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It is desirable that certain datasets are not made available until the consumer has explicitly accepted the terms of a Data Use Agreement (DUA). Merritt should support the association of collections and objects with DUAs, and maintain a persistent store of consumer acceptances. In terms of user experience, the consumer will be shown a click-through dialog box (or some similar UI mechanism) at the point of the first request for access. Most DUAs will require submission of user identity, as well as email, affiliation, and optional comment. Initially this will be user supplied information; in the future support for OpenID and Shibboleth-based IdM federations is desirable. DUA acceptance should be stateful to avoid repeated challenges for the same user/object combination, and to support routine administrative queries. Most collections will have a default DUA, but which can be overridden on a per-object basis. The response to DUA acceptance may vary: direct access to designated data; required email activation; required data provider approval.