

HIFIS: VO FEDERATION FOR EFSS

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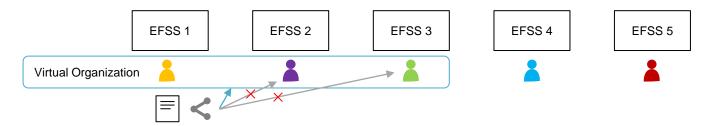
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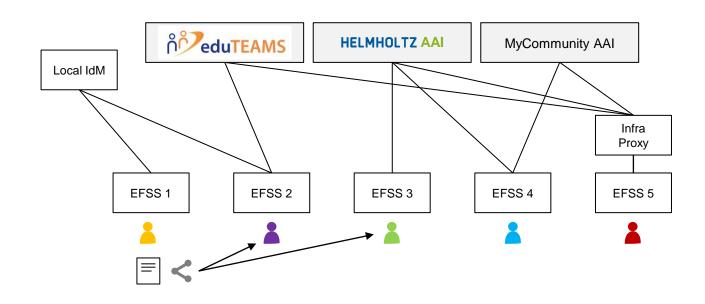
- Virtual Organisation (VO) = Community AAI managed group of any size
- Federated shares with VOs instead of individual users



- Introducing new Federated Group Share type for OCM
- Focus on data protection and data sovereignity

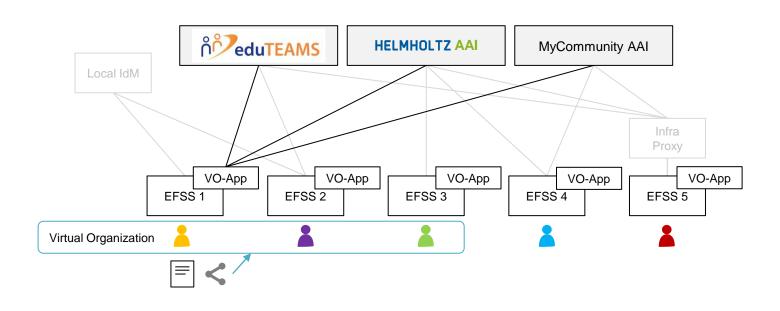
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Federated Group Share for OCM – Goals

Add real federated group sharing where both groups and users can be distributed across multiple Nextcloud instances.

Based on OCM and what we already have:

- New share type "federated group share"
- Utilize the already available remote group share
- Keep all existing improvements like a flat re-shares
- Generic/Extensible approach to support other back-ends in the future, e.g.
 Global Scale



Federated Group Share for OCM

Prerequisites

- Nextcloud need to know all Nextcloud servers it should federate with
- Nextcloud should know all Community AAI server
- Introduce new (optional) share type for "federated group shares"
- The admin settings interface from the VO-App will allow the admin to configure all known Nextcloud servers and Community AAI's
 - A plugin system should be used to connect the VO-App information with Nextcloud in order to allow different sources for this kind of information in the future



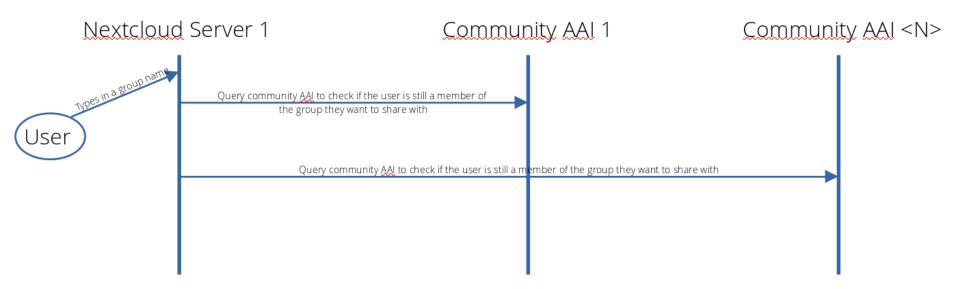
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Step 1: Get to know the group Members

- Users are assigned to the right groups and group membership is kept in sync for the individual users
- Community AAI's know all groups across all Nextcloud
 - User connect to their community AAI to find all their groups.
 - Groups get synced regularly from the AAI to Nextcloud
 - Nextcloud should distinguish between local groups and Community-AAI-Groups and indicate the difference to the user
 - Connection to AAI happens by the VO-App which is a plugin to a generic "federated groups API" which allows to have additional group back-ends later on (e.g. the lookup server from Global Scale)



