

User

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Discussion

A User is a person, [Organization](#), or system that interacts with or uses a system, service, or [Resource](#) to achieve a purpose.

A User can interact through:

- A user interface
- An application programming interface
- An [Endpoint](#)
- A command-line interface
- An automation interface
- A service request
- A message
- A delegated process
- Another supported interaction mechanism

A User can identify:

- Its identity
- Its name
- Its type
- Its associated Organization
- Its assigned [Roles](#)
- Its permissions
- Its credentials
- Its applicable authentication method
- Its applicable authorization
- Its applicable [Governance Domains](#)
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- Its applicable [Governance Policies](#)
- Its [Provenance](#)
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A User can act in one or more Roles. The assigned Role establishes the responsibilities, permissions, and expected behaviors applicable to a particular interaction.

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Source

Adapted from:

- DIDO Reference Architecture
- DIDO Reference Implementation Conceptual Model
- DIDO-TE draft Requirements Register

Note

A User does not need to be a human. An Organization or automated system can act as a User when it interacts with or uses another system, service, or Resource.

A User differs from a [Role](#):

- A User identifies the person, Organization, or system that interacts with or uses a capability
- A Role identifies the responsibilities, permissions, and expected behaviors assigned to that User

A User can act in multiple Roles. Multiple Users can act in the same Role.

A User differs from an [Organization](#):

- An Organization is an identifiable body structured to pursue defined purposes and exercise assigned responsibilities
- A User is an interacting or using party

An Organization becomes a User in a particular context when the Organization interacts with or uses the applicable system, service, or Resource.

A User differs from a [Node](#):

- A User uses or interacts with a system, service, or Resource
- A Node is an identifiable participant that performs one or more assigned Roles in a distributed system

The same system can act as both a User and a Node when it satisfies both definitions.

A User identity does not by itself establish permission to perform an action. The applicable Role, authorization, and Governance Policy determine the permitted actions.

Example

A person uses DIDO-TE to initiate a [Test Run](#).

The person is the User. The person acts in the Test Operator Role.

The Test Operator Role permits the User to:

- Select an approved [Test Definition](#)
- Select an approved [Test Environment](#)
- Supply permitted [Test Argument Values](#)
- Initiate Test Execution
- Monitor the Test Run
- View the resulting [Test Results](#)

The User cannot approve the resulting Validation Decision unless the applicable Governance Policy also assigns the required approval Role.

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