
SWITCH

The Swiss Education & Research Network

Pilot Projects Coordination Workshop

Date: 18. February 2003
Time: 09:30 – 12:30
Place: University of Bern, Gesellschaftsstrasse 6



Agenda		
09:30 - 09:45	Introduction	Christoph Graf
09:45 – 10:15	Project News: (DRAFT) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shibboleth News• Task Force Certification Authority (AAI-TF-CA)• Task Force “Finance” (AAI-TF-FIN)• System and Interface Specification	Rolf Gartmann, Christoph Graf, Thomas Lenggenhager
10:15 – 11:45	Status of Pilot Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goals• Project Plan• User Community / Attribute Requirements• Dependencies• Required support from SWITCH	Project Leaders
11:45 – 12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Areas of Cooperation• Letter of Intent• Program Management	Christoph Graf
12:15 – 12:30	Miscellaneous	All
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	All

- **Current version is Shibboleth 0.7 (26. November 2002)**
- **Next versions expected:**
 - **0.8: 1. March 2003**
 - **1.0: 9. April 2003 (before Internet2 Spring Meeting)**
- **New implementation of ARP storage with ‘plug-ins’ probably not finished for 0.8, expected sometime in spring.**
- **Shibboleth will get support for ‘list of attributes requested by SHAR’.**
- **Interactive user-involvement before attribute release to come later on.**

Why PKI for AAI?

There are lots of servers talking to each other:

- **Across organisational boundaries**
- **Within the Swiss academic community (for the time being)**

We want server authentication and traffic encryption

- **Data protection issues**
- **Liability issues**

-> SSL for encryption and authentication

-> looks like a typical PKI scenario

-> we need to find a suitable CA

Global: Trust Verisign like everybody else

- Pro: very simple trust relationship management
- Cons: hassle, cost, blind trust on strangers

Community: Trust a community CA operator

- Pro: very simple trust relationship management, less hassle
- Cons: find someone trustworthy and cheap enough to do it

Local: Trust your local organisational CA operator

- Pro: limited number of trust relationships to manage
- Cons: trust relationships to manage

Individual: self signed certs everywhere (like PGP)

- Pro: easy to set up
- Cons: hassle to manage the trust relationships, NxN problem

Some (not so) wild Guesswork

We can do better than approach „global“

Mix of „local“ and „community“ looks promising

Not only AAI needs such a service, others will as well

It pays to co-operate, we prefer not to create a solution for AAI only

AAI does not need end user client certs, we think we are not the only ones

Task Force “AAI-TF-CA”

Introduction

AAI, like many other applications, uses SSL for traffic encryption and server authentication. AAI needs therefore a suitable CA and would like to join forces with other projects having similar requirements

Goals

- Architectural design of a CA, satisfying the needs of the AAI project and other projects with reasonably similar requirements

Tasks

- Survey of projects requiring PKI services
- Describe CA requirements of those projects, sketch CA architecture candidates
- Find the best CA architecture candidate
 - satisfying a maximum set of projects (including at least AAI)
 - still providing advantages compared with an AAI-only approach
- Use this candidate to draft an architectural CA design, covering its services and policies.

Start

1 March 2003

End

30 April 2003

Input

- Preparatory study (www.switch.ch/aai)
- Shibboleth doc (shibboleth.internet2.edu)

