InCommon IdP Installer Guide

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1. Using This Guide

1.1. Preface

The Identity Provider (IdP) Installer is a tool to rapidly deploy services for federated RADIUS (eduroam) and SAML2 for Federated Single Sign On (FedSSO), both of which connect to your existing authentication and access management environment to enable your users to use their credentials safely and securely in these contexts.

The IdP Installer reduces the installation and configuration time to a matter of minutes for a test instance of the InCommon services and then serve as the base for installing the production InCommon services.

eduroam and FedSSO can be installed independently or together depending on a participant's needs.

This document is organized into sections; overview, planning, installation steps, and availability considerations. Section 4 contains the installation steps to perform the install.

1.2. Who Should Read This Guide

This guide is intended for anyone responsible for the planning, preparation, installation and administration of InCommon services at their institution.

It may be the case that the person installing may not be the same person planning the deployment and that the updates to other pieces such as the firewall or accounts needed for directory connectivity are performed by others.

1.3. Skill and knowledge Expectation of Installation Personnel

The installation process is intended to minimize the required depth of knowledge across all the components to perform the installation. The following skills and knowledge base would be helpful for planners and or installers.

1.3.1. Required Operational Institutional Knowledge

- Sign on systems for wireless (for eduroam installs)
- Web based sign on (for fedSSO installs),
- Testing or change control practices
- Service and deployment management strategy.
- Active Directory and/or LDAP infrastructure
- Firewall configuration, management, and/or ability to request updates.

1.3.2. Recommended Skills and Technology Familiarity

- Web sign on strategies and techniques
- Ability to navigate, configure and manage Linux operating systems
  - (start/stop services, reboot, review logs, edit files etc)
- Web Application structures and their design
- HTML and applications creating dynamic HTML.

2. Installation Overview

Download installer → Plan & Prepare installation → Do Installation → Post installation tailoring → Local acceptance testing → Contact InCommon to complete registration
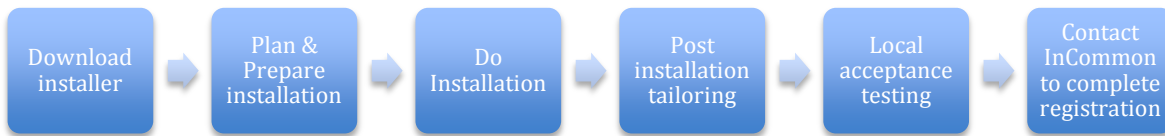
2.1. Download Installer

    a. From http://bit.ly/caftools

2.2. Plan & Prepare your installation

    b. Review System Requirements to prepare your environment.
    c. Prepare your network
    d. Prepare your environment (settings for Directory, Certificates, etc)
    e. Review and choose a preferred deployment approach
    f. Review your federation specific post install steps

2.3. Do the installation

    a. Create a configuration from your federations' configuration builder
    b. Save configuration as 'config' in this directory on your server
    c. Run the script ./deploy_idp.sh
    d. Answer any inline questions (use self signed cert? password creation for keystores)

2.4. Perform Post installation Tailoring

    a. Based on items previously identified, finalize the installation
    b. Identity steps needed to be repeated in production

2.5. Locally Test Installation

2.6. Repeat installation steps for production installation as needed

3. Planning Your Installation

3.1. System Requirements

These are the minimum requirements for each server.

3.1.1. Appliance OS

The following appliance operating systems are supported:

- CentOS 'minimal' 6.6, x86_64 (64bit)
- CentOS 'minimal' 7.0, x86_64 (64bit)
- Ubuntu 'server' 14.04, x86_64 (64bit)

Download URLs:

- http://isoredirect.centos.org/centos/6/isos/x86_64/
- http://isoredirect.centos.org/centos/7/isos/x86_64/
- http://releases.ubuntu.com/14.04/

3.1.2. Physical or Virtual Infrastructure

We strongly recommend that virtualization technology be used to host the CAF services. Virtualization technology has many benefits that can be leveraged, such as the ability to do system snapshots, cloning of instances, and full VM backups while the instance is operating.

