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Scribing Template --Wed., Nov 13, 2013 at 10.15am -- Santa Barbara Room

TOPIC: Social 2 SAML IdP / CommIT Project

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MAIN ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Identity Providers of Last Resort

Questions to promote discussion:

- Is this a good idea?
- Is there a choice?
- Will we short-circuit the value of campus IdPs?
- What if IdPs could be spun up quickly for specific needs?

Thoughts:

- Closed IdPs federations are like a private club.
- Scott C expressed that authentication should not be based on IdP but on user data.
- There is a long standing culture among universities to not trust social network identities but times have changed.
- Some services may wish to allow social identities while others might not.
- Define a new metadata tag to identify these networks within a global federation. A federation of Last Resort?
- Most applications don't care about authorization or don't do it well. Most just want an user name and identifier/email.
- Trust is fundamentally a branding issue sometimes irrationally.
- Maybe a metadata aggregator to consolidate community IdPs and IdPs of last resort could work.
- The CommIT pilot seems like a step in this direction but again doesn't trust Social network Identities.
- It all seems to boil down to trust.

ACTIVITIES GOING FORWARD / NEXT STEPS:

- Look at CommonApp and see if your organization is a member. If so, push for CommonApp to support federation.

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