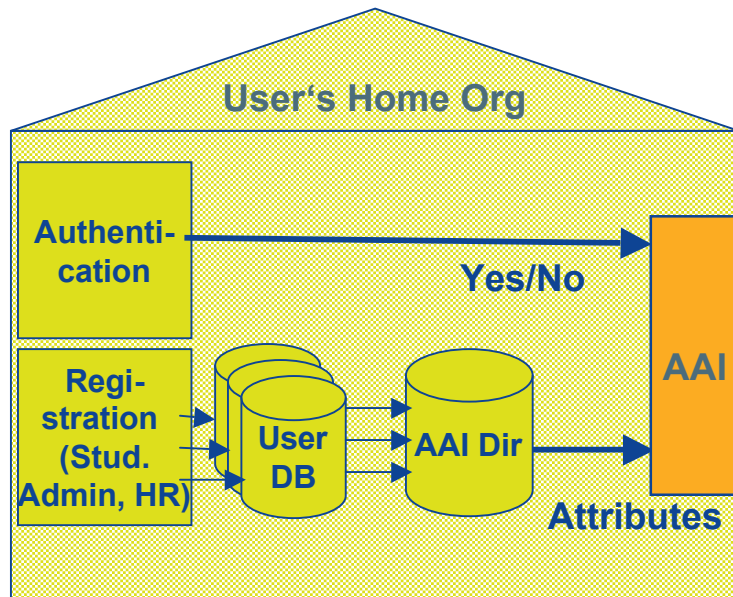
Dependencies

Members

You are invited to participate in this task force.

Please, subscribe to the AAI-TF-CA mailing list:

<http://chx400.switch.ch/mailman/listinfo/aai-tf-ca>



One-time Cost

- AAI Hardware
- AAI Software installation
- Integration of Authentication System
- Adaptation of Registration application
- Integration of User Directories
- Organizational changes (Registration, AAI-Support)
- Data consolidation
- Education (IT, Registration, HR)

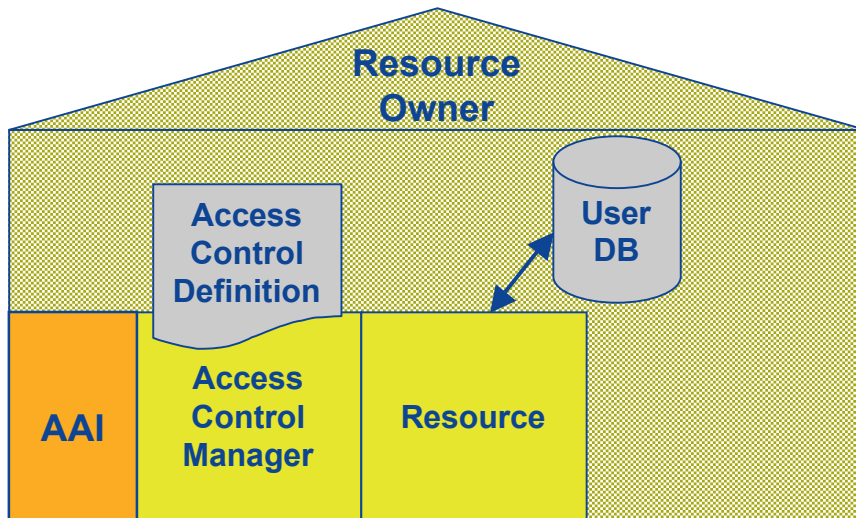
Repeating cost

- Hardware and software maintenance fees
- AAI support (manpower)
 - » operation
 - » 1st, 2nd level support
 - » Upgrades, maintenance
 - » configuration (Attr release policy, ...)
- Additional registration costs per user (if any)

Assumption

- User Registration and Authentication are implemented (infrastructure, processes)

