



# IDENTITY REGISTRATION 201

baseCAMPING WITH THE COW  
COMANAGE REGISTRY



# YOUR CAMP COUNSELOR

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# GETTING READY

BACKGROUND: IDENTITY REGISTRIES & COMANAGE

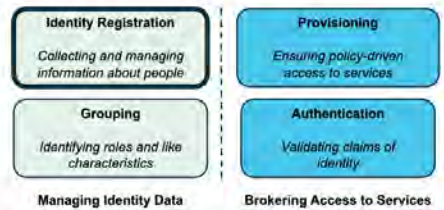




## Identity Registries and Person Repositories

Concepts to cover:

- Aggregating person data
- Person matching and deduplication
- Repositories (directories, databases, MDM)
- Identity proofing and credentialing



## IDENTITY REGISTRY & PERSON REPOSITORY

### KEY FEATURES

#### Aggregating person data – Person Registry

- Multiple institutional sources of truth
- Common repositories
- Single person, multiple roles
- Least privilege / additive privilege
- Services based on sum of roles

#### Person matching & deduplication

- Demographic comparison
- Duplicate detection & remediation

#### Person repositories

- Database
- Directory
- Application

#### Identity proofing & assurance

- Assurance levels

# COMANAGE IS USED FOR PERSON LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT



## Enrollment + Lifecycle Actions (changes, offboarding, ...)

*Enroll and manage individuals into your Identity and Access Management systems in diverse ways*



## Synthesis

*Combine information about a person from different sources (Systems of Record) into a single, comprehensive record*



## Organization/group Modeling

*Model your organization as broad “groups” and attaching this group information to identity records; transfer to LDAP*



## Basic Provisioning/De-provisioning

*Provision information to directly manage access to systems or services, or to manage access via other tools like midPoint or Grouper*



# YES, A TOOL... BUT THE DETAILS MATTER FOR IMPLEMENTATION

USE CASE	Research Project / VO	Primary Registry	Guest Registry
People and resource access	Manage people from diverse locations / different authentication; access to limited set of specific resources	Manage home population; sophisticated resource access	Manage a non-primary population (parents, library users, etc); usually no institutional sign in; access to limited resources
Aggregating person data	The same person may participate in multiple projects or hold multiple affiliations	Multiple sources of record for a single person (HR, Student system, affiliate system, etc)	Multiple personas – a guest may hold other roles w/your institution
Person information storage	A simple person registry may be enough	Want information stored in a separate, well-established location (like LDAP)	Want the information separate from primary database to avoid accidental co-mingling
Person lifecycle management	Managed by project rules	Might be handled by HR or student database & rules	
Common solution	Handled by a person registry; light group management & provisioning too	Specialized tools for each component; person registry may be a “helper”	Person registry for lifecycle management; more sophisticated tools too

# COMANAGE CAPABILITIES

What capabilities should you consider as you select (or build) a registry for your higher education or research organization? COmanage has the following capabilities.

