

# Joining the UK Access Management Federation

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# The UK federation

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# Overview

- What is the UK federation?
- Who is eligible?
- Who does what?
- How to apply
- Current membership
- When to join?
- Questions

# What is the UK federation?

A secure framework that allows:

- students to access protected online web resources based on information asserted by their home organisation.
- providers of online resources to control access to their services.

# What is the UK federation?

- A set of Rules that binds members:
  - Make accurate statements to other members
  - Keep federation systems and data secure
  - Use personal data correctly (DPA1998)
  - Resolve problems within the Federation
    - Not by legal action
  - Assist Federation Operator and other members

# What is the UK federation?



- Launched November 2006
- For UK schools, FE, HE and research
- Organisations and institutions providing services to these sectors
- Joint funded by JISC and Becta
- Operational management by JANET(UK)

# How to join

- Senior member of organisation signs up to federation Rules of Membership
- JANET(UK) verify contact details
- Organisation's details added to metadata
- (If outsourcing to a third party, both parties must be members)



# Who does what?

- Collaboration is essential
- IT department must be involved from the outset
- Senior management may require a business case
- Senior management sign the membership agreement



# What help is available?

- JANET(UK) helpdesk
- Website: [www.ukfederation.org.uk/](http://www.ukfederation.org.uk/)
- Mailing lists
- Training courses:  
<http://www.ja.net/services/training/>  
<http://www.netskills.ac.uk/content/products/workshops/range/accman.html>
- Regional events (Brighton, 29<sup>th</sup> April)



# Who has joined?

- 358 members (13<sup>th</sup> March)
- Sector breakdown
  - 126 FE
  - 135 HE
  - 10 LA/RBC
  - 71 SPs

# When should you join?

- Now! (get the admin out of the way)
- Audit your existing infrastructure and assess organisation's readiness
- Implement your IdP or nominate outsourcer
- Roll out within organisation
- Consider federating internal services



# Questions?

More info:

[www.ukfederation.org.uk](http://www.ukfederation.org.uk)

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