Meeting Minutes of 16-October-2013

Minutes: Nat'l K-12 Federated IAM Task Force Call of 16-Oct-2013

Attending

Steve Olshansky, Internet2 (Chair)
Lee Cummings, Rockingham County Schools, NC
Keith Krueger, CoSN
Denise Shorey, CoSN
Mark Scheible, MCNC
Mike Danahy, Educational Service Unit 2, Fremont, Nebraska
Scott Isaacson, Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council, Nebraska
Stephan Papadopulos, DC Government
Emily Eisbruch, Internet2 (scribe)

New Action Items

[AI] (Mark) review the Rockingham County Schools case study

Carry Over Action Items

[AI] (SteveO) will reach out to Lee Cummings around his retirement,
urging him to stay involved, and potentially updating his email address

[AI] (All) discuss on the mailing list your thoughts about next steps for this group.

[AI] (Stephan) will share DC Schools use case outline or preliminary writeup with Mark.

[AI] (All) review or contribute to the recipe and use cases

[AI] (Jim) will create a case study for Fairfax. This might focus on the
Shib aspect, with thought towards federation down the road.

[AI] (Jim) share textbook contract wording around single sign in

[AI] (Jim) get a volunteer with an instructional hat to read the primer
and provide feedback.

DISCUSSION

Case Study from Rockingham County Schools

Lee Cummings has finished a draft of a case study for the Rockingham County Schools. This covers their work with vendors and using Federated ID. Mark is reviewing this case study.

Update from InCommon Quilt Pilots https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/InCQuiltFed/Home

Nebraska Pilot
Scott reported that the Nebraska Pilot is moving along. The connections made through involvement with the pilot have been good. The pilots have helped people in Nebraska in seeing the bigger picture on how IDM can make things work better together. Has sparked other discussions about portals, data dashboards, etc.

MCNC Pilot
Mark: we have small scale pilot, involving a K12 district that has an early college / high school program. The K12 district has been a sponsored partner in InCommon for 5 years. They are running an IDP. MCNC is helping the Community College to join inCommon. One of the goals is to create access to the Moodle Rooms with federated login. The Community College is looking at adopting Google Apps for education. There is a cost to the Community College to convert to SAML and this is being explored.

SteveO stated that overall good progress is being made in the InCommon Quilt pilots. We are encouraging the pilots to develop learning artifacts for sharing with those following down the road.

Vendor Integration Charges
It was noted that in some cases there is an issue with vendors charging for SAML integration more than once, that is, charging each user organization for this integration even though the work was completed for a previous customer. Mark plans to follow up on this issue.

FAQ Development

At the August 21 call, there was an interest developing FAQs around Data Protection and Privacy. There has been some controversy around these topics, especially in regard to InBloom. We want to kick start that effort of creating FAQs if possible.

It was stated that Data Protection and Privacy is a controversial subject that many states are keeping an eye on, particularly in view of the publicity in Louisiana and Colorado. People are looking for a standardized way of handling authentication and privacy matters.

SteveO noted that the InCommon Federation has make good strides in providing a standardized trust fabric.

Keith reported that CoSN plans to develop a toolkit around privacy in the cloud environment. CoSN is partnering on this with the Berkman Institute for Internet and Society at Harvard. The School Attorneys Association is also participating in the effort. Hope to have this toolkit available early in 2014. One of the goals is to help school districts know what to ask when they do an RFP for a cloud service.

Resources of Interest

Who Should Be Able to See Students' Records? http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/10/07/who-should-be-able-to-see-students-records/

Deciding Who Sees Students' Data http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/06/business/deciding-who-sees-students-data.html

Digital national ID system capable of federating with other European Union Nations. https://www.eid-stork.eu/pilots/pilot1-more.htm

CoSN Website

CoSN has had a major web redesign. SteveO is working to ensure that various content is available on the new CoSN website.http://www.cosn.org/about-cosn

UpComing Conferences

Appreciation to Keith for facilitating a session (to be chaired by Jim Siegl) at the CoSN 2014 Conference in March in Washington DChttp://cosnconference.org/

Quilt / InCommon Federation Workshop in La Jolla in Feb. 2014

There will be a Quilt / InCommon Federation Workshop in La Jolla in February 2014.
This workshop will follow up on the 2013 workshop, out of which the Quilt InCommon pilots developed. Here is information on the 2013 workshop:http://www.thequilt.net/index.php/events/246-2013-quilt-incommon

The 2014 workshop include reports from the pilots. Contact SteveO if you want to know more about the 2014 workshop.

Webinars

It was agreed that it would be helpful to put together one or more live webinars to be recorded and made available online. As the pilots move forward, we will have good content for a webinar. This could be a goal for 2014.

Next Call: Wed. Nov. 20, 2013 at 3pm ET