Onboarding

Match and  
Linking

Identifier

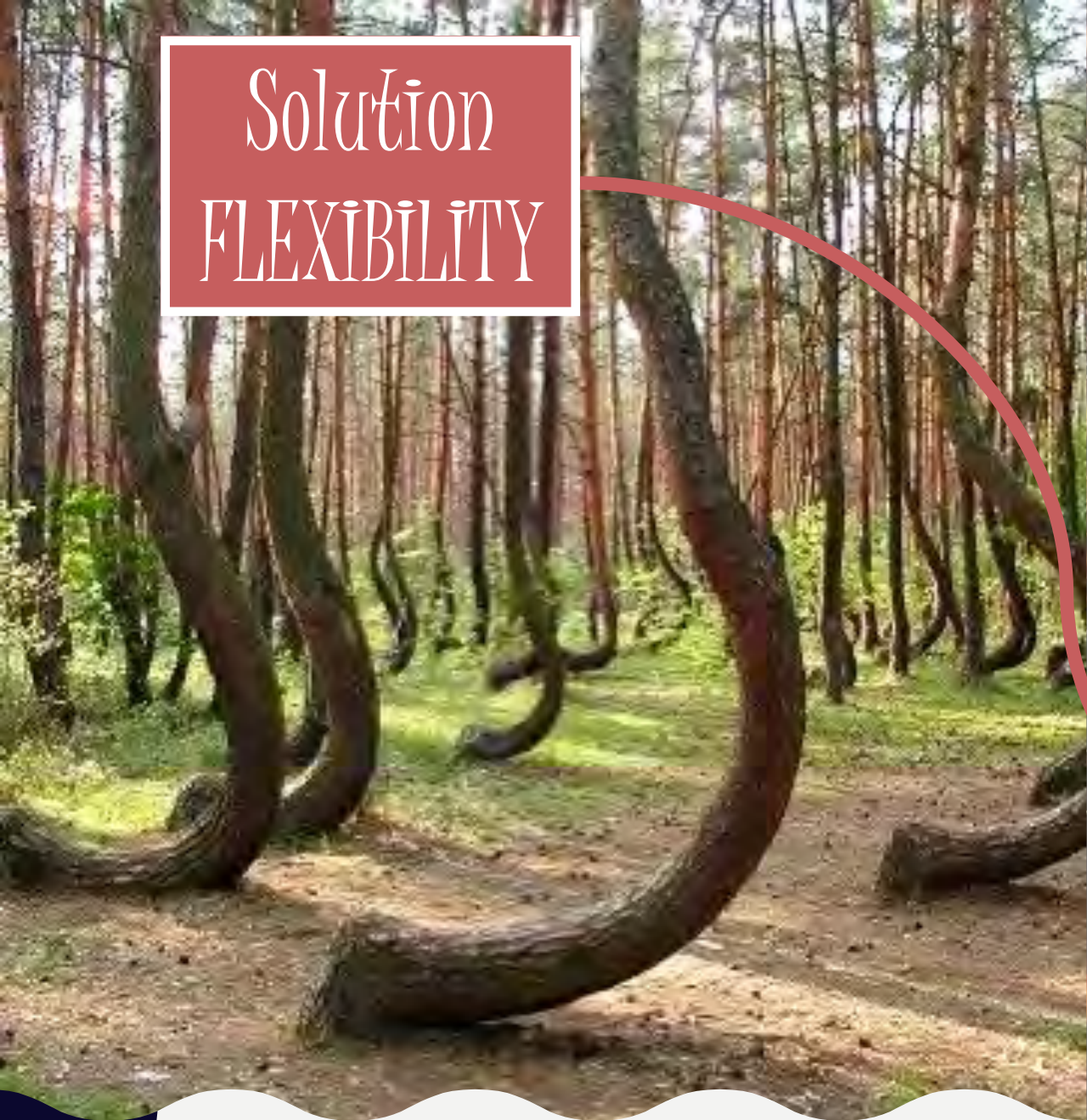
User Life  
Cycle

Provisioning

Web SSO

Efficiency

Solution  
FLEXIBILITY



Implementation  
COMPLEXITY



# COMANAGE HISTORY

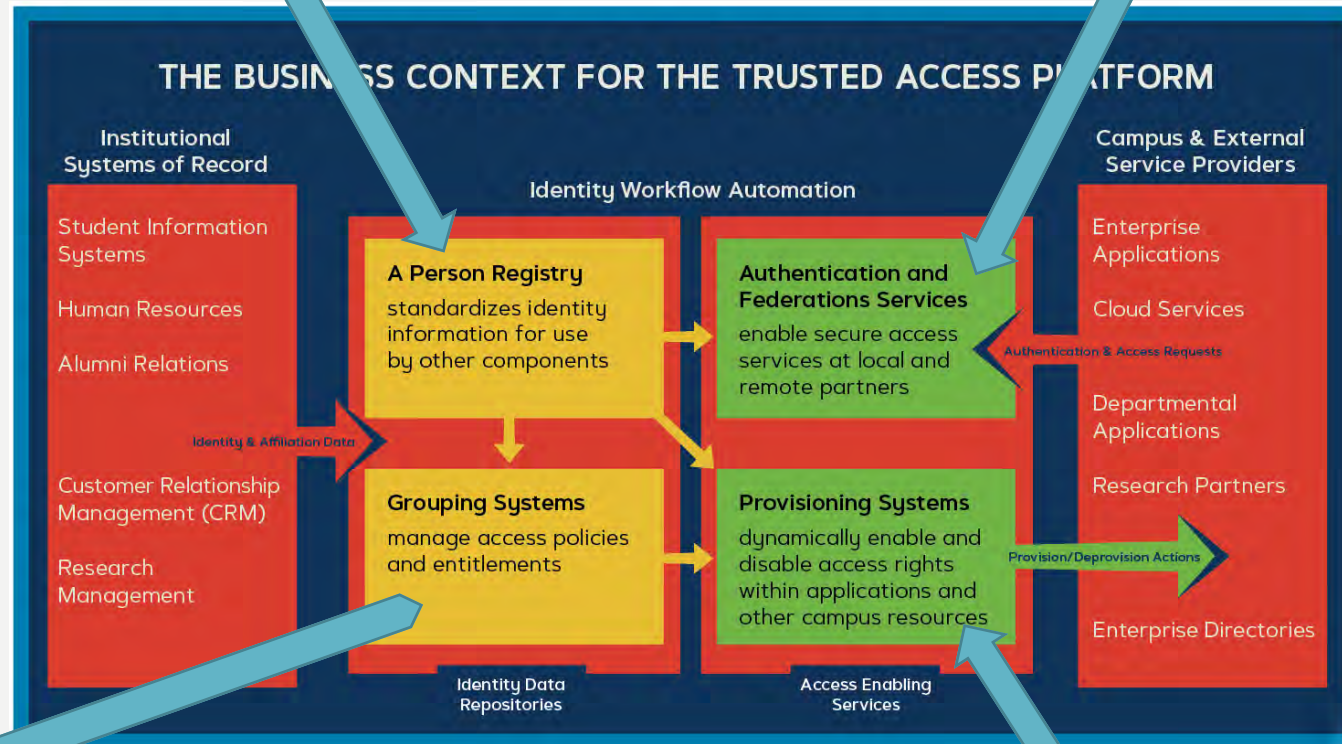
- Open-Source project
  - Project & Development lead: Spherical Cow Group
  - Community directed by the COmanage Program Steering Group (Community Working Group)
  - Code contributions made by the global community
  - Many enhancements are dedicated back to the open-source project to benefit all
- Started in 2010 as a project funded by NSF and Internet2
- Goal to leverage FIM services to support collaborative organizations
- Includes a rich set of APIs and plug-ins that enable connections to other systems

