

# IDP 3 - Step 2 - Shibboleth installation

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## Install the IDP software

Before running the installer safe off the current umask or your `root` user (so that we can later restore it) and change it to the value given below:

```
oldumask=$(umask)
umask 0022
```

The IDP installer will ask for two passwords: One to protect a newly generated PKCS#12 keystore (for a SOAP/backchannel connector, configuration of which we've dropped from this documentation), the other as Cookie/localStorage encryption key (for client-side session storage). So generate *two* random strings to be used as passwords and note them down somewhere temporarily but securely, indicating their purpose (backchannel, cookie encryption). The cookie encryption password will be written to `/opt/shibboleth-idp/conf/idp.properties` by the installer, though.

```
openssl rand -hex 16 # run twice to generate two random strings
```

Download and unpack the [latest Shibboleth IDP](#) software, adjusting the value of `$VER` to the latest/current version. Optional (but recommended, if you understand how [PGP](#) and the [Web of Trust](#) work) commands for verification of the software using cryptographic signatures from the Shibboleth developers are also included below.

```
export VER=3.4.8
cd /usr/local/src
curl -s https://shibboleth.net/downloads/PGP_KEYS | gpg --import -
curl -O "https://shibboleth.net/downloads/identity-provider/latest3/shibboleth-identity-provider-$VER.tar.gz{, .asc}"
gpg --verify shibboleth-identity-provider-$VER.tar.gz.asc
tar xzf shibboleth-identity-provider-$VER.tar.gz
cd shibboleth-identity-provider-$VER
./bin/install.sh < /dev/null
```

When prompted:



If the installer appears to be "hung" it's probably just sitting there *waiting for you* to enter something or to hit `<Return>` to continue!

1. Source (Distribution) Directory: Accept the current directory by hitting `<Return>`
2. Installation Directory: Accept the default (`/opt/shibboleth-idp`)
3. Hostname: Enter the publicly visible FQDN of your IDP's webserver as hostname – the one you generated a TLS server certificate for [previously](#)
4. SAML EntityID: Accept the suggested default (unless you already have an IDP this install should replace, then enter *your current IDP's entityID*)
5. Attribute Scope: Enter the canonical DNS domain for your institution, e.g. "univie.ac.at", to be used for [scoped attributes](#) (or your [currently used scope](#))
6. Backchannel PKCS12 Password: Enter the previously generated password for the (to be generated, but ignored by this documentation) backchannel keystore
7. Cookie Encryption Key Password: Enter the previously generated password to protect the (to be generated) Cookie encryption key

This should result in a `BUILD SUCCESSFUL` message and a Web Archive file in `/opt/shibboleth-idp/war/idp.war`

## Adjust Tomcat configuration

Since we want the IDP (and hence Apache Tomcat and the JVM) to be run as a non-privileged user we'll need to adjust a couple of file system permissions:

```
chown tomcat /opt/shibboleth-idp/{logs,metadata}
chgrp tomcat -R /opt/shibboleth-idp/{credentials,conf}
chmod g+r -R /opt/shibboleth-idp/conf
chmod 640 /opt/shibboleth-idp/credentials/*
chmod 750 /opt/shibboleth-idp/credentials
chmod g+w /opt/shibboleth-idp/credentials/sealer.*
```

As per the [Shibboleth IDP documentation for Tomcat](#) we'll need to make a few more adjustments:

Add a Context Deployment Fragment to Tomcat so it knows where to find the IDP's war file:

```
echo '<Context docBase="/opt/shibboleth-idp/war/idp.war"
  privileged="true"
  antiResourceLocking="false"
  swallowOutput="true" />' > /etc/tomcat9/Catalina/localhost/idp.xml
```

Following the [recommendations from the Shibboleth wiki](#) we also uncomment (i.e., make active) the line `<Manager pathname="" />` in Tomcat's `context.xml`. And since we have to change that file anyway let's replace it with a minimalist version that also avoids scanning (most) of the IDP's JAR files during startup, see section [Slow Startup](#) towards the end of that Shibboleth wiki page.

```
cp -a /etc/tomcat9/context.xml /etc/tomcat9/context.xml.`date -u +%Y%m%dT%H%M%S`

JARS=$(unzip -l /opt/shibboleth-idp/war/idp.war | grep WEB-INF/lib/. | sed -r 's/^. *WEB-INF/lib\/(.+)[0-9\.]+-?(RELEASE|GA|Final|[Bb]eta.?. *avoid-conflict.)*?(-jre)?.jar$\/\1*.jar,/' | tr '\n' ' ' | sed 's/, $//')

echo "<Context>
  <WatchedResource>WEB-INF/web.xml</WatchedResource>
  <WatchedResource>\${catalina.base}/conf/web.xml</WatchedResource>
  <Manager pathname="" />
  <JarScanner>
    <JarScanFilter
      pluggabilitySkip=""\${tomcat.util.scan.StandardJarScanFilter.jarsToSkip}, $JARS\" />
    </JarScanner>
</Context>" > /etc/tomcat9/context.xml
```

Finally, to make the `status.sh` script work we'll need to add the Java Server Tag Library to the IDP that Tomcat is not re-distributing:

```
cd /opt/shibboleth-idp/edit-webapp/WEB-INF/lib/
curl -sSLO "https://build.shibboleth.net/nexus/service/local/repositories/thirdparty/content/javax/servlet/jstl/1.2/jstl-1.2.jar{,.asc}"
gpg --verify jstl-1.2.jar.asc && rm jstl-1.2.jar.asc
/opt/shibboleth-idp/bin/build.sh < /dev/null
```

Restart Tomcat, which may take a bit, and check the logs for `WARN` and `ERROR` messages: By default the IDP logs to `/opt/shibboleth-idp/logs/idp-process.log` but if something is seriously wrong and the IDP isn't even able to start up you'll have to look at Tomcat's journal entries:

```
systemctl restart tomcat9
multitail /opt/shibboleth-idp/logs/idp-process.log -l 'journalctl -u tomcat9.service -f' # exit with 'q'
```

You can test whether the IDP is properly installed with the [status](#) command line utility:

```
/opt/shibboleth-idp/bin/status.sh
```

With these steps the installation – and therefore most of the OS-specific and GNU/Linux distribution-specific details – is done! You can now restore a potentially deviating `umask` value to its previous value to close this chapter.

```
umask $oldumask
```

Now on to the configuration!

Next step: [Configure Metadata](#)