Changing names, emails, etc

The Lix project endeavours to not deadname people, because we believe in human decency. However, some of our software has other ideas. This page documents the workarounds to manually fix profile updates that don't get conducted because various software is busted.

Intended design

Ideally, contributors should be able to go to https://identity.lix.systems and change their usernames, display names and emails and relog every service, and then every service will have correct names and emails.

wiki.lix.systems

The wiki does not update emails when they are changed via OIDC. Furthermore, users can't change them themselves. Why do they do this, we will never know; OIDC has persistent UUIDs, they have no reason to do this.

To fix a user's email manually, go to https://wiki.lix.systems/settings/users, and select the user in question and edit them.

The wiki will also not change fullnames automatically, which is also broken, but users can simply change them. It does not seem to use usernames at all.

git.lix.systems

!! Currently this is broken and we cannot change forgejo usernames at all: https://git.lix.systems/lix-project/web-services/issues/93. The workaround here is to clear the username field when changing to a local account.

Forgejo blocks username changes for accounts with external sign-in for no reason. These have to be fixed by an administrator. Go to https://git.lix.systems/admin/users, click the edit icon next to the user in question, then set the Authentication Source to Local, fix the username, then press Update User Account. Next, set the Authentication Source back to Lix.

Users are able to change emails themselves by adding a new email then deleting the old one. They can also be changed by administrators in the same page as above.

OIDC has persistent UUIDs, there is no reason for Forgejo to do this.

Forgejo does not update names or emails from Keycloak after initial login, which is broken as well.

gerrit.lix.systems

Gerrit will break accounts rendering them incapable of logging in if they change username. Changing email and display name works as expected. It appears that Gerrit wants to believe that usernames are not possible to change, which is a skill issue, because they *have* numeric IDs.

Extremely untested scuffed-looking db hacking procedure:

https://wikitech.wikimedia.org/wiki/SRE/LDAP/Renaming_users/Gerrit

pad.lix.systems

We think this one works properly last time we checked. It seems to just replace the profile on each login.

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