

Australian Access Federation & auEduPerson Working Group

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Australian environment



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- 38 publicly funded universities
- NCRIS = National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy
- AUD 550M over 5 years for shared research infrastructure –physical facilities, instruments, technology
- Includes AUD 75M over 5 years for collaboration technology infrastructure: access management, data management, middleware, collaboration tools
- Australian Access Federation (AAF) seen as critical piece in enabling shared research infrastructure and research collaboration

AAF implementation project



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- AUD 4.8 M funded by Australian Government
- Introduce production federation 2008
- University of Queensland leads project, partnered by AusCERT and Macquarie University (MAMS)
- Steering Committee with representation across sector
- Transition from implementation project to ongoing production federation service at end of 2008

- Testbed federation now has 35 pre-production members
- Conditional approval from main vendors to put AusCERT root certificate in browsers
- Recent round of mini-grants and training
 - Bureau of Meteorology HPCCC
 - Queensland Facility for Advanced Bioinformatics
 - Bragg Institute: neutron and x-ray scattering facility
- Working groups for attributes, grid, and LoA
- Very good awareness among CIOs and nearly all report undertaking major identity management projects
- Beginning to grow awareness among other parts of the community

Attributes!



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- Working group to recommend schemas and attributes for AAF.
- Draft recommendations for comment Dec 2007:
www.aaf.edu.au/attributes
 - Deadline for comments was 25 Jan
 - Currently reviewing comments and revising doc
 - Final recommendations to steering comm in March
 - 6-month review for first 2 years, then annual

Important attribute issues



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- Prescriptive on attribute usage vs
Providing advice and a common framework for
members to build on
- Preserving user anonymity vs
Accommodating service providers who do not allow
anonymity
- Minimising requirements for joining vs
Maximising interoperability and suitability for key
use cases



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Thank you!