AWG Monthly Meeting, Bowen Library, Bethel College campus

Present: Andrzejewski, Bales, Blowers, Calarco, Dietl, Hanstra, Havert, Marschall,McKeown, Stienbarger
Absent: Hegedus, Nicholas

1. Distribution of last team upgrade subgroups and membership list

2. Call for additional agenda items -- none brought forth

3. What went well during the last upgrade? What improvements would be good?

a. KM - It was a more intense testing that revealed more available functionality

b. LS - Pleasant experience overall, but I was in a different position, and I can't speak to the Serials department experience.

c. MM - Group managers of team upgrade subgroups were overloaded at some times with all the work that needed to be managed; brand new client brought new challenges which necessitated the intensity of testing; Question: Will this be a more or less routine upgrade? Will the version 16 team upgrade model be overkill if it does not require the same level of intensity?

d. PA - Data structure changes occurred with the last upgrade

i. Pub schedules moved from items to holdings

ii. Patron data was combined and global / local records were introduced

iii. XML format templates impacted the use of forms and notices

e. PC - Only major client revision is ILL module for version 18, which we don't use.

f. TH - Any big data changes for this version?

g. PC - Media booking is implemented, [MyAccount](#) in the OPAC has changes for cross-consortial account viewing

h. SD - Screen layouts were so changed with the last version; all data is now at the fingertips of the staff on one or fewer screens than in previous versions

i. AB OPAC major revision occurred with version 16; this should be less of an impact this time around; not sure if the five OPAC subgroups would be needed for version 18 upgrade

j. MM - Key personnel changes have occurred

k. PC - the upgrade path will be 16 - 17 - 18

l. TH - Platform changes are necessary; addition of PDS (Patron data services); upgrade path brings time and challenges to LSD that won't affect testers until late February;

i. The installation date scheduled is January 22 and it will take through most of Feb. to get upgrade express process and checking underway

ii. There may be the possibility of using someone else's data, but no one has liked that option in the past

m. KM - Will we need to test version 17? (TH) -no

n. TH - All tables are upgraded through Upgrade Express (UE)

o. AB - indexing needed on the upgrade path at vers. 17? (TH)-no

p. Oracle stuff can be done ahead of time; indexing changes should be specified well in advance

q. MH - Checking after UE is needed because of lat UE experience with some table format changes that weren't handled well (TH) - UE is better this time

r. KM - we have better reliablility because others have done this upgrade path already? --Yes

s. PC - Version 19 is coming in March 07 so hopefully 18 issues have been resolved

i. So generally, we can pare down the groups and subgroups

ii. Next steps - for December AWG meeting we could come back with a revised list of groups and revise as we go along to get a sense of who is wanted / needed for the 16 to 18 upgrade

iii. Also in the Dec. meeting we should review and highlight major changes (TH)-and what you want to test

t. PC - With this upgrade we hope to utilize PDS to do away with the barcode number problem across institutions (TH) it may be enough to get ND only up and running by spring

u. LS - What is PDS (PC) Patron Directory Services (TH) Lets you use netID instead of barcode through LDAP. Only SMC and ND have LDAP at this time

v. AB - People will use password instead of pincode? (TH) - yes

w. TH - We've had enough challenges going cross-institutionally in the past so we need to do ND first

i. Something we want to do but if it can't go, we can roll back to barcode / pincode authorization

x. PC - what can be improved for this round of the upgrade?

i. The LISTSERV account was the primary means of communication - too much email coming in these days.

y. AB - What about a WIKI?

z. SD - What's a WIKI?

aa. TH - Another place we have to go look

bb. AB - it would be ideal for documentation but not for announcements; it's a collborative environment with files shared for loading and editing by any authorized persons

cc. MM - Is that what we need for reporting problems?

