Developing a Digital Scholarship Research Ecosystem

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What is a Digital Scholarly Research Ecosystem?

Network of Several Software Components to Enable Faculty and Student Research and Raise Research Profiles
General Characteristics of This Digital Scholarly Research Ecosystem

- Open Source Software
- Customizable Components
- Active Developer Communities
Digital Ecosystem Consists of Six Main Software Components

- Digital Collections Repository (Dspace)
- Research Data Repository (Dataverse)
- Identity Management System (ORCID)
- ETD Management System (VIREO)
- User Interface Software (OMEKA)
- Open Journal Software (OJS3)

Hardware: Digitization Lab
Simple Larger Idea

Collocating Open Source Digital Components in a Networked Research Ecosystem Enables Larger Connections and/or Network Effects

Ecosystem Metaphor Looks at Component Relationships
Network Effects: Metcalfe’s Law

The Systemic Value of Compatibly communicating components grows as the square of their number increases.

Component Networks may be Internal and/or External.
Together, These Digital Ecosystem Components Enable Various Parts of the Academic Research Cycle

Pragmatic Levels

Think & Plan

Discover

Gather & Analyse

The academic research cycle

i. Identification of knowledge e.g. undertaking literature reviews using peer reviewed sources

ii. Creation of knowledge by professional researchers usually behind closed doors

Collaboration

iv. Dissemination of knowledge e.g. publication, presentation at conference

iii. Quality assurance of knowledge e.g. peer review, filtering the best for publication

Abstract Levels

Share/Impact

Write & Publish

Research Cycle

Social media: A guide for researchers (2011), p15
Texas State University Libraries
Digital Scholarly Research Ecosystem
Primary Components
Institutional Digital Collections Repository (Dspace)

Organizes, centralizes and makes accessible research and knowledge generated by the institution’s research community (Faculty and Graduate Students):

Pre-prints  
Faculty Publications  
White Papers  
Conference Presentations  
Graduate Student Theses and Dissertations
Primary Use Case Value
Application of Structured Metadata Schema for Search Engine Optimization
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### Findability

- **Show full metadata**

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### Search Engine Optimization (SEO)

- **View/Download**
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Application of Structured Metadata Schema for Search Engine Optimization Leads to Accessibility and Multiple Points of Access
Research Data Repository

Texas State University Dataverse
A platform for publishing and archiving Texas State University's research data.

https://dataverse.tdl.org/dataverse/txstate
The Dataverse can be configured as a single Instance or as a Consortial Model

https://dataverse.tdl.org/

(Texas Aggregates 22 Individual Instances, through the Texas Digital Library)
Digital Scholarly Research Ecosystem

Secondary Components
(Dependent on Primary Digital Repositories for Content and Data)
Vireo

Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Management System

• Addresses Intermediary steps in the ETD Process
• Connects with Both the Collections Repository And Data Repository so students can publish and link their theses dissertations and data
• Bridges Student Thesis/Dissertation Submission with Graduate School Review, Online Publication and ETD Preservation
Researcher Identity Management System

• Gives Researchers Unique Number (ORCID ID) Connecting and Disambiguate Scholars names Maria Hernandez, Biochemist Maria Hernandez, M.D. or Astrophysicist

• Allows publications from a researcher to be found, linked and aggregated across multiple information Systems.

• Allows Papers in the collections repository and datasets in data repository can be associated with ORCID ID’s for aggregation of research profiles.

ORCID is a hub connecting the research landscape

Orcid can act as a Network Hub aggregating from several sources and connecting to other internal and external networks
Omeka and OJS

Open Source User Interface Software
Allows an elegant portal/gateway entrance for larger scholarly research projects, digital collections and data repositories - linking text, image media and datasets and acting as a front end for connecting components and component networks.

Open Access Academic Journal Software for refereed journal online publishing, workflow and connections with background research and datasets etc. through Dataverse/Dspace connections.
The Digitization Lab

- Expands Possibilities for Faculty Research Projects
- Possibilities range from OCR, image, book, manuscript & journal digitization to 3D objects, audiovisual material, GIS and visualization technologies (IIIF etc)

(i.e. Digitization Lab’s IIIF Framework can create internal or globally distributed Image Libraries.)
Combining Research Ecosystem Components
Opens Amazing Possibilities For Digital Scholarship & Collaboration Opportunities

- Cognitive Cartography/Multimedia Archives
  (Video, Text, GIS, Images, Field Notes)
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- Digital Libraries Archiving & Documentation Projects
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  Pedagogs University Yearbooks

- Faculty Digitization Proposals/Partnerships
Human Resources and Implementation Paths

- **System Administrator/Programmer**
  server infrastructure set-up/maintenance/basic customization

- **Digital Collections Librarian/Specialist**
  Software Administration, Marketing, User Support

(Further Expansion Possibilities: Web Developer, Programmer Project Manager, Metadata Librarian, Digitization Specialist, GIS Specialist, Data Visualization Specialist, AI Specialist/Post-Doc)

**Timelines, 1-5 Years (Many Roads to Rome)**

- **Year 1**: Digital Collection Repository and Digitization Lab
- **Year 2**: User Interface Software (OMeka), Identity Management System, ORCID
- **Year 3**: Data Repository
- **Year 4**: ETD Middleware (VIREO) and OJS Software
- **Year 5**: Complex Digitization Projects, IIIF Server, Faculty Grant Projects etc.
### Ecosystem Assessment and Results

#### Quantitative and Qualitative Measures

**Annual Usage Growth**

(Downloads, Number of Items, ORCID ID’s and Hosted Journals)

