

CLARIN: status of FIM

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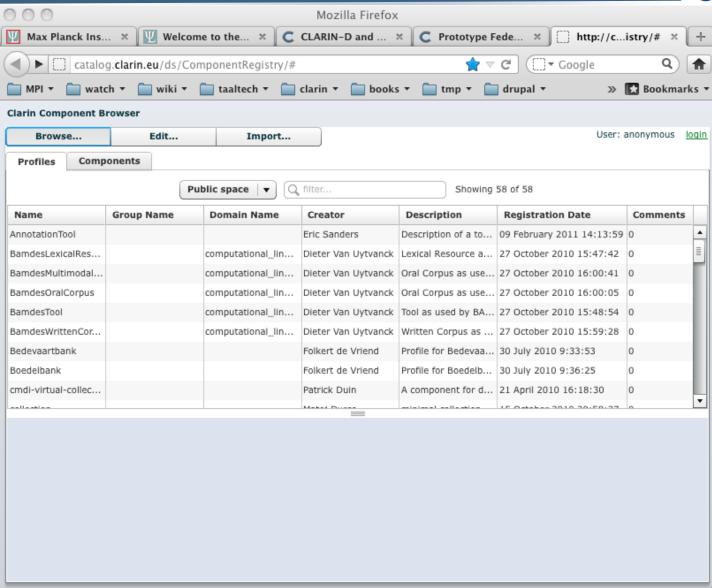
Overview



- We have our holy grail scenario
- But are working at the same time on a more down-to-earth approach
- Overview in a nutshell:
 - using SAML (2.x)
 - about 8 Service Providers (nr. is growing), of which currently 5 really used
 - user base: spread over all academic IdPs in the EU, currently lots of experience with DE and NL

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Strategy so far



- Pilot Service Provider Federation
 - register each SP in multiple identity federations:
 - SurfFederatie (NL)
 - DFN-AAI (DE)
 - HAKA (FI) + Kalmar Union
 - Conclusions: this works but creates a lot of overhead
 - technically: metadata distribution, testing, ...
 - bureaucracy: gathering signatures, ...

Problems with the SPF



- Netherlands: opt-in per IdP, does not scale
 - connecting an IdP to an SP can take weeks and loads of emails
 - extremely frustrating process for end-users
- Germany: no opt-in but too many IdPs do not pass any (useful) attribute
 - e.g. Leipzig Uni: only EPTID
 - but we need name and email address!
- Finland seems to work reasonably well (but fewer test cases than NL and DE)

From preparation to construction



- CLARIN-EU preparatory phase ended (2011), construction phase has started (feb 2012)
- CLARIN-NL and CLARIN-D in construction phase: we need a working system. Today.
- Fallback to central IdP: the CLARIN IdP
 - something that works, today
 - and that can be used as a gold standard for implementing SP-IdP connections (e.g. supporting ECP)

CLARIN IdP

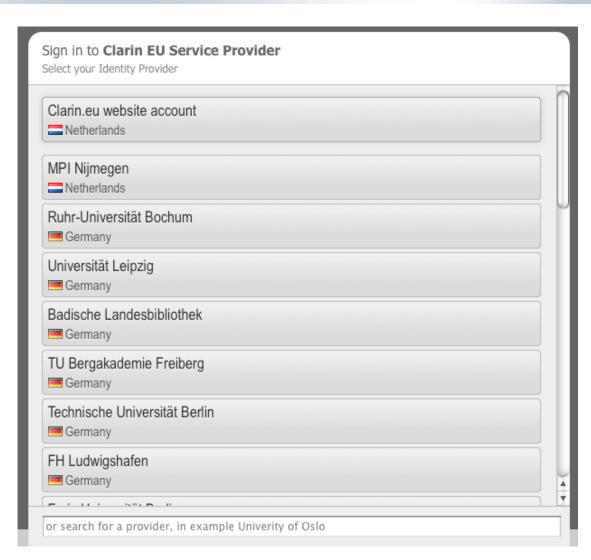


- Our "home for the homeless" SAML IdP
- Backend: drupal CMS
 - manual account checks + captcha
 - extra attribute for users with an acedemic email address (= higher trust level, about 80% of all users)
 - currently about 600 users
 - standard services, e.g. resetting password
 - just works, not too much maintenance work
- All CLARIN SPs will connect to it.

CLARIN Discovery Service



- Important for end-user experience
- Not all SPs can administer one
- Lots of IdPs (currently hundreds)
- DiscoJuice works well



The future



- Still, we have hope that FIM is not dead.
- In general: good cooperation with NRENs, TERENA and eduGAIN and other RIs
 - Call for action (with DARIAH-DE) to German IdPs: <u>http://www.clarin.eu/page/3500</u>
 - Supporting the eduGAIN Code of Conduct, participating in pilot (it would make our live so much easier!)
- SAML SP stays a requirement for CLARIN centers (when AuthN is needed)
- extend the Service Provider Federation (?)
- fancier features (webservices, trust delegation, ...)

More information



http://www.clarin.eu/spf (will be updated)