



identitycommons

Community Group Q1 2008 Reports

Introduction

We are a community of groups working on addressing the social, legal and technical issues that arise with the emerging, identity, data and social layer of the internet.

These include:

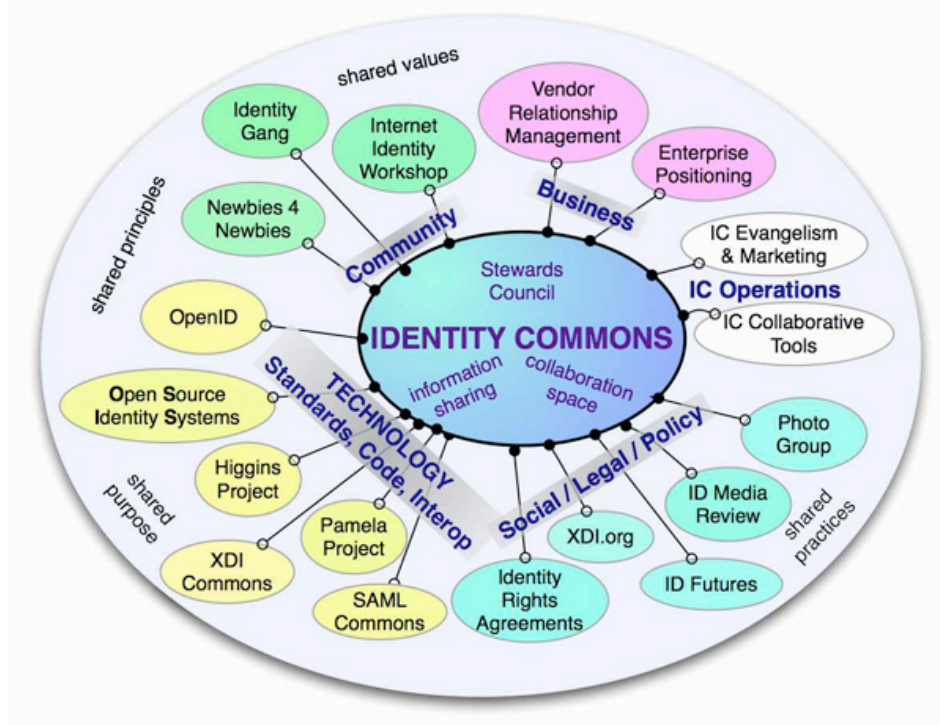
- * What are the open standards to make it work? (identity and semantic)
- * What are technical implementations of those standards?
- * How do different standards and technical implementations interoperate?
- * What are the new social norms and legal constructs needed to make it work?
- * What tools are needed to make it usable secure for end-users?
- * What are the businesses cases / models that drive all this?

Identity Commons are the people working on answering these questions.

Interest is growing and questions are being answered, but there is not "one answer", as Doc Searls is fond of saying - "It is a market conversation."

The purpose of Identity Commons is to support, facilitate, and promote the creation of an open identity layer for the Internet -- one that maximizes control, convenience, and privacy for the individual while encouraging the development of healthy, interoperable communities.

Our task is to support a broad and diverse range of participants shaping its evolution. This layer once implemented will be as world changing as the World Wide Web of documents was for the Internet.



Highlights from Q1 2008 Reports

- **The 6th Internet Identity Workshop** is coming up May 12-14, immediately followed by a Data Sharing Summit. [page 3](#)
- **The OpenID Foundation** had 5 corporate members join the board - Google, Verisign, Microsoft, Yahoo and IBM. [page 4](#)
- **OpenID Japan** was founded and guidelines for local chapters are being developed. [page 5](#)
- **OSIS** Open Source Identity Systems is working towards the completion of its third major Interop event (at RSA and the European Identity Conference) with 57 projects participating. [page 6](#)
- **XRI 2.0** will be going to a vote within OASIS shortly. [page 7](#)
- **Higgins 1.0** was released on Feb 21st. [page 7](#)
- **Project VRM** is leading a 1.5 day workshop at the European Identity Conference and has an active London Chapter. Work continues on the initial text case Personal Address Management [page 9](#)

