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Planning Time!

The end of the year is a good time for planning. So, we've loaded up this month's newsletter with things to help you plan. Learn about what to expect with the upcoming framework migration for Registry, and get familiar with some of the planned changes in the COmanage Registry UI. As a bonus, check out our recent blog post with 4 Tips on How to Up Your IAM Game Using COmanage and the InCommon Trusted Access Platform.

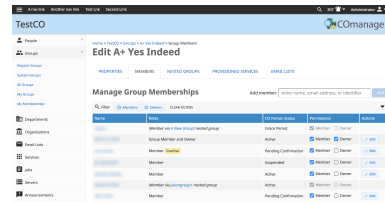Photo by Franco Antonio Giovanella on Unsplash
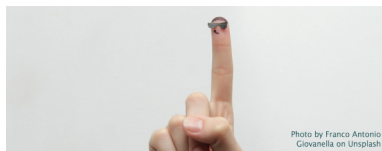
Open Office Hours - Dec 3

Do you have a question on deploying or configuring Registry or Match? Want to get some input on a solution architecture design? Want to hear how your colleagues in the community are solving problems similar to yours? Each month you can bring your topics for discussion to the call. No need to register or spin up a presentation (but feel free if it suits you!), just show up!

Friday, December 3 at 12:00 PM (America/New York) *(no registration necessary)*
https://illinois.zoom.us/j/84190579924?pwd=a1R6Q3VjWi92SHRETlVDMEthZVJYZz09

IN YOUR TIMEZONE & link for your calendar

December's Topic Aperitif: COmanage UI/UX Plans- Groups & People Picker

With the upcoming framework migration, we have been thinking a lot about the COmanage user interface. For this month's "topic aperitif" we will do a mini-tour of two areas that have been in our Registry pull requests lately: Groups Interface and the People Picker. We will follow this 10 min chat with discussions of your choosing. Bring your questions, comments, and suggestions for office hours with the COmanage project team.

Framework Migration: What you should know

The COmanage products are built using PHP and a framework called CakePHP. COmanage Registry is built on top of CakePHP v2, which has reached End of Life (EOL). The COmanage Project is ramping up development efforts for Registry v5, which will be built on top of the latest CakePHP. (COmanage Match is already built on top of CakePHP v4.)

This is a major infrastructure investment necessary for the long-term viability of the product. We'll keep you up to date as the effort progresses, but for now here are some informational highlights:

- You can track progress using our new JIRA instance, CFM.
- We'll be redirecting resources from Registry v4 to Registry v5. You may notice it takes longer for v4 issues to get resolved, and where possible we will defer issues to v5. We'll no longer make breaking changes to Registry v4 so we can focus on preparing for Registry v5.
- We're using the opportunity to clean up some long-standing Registry issues and improve the frontend and APIs.
- While we're trying to make the data model transition seamless, Registry v5 will require significant breaking changes from Registry v4 (including URLs and plugins). We'll provide more details for upgrading when we're ready for early testing.

Feel free to bring your questions about Framework Migration to office hours! We may not have all the answers yet, but hearing your concerns early on will help ensure a smoother transition later.

Goodbye for now...

That's it for this month's newsletter; keep an eye out for our next one scheduled for late December. We hope to see you at our Open Office Hours on December 3rd!

About The COmanage Project

COmanage is an Open Source Project that is focused on streamlining digital lifecycle management for your populations. It consists of two tools: Registry and Match.

COmanage Registry *is an identity registry with flexible enrollment and lifecycle management capabilities that helps you meet your identity management objectives using standardized tools and approaches. It can be used as a central person registry, a guest management system, or a collaboration hub for scholarly collaborations.*

COmanage Match performs identity de-duplication in order to help minimize the creation of duplicate accounts for the same individual. It provides a heuristic-based system for matching identity records across multiple authoritative systems of record. Match can be used with Registry or as a standalone product complementary to your other tools.

Learn more about the project and its supporters at https://incommon.org/software/comanage/.

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