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External Hosting w/ Host Gator

- Testing is on-going. Feedback has been mostly positive: easy to use, everything up-to-date, very fast
- OT framework was installed and worked well
- Billing system tools are available but not for any of the systems that campus uses (i.e. NelNet, MarketPlace, Yahoo); there are API's available to build- can even work into NCSU provisioning (get OUC's, FAS accounts) but would need to be built
- Stuff we can't do with Host Gator has added up:
 - No control over Fantastico and what's available in there
 - Apache changes
 - No demons
 - limited control over DNS (only 2 IP addresses available for hosts)
 - No shell access
 - No SVN
- We're going to need a dedicated server to solve the problems above
 - Various levels of control may be available, based on different hosts
 - Would prefer to have server security managed by hosts since that is an on-going, time-consuming job
 - Gets us more IP's, much more space, much more control-- about 10X the cost (~\$250/ month)
 - Allows set-up of "tiers" of services/access for users
 - Includes some reporting tools
 - Questions about updates: managed by Host Gator/us or C-Panel or both?

Internal Hosting

- Still no server provisioned for our internal VM. Brandon from Systems has promised one this afternoon (but it has been pushed off several times)
- Problems exist between Provisioning and Systems already- this needs to be corrected outside of this project and we could not offer hosting with a model that takes 2-3 weeks to get a VM set up.
- Richard has volunteered to set up a machine if the delays continue

Should we consider VM providers rather than hosting solutions? May be a workable middle ground

- Comparison of just servers vs. web hosting servers: what are the benefits? Cost differential?
- "The Planet" (?) owns Host Gator and provides dedicated server hosting; might be better to skip the "middle man" and get The Planet to host while we set up as needed

Current plan is to get internal VM set-up as soon as possible. Once we know some of the pitfalls, problems, questions we can consider requesting dedicated machine with Host Gator or possibly moving to server hosting only model? Discuss at next meeting.

Web developer meeting is tomorrow. We can discuss progress to date: reseller testing, working on internal VM set-up, considering dedicated hosting testing of some sort pretty soon; plans for tiered options for campus users with varied levels of access and support. Only looking for generic feedback- questions about what specifically campus wants should come once we're a little further into testing and know what we can realistically offer.