dd. PC - The benefit of a WIKI allows anyone to enter text on Alexandria

ee. SD - You'll be using it for documentation

ff. KB - It would benefit other sites and others would be allowed to edit without HTML knowledge

gg. AB - Can post and someone else can correct, expand or change the info

hh. MH - Administrative overhead and management of the installation must be managed along with training

and education on the WIKI; DAIAD doesn't seem inclied to take on based on ETIG experience

ii. PC - it offers an alternative to Contribute

jj. AB - Can Contribute keys be distributed to MALC sites? (MH) - no, I don't think so

kk. TH - would like to see us done by June 2007 as I'll be gone the first two weeks of July

ll. PC - When HCC came up last time it was July 2nd -- we can move up a few weeks on the timeline to avoid the conflict

mm. KM - It may be OK to wait HCC and SMC until after because I think HCC doesn't have summer classes and the SMC classes are not library intensive in their coursework

nn. KB - Some summer classes occur at Bethel with most done by July; actually most are a May Term class schedule; could do paper charges as needed

oo. PC - a nice goal to try to have everyone up by the end of June 07

pp. TH - Hopefully indexing time will improve again

qq. MM - Will the timeline affect rollover for acquistions? (PA) - it hasn't in the past--closeout isn't until June 30, so we usually do it a couple weeks later

rr. TH - What other projects are on the horizon for this timeline?

i. PC - Hopefully Verde will be up by then

ii. TH - Metalib will occur in the middle

iii. PC - Version 4.0 Metalib - Team Metalib hasn't talked about the need to upgrade

iv. PA - Is SFX included?

v. PC/TH - No annoucnement of SFX upgrade yet

vi. PC - Digitool 3.5 due 1Q'07 - but that's flexible as far as that's concerned. We're not doing Primo (KM) - Not doing it period or not doing it yet? (PC) - not in the 2 year development phase

vii. MH - What about other NGC options that have been discussed (PC) - Eric Morgan and I will be heading to Rochester to talk about their Xtensible catalog in Feb '07

ss. TH - How long do we continue to do service packs against version 16? Somewhere early January we need to decide

i. PC - one possibility is that we only…

ii. TH - There is no option to take what you want and not apply the entire service pack

iii. PC if we define parameters and say only apply because of critical importance…

iv. TH - Problem is, you get one, you get them all, there is no coice

v. PA - we can't plan for that

vi. MH - Is UE service pack level specific?

vii. TH - No, it hasn't been that way-- never saw anything to indicate it or that service packs have changed any table formats

viii. MM - Can we stop now?

ix. PC - What things need fixed or can outstanding issues wait?

1. LS - haven't seen any headway on patterns

2. MH - problem outstanding with course reserve displays, waiting on sp fix that's not here yet

x. TH - We have three options - back to lib5 level on lib4; back to previous SP test level on lib4 or keep waiting with things broken

xi. PC - What if we do one more SP in January (TH) whatever fixes what we've got (SD) December is hard (MM) I'll be out the first week in January (TH) call it good and roll back to Sp 1816 (PC) are there current workarounds (PC) nothing major outstanding (TH) Oct-May is a long time to go without changes to the system but I can live with that -- lib4 is going away--lib1 will become lib4 and lib1 has Metalib test (Client version check and OCLC test connections will need to be updated--this will occur within the next couple of weeks as TH needs the physical space in the rack in the OIT.

tt. (PC) - are there any major changes that would impact how Aleph is used?

uu. (SD) - The service point changes will be in planning, but not physically consolidated at the time we upgrade. Of course, Nigel could change the plan.

vv. (KB) - No plans to start using Acq / Ser yet; Barcoding our serials

ww. (PC) - within access services has the rebarcoding project been managed? Is there an estimate on time for it to be done? (SD) looking into it. Reserves is doing a lot now but it's going to take a long time due to staffing --we may want to go library wide; (MM) is the label being affixed to the top of the old one? (SD) Yes

xx. (SD) - There is concern with new self check machine -- maybe barcoding should be on the outside of the book because of the new scanning angle for barcodes requires that the barcode label be positioned more parallel to the edge of the book--highly sensitive to any misalignment; there are prservation issues and material issues that result with outside placement

yy. (KM) - Would like to use an inventory system in Aleph

zz. (PC) - May want to tell MALC directors that patron direct borrowing won't be able to go in 18 due to duplicate barcode problem resolution taking lots of time

aaa. (MM) - Are you going to do a LAM budget form for the rebarcoding Sue? (SD) maybe. Hadn't considered it.

bbb. (AB) - If you can come up with a time estimate for hiring purposes that would help

ccc. (PC) - For the next upgrade should we start with ND? (TH) Historically we have; ND uses more functionality and can ID problems more readily for all sites; (KM) ND upgrade is more time critical; (PC) JF expressed going first (TH) we don't need to determine this right off the bat, do we?

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