

Secure your GIS

Protecting GIS applications suites

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- Open Source solutions provider as editor and integrator
- Staff of 35 in Switzerland and France
- Camptocamp helps you move forward with the latest Open Source technologies

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Green field

- Non-geospatial is easy
- Most frameworks have security components
 - Choose framework of choice
 - Develop applications
- Framework Evaluation
 - Single Sign on
 - Authentication mechanisms (LDAP, Database, CAS, OpenID)
 - Authorization mechanisms (LDAP, Database)



Suite of FOSS Applications

- Different application frameworks
- Different Languages
- Different frameworks supporting different options
- Challenging for sysadmins to configure
- Single Sign on may be required (or at least desirable)



Geospatial aspect

- Typical frameworks do not support Geospatial domain
- Most frameworks allow URL restrictions for queries like:
 - http://myservice/ows?service=wms&layer=***
- Cumbersome security
- BBox queries are difficult



Non-spatial Solutions

- Framework X security
 - Not useful for retrofitting heterogenous application suite
- Security Proxy
 - http://www.google.ch/search?q=security+proxy
 - Not all are open source solutions
- Spring Security
 - Good basis for a security proxy



Geospatial solutions

- Geoserver (embedded security)
 - www.geoserver.org
- Secure OWS (security proxy)
 - www.secureows.org/
- 52° North Web Security Service (security proxy)
 - 52north.org/maven/project-sites/security/
- Deegree (embedded security)
 - wiki.deegree.org/deegreeWiki/deegree3/SecuritySubsystemDocumentation



Proxy VS embedded





Hybrid Proxy/Embedded (Geoserver)





Proxy VS Embedded

- Both have advantages
- Proxy
 - Forward all requests (Can cause problems for performance)
 - Only one place for all security configuration
 - Can secure many servers
- Embedded
 - Potentially less load on servers and possible better performance
 - Deeper integration and therefore (theoretically) less chance of misconfiguration
 - Less complicated configuration



Geoserver

- Built-in geospatial security
- Services Secured
 - Web Feature Service (WFS)
 - Web Map Service (WMS)
 - Web Coverage Service (WCS)
 - WFS Proxy
 - WMS Proxy
- Security Axes
 - Layer
 - Namespace
 - Service



Geoserver Pro/Con

- Pros

- Performance, no proxying requests
- Based on Spring/Acegi security
 - Support almost all authentication and authorization schemes
 - Large community testing and using it
 - Very flexible
- Supports most common protocols
- Simple/powerful configuration options

- Cons

- Extent restriction not supported
- Projection restriction not supported
- Non-standard configuration files



SecureOWS

- Geospatial Security Proxy
- Services Secured
 - WMS
 - WFS
 - WCS
- Security Axes
 - Layer
 - Service
 - Extent
 - MapSize
 - Projection



SecureOWS Pro/Con

- Pros

- Fine grained security configuration options
- Can secure an number of servers
- Provides a client for managing connections
 - https://www.secureows.org/trac/secureows/wiki/ClientSoftware
- Cons
 - Proxy solution
 - Non-standard configuration files
 - Limited number supported authentication/authorization mechanisms



52° North WSS

- Geospatial Security Proxy
- Services Secured
 - WMS
 - WFS
- Security Axes
 - Layer
 - Service
 - Extent
 - Projection



52° North WSS Pro/Con

- Pros

- Standards compliant configuration files
 - I have not found any other implementations, please let me know of more solutions
- Fine grained security configuration options
- Can secure any number of servers
- Pluggable architecture
- Cons
 - Limited number supported authentication/authorization mechanisms
 - Limited number of services supported
 - Proxy issues



Deegree

- Embedded security
- Proxy options?
- Services Secured
 - WMS
 - WFS
 - WCS
 - CSW
- Security Axes
 - Service



Deegree Pro/Con

- Pros

- Embedded security
- Many types of services supported

- Cons

- Very limited documentation
- Limited number supported authentication/authorization mechanisms
- Poor granularity of security options



Complete Solution 1



- Geoserver and App2 obtain authorization from proxy
- Or Proxy controls access based on URL patterns



Complete Solution 2



- Geoserver has same configuration as proxy and accesses CAS and LDAP directly



Complete Solution 3



- Embed proxy within Geoserver



Wrap up

- 52° North WSS seems like one of the best Geospatial solution

- Lacks plethora of authentication strategies for application suite
- Geoserver is not as advanced Geospatial
 - Spring Security more than makes up when securing an application suite
- SecureOWS client is useful for Applications like ArcView



Resources

- Camptocamp

- http://www.camptocamp.com/
- GeoServer
 - http://www.geoserver.org/
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