New Groups of Note

- **Enterprise Positioning** is a community of people inside enterprises who need to understand and explain the application of user-centric identity in that context. [page 10](#)
- **IC Evangelism and Marketing** began to help develop clearer messaging for Identity Commons and develop a values statement. [page 8](#)
- **Newbies 4 Newbies** have given invaluable feedback on the language used to articulate user-centric identity, helping to improve the Internet Identity Workshop announcement significantly. If you are new to User-Centric Digital Identity – wondering what they heck is all this stuff – what do these acronyms mean – this is the group for you. [page 10](#)
- **The Photo Group** started with three groups on Flickr 1) Identifierati Portraits, 2) The Art of Identity and 3) Member Gallery with the photos they have taken. [page 11](#)
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Internet Identity Workshop

iiw.idcommons.net

Phil Windley, Kaliya Hamlin and Doc Searls produce the Internet Identity Workshop twice a year. One way to track the vector of developments in user-centric identity is to record the milestones of the workshop each year. This is Phil Windley's characterization of the developments (based on some earlier comments from Johannes Ernst):

#1 Oct 2005: initial meeting and introductions to projects being worked on.

#2 May 2006: proponents of multiple identity protocols start dialog about how they can work together.

#3 Dec 2006: small-scale interoperability and some consolidation.

#4 May 2007: interoperability demonstrations of Information Cards and lightweight solutions converge on OpenID.

At the 5th IIW in Dec 2007 OpenID, CardSpace, and SAML, along with supporting technologies, projects, and consortia were accepted. The questions have become what to do now that these foundational technologies have been worked out.

The 6th Internet Identity Workshop is May 12-14 in Mountain View.

Based on feedback from Newbies 4 Newbies the language describing usercentric identity and the topics covered in the even have been improved. Their feedback is also helping shape the content of our introductory day.

<http://iiw.idcommons.net/index.php/liw2008a>

We have booked the **7th Internet Identity Workshop for November 10-12, 2008** at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View.

Thank You to our sponsors to date:

AOL, Novell, Microsoft, British Telecom, Liberty Alliance Project, Google, Verisign, Plaxo, Adobe, Cisco, OASIS IDtrust, CommerceNet, SXIP, Higgins Project,

Bandit Project, Vidoop, Applied Identity, Authentrus, Planetnetwork, ClaimID

Breakdowns

It has been a challenge to get community input for the upcoming workshop - people are very busy with work.

Requests

If you have a project, please update your one pager:

http://iiw.idcommons.net/index.php/liw2008a#Who_Participates_in_IIW.3F

We are open to feedback and suggestions for the conference, please contribute those ASAP.

We would like your help inviting others to participate. Please don't be shy to invite others.

Announcements

We will be announcing our Monday May 12th program shortly. It will include a comprehensive introduction beginning at 1pm. With all the developments in the field it will be of interest to all. The main program will begin at 3:30.

We are looking for sponsors - if you are interested in sponsoring please contact Phil. Phil@windley.org

The Data Sharing Summit will follow the Internet Identity Workshop on May 15th. It will include a wider range of participants who are interested in this specific set of technical and social issues.

<http://www.datasharingsummit.com>

The Identity Gang

The Identity Gang was founded in 2004 as a mailing list and small gatherings that happened at events like PCForum, Burton Group Catalyst and Digital Identity World. It developed lexicon of identity terms to facilitate dialogue between the diverse communities -- grass roots small companies thinking about light-weight identity systems, large enterprises, vendors, and networks, along with existing standards in the area.

Currently there are 470 people on the mailing list and it hums along.

Successes

Feb 07, 2008 09:00 ET Technology Leaders Join OpenID Foundation to Promote Open Identity Management on the Web

OpenID Foundation to Support Internet User Single Sign-On Technology

CORVALLIS, OR--(Marketwire - February 7, 2008) - The OpenID Foundation today announced that Google (NASDAQ: GOOG), IBM (NYSE: IBM), Microsoft (NASDAQ: MSFT), VeriSign (NASDAQ: VRSN) and Yahoo! (NASDAQ: YHOO) have joined as its first corporate board members.

