

SloanSpace

SloanSpace is a portal for the entire extended MIT Sloan community. Its purpose is to allow its users course management facilities, provide research material/collaboration, and create online communities. Its users vary across a wide spectrum and include groups such as industry sponsors, researchers, alumni, students, and staff.

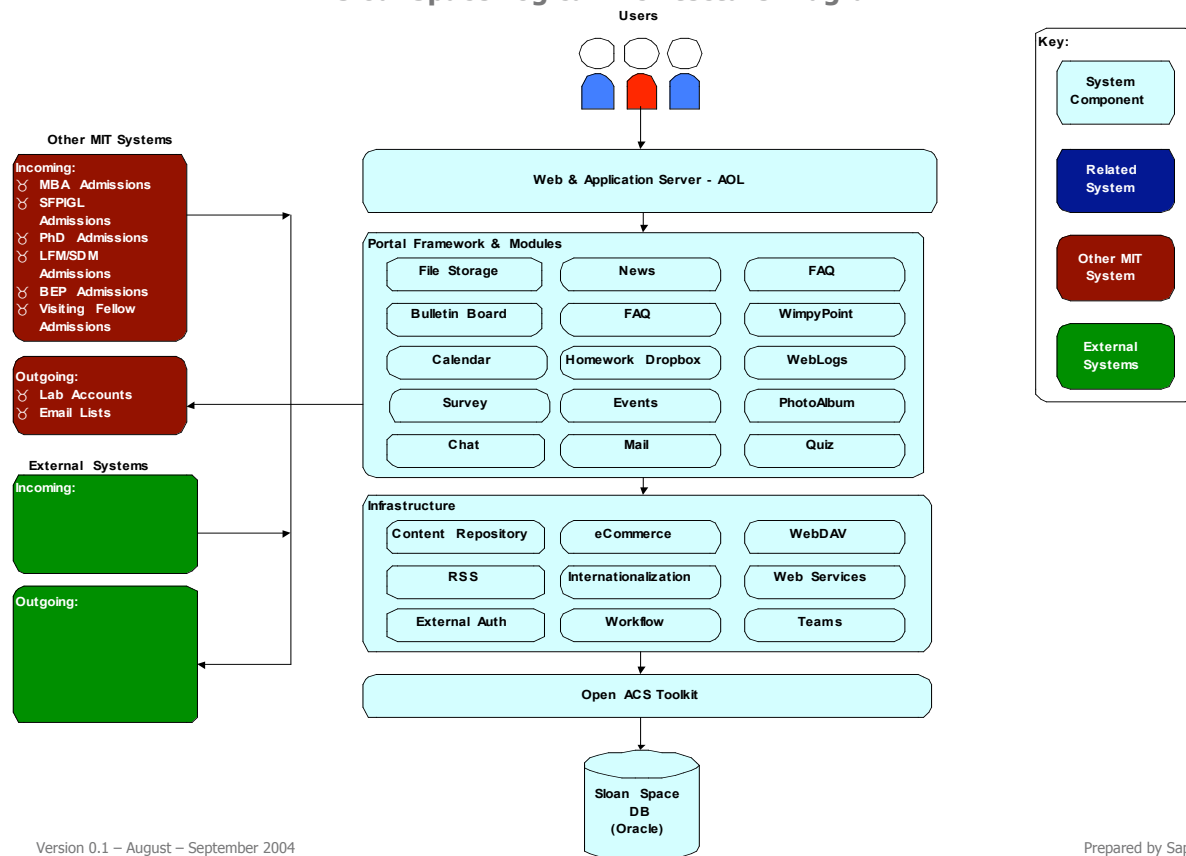
Version 2 of SloanSpace is based on the dotLRN project. dotLRN is an MIT open source platform which is currently being used by 25 institutions and organizations worldwide. All new rollouts made to dotLRN are first tested in production by one member of the community and then deployed. This ensures greater quality and allows its users to have confidence in the product.

SloanSpace has been in use at MIT since Fall 2000. Since then it has become an integral part of the Sloan School of Management. Currently there are over 5000 users of the application and about 100 courses at Sloan utilize SloanSpace on a daily basis. This represents over 90% of the total courses Sloan offerings. Individual faculty in other departments such as physics, aeronautics and astronautics, and mechanical engineering have also used the application to manage their courses. In addition to these courses, SloanSpace also has more than a hundred online communities. These communities range from student groups, research centers, and industry partners interested in collaborating ideas and work.

For all its users SloanSpace proves to be an indispensable tool. Professors can use it to easily distribute teaching material to their students. Students can use it to easily access all course material they are currently enrolled in and submit homework assignments electronically. Researchers find great ability in being able to exchange ideas and store work for greater collaboration and quicker response times.

The diagrams below show the Logical and Physical Architecture of SloanSpace.

SloanSpace Logical Architecture Diagram



SloanSpace Physical Architecture Diagram

