Identity Management - ORION implementation

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ORION Computing Environment

- Distributed computing environment at University of West Bohemia
- Based on open principles and technologies
- In operation since 1996
- Current ORION situation (approx. numbers)
 - 17000 users (5000 yearly amendments)
 - 6000 WEBnet workstations 700 under ORION management
 - 180 servers
 - 50 centrally managed applications

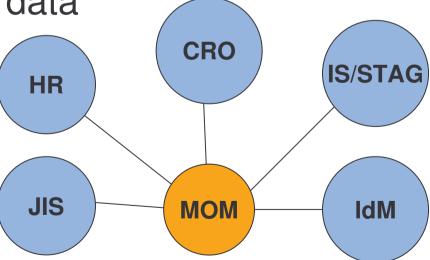
Goals of consolidating data sources

- Create a quality and credible source of identity data
- ORION main identity sources
 - students agenda (IS/STAG) register of students and faculties
 - HR system (Magion) register of employees and their affiliation
 - ORION computing system management (Moira) register of ORION users
 - identification card system (JIS) electronic ID cards for students and staff

CRO (Centralized Personnel Registry)

- Determine relationships between systems from personnel data perspective
- Testing communication infrastructure (Message Oriented Middleware)

Define fundamental rules for sharing personnel data



CRO data consolidation

- Goals: consolidate data from previously unrelated sources
- Automatic coupling of key items:
 - birth certificate number (social security number)
 - personal number
 - student number
- Manual processing
 - about 5 percent of identity records
 - in cooperation with departmental secretaries
- All took about six months

Identity Management software features

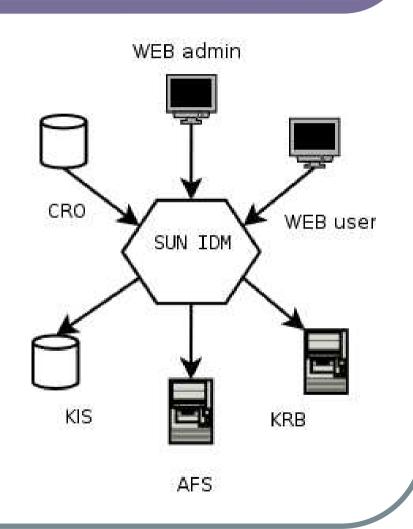
- Quality provisioning (with least amount of changes to connecting systems)
- Simple workflow system
- Reasonable implementation cost
- Ability to connect to other systems using our own sources
- Vendor support, if needed

Reasons for choosing Sun Java System Identity Manager

- Discharge of fundamental requirements
- Reasonable licensing fees
- User references
- Sun offer ORION a free Proof of Concept service
- Results of Proof of Concept

ORION Proof of Concept components

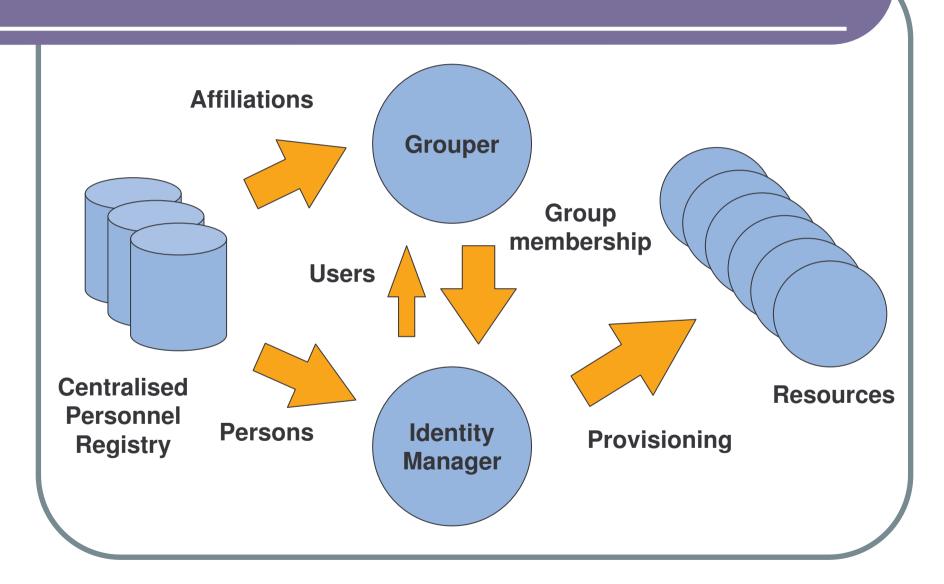
- Connection to Registry
- Web administration
- Web self administration
- Account lifecycle
- Typical application role assigning