With these companies' deep expertise in Internet and security technology, the OpenID Foundation strengthens the industry-wide effort to empower users with portable Web identities, or OpenIDs. This effort helps ensure the evolution of an open and interoperable Internet that helps people take control of how their personal information is shared on-line and aids on-line businesses to attract and retain more users by simplifying and securing the management of digital identities.

The OpenID Foundation was formed in June 2007 to support and promote the technology developed by the OpenID community. Members includes individuals, students, non-profits, startups and industry giants that have come together to develop and promote open identity management on the Web.

OpenID is free technology that simplifies the on-line user experience by eliminating the need for multiple user names across Internet sites, enabling individuals to take more control and ownership of their digital identities. This user-centric digital identity technology helps users reduce the pain of managing dozens, even hundreds of user-names and passwords, and provides more control over what personal information they share with Web sites when they sign-in using an OpenID.

Today, more than 10,000 Web sites support OpenID log-ins, and an estimated 350 million OpenID enabled URLs currently exist.

"With this support from the new company board members, the OpenID Foundation will be able to continue to promote and protect the technology and

its community moving forward," said Bill Washburn, Executive Director, OpenID Foundation. "The community has clearly expanded since the inception of the Foundation and these companies will help bring OpenID into the mainstream markets."

The industry collaboration supporting OpenID extends not only to the technology itself, but also to the establishment of the OpenID Foundation as an open forum to promote, protect and enable the OpenID technologies and community. The OpenID community has matured rapidly from its inception as a loose coalition of volunteers to the establishment of the OpenID Foundation with a strong mission and intellectual property structure that enables all to participate in developing and implementing OpenID technology. This progress has been made with donations of legal resources by Microsoft and various contributions from Google, IBM, VeriSign and Yahoo!.

"Google shares the OpenID Foundation's vision of a Web that's easy to use and built on open standards available to everyone," said Brad Fitzpatrick, a software engineer at Google who created OpenID while at Six Apart in 2005. "OpenID was always intended to be a decentralized sign-on system, so it's fantastic to join a foundation committed to keeping it free and unencumbered by proprietary extensions."

"Privacy concerns have been escalating rapidly because of repeated incidents involving unexpected personal information loss and user identity theft," said Anthony Nadalin, IBM Distinguished Engineer and chief security architect, IBM Tivoli software. "As a leader in identity, access and federated identity management and open standards-based software, this is an important step in IBM's collaboration with other industry leaders to continuously enhance open source projects for user-centric identity. This effort is intended to provide users with more control and to help them better manage and protect their digital identities."

"The OpenID community is a key constituency in solving the digital identity problems Internet users face, and will benefit from being represented by the OpenID Foundation," said Kim Cameron, Microsoft's Chief Identity Architect. "Since Bill Gates and Craig Mundie announced our collaboration with the OpenID community last February at RSA, Microsoft has played a leading role in establishing the Foundation's open policy framework that allows everyone to participate in the development and use of OpenID specifications. Now, we look forward to working with the community to refine and drive adoption of the specifications."

"OpenID enables consumers to take control of their online identity, which in turn will drive trust, privacy and security on the Internet," said Nico Popp, vice president of Innovation at VeriSign, Inc. "Networked identity and authentication services are core elements of VeriSign's current and future service offerings. Because of this, we applaud the creation of the OpenID foundation and we look forward to contributing to its mission."

"Yahoo! believes that a truly open Web is the key to the next-generation of Internet experiences; OpenID furthers this cause by delivering a free, standards-based solution that the entire industry can embrace," said Ash Patel, executive vice president of platforms and infrastructure at Yahoo!. "Over the last year we have worked closely with the OpenID Foundation to develop the organization's intellectual property framework, finalize the OpenID 2.0 specification and to adopt OpenID for all 248 million active registered Yahoo! users worldwide. We look forward to collaborating with the OpenID Foundation, its board and community to further simplify the consumer experience of the Web and empower users to take control of their online identity with OpenID."

