

Subject Identifiers for Security Event Tokens

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Subject Identifier

- JSON object
- Type name in **subject_type** property
- Claims according to type definition

Subject Identifier Type

- "light-weight schema that describes a set of claims that uniquely identifies a subject."
 - Name
 - `email`, `phone`, `iss_sub`
 - Description of type of entity represented (e.g. user account associated with email)
 - Supported claims
 - `{ email }`, `{ phone }`, `{ iss, sub }`
- IANA Registry: **"Security Event Subject Identifier Types"**

RISC Example: `account_disabled`

```
{
  "iss": "https://risc.example.com/",
  "events": {
    "https://schemas.openid.net/secevent/risc/event-type/account-disabled": {
      "subject": {
        "subject_type": "iss-sub",
        "iss": "https://idp.example.com/",
        "sub": "7375626A656374",
      },
      "reason": "hijacking",
    }
  }
}
```

Current Status

- 03 draft published 2019-03-11
- Applications:
 - OI DF RISC
- Implementations:
 - Google: In progress
 - Amazon: In progress

02 → 03: account URI

- "...a user's account hosted at a service provider..." [RFC7565]

```
{  
  "subject_type": "account",  
  "uri": "acct:example.user@service.example.com",  
}
```

02 → 03: ~~id token claims~~ aliases

```
{
  "subject_type": "aliases",
  "aliases": [
    {
      "subject_type": "iss-sub",
      "iss": "https://idp.example.com/",
      "sub": "7375626A656374",
    },
    {
      "subject_type": "email",
      "email": "user@example.com",
    },
  ],
},
}
```

02 → 03: Email Canonicalization

user.name@example.com $\stackrel{?}{=}$ username@example.com

$\stackrel{?}{=}$ User.Name@example.com

$\stackrel{?}{=}$ Username+foo@example.com

"...the recipient SHOULD use their implementation's canonicalization algorithm to resolve the email address to the same subject identifier string used in their system."

02 → 03: Semantics

account	...a user account at a service provider, identified with an "acct" URI as defined in [RFC7565].
email	...a principal identified with an email address
phone	...a principal identified with a telephone number
iss-sub	...a principal identified with a pair of "iss" and "sub" claims, as defined by [JWT].
aliases	...a subject that is identified with a list of different Subject Identifiers.

Open Item: JWT claim?

- Standard claim for representing JWT subject via Subject Identifier
- Because sub is a single string
- ...applicable to SET?