Cost factors for Resource Owners

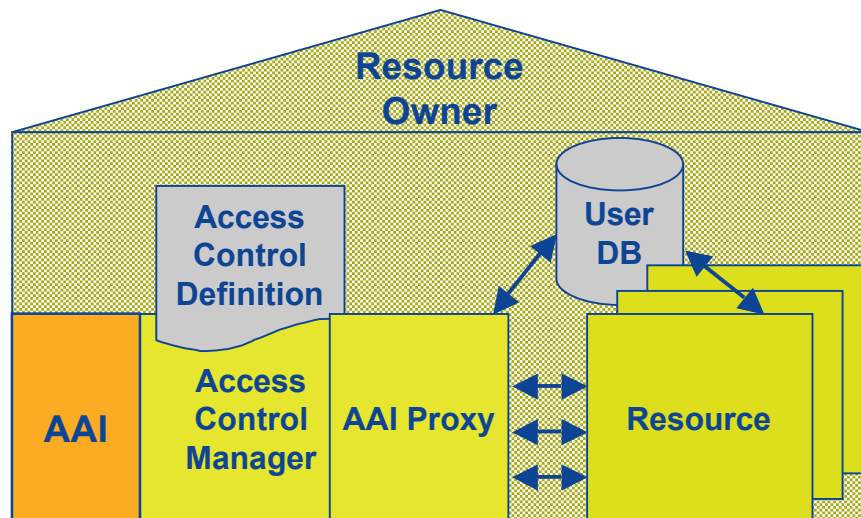


One-time Cost

- AAI installation
- Resource integration
- Education
- For AAI Proxies:
 - » AAI Proxy Hardware
 - » AAI Proxy Software implementation and installation

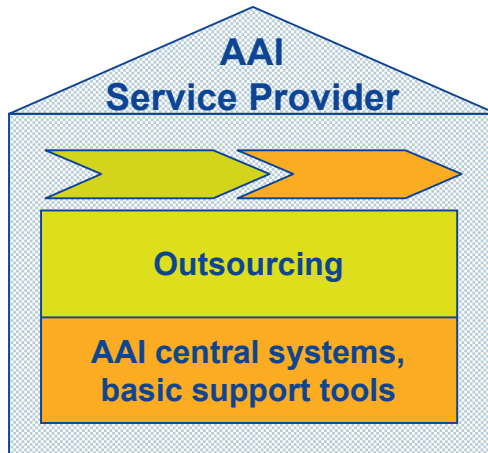
Repeating cost

- Hardware and software maintenance fees
- AAI support (manpower)
 - » operation
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 - » Upgrades, maintenance
 - » configuration (Access control, ...)



Assumptions:

- Basic AAI Proxy Software is available (AAI-Pilot)



Central AAI Services

One-time Cost

- Central AAI systems (WAYF, CA/RA, Resource Directory)
 - » Hardware
 - » Software installation
- Setting up of Competence Center
 - » Consulting Services
 - » Test Lab

Repeating cost

- AAI Marketing and Education
- AAI Consulting
 - » For Home Orgs
 - » For Resource Owners
- AAI Test Lab
- Operation of central AAI systems:
 - » Support (manpower)
 - » Maintenance fees

