

Holiday Technology Checklist 2016



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2016 Holiday Technology Checklist for InCommon Site Administrators

Mark your calendars now! *The Internet2 offices will be closed from 5:00pm ET, Thursday, December 22, 2016 to 8:00am ET, Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Reduced metadata processing will occur during this holiday period as follows:*



Reduced Metadata Signing Schedule

NOTE WELL! Metadata processing and signing will occur on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at approximately Noon ET! **No other metadata signings are scheduled during the holiday period!**

See the published [InCommon Hours of Operation](#) for more information.



Scheduled maintenance on the Federation Manager

The server hosting **the InCommon Federation Manager will be unavailable** due to maintenance on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 between 8:00am and Noon ET. The actual maintenance procedure will only take 30 minutes but *InCommon Operations reserves the entire 4-hour window* for this maintenance operation. Please plan ahead!

You may want to add these items to your holiday shopping list 😊

1. [Upgrade to Shibboleth IdP V3](#) now!
 - a. Shibboleth IdP V2 reached end-of-life on July 31, 2016
 - b. For a list of IdPs that have (or have not) upgraded to V3, see: [List of Shibboleth IdPs by Version](#)
 - c. **TIP:** Shibboleth IdP V3.3.0 was [announced](#) on November 11, 2016
2. Support the global [Research & Scholarship Category](#)!
 - a. [Information for SP owners](#) wishing to apply for R&S
 - b. [Information for IdP operators](#) wanting to support R&S SPs
 - c. See: [List of Research and Scholarship Entities as of 1/27/2017](#)
3. Support the InCommon Federated [Error Handling Service](#)!
 - a. Add an [Error Handling URL](#) (`errorURL`) to your IdP metadata
 - b. To check if your `errorURL` is working properly, see: [List of errorURLs in IdP Metadata](#)
 - c. Add an administrative contact to IdP metadata (see: [Contacts in Metadata](#))
4. Migrate to the REFEDS security contact
 - a. Simply touch your metadata ("Edit" => "Save" => "Submit") to convert an existing security contact to the new REFEDS syntax
 - b. To check if your metadata includes a legacy security contact, see: [List of Entities with Legacy Security Contacts](#)
5. Is your IdP discoverable?
 - a. Tweak your IdP DisplayName in metadata (if necessary)
 - b. Add a Logo URL to IdP metadata (and publish a favicon on your IdP server)
 - c. Learn more about the [Hide From Discovery Category](#)
6. Harden the TLS configuration on your IdP server
 - a. Analyze the TLS configuration of your IdP server using [SSL Labs](#)

Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings! from everyone at InCommon/Internet2