

Highlights of March 6th Meeting at JSTOR

[Attending: Heidi McGregor, Spencer Thomas, Charlie Leonhardt, Mike Neuman; Jim O'Donnell joined by phone]

1. JSTOR can complete Vivarium work as currently scheduled:
 - Shibboleth 1.3 has been installed.
 - Entitlement-based authorization can be finished by March 24th.
 - Several inter-journal reference links between TAPA and CQ will be hand-coded by late April. Mike will send several examples to JSTOR.
2. GU's testing of entitlement-based authn/authz will focus on what happens when the patron follows the inter-journal link from one authorized JSTOR journal to another that is/is not authorized. (Similarly, a major challenge for Shibboleth once OpenURL links have been created among the resources of different vendors is how Shibboleth carries entitlements via links from one resource to another.)
3. JSTOR has made metadata and full-text content available for searching on Google Scholar. JSTOR seeks to make these materials as widely available as possible, including via pay-per-view, individual subscriptions, and subsets for various scholarly communities. We should explore how these materials, and possibly Google Scholar, can be integrated into the second phase of Vivarium.
4. Jim O'Donnell reported that the APA will convene a meeting of publishers to explore the issue of how metadata from old journals could be re-purposed to create a new bibliographic tool.
5. Heidi McGregor would like to begin discussions with APA about possible business models as soon as possible, even before full testing of the technical proof of concept has been completed. Jim mentioned that the American Classical League might be willing to collaborate.
6. Spencer Thomas reported that his work for Vivarium has paralleled closely the work he has needed to do for JSTOR. He estimates that he has spent less than one week on Vivarium tasks that supplement or precede his JSTOR commitments.
7. "JSTOR 2.0," the re-written code that will support the adoption of OpenURLs, is scheduled for completion sometime in 2007 and no sooner than June; pilot tests (e.g., with L'Annee Philologique on OpenURLs and/or Shibboleth) could take place as early as Q1 of 2007.
8. Spencer agreed to be interviewed on production issues in preparation for the Vivarium Gateway report due in June.
9. JSTOR's development of Shibboleth will remain in pilot mode until August. The move into production mode will await decisions by the vendor community on Shibboleth attribute values.
10. The UK's Athens authentication/authorization system will be converted to Shibboleth within two years.