InCommon TAC Meeting 2014-09-04

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Attending: Ian Young, Steve Carmody, Nick Roy, Michael Gettes, Keith Hazelton, Tom Barton, Jim Basney, Paul Caskey, David Walker, Jim Jokl

With: John Krienke, Tom Scavo, IJ Kim, Ann West, Steve Zoppi, Nate Klingenstein, Joe St Sauver

F2F at TechEx

TAC will meet Wednesday of TechEx - 10:30 – 1:30

Ops Update

Tom Scavo reported on the per-entity metadata pilot, expected to start in two weeks and import metadata from InCommon and eduGAIN. Details at https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/x/1w7kAg

Certificate Program Support for SHA-2

TAC approved the recommendation from the PKI Subcommittee to move to SHA-2 support in the certificate program. Comodo is ready to proceed.

TIER Draft

Steve Zoppi presented a detailed overview of the "inctac:State of TIER" draft sent via email earlier this week. In general, the goal is to instill better custody for a suite of products that already exist and/or are under development for easier deployment and support, and to promote broader adoption. The TAC Identity Landscape document has provided the base layer for these discussions.

Current discussions include:

- identifying the needs of the institutions
- identifying the products that meet those needs and, thus, should be part of TIER
- potential governance models
- potential funding models
- implementing a regular delivery of products/updates at 6-8 month intervals

This can be thought of as a series of concentric circles. The need is for a plausible strawman that identifies the first steps (the inner concentric circle) to moving down the path, what will be delivered on a regular cadence, and an initial three-year plan. The plan will also include a stable model to support the key components that are important to the community (such as Shibboleth and Grouper).

Part of the discussion is defining Internet2's role and how Internet2 can do to serve the broadest needs of the community. This draft document envisions Internet2's role as convening the community and the custodian and caretaker for the agenda, development, and process of development of TIER components; always in response to the needs of the community.

TAC discussed some of the issues involved, including meeting the need of research organizations and researchers with an IdP of Last Resort, for example, to provide to allow for the aggregation of attributes and user control over their release.

Steve Z asked for reactions from TAC members to the document – the nature of the problems being addressed, anything that causes heartburn, and feedback as what would be best for your campus.

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 18, 2014
2 pm ET / 1 pm CT / Noon MT / 11 am PT