# THE CAMPSITE

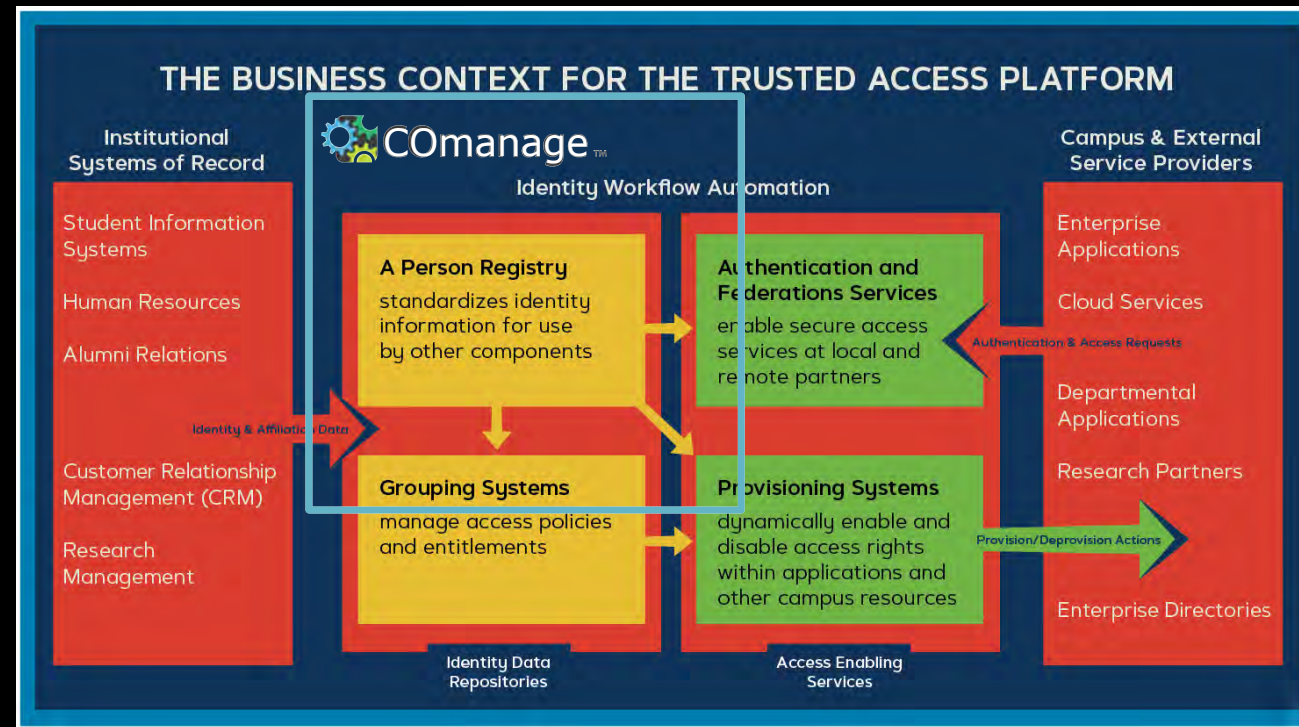


UNDERSTANDING THE COMANAGE ENVIRONMENT

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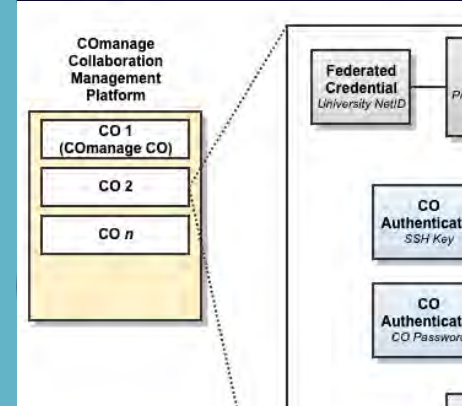
# TRUSTED ACCESS PLATFORM CONTEXT



COMANAGE IS A PERSON REGISTRY.. PLUS...

