Provisioning Services Technical Committee (PSTC)

FAQ

Revision History

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- What is provisioning?
    - **Provisioning is the automation of all the steps required to manage (setup, amend & revoke) user or system access and entitlement rights to electronic services.**
- Why is a standard for the provisioning of services important?
    - Agreement of a vendor-neutral syntax for the exchange of provisioning data between systems & resources will significantly reduce the cost of integration for all members of the provisioning value chain and thus serve as a key accelerator for conducting eBusiness within and across enterprises.
- What are the core aims & objectives of the PSTC?
    - The purpose of the OASIS Provisioning Services Technical Committee (PSTC) is to define an XML-based framework for exchanging user, resource, and service provisioning information. The Technical Committee will develop an end-to-end, open, provisioning specification developed from Provisioning specifications.
    - The goal (subject to revision) is to submit a Committee Specification to the OASIS membership for its approval by September 2002.

- How would achievement of these aims & objectives benefit stakeholders within the provisioning value chain? (vendors, customers, partners, etc)
    - Interoperability between multiple systems
    - Additional functionality for the system the customer may have internally to use a multitude of resources, from a multitude of vendors
    - Vendors may manufacture, according the proposed standard, into customers sites that need access to resources (Electronic Services(s)) which may currently not be available.
    - Partners can develop open-standard communication to Resources and system collaboratively by having a standard interface.
- What specific problem(s) are we trying to solve?
    - Two main initial issues:
        - Interoperability between system to system
            - System may be meta-directory system, provisioning system, web access control system, or other.
        - Standard interface between the system and resource (Electronic Service(s)).
- How does this effort relate to XRPM, ADPR, DSML, SAML, DMTF/CIM and so on...?
    - Please refer to the Overview/Introduction Document.
    - http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/provision/Intro-102301.doc
- How does this effort complement or compete with Liberty, .Net, Passport and so on..?
    - Still being investigated…
- What is our timeline?
    - The goal (subject to revision) is to submit a Committee Specification to the OASIS membership for its approval by September 2002.
    - Meeting times, dates, and other detailed information are available at:
        - http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/provision/
- What are our critical success factors?
    - Successful Use Case development
    - Prototypes and Implementations by working group members
    - Test Case Publications
    - Approval of Proposed Specification (currently stated for September 2002)
    - Specification recognition and implementation
- Can you provide some practical use cases?
    - These will be made available after November 12, when the formal PSTC convenes and starts the work on a proper Use Cases working document. Many artifacts may be derived from XRPM, ADPr, and ITML proposals.