

PingFederate Powers SURFnet's Research and Education Network in the Netherlands



“PingFederate has delivered tremendous value to the identity federation service provided by NREN. This includes support for connections to Google Apps.”

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Challenge

Established in 1989 to support the Netherlands' National Research and Education Network, at that time SURFnet developed a proprietary solution for Internet SSO. Over time, as larger numbers of entities joined, building out the proprietary solution became too time intensive and costly. SURFnet needed standards-based Internet SSO that could integrate with a variety of existing Internet SSO implementations and could be deployed quickly. – and all of Stone Belt's SaaS applications – was critical to success.

Solution – PingFederate

- Standards-based SSO that supports a wide range of protocols
- Short time-to-connect – operational in days
- Low deployment and management overhead

Results

The PingFederate interface was implemented in only a few weeks. Cross-federation connections are now deployed in a matter of hours with virtually no management overhead. The multi-protocol gateway currently supports Internet SSO connections for 30 entities with a total user population of more than 350,000. SURFnet plans to add another 30 institutions and service providers by the end of 2009.