OpenID Technology

With the increased use of the Internet to conduct business and the rise of new types of on-line interactions, such as social networking and user-generated content, innovative kinds of digital identifier technologies are necessary to sustain the "open Web." OpenID enables individuals to convert one of their already existing digital identifiers -- such as their personal blog's URL -- into an OpenID account, which then can be used as a log-in at any Web sites supporting OpenID.

Wide adoption of OpenID reduces the frustration of repeatedly having to register username/password accounts and then later recalling log-in information for an ever increasing array of Web sites. For on-line businesses, these efforts can lower password and account management costs, help reduce the overall risks of security breaches by limiting the amount of customer personal information businesses need to store and protect, and increase both new and return user traffic by lowering the barriers to Web site entry and reentry.

Supporting OpenID Communities Around the World

February 28th, 2008 at 1:45 pm GMT | by The Shared Admin | Comments (0) | Edit

Earlier today in Tokyo, the OpenID Foundation along with eleven technology companies in Japan announced the formation of a Japanese chapter of the OpenID Foundation. Just as the OpenID Foundation's board is made up of some of the top Internet companies around the World, these initial participants in this local chapter are some of the top technology and are the premier social networking services in Japan. The OpenID Foundation works to support the community all around the World and is encouraging the formation of local chapters to work within their own communities, supporting the Foundation's mission of fostering and promoting the development and adoption of OpenID on the Internet.

In addition to taking part in the Japan chapter, Mixi announced that they will be shipping support for OpenID shortly. The joint Japanese press release garnered enough attention to be featured on the front page of Google News in Japan and the introduction is translated below:

Six Apart KK (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo, Executive Vice President of U.S. Six Apart, Ltd. & General Manager of Japan: Nobuhiro Seki), VeriSign Japan K.K. (Headquarters: Chuo-ku, Tokyo, President & CEO: Teruhide Hashimoto) and Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. (Headquarters: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, President, CEO&COO: Akihisa Fujinuma) announced today that the three companies will jointly establish "OpenID Foundation, Japan Chapter (tentative name)" in order to further popularize OpenID technologies in Japan.

OpenID Foundation, Japan Chapter will be established in April as Japan's branch office of the U.S.'s OpenID Foundation under permission of the U.S. parent organization. The three companies, founders of OpenID Foundation, Japan Chapter, have held discussions with the U.S.'s OpenID Foundation aimed at establishing the foundation in order to vigorously accelerate popularization of OpenID technologies in Japan. Companies Ascent Networks, E-context, Infoteria, Livedoor, mixi, Nifty, Technorati Japan, and Yahoo! Japan will also participate in OpenID Foundation, Japan Chapter primarily to support implementation and popularization of OpenID technologies for consumers in Japan.

David Recordon (Vice-Chair of the OpenID Foundation) and Nat Sakimura (of NRI) spoke this morning in Tokyo and their presentation can be found online. If you're already building an OpenID community and wish to start a local chapter of the Foundation, you can learn more at <http://openid.net/foundation/chapters/>.

OSIS Open Source Identity System

http://osis.idcommons.net/wiki/Main_Page

Successes

- The OSIS wiki pages were moved to Identity Commons.
http://osis.idcommons.net/wiki/Main_Page
- Weekly interoperability meetings were held to prepare for the I3 Event.
- A google-group (<http://tinyurl.com/2n84tt>) for user-centric identity interop was created.

Following on the planning for I3 begun in 2007 Q4:

- RSA Conference planners were solicited and they agreed to an interoperability event at RSA Conference, April 7 - 11 Moscone Convention Center, San Francisco, California.
- A detailed plan was drafted and reviewed for specific feature, function, and condition handling for information cards involving Identity Providers, Selectors, and Relying Parties; as well as for OpenID between Identity Providers and Relying Parties.
- An automated database system was developed to make a generation of test matrices automatic between all participant solutions. Specific tests for each solution type were listed.
- Work was begun to create automated test suites to enable testing against interoperability features. This work needs to be completed in Q2.
- It was highly encouraged to keep the end-points up continuously so that interoperability tests could occur at any time.