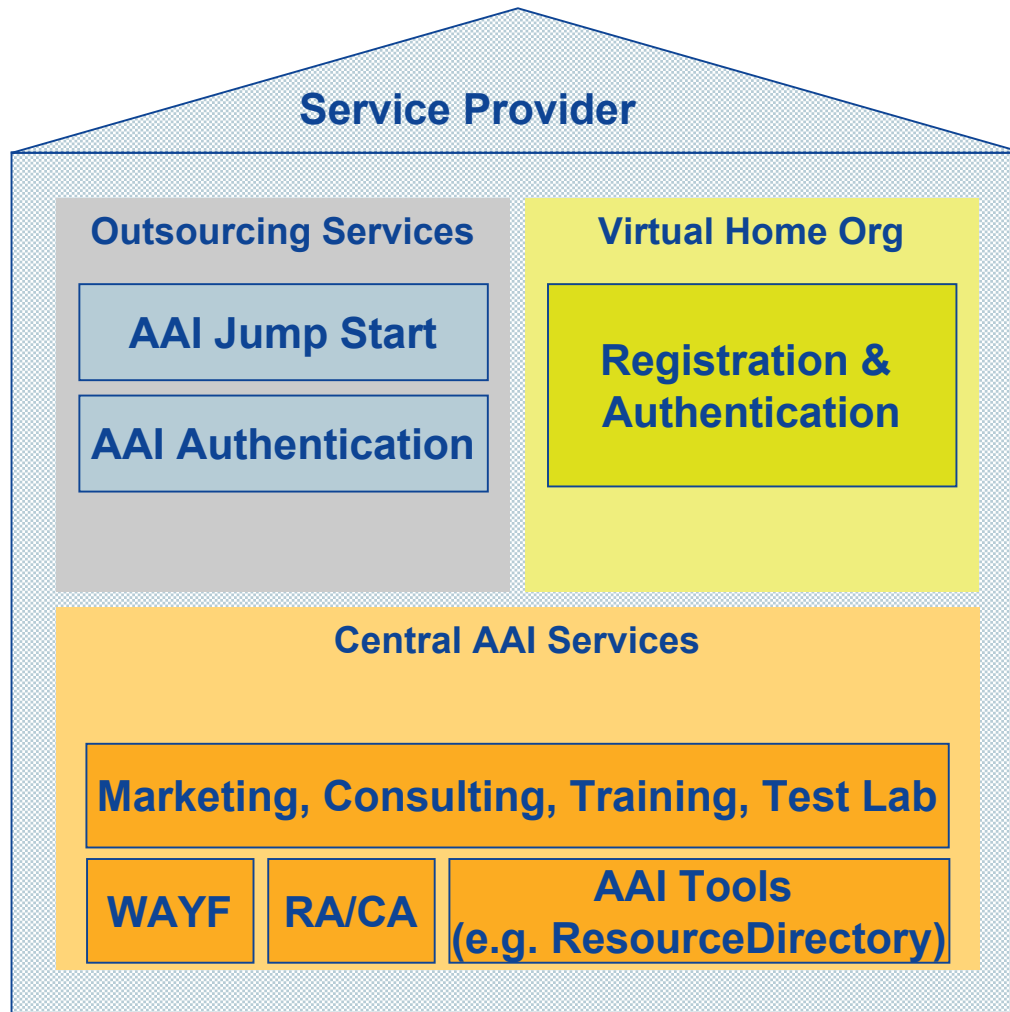
Outsourcing Services

One-time Cost

- Implementation of
 - » Authentication Service
 - » Virtual HomeOrg Service
 - » Portal Service?

Repeating cost

- Operation of Outsourcing Services
- Improvement of Outsourcing Services



Central AAI Services

- Operation of central AAI components
- Center of Competence, Test Lab
- Training and Consulting
- Strategy and Marketing
- Legal Consulting