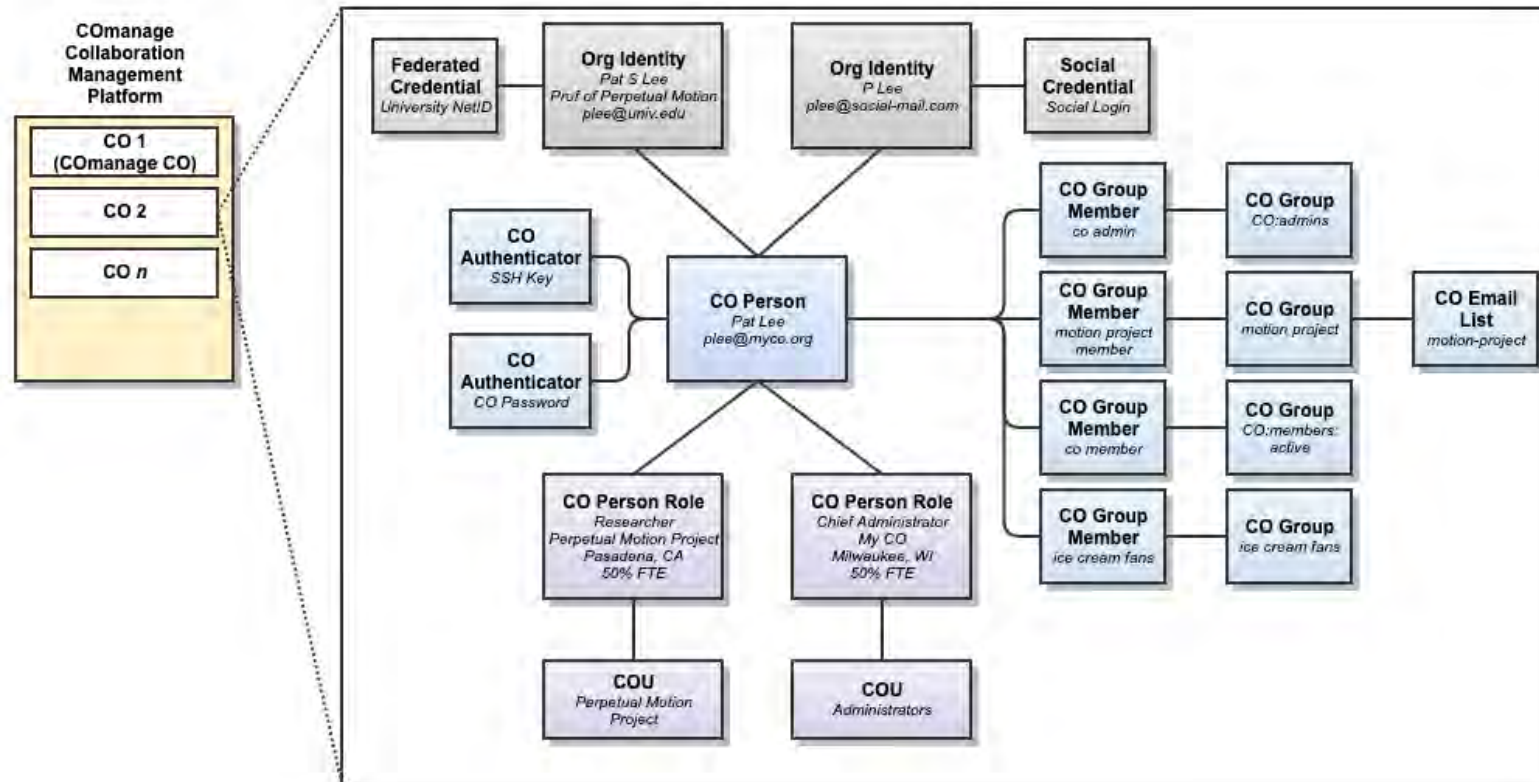
# COLLABORATIVE ORGANIZATIONS

- Collaborative Organizations (CO): the main object of COmanage
- A CO is any formal or informal group of individuals working collaboratively in a digital setting
- For each installation of COmanage, one or more top—level Collaborative Organizations (tenants)



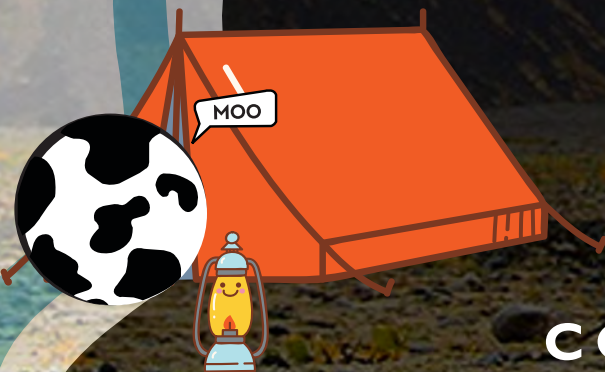
The screenshot shows the COmanage Registry web interface. The top navigation bar includes a hamburger menu, the text 'Platform Administrator', and the COmanage logo. The main content area displays a yellow notification bar with the message: 'Your last login as admin was at 2020-07-21 17:31:34 from 69.121.134.254'. Below this, a welcome message reads: 'Welcome to COmanage Registry. Please select a collaboration,'. The 'Available Collaborations' section features a table with the following data:

Name	Description
<a href="#">COmanage</a>	COmanage Registry Internal CO
<a href="#">Redcurrant University (Not a Member)</a>	A Progressive Institution of Science and Tautology



# INSIDE A CO: THE COMANAGE ARCHITECTURE

# SETTING UP THE TENT



CONFIGURING COMANAGE



## PEOPLE

COMANAGE is a registry for people. People are modeled through the information stored about them from other systems, their roles in organization structures, their memberships in groups, and how they authenticate.



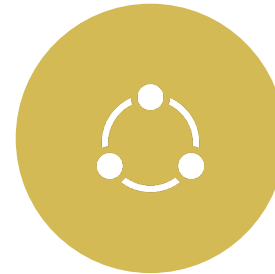
## STRUCTURE & ROLES

How the people naturally fall into groups, perhaps by organizational unit, project team or the activities that a group of people can do. COMANAGE has several structures to model your Collaborative Organization.



## EXTERNAL SYSTEM LINKS

COMANAGE is particularly good at linking stored people to their representations in other systems. These systems include “inbound systems” that provide information to COMANAGE, as well as “outbound systems” that enables provisioning this collected information.



## ENROLLMENT FLOWS

Extremely powerful and flexible workflows to import, create, configure, and manage people in COMANAGE and share this information with other systems.

