



IdP as a Service

Community Feedback (@TNC2019)



Use-cases related remarks

- A solution for small institutions
- Why no commercial products, why no IdP?
 - no time to operate and run IdP,
 - unknown [if and which] commercial offerings are available.

Implementation related remarks

- MVP: add support for REFEDS MFA and CoCo
- Do as little as possible:
 - no complete IDM offering, but an interface between IdP and user DB,
 - build it architecturally as simple as possible, e.g. proxy between a commercially solution and the environment we have in R&E
- the biggest issues when running a platform:
 - management of attribute release,
 - dealing with policies updates, and
 - updates of the software times



Sustainability and Business case remarks

- Most conflicting statements were around the use of commercial entities:
 - Do nothing technically, just work with/on vendors; Do not compete with [commercial] offerings
 - Hard to work with external vendors (understand & implement R&E requirements)
 - Many current solutions do not work
- Several are actually running a platform or developing one as Some institutions might never be able to pay for (any) solution.
- 4 out of 38 ok with outsourcing to commercial



Additional Remarks

- For a sustainable solution, it is critical the feature set should be as limited as possible.
- Requirements and local laws affect product offering
- What is the market value of such an offering? And is that understood by the customers?