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Attending

Heather Flanagan, Independent (chair)
Ken Klingenstein, Internet2
R.L. Bob Morgan, U. Washington
Tom Barton, U. Chicago
Steven Carmody, Brown U.
Dan Pritts, Internet2
Jim Leous, Pennsylvania State U.
Benn Oshrin, Internet2
Renee Frost, Internet2
Steve Olshansky, Internet2
Emily Eisbruch, Internet2, scribe

New Action Items

[AI] (Jim) will share ESWN call notes with the COmanage-dev list.
[AI] (Steven or Jim) will write up the ESWN use case on the COmanage wiki.

Carry Over Action Items

[AI] (Heather and SteveO) will continue work on updating the COmanage website and wiki.
[AI] (Ken) will follow up on discussion with UK around collaboration platform work.

Marketing Update

Jim reported that on a recent call with Earth Science Women's Network (ESWN), there was a productive discussion that helped clarify requirements. Among other topics, the various authorization levels they will need were covered.

A WebEx demo for ESWN is scheduled for Monday 20-Sept-2010. Individuals from ESWN, Brown, and Penn State will participate. ESWN is interested in a configuration with a Drupal front end and Confluence back end. The demo will show a configuration like the one used at Penn State, with LDAP user-managed groups (rather than Grouper) used to handle groups.

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Heather noted that preliminary work with large, NSF-funded VOs is moving along.

Several smaller VOs have expressed interest in COmanage.

Advanced CAMP for VOs (VAMP) in 2011

There has been preliminary planning for and Advance CAMP on IdM for VO Architects in 2011. The September 2011 timeframe and a location near DC are being considered. Potential topics:

Federated identity
Authorization and access control strategies
User profiles and VIVO
International considerations
Bootstraps and conversions
Ontology development and maintenance
SSH and command line issues
Developing policy mechanisms within VO's
Integration with grant administration

The VAMP would be a separate event from the Advance CAMP for 2011 (to be held in late May 2011 in conjunction with the Jasig Unconference). The focus for the late May 2011 ACAMP will be on open source projects in general, not on VO's in particular.

It was noted that Jim Basney is putting together a workshop in November 2010, right after Internet2 FMM in Atlanta on Federated Identity for Cyberinfrastructure:http://events.internet2.edu/2010/fall-mm/agenda.cfm?go=session&id=10001405&event=1159
This will most likely focus on CI projects such as TeraGrid OOG etc. and on federation for certificate-based systems.

Language Verification

Benn has been working on refining terminology and he asked the group if they agree with the definition now on the wiki of COmanage Gears :

COmanage Gears = An Identity Management System (IdMS) designed for collaborative organizations.

There are 4 other items, aside from Gears, included in COmanage, according to the work on the COmanage wiki at https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/COmanage/Home

These are:

- Domestication
- Integration
- Service - under evaluation
- In a Box - under evaluation

The group agreed with this use of terminology.

Steven raised the question of where the ESWN COmanage use case would fit into that terminology list.

It was thought that in the medium term, ESWN would be a candidate for COmanage as a service. However, they would like their own dashboard, so this would involve integration.

LIGO would most likely fall into the category of COmanage Integration. LIGO would install COmnage gears in order to implement such integration.

White Paper

Should we develop a white paper presenting COmanage? Bob suggested that a quickstart to a white paper could involve borrowing from the grant application.

There was a question of whether our international partners might have developed work that could be adapted. This led to discussion of whether we'd want a white paper about collaboration environments in general, or more specifically about COmanage.

Ken noted that given the early state of COmanage, our materials should specify that COmanage is available today only if deployers are willing to invest substantial effort, while in six months a more advanced COmanage offering should be available.

Ken's Report

Ken sent the DataOne AuthZ information to the SSH group. There is a DataOne meeting in the Southwest in early November that conflicts with the Internet2 FMM.

Ken suggested that User Profiles, and matching users to datasets described via ontologies, is an area we should focus on in COmanage. VIVO is working in this area.http://www.vivoweb.org/. In the past, Community of Science also looked at this issue. http://www.cos.com/. On the COmanage slide that talks about integrating VO info and enterprise info, we will need to include integrating profiles and giving users control over those profiles.

Ken has spoken with several agencies about VO CAMP in 2011 (VAMP) and there is much interest and possibly a source of independent funding. Renee and Ann are working with Ken on Budget and Facilities issues. Bob noted that the target timeframe of Sept 2011 seems like a long time away. However, timing of Internet2 SMM and the Jasig/ACAMP meeting must be considered. Ken is exploring if it is important to include humanist or social science organizations in the mix for VAMP. It was suggested that Steve M. at Berkeley could be a good contact.

Next Call: Friday, Oct 1 at 2 pm ET