

What is InCommon?

InCommon serves the U.S. education and research communities, supporting a common framework of trust services for the safe sharing of online resources. InCommon operates the InCommon Federation—the U.S. trust federation for research and education—and the community-driven InCommon Certificate Service.

The InCommon Certificate Service

The InCommon Certificate Service provides unlimited SSL certificates (including extended validation certificates), client (personal) certificates, and code signing certificates for one fixed annual fee. This program offers a true site license and truly unlimited certificates for all of the domains you own or control (.edu, .net, .com, .org, etc.). This program is open to any institution of higher education in the U.S.



The InCommon Federation



The InCommon Federation enables scalable, trusted collaborations among its community of participants.

InCommon Federation participants adopt common policies and processes, and use standards-based technology for authentication and authorization. This allows identity providers to have fine-grained control over the release of user information, while service providers maintain access control to their online resources. The result is a secure and privacy-protecting method for providing individuals with single sign-on access to protected or licensed online resources. Service providers no longer need to maintain user accounts or deal with password management.

Through federated identity management, researchers, faculty, students, and staff enjoy single sign-on access that allows them to:

- Manage research accounts and grants at the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.
- Participate in collaboration groups and virtual organizations within and outside of the campus walls.
- Gain access to key information resources, like library databases and financial aid information from the National Student Clearinghouse.

InCommon Federation Benefits

- Standardized format reduces or removes the need to repeat integration work for each new resource.
- One username and password for many services, done in a secure and privacy-preserving way. This results in less confused users (who will have fewer accounts to juggle), fewer password reset requests, and fewer support calls.
- Access decisions and user privacy controls are decided on a case-by-case basis for each resource, providing higher security and more granular control.
- Reduced account management overhead for service providers.

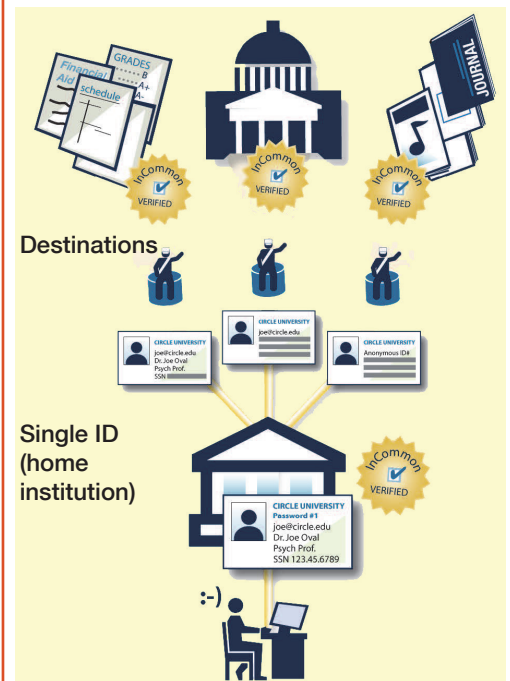
About InCommon

InCommon is operated by Internet2 Participation is separate and distinct from membership in Internet2. Certificate service subscribers must be an InCommon participant or join InCommon.

Who Can Join InCommon?

Any accredited two- or four-year higher education institution, as well as research organizations (such as U.S. government labs and facilities), can join InCommon. Higher education and research organization participants can sponsor their online service providers.

HOW DOES IDENTITY FEDERATION WORK?



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE CERTIFICATE SERVICE?

- ★ Unlimited certificates for a fixed annual fee; takes the guesswork out of budgeting.
- ★ Includes all of your domains (.edu and non-edu alike)
- ★ With Comodo's certificate manager, certificates are easy to order and install.
- ★ More than 125 subscribers have generated tens of thousands of certificates.

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