

Lecture demo web site

Oliver recommended actions to ensure continued access, along with possible enhancements, to <<http://www.physics.cornell.edu/lecdemo>>, using free CIT consulting and hosting services.

Status

On 6/25/14, the following information was provided to John Miner. He was going to follow up with Jennie and Phil to consider Oliver's recommendations.

Info Oliver gathered

Info from John Miner:

- Demos are added to the site by Jennie and Phil. Many teaching staff and faculty (including 8 large undergrad. courses and a special alumni event) can query the system, by topic, to get access to appropriate demos for teaching.

Info from Barry:

- Hosted by Barry Robinson, using CIT's VM infrastructure (which he uses to host many Physics web sites).
- Note this is a distinctly separate web site than the Physics Admin web site <<http://www.physics.cornell.edu/>> Barry also hosts in the same CIT VM (virtual machine) rented space.
- Access is restricted by .htaccess, thus username and password required. (Who are these credentials shared with? Who changes and/or when do they change?)
- Static pages. Jennie and Phil depend on this site, and maintain the items within it.

Oliver's recommendation:

- Look at options and decide how to sustain. One efficient way to do this is to have the stakeholders consult with CIT's ATC, perhaps in coordinating with Tricia (A&S Communications).
 - The ATC site states, "Academic Technologies offers services such as non-intensive website support and hosting." And it's free.
 - <http://www.it.cornell.edu/services/atc/>
 - As part of looking at options, characterize the purpose the present site serves.
 - Whatever is decided, clarify any obligations for those hosting and maintaining the site. Ensure fair remuneration to sustain the site as-is and/ or migrate it as appropriate.
 - The recommended coordination with Tricia (A&S Communications) so they are at least aware of the need, and especially as it might relate to the current departmental Physics site and it's proposed future.