

Title of Session	Portal Demos
SESSION 15	
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Key words	Portals, Demonstration, Subject Portals Project, Go-Geo!, Connect
Aims and objectives	<p>This session will demonstrate some of the outputs from the JISC Portals Programme and allow delegates to test these out for themselves. The 90 minute session will be split into 3 x 30 minutes slots and each project will highlight what the portal developed is able to offer users. A brief description of each project is given below.</p> <p><u>Connect Learning & Teaching Portal</u> – http://www.connect.ac.uk This is a joint project with the LTSN/HE Academy, developing a series of portal services to serve a distinct user community. The functionality being developed includes a cross-search and browse of both 'shallow' (web-based) and 'deep' (hidden web) resources, plus an agency mapping service, a funding opportunities service, and a discussion forum. Further functionality will be added over the duration of the project, which is running until April 2005.</p> <p><u>Go-Geo!</u> – http://www.gogeo.ac.uk The project has developed a portal allowing the discovery of geospatial data and geo-referenced materials from other generic resources. Functionality includes cross-searching, map-based searching, geographic searching (which is linked to the geoXwalk gazetteer), and search by a range of different entry points. The output from the project is a functional demonstrator showing the capabilities of searching geospatial information. The current phase of the project is adding user profiling and further developing the range of targets that can be cross-searched, as well as developing the facility to embed the cross-search elsewhere.</p> <p><u>Subject Portals Project</u> – http://www.portal.ac.uk/spp This project has developed portlets offering cross-search, news feed, user profiling, and authentication/authorisation functionality. The current phase of project is developing further areas of functionality, including portlets for news aggregation, e-journals searching, and events/conference listings. The portlets are designed to work within a generic portal framework also developed by the project, although it is also intended that they can be embedded elsewhere. The outputs from the project will be available for use within the RDN and elsewhere on an open source basis.</p>
Audience	All those interested in portals and their functionality
Style of session	Demonstration with hands-on testing

