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Identity Management Governance Topic of IAM Online, Oct. 12

Join us Wed., Oct. 12 (3 p.m. EDT) for a discussion of governance approaches for federated identity management. Our panel of experts will explore a variety of governance approaches and will offer advice for getting started, gaining momentum, and sustaining efforts. See the details at www.incommon.org/iamonline.

Shibboleth Installation Workshops Nov. 7-8 in Long Beach, CA

Registration is open for the next InCommon Shibboleth Workshops, November 7-8, 2011, in Long Beach, California. The workshops provide attendees with technical installation and configuration experience with Shibboleth. For more information and to register, visit www.incommon.org/educate/shibboleth.

Populate Your User Interface Elements and Requested Attributes

InCommon will soon begin publishing web pages that draw content from the metadata. These dynamic web pages leverage user interface elements (sometimes called MDUI elements) and requested attributes in metadata to display information about each identity provider and service provider in the federation. InCommon metadata administrators can populate these elements via the administrative interface. We encourage you to submit your MDUI elements and requested attributes, otherwise, the page for your IdP or SP will display error messages. Details and examples of the new web pages are at <https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/x/NbCKAQ>

Comodo Release: Tens of Thousands of Certificates Issued

The InCommon Certificate Service has issued tens of thousands of certificates in its first year of operation, according to a news release issued by our partner, Comodo, a leading certificate authority. In its first year of operation, the service has issued more than 26,000 certificates for its 131 subscribers (which have registered more than 2,200 domains). Details on the service, which provides unlimited certificates for one annual fee, are at certificates.incommon.org.

Internet2 Announces Box.net, HP Services Available via InCommon

Through its new Net+ Services initiative, Internet2 announced two new partnerships for its membership: a high-performance cloud service from HP and SHI International, and an enterprise-grade content-sharing and collaboration offering from Box. Both services will be available via federated identity management through InCommon. <http://www.internet2.edu/news/pr/2011.10.04.net-services.html>

New Participants in September

Higher Education

- Boston University (www.bu.edu)
- Franklin & Marshall College (www.fandm.edu)
- University of St. Thomas (www.stthom.edu)
- University of Notre Dame (www.nd.edu)

Research Organizations

- NERSC (National Energy Scientific Computing Center)
- Open Science Grid

Sponsored Partners

- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- JAT Software

New Research Organizations and Sponsored Partners

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (www.cincinnatichildrens.org)

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center serves the medical needs of infants, children and adolescents with family-centered care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Established in 1883, Cincinnati Children's is a full-service, nonprofit pediatric academic medical center. The Department of Pediatrics of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine consists entirely of faculty from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

JAT Software (www.jatsoftware.com)

JAT Software, Inc., provides year-end software and Internet hosted services for large organizations with high volume tax form needs. JAT specializes in online employee self-service solutions for electronic form distribution of W-2's, W-2c's, 1099's and employee pay stubs.

NERSC (www.nersc.gov)

The National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC) is the primary scientific computing facility for the Office of Science in the U.S. Department of Energy. More than 4,000 scientists use NERSC to perform basic scientific research across a wide range of disciplines, including climate modeling, research into new materials, simulations of the early universe, analysis of data from high energy physics experiments, investigations of protein structure, and a host of other scientific endeavors. NERSC is a division of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and is located at the UC Oakland Scientific Facility in Oakland, California.

Open Science Grid (www.opensciencegrid.org)

The Open Science Grid (OSG) advances science through open distributed computing. The OSG is a multi-disciplinary partnership to federate local, regional, community and national cyberinfrastructures to meet the needs of research and academic communities at all scales.

Featured InCommon Affiliates

Gluu's Federated Identity Appliance, based on Shibboleth and identity virtualization, is an on-premise solution monitored 24x7 and supported by Gluu. Once deployed, federating with new service providers (relying parties) can be accomplished using Gluu's web-based dashboard. The Federated Identity Appliance, by mapping identity data from existing data stores, can be deployed quickly, and addresses all the installation and operational issues of an organizational federated identity service at a predictable annual cost. The Federated Identity Appliance can be deployed as on-premise hardware or a cloud VM instance. www.gluu.org

Unicon is a leading provider of IT consulting services for the education market. Unicon works with institutions to find solutions to meet business challenges. Unicon specializes in using open source technologies to deliver flexible and cost-effective systems in the areas of enterprise portals, LMS, authentication, video, calendaring, email, and collaboration. Unicon services for Shibboleth Federated Single Sign-On Service include implementation planning, branding, installation, configuration, custom development, mentoring and support. www.unicon.net

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