Federated Group Share for OCM – Check Group Membership

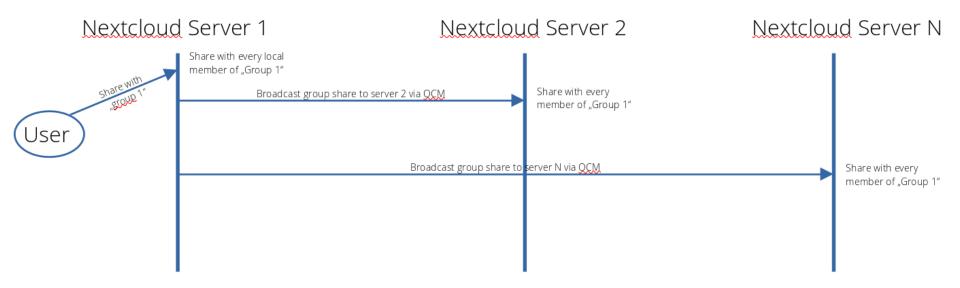


Notes:

- Auto completion based on the synced groups from the Community AAI
- Before share is initiated we check with the Community AAI if the user is still a member of the group they want to share with



Federated Group Share for OCM – Broadcast Group Share

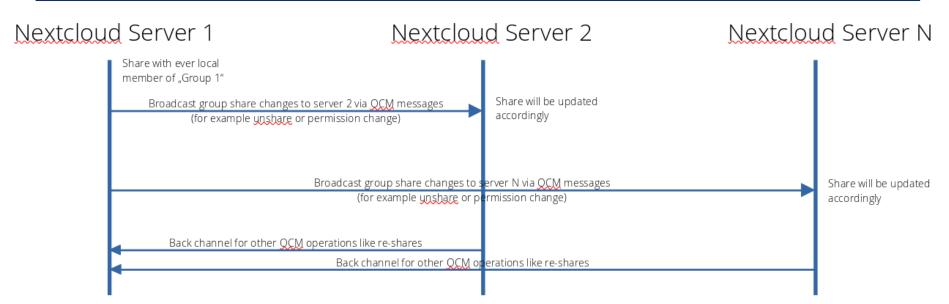


Notes:

- Based on the already existing OCM group sharing available in Nextcloud
- Once accepted, share gets mounted via webday
- Regularly check if the user is still a member of the group, otherwise remove access by removing the user from the locally synced group



Federated Group Share for OCM – Broadcast Group Share Changes



Notes:

- Used existing OCM Notification-requests
- Comes with all (Nextcloud-specific) optimizations like flat re-shares



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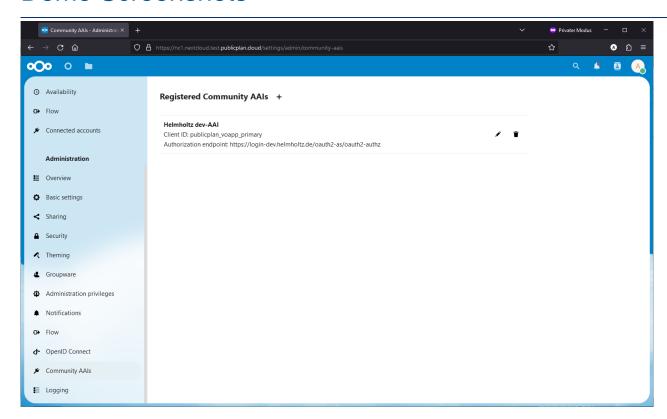
Ideas for extensions

- "VO Folders", a group based folder which will be automatically mounted for remote VO members
- SCIM lookup of VO members to directly share with them
- Automatically linking account if instance authenticates with Community AAI via OIDC
- Individual group avatars
- IETF standardisation

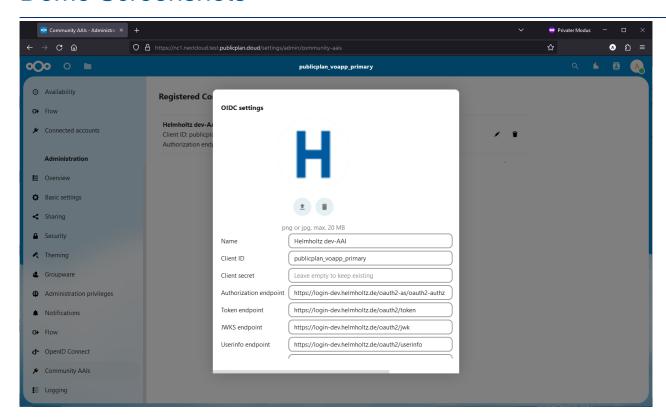


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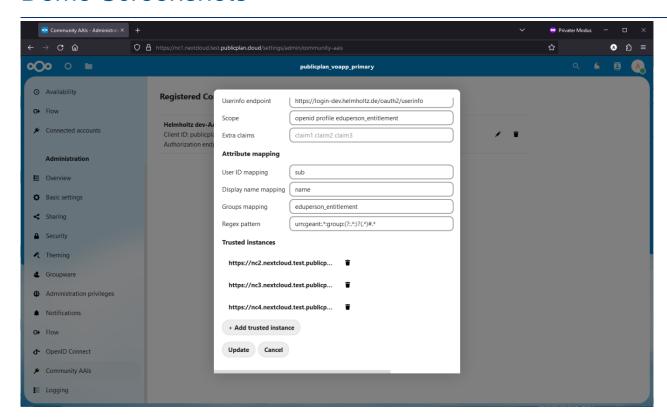




