

UHLS Technical Advisory Council Meeting

Oct 12, 2005

Present: Rawdon Cheng (UHLS, notes); Lorraine Smi (VOOR); Rob Carle (UHLS); Jonathan Koppel (UHLS); Mike Whitney (EGRN); John Love (BETH); Joe Makoviec (BRUN)

Horizon Status webpage

When a library updates the status in the horizon status webpage, the title will not change. Since the page is minimize at most of the time, UHLS staff will not notice there is a change of status; hence, they will not know a library status has changed. John Love has modified the page and demonstrated his solution. A new page is designed so if a library changes its status, the title will change. There are two ways to implement this: 1) UHLS will use this page to see the status while other libraries will use the current page; 2) every library will use this new page. The group decided option 2 is better way to communicate. This will be implemented right the way.

Remote access to library servers

A few libraries require remote access to their server for support or maintenance. UHLS has been giving those servers static IP. When a server requires outside access, there are a few places to make changes. Since most of the servers do not need remote access all the time, Rawdon suggested other methods to manage remote access. UHLS has already had a VPN server running to support VNC to member libraries. This server can be used as a bridge to access library servers. It was planned to discuss this solution in the meeting but two out of three libraries that have remote access were not present. This topic will be revisited in future meeting.

Overdrive

UHLS has subscribed Overdrive for its member libraries. Overdrive allows patrons to download audio-books, video clips and other digital media. There is a concern that it may clog up bandwidth especially video clips. BETH public workstations have limitation on time use so it may not be an issue. VOOR does not have limitation on time use. Public can also burn their own CD should that workstation has that capability.

Overdrive requires a client installed on the workstation before any download can be done. UHLS maintains that it is individual library policy to decide to install that client on their workstation.

Demo

Jonathan demonstrated roaming profile in a domain environment.

Next meeting: Nov 9 at UHLS