

Curation
 Define and enforce management and preservation requirements
 Facilitate authenticity verification for all artifacts and collections
 Facilitate rights management for all artifacts and collections
 Identify or flag materials that might need redaction
 Identify or flag redundancy or duplicates
 Provide aging information on artifacts and collections.
 Provide workflow capabilities
 Support export capabilities to common file types
 Support the use of dark archival (non-sharable) archives
 Support the use of verified and unverified tags
 The use of artifacts and collections must adhere to donation restrictions

Ingestion
 Allow bulk upload in variety of formats
 Allow users to add to the collections
 Capture GIS information for relevant artifacts or collections
 Provide automated classification of artifacts
 Provide capability to update a collection automatically
 Provide import capabilities for common file types

Metadata
 Allow for specific schemas for different disciplines
 Allow tags to be defined/customized to the researcher's reading
 Freeform categorization - owner / viewer / creator / interpretation
 Include social media conventions such as: number of views, ratings, tags, and comments.
 Move between ad hoc and systematized tagging keywords and classification
 Provide capability for designating visual or spatial orientation of artifacts, artifact content
 Provide capability to organize administrative portion of schema
 Support multi-dimensional tags
 Support multiple creation dates for artifacts
 Support Dublin Core, OAI and other open data standards

General
 Supports audio and video streaming
 Supports classroom work
 - collaborative interface - have students crowdsource evaluating artifacts (e.g. photos)
 - supports collaboration and crowdsourcing scenarios to assess class room work as: meeting or exceeding requirements, exceeding prior instances, meeting qualitative criteria
 - use of workflow to move evaluated artifacts into professor's queue
 - separate metadata levels for instructor and student
 - integration of school/class/enrollment information; information is automatically imported into repository

Security, Reporting, and Quality Assurance
 Seven security requirements, two reporting requirements, and three quality assurance requirements.

Visualization
 Capability for visualizations to be saved, retrieved, and linked to
 Generate time and space visualizations based upon multiple criteria
 Allow visualizations (statistical or spatial) with overlays.
 Depict relationships of distance and proximity
 Discern shape of an entire collection
 Easy ways to graph for visual display
 Support social network visualizations abstractly, also over time and across space
 Provide access to stitching tools
 Provide capability as a publishing platform
 Show visual morphing over time
 Support the use of heat maps
 Allow export of visualizations in standards formats (.pdf, .gif)

SCHOLAR'S DASHBOARD

A series of workshops held in 2012-2013 of humanities scholars, librarians and archivists, and technologists to generate functional and technical requirements for the next generation of online repositories.

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Architecture/IT Environment
 Balance metadata need and the volume content - aim for "protean" metadata
 Build and leverage on existing products already in use
 Handle complex or compound objects (multiple data types within a single object)
 Ideally to be open-source, and at least useable as a model for other implementations.
 Implement a hybrid approach to metadata model - leverages strengths of both central and distributed architectures and minimizes risk.
 Provide adequate backup and restore procedures to protect against loss of data due to accidental user actions, database corruption, hardware failures, and disaster recovery scenarios.
 Provide well documented APIs
 Support for distributed repositories / heterogeneous content
 Device agnostic: adherent to latest internet standards
 Support OAI and other open data standards
 Support synchronization across devices - mobile, tablet, cell phone, laptop
 Support the use of add-ons or plug-ins
 Support web 2.0 collaborative, online publication tools.
 Utilize a distributed platform
 Utilize cloud architecture for cost and maintainability

User Interface
 Low threshold of expertise to use (i.e. little or no training required)
 Provide a full feature, web-based application through a best practice graphical user interface (i.e. rich internet application with searchable pick lists, filtering pick lists, appropriate preservation of screen data as end user navigates through the system, coherent error messages, etc.)
 Provide capability to infer color from black-and-white
 Qualitative brief - to skim the meaning of the artifact or the collection, identify relationships between artifacts - parent / part of network / missing relational items
 Supply COinS (ContextObjects in Spans) metadata and clippable citation information for all pages, search results
 Compatibility with Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI)
 Provide clipping services
 Support multiple languages

Search
 Provide capability to generate result sets, tables, graphs, timelines, auto-generated stable url for search results
 Ability to "learn" from user behavior or prior user searches
 Ability to infer interesting keywords
 Ability to narrow findings to relevant criteria
 Ability to predict what might be valuable or interesting
 Allow a search scenario that returns all sources given certain tabs or tab combinations
 Allow capability for tags to infer metadata
 Allow for both general public queries and more sophisticated digital humanities (DH) projects. Accordingly, must have portal to allow for differing levels of interaction with collections and tools so as to emphasize ease of use for more casual users and fine-grained flexibility for expert users.
 Allow for flexible search, both through menu interface for novice users and regular expressions for advanced users
 Allow for searching and analysis of hosted and affiliated collections. Solution must therefore have retention policy and other assurances (formatting, metadata, etc.) regarding both kinds of collections.
 Identify similar or related research projects and their researchers
 Provide capability for a learning recommendation engine, ability to enhance searches and analyses based upon previous searches and analyses.
 Provide capability for searchable handwriting recognition
 Provide capability such that all artifacts and collections, including reports, maps, data are archivable and discoverable
 Searches can infer/recommend additional related sources
 Searches can infer/recommend additional related topics
 Searches can infer/recommend additional research projects.
 Support syntactic interpretation

Socialization
 Allow for individual accounts to save searches, search results, communications with other users
 Allow for notes and comments to be graded with keywords to tags
 Facilitate and encourage scholarly communication and sharing
 Incentivize submission of content (like Flickr or Picasa)
 Rate/comment/tag the quality of the artifact/collection