



NJVID Authentication & Authorization (A&A) Working Group Conference Call Minutes
2/12/09 – 11am

Present: Grace Agnew, Ron Cote, Sujay Daniel, Charles Hedrick, Jane Hutchison, Ron Jantz, Sandie Miller, Tom Nemeth, Yaw-Shing Wang

Background:

Grace discussed the background of the project using her PowerPoint slides and addressed how authentication and authorization will be conducted.

How to support collection managers:

Collection managers at each institution will have separate logins: one as a user with which he/she can use the annotation tool and access the “My Content” section of the NJVID Web site; and one as his/her institution’s collection manager with which he/she will have administrative access to his/her institution’s video records in the WMS. The list of collection managers will be compiled and placed into an “NJVID Collection Managers” collection, which will be overseen by NJEDge.

Setting up Shibboleth and LDAP:

Sujay commented that he and his colleague, Sean, set up LDAP at NJEDge in three weeks. Chuck commented that Shibboleth can be set up in a day. All institutions need to do is purchase an Apache server to run Tomcat and make the necessary configurations for Shibboleth. Ron asked if there is a fee to run Shibboleth, but Chuck responded that it is free.

Using the WMS to perform authentication:

Grace would prefer not to do this.

A&A goals:

Grace clarified that that A&A for commercial videos will be performed at the institution level, whereas A&A for learning-on-demand videos will be performed at the course level. The latter will be established in year three of the grant, as will the centralized Shibboleth service.

Identity management:

Yaw-Shing explained that UMDNJ already supports identity management internally and is looking to enhance it by installing and running Shibboleth. Chuck then explained that setting up Shibboleth is relatively straightforward, as described above.

Next steps (most of these steps are to be conducted simultaneously):

1. The NJVid Technical Team needs a final decision as to which alpha implementer institutions are going to be granted access to “FMG Test.” FMG has agreed to license out twenty titles to which NJEDge will provide restricted access using Shibboleth A&A. **Tom will work with Jane to determine the definitive list of institutions participating in FMG Test.**
2. The participating institutions determined by #1 need to fill out Sujay’s identity management survey so that NJEDge can see what needs to be done before those participants will be able to use Shibboleth to access the twenty FMG Test titles. Are they capable of a peer-to-peer Shibboleth set-up, or will they rely on a centralized Shibboleth service? Peer-to-peer is preferred. If they need the centralized service, we need to market Shibboleth to them. **Tom will work on making sure the institutions participating in FMG Test, as well as all the alpha implementer institutions in general, have filled out the identity management survey. Sandie should promote the identity management survey at the CIO Forum.**
3. NJEDge’s server needs to be set up with a centralized LDAP for the “NJVid Collection Managers” collection described above.
4. This A&A working group decided to name the identity federation “NJ Trust.” We need to research this name to see if it is available to trademark. **Jane can ask her librarians to research it or Tom can try to do it.**
5. Grace asked for a phone conference between NJEDge, Rutgers, and the identity managers of the institutions participating in “FMG Test” i.e. commercial videos working group and any others. The purpose of the call will be to figure out the workflow for accessing the “NJVid Collection Managers” collection. **Tom will set this up by April at the latest.**
6. Sujay commented that the discussed plans for a centralized A&A service might not lend itself quite so easily to K-12 schools. What would compel them install Shibboleth? Grace asked for a phone conference with them to see how we can possibly streamline the discussed A&A plans with the K-12 community. NJEDge has contacts at nearby K-12 schools who could participate in this call. Grace also pointed out that public libraries are similar to K-12 schools in some respects, so they should be approached as well. **Sujay can approach them.**

Meeting adjourned.