The 57 projects and companies participating in I3 (33 companies, 24 projects) consisted of:

- o 7 information card identity selectors.
- o 3 information card browser add-ons.
- o 10 information card identity providers.
- o 34 information card relying parties.
- o 10 OpenID providers.
- o 13 OpenID relying parties.

(Note that some projects/companies provided more than 1 solution.)

- The actual interop at RSA was held April 8 and April 9 from 11AM - 6PM
- OSIS provided the venue for an OSIS Steering Committee meeting held Monday April 7, and an OpenID BoF meeting held Wednesday April 9.

- This event was done without the infrastructure support provided for the first two interops by The Burton Group.
- The final phase of I3 will be held later in April at the 2nd European Identity Conference in Munich April 22 – 25.

Breakdowns

Of the breakdowns that were reported in Q4 2007:

- Improved the reliability of the wiki by moving it to a new location.
- Created better collaboration tools (the automated test matrices created by P. Dingle and funded by Microsoft).
- A better mailing list through googlegroups was created (set by C. Andres).
- There is now a consistent dial-in number for Conference Calls (courtesy of Novell).

In this quarter, significant investments by Novell, Microsoft, Parity Communications, and the newly formed Information Card Foundation made it possible to conduct a successful interop, and build key base components for interop evolution.

As anticipated, we have witnessed how much more we can get done when there is a core group with sufficient resources. Without that, breakdowns are inevitable.

Requests

Consistent Interoperability Messaging, Cooperative Interoperability Events

There were 3 interop events held at RSA Conference. In addition to OSIS,

- Liberty/Concordia held an interoperability event covering 2 SAML use cases.
- OASIS held an XACML interop event showing a single application running across approx. 12 different platforms.

At the OSIS Steering Committee meeting, invited guests, Roger Sullivan, President of the Liberty Alliance and Bill Washburn, Executive Director of the Open ID Foundation, voiced strong endorsement for ensuring that the public perception for these interops will be accurately seen as complementary (not competing) efforts. Charles Andres, Executive Director of the newly formed (but unannounced) Information Card Foundation, declared that the ICF would work

closely with OIDF and Liberty/Concordia on any public positioning announcements made by any of these organizations to ensure consistent messaging.

There was general consensus that customers need to believe that these efforts are complementary across all platforms, or buying decisions will be delayed.

For example, with the 3 interop events, no overlap occurred -- Liberty/Concordia was a deep dive into 2 specific use cases. OASIS XACML showed a deeper dive into a specific application across 12 platforms. OSIS showed depth and breadth with over 160 tests interacting between 57 platforms. Each of these efforts were complementary and essential to advance the state of the industry as fast as possible.

Announcements

The last portion of I3 will be an interoperability event held at the 2nd European Identity Conference. <https://www.id-conf.com/>

XDI Org
www.xdi.org

Successes

XRI Resolution 2.0 Committee Draft 02 Revision 04 was approved to be an OASIS Committee Draft. Also, it went through the public review and is now under Committee Specification Vote.

Breakdowns

None for the quarter.

Requests

XRI 2.0 will go to the OASIS voting pretty soon. IdCommons members who are also a voting member of OASIS Open, please cast your vote when the ballot opens.

Announcements

As a key step forward in XRI and XDI infrastructure, the XDI.org Global Registry Services (GRS) will be being upgraded to support XRI Resolution 2.0. It will support all key new XRI Resolution 2.0 features including automatic CanonicalID verification and XRDS extension elements by the end of Q2. The XDI.org public XRI proxy resolver at xri.net will also be upgraded to support these features.

Higgins

www.eclipse.org/higgins

Successes

Higgins released its 1.0 on February 21st, and the Eclipse Foundation issued a press release that included quotes from a number of the participating organizations. [1] Many, many thanks to all who contributed and made this possible.

Higgins also had a strong presence at EclipseCON 2008 in March. There was a Higgins tutorial, a short business talk on how Higgins works with other organizations and a short technology talk on security that was done jointly by the Equinox and Higgins projects.

