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In the same way that fundamental groups of hyperbolic manifolds can be viewed as discrete subgroups of continuous groups, Artin groups also can be viewed as discrete subgroups of some naturally-defined continuous groups that have to date received essentially no attention. In this talk I will describe these continuous groups and the Artin groups they contain using one particular example to illustrate the general situation. (Received August 24, 2005)