

Agenda

- Introduction of design and work flow objectives
- Overview support classifications
- Architecture of database
- Workflow examples & demonstration
 - Introduction of new member
 - Entry of funding receipts
 - Initiation of membership renewals
- Database Conversion
- Implementation Discussion

Design Objectives

- Use existing concepts from the Access based system to retain familiarity.
 - Concept of the Member/Contact IDentifier (MCID)
 - Use existing database constructs of
 - Member/Volunteer
 - Funding
 - Correspondence
 - Time Entry (for volunteers)
- Integration of members, volunteers, volunteer mail utility and (eventually) bulk mail utility to use single database.
- Introduce data integrity checks to enforce data entry integrity.
- Provide flexible tools for management and reporting.
- Utilize GPL (free) software for all system components.
 - MySQL – database
 - PHP – programing language
 - HTML5 -web page construction
 - Javascript – page level field validation
 - Bootstrap – page layout
 - phpMyAdmin – database administration
 - LibreOffice

New Functions Available

All with common user interface
All available to access via multiple platforms
All integrated with the same database
All implemented with GPL software

- Membership Database
- Volunteer Database
- Generic Database Lookup

Support Community Definitions

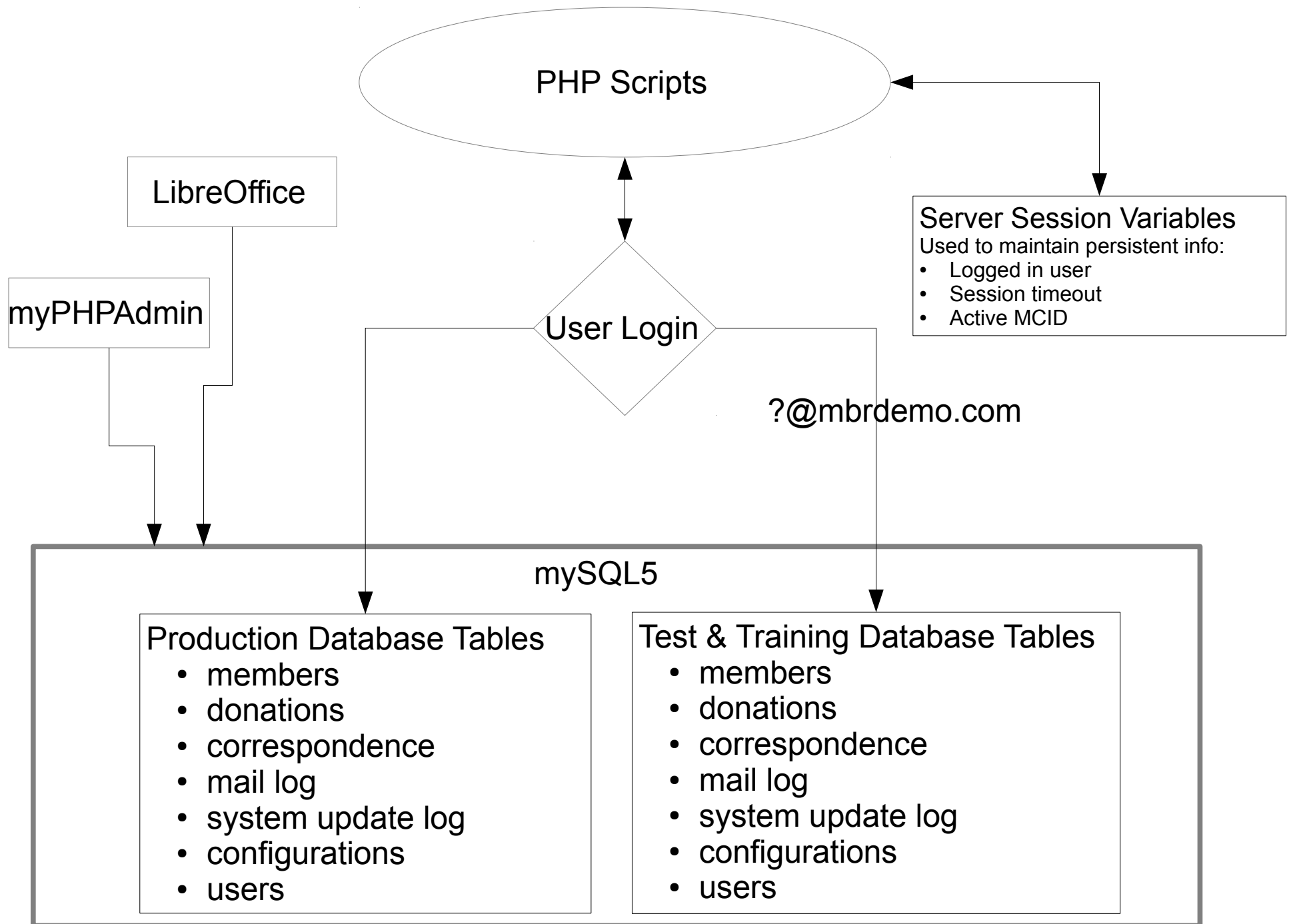
- Similar (but different) that used in Access system.
- Classifies supporter 'groups' or 'classes'

Members - supporters that provide scheduled funding payments.

Volunteers – supporters that provide scheduled funding payments AND contribute volunteer time in some capacity.

Donors – provide sporadic funding support and are usually organizations, groups, trusts.

Contacts – none of the above. This is the 'pool' of interested potential supporters available to be recruited into one of the other categories.



User Levels – Membership Database

- User – all normal user functionality
 - Add new member
 - Maintain member information
 - Entry of new funding and correspondence records
 - Create reminders
- EDI user – User level plus Extended Donor Info menu items.
- Admin user – EDI user plus extended system administrative functions menu.

