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Attending

Heather Flanagan, Stanford (chair)
Ken Klingenstein, Internet2
Steven Carmody, Brown U.
Tom Barton, U. Chicago
Jim Leous, Penn State
Chris Hubing, Penn State
Dan Pritts, Internet2
Renee Frost, Internet2
George Brett, Internet2
Steve Olshansky, Internet2
Emily Eisbruch, Internet2 (scribe)

New Action Items

[AI] (SteveO) will talk with TomB about how the Grouper Lite UI in Grouper 1.5 will fit into CManage.
[AI] (Ken) will check with Michael about contracting with the Penn State graduate student to work on CManage documentation.
[AI] (Jim) will work with Renee on logistics for the Penn State graduate student documenting CManage.
[AI] Ken will follow up with Shilen about domesticating Adobe Connect.
[AI] (Danno) will contact U. Minnesota about domesticating Adobe Connect.
[AI] (Ken) will email the CManage-dev group explaining how they can join the CollabIdM list.
[AI] Ken will contact the Dutch to inquire about the possible European effort to set up a conference on collaboration platform projects.

Carry Over Action Items

[AI] (Heather) will resubmit the request for CManage service for the Ivy+ Infrastructure.
[AI] (Michael, Heather, SteveO & StevenC) will work on solving issues with OpenMeetings.
[AI] (Michael) will work on integrating simpleSAMLphp and Foodle.
[AI] (SteveO, Ken, and Michael) will follow up on updating the WAYF to accommodate international participants.

Discussion

Ken's Report

Ken has been using CManage to set up the Collaboration IdM group, and the service has worked quite well. He believes the upcoming integration of Foodle (federated Doodle) will make CManage an even more attractive package. Michael is working on bringing simpleSAMLphp into CManage, in order to facilitate Foodle integration.

Sites must be running a Shibboleth 2.x IdP (or another IdP supporting SAML 2) in order to successfully interface with simpleSAMLphp in CManage. Sites still running Shib 1.3 will have difficulties. Steven noted that as of next June 30 2010, the Shibboleth team will no longer support Shib 1.3 (EOL). InCommon has started encouraging institutions to upgrade to Shib 2.x. However, it may take a lot of effort to get every institution to upgrade.

Ken has largely figured out how to work with Grouper within CManage and finds it acceptable, SteveO will talk with TomB about how the new Lite UI available in December (with the Grouper 1.5 release) will improve the group management experience within CManage.

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Ken is satisfied with asking members of a collaborative group to register with CManage in order to create user accounts which can then be added to groups, and this removes the earlier concern about needing an "invite" feature.

Heather noted that she has been testing OpenMeetings web conferencing within CManage and finds it reasonable and acceptable, although there are still some minor kinks to be worked out.

Ken asked what might be required to domesticate a tool such as Asterisk VoIP and integrate it with CManage.

Ken noted that he plans to talk with Internet2 staff about moving CManage to the next level, probably in January. A member meeting program committee was suggested as a next test group for CManage, keeping in mind the previously established guidelines of identifying a project to use/test CManage that

- 1) is not ongoing, will expire, and
- 2) is fault tolerant

Ken suggested that one or two people within Internet2 could become CManage collabmins to assist in the CManage use and testing. Heather noted the need for CManage documentation. Jim said he has a Penn State graduate student interested in a technical writing internship.

[AI] (Ken) will check with Michael about contracting with the Penn State graduate student to work on CManage documentation.

[AI] (Jim) will work with Renee on logistics for the Penn State graduate student documenting CManage.

Jim suggested that if things move forward with the graduate student, a good approach would be for Chris to set up a CManage instance and for the grad student to "look over his shoulders" and document the process.

Adobe Acrobat Connect Domestication

Internet2 uses the hosted Adobe Acrobat Connect service, as this was most economical. Steven suggested that Duke may have experience with domesticating Adobe Connect.

[AI] Ken will follow up with Shilen about domesticating Adobe Connect.

Dan noted that U. Minnesota uses Adobe Connect.

[AI] (Danno) will contact U. Minnesota about domesticating Adobe Connect.

Updates from Other Organizations and Meetings

Ken spoke to Chad of Project Bamboo at the EDUCAUSE meeting in Denver. Project Bamboo's plan calls for something like a CManage instance.

CSG

At the CSG meeting in January, a four-hour workshop is planned on Collaborative Platforms, to be coordinated by Michael, Ken and a few others, with Michael taking the lead.

<http://www.stonesoup.org/Meetings/1001/agenda1001.html#adda>

The probable format is three or four presentations with discussion. It would be good to have a CManage example at that workshop. The CSG workshop coordinators want to identify someone to present on Google Wave. Chris is savvy in this field and would be interested in participating. Ken will talk with Michael about this.

CollabIDM Group

Ken is coordinating the CollabIDM group. One probable topic is creating a registry of domesticated (or domesticatable) applications and identifying other touch points. Ken asked if there is a touch point around metadata aggregation from multiple federations. The WAYF on the spaces wiki was discussed, and currently the international federations are added manually.

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Heather noted that SURFnet had previously mentioned interest in convening a discussion about the collaboration environment.

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Next Meeting: Friday, Dec 11 at 2pm ET.