

The MOAI Server

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Agenda

- Introduction
- MOAI Server
- MOAI demonstration
- Silva OAI integration demo
- Questions



What is OAI?

- The Open Archives Initiative: http://www.openarchives.org/
- "A low-barrier interoperability framework for archives containing digital content"
- Extremely popular with librairies and research organizations that maintain institutional repositories



OAI-PMH

- Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting
- Allows people (Service Providers) to harvest metadata from Data
 Providers
- Assets are stored at the Provider
- The metadata is used to provide value-added services, often by combining different data sets



What is an OAI Server

- XML Feed
- Multiple Metadata Formats
- Selective Harvesting



Why MOAI

- Lot's of hard-earned wisdom
 - one server, many feeds
 - works well with relational data
 - dynamic sets
- Stand-alone system, can harvest
 - directory
 - SQL database
 - OAI feeds
 - Fedora repositories
- Re-use metadata prefixes

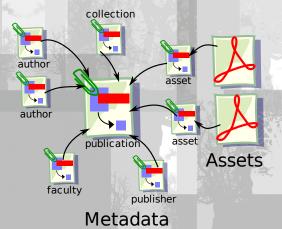


One server, many feeds

- Configuration per feed
- Filters based on sets
- Feed Authentication through Apache webserver
- Asset access controlled by feed .../oai?verb=ListRecords&... .../oai/handle/12345/some_asset.pdf
- Configurable asset download through Apache webserver



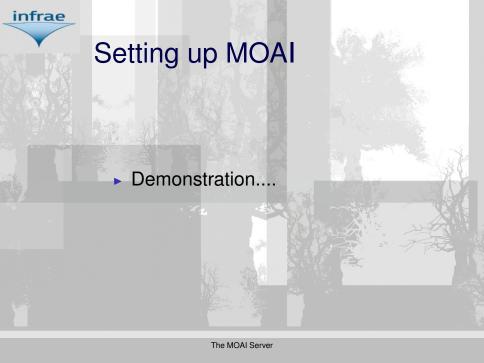
Current developments: OAI-ORE

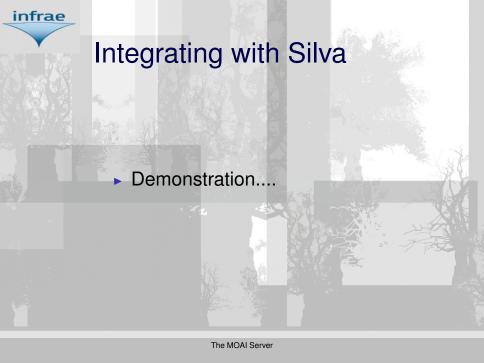




Dynamic Sets

- What is an OAI Set
- Normal Sets (Collections)
- Dynamic Sets
 - type (Article, Thesis)
 - issue year (2007, 2008, 2009)
 - scope (public, internal, private)
 - faculty/school







Coming in Silva 2.2

- silva.app.oaiprovider
- Silva can also be an OAI Provider



Software preview

 See a demonstration of the Metro repository software (in use at Erasmus University Rotterdam and the University of Liverpool) on thursday at 14:00