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| **Items Added** |       |       |       |       |       |
| DSpace   | 1,437  | 1,546  | 1,660  | 2,135  | 2,720  |
| ETDs     | 1,174  | 1,326  | 1,581  | 1,789  | 2,218  |
| Dataverse| n/a    | n/a    | 28     | 33     | 53     |

| **ORCID IDs** |       |       |       |       |       |
| ORCID    | 190    | 316    | 438    | 545    | 669    |

| **Hosted Journals** |       |       |       |       |
| OJS       | 1      | 2      | 2      | 3      | 4      |

**LibQual Biannual Survey**

2013-2019, Faculty and Student System Perceptions, Comments

[Bar chart showing perceived satisfaction of making electronic resources accessible from home or office]
Summary Reflections

Placing Digital Scholarship Components within an Ecosystem Paradigm Enables:

1) Better Guidelines and Roadmaps for Developing Digital Scholarly Components

2) Pathways Forward and Evolutionary Possibilities for Future System Development

3) New Possibilities For Researchers within the academic research cycle
Questions, Comments

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Future Pathways
Networked Global Scholarly Research Environment
Research Universities and Digital Research Ecosystems

• ~266-300 Research Institutions US & Canada
  Carnegie R1 & R2, Very High or High Research Activity

• ~1000-1250 Research Universities Worldwide
  QS Rankings and Times Higher Education Supplement. (40% Europe, 26.5% Asia Pacific, US/Canada 18%, Latin America 9% and Middle East/Africa.

• Enable Top 2-3% Research Institutions Globally, 1000 Institutions beyond the US and Canada.
  (This represents the other 90% of Research Libraries Globally)
One Server Per Research Institution
2020-2025

• Empower 1000 Research University Institutions/Research Libraries Globally

• Gift each Research University One Configured Server Ecosystem with 6 Open Source Scholarly Research Software Components, < $1000.00 US/Server or set up Fractional Server Space with Mirror Sites Globally (SAAS)

• Set Up brief weeklong training over five continents

• Connect Networks

• Measure the Effects
Can we Enable Scholarly Research Network Ecosystem Possibilities on Global Levels?

Is it Desirable or Time to Begin Thinking About Empowering a Global Research University Community?
Brainstorming Models
One Laptop Per Child
Dreamed up mid-late 90’s, Launched 2005

• Nicholas Negroponte, MIT Media Lab Founding Director
• Noble Initiative/Grand Ambitions
• Vision: Give each child in world access to a laptop with open source software for less than 100.00 $US/laptop
• Gage Effects For Education Globally
• Can We do the same thing for academic research globally?
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• **26,000-40,000** Universities Globally. Research Universities 2.7% - 4.2% of all universities worldwide. Highest by Country: **US 156**, UK 76, Germany 45, Japan 44.

• Other Top 2-3% Research Institution Academic Libraries Globally, 1000 Institutions beyond the US and Canada. This represents the other 90% of Research Libraries Globally
Research Universities and Digital Research Ecosystems

- **124** ARL Research Libraries (US and Canada)
- **131** US Research Universities (Carnegie R1, Very High Research Activity)
- **135** Doctoral Universities (Carnegie R2, High Research Activity, US), ~266-300 Research Institutions US & Canada
- **1011** Research Universities Worldwide (40% Europe, 26.5% Asia Pacific, US/Canada 18%, Latin America 9% and Middle East/Africa. QS Rankings)
- **1250** Research Universities Worldwide, Times Higher Education Supplement (2.7% - 4.2% of all universities worldwide)
- By Country: **US 156**, UK 76, Germany 45, Japan 44
- Global Estimates of General University #’s **26,000-40,000**

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Larger Digital Scholarly Research Projects Can Act as Qualitative/Quantitative Benchmarks

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Faculty Digitization Proposals/Partnerships

Projects, Prototypes
Grant Partnerships

Complexity

1) Project Completion (Milestones)
2) Usage Statistics
Combining Components
System Synergies
Digital Scholarly Research Ecosystem
Network Effects
Both In and Between Individual Components and In and Among Component Networks

1) ORCID Aggregates from Several Sources and Networks and Connects to Other Networks, Internal and External
2) OMEKA can act as a middleware front end connecting several components and component networks internally.
3) Digitization Lab’s IIIF Framework can create internal or globally distributed Image Libraries.
4) Dataverse can be configured as a single Instance or as a Consortial Model (Texas 22 Individual Instances, TDL)
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Quantitative and Qualitative Measures

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LibQual Biannual Survey 2013-2019, Faculty and Student System Perceptions, Comments
Ecosystem as System Enables Core Research

- Articles, Theses, Dissertations in the collections repository can be associated with datasets in the data repository for reference, verification or reproducibility.

- Journal article citation lists can be associated with articles and datasets in the Collections and Data Repositories

- Further Desired Connections can also guide developmental paths for both component software and the ecosystem
Digital Collection Repositories Gives Insight and another window into Faculty/Student Research (Statistics)
Network Effects Allow Opportunities Among Research Institutions
Digital Scholarly Ecosystem Timelines and Implementation Paths

Many Roads To Rome (1-5 Year Paths)

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Ecosystem Implemented in Stages, 2014-2019
Human Resources

- **System Administrator/Programmer**: server infrastructure set-up/maintenance/basic customization
- **Digital Collections Librarian**: Administration, Marketing, User Support, Collections and Data Repository, OJS/ORCID
- **Metadata Librarian**: Dublin Core, Specialized Schema
- **Web Developer/Programmer**: OMEKA, System Integration
- **Project Manager/Department Head** (PMP Certification)
- **Digitization Specialist**
- **GIS Specialist/Data Visualization Specialist**
- **AI Specialist/Post-Doc/CLIR Fellow**
Percent Increase in Article Citations by Discipline with Open Access Online Availability
(Immediately Available Through Google)

Range = 36%-250%
(Data: Stevan Harnad and Heather Joseph, 2014)