



Concordia Project to Showcase Identity Management Interoperability at RSA Conference 2008

Seven Organizations Participate in Interoperability Scenarios to Meet Multi-Protocol Digital Identity Management Use Case Requirements in the Education, Enterprise and Government Sectors

San Francisco, March 24, 2008 -- The Concordia Project, a global cross-industry initiative formed by members of the identity community to drive harmonization and interoperability among identity initiatives and protocols, today announced its first interoperability event taking place at RSA Conference 2008 in San Francisco on Monday, April 7 from 9:00am – 12:30pm. The event will include FuGen Solutions, Internet2, Microsoft, Oracle, Ping Identity, Sun Microsystems and Symlabs demonstrating varying interoperability scenarios using Information Card, Liberty Alliance, and WS-* identity protocols. Over 500 RSA Conference participants have registered to attend the Concordia Project interoperability event to date.

The April 7 demonstrations have been developed to meet use case scenarios presented to the Concordia Project by enterprise, education and government organizations deploying digital identity management systems and requiring multi-protocol interoperability of identity specifications. Since the formal launch of the Concordia Project in June of last year, deployer use case scenarios involving Information Card, Liberty Alliance and WS-* identity protocols have been presented by AOL, the Government of British Columbia, Boeing, Chevron, General Motors, Internet2, the New Zealand State Services Commission, the US GSA and the University of Washington. Concordia members decided collectively on what interoperability demonstrations should be developed first based on identity management commonalities and priorities identified by the majority of deploying organizations.

During the RSA Conference event, Concordia members will demonstrate multi-protocol interoperability based on two of the fourteen use case scenarios submitted to the project to date. The first includes Oracle, Internet2, FuGen Solutions, Microsoft, Ping Identity, Sun Microsystems and Symlabs and is characterized by a user authenticating to an identity provider (IdP) using an InfoCard and communicating that authentication to a relying party through either SAML 2.0 or WS-Federation protocols. The second includes Internet2, Oracle, Sun Microsystems and Symlabs demonstrating SSO flow between chained SAML and WS-Federation protocols. A matrix outlining all of the implementations and technologies included in the RSA Conference interoperability event is available at http://projectconcordia.org/index.php/RSA_IOP_Scenarios

"Members of the Concordia Project are to be commended for the work they have done in beginning to address some of the most pressing interoperability issues facing the global identity sector today," said Roger Sullivan, president of the Liberty Alliance Management Board and vice president of Oracle Identity Management. "In less than a year since the Concordia Project was formally launched, the community is demonstrating scenarios that begin to lay the groundwork for developing multi-protocol identity systems that have proven to interoperate and can deliver real business value."

In conjunction with the multi-protocol interoperability demonstrations, Michael B. Jones of Microsoft and Eve Maler of Sun Microsystems will provide attendees with an update on current Concordia activities. The presentation will overview the scenarios included in the interoperability demonstrations and discuss next steps as Concordia members work to address use cases in additional market segments with deployer scenarios involving Web services and Web 2.0 social networking identity protocols.

"Concordia is a key forum where the industry is demonstrating that different Identity technologies can be used together in ways that complement one another to meet the requirements of real customer scenarios," said Michael B. Jones, Microsoft Director of Identity Partnerships. "The interoperability demonstrations to be held at the RSA Conference will show how Information Cards can be used both with SAML Federations and WS-* Federations and how these federations can interoperate."

The Concordia interoperability demonstrations and presentation at RSA Conference 2008 is the fifth time Concordia members have held public face-to-face events. The first meeting took place at RSA Conference 2007, followed by meetings at Catalyst, Digital ID World, the Identity Open Space (IOS) in Europe, and the Internet Identity Workshop (IIW). All members of the global identity community are encouraged to participate in Concordia events and public teleconferences, mail lists and the Concordia Project wiki at www.projectconcordia.org

"The Concordia members participating in the RSA Conference 2008 scenarios are showing real momentum in the development of identity systems that meet user and business requirements for multi-protocol interoperability," said Colin Wallis, State Services Commission, New Zealand Government. "The Concordia Project interoperability demonstrations announced today are a good first step in demonstrating how industry-wide collaboration can help drive the development of a ubiquitous, interoperable and privacy-respecting internet identity layer."

About the Concordia Project

The Concordia Project, originally conceived of by members of Liberty Alliance, is an organizationally independent global initiative consisting of representatives

from the Information Card, Liberty Alliance, openLiberty.org, SAML 2.0, Shibboleth, Higgins Project, and WS-* communities designed to define the identity spectrum and drive harmonization and interoperability across identity specifications and protocols. Recognizing today's heterogeneous deployment environment, Concordia brings individuals and organizations together to identify how to most efficiently use multiple identity specifications in concert. Anyone interested in joining the public forum, submitting a use case or viewing use cases contributed to date can visit the Concordia wiki at www.projectconcordia.org

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