COmanage-Dev Call 8-Aug-2008

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Attending

Heather Flanagan, Stanford (chair)
Bruce Vincent, Stanford
Digant Kasundra, Stanford
Michael R. Gettes, MIT
Ken Klingenstein, Internet2
Jim Leous, PSU
Scotty Logan, Stanford
Dave Donnelly, Stanford
Mike Olive, Stanford
Renee Frost, Internet2
Steve Olshansky, Internet2
Emily Eisbruch (scribe)

New Action Items

[AI] (Group) will provide feedback in the form of JIRA items on the COmanage installation video.

[AI] (Scotty) will put the early snapshot VM image on the Stanford webserver and add a link to the wiki.

[AI] (MichaelG) will request 20 minutes for a COmanage presentation at the CSG Fall 2008 meeting Collaboration Tools Workshop.

[AI] (Ken) will work on engaging Ed Seidel with COmanage at the Internet2 Fall Member Meeting.

[AI] (Renee) will send (Scotty) the writeup/abstract on the COmanage BOF from the Internet2 Spring Member Meeting and Scotty will determine if it needs updating for the Fall Member Meeting.

[AI] (Digant) will put a link to COmanage JIRA items on the COmanage wiki.

[AI] (SteveO) will post call minutes on the COmanage wiki.

Carry Over Action Items

[AI] (Digant and Scotty) will develop documentation for the wiki on the
steps for integrating items into the COmanage environment, by August 22.

Discussion

COmanage Video

Scotty's video showing how to install the COmanage VM is available at:
http://www.stanford.edu/~swl/comanage/

Scotty will be working on another version, to fix some issues with the sound and also to make a few small edits. MichaelG suggested that the actual VM window should be shown in the video.

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[AI] (Digant) will put a link to COmanage JIRA items on the COmanage wiki.

Virtual Machine

[AI] (Scotty) will put the early snapshot VM image on the Stanford webserver and add a link to the wiki.

The COmanage users password will be required to access the VM. The video will serve as documentation for installing the VM. Bugs that are discovered should be recorded in JIRA.

Digant plans to put documentation on the wiki for using COmanage on any Debian machine.

Applications in COmanage

An agreement seems to be coming together with the Confluence vendor, Atlassian, to allow bundling Confluence with COmanage.

Q: What will be the process for handling software updates for packages bundled with COmanage?

A: Scotty: COmanage will include a simple way of updating software packages using the standard Debian web-based update manager. The administrator will get notified when there are updates. Also planned is an easy way to browse new packages available for COmanage.

Q: Will Puppet be used to help manage COmanage?

A: No decision has been made about using Puppet in light of the issues involved with actually managing someone else's environment.

Q: What about COmanage providing monitoring tools, CPU, memory logging, etc.?

A: This is not part of scope of beta. Maybe a topic for the future.

Will the COmanage Beta include the newest versions of Shib and Grouper? MichaelG suggested that it is very important to release COmanage Beta with Shib 2.0, and less important and more complex to include the newest Grouper release. Ken will contact the Shib InstallFest people to find out whether Shib 2.0 has been packaged for a Debian environment.

Integrating software into COmanage would be an area where other group members could get involved and help, but first the documentation on integrating applications into COmanage needs to be completed.

[AI] (Digant and Scotty) will develop documentation for the wiki on the steps for integrating items into the COmanage environment, by August 22.

Timetable for Releasing COmanage Beta

The COmanage Beta should be ready by mid-September.

Presenting COmanage at CSG and I2 FMM

The CSG Fall 2008 Meeting is Sept 24-26 in Ithaca NY (Cornell).

[AI] (MichaelG) will request 20 minutes for a COmanage presentation at the CSG Fall 2008 meeting Collaboration Technology Workshop.

At the Internet2 Fall Member Meeting, COmanage has a BOF and a session:

- COmanage BOF: Monday, Oct 13 during lunch.

- COmanage session: Infrastructure for all sizes, Tues., Oct. 14, 4:30-5:30 PM

Ed Seidel, head of the NSF OCI office will be a plenary session speaker at the Internet2 Fall Member Meeting.

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Priorities

There was discussion of the importance of proceeding cautiously and setting realistic goals and possibly limiting promotional activities with respect to the COmanage Beta or just beyond beta. Sometimes we try to go too long and wide and never get truly successful shining examples to demonstrate as the fruit of the labor.

It was agreed to devote some time on the next call to talking about priorities and about keeping constraints on the beta release.

COmanage Wiki

Older config files from Michael's first iteration in the wiki are no longer relevant. SteveO will archive them.

Digant will write up documentation for the wiki on how to domesticate an application to work with COmanage.

The goal is to open up the wiki to the public around Sept 17 or Sept 18, prior to the CSG meeting.

Additional Movie Needed

MichaelG: The current installation video is all about setup, but not about the experience beyond setup.
We need to provide screenshots or a separate movie of what the user experience is like.

Terms for Audiences

Ken suggested and the group agreed on these terms to clarify COmanage audiences:

1. Developer/deployer
2. "Collabmin" - person responsible for managing the COmanage site
3. Users of the collaboration tools - these go straight to the various user-facing applications and never see COmanage.

Next call: Friday, 22-Aug-08 at 2:00 pm EDT.