3.1.3. IPv4 and IPv6 Support

CAF services are operationally intended to be available over IPv4 end to end.

IPv6 support is available in certain portions of InCommon infrastructure, but is not operationally available end to end and is not yet a required element.

3.1.4. Resource Requirements

Whether the installation is a development or production installation, the following are the recommendations for virtual resources.

Resource	Amount
System Memory	Minimum 6Gb physical
System total swap (/tmp)	12Gb
System disk with 1 partition (/)	20Gb
CPU	Min 2xGhz CPU

Please see section 3.2 for the necessary network configuration.

3.2. Preparing Your Network

The table on the following page summarizes the IP addresses and ports associated with the InCommon Federation Level RADIUS servers (FLRs) for eduroam, FedSSO, as well as monitoring and operational tools for InCommon services. InCommon services are operationally available over IPv4 end to end. IPv6 support is available in certain portions of the InCommon infrastructure, but not operationally available end to end. IPv6 is not yet a required element.

Status	Location	DNS CNAME	IPv4 Address	IPv6 Address	Eduroam Site Ports	Ports accepted by this host
Active	Kelowna BC	prod1-west.eduroam.ca	128.189.5.5		icmp ping, UDP & TCP 1812, 1813, 2083, 3799	UDP: 1812, 1813
Active	Vancouver BC	prod2-west.eduroam.ca	142.231.112.1		icmp ping, UDP & TCP 1812, 1813, 2083, 3799	UDP: 1812, 1813
Active	Ottawa, ON	prod1-east.eduroam.ca	205.189.33.100	2001:410:102:1 ::100	icmp ping, UDP & TCP 1812, 1813, 2083, 3799	UDP: 1812, 1813
Active	Ottawa, ON	prod2-east.eduroam.ca	205.189.33.101	2001:410:102:1 ::101	icmp ping, UDP & TCP 1812, 1813, 2083, 3799	UDP: 1812, 1813
CAF Monitoring host 1	Ottawa, ON	monitor.canarie.ca	205.189.33.55	2001:410:102:1 ::55	icmp, ping, UDP & TCP: 1812, 1813, 2083, 3799, TCP: 443, 80, 22	UDP: 1812, 1813
CAF Monitoring bastion host 1	Ottawa, ON	amidala.canarie.ca	205.189.33.75	2001:410:102:1 ::75	icmp, ping, UDP & TCP: 1812, 1813, 2083, 3799, TCP: 443, 80	UDP: 1812, 1813
CAF Federation Manager	Ottawa, ON	tools.canarie.ca	205.189.33.111	2001:410:102:1 ::111	icmp, ping, UDP & TCP: 1812, 1813, 2083, 3799, TCP: 443, 80	TCP: 443, 80
CAF Logging	Ottawa, ON	logger.canarie.ca	205.189.33.23	2001:410:102:1 ::23	icmp, ping, UDP & TCP: 1812, 1813, 2083, 3799, TCP: 443, 80	UDP: 514

Table 1: InCommon Operational Server IP Addresses and Ports

3.2.1. Host specific network configuration

The actual hosts come with IPTables. Note that IPTables firewall is enabled and customized by the installation of the IdP.

3.2.1.1.   Nuances to port 443 for non-root webserver

In order to have a non-root installation of the jetty webserver, IPTables performs port forwarding of port 443 to a jetty localhost port (7443). This allows for a non- root jetty installation according to recommended install practices[1]

3.2.2. Important Host Specific Ports and Their Network Visibility

Service	Transport/Port	Visibility
Eduroam	UDP/1812,1813	Your network, InCommon Federation servers
FedSSO	TCP/443	Your Network, the internet
SSH	TCP/22	Administrative use on your network only
Mysql	TCP/3306	Localhost and standby host if advanced model used

3.3. Preparing Your Environment

3.3.1. About Which Directory to Connect to

The IdP Installer requires directory to connect to for validation of userid and passwords and also to retrieve and populate attributes where needed.

eduroam uses the RADIUS protocol, which does support attribute exchange but is rarely used beyond the network UID, domain of origin, and related transactional information such as MAC address or Calling Station ID.

