

2015-06-12 - OR2015 Fedora Leadership Group Meeting

Time/Place

- Time: 9am-3pm Eastern Daylight Time US (UTC-4)
- Place: Studio One, 3rd Floor, Hyatt Regency Indianapolis

Attendees

- Julie Allinson
- Andrew Ashton
- Chris Awre
- Robert Cartolano
- Stefano Cossu
- Tom Cramer
- Steve DiDomenico
- Jon Dunn
- Declan Fleming
- Michael Friscia
- Michael J. Giarlo
- Ladd Hanson
- Wolfram Horstmann
- Neil Jefferies
- Philip Kenomos
- Susan Lafferty
- Mark Leggett
- Jonathan Markow
- Steve Marks
- Tom Murphy
- Matthias Razu
- Glen Robson
- Robin Lindley Ruggaber
- Dan Santamaria
- Tim Shearer
- Thorry Staples
- Jim Tuttle
- David Wilcox
- Andrew Woods
- Patrick Yott

Agenda

For communication/discussion rather than decision making

Topics
Fedora Futures and Strategies
Governance & SG/LG Elections
4.X Roadmappage
Developer Contribution Model
International representation/outreach/adoption strategy ▪ We have product and resources to deploy - but need suggestions to direct this ▪ Localisation
Data Mandates

Previous Actions

Minutes

1. What we heard from OR2015

- a. We had the greatest turnout for the user group plenary
- b. T-Shirts were a big hit and we should start sooner next year
- c. Islandora doing considerable work to refactor due to work in Fedora4
- d. Two greenfield deployments - Hydra North (Alberta) and Fienman School (Northwestern Medical School)
- e. Both camps Hydra and Islandora are both committed to interoperability; collaboration is great; this came up in terms of training
- f. Camel is evident in both Islandora and Hydra
- g. A lot of good discussion is coming up for a potential Fedora5- a roadmap
- h. Good feedback on the migration tools
- i. Some concern about perception of the thin showing of Hydra
 - i. Lack of name in titles because there was more
 - ii. This impacts Fedora in an overall way
- j. We have to make sure we have larger rooms next year
- k. We have a large metadata problem in that people are covering the same ground struggling with PCDM
 - i. perhaps we should put RDF lower and obscure that layer to alleviate pain
 - ii. this needs to be discussed more
- l. Value in making something available in Hydra or Islandora that is friendly and has perhaps museum fields or others
 - i. we do not want Fedora to push Hydra, Islandora or anything else because more options are good and we want people to use Fedora regardless
- m. Fedora to continually communicate and renew the business proposition as leadership changes
 - i. highlight variety of options of Fedora based solutions
 - ii. highlight the flexibility - if you go with proprietary you are forced to take what they are willing to do whereas you have the power to
 - iii. some of these people are showing up at OR in the fence between open source and pressure to consider off the shelf
 - iv. could we consider a "new to OR" plus the value proposition for Islandora, Hydra and Fedora, begin to build the narrative; showcase polished products
 - v. perhaps have some time to un-conference style to get questions answered but there are some problematics issues with manager support
 - vi. curate camp has effectively inserted an open agenda
 - vii. we need to change course to provide information for the attendees to use with management or for high level managers to access
 - viii. contributions of papers or marketing for open source
 - ix. we need to look at our service providers and look at competition thru RFI and RFPs; Hydra in a Box open opportunity and certainly DiscoveryGarden

2. Fedora Futures and Strategies

- a. focus for the last 3 years has been replacing F3 so what do we want to focus on now? Do we want for the next phase.
- b. proposal - discussion and goals for 2015 is being captured in the proposal document
 - i. Vision
 1. we probably have 500 or so counting Fedora, Hydra, Islandora
 2. what would it take to have 1000 "verified" users in 2 years
 3. what should our target audience be?
 4. should be called a platform rather than a system
 5. a call for focusing fedora on services based on standards - explained well and then communicating use cases
 6. potential statement that we could all leverage
 - a. Fedora supports the world's leading research and learning institutions, cultural heritage organizations, government and commercial entities.
 - b. The Fedora platform delivers a stable foundation for a variety of systems and services, including locally hosted services built using Hydra, Islandora and other software stacks, as well as cloud-hosted and vendor-hosted service offerings.
 - c. Lower risk, more choice, increased flexibility to meet today's needs and tomorrow's challenges and an active community pushing the boundaries
 - d. Innovation by the community, shared with the community
 - e. integration of technologies which align with our principals and ensures the stability of the relationships with those who provide those technologies
 - ii. Deployment & Upgradation
 1. identify and implement a strategy of tracking adoption
 - a. make it easy for people to register by putting a link on the splash page
 - b. could we hire someone to verify registry, mine mailing list
 - c. does Christy do any of this?
 - d. cannot automatically register
 2. Overall we want to focus on identifying and showcasing successful examples and using that to drive future development
 3. 6-10 reference implementations? we are more concerned about how an implantation is leveraging the functions and features at scale rather than the number;
 4. want at least 4 upgradations
 - iii. Technology - We want to continue to combine momentum with Fedora, Hydra and Islandora toward mutually beneficial innovative direction of common strategies
 1. Current cross project work
 - a. Camel
 - b. LDP
 - c. etc
 2. Harden code and provide evidence of real world production
 - iv. Community
 1. Markets
 - a. museums
 - b. @Mire (Mark Dickory, Chris Wilper) and Cherryhill are a couple of vendors that are focused on markets in areas of the world we want to expand in
 - c. are we going to make our targets for 3+ international events and 3+ non-library events? yes on international, need to identify non-library, museums are covered