Microsoft's Sam Ramji spoke about how Microsoft and Eclipse are collaborating in his keynote. This generated a lot of press and blog coverage. See Sam's Blog at [2]

Breakdowns

A release 1.0 is a major milestone. It is also just the beginning. There is more work to be done and more ideas to be implemented to support the vision of user-centric identity. In particular we are still working to make our downloads easier to navigate, and to improve our website, and to add more context providers, and to provide deeper support for more identity protocols, etc.

Requests

Higgins is always looking for more volunteers and additional corporate participation. We are not done yet!

Announcements

See Higgins at the OSIS interop April 8 and April 9 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the RSA Conference, Moscone Center South, San Francisco, Mezzanine Level, Purple Room 220 The media alert about the event can be found at [3]

IC Evangelism & Marketing

Successes

After discussing the need during the January Stewards Council Conference Call, a new core working group (parallel to IC Collaborative Tools) to help in the evangelism and marketing of Identity Commons as a whole was formed. A charter was proposed, with the purpose to "Provide content that will help Identity Commons, its member groups, and individuals more effectively communicate the goals, principles, and messages of Identity Commons. Assist in any evangelism efforts to bring appropriate working groups and individuals to become Identity Commons members."

The primary point of collaboration for this group will be the IC Evangelism & Marketing wiki page. We have taken as our first task to better address a values statement for Identity Commons, as this will be a starting point for future efforts.

Breakdowns

There are only two active members, are we looking for others who would like to contribute energy to this effort particularly those who have marketing expertise.

Christopher put a request out to the list asking for stories of "why" people originally joined Identity Commons, which we've gotten very few responses.

Requests

We have a number of very rough drafts for the values statement, which we need to collapse into one final version. If you are a good wordsmith, we could use your help. We also want to make sure that it accurately reflects the values of the broad Identity Commons community, so if something doesn't ring true to you, let us know.

Announcements

As of the April Stewards Council Conference Call, we have asked to become an official Identity Commons Working Group, with Christopher Allen as the initial representative to the Stewards Council.

IC Collaborative Tools

Successes

Virtual host home.idcommons.net has been created.

Most current system software has been installed.

Breakdowns

The transfer from the old host has not yet been accomplished.

Requests

Time, money.

Announcements

We could use volunteers to help us maintain and set up the collaborative tools many of our working groups are using.

Eekim@blueoxen.com

Identity Schemas

wiki.idcommons.net/index.php/Identity_Schemas

Successes

There was no activity in this working group, however activity may resume in Q2.

Breakdowns

If we don't get this group restarted in Q2 we should disband.

Identity Rights Agreements

Successes

good discussion thread Where to find Identity Commons Standard Contract?

Breakdowns

not much time

Requests

Kaliya mentioned that she had been talking with Bob about a "Legal IIW" and sees this group as the natural host/home for the event. Can you put her in touch with Bob or have him post something to our mailing list?

VRM (Vendor Relationship Management)

www.projectvrn.org

Project VRM has been busy, busy, busy since the last report.

The London Chapter, incorporating most of our European effort, has been holding monthly meetings (see <http://vrnhub.pbwiki.com/>). These meetings span the internal (as code is written and projects moved forward) and external, introducing and clarifying VRM to interested parties, businesses, entities and individuals. The London group has been a bundle of energy and remains focused on the tasks at hand: to expand and educate and develop VRM.

Stateside the subcommittees formed in the VRM Mountain View meeting have been hard at work, as well.

The Vision Committee ("Define/Advocate Clear Vision for VRM Worldwide") has been gathering data and putting together statements and some papers. In addition, a special Wiki Page for development and definition has been a result. This is still in somewhat of an alpha state, but we expect to announce this to the public at large in the next quarter.

The Standards Committee has been hard at work on establishing the framework and definitions that will allow interoperability. As many in the Identity world know, establishing standards and the work involved in definition and specifics is no mean feat. Significant progress has been made in this area.

The Project VRM initial test case, Change of Address, has been given the name Personal Address Management (PAM). Change of address is universal, occurs throughout and across all demographic, economic and geographic boundaries, and occurs with a frequency that few other events attain. Further, change of address has impact on commercial and non commercial interests, which sheds light and value on the "non-CRM" aspect of VRM.