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[1] https://wiki.shibboleth.net/confluence/display/SHIB2/IdPLinuxNonRoot

FedSSO uses the SAML2 protocol, where attribute exchange is the main benefit of the service.

3.3.1.1.   What Directory is Required for Which Service?

The IdP Installer is intended to connect to Microsoft Active Directory as the directory of choice when both eduroam and FedSSO servers are deployed.

If FedSSO is being installed by itself, it is possible to use an alternative LDAP directory and is considered an advanced configuration and may require hand edits of the configuration files per Shibboleth documentation[2]

AD as a requirement is to support MS-CHAPv2 protocol for eduroam RADIUS. For MS-CHAPv2 to work, the IdP host MUST be joined to the domain via the command line in order for MS-CHAPv2 password validation to function. The IdP Installer prompts you when this occurs.

3.3.1.2.   Test Directories

Test systems should connect to test directories wherever possible.

Test directories MUST not be connected to production IdPs. This would mean that the test identities are being used as if they were production and 'real' and is an inaccurate representation of an institutions data.

Test systems connecting to production directories may occur but realize that test systems are not necessarily bound by the same practices and rules as production systems. Take this into consideration in pre-production testing, which identities and functions you desire to test, and scope of testing.

3.3.2. About Transport Layer Security (TLS) Certificates

TLS Certificates play a large role in protecting information in transit in both eduroam and FedSSO.

The default behaviour of the installer is to use self-signed certificates and in the case of eduroam, a Certificate Authority (CA) will be automatically created based on the information collected in the installer.

3.3.2.1.   Certificates that end users will experience

- **Eduroam**
  - The certificate that FreeRADIUS employs is one that the end user must accept as proof that the RADIUS authentication server is truly that server.

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[2] https://wiki.shibboleth.net/confluence/display/SHIB2/IdPConfiguration

This certificate will be seen on any mobile device, but only once, at the time of association to the eduroam SSID and rarely again.

- **FedSSO**
    - o The certificate that is seen on a HTTPS website, usually a commercial issued certificate

3.3.2.2. Other Certificates

FedSSO uses the Shibboleth software that in turn creates a long lived (10 years) certificate that is self signed and used in the SAML2 metadata. This certificate should not be changed or modified.

3.4. Deployment Approaches
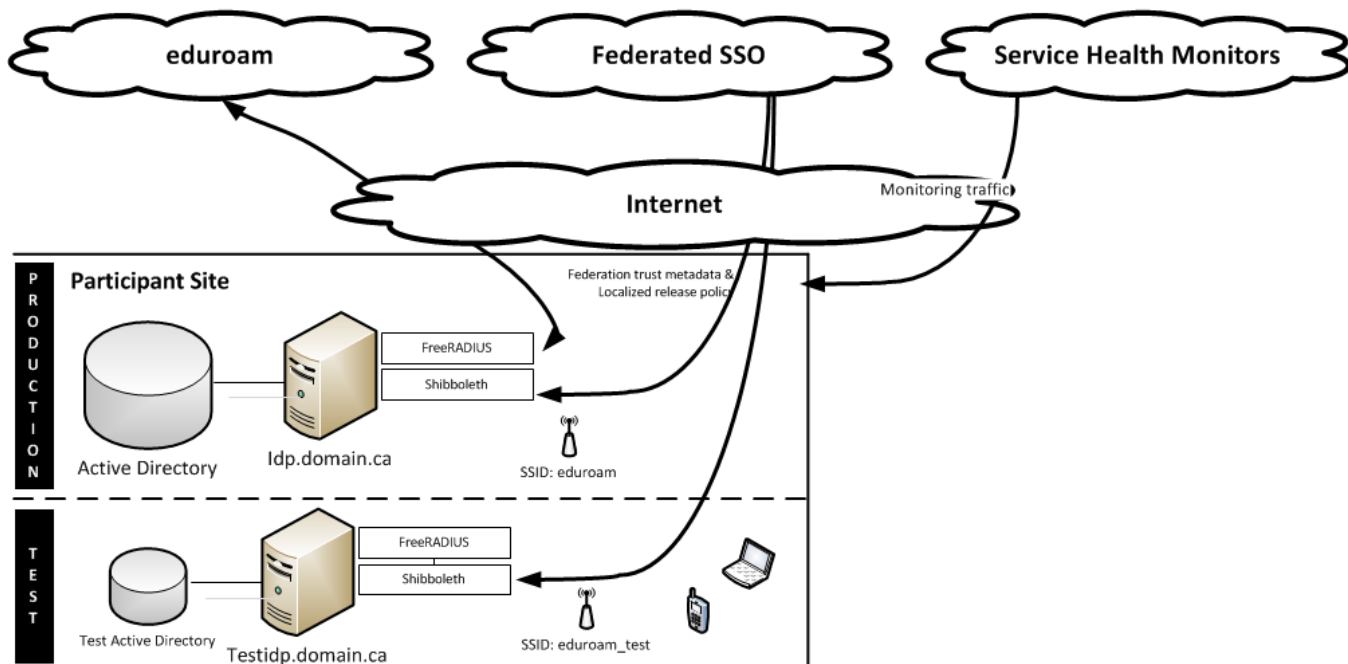
Figure 1. A typical site deployment with a test server and production server

