

py-ispyb Working Group - User Portal Sync

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1. Scope

Development of a fairly generic mechanism to ingest the data from the User Portal (UP). The synchronization process will include the sync process for the following entities: proposals (and person relations), sessions (and person relations?), proteins, persons, permissions, laboratories and lab contacts.

2. Deliverables

The deliverables will be the definition of a common format (JSON-based) to import the entities mentioned within the scope, the implementation of the synchronization process together with automatic testings, and a basic documentation. The definition of the schema may be done with a JSON schema (<https://json-schema.org/>) or maybe generated via pydantic: <https://pydantic-docs.helpmanual.io/usage/schema/>

3. Requirements

a. Define common format

The definition of the common format should use field names matching the ISPyB database so it is easier to understand for developers (pending for a common agreement).

b. Details of the synchronization process implementation

- i. Define permissions: we need to define which role/permission will be able to execute the User Portal synchronization process (Ex: **User Group**: manager, **Permission**: sync_user_portal). I guess we should start defining and making documentation of the roles/permissions from the beginning.
- ii. Sync of User permissions (Ex: Insert into UserGroup_has_Person table). I guess Groups and Permissions should be defined/agreed by the collaboration? (same from above)
- iii. Define the synchronization process according to the established/agreed format.
 1. Should we implement the sync process per specific entities (Ex: ability to sync only labcontacts), more or less as it was done here (but with a different format):

- https://github.com/ispyb/ispyb-client/tree/master/python/user_portal/json? (specific endpoints to sync sessions, proposals, lab contacts, etc - independently)
2. Or should we create a general json format including all the related entities to sync per proposal. Ex: <https://jsonblob.com/971318471027867648>, and an unique endpoint to sync per proposal?
 - iv. Define a flag to sync the proposal main owner (the “*personId*” within the Proposal table), and the rest of “participants” should go to the “*ProposalHasPerson*” table (Example: participant → “type”: “pi”).
 - v. Proposal participants vs session participants: should there be a mechanism to sync also session participants (into Session_has_Person table)?
 - vi. Dates format: should we use the ISO 8601 for dates in JSON
 - vii. Difference between siteID, PersonUUID, externalid. I saw that externalid can change, and it is used as a flag to update a person (among other entities).
 - viii. There should be an endpoint to update a single proposal.
 - ix. The synchronization must be transactional, meaning that if for example adding a person fails, the whole process of proposal synchronization is rolled back and nothing is committed or inserted into the DB.
https://docs.sqlalchemy.org/en/14/orm/session_transaction.html
 - x. We will try to create the pydantic models automatically from the SQLAlchemy models
<https://github.com/tiangolo/pydantic-sqlalchemy>

Please feel free to add any specific implementation details you would like to have.

4. Specification of synchronization per entity

a. Sessions

- i. What about the BeamLineSetupId and its relation with the BeamlineSetup Table?. Currently it has a foreign key constraint. Is this managed by MXCuBE? Perhaps we can exclude the BeamLineSetupId field for the import/sync process.

5. Tables involved (are maybe some missing?)

Next figure shows some of the tables that are filled during the synch process