In more news from Europe, we were notified last week that Project VRM has been nominated for the Top 3 Projects in the category "Special Award" for the European Identity Awards. This will occur at the 2nd European Identity Confer-

ence later this month. Just prior to that will be the first European VRM Conference, held in Munich April 21 and 22. Doc Searls will attend, and will be speaking at the European ID conference, as well.

Members of the Project VRM Steering Committee will be attending the IIW in May, and there will be some presentations and brainstorming sessions around PAM and other matters.

We are working on a VRM conference for July or August (date to be determined shortly), to be hosted by The Berkman Center, held at or nearby the Harvard campus.

XDI Commons

Successes

- The OASIS XDI Technical Committee, which defines the open standards for XDI, completed an update of its charter and deliverables.
- Markus Sabadello released the first version of XDI4J (XDI for Java).
- The OASIS XRI Technical Committee (XDI is based on XRI) complete the final review of XRI Resolution 2.0 Committee Draft 03 so that it can be submitted for an OASIS Standard vote in May.

Breakdowns

None this quarter.

Requests

The XDI TC invites Identity Commons community members who are interested in an open data portability format that supports user-centric control of data sharing (via XDI link contracts) to join the XDI Commons working group or the OASIS XDI Technical Committee or both.

Announcements

- The first release of XDI4J (XDI for Java) was made by Markus Sabadello via the Higgins Project at Eclipse.
- As a key step forward in XRI and XDI infrastructure, the XDI.org Global Registry Services (GRS) will be upgraded to support XRI Resolution 2.0. It will support all key new XRI Resolution 2.0 features including automatic CanonicalID verification and XRDS extension elements by the end of Q2. The XDI.org public XRI proxy resolver at xri.net will also be upgraded to support these features.

Newbies 4 Newbies

Successes

We've developed some initial copy for the Starting Points page, which we've intended to be a resource of information for those new to the community. It now includes primer-type information such as: 1) What is User-Centric Identity, 2) Why should I care? and 3) What is Identity Commons. We are also in the process of developing a section entitled, "Figuring out the Landscape." This section will include information about Community participants, including technologies, projects, and companies. We're hoping to solicit feedback from other community members soon.

We worked on refining the language for the IIW2008a Announcement. We tried to make the announcement more approachable for those new to the community, and Kaliya did a great job incorporating our feedback.

We're in the process of helping outline the introductory session of the next workshop. We'd like to make it easy for Newbies to engage, and reflective of the work that happens at the workshop.

Breakdowns

Unfortunately, our former Steward, Dan Nelson, had to leave the group due to personal commitments. We've been working hard to maintain the momentum we had after the December workshop, but we only have four active members. While we've accomplished a lot, we are still looking for additional participants.

Requests

If you come across anyone who is new to this space, please point them in our direction. We are very interested in growing our ranks and would like to connect with other Newbies before the next workshop. Furthermore, our membership was intended to completely turn over at after every workshop (afterall, we wouldn't be Newbies anymore), but in order to do that effectively, we need some enthusiasm and word of mouth working for us. Please let all potential Newbies know about our group and encourage their participation.

Enterprise Positioning

Successes

The Enterprise Positioning of User centric Identity team was formed shortly after the last IIW meeting. A Charter has been drafted and submitted to the Stewards Council and is pending approval. An initial conceptual draft of value drivers for the enterprise has been created, and is currently being assessed and refined. Two Peer-to-Peer sessions were held at RSA on user-centric Identity. Ed Amemiya collected names of people interested in joining the group.

Breakdowns

Bandwidth to assess value propositions, and define tangible economic values, is limited, and has been a gating factor for the team. The team is working to establish additional focused resources, and solicit additional membership.

Requests

The Enterprise Positioning team is looking for interested individuals to participate on this team. If you have an understanding of identity in today's enterprise and are interested in promoting user-centric solutions, we can use your help.

You can find out more about our working group by reading the charter @ http://wiki.idcommons.net/index.php/Enterprise_Positioning_Charter

You can join the working group by subscribing to the mailing list: <http://idcommons.net/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/idpositioning>

Announcements

No new announcement at this time.

