

CACTI Meeting Public Minutes 9-Jan-2018

Attending

Members

- Chris Phillips, CANARIE (Chair)
- Tom Barton, U. Chicago
- Rob Carter, Duke
- Nathan Dors, U. Washington
- Ann Harding, SWITCH/GEANT
- Todd Higgins, Franklin & Marshall College
- Tom Jordan, U. Wisc - Madison
- Les LaCroix, Carleton College

Internet2

- Kevin Morooney
- Ann West
- Emily Eisbruch

Regrets: Christos Kanellopoulos (GEANT), Karen Herrington (Virginia Tech), Warren Anderson (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee LIGO), Steve Zoppi (Internet2)

Action items here: <https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/x/GoPdBg>

DISCUSSION

News/FYI: It was mentioned that WPA3 wireless and eduroam is emerging topic

Trust and Identity Roadmap and Model

- Chris had recent discussions with InCommon TAC Chair, Mark Scheible, regarding common concerns between CACTI and TAC. The discussion included onboarding new members and also the respective CACTI and TAC roadmaps.
- This "Trust and Identity Orgs and Advisory" slide was discussed
 - <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1o9hvVO-CyrhEDfPhvsXnYegp5hdbt-xUTMbtLJ-Jh3M/edit#slide=id.p>
- Nathan notes that the OIDC OAUTH Deployment working group could fall under both CACTI and TAC. It was formed as a TAC working group. <https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/ODWG/OIDC-OAuth+Deployment+Working+Group+Home>
- Shib relationship with the OIDC/OAuth topic is also relevant
- GEANT is also involved in the Shib work around OIDC/OAuth
- Tracking the outputs of work projects is key. There are some concerns that WG reports can collect dust, or uptake can be disappointing
- AnnW: the trust and identity working groups have produced standards that have made a difference, for example, the MFA Interop Working Group work output became a REFEDs standard. <https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/x/CY5HBQ>
- Working Group List is a starting point to track working group accomplishments: <https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/TI/Trust+and+Identity+Working+Groups+List>
- There was a suggestion to augment this working group list with the outputs of the groups.
 - Best way to see the outputs is to go to each working group wiki, linked from that list

Improving Communication on Working Group Accomplishments

- Key is to be sure we are communicating about the results of the working groups
- Education is part of the CACTI charter, per this CACTI Duty:
 - "Broadly share information of relevance with the R&E community about current activities in trust, identity, and associated middleware"
- AnnW will connect with Internet2 project managers (Erin Murtha and Bill Kaufman) to present to CACTI on what they are planning in improving communication.
- AnnW will speak to InCommon staff goals at next CACTI call
- CACTI needs to firm up processes on informing Kevin and informing the community.
- [AI] (ChrisP) will chat with Kevin on topic of communications

Blogs

- CACTI can coordinate/facilitate helpful blog posts on working group accomplishments
- Internet2 T&I newsletter could be a venue for blogs.
- There is a GEANT newsletter, and a GEANT community blog, and in the field blog
 - <https://blog.geant.org/>
- Suggestion to invite WG chairs to CACTI calls and then to produce a blog about WG accomplishments
- When WG chairs come to a CACTI meeting, ask the WG chairs how CACTI can help connect their work to the community
 - Tom Jordan and ChrisP offer to help with blogs. Suggests rotating responsibility for authoring blogs.
- Suggested topics for such blogs: focus on what we trying to advance, such as OIDC, Discovery Services, non web sign-on,
- Suggestion to create a list or rubric for topics for reporting and discussion
- AnnH suggests SIRTFI as topic for 1st blog. U. Chicago has been instrumental.

- [AI] (TomB) author blog on SIRTFI

Updates on GÉANT workplan

- AnnH expressed thanks for the CACTI / InCommon input to the GEANT workplan.
- The GEANT project and planning committee is looking at the proposals. Then they will be reviewed by NRENs. The Trust and Identity paper was well received.
- Suggestion to start a strategy group to look at **certificate services**. Contact Licia Florio if you have ideas on strategy or want to participate.
- TomB: Cert Services are being discussed in research operations. Need to integrate the SSL using APIs. Kubernetes and Let's Encrypt are sometimes mentioned.
- For current GEANT work plan, moving edugain support into production, this is a big change in scope of edugain service. More capabilities
- Group and Attribute management for life sciences community, providing a common platform, IdentityHub provides bridging of social identities

Communications around international activities

- How to inform Mark Scheible and TAC and the larger community about work items going on in GEANT? Suggestions:
 - Create blog post on "the things to keep an eye on"
 - Create wiki page on the important places to check up to see what's going on. "What's the Story," with a lists of links
- It was noted that it easy to spin things up for communication, harder to sustain them, and challenging to promote and push info out
- It's not about one blog post, it's about an ongoing community education communications campaign.
- We need better automated mechanisms for blog posts pushing them out to the right people
- [AI] (ChrisP) will chat with KevinM on topic of communications
- Keep in mind the IAM Online brand, it is a good shared tool

Updates on FIM4R

- There will be a FIM4E meeting in Vienna, February 5-6

Affirm action items from call

- [AI] (ChrisP) will chat with KevinM on topic of communications
- [AI] (ChrisP) will communicate w MarkS on today's discussion
- [AI] (TomB) will author blog on SIRTFI

Next CACTI Call: Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 11am ET