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Federated Identity Management for HEP

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A single Grid (X.509) identity certificate together with an attribute certificate from a Virtual Organisation can be used by an appropriately authorised HEP user anywhere in the world to access WLCG resources wherever they may be. There are however many other non-Grid distributed computing services that HEP users also need to access; webs, wikis, mail lists, document databases, agenda systems, and other collaboration tools to name just a few. Traditionally access to these services has to be fully managed by the hosting site and this results in the requirement to create and manage many many user accounts. This is very painful for both sites and users. This talk will present an overview of work being done both in the general research and education community and by WLCG, in collaboration with other scientific communities, to improve this situation.

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