

The Federation and Beyond – are you ready?

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Half-day workshop
- Terry Smith is the primary convener for the workshop
- There is a hands-on component to the workshop
- There are no constraints on the number of attendees
- AV and network only needed – a whiteboard would be useful

DESCRIPTION

The AAF operates as a shared service and provides a common and secure authentication framework for the Australian higher education and research sector. Subscribers include all Australian universities, CSIRO and a number of support organisations, and a number of organisations providing products and services to users. This means that access via the AAF is provided to over 1 million end users who can use their institution's credentials to access web based resources that are connected to the AAF.

The Federation is ready and waiting to be used. Services are available and ready to use now and the trust is there. Are you, your researchers and your organisation ready to go and federate? This workshop will shake down your IdPs and SPs ensuring there are no roadblocks in your way to fully experiencing the federation.

OUTLINE

This half-day workshop will cover the following topics:

- Using the Federation Registry to your advantage;
- Health check of your IdP and SP – are they ready;
- The 10 Core Attributes;
- What SP's expect;
- Bringing your help desk up to speed;
- Helping those who don't have access, the VHO and other options
- Q & A

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Current AAF subscribers and those wanting to know more about the AAF and connecting to services are encouraged to attend, including researchers that don't belong to organisations subscribing to the AAF or that partner with AAF subscribers.

WHAT TO BRING

Attendees need to bring a laptop so they can review their own IdP, investigate services that are available etc.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Terry Smith. Terry is the Australian Access Federation Technical Manager. In early 2009 Terry managed the AAF Pilot project that boot-strapped today's AAF operation. Terry is responsible for the ongoing operation of the federation and for providing support and training activities to the AAF subscriber community. Terry is an experienced IT professional who has been working in Identity and Access Management in the tertiary education sector for more than 25 years.

Bradley Beddoes. Bradley is the Australian Access Federation Technical Architect and responsible for the design and implementation of AAF software and system architectures. He has worked on delivering secure, standards focused web applications and redundant, scalable IT architectures for the past 10 years for higher education and private sector clients within Australia and abroad. In particular, Bradley has been instrumental in the development of the AAF Federation Registry management tool which has also received considerable interest from overseas federations.