# **Context, Gaps and Challenges**

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## **Topics**

- InCommon
- International R&E Feds
- Gaps
  - Attribute infrastructure
  - Privacy infrastructure
  - VO IdM
  - Interfederation



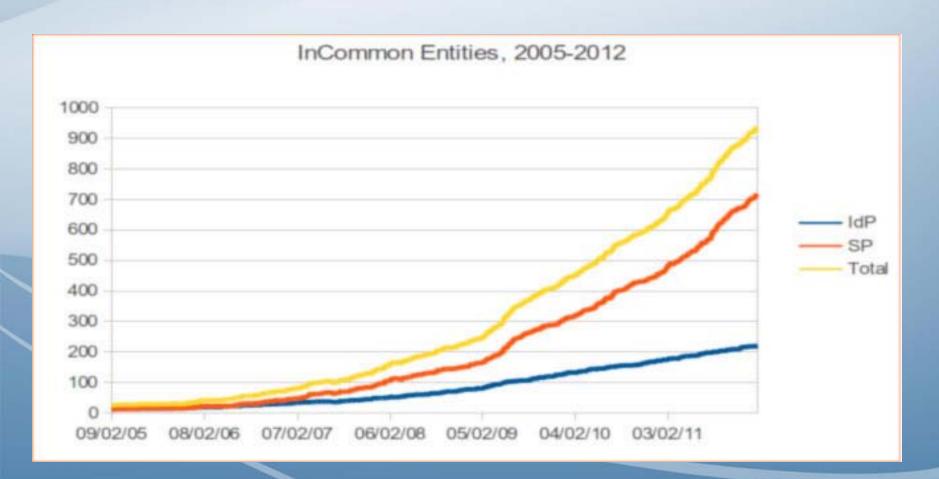
#### InCommon.

## InCommon today

- 290+universities, 450+total participants, growth continues rapid
- > 10 M users
- Traditional uses continue to grow:
  - Outsourced services, government applications, access to software, access to licensed content, etc.
- New uses bloom:
  - Access to wikis, shared services, cloud services, calendaring, command line apps, medical, etc.
- FICAM certified at LOA 1 and 2 (Bronze and Silver).
- Certificate services bind the InCommon trust policies to new applications, including signing, encryption, etc.



#### Growth



## Types of services connected by InCommon

- R&E Centric
  - 300+ Universities providing services to students, staff, alumni, external users, K-12, etc.
  - NSF, NIH, National Supercomputing and DataBases, National Labs, GSA, Education, etc.
- With outsourced service providers
  - Travel management, Testing Services, HR systems, Loan providers, Parking management, NBCLearn, Elsevier, IEEE, ATT, Box, etc.
- With related business partners
  - Particularly health care NIH, Mayo Clinic, UHC, VA
- With markets selling to students, etc.
  - Student Universe, UniversityTickets, National Student Clearinghouse, SAT's



#### A typical enterprise-InCommon use profile

- All staff use it to get to the cloud and do their employee/payroll entry
- All students use it to take on-line class tests at the outsourced test service
- All academics use it to get to Elsevier journals, OCLC holdings, IEEE, etc
- Researchers use it to get to Grants.gov and Fastlane
- Researchers use it to get to Cllogon and use the Teragrid, Open Science grid, etc.
- Many researchers use it to get to the Clinical Trial wikis at NIH, PubMed, etc.
- Many collaborators and administrators use it to get shared wiki space at Internet2, Educause, the CIC, the UC system, the UT system...
- All students are using it for student tickets, software at Microsoft, etc

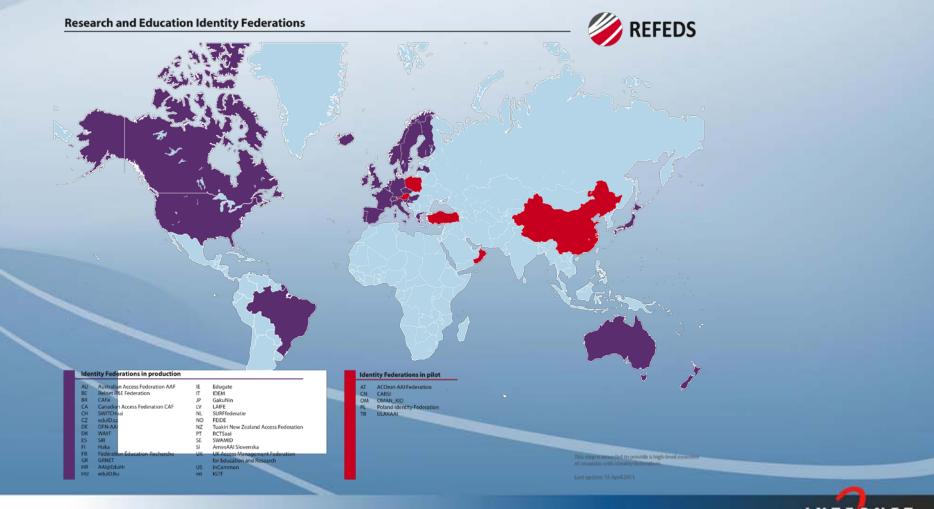


#### International R&E federations

- > 100M users across >30 countries
- Coverage in several countries is 100%, and extensive in many others.
- Generally part of the NREN but associated with another org or independent in a few
- Frequently linked to several government activities, in research, education, governance, health, etc.
- Some interfederation activities, including the Kalmar2 union and eduGAIN.
- www.refeds.org



#### **R&E** federations



### **Gap: Attribute Infrastructure**

- Attribute registries
- Name space registries
- Good attribute design principles
- Attributes of attributes
- Attributes of things
- Quality of attributes
- Managing the marketplace
- UI



### **Gap: Privacy Infrastructure**

- Small spanning set of attributes
  - Extensible but end-user manageable
  - Use of bundles to minimize complexity
- Rich metadata for trusted dialogue
  - Defaults, learning to minimize dialogues
- End user tools, some out of band
- Policies
  - App code of conduct, FOPP, InterfedOPP



#### **VO IdM**

- R&E calls them Virtual Organizations, corporations call them cross-industry project teams, governments call them multi-agency collaborations, non-profits call them home
- Do lots of authorization, largely by groups, and welcome federated authentication
- Represent an extremely important part of the ecosystem – pulsars of interrealm attributes
- Engineering them into the ecosystem solves a billion use cases...

