



NJVid Project Team

Conference Call – June 12, 2008 – 9:30 AM

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Present: Grace Agnew, Charles Hedrick, Jane Hutchison, Judy Jeng, George Laskaris, Sandie Miller, Sheri Prupis, Tom Nemeth, Martin Williams

Update on progress with hiring programmers:

In-depth status update and discussion - we will make an offer soon to a Shibboleth programmer. Systems programmer is close to being hired as well. Sujay attended a Shibboleth Camp and a software architecture meeting at Rutgers. Grace says that the A&A Workgroup will meet soon. Question - do the institutions have data to support LDAP? Question for developing Shibboleth is how to Shibbolize RUCore?

Hardware update:

No updates to report – There is no need to purchase hardware until circumstances dictate it is necessary to do so – Sheri will contact Ed Chapel to find out more about the HP contact. Grace will set up a conference call with the Penn State folks.

Metadata Workgroup update:

Grace expects the Alpha Implementers to develop use cases to help the Metadata group determine what metadata is essential to record and what is not. Then the group can pass their decisions on to faculty members at the Alpha Implementer institutions to have them refine the metadata choices. – There are approximately four catalogers involved with the Metadata group and the Project Team thinks the participation of four catalogers in the group will be sufficient to accomplish the goal of deciding upon appropriate metadata for each content collection. Perhaps the group of catalogers can confer with the VALE metadata group for additional perspective. As for now, there is no need to get faculty involved with the group just yet. Tentatively speaking, the four members of the Metadata Group are Mary Beth Weber, Mark Sandford, Judy Jeng, and Laura Barrett.

Involvement of additional institutions during the Alpha Implementer period:

Some institutions, such as CCM and FDU, have already expressed interest in NJVid. The group thinks involving them with NJVid early on even though they are not technically “Alpha Implementers” would be prudent, especially with regard to the locally-owned content collection. Enabling their involvement with commercial video might be more difficult, because we need to make sure each institution has an LDAP or a similar resource that will allow their local metadata/cataloging to map to RUCore.

Using NJVid as a knowledge base:

With regard to permitting NJVid-hosted video to be broadcasted on television, the group decided not to put this as an option on the license agreement. It would be better to put contact information in the “My Content” page and use NJVid as a clearing house to facilitate direct communication between content providers and NJVid’s individual and institutional users. This is an added service for NJVid users.

Partnering with publishers, corporations or other groups:

This idea was met with favorable response. In theory, NJVid’s partners would be able to provide educational content while at the same time pay a fee for using NJVid that might help offset the cost of running and maintaining it.

Search engine:

The search engine is Amberfish, built for Fedora, and we should not have a problem activating it when the time comes to do so.

Google vs. Wiki - Grace recommended using Google Docs as a centralized place for storing NJVid-related documents. It can be used to refine the documents while remaining in the NJVid native environment. Tom will try using Google docs for these minutes as well as the wiki so people can determine which they would prefer.

Any other presentations to date?

Sherri Prupis presented at VRG on May 29th.

Judy Jeng is presenting at Mid-Atlantic on July 9.

Sandie presented at Ed Policy and is presenting at Educause in October.

Tom at DLAAB/EATF on June 18th.

Grace Agnew will send in a proposal for I1 on 10/13.

Meeting adjourned a little after 11 AM.