CLAIMS

1. A method (700) for authorizing individuals of a plurality of enterprises to access one or more services provided by a plurality of service providers, the method comprising:

creating, by an administrator (801) of each of the plurality of enterprises and via a Common Authorized Management (CAM) service (150), a plurality of groups to contain one or more individuals at one of the plurality of enterprises (701);

receiving security data in the CAM service from each of the plurality of service providers, wherein the security data is defined and provided by an associated service provider administrator at each of the plurality of service providers and the security data identifies which of the one or more services provided by each of the plurality of service providers is available to each of the plurality of enterprises (702);

determining, by the administrator of each of the plurality of enterprises, a subset of the security data that is available for access by a subset of the plurality of groups (703);

receiving associating data in the CAM service from the administrator of each of the plurality of enterprises, the associating data associating individuals in the subset of the plurality of groups with the capability to access the one or more services provided by each of the plurality of service providers based on the subset of security data (704);

receiving a request to access a service of a target service provider from a computing device, the request comprising data including a user identifier of an individual of an enterprise of the plurality of enterprises and information regarding a target service provider in a common authorization management (CAM) service;

in response to the received request, providing information indicative of whether the individual has an access right to the service of the target service provider; and

redirecting the computing device to the target service provider with the information indicative of whether the individual has an access right to the service of the target service provider.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the security data comprises at least one of: access rights, privileges, authorizations, claims, Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) assertions, and entitlements.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein the security data is accessible by the CAM service.

4. The method according to claim 3, wherein the CAM service is configured with a web interface for user interaction.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein creating a plurality of groups (205-207, 212-214, 219-221) to contain one or more individuals (202-204, 209-211, 216-218) at an enterprise (201, 208, 215) includes: adding or removing one or more individuals from the plurality of groups.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein:

the request to access the service of a target service provider is provided via a browser executing on the computing device;

the information indicative of whether the individual has an access right to the service of the target service provider comprises a security assertion markup language (SAML) assertion;

redirecting the computing device to the target service provider with the indicative of whether the individual has an access right to the service of the target service provider comprises redirecting the browser with the SAML assertion.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the CAM pushes further security data for the associated individuals to each of the plurality of service providers.

8. A system (100) for authorizing individuals of a plurality of enterprises to access one or more services (223-225, 232-234, 241-243) provided by a plurality of service providers (230, 239, 248), the system comprising at least one processor (802) and memory (804), the at least one memory communicatively coupled to the at least one processer, the at least one memory comprising computer-readable instructions that, when executed by the at least one processor, cause the system to:

create, via an administrator (801) of each of the plurality of enterprises and using a Common Authorized Management (CAM) service (150), a plurality of groups to contain one or more individuals at one of the plurality of enterprises;

receive security data in the CAM service from each of the plurality of service providers, wherein the security data is defined and provided by an associated service provider administrator at each of the plurality of service providers and the security data identifies which of the one or more services provided by each of the plurality of service providers is available to each of the plurality of enterprises;

determine, by an administrator (801) of each of the plurality of enterprises a subset of the security data that is available for access by a subset of the plurality of groups;

receive associating data in the CAM service from the administrator of each of the plurality of enterprises, the associating data associating individuals in the subset of the plurality of groups with the capability to access the one or more services provided by each of the plurality of service providers based on the subset of security data;

receive a request to access a service of a target service provider from a computing device, the request comprising data including a user identifier of an individual of an enterprise of the plurality of enterprises and information regarding a target service provider in the common authorization management (CAM) service;

in response to the received request, provide information indicative of whether the individual has an access right to the service of the target service provider; and

redirect the computing device to the target service provider with the information indicative of whether the individual has an access right to the service of the target service provider.

9. The system according to claim 8, wherein the security data comprises at least one of: access rights, privileges, authorizations, claims, Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) assertions, and entitlements.

10. The system according to claim 9, wherein the security data is accessible by the CAM service.

11. The system of according to claim 10, wherein the CAM service is configured with a web interface for user interaction.

12. The system according to claim 8, wherein the creation of a plurality of groups to contain one or more individuals at an enterprise includes: adding or removing one or more individuals from the plurality of groups.

13. A non-transitory computer-readable medium for authorizing individuals of a plurality of enterprises to access one or more services provided by a plurality of service providers, bearing computer-executable instructions that, when executed upon a computer, cause the computer to perform operations comprising:

creating, via an administrator (801) of each of the plurality of enterprises and using a Common Authorized Management (CAM) service (150), a plurality of groups to contain one or more individuals at one of the plurality of enterprises;

receiving security data in the CAM service from each of the plurality of service providers, wherein the security data is defined and provided by an associated service provider administrator at each of the plurality of service providers and the security data identifies which of the one or more services provided by each of the plurality of service providers is available to each of the plurality of enterprises;

determining, by an administrator (801) of each of the plurality of enterprises, a subset of the security data that is available for access by a subset of the plurality of groups;

receiving association data in the CAM service from the administrator of each of the plurality of enterprises, the association data associating individuals in the subset of the plurality of groups with the capability to access the one or more services provided by each of the plurality of service providers based on the subset of security data;

receiving a request to access a service of a target service provider from a computing device, the request comprising data including a user identifier of an individual of an enterprise of the plurality of enterprises and information regarding a target service provider in the common authorization management (CAM) service;

in response to the received request, providing information indicative of whether the individual has an access right to the service of the target service provider; and

redirecting the computing device to the target service provider with the information indicative of whether the individual has an access right to the service of the target service provider.

14. The computer-readable medium according to claim 13, wherein the security data comprises at least one of: access rights, privileges, authorizations, claims, Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) assertions, and entitlements.

15. The computer-readable medium according to claim 14, wherein the security data is accessible by the CAM service.

16. The computer-readable medium according to claim 13, wherein creating a plurality of groups to contain one or more individuals at an enterprise includes: adding or removing one or more individuals from the plurality of groups.