

Open Source, Identity Leaders to Meet at Third Identity Summit

InCommon Advance CAMP: Identity Services Summit 2011 to be held May 25-27 in Westminster, Colorado

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – February 3, 2011 - Research and education leaders in identity management, and open source project developers, will gather for the third Identity Services Summit, May 25-27, in the greater Denver area.

The Identity Services Summit, which is part of the InCommon Advance CAMP Workshop Series organized by Internet2, provides a place for identity management leaders, architects and developers to collaborate on common approaches to solving key identity-related problems. Attendees will also work to develop integration strategies for open source and commercially available software. This year's program will build on the success of two previous Identity Services Summits and will immediately follow the Jasig Annual Conference, "Spotlight on Open Source," which highlights a variety of open source software projects for higher education.

The past two Identity Services Summits produced a list of 24 challenges that have been tackled by collaboration groups formed just for that purpose.

"The collaboration that occurs at these Identity Services Summits helps to reduce barriers to integrating new packages and services into the campus identity management infrastructure," explains R.L. "Bob" Morgan, co-chair of the program committee and Senior Technology Architect at the University of Washington.

As a result of last year's InCommon Advance CAMP, Tom Zeller, University of Memphis, is leading an initiative to explore approaches to federated provisioning, which entails moving identity, group, and access data between systems in different domains. By drawing identity, group and access information from a variety of sources, federated provisioning can allow groups of people from different institutions to have access to common files, databases, wikis and other tools.

In another project from the 2010 Advance CAMP, Scott Cantor of The Ohio State University is leading an effort to write a comprehensive best practices guide for developers of federated applications.

"The collaborative working team approach has allowed our community to make significant progress on these and other important initiatives over the last two years," says Tom Barton, co-chair of the program committee and Senior Director for Architecture, Integration & Security at the University of Chicago. "We plan to continue and extend these productive efforts this year, as well."

The meeting uses an "unconference" format in which participants pitch their challenges and possible solutions to the larger group, lead breakout sessions, and then identify the most common pressing needs and volunteer for the project teams that will work on these initiatives. In addition, the 2010 Advance CAMP program committee has continued to monitor the progress of projects that emerged from the meeting and provides periodic updates to those that attended.

For more information on the InCommon Advance CAMP, Identity Services Summits, visit www.incommon.org/camp.

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