The recommended deployment approach is to have a minimum of two servers at your site, one production and one test server that mirrors the production configuration as best possible. The test server should be installed first to exercise the build process for your production environment. Working through the deployment on the test server will highlight additional deployment steps and customizations of the environment when the production server is installed.

3.4.1. Recommended IdP Installer Deployment Approaches

Size of organization, magnitude of use of the service, and services deployed drive the style of deployment approach along with the virtualization items described in section 3.1.2. All deployment approaches rely on virtualization for backup, snapshots, and recovery.

A. Default deployment for an IdP operating one or both eduroam and FedSSO
    a. A test server is deployed and used as a test bed.
B. Usual deployment approach for IdP operating one or both eduroam and FedSSO
    a. A test server deployed and used to validate configuration for production
    b. a single production instance operating eduroam and FedSSO
C. Redundant eduroam deployment for multiple eduroam instances.
    a. A test server deployed and used to validate configuration for production
    b. Multiple identically configured production instances with only hostnames and IP addresses changing
    c. Optionally a load-balancer abstracting away IP addresses if more than 2 servers
D. Advanced Active-Standby deployment approach for IdP operating only FedSSO
    a. A test server deployed and used to validate configuration for production
    b. Multiple identically configured production IdP instances with
        i. hostnames and IP addresses changing
    ii. site specific creation of a MySQL replication agreement between active and standby instances of the IdP.
    iii. Change management practices to migrate changes to both prod servers.

4. Installation Procedure

4.1. How the installer works

Using the IdP installer has three key parts:

- A configuration file builder that runs on the technicians desktop that is a dynamic HTML form that generates the configuration file
- An installer process that runs on the actual server ingesting the configuration and updating and doing the necessary customizations based on the configuration.
- Post installation steps to tailor the installation to your needs

All components are in the installer zip file and should be on both the technician's desktop and the server being installed. The installation can be retrieved from:

http://bit.ly/caftools

4.2. Assumptions for the installation process to begin

- The technician doing the installation will use either Firefox, Google chrome, or safari on their desktop to open the configuration building URL locally on their machine.
- Host(s) are provisioned with appropriate resource levels (see 3)
- Necessary network configurations are complete (see 3.2)
- A deployment approach and target configuration have been chosen (see 3.4.1)

4.3. Building your configuration

Open the configuration builder in your browser by opening the URL:

file:///<location_of_unzipped_installer>/ida-deployer/www/appconfig/INCOMMON/index.html

Once you have answered all the interview questions, click 'Generate Configuration File' which will ensure the config file generation is up to date.

Additional help information about the key elements are embedded in the configuration builder. You may require the assistance of your Active Directory admin or firewall admin for some answers to the questions.

4.3.1. Loading a Pre-existing Configuration

In the top right of the installation builder click 'import an existing configuration' and cut and paste it into the text area presented to you and then click 'Import My Existing Config From Below'.

