Federation Technical Guide

The Federation Technical Guide provides a convenient way to locate the details and documentation for implementing federated identity management with InCommon.

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Precursors to Technical Implementation

See How to Get Started in the InCommon Federation for an introduction to non-technical aspects of InCommon Federation participation.

Technical Implementation

Starting with InCommon

- Shibboleth IdP installation guide
- Shibboleth SP installation guide
- Shibboleth installation training
- Testing your IdP
- Naming and establishing your EntityID
- Registering your system in the federation: metadata
- Establishing your primary DNS domain

Identity Attributes

- Attribute Overview
- eduperson Schema

Federation Manager

- Getting credentials to access federation manager
- Using the federation manager

Metadata

- General Information

Advanced Topics

Recommended Practices

The InCommon community has developed a set of recommended practices for many aspects of federation practice. You can navigate to the Recommended Practices page for these and other topics:

- Organizational Presence
  - Contacts in Metadata
  - Federated Security Incident Response
- Technical Basics
  - Metadata consumption (refreshed daily)
  - Scope in Metadata (IdP)
  - x.509 certificates in metadata
  - SAML protocol endpoints
  - User Interface elements in metadata (IdP and SP)
  - Requested attributes in metadata
- Operational Maturity
  - Maintaining supported software
  - Federation user experience
- Maximizing the Federation
  - Identity Provider attribute release process
• Persistent identifier support