

Shibboleth Consortium



What is it?

- Effort by:
 - Internet2/InCommon
 - EDINA/JISC
 - SWITCH
- Main goals:
 - sustain development through 2011
 - define long term home for Shibboleth



Phase 1 Goals

- Pay primary developers during 2011
- Establish a strong communication strategy
 - create strong web presence
 - communicate technical vision
 - improve community feedback mechanisms
 - appoint a technical writer
- Establish a development roadmap
- Prepare for phase II
 - define governance
 - define fees and framework for new members



Phase 2 Goals

- Establish long-term home for Shibboleth
 - transfer IPR to new home
 - gather more sponsoring organizations
 - establish long term contracts for primary developers
 - consider additional funding opportunities (e.g., swag, books, consulting)
- Further improve outreach and communication
- Continue to update development roadmap
 - next major release of IdP, DS, and SP
- Revamp of documentation by technical writer



Structure

- Sponsoring Group: “Board” of the Consortium
 - one person per sponsoring organization
 - defines high-level roadmap
- Consortium Manager:
 - day to day management: outreach, budgets, contracts
- Committers: people with commit rights
 - hash out technical feasibility of sponsors' high-level plan
 - define the technical roadmap
 - develop the code
- Project Manager:
 - liaison between committers and sponsoring group



Communication & Outreach

- New phone/Skype conferences:
 - Community Call:
 - second Monday of month; alternating times
 - focused on getting feedback from community: new use cases, deployment concerns, presentations on extensions
 - Development Calls:
 - every other Thursday
 - focused on technical issues with developing the software
- Mailings lists remain the same:
 - security, announce, users, dev
 - still the primary method of communication



Next Steps

- Get Internet2 to sign consortium agreement
- Gather community thoughts on possible Phase II models
 - Nicole will be sending out a questionnaire
 - most people leaning towards a separate Foundation
- Set up long term home



Questions/Comments

- Contact Nicole Harris:
Nicole.Harris@jiscadvance.ac.uk
 - current UK sponsoring group appointment

