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Attending
Digant Kasundra, Stanford (stand-in chair)
Tom Barton, U. Chicago
RL Bob Morgan, U. Washington
Chris Hubing, Penn State
Steven Carmody, Brown
Ken Klingenstein, Internet2
Michael Gettes, MIT
IJ Kim, Internet2
Ann West, EDUCAUSE/Internet2
Renee Frost, Internet2
Steve Olshansky, Internet2
Emily Eisbruch, Internet2 (scribe)

New Action Items
[AI] (Ken) will send an outline to Steven, Tom and Digant as a basis for talking to NSF about collaboration with HUBzero.
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[AI] (Heather) will prepare the roadmap to be offered in handout form at the Internet2 Spring Member Meeting.
[AI] (Renee) will provide support for Heather in creating a COmanage write-up to go with the roadmap.https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/COmanage/COmanage+Product+Roadmap

Carry Over Action Items
[AI] (Heather) will talk with Gary Schwartz (RPI/Bedework) at the I2 SMM. (Steven or Michael) will provide an introduction.
[AI] (Ken) will draft an email to interested parties who could be helpful in COmanage testing.
[AI] (Steven and Jim) will flesh out the existing developer domestication guidelines in the wiki.
[AI] (Digant) will create a simple HTML mockup of the Beau Jest interface and have it available at the Spring I2MM.
[AI] (Ken) will reach out to potential international developers to participate in early alpha testing
[AI] (Ken) will ask his contact at the Norwegian Federation about Foodle.
[AI] (Bob) will provide to the list background on user stories.
[AI] (Ken) will talk with Lois about Fluid involvement in improving the COmanage GUI, scheduling it for later in the year.
[AI] (Chris) will contact Atlassian and try to obtain a timetable for Jira domestication. (Ken) will provide some wording for this communication with Atlassian.
[AI] (Bob) will send links to the group on the invitation problem.
[AI] (Ken) will send a note to his contact at OOI to explore their level interest (after the COmanage alpha is ready).
[AI] (Ken) will ping Frank Siebenlist from Argonne National Laboratory, who is interested in COmanage.
[AI] (Digant) will create COmanage video #2, when the improved Collabmin GUI is available.

Discussion

Status of Alpha

COmanage Alpha RC 4 is available for download. Username and password is COmanage.
Digant has started getting Sympa and Drupal working in COmanage. Chris is integrating Confluence. Digant spoke with Nate about integrating Shibboleth.
The target is to have new VM version ready by Wed night April 8 and have an internal review Friday April 10.
[AI] (Digant and Chris) will have a new VM image for internal review, hopefully by Wed. night April 8.
Digant will not be on the COmanage call on the April 17.
Digant commented that he thinks the new approach (providing a VM image rather than installer) is simpler and better in terms of preparing for Internet2 SMM.
Q: What applications will be included in Comanage for SMM?
A: Drupal, Sympa and Confluence will be there for SMM.

Goals for Internet2 Spring Member Meeting

Ken's desired outcomes for COmanage at SMM:
1. Reinforce concept of domestication
2. Freeze the marketplace.

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Supplemental Grant

Ken reported that we need to apply for supplemental grant (20% of original grant amount) by end of May. At that point there will be a need to show some traction in science and engineering community.

StevenC has identified a nationwide group of doctors in health area (with leader in Providence) that could be a test site for COmanage and could possibly express endorsement for a supplemental grant.

Ken suggested that we could probably also get an endorsement from LIGO.

Collaboration with Science Gateway

Tom noted that NSF values their Science Gateway program. Purdue is looking at Shibbolizing one of the Science Gateway portals. Also work on Shibbolizing Teragrid is ongoing. It would be worthwhile to coordinate those efforts with COmanage. We should do this soon to ensure relevance.

Ken has spoken with Jennifer Schopf from NSF about potential COmanage coordination with Science Gateway. She connected him with a program officer that supervises the grant for Science Gateway. Ken needs a half-page write-up on this topic.

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Tom mentioned there are also SAML delegation issues and implications for simplifying authentication and X.509.

News from MIT Kerberos Consortium

Bob recently spoke with Steve Buckley, director of MIT Kerberos consortium. The consortium is considering looking at ways to address security needs of the many small organizations that are starting to run IT operations. An example of the problem is the hacking of the computers of the organizational arm of Dalai Lama.
Microsoft, which is part of the Kerberos Consortium, did not object to the consortium taking up such a project, even though the work may overlap with the Microsoft Active Directory work. There may be some interest from the Ubuntu organization.

The connection with COmanage is that there are similar motivations, but a different market. There could be some collaboration down the road. This could be worth pursing at executive director level sometime.

Q: Did Steve Buckley say anything about how they are thinking about LDAP within the consortium?
A: Kerberos and LDAP integration is still an unsolved issue. But it is getting a little traction these days.

Tom noted that U. Chicago is using the Duke plug-in as part of integration with the Medical Center.

Next Call: Friday, 17-Apr-09 at 2:00pm ET.