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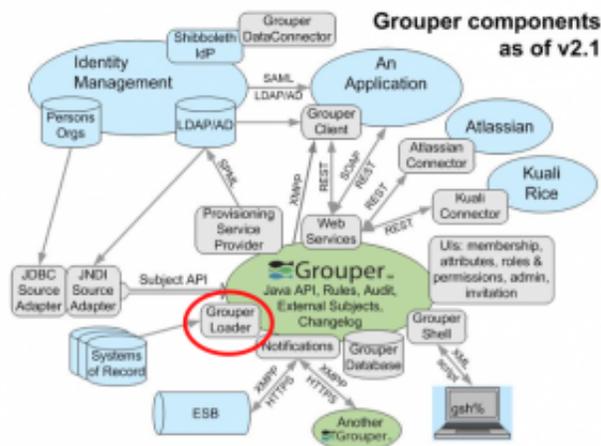
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Grouper Representatives Meet with ITS

By ermadmix on Jul 20, 2015 01:23 pm



Representatives for Grouper met with ITS July 15th to 17th to introduce their product. From the website[1]:

“Grouper is an enterprise access management system designed for the highly distributed management environment and heterogeneous information technology environment common to Universities. Operating a central access management system that supports both central and distributed IT reduces risk.”

Three members of library IT, Steelsen Smith, Lakeisha Robinson and Eric James were in attendance for the Wednesday session. The morning started with an overview of the product, in essence a java stack with a programming and web service API. It was demonstrated how it can pull together subject information from external identity management providers, and provide a means for creating and managing groups of users, with attributes, privileges, permissions, and roles that can be made available for applications requiring group level authentication and authorization. Group membership information can then be combined and reused in exclusion and inclusion logic allowing for an extendable set of permissions at the application level. The session delved into the use cases of 3 subsets of university IT – person registries, learning management

systems, and library systems. So, for example, a course managed in canvas or sakai could use groups of shoppers, instructors, TA's, guests, and enrolled students to grant dynamic privileges to course materials. VPN usage campus wide could be administered with fine control and help manage provisioning workflows. Restricted library collections such as the Henry Kissinger Papers could efficiently manage sets of permissions by including patrons in pragmatically defined authorization groups. Common to each of the use cases is the challenge of integrating the different identity providers feeding the grouper application with interoperable and unique subject information. Stay tuned for further developments, including a potential rollout in the December timeframe.

[1] <http://www.internet2.edu/products-services/trust-identity-middleware/grouper/>

[SearchFest! sessions for August and October](#)

By Jenn Nolte on Jul 20, 2015 10:41 am

Based on the success of the first **SearchFest!** event held in Bass L06 on Thursday July 9th, there will be two more sessions scheduled for the fall semester.

The goals of SearchFest!:

- **test out existing Orbis or Morris search strategies** in our new unified discovery interface, [Quicksearch](#).
- demonstrate the **features and functionality that are unique to Quicksearch**
- review the timeline for Quicksearch's **transition to production in January 2016**
- **answer any questions from staff** about how to use Quicksearch in either instruction or daily work

As with the first SearchFest!, there will also be **pizza** served at the beginning of each session.

To register for the **August 18th** session, click [here](#).

To register for the **October 8th** session, click [here](#).

See you at SearchFest!

Project update: Digital collections search interface

By Michael Friscia on Jul 17, 2015 09:11 am

Central ITS will be conducting the first of three load tests on the enhanced interface for digital collections on Friday July 17th **between 1:30pm and 5pm**. They will use a service called LoadRunner which determines the breaking point of an application by emulating real use by a number of concurrent users. The **second two tests will take place between July 27 and July 30**. I will follow up once these dates and times are confirmed.

These tests on the enhanced interface for digital collections are **not expected to impact the current digital collections interface**. Library IT will be monitoring the current digital collections interface on 7/17 for service disruptions.

I write to you regarding some testing on the enhanced interface for digital collections that **may impact our current digital collections discovery service** (<http://findit.library.yale.edu>). The enhanced interface for digital collections is a version of this digital collections discovery service, with features, functionality and security developed for use with more restricted digital materials. Like our unified discovery service, [Quicksearch](#), both the digital collections interface and the enhanced version are powered by Blacklight.

Curious about what's in the Yale University Library digital collections search? Here's some [clocks made by Paul Revere](#). We also have [fire insurance maps of Seymour, CT](#)- and much more! You can learn more about the Library's discovery services ([Articles+](#), [Quicksearch](#) and [digital collections search](#)) at the **Rediscover Discovery forum** in August (Tues 18th and Thurs 20th). More information on that coming soon.

If you have questions about this work, or notice any issues with <http://findit.library.yale.edu>, please let me know.

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