Portal_Documentation

This is an outline of information relevant to the architecture and maintenance of the portal, with links to further documentation where appropriate.

1. Portal architecture
   - Essential support services / servers
     1. Git code repository
     2. Sourceforge repository
     3. Redmine project management / wiki for the portal
     4. NEMO wiki (this site)
     5. Master spreadsheet that lists all portal form fields and has development notes. Check out from sourceforge svn:
       $ svn co
       https://nemoontologies.svn.sourceforge.net/svnroot/nemoontologies/RDFdata/
   - Three application server environments
     1. Local development on a laptop/desktop
     2. Development server: http://dev-portal.nemo.nic.uoregon.edu
     3. Production server: http://portal.nemo.nic.uoregon.edu
   - Components required in all environments
     1. Database: PostgreSQL 8.x
     2. Language support: Ruby 1.9.2p180
     3. Web application framework: Rails 3
     4. Version control: Git client
     5. Deployment: Capistrano
   - Additional components required in dev/prod environments
     1. nginx web server
     2. Web app implementation details
       1. Authentication with [http://www.myopenid.com OpenID]
       2. Authorization with CanCan
       3. Field wrappers
     4. Nav bar
     5. CSS styles
     6. Object hierarchy

2. Administrative tasks in the portal
   - Adding a portal user in conjunction with [new NEMO user steps].
   - Managing existing users: add "/users to base server URL, whether on dev, prod, or local server.
     User roles.
   - When ontology is updated: Refreshing ontology terms, db-onto-maps, and field annotations in the portal.
   - Managing field annotations

3. Development tasks
   - Check out code from git repository to a local dev environment and work on it locally. Includes checking back in and other git workflow.
   - Deploy code to dev/prod servers with Capistrano.
   - Perform database dumps and loads
   - Change database schema with migrations