4.4. Doing your deployment

On the server being worked on, sign on as a root and perform these steps:

- Ensure your host has accurate DNS and network configurations in /etc/resolv.conf and /etc/hosts
- Copy the idp-installer-<version> zip to the host
- update the host to install unzip with 'yum -y install unzip'
- unzip idp-installer-<version> .zip
- cd into the idp-installer-<version> directory
- copy or cut-and-paste your configuration from the HTML form into the file 'config' and save and exit
- run the script ./deploy_idp.sh as root
- answer any inline questions
- perform any post installation steps

5. Availability Considerations

A number of factors should be considered as you craft your deployment. The default behavior of the IDP installer out of the box is to install a base as a test server. As you plan taking this base installation to production, some things to consider in your deployment are:

5.1. Change Management Practices

It is strongly recommended that some form of change management practices are applied to these services and mesh with the practices at the installation site. It is also recommended to capture and document any site-specific customizations as you perform the installation.

The IDP installer is designed to be able to re-use configuration files it generates which allows for rapid rebuilding of the environment. However, it is not intended as a substitute for backups or retaining logging or debugging data that may have been generated by the use of the services. Rebuilding of a service will erase historical logs and any customizations. To this end, nightly backups of server instances and on demand snapshots are recommended.

5.2. The infrastructure in which the services are hosted

Section 2's requirements allow the installer to defer a number of things that used to be managed on a system-by-system basis. With a simple practice of taking a snapshot of the entire server prior to changes can serve as a safety net and tool to manage how to roll back services.

5.3. High-Availability Strategies

Availability of services has a number of influencing factors that have been taken into consideration:

5.3.1. Infrastructure Reliability

Reliability of the infrastructure is improved and options to respond to an issue are broader when the installer is used in a virtualized environment. This is discussed in requirements section 2.1.2 and assumed to be in place and available as a way to manage backups, snapshots, and time to recovery.

5.3.2. Aspects of Reliability in the Services

eduroam and FedSSO services require different protocols each with their own operational aspects which may influence the deployment approach to be chosen and depend on whether or not a site has one or both services installed

Different strategies exist to increase the reliability of a service and usually involve a load balancer to manage a pool of servers.

An alternative ad-hoc method is to identify an IP address that is able to float between servers and have a heartbeat process check. If the IP address is up initially, and if it isn't after a period of time, bring up a new IP address. It is possible to use this method with the services installed by the IdP Installer, but it is up to the technician to install and reliably configure them.

Use of multiple DNS entries and round robin techniques has not proven to increase reliability and is, therefore, not recommended..

5.3.2.1. eduroam Reliability Aspects

eduroam uses the RADIUS protocol which is a stateless protocol. It uses UDP over ports 1812 and 1813 as network transport and is designed with the ability to deal with failover servers. The IdP Installer only installs a single instance of FreeRADIUS directed to a pool of upstream Federation Lever Radius servers (FLRs) for InCommon.

Clients that communicate with the locally deployed FreeRADIUS server do so by DNS lookup. Clients are defined as smartphones, laptops, access points, and other RADIUS servers.

The RADIUS protocol does not require state retention between discrete connections to RADIUS. If the address presented to a client has one or more service instances behind it, the transaction will be processed regardless of which server it communicated with initially.

5.3.2.2. FedSSO Reliability Aspects

FedSSO uses the Shibboleth software to implement the SAML protocol, which travels over HTTPS TCP port 443. Shibboleth authentication and the population of attributes in the assertion response do not require statefulness. In a single request, the end user's browser handles the delivery of the authentication assertion to the service provider in the SAML2 assertion over HTTPS. Subsequent visits to a FedSSO IdP link you to the in-memory record of your session. If the session is terminated, the user is forced to re-authenticate again. Managing the session across more than one server is an advanced option in Shibboleth but is not supported by the IdP Installer at this time.

If the Shibboleth server is restarted, the impact is not an outage but triggers the end user to re-authenticate again once to re-create their session.

5.3.2.3. FedSSO and eduPersonTargetedID

The Shibboleth server uses a local MySQL database as a local cache to store the calculated eduPersonTargetedID[3] value. eduPersonTargetedID is a pseudo-anonymous privacy preserving identifier that is calculated for each user per Service Provider. InCommon suggests it be released as a default attribute given that it does not reveal any personally identifiable information.

