

Liberty Alliance - Federated Identity in Practice

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Concepts and Principles

- Successful implementation is based on a combination of:
 - Technical specifications
 - Advice and guidance (implementation, best practice)
 - Ecosystem of products and services
- Matching technical and non-technical measures to the use-case, sector and regulatory environment
- Key factors include:
 - Open standards-based federation specs for 'Web 2.0'
 - Providing a certification programme for interoperability
 - Addressing user concerns of privacy, confidentiality and 'identity risk'
 - Engaging appropriately with policy-makers, privacy advocates etc.

Liberty in Practice

- Adoption: technology applicable across sectors
 - e.g. Public sector: New Zealand, Norway, France, Italy, UK, US, &c.
 - Fruitful dialogue with OpenID community
- Inclusion and outreach
 - Joint 'un-conference' events with IOS (Vancouver, Redwood City, Brussels...)
 - E-Government use-case workshop
 - Privacy Summit programme
 - Liberty SIGs now open to all
- Open Standards for heterogeneous identity landscape
 - Concordia and OpenLiberty programmes – open to all

Challenges

- Privacy
 - 'sticky' policy;
 - User metaphors and feedback
- Liability in cross-sector implementations
 - Commercial sector: best practice, contract, compliance
 - Public sector: SLAs, regulation, statutory duty
 - 'Social networks': ...

“A Plug for PPEG”

- Privacy Summits (Berlin, Brussels, DC, Montreal, Toyko)
- Publication of Contractual Frameworks document, followed by webcast
 - Document and webcast available online
- Analyst relations programme
 - Positive feedback on the value which PPEG adds
 - Contractual Frameworks cited as an example
 - *“a necessary step on the road to a future in which federations are routinely and efficiently created online” -
Bob Blakley, Burton Group*
- *Identity Landscape report (Summer '07)*

Links

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