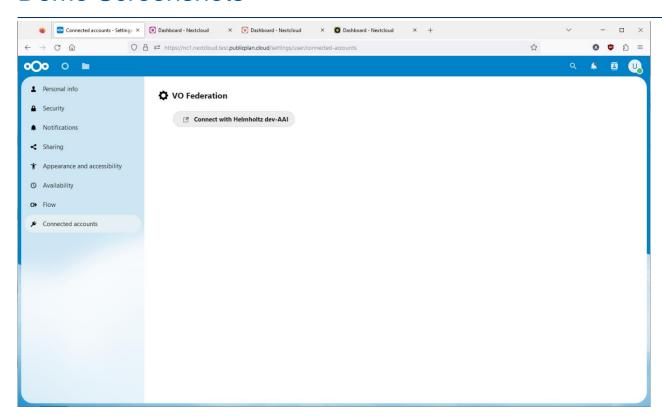
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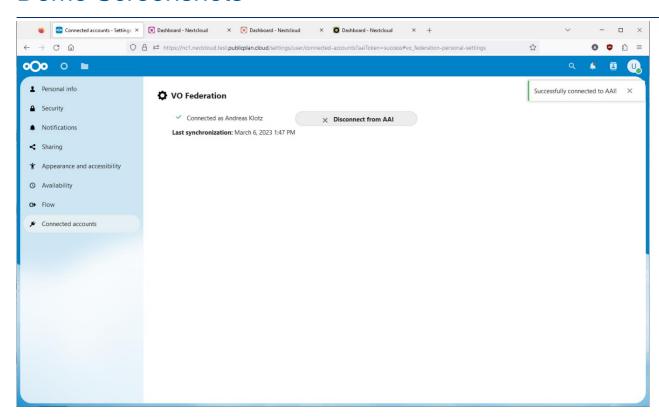
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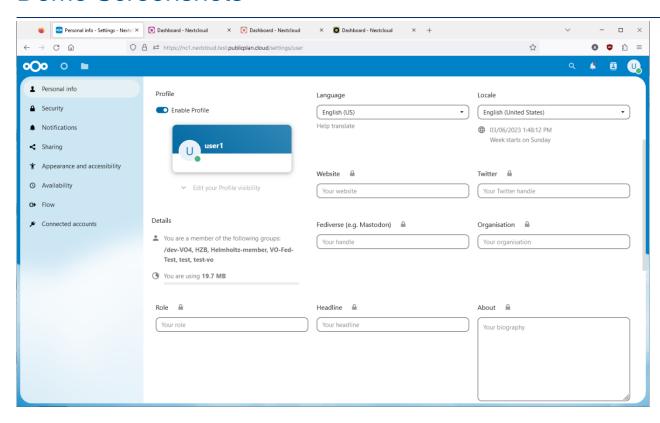




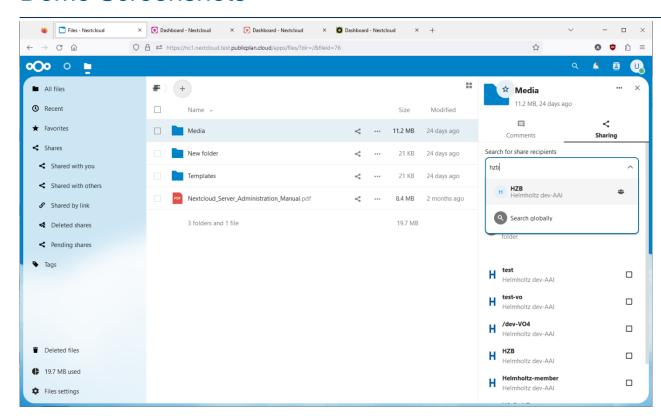




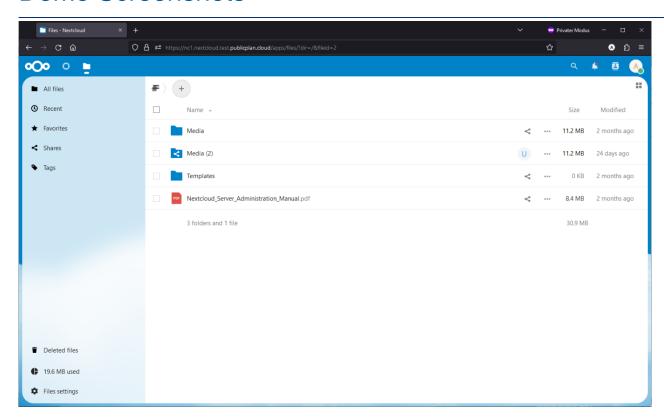








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