### Infrastructure - Decision #6705

# What behavior should be when a user request a sid when all the pids matching the sid were obsoleted

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### Description

Here is the definition of "current" in this page

http://jenkins-1.dataone.org/jenkins/job/API%20Documentation%20-%20trunk/ws/api-documentation/build/html/design/ContentMutability.html:

DataONE defines the latest version as "current" if the object in question has a matching SID and no value in the "obsoletedBy" field, regardless if it is "archived" or not. Consumers of the data should inspect the system metadata and/or search results to determine if the object has been explicitly archived if they are concerned about using stale data.

We have two pids with the same sid and their system metadata looks like:

pid sid obsoletes obsoletedBy p1 s1 p2 p2 s1 p1

If we call get(s1), p2 should be returned base on the above definition.

Now, we insert another object p3 with the update method. The p3 object has another sid - s2 and it obsoletes p2. So the system metadata will look like:

pid sid obsoletes obsoletedBy

p1 s1 p2 p2 s1 p1 p3 p3 s2 p2

If we call get(s2), p3 should be returned.

If we call get(s1), what should be returned? The p2 or the NotFound exception?

Base on the above definition, I believe that the NotFound exception should be returned since there is no a pid which matches the s1 and does't have a value on the "obsoletedBy".

#### History

## #1 - 2014-12-10 20:08 - Jing Tao

- Tracker changed from Task to Decision
- Target version set to CCI-2.0.0

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