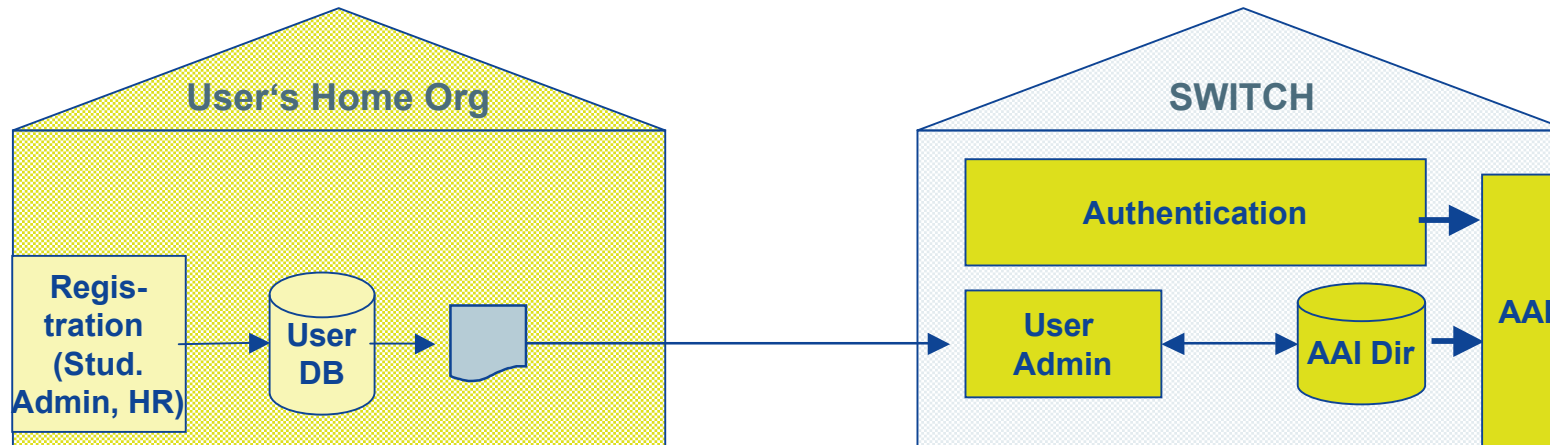
Outsourcing Services

- Outsourcing Services for Home Organizations
 - permanent
 - temporary

Virtual Home Org

- Operation of a virtual Home Organization, mainly for people with a legal right to access AAI-protected resources but without formal relationship with a 'real' Home Organization

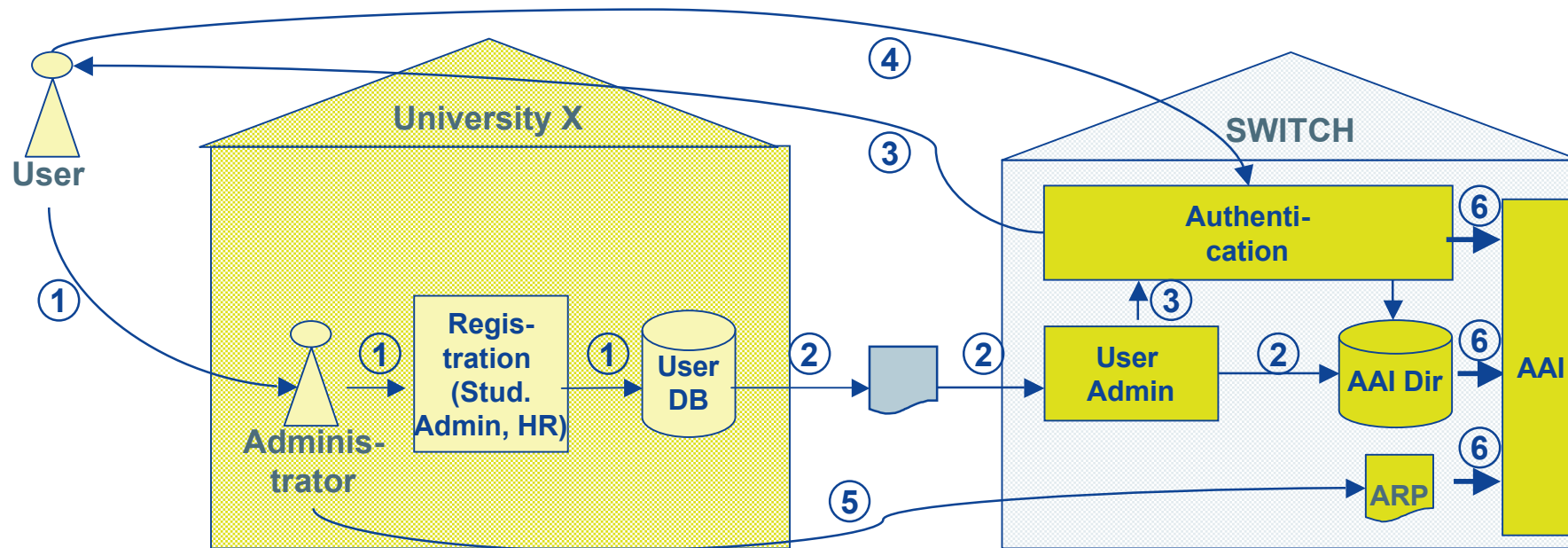
AAI Jump Start Service: Description



AAI Jump Start Service

Customers	Home Organizations
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic authentication system and AAI attribute directory operated by SWITCH • Web-based user interface for password administration by end user • File-based bulk import of user data provided by Home Org, data conversion into AAI format (optional) • Simple Attribute Release Policy (ARP)
Customer's Responsibility	User registration, correctness of delivered user data
SWITCH's Responsibility	Operation of authentication system, AAI dir, Shibboleth on behalf of a Home Organization, based on SLA