# COMANAGE CONCEPTS



# MODELING PEOPLE

## CO Person

the representation of a person in COmanage

- **Identifiers** – unique identifiers representing individuals in COmanage & elsewhere
- **CO Person Role** – the roles the individual plays in the CO
- **Org Identity** – stores attributes about the person
  - Often from an external system (System of Record)
  - Includes attributes from Systems of Record
  - Can include an authenticator for sign in

Home > Redcurrant University > My Population > Chris Aaron

## Edit Chris Aaron

**Name** + Add

- Chris Aaron (Primary, Official) ↗ Edit
- Chris Aaron (HRMS, Official) ↗ View
- Chris Aaron (SIS, Official) ↗ View

**Identifiers** + Add

- 9c88fbd6-808d-4485-89fc-296ee8aef916 (Match Reference) ↗ Edit ✖ Delete
- 041-62-3236 (National) ↗ Edit ✖ Delete
- 9c88fbd6-808d-4485-89fc-296ee8aef916 (HRMS, Match Reference) ↗ View
- 041-62-3236 (HRMS, National) ↗ View
- hrms43281 (HRMS, System of Record ID) ↗ View
- 9c88fbd6-808d-4485-89fc-296ee8aef916 (SIS, Match Reference) ↗ View
- 041-62-3236 (SIS, National) ↗ View
- sisH43281 (SIS, System of Record ID) ↗ View

**Email Addresses** + Add

**URLs** + Add

**Groups** + Manage Group Memberships

**Person Attributes**

**Role Attributes** + Add

Order	COU	Title	Affiliation	Valid From	Valid Through	Status	Actions
	Employees	Employee	Employee			Active	<span>↗</span> Edit <span>↗</span> Relink <span>✖</span> Delete
	Students	Student	Student			Active	<span>↗</span> Edit <span>↗</span> Relink <span>✖</span> Delete





**Organizational Identities** + Link

Name	Source	Organization	Valid From (America/New_York)	Valid Through (America/New_York)	Login Identifiers	Actions
Chris Aaron	LIDMC					<span>↗</span> Edit <span>↗</span> Relink

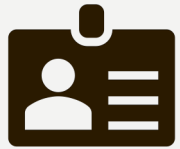
# MODELING ORGANIZATIONS

- **CO** – Collaborative Organization
- **COU** – CO Unit  
the structural sub-units of the CO
- **CO Group** – flexible groups  
can be open or closed; can support distributed management
- **CO Department** –  
store information useful for describing parts of the organization

Organization Objects Comparison Summary

	 <b>CO</b>	 <b>COU</b>	 <b>CO Department</b>	 <b>CO Group</b>
<b>Belongs To</b>	COmanage Platform	CO	CO; COU	CO; COU (for automatic groups only)
<b>Has Many</b>	CO; CO Group	CO Person Roles; CO Departments		CO People (via CoGroupMember); CO Email List
<b>Hierarchical</b>	No	Yes	No	No
<b>Object Type</b>	Structural Object	Structural Object	Primary Registry Object	Primary Registry Object
<b>Supported Attributes</b>	None	None	Addresses; Email Addresses; Identifiers; Telephone Numbers; URLs; Leadership Group; Administrative Group; Support Group	Open / Closed; Managers (via CoGroupMember); Email Addresses (via CoEmailList); Identifiers

