A proposal
for federating current and legacy applications and services

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Authenticating users and asserting information about them

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- Better and scalable access management
- Better and scalable identity management
- More services for users
- More users for services
- Better services

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First take
a simplistic approach

- $+$ Minimally invasive
- $\pm$ Just one method to call
- $-$ Simply a wrapper over SimpleSAMLphp

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back to the drawing board . . .

Basic functions
minimal set needed by most apps

Four methods that follow the OKI naming model

- user logged in? = `bool isUserAuthenticated()`
- authenticate user = `void authenticateUser()`
- get attributes = `array getAttributes()`
- close session = `void destroyAuthentication()`

Decouple
and then, decouple a bit more

Decoupling is a good thing

- from application logic
  by offering a common API
- from underlying FIAM technology
  through the use of plugins

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Success
support for several technologies

We can use several federation transports

- PAPI (our starting point)
- SimpleSAMLphp (our inspiration)
- *Shibboleth* (a helper, *but in progress*)

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Improve
there is room for improvement

We would like to support

- more identity transports
- authorisation $\implies$ groups
- more languages

Summary

- it works
- it's available: RSN at http://forja.rediris.es/ search for IAMclass
- need to spread the word

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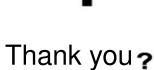## Acknowledgments
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Questions?

answers not assured