COmanage Call 28-Oct-2011

Draft Minutes: COmanage-TAC call 28-Oct-2011

Attending

Heather Flanagan, Internet2 (Chair)
Ken Klingenstein, Internet2
Keith Hazelton, University of Wisconsin - Madison
Michael Gettes, CMU
Benn Oshrin, Internet2
Scott Koranda, U. Wisconsin - Milwaukee (LIGO)
Steve Olshansky, Internet2

Carry Over Action Items

[AI] (Heather) will setup meetings with IRODS/iPlant/Internet2 in January
[AI] (Heather) will talk with MichaelG about Internet2/Box.net use cases/coordination for federated groups
[AI] (Steven) will send Ken details on the Commerce Dept. safe harbor issue.
[AI] (Keith) will check whether the Project Bamboo IAM infrastructure work plan is available on the wiki, and if yes, he will send the group a link.
[AI] (Keith) will send a pointer to OpenSearch information
[AI] (Steven) will develop a one-page write-up on attribute aggregation.

DISCUSSION

Question on REFEDs List

There was a question on the REFEDs list asking,
"Do VOs need entitlements and are the research and scholarship SPs required to enter special attribute release agreements for different attribute types?"
Heather was thinking StevenC might comment on this, but he is not available for today's call.

BrowserID

- ScottK asked for thoughts about BrowserID from Mozilla: https://browserid.org/about
- It was noted that BrowserID seems to center around authentication using email addresses

Account Linking

- Heather has made updates to https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/fedapp/Account+Linking
- Heather and Dedra had a recent exchange in which Dedra expressed interested in the account linking issue,
- Dedra has a possible interest in what could be done to develop a tool to handle situations where researchers try to authenticate using a lower level of assurance ID and need to be linked or told to use another ID

- Ken noted that account linking was discussed on the REFEDs list, with a description of the ORCID approach
- ORCID is identifier linking, not account linking
- Heather forwarded the ORCID-related emails to the COmanage-TAC list
- White paper is found here: http://www.orcid.org/documents/disambiguation-whitepaper
- Ken: it is not clear who owns the problem space for this and for federated groups
- However, it's good to ensure that frameworks like COmanage and ORCID are consistent enough to interact if needed
- Ken and Heather will discuss account linking in the context of the Identity Ecosystem Workshop.

Ken's Report

- Education/explanation is often needed around an open source collaboration platform that facilitates access to domesticated apps.
- At times, people may think of products like Adobe Connect and may not realize the gaps that exist

- Ken will attend TERENA EMC2 and Mobility meetings in early November. http://www.terena.org/activities/tf-emc2/meetings/19/
- Hopes to discuss what venue is the best place for conversations on federated groups
- REFEDs is most likely not the best place, REFEDs is busy with federation issues

EVO

- There is interest being generated around EVO, developed at Caltech: http://evo.caltech.edu/evoGate/
- In the past, Jack initiated outreach to EVO to explore enabling federated access
- Is EVO a useful tool to put into the domesticated category?
- ScottK said that LIGO uses EVO heavily
- It would be beneficial for LIGO if EVO becomes "domesticated" and uses fine-grained ACLs based on group membership or privilege assertion
- ScottK has had interactions with Vladimir (on the EVO team) regarding using a SAML/Shib infrastructure
- ScottK pointed Vladimir to info on ECP delegation
- Vladimir recently said he has established an SP
- ScottK will follow up with Vladimir, asking specifics about authentication and provisioning, and report back

Q: Does EVO incorporate its own scheduler?
A: Not sure if this is built in, currently for a LIGO meeting, usually someone sends out an email saying go to this room
- people send out passwords via email
- there have been issues with audio and constant feedback, unless users have an echo-canceling microphone
- a scheduling tool and a desktop sharing tool are possible items to be bundled with EVO
- EVO includes instant messaging
- can have recurring meetings or ad hoc meetings
- ScottK could send up an EVO meeting if people want to become more familiar with it

Software Sustainability Innovation Institute

- NSF plans to send out large solicitations to develop software sustainability institutes
- ScottK recently attended an NSF workshop in Chicago, part of a series of workshops to help NSF frame the solicitation
- Randy Butler and Von Welch (and JimB in supporting role) organized the workshop, KevinT of NSF attended.
- The focus was on cybersecurty and IdM
- ScottK represented COmanage
- There is interest in setting up a framework for expert consulting about issues like cybersecurty and IdM
- There was discussion on the importance of the experts not being biased towards particular solutions
- NSF would like these to become self sustaining entities
- The Shib Consortium was discussed re sustainable funding models

Engagement with LTER

http://www.lternet.edu/

- At the Software Sustainability Innovation Workshop in Chicago, ScottK spoke w MarkS of LTER
- LTER has the same onboarding and collaboration mgmt issues as LIGO
- LTER is currently putting together an in-house solution
- ScottK pointed Mark to the enrollment workflows and other materials on the COmanage wiki
- In the spring, when there is a system in production, Mark would like to look at that
- Perhaps a face-to-face meeting between LIGO and LTER people will be beneficial in the future.

Sustained Innovation Solicitation

- Keith noted that the solicitation Software Infrastructure for Sustained Innovation (SI2) may be relevanthttp://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?
pims_id=503489&org=NSF&sel_org=XCUT&from=fund

- could be discussed on a MACE call.

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The COmanage calls on 11-November and 25-November are canceled.

Next Call : Friday, 9-Dec-2011 at 2pm ET