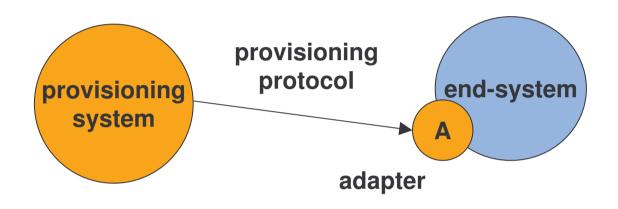
ORION PoC results

- PoC requirements mostly proven
- Creating fundamentals for practical implementation of ORION Identity Management
- Necessity to supplement this solution with the Grouper system (Internet2 middleware project)

ORION IdM scheme

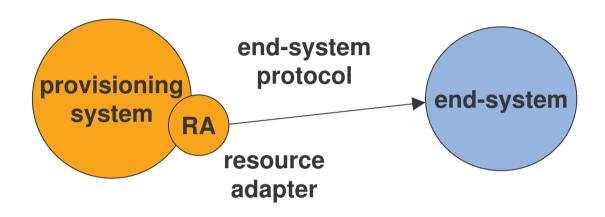


Adapter provisioning



- specific communication protocol
- extra provisioning features allowed
- special adapter for each end-system needed

Non-adapter provisioning



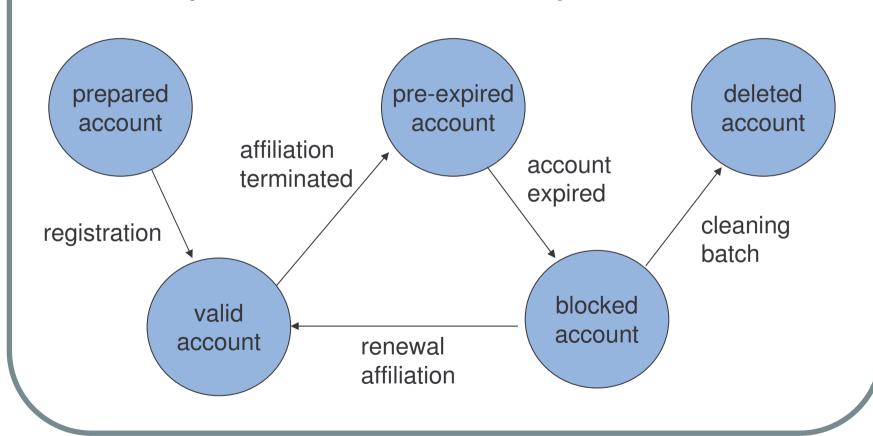
- no changes in end-systems needed
- simply connection to new end-system
- provisioning functions are limited by standard end-system protocol

Roles and workflows

- Basic roles are implemented relatively easily
- Complete role system needs unified administrative processes within the organization
- Big number of main systems complicate role implementation
- Simple workflow system is sufficient in university environment

Example of workflow

Example of account life-cycle workflow



Conclusions

- "To use or not to use" any particular IdM system
 - strong reason to justify big expense of implementation
 - we expect that new facilities bring large assets and/or
 - existing problems have to be evident and easily resolvable using IdM
 - "Trial and error" isn't the answer

Conclusions

- project timetable is expected to be fully operational by September this year
- existing project results
 - consolidated data in selected end-systems
 - revision of technology
 - procedural revisions
- Hopefully, we are going the right way

Questions...

Thanks for attention

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