implementations of the AS4 profile.

**WHEN?** June 15-25. The class will run Monday through Thursday per week. Each class session will last 2 1/2- 3 hours with additional lab work assigned.

**COST?** \$2500. Discounts available for companies registering more than one student. If company chooses, the entry cost of the Drummond AS4 Interop will be reduced by the AS4 Bootcamp fees (applies for one interop completed by 2010).

[For Course Objectives and Lesson Modules Outline](#)

[For Registration](#)

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### Upcoming Tests

#### AS2

Another AS2 Interop is coming to a close and test results will be published by mid-June.

#### SAML

The Liberty Alliance testing for SAML 2.0 starts **July 14th**. With governments including US's General Services Administration aligning on a common identity profile for e-government, the SAML standard adoption continues to grow.

#### ebMS 2.0

This test starts July 8th and will run through August 28th.

#### AS4 Interop

The first AS4 Interop is scheduled to start Sept 7th. There is growing interest in this new web services messaging standard.

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