Official Pictures in Sakai

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How do we get from this...

- Profile2 without a picture
- Default is to allow uploads
OR from this...

- Profile2 with uploaded picture
- No control over what gets uploaded
To this...for everybody?

- Profile2 with official picture
- Allows for reasonably consistent picture for all students
- Requires no action on the part of students to upload
Solution: Official Pictures in Profile 2
Official Pictures: Technical and Political

• Technical
  • Profile2 settings
  • Roster2 settings
  • Work out mechanics of file upload and update

• Political
  • Right to use pictures
  • Identifying stakeholders (Student Records, Card Office, Legal, etc.)
  • Visibility
    • Faculty only? Student to student?
Technical: Profile2 properties

• Starts with Profile2 (latest version)
  • `profile2.picture.type` =
    • upload = allow for uploads (default)
    • url = external URL providing pointer to picture
    • official = use an official picture as the ONLY picture
  • sets the *default* source for profile pictures

• Can still include official pictures even if this is set to “upload”
  • `profile2.official.image.enabled` = (true / false, default false)
  • `profile2.official.image.source` = (url / provider / filesystem)
Profile2 properties, continued

• Can grant or remove ability for all users to update their picture
  • `profile2.picture.change.enabled` = (true / false, default true)

• Can be done for specific user types, e.g.
  • `profile2.picture.change.registered.enabled` = (true / false)

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Roster2 and other settings

- Pictures can be displayed in Roster2
  - Default behavior is to display Pictures from Profile
  - Ability to view official picture controlled by `roster.viewofficialphoto` permission within site
  - May want to grant students or other participants the ability to view official pictures

- Pictures *might* be displayed in Forum posts
  - `profile2.profile.link.enabled` = (true / false, default true)
  - May require that official picture be the ONLY picture (but more on that later)
Political issues

• May need *permission* to use a person’s picture
  • For our undergraduates, we ask them to sign a FERPA (privacy) release form at New Student Orientation
  • Release form gives us the right to use their photographic image for educational purposes

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More politics

- What happens when a student *revokes* the right to use their picture?
  - Must work out a mechanism to remove picture from Sakai

- Who should see what?
  - Should official pictures be viewable exclusively from the Roster tool?
  - And only by Faculty?
Our implementation so far

profile2.official.image.enabled = true
profile2.picture.type = upload
profile2.official.image.source = filesystem
profile2.official.image.directory = ...
profile2.official.image.directory.pattern = ALL_IN_ONE

• So: we enable official images
• But we also allow upload
• Images are stored in the Sakai filesystem
  • in a single directory
How do the pictures get there?

• Student ID card pictures are stored in the SIS database
• Extracted daily to a middleware server
• Files are named *username.jpg*
  • But this is Unix – *case sensitive!*
• Maintain a local directory with all pictures
  • Replace pictures for students who have not released (or who revoke release) by overwriting with blank image
• Directory synchronized via sftp to Sakai
  • sftp directory then synchronized to Tomcat
Possible issue: Forums

• Official pictures *might* not be displayed in Forums, depending on settings

• Fix 1: *would* be displayed if official pictures were *only* pictures

  profile2.picture.type = official
Possible issue: Forums

• Fix 2: picture displayed if user chooses to use the institutional image as their profile image

• Checkbox in Profile revealed when official images are enabled
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  profile2.official.image.enabled = true
  ```
Possible issue: Forums

• Unfortunately requires the student to “opt in”

• Should official pictures be *only* pictures?
  • Differing policies across divisions / schools

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Possible issue: Sakai 11

- Smaller pictures in Sakai 11 Roster2
  - No control for picture size
  - Control removed for single column/grid
  - Control removed to hide names

- Loss of utility for instructors who want to print a roster with pictures

- https://jira.sakaiproject.org/browse/SAK-31869
Questions?
Shameless plug: Mighty Project Sites

• Group that discusses use of Project Sites in Sakai

• Meets monthly on second Wednesday of the month (conveniently between T&L calls)

• Next meeting December 14th

• https://confluence.sakaiproject.org/display/mightysite/
Thank you!

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