# EXTERNAL SYSTEM LINKS



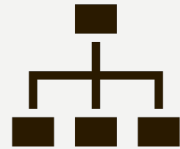
## Incoming: Systems of Record

### PROVIDE

- Attributes
- Identifiers

### ENABLE

- Sign in via other tools
- Identity matching & linking



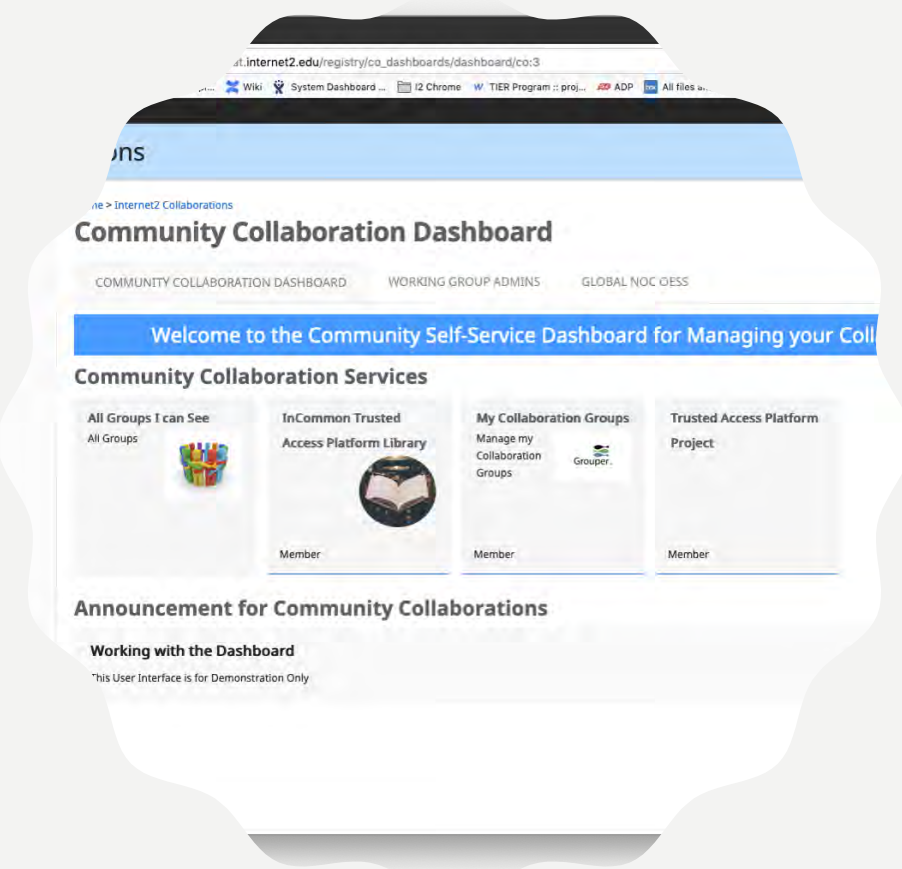
## Outgoing: Provisioned Services

### PROVIDE

- Attributes to enable system use
- Managed provisioning & deprovisioning based on business rules
- Provisioning to Grouper and other systems for more sophisticated group management

### ENABLE

- Real-time checking of incoming system attributes
- Dashboard UI for quick access from COmanage



