

# What is MIT Touchstone?

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- What is the Touchstone authentication service?

## Context

- MIT products and services
- IS&T products and services
- Web authentication at MIT

## Answer

MIT Touchstone is a web authentication service for the MIT community and beyond. MIT Touchstone provides a federated authentication approach using Shibboleth in conjunction with other components. The service enables MIT users to authenticate to enabled systems both on campus and off.

## What does this mean?

- MIT Touchstone provides a single portal for web authentication
- MIT Touchstone also provides a service for users to register non-MIT identities (i.e. get a password tied to your external email address to use to authenticate to some MIT services)
- MIT Touchstone makes available several ways for MIT users to authenticate:
  - Personal web certificate
  - Kerberos username and password
  - Kerberos tickets for operating systems and browsers that support it

## Detailed information about Touchstone



### [The MIT Touchstone service page](#)

See the above MIT Touchstone service page for full information and detailed technical background on Touchstone.

## Additional information

- [MIT Touchstone FAQ](#)