Global Online Labs Consortium Meeting – 28 January 2010-02-09
Summary Action Items

I. Objectives of Consortium

    A) Short-term term, incremental activities that need to be done to build trust, prove ability to work together, and have proximate set of deliverable:

    1) Define lab specification for publishing of labs (Time frame: within 3 months)
    2) Code in documentation needs to be sharable amongst the group (Time frame: within 3 months)
    3) Standardized cross-authentication codes (Time frame: List of tasks within 6 months and ready for shared use within 12 months)

    B) There is agreement with the use of the term "online labs" to represent remote labs or online labs.

II. Principles of Work

    A) Agreement to restate the first statement in handout under this section as, "Consortium should honour the individual member autonomy…"

    B) Agreement to make a policy for use of individual labs. The consortium wants to encourage the sharing of labs, but it respects the autonomy of the institutions involved and would never require institutions to share labs.

III. Structure of the Consortium

    A) The term "Vice President" to be removed

    B) The 3 people representing each of the standing committees are "Chairs" and are also members of the Executive Committee.

IV. Membership

    A) Key questions:
    1) Who has the criteria to be a member?
    2) What are the criteria to remain a member? Will require metrics to assess participation
    3) For institutions that want to use labs, but not contribute labs, if they pay money into the consortium, what is their share of the political process?

    B) Utilize the term "observing members" for non-voting affiliates

V. Dissemination

    A) Ideas for dissemination:
       • Central webpage
       • Exchanging members across projects – shared developers

VI. IP Issues:

    A) Suggestion to state open source license without any copyright statement

VII. Establishing the Consortium

A) Proto Executive Committee consists of: Michael Auer, Jud Harward, Phil Long, and David Lowe

VIII. Economics Session

A) Business strategy areas:
1) Overall business strategies
2) Cost Accrual
3) How different devices, experiments, and infrastructure signal events that might relate to usage for potential cost models.

B) Need to consider membership fees after determining what services or benefits would accrue to a member.

C) Membership for Economics group comprises of: Christian Gutl, Phil Long, David Lowe

IX. Consortium Name

A) Agreed name to be: Global Online Laboratory Consortium

B) Determining domain name and acronym to be taken offline. Michael Auer has offered up the domain, onlinelab.net.

X. Education Session

A) Four points that were raised in first day discussion sessions:
1) Need for a repository
2) Need for common vocabulary
3) Templates for development of experiments and user interfaces
4) Need for education requirements can be propagated through Consortium

B) Jim Harward volunteered to develop framework of the repository

XI. Discussion and Closing

A) Suggestions to the question, "What can the consortium do to promote the development of new online labs?"
- Templates
- Published examples
- Example exercises, screencasts, etc.
- Hosting developers from interested parties

B) Education Committee comprising of: Kirky DeLong, Steve Murray, Mark Schutz, and Sandy Tickodri-Togboa

C) Publishing lab info: Mechanism for publishing lab specs and availability (meta-data + access mechanism)
- Define information / meta-data on labs that should be captured and the mechanism?
- Work group to define what information on labs should be captured: Michel de la Villefromoy, Jim Hardison, Thomas Richter, Mark Schutz, and Danilo Zutin.

D) Standardized cross-authentication (or cross-authorization as a better first step?) AuthN vs AuthZ?
- Work group comprising of Phil Bailey, Thomas Richter, John Zornig, and Labshare rep (TBD)

E) Action item: Thomas Richter to set up a mailing list

F) Action item: Kirky DeLong to put the names of those in working group on the Wiki

G) Action item: Technical Committee to identify process and timeline for website and Wiki

H) Action item: Jud Harward and Steve Murray to indentify a volunteer to set up a Consortium Wiki – GOLC

XII. Next Consortium Meeting

A) The next Consortium meeting is pre-determined to take place a week before the REV conference (13 June – 2 July 2010). Michael Auer extended an invitation to host it in Villach, Austria.

B) Action item: David Lowe to set up Google Poll Notes

C) Action item: All to respond with their availabilities and dates (within 2 weeks) on the Google Poll

D) David to post the Minutes and summaries on Wiki