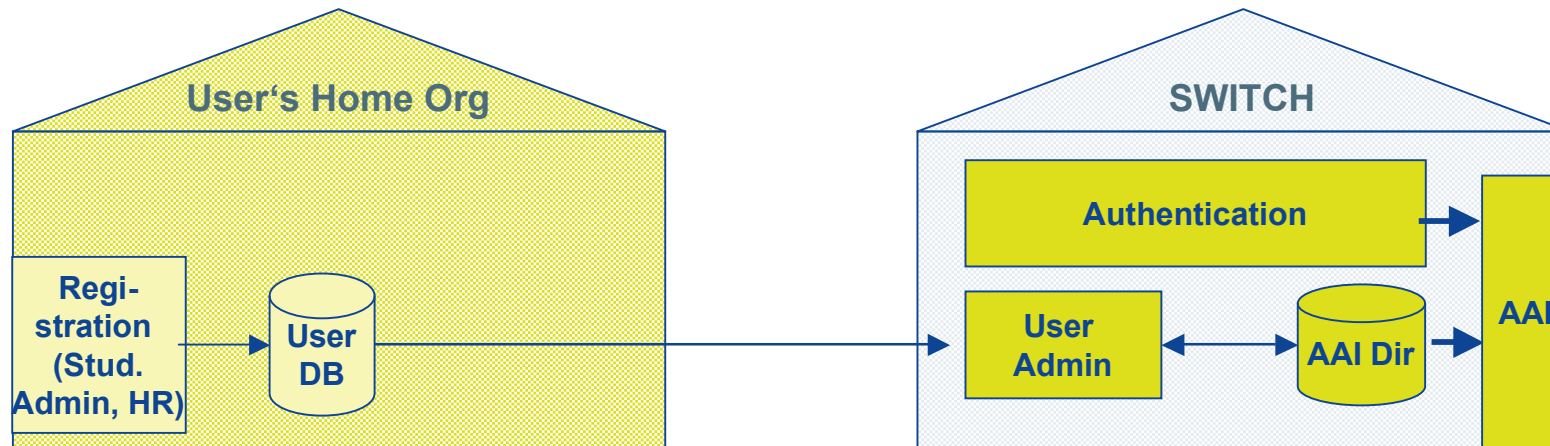
AAI Jump Start Service: Interactions



- ① Registration
- ② Transfer of user data
- ③ Creation and transfer of user credentials
- ④ Password administration
- ⑤ Configuration of Attribute Release Policy (ARP)
- ⑥ Shibboleth interactions

SWITCH acts on behalf of University X
(authorization attribute "Name of Home Organization" = 'X.ch')

