

Metadata Distribution

Today all entity metadata distributed by InCommon is in the form of signed SAML [metadata aggregates](#). A secure, offline [metadata signing process](#) aggregates metadata registered by InCommon Participants together with metadata imported from [eduGAIN](#) and pushes the signed metadata aggregates to a secure, publicly accessible [metadata server](#).

Eventually the unwieldy metadata aggregates will give way to per-entity distribution methods such as those based on the [Metadata Query Protocol](#).



A [Per-Entity Metadata Pilot](#) is in progress until further notice.