Zeega Slideshow: Library Lab Round 5 progress report

Searching for Harvard library content within Zeega's public content repository

Zeega plans to launch a significant new facility: the Zeega Public Content Repository (ZPCR). The ZPCR will be a searchable catalog, populated with online resources (e.g., videos and images) that the Zeega team has added in bulk. In addition, Zeega users will contribute to ZPCR each time they add a resource to their personal Zeega media collections.

Using code written for the Library Lab Round 1 project, Spectacle, Justin Clark is working to add VIA content (publicly accessible images) to ZPCR in time for the a public release scheduled for April.

Once VIA content has been added to ZPCR, Justin will begin working on adding images linked from Oasis finding aids and TED databases to ZPCR, again, taking advantage of code previously written for Spectacle.

Justin will also work on developing a mechanism for adding PDS-delivered images (e.g., book page images) to personal Zeega collections, and if possible to ZPCR too. Justin will reach out to Chip Goines, who may have developed new tools for accessing PDS content as part of his recently completed PDS mobile application.

Creating slideshows from images identified via searches performed within HL catalogs

We know that expert users of VIA and TED will want to do their searching there, and import the images they've identify into their Zeega slideshows directly, without searching ZPCR. To accommodate this need, Justin will work on developing a mechanism for importing VIA and TED portfolios into Zeega.

Zeega's simplified workflow for creating slideshows

Zeega developers have developed a "slideshow layer" that simplifies the process of creating a slideshow within Zeega. This functionality is said to be in beta. Neither Justin nor I have not reviewed it, yet.

Social features: building community and driving up the use of library imagery

Some of the goals established for Spectacle were accomplished by collapsing Spectacle into the Zeega project: social media functionality is already built into Zeega. Zeega includes a public gallery where users can post, share, and build upon each others work; users can easily share and promote their creations via Facebook, Twitter, etc.; and when released, we expect that Zeega will launch a robust marketing campaign that is sure to drive more new users to Harvard collections.

Timeline for completion

Justin is working on creating a coarse timeline for completion of the project, to be posted to the Redmine [project management account](#).