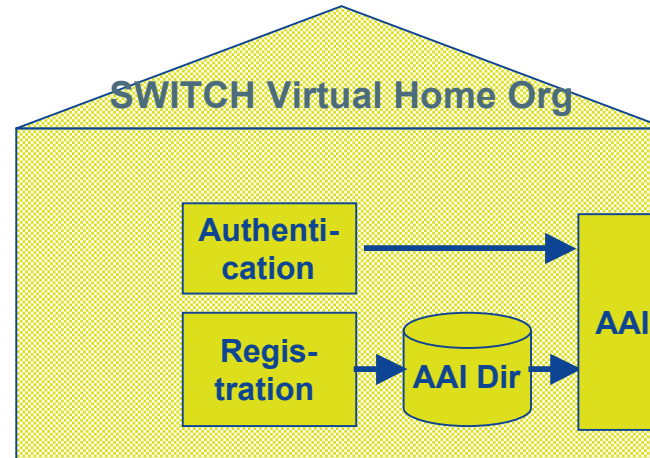
AAI Authentication Service: Description



AAI Authentication Service

Customers	Home Organizations
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authentication system and AAI attribute directory operated by SWITCH • Web-based user interface for Attribute Release Policy configuration by Home Org / by end user • Web-based user interface to authentication system for end users • Real-time coupling between AAI directory and Home Org's user databases, automatic data conversion into AAI format
Customer's Responsibility	User registration, correctness of user data
SWITCH's Responsibility	Operation of authentication system, AAI dir, Shibboleth on behalf of a Home Organization, based on SLA

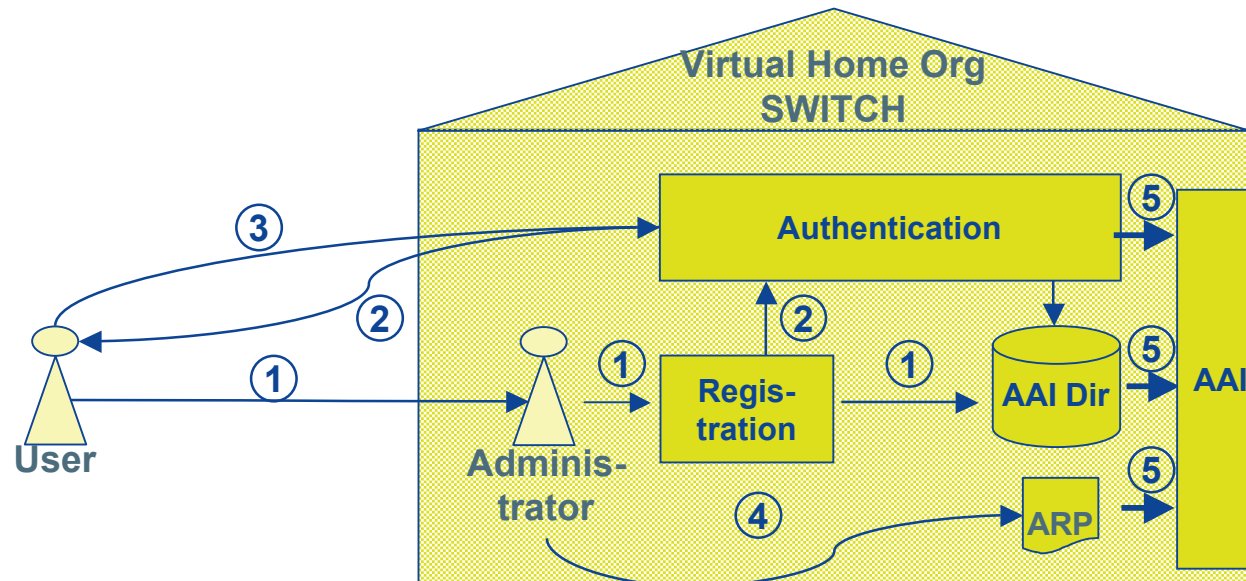
AAI Virtual Home Organization: Description



AAI Virtual Home Organization Service

Customers	Individuals not registered with a Home Organization (i.e. no student, no staff)
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete Home Org Service provided by SWITCH<ul style="list-style-type: none">• user registration• user authentication• user attribute delivery
Customer's Responsibility	t.b.d. (end user regulation)
SWITCH's Responsibility	Fulfills AAI Policy (Home Org part)