User Levels – Volunteer Database

- User – all regular user functions including:
 - Entry of a new system user
 - Entry of a new volunteer
 - Update volunteer information
 - Maintenance of volunteer mailing lists
- Admin user – User plus
 - Sending email to list(s) and
 - Creation of new list

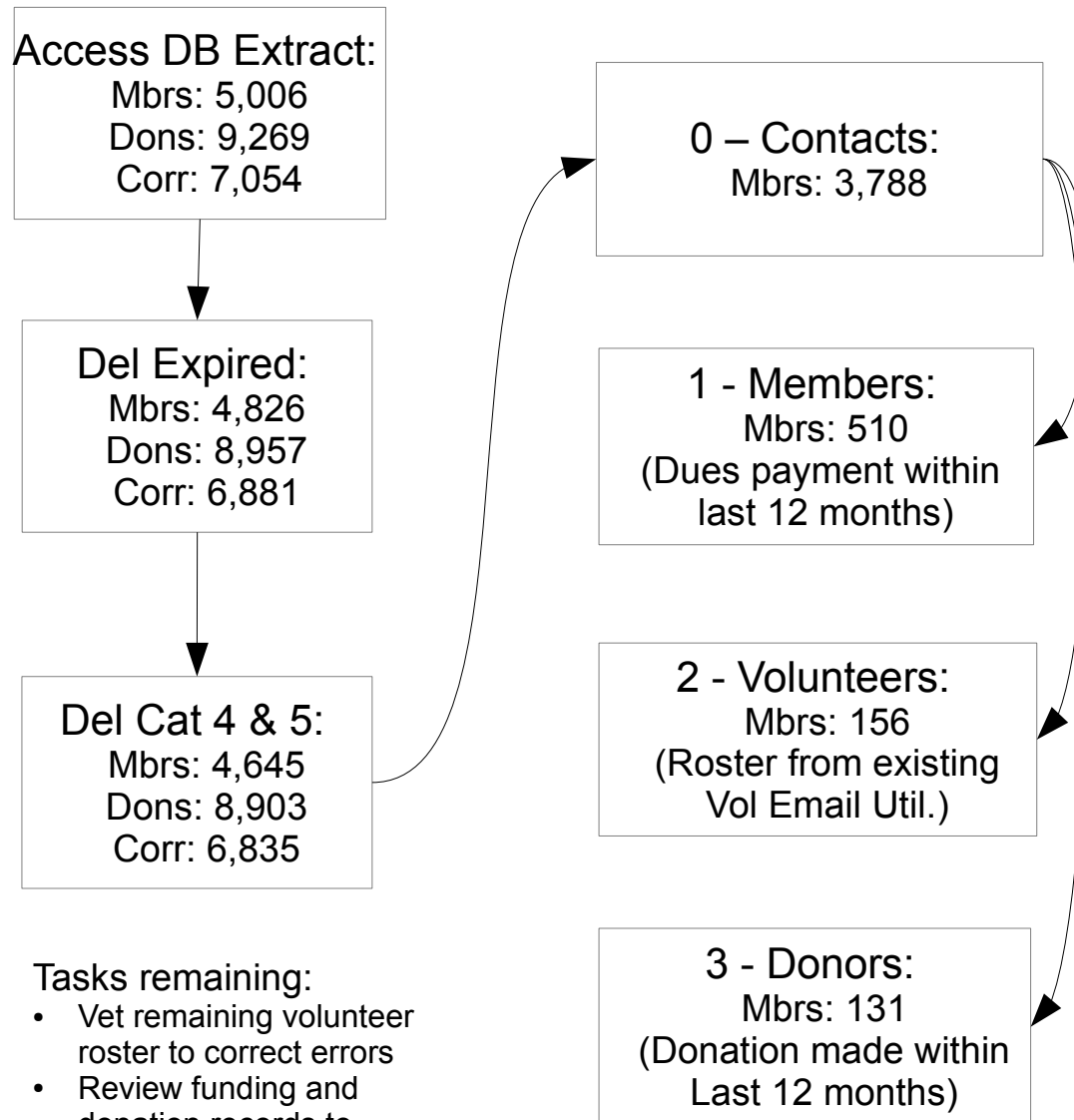
Workflow examples & demonstration

Introduction of new member

Funding & Correspondence Entries
(Dues, Donations, Letters, Postcards, Other)

Initiation of membership renewal(s)
(Identify, email/mail notices, print labels/letters, reports)

Database Conversion



Tasks remaining:

- Vet remaining volunteer roster to correct errors
- Review funding and donation records to determine classifications

Methodology

1. Extract all member, donation and correspondence records from Access database into a series of spreadsheets.
2. Format spreadsheets adjusting column names and values.
3. Set status of all records = 0.
4. Import spreadsheets into database.
5. Run database utilities to evaluate funding records to determine status values of 1 and 3.
6. Run database utility to merge vol email roster to determine status value of 2.

Admin Functions

- Administer users
- Maintain configuration tables (drop down definitions)
 - Member types
 - Funding purposes
 - Funding programs
 - Funding campaigns
 - Correspondence types
 - Volunteer email lists
 - Volunteer categories
- Delete records (only when absolutely necessary)
- Administer templates (usually done by membership chair)
- Do DBJanitor page

Database Backup Strategies

- ISP does server back-ups, BUT
 - Export entire production db to spreadsheet(s) or sql scripts?
 - Copy of entire db to server back-up copy?

Script Update Strategy

- Rename current server directory to 'dirname.old'
- Copy entire new server directory from development environment
- Updates everything including all documentation to on-line server