

Federation Soup: An Assembly of Ingredients

June 2-4, 2008

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Summary:

Federations - trust mechanisms built on federating technologies such as Shibboleth, and on complementary policy mechanisms - are growing rapidly in a wide variety of environments. Unlike most other countries, where national level federations cover the R&E landscape, a rich broth of federations is occurring in the US. Due to the size and complexity of the US educational environment, all manners of communities are federating:

- Multicampus university systems
- Statewide community college consortia
- Statewide K-20 associations
- Hospitals and medical centers
- US Government agencies

This workshop is intended to work through the issues in making this mix of federations effective in their interactions with each other and with international partners. While there will be some discussion of technological topics, and a brief look at technical futures, the emphasis will be on policy and business issues. Topics in this space include attributes, levels of assurance, handling of legal issues (including privacy, liability, adjudication, etc.), business models, support of virtual organizations, future collaboration management support business opportunities, etc. Those topics will be explored to identify the options for each, and where consensus approaches among federations would facilitate interactions. In addition, we hope to identify some persistent mechanisms for the soup "ingredients" to engage in during this period of invention and deployment.

Key issues to be addressed include:

- Communities served, application purposes
- Points of consistency in a multifederated world
- Attributes, LOA, and other standards
- End-user privacy management and other technical futures
- Making federations effective
- Relationships with the K-12 sector
- Needs for multiple profiles within a federation
- Business models and organizational governance approaches

- Future business opportunities

Workshop Program

The program will be published here when it is available. For planning purposes, the schedule is:

Starting: 1:00 pm Mon, June 2

Ending: Noon Wed, June 4

Who should attend?

Federated operators, and those looking to operate federations in the near future. Service providers who want to understand how to interact with business partners that are spread across multiple federations. Application developers and owners who want to design for a federated world. Federal agencies wanting to engage diverse communities. Organizations that support virtual organizations, seeking new and effective support mechanisms. Market analysts looking to see how a new market is made...

Registration Fee

- \$150 before Midnight EDT Monday 19-May-2008
- \$200 starting Tuesday 20-May-2008

[Registration requests](#) are subject to approval and will be confirmed by e-mail.

Hotel

[Hotel information is available here](#). Reserved room block cutoff date is Monday May 19, 2008, 3:00 PM local time (PDT)

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