



NJVid Project Team Conference Call Minutes  
5/8/09 – 9:30AM

**Present:** Isaiah Beard, Sujay Daniel, Robert Harris, Chuck Hedrick, Jane Hutchison, Ron Jantz, Judy Jeng, George Laskaris, Sandie Miller, Chad Mills, Tom Nemeth

**Commercial Video Launch (FMG Evaluation):**

Ron pointed out corrections Tom should make to his PowerPoint visualization of workflow that Sandie sent to the group prior to the call. The FMG test evaluation will only offer streaming QuickTime (MOV), so Tom should remove FLV from slide 2 which depicts FLV files being loaded onto NJEDge's streaming video server. Granted, Isaiah is creating FLV files from the FMG titles, since the annotation tool is compatible with FLV. In light of this, Ron presented a few options as to how to handle the FLV files, one of which is to ingest the FLV files onto NJEDge's production server and then block them off from being streamed to users with an XACML statement. The Project Team preferred an alternate option of holding off on transferring the FLV files to NJEDge until NJEDge is ready to stream them. In the near term, the Project Team concluded that Rutgers will transfer to NJEDge the FMG MOV files and preservation files (e.g. MPEG and AVI) as well as all Commons objects (preservation and presentation files). Transfer of the FLV files will occur later, post-FMG evaluation.

With regard to slide 4, in a prior meeting Rutgers decided that the Fedora ID naming convention will include the phrase "NJcore..." reminiscent of their current "rucore..." phraseology. The slide demonstrating identity management attributes needs a total overhaul; Tom can excise the slide altogether. The attribute that must be used for affiliation is "eduPersonScopedAffiliation". Also, the organization's email address format [affiliation@organization.edu](mailto:affiliation@organization.edu) will be used to determine each user's affiliation to an organization. Apache affiliation is ScopedAffiliation and will show up simply as Affiliation. Each institution needs to provide its ScopedAffiliation.

Also in reference to slide 4, Rutgers' utility will enable the super collection manager to take the Fedora ID ("njcore...") that is emailed to him and associate it with the vendor ID (in this case FMG's ID). With knowledge of the institutions that have licensed the particular video, the manager will be able to tie this information together and push it into a video's metadata. As a result, no one will have to create intensely detailed XACML policy as depicted in Tom's PPT. Instead, Rutgers' utility will be easy to pick up and use and will take care of the finer points of XACML itself.

Next the group discussed how to handle situations where guests and alumni attempt to access videos. They will be unable to do so if they adhere to Rutgers' specifications. Therefore, NJTrust or the

Authentication & Authorization working group will be charged with publishing policies and expectations for institutions to brush up on to ensure they are clear on how access to videos will or will not be granted to guests and alumni.

Jane is holding a commercial videos working group meeting with Brian Richards' group on May 18. At the meeting stakeholders will have an opportunity to preliminarily decide whether they would like to create partner portals or access FMG videos through the Commons for evaluation. These options are not mutually exclusive, of course, but partner portal creation could affect (albeit perhaps negligibly) the window of opportunity each institution will have to evaluate the initial FMG collection.

#### **Commons Update:**

Tom gave an update of the recent additions to the Commons – five from WPU and the NY Public Schools has been added. The group discussed how to handle the situation with Fairleigh Dickinson University. Mahesh Nair at FDU has delivered half a dozen video files to Isaiah to transcode and would like to upload metadata himself into the WMS but has yet to be trained to do so. Mary Beth and Tom arranged a WMS training session for April 23 which was cancelled and postponed until after the upcoming RUCore upgrade. The dilemma is whether to go ahead anyway and train Mahesh in the current system, acknowledging that he may have to be retrained in the new system, or whether to wait to train Mahesh until after the new system is in place at NJEDge. The group weighed the two options and concluded that since the overriding goal of the NJVid Commons at this point is to obtain video contributions from institutions, we should go ahead and train Mahesh now. The new system should not have a steep learning curve, so ostensibly it should not be difficult to train Mahesh in both systems. Tom will approach Mary Beth for approval of this decision and then proceed accordingly.

#### **Hardware Update:**

The hardware installation is almost complete at NJEDge. Sujay will be out of the office from mid-May to mid-June. Sean Edge and Adam Adamou (NJEDge's recently hired applications programmer and system administrator, respectively) will report directly to George in Sujay's absence to give progress updates.

#### **Fedora Update:**

Rutgers staff have tested the Fedora software, but the production server will be down for a couple of weeks. During the downtime, presentation and searching will remain operational, but nobody will be able to ingest until the server is back up and running. Fedora will not be installed at NJEDge until Sujay returns.

#### **Shibboleth and NJTrust Update:**

Sujay met with Grace to discuss the statewide identity management service. An attribute for assurance levels will be added to NJEDge's LDAP attribute list. The Shibboleth group is going to construct an attribute policy for the NJTrust community. NJIT, Ramapo, FDU and Rutgers are currently actively connected to Chuck's Shibboleth. Sujay will reach out to Rowan and Passaic. Ben is no longer working on Shibboleth at Rutgers as priorities have changed, but Chuck is doing the work. He changed to a load

balanced pair for Identity Management. All agreed that there is a need to coordinate all the Shibboleth information in one place (i.e. not some on Rutgers's website and more on NJEDge's website).

#### **Planning the Advisory Board Meeting:**

The meeting is going to be scheduled in late June. Sandie will send out an announcement email shortly with the official date and time. Chad noted that his web developer colleague Shaun Ellis, who will attend the meeting, will collect attendees' names and use them to devise individual usernames and passwords to forward to attendees after the meeting. With their login information, attendees will be able to test the annotation tool prototype in a hands-on manner and give feedback to the developers directly through the prototype. At the meeting proper, Shaun will demonstrate the mechanics of the annotation tool, and meeting attendees will have an opportunity to give feedback based on foreseen scenarios of usage. Sandie asked Shaun to present for about an hour in total (formal demonstration + group discussion).

#### **Evaluation Update (Judy Jeng's Survey):**

Judy summarized the results of the Year 2 survey distributed to NJVid's community of users. In their responses, users asked us to add additional video content to the Commons, add more up to date video content, and add keyword/free text search capability. Some respondents complained that our videos do not start right away, which is a playback/bandwidth issue NJEDge can work on rectifying.

#### **Any other presentations to date?**

Sandie and Grace presented at NJLA. It garnered interest, but just at the beginning phase with many institutions. Hudson Community College showed interest and Sandie will have Tom follow up.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, but Ron Jantz won't be able to make it.

Meeting adjourned.