If a load-balanced model of two production servers is used in an active-standby strategy, the MySQL database MAY be replicated to the standby server. More on this topic may be found in the advanced section of this document.

Table 2. Summary of service reliability aspects vis-a-vis load balancing

Service	Load balancer possible approaches	Service statelessness	DNS resolution practice for service
Eduroam RADIUS (FreeRADIUS)	Active-Active, Active-Standy	RADIUS is stateless	Only at startup. Do not rely on DNS entries to abstract or provide fault tolerance of other network elements.
FedSSO SAML (Shibboleth)	Active-Standy, Active-Active possible, but not by the IdP Installer	Authentication transactions and attribute resolution, can be stateless. Persistence of SSO session 'in memory' record on server, no.	Only at startup. Do not rely on DNS entries to abstract or provide fault tolerance of other network elements

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[3] https://www.internet2.edu/media/medialibrary/2013/09/04/internet2-mace-dir-eduperson-201203.html#eduPersonTargetedID

6. Post Installation Steps

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6.1. Eduroam Specific Post Installation

6.1.1. Testing the default eduroam installation

Connecting the RADIUS configuration to your access point or controller can test the default installation by using a client (smartphone or laptop) to authenticate to the SSID you have configured.

The wireless access point configuration can be quite detailed but minimally it would be WPA2, 802.1x authentication and points to this RADIUS instance.

The chosen test client will then need to submit a userid of 'some_id@yourdomain.edu' and the appropriate password.

Windows clients may require additional configuration to either trust the certificate (self-signed) and likely the certificate authority as well.

The ability to validate or test eduroam transit is not possible until your production server is connected to the top level Federation Level RADIUS servers.

6.1.2. Starting and Stopping the service

The freeRADIUS service use the standard start/stop methodology and should automatically start on server reboot.

Manually starting the service: *service radiusd start*

Manually stopping the service: *service radiusd stop*

6.1.3.   Replacing Auto-generated Self-signed Certificate

The IdP Installer auto-generates TLS certificates from the freeRADIUS cert bootstrap process. To update the certificate to a commercial one you will need to:

  A. Sign into the machine as root
  B. Cd /etc/radddb/certs
  C. Choose to generate a new Certificate Signing Request (CSR) or use the existing one
       a. Ensure the extended key usage aspects of the TLS certificate are present for RADIUS usage
  D. Replace server.crt with the relevant certificate
  E. Restart the freeradius service by entering 'service radius restart'

6.2. FedSSO Specific Post Installation

6.2.1. Testing the default FedSSO installation

When LDAP is the configured authentication method, a very simple test is to invoke the URL of:

https://<yourserverFQDN>/idp/Authn/UserPassword

which when all is in order, should render the default sign on page at which point you can sign in. On successful sign on you will still see an error page as it will not have originated from a site that is trusted.

This simple test validates that:

- That the jetty server and certificate are operational and properly configured
- That IPTables is doing the proper thing.
- That there are no syntactical errors in the configuration
- The directory connection works for the attribute resolver.
- The directory connection for authentication works (they use the same credentials, but different configuration locations)

An additional test, or only test if CAS authentication is configured, is to test against testshib.org. The default Shibboleth installation has a built in basic trust to testshib.org, a remote testing site that you can use even if your installation is locally installed and not visible on the internet. To test, all you need is to have a browser that can see both the local instance and be able to get on the internet.

For further details, please see testshib.org.

6.2.2. Starting and Stopping the service

The Shibboleth service uses jetty as its container to run in, the standard start/stop methodology, and should automatically start on server reboot.

Manually starting the service: *service jetty start*

Manually stopping the service: *service jetty stop*

6.2.3.   Replacing HTTPS jetty certificate with commercial certificate

The IdP Installer auto-generates TLS certificates from openSSL for the Shibboleth software for:

- The Java Key Store (JKS) for the jetty webserver
- The JKS for the Shibboleth software

The jetty webserver CSR is the only certificate needing replacing if it is to transition from self-signed to a commercial certificate.

