

Maillist Replacement Project update

First the bad news: it has not been possible to meet our original schedule, but the good news is that progress continues to be promising in most areas.

The current plan (as ratified by the last board) is to start with an early adopter/pilot programme for *new* lists on the new service as soon as the service is ready to launch. An ITSS has offered to participate with this by manually migrating a couple of his lists across, with help from the project team. We have already done one manual migration of a test list onto the new infrastructure to prove that lists can happily coexist on both systems (and as part of system testing).

The project is awaiting further feedback about the formal service transition process but following a meeting on Tuesday it seems that we would be happy to proceed with a pilot service launch as long as the process and access is in place to support the creation of new lists. This would include extra support from the project team (it may for example be appropriate to manage these via the maillist-upgrade RT queue so the project team has good visibility of the first few requests).

In parallel, work to finalise the list migration process from the current system will continue, and we will need the patience of those signed up for early adopters to enlist their help in testing once that is ready. In addition, what documentation and on-screen help issues we are able to fix will be fixed; however work on the Student Systems Programme will limit how much can be done in the next few weeks as resource is being diverted there. We should publish an initial version of the documentation before the pilot launch.

The main technical item still remaining before we can launch the pilot service is the clarification of some 'scenarios' (the Sympa term for how people are allowed to post, subscribe, moderate, etc) a mailing list, to ensure that all the use cases required are covered.

We want to avoid migrating any early lists before this is done to avoid any adverse impact of changing things.

We are hopeful that the pilot launch will be w/c 31st June and this will be decided at the project meeting today, Wednesday 25th June.

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