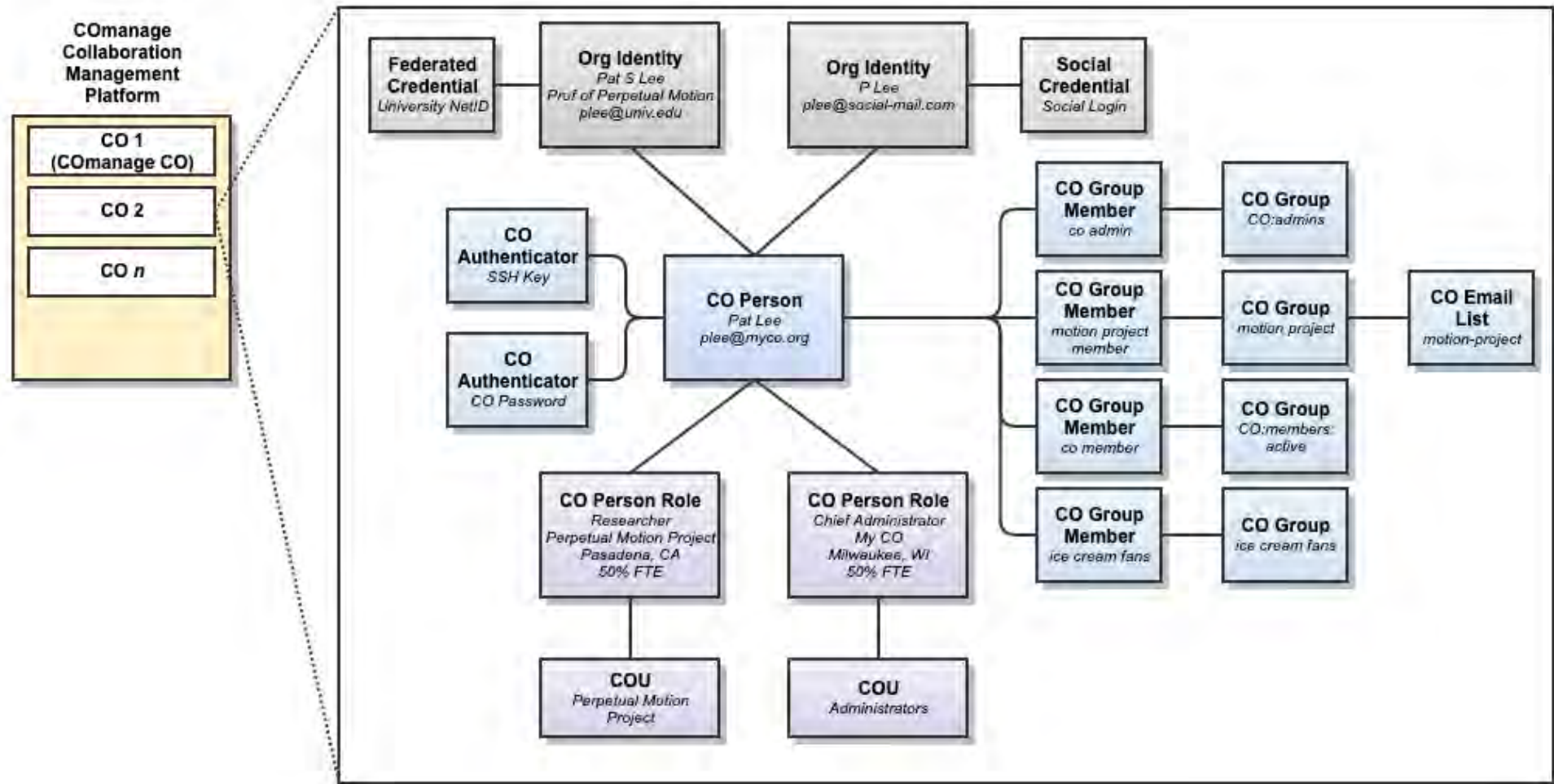
# ENROLLMENT WORKFLOW FEATURES

Register	Register individuals to connect to digital tools and resources
Match	Perform identity matching to prevent duplicates
Add	Add individuals to COUs, and CO Groups
Approve	Trigger approval steps as needed
Link	Link to external sources, using attributes to pre-populate information about the individual
Identifiers	Associate internal and external identifiers with the person
Review	Have the individual authenticate to gain access to privileges, verify email addresses, accept terms and conditions
Provision	Provision access to tools, systems and resources
Communicate	Send communications to the individual and others about the enrollment

# OTHER WORKFLOWS

- Add a role
- Identity linking
- Setting grace periods (for loss of privileges/access)
- Off boarding





# INSIDE A CO: THE COMANAGE ARCHITECTURE

# COMANAGE MATCH

- System for matching items
- Use directly in COmanage - match people as they are registered
- API to integrate with other systems

1. Define the attributes to be used for matching
2. Set up rules for matching (Canonical and Potential)
3. As items are evaluated, the rules are checked
  1. Items matching canonical rules > matching Reference ID
  2. Items matching none > new Reference ID
  3. Items matching potential rules flagged for manual review
4. UI for resolving potential matches

The screenshot shows the COmanage Match interface. The main heading is "Reconcile Unresolved Requests". Below this is a table with columns for Reference ID (173064d..., 173064d..., New) and a row for Attributes. The table contains the following data:

Attributes	173064d...	173064d...	New
id	43	45	62
sor	registry	registry2	sis
sorid	I1160	J1160	553815121
request_time	2019-07-28 12:16:32	2019-07-28 12:26:36	2019-10-27 12:43:55
resolution_time	2019-07-28 12:16:32	2019-07-28 12:26:36	
dob	1991-11-22	1991-11-22	1991-11-22
lastname	Doyle	Doyle	Dayle
firstname	Tom	Thomas	Tommy
ssn	7107137986085	7107137986085	7107137986085
netid			

Each row has a button "Assign This Reference ID" above it. The interface also includes a sidebar with navigation options like Matchgrid Settings, API Users, Attributes, etc.

A zoomed-in view of the attribute comparison table from the screenshot, showing the following data:

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# WRAPPING UP THE DAY



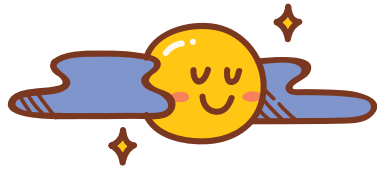
WHAT YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO



# THE SUN IS SETTING, BUT THERE IS SO MUCH MORE...

- Offboarding workflows
- User Interface customization
- Fun with plugins!
- Duplicate management with COmanage Match
- Extending the COmanage data model

# TO LEARN MORE



**COmanage software page**

[www.incommon.org/software/comanage/](http://www.incommon.org/software/comanage/)

**COmanage training page**

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