



Shibboleth. Consortium

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A little bit of history ... (1/2)

- The *successful* deployment of Shibboleth by so *many* federations ...
- ... raises the need for sustainability of the software
- → Shibboleth consortium

A little bit of history ... (2/2)

- Intention: Initial setup by internet2, JISC and SWITCH
 - followed by inclusion of many other stakeholders
- Initial effort enabled funding of developers between Aug 2010 – July 2012

Current Status (1/2)

- Consortium board:
 - R. Bruce, JISC
 - S. Cantor (representing the development team)
 - S. Waggener, Internet2
 - C. Witzig, SWITCH

 - N. Harris, JISC as consortium manager

Current Status

- Funding in place for all core developers until August 2013
 - Contracts issued
 - Information on renewal in May 2013
- Lack of developers, inefficiencies due to multiple assignments
 - Intention of consortium board:
shift from “*given the (little) manpower, what can we do*” to “*what needs to be done and how many resources does that need*”

Current Plan: Development

- Develop (rolling) 6-quarter development and deliverable plan
 - Initial time horizon: Q4 2012 – Q1 2014
 - Enables better tracking of progress and better communication in the future
 - Clarification on manpower needed
- Shift to more dedicated full time resources and away from grant funded temporary work

Current Plan: Sustainability

- Annual membership fee for joining the consortium
 - Federations, universities, corporations
 - Generates base income for sustainability
- Additional income from
 - Revenue-sharing with commercial members
 - Support and training for a fee (see next slide)
 - Generates income for further development

Increasing developer base

- Big need in commercial sector for identity management
 - Help commercial companies train java developers
 - Increases developer base and use of software
- Business model needs to be formulated
- Intention to hire partner manager for developing training and commercial engagements

Institutional Setup

- Consortium board
 - Up to 8 persons (from members paying enhanced membership fee)
 - 3 persons nominated by the consortium members
 - 1 representative from core development team
 - Consortium manager
- Finalization of charter before end of the year