

# essential-readings

The links on this page takes you to concepts, specifications, and best practices that are important to successful collaboration in the InCommon community. Use this as your cheat sheet / quick access card to find the resources you need and to further your understanding. Happy reading!

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## Implementation Guidance

In-depth how-to's to make sure you are ready to successfully interoperate in the InCommon Federation.

- [Get NIH Ready](#)
- [Meet Baseline Expectations](#)
- [InCommon Service Provider Onboarding Guide](#)
- [REFEDS MFA Profile FAQ](#)
- [Working with User Data in The InCommon Federation](#)
- [Glossary of Terms](#)

## Community and Learning

Gatherings, working groups, training, and partner support resources.

- [InCommon Academy](#)
- [InCommon Catalysts](#)
- [InCommon Technical Advisory Committee \(TAC\)](#)
- [InCommon Community Trust Assurance Board \(CTAB\)](#)
- [InCommon Steering Committee](#)
- [REFEDS Working Groups](#)

## Policies and Practices

Key policies and official federation practices statements.

- [InCommon Baseline Expectations for Trust in Federation](#)
- [InCommon Federation Operating Practices and Policies \(FOPP\)](#)
- [InCommon Federation Metadata Registration Practice Statement](#)

## Specifications and Standards

The nitty-gritty details for the specification-lovers.

- [Kantara SAML v2.0 Deployment Profile for Federation Interoperability](#)
- [REFEDS MFA Profile](#)
- [REFEDS Assurance Framework](#)
- [REFEDS SIRTFI Framework](#)
- [REFEDS R&S Entity Category](#)
- [eduPerson](#)

## Tools and Products

Popular software products and services to use when participating in InCommon.

- [InCommon Trusted Access Platform](#)
- [ADFS Toolkit](#)
- [Shibboleth](#)
- [CILogon](#)

## Foundational Concepts

The foundation. The big picture.

- [Why InCommon Federation?](#)
- [Understanding collaboration and federation in research and education](#)
- [Trusted Relationships for Access Management: The InCommon Model](#)