- d. we need to identify vendors and information for outreach
 - e. we will consciously move toward interest groups, working groups across Fedora, Hydra and Islandora
 - f. we could also become more formal about the acknowledged relationship between Islandora, Fedora and Hydra
 - g. Wolfram has offered to host a Duraspace event to highlight Fedora, VIVO, etc; could draw several hundred people
- v. Training
 - 1. pilot camp will inform what we can do next year; this year will offer 1 3-day at Duke and begin training the trainer
 - 2. we want to attract technical as well as non-devopers
 - 3. question - do we address a progression between curricula Fedora, Islandora and Hydra
 - a. reach out to providers of training for each
- 3. Governance - Election Strategy
 - a. need to emphasize that SG members are individuals and not tied to institutions; SG will address each issue as it arises and determine any action to take concerning the seat of SG
- 4. Fedora 4.x Roadmap
 - a. performance
 - i. metrics is one item that would be important to both Hydra and Islandora
 - ii. Oracle may be interested in testing against their storage solutions
 - iii. we are thinking that up gradations and green fields will lead the way on work to improve performance
- 5. Developer Contributor Model
 - a. Resource Commitments
 - i. We have an issue to solve in getting resource commitments and showing evidence of those commitments
 - ii. Could we regularly email outstanding list of needs to all the lists to highlight needs
 - iii. Confirm messaging related to governance/membership
 - iv. we need a subgroup to firm up issues and a good topic for a leadership call
 - v. Declan highlighted that he wants to be involved and has an example of how this can be a platform for budgeting time and travel budgets
- 6. International Representation, Outreach and Adoption Strategy
 - a. covered in goals of developing the training programs, identifying and attending events in 3+ international venues as well as 3+ non-library events
 - b. David is working with Susan on further outreach in Australia
 - c. One Hong Kong member running both Fedora 3 & 4
 - d. Recommended to work toward Cleveland and SF-MOMA to showcase a few museums to watch and begin to make progress in that community
 - e. CollectionAccess may hold potential for museum contacts
- 7. Data Mandates
 - a. one main question is identifying what the mandates are for data submission to repositories and determine how that impact Fedora's direction
 - b. Australia
 - i. wants the grant information in the metadata visible
 - ii. metadata also needs to be deposited to the national Library
 - iii. data can be stored anywhere as long as the metadata points to it but there is more pressure to store all funded research data centrally
 - iv. data must be exposed and harvestable
 - v. publications & data goes through Symplectic Elements to the repository; licenses are set in the faculty profiles
 - c. Action could be to survey different international mandates
 - i. where could these discussions be held - potentially a pre-CNI day for this discussion

Goals

- 1. Review of 2015 goals draft further augmented by discussion above was approved
- 2. Goals for 2016 and Beyond
 - a. Marketing
 - i. Imaging community member reported while reviewing DAM solutions, she shared that the website connecting to the wiki did not look like much of a product site
 - ii. Documents we create and use to inform managers could be valuable to the website
 - iii. 2015 goal could be a review of links to the wiki or F3 and resolve
 - iv. 2015 to build some advocacy documentation and add to the website in 2016
 - v. Perhaps we should modernize the website
 - vi. Suggestion to update content so the site does not go stale.
 - b. Will move forward with forming small groups to address strategies for all of the 2016 goal categories
- 3. Call to formally review and approve the budget at the Dec meeting and form a blueprint for the following calendar year
- 4. Roadmap all the integrations in which people are interested
- 5. OAI-PMH - who is interested, where is it important and should we support? some interest; our current OAI optional module written by Frank worked fine for Susan's team; perhaps the European community could provide feedback on the optional module we have an also the one that we think could support collaboration with Dspace and others.

Actions

- [David Wilcox](#) will pull together a list of current green fields and upgradation by the next leaders call
- [Declan Fleming](#) and [David Wilcox](#) will compile a list of vendors and information to support outreach
- [Stefano Cossu](#) will work on a review of the website
- [Tom Cramer](#) will contact Cliff Lynch to request a room for the Data Mandate discussion pre-CNI
- [Susan Lafferty](#) will write up the Australian steps toward making funded research data visible and harvestable
- [Michael J. Giarlo](#) will look into F4 performance issues and, if appropriate, engage Hydra and Fedora communities about corroborating/troubleshooting/resolving them
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