

Schools Workshop

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Outline

- What is eduroam?
- How eduroam works
- Setting up eduroam
- RENU and eduroam
- eduroam challenges
- Connecting to eduroam
- Practical Session

What is eduroam

- eduroam (education roaming) is the secure, world-wide roaming access service
- Developed for the international research and education community









Why eduroam



- Global access: Works in over 100 countries with thousands of schools/institutions.
- Standard: No need to rely on random local WiFi policies.
- Secure and instant connections

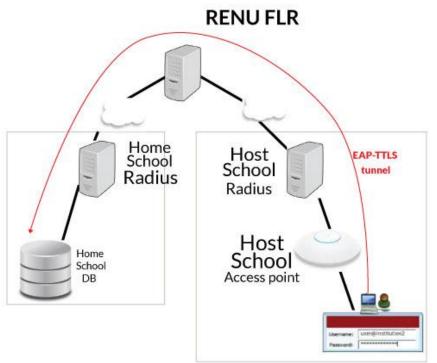


How does eduroam Work?



- Individuals use credentials provided at their home school.
- The home school RADIUS server does the authentication.

• The host school RADIUS server does the authorization



Requirements

- A RADIUS server
- Identity Server/User DB
- NREN member
- NRO
- Access Point(s)





eduroam Flavours

Outline

- On Campus eduroam
- Metro eduroam
- eduroam on the Go (OTG)
- HomeLinks

On Campus eduroam



- Most Common deployment
- eduroam SSID is configured at the School Premises

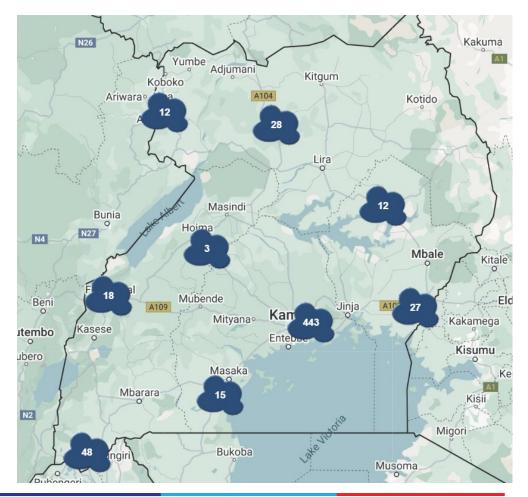


Metro eduroam

eduroam at the

Metropolitan areas.

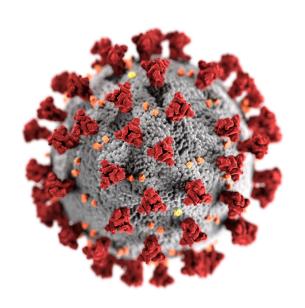
- Bus parks
- Airports
- Hostels
- Libraries





Metro eduroam







Covid 19 RENU

HomeLinks



eduroam is configured on Home devices



eduroam on the Go

- Abbreviated as OTGs
- Pocket-size device

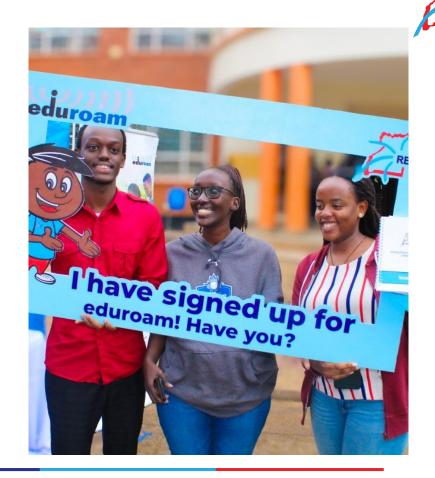






RENU and eduroam

- National Roaming Operator (NRO) for eduroam in Uganda.
- Technical Support, Training and Capacity Building
- Developing solutions to address eduroam challenges



RENU and eduroam









Successful Logins 2023 Vs 2024





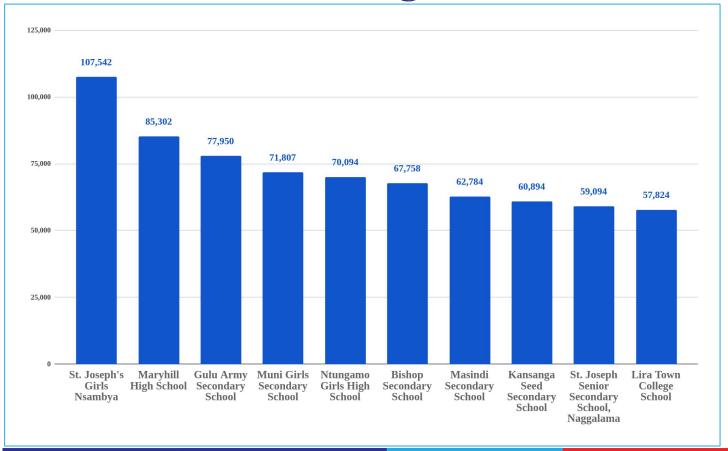
Unique Users 2023 Vs 2024





2024 Successful Logins - Schools





eduroam Challenges



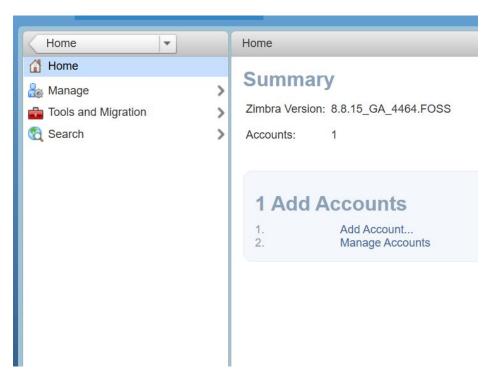
- Lack of resources to deploy the service
 - Radius Servers
- Inadequate eduroam knowledge
- Lack of existing identity management



Managed IdP



- Mainly Set up for Schools
- No need to set up a User database and a Radius server.
- Web-based interface for managing users.



Connecting to eduroam



- Realm:
 - o @renu.ac.ug
 - o @guluhigh.ac.ug
- Direct credentials
- geteduroam app



Common connection issues



- Wrong credentials
- Using gmail or outlook email addresses

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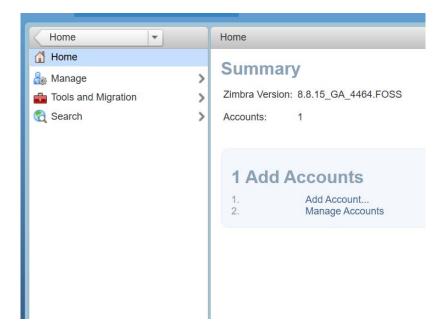
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Managing users in managed IdP - Practical Session













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Discussion