THE SURFCONEXT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ONLINE COLLABORATION GIVES USERS ACCESS TO SERVICES PROVIDED BY VARIOUS DIFFERENT PROVIDERS, WHICH THEY CAN APPLY WITHIN A SINGLE ENVIRONMENT. THIS OPENS UP NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION WITHIN AND BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS.

One connection to SURFconext
The emergence of cloud computing requires institutions to connect to a growing range of cloud service providers. SURFconext makes life easier for you, because you can just make a single connection to SURFconext rather than multiple, separate connections to different service providers. Authentication, authorisation, group management and privacy and security agreements are organised centrally. SURFmarket ensures that sound contractual agreements are in place between your institution and the service providers.

Access to cloud services
SURFconext gives your users easy access to the services offered by a range of providers. Users log in with their institution account and a single sign-on gives them secure access to the services you make available.

Central management of collaborative groups
With SURFconext Teams, it’s easy for users to set up an online group for people from different institutions. Central management is available for managing groups and access to content and functionalities. The groups can be reused for a number of services linked to SURFconext.
Choose from more than 130 cloud services
Your institution can choose from more than 130 cloud services linked to SURFconext. These are services related to online collaboration, storage, video and research, such as Google Apps, N@tschool, and Kluwer Navigator. Which of these might best meet the needs of your users? You can choose a selection of services and make them available to your researchers, staff and students. For any questions about making cloud services available through SURFconext, please contact info@surfconext.nl.

Internal ICT systems can connect too
SURFconext is also increasingly used to ensure access to internal ICT systems. This means institutions can use SURFconext to integrate their external and internal online services and make them available to users as a single package.

SURFconext Strong Authentication
SURFconext’s Strong Authentication enables you to secure access to cloud-based services linked to SURFconext more effectively. This is made possible by an additional authentication tool such as SMS, tiqr (smartphone app) or Yubikey (hardware token). Strong authentication is particularly important for cloud services handling more sensitive data.

SURFconext Authorisation Rules
Thanks to SURFconext Authorisation rules, available in SURFconext by default, institutions can decide for themselves whether a service connected through SURFconext is accessible to everyone, or is limited to use by a defined group. This can easily be implemented via the SURFconext Dashboard.

Rate
The SURFconext service (including SURFconext Authorisation Rules) is included in SURFnet’s fixed connection fee. We will be offering SURFconext’s strong authentication functionality at an additional charge from 2015. To make cloud services available, you often need to conclude a licence agreement through SURFmarket or directly from the provider.

SURFconext Strong Authentication
- Institutions with 0 - 1,000 students/employees: EUR 252 per month (excluding VAT);
- Institutions with 1,001 - 5,000 students: EUR 453 per month (excluding VAT);
- for educational institutions with more than 5,000 students: EUR 1,107 per month (excluding VAT).
Rates include 500 SMS transactions per month; when using more than 500 SMS transactions per month, SURFnet charges 0.06 euros per SMS. Fees do not include any purchase of tokens.

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