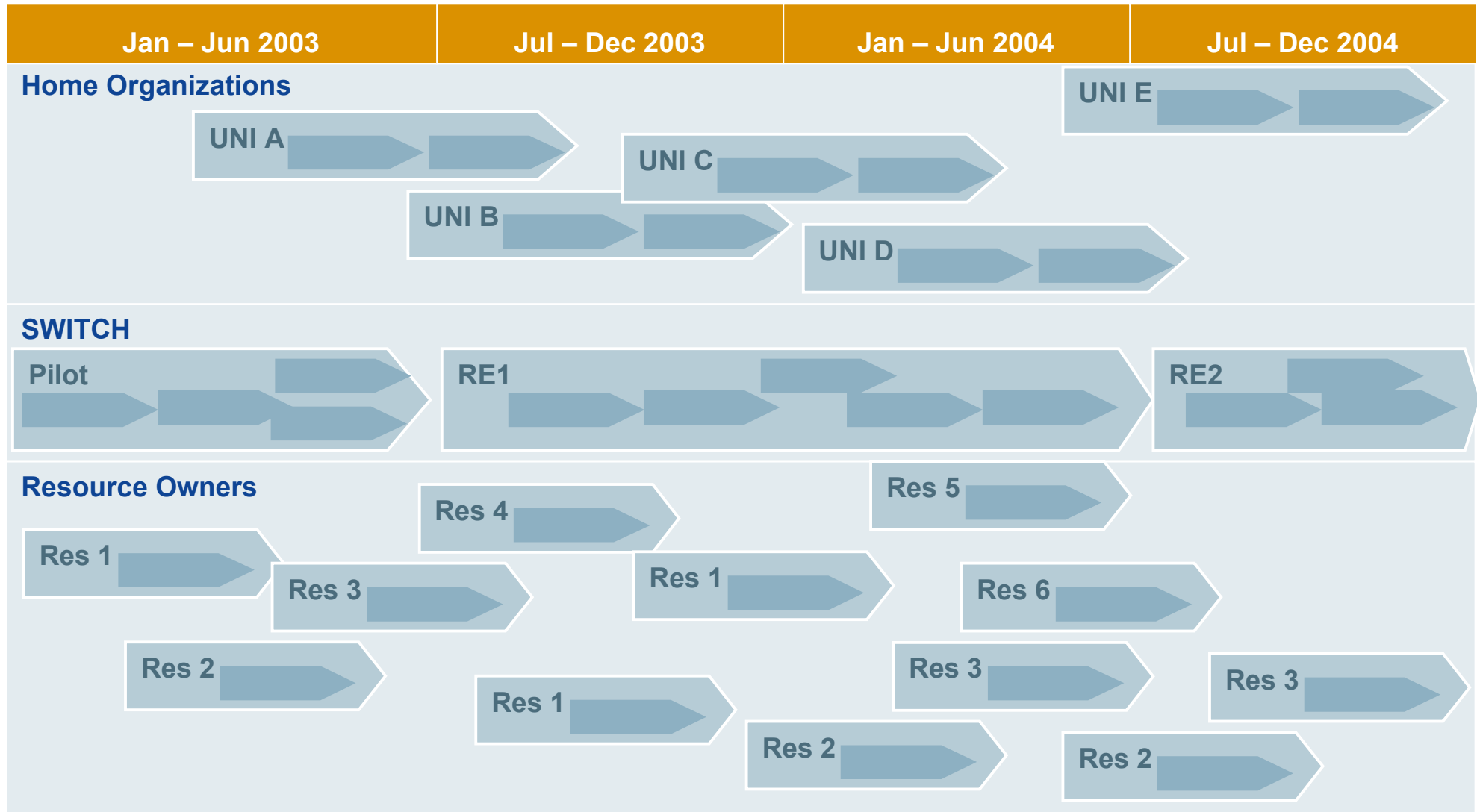
AAI Virtual Home Organizations: Interactions



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SWITCH acts as a Home Organization
(authorization attribute "Name of Home Organization" = 'SWITCH.ch')

AAI Program Management



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