A regular CSR may be generated and if both eduroam and FedSSO are used, the SAME CSR could be used as the host will be the same name.

6.2.4.   Customizing the login page for FedSSO / Shibboleth

Note: This step only applies if LDAP authentication was selected.

The IdP Installer uses Shibboleth out of the box and does no tailoring of the login page to reflect the look and feel of the installing organization. For details about how to customize the look and feel, please see these two references:

https://tts.canarie.ca/otrs/public.pl?Action=PublicFAQZoom;ItemID=32

https://wiki.shibboleth.net/confluence/display/SHIB2/IdPAuthUserPassLoginPage

6.3. Connecting your FedSSO or eduroam server to InCommon Production

Once you have done your testing of the installation to your satisfaction, please contact InCommon at admin@incommon.org. This should be done by your authorized InCommon technical contact. This contact is usually provided to InCommon when your organization joins.

For eduroam we will need the IP address(es) of your server(s) and will provide the shared secret to you for connection.

For FedSSO we will need the entity metadata which are the contents of the file:

 /opt/shibboleth-idp/metadata/idp-metadata.xml

Additional Information needed:

Element	Sample entry	Your entry
	InCommon	
	USA's advanced research and Innovation Network	
	http://www.incommon.org	
	InCommon Administration	
	admin@incommon.org	

7. Appendix

7.1. Glossary

Terms and acronyms to interpret this document properly:

SLA	Service Level Agreement
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
SAML	Security Authentication Markup Language
ADFS2	Active Directory Federation Services

7.2. References

Item.	Document Title	Date	Author
SAML	Security & Authentication Markup Language https://www.oasis-open.org/committees/tc_home.php?wg_abbrev=security		OASIS
OpenID	OpenID specification http://openid.net/specs/openid-authentication-2_0.html		IETF
OAuth2	OAuth2 specification (DRAFT) http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-oauth-v2-31		IETF
WS-Federation	Web Services Federation Specification http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WS-Federation		OASIS
ADFS2	Active Directory Federation Services 2 http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/adfs2(v=ws.10).aspx		Microsoft
SAML-EC	SAML Enhanced Client http://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-kitten-sasl-saml-ec/		
RADSEC	Protocol for carrying RADIUS datagrams over TCP http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RadSec		IETF

7.3. Installed Software and Related Directories

Software installed specifically by the IdP Installer is listed below. Many packages have dependencies automatically installed so this list is not exhaustive of all the discrete packages installed. Using rpm/dpkg prior to installation it is possible to enumerate the packages and then compare the list after installation.

- SAML2 Related:
    - **jetty-9.2.7**
        - **Installed by:** rpm/deb installation of package
        - **Install dir:** /opt/jetty
        - **Log dir:** /opt/jetty/logs
    - **shibboleth-identityprovider-2.4.4**
        - **Installed by:** extracting tar of package
        - **Install dir:** /opt/shibboleth/idp
        - **Log dir:** /opt/shibboleth-idp/logs
    - **cas-client-3.3.3-release**
        - **Installed by:** extracting tar of package plugin to jetty
        - **Install dir:** /opt/cas-client-3.3.3
        - **Log dir:**
    - **mysql-connector-java-5.1.34** (for EPTID)
        - **Installed by:** rpm/deb installation of package
        - **Install dir:** /usr/bin, /usr/share
        - **Log dir:** /var/log/mysql/mysqld.log (Ubuntu) or /var/log/mysqld.log (CentOS)
- eduroam Related:
    - **freeRADIUS (version is OS dependent)**
        - **Installed by:** rpm/deb installation of package
        - **Install dir:** /usr/sbin, /etc/raddb (CentOS) or /etc/freeradius (Ubuntu)
        - **Log dir:** /var/log/radius (CentOS) or /var/log/freeradius (Ubuntu 14.04)
    - **samba (version is OS dependent)** (to connect to AD for MS-CHAPv2)
        - **Installed by:** rpm/deb install of package
        - **Install dir:** /usr/bin, /etc/samba/
        - **Log dir:** /var/log/syslog