

Draft Release Announcement for Grouper 2.2

Grouper 2.2 Release

Internet2 is pleased to announce the release of Grouper 2.2. This release is a major milestone, as it incorporates a reimagined Grouper user interface, including much-improved ease of use, accessibility, mobile-friendly features, the use of "favorites," easy tracking of all of a subject's memberships, and more.

Other significant new features in the Grouper 2.2 release include configuration overlay files for easier deployment and upgrading, integration with SCIM (System for Cross-domain Identity Management), and the ability to tag folders and groups to create "services" in Grouper.

"We thank the many members of the Grouper user community who provided valuable input over the past year, as we gathered requirements for the enhanced Grouper user interface, and who performed testing. The Grouper team looks forward to receiving feedback and user stories from campuses deploying Grouper." comments Tom Barton, Senior Director of IT Architecture & Integration and CISO at University of Chicago, and chair of the Grouper Project.

Grouper is an enterprise access management system designed for the highly distributed management environment and heterogeneous information technology environment common to Universities. Grouper features a comprehensive suite of free online training videos and an active and supportive user community. To learn more, see the Grouper website at <http://www.internet2.edu/products-services/trust-identity-middleware/grouper/>.

For further detail about this new release, to download the software and release notes, for upgrade instructions, and a link to a Grouper demo, please visit <https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/Grouper/Grouper+Downloads>.

Grouper 2.0 announcement from 2012, as a sample

The Internet2 Middleware Initiative is pleased to announce the release of Grouper version 2.0. Grouper is designed to function as the core element of a common infrastructure for managing access information across integrated applications and repositories. It enables project managers, departments, institutions, and end-users to create and manage institutional and personal groups, roles, and permissions.

This release is a major milestone, and incorporates several enhancements to the core Grouper functionality, increasing its utility as a key part of an institution's core identity and access management infrastructure.

With this release, Grouper is now a fully developed Role Based Access Control (RBAC) system. Other key features include the ability to include users from federated institutions into group membership, improved data connector performance (for integration with existing infrastructure), added point-in-time audit capabilities, and web services access to most functionality. Permission management capabilities are significant, including a user interface (UI) to manage custom attributes, permissions, limits, and actions. Real time provisioning will be a key added feature in version 2.1, to follow.

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Apologies for cross-posting.

Thanks,
Steve, on behalf of the Grouper Project team

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