

ORION Tech Workshop⁰⁹

Value Added Services

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New Phase for ORION

- Reality: economic transformation
 - service economy
 - need to enable greater public sector efficiencies
 - training and retraining of workforce
- Should leverage ORION to provide value-added services.
- Responding to “Green Shift”.
- “Web 3.0” - “digital futures”
- ORION as a “Knowledge Leader”.

Value Added Services

- Consulted with community on how to leverage network capabilities to support work / research.
- Identified services that would could have meaningful impact.
- Established working groups; developed and designed specific services.

Value Added Services

- O3 Collaboration
- Interactive Media Platform



- Launched Oct 6.
- Professional, private collaboration service.
- Full-featured collaboration tool set combined with professional networking.
- Purpose-built for researchers, educators, students.
- Enables members to work with peers easily and effectively.
- Allows members to discover new resources and create new relationships.

O3 vs. Doing it Yourself

- End users or institutions don't have to worry about supporting it or maintaining it.
- Facilitates openness and interaction across institutions, disciplines and geographies.
- Ideal for new funded projects and multiple participants.
- No cost to institutions. Offered as a benefit of membership.

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Interactive media platform

- Growing interest in using ORION as an IP-based, interactive media platform for postsecondary institutions.
- ORION commissioned a Discussion Paper and online survey. Hosted a workshop at Sheridan in 2008.
- Struck a Steering Committee.

Interactive media platform

- Vision is to provide students, educators, researchers, teaching institutions, and partners with accessible tool for posting, distributing and sharing content.
- Enhance the platform with interactive and web 2.0 capabilities.
- Could serve as a platform for collaboration in the creation and innovation of live and on-demand digitally-mediated content and related technologies.

Going Forward

- ORION to lead and launch a pilot in 2010.
- Deploy branded distribution platform as first phase.
- Incorporate synchronous/ asynchronous creation tools and resources in next phase.
- ORION to invest in seed funding. Coordinator to oversee pilot and work with schools and partners/vendors.
- Will engage institutions as early adopters.

New Value Added Services

- Shared services model
 - opportunities for ORION members
- Data Storage
- IP Videoconferencing
- Managed Applications

Online Data Storage

- Shared access, high availability
- Backup
- Archival

- Flexibility
- Risk Management

Videoconferencing

- Key for teaching / collaboration
- Complex/difficult, burden on IT resources
- OVCS
- Enhance institution's effectiveness
- Access to needed infrastructure

Managed Applications

- Greater efficiencies, resources top priority
- Outsource complexity, burden
- Proven strategy
- OMAS
 - DNS, web-site, email
 - ERP, Server cycles, Remote hosting, Critical apps
- Addresses operational challenges
- Enhance operating efficiencies, SLA's
- Leverage economies of scale

Questions / feedback