Id Futures

This group was formed to do interactive shallow and indepth consideration of potential future events and scenarios for an identity layer of the web. Our first activity prior to DIDW in September 2007 generated 50+ potential events (see them on the wiki). Some activity might be planned for the forthcoming IIW. If you would like to participate kaliya@mac.com

Id Media Review

Successes

No successes because no attempts this quarter :-)

Breakdowns

Bob is either worthless or lazy and has done nothing effective. He did however get the Photo Group off the ground in Q1, and hopes to do the same to this group in Q2.

Requests

Bob requests your patience and forbearance while he gets his stuff in order with respect to organizing this group.

Announcements

No announcements. Watch this space for excitement to come. Please contact Bob Blakley if you would to help with this groups next activities Blakley@burtongroup.com.

Photo Group

Successes

Charter has been completed. Bob Blakely is the steward and set up the three flickr groups.

The Photo Group Member Gallery:

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/664668@N21/>

The Art of Identity:

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/629900@N24/>

Identerati Portraits:

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/664664@N21/>

Anyone can view the galleries; only members can post photos to them. To join the Photo Group, just login to Flickr, go to the page of the group in Flickr and request to join.

Breakdowns

It's clear we need moderation guidelines for the pictures contributed to flickr groups. We'll have to discuss what the rules should be.

Requests

Request membership to consider what rules we need for "The Art of Identity" contributions.

Announcements

No Announcements this quarter.

Identity Commons Background

Identity Commons (IC) was originally formed in 2001 to evangelize the creation of a decentralized user-centric identity infrastructure and to address the resulting social trust issues. At the time, these ideas were revolutionary. Very few people were thinking about these issues, much less doing anything about them.

IC helped change this. It not only raised awareness about the complex issues surrounding this topic, but it played an active role in helping create the necessary infrastructure.

In the last few years, user-centric identity has emerged as one of the most important issues concerning the future of the Internet. In addition to Identity Commons' role in establishing the overall vision, we've seen a number of other key milestones. For example:

- Centralized Internet-wide identity systems are now widely acknowledged as being untenable. Most notably, Microsoft killed its Passport initiative, and Kim Cameron, Microsoft's Identity Architect, has become an outspoken proponent of distributed, interoperable identity systems through his Laws of Identity.
- Lightweight identity systems, such as OpenID, LID, and SXIP emerged (they are now part of OpenID2).
- Many important players in the identity space both old and new began a cohesive conversation about the issues surrounding user-centric identity under the moniker, "The Identity Gang."
- Identity 2.0 has emerged as the de facto term for describing visions of user-centric identity, thanks in part to SXIP founder Dick Hardt's talks of the same name in 2005.

All of these events culminated in the Internet Identity Workshop (IIW) in October 2005, a grassroots gathering of roughly 80 people interested in learning about and advancing the cause of user-centric identity. This gathering was a turning point for the digital identity community in a number of ways:

- It helped spark the adoption of Yadis, a discovery protocol for making different lightweight identity systems interoperable.
- It inspired interest in the concrete development of Identity Rights Agreements and a Service Provider Reputation Network.
- Most importantly, it demonstrated the importance of maintaining a neutral community space for continuing dialogue about these and other emerging issues.

Out of this dialog came the impetus for IC to evolve into a new role as an "upside down umbrella" organization helping to facilitate and coordinate the work of distributed, self-organizing community groups who share the common purpose of creating an interoperable, universally-adopted user-centric identity layer for the Internet. This effort, dubbed "Identity Commons 2.0", continued via Internet Identity Workshop sessions, Identity Open Space sessions, and Identity Commons community telecons until it resulted in the community consensus at the end of July 2006 to adopt the new Purpose And Principles and incorporate Identity Commons as an international non-profit legal organization.

In September 2006, we devised and completed a bootstrapping process to seed and launch the organization.

This Text is online: <http://wiki.idcommons.net/index.php/Background>

How the community emerged from The Digital Identity World Conference, Berkman Center for Internet and Society Social Physics Project, Liberty Alliance, Microsoft and the "light weight identity efforts" is here: <http://wiki.idcommons.net/index.php/History>