

"Setting up a digitisation service in a week".

University Digitisation Service

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Overview

- History
- What we do
- Technical development
- Show and tell
- Lessons learned
- Invitation to collaborate

History

- 1970s: Record Services microfilm
- 2004: Invoice scanning
- 2006: Record Services incorporated in to University Library - refocus on Library collections
- 2010: University Digitisation Service (UDS) formed and relocated to Bouverie St
- Who are UDS' clients?





Site Selection

The big move



- State Library
- Architects
- Builder
- Removalists
- IT Department
- Vendors
- Clients



Site Selection

Development of specifications with SLV





Equipment selection and acquisition

- Second hand ATIZ book copier redesigned
- A3 flatbed scanner
- Zeutschel OS14000, A1 600dpi











Establishment & Progression

- Staff and equipment relocated to Bouverie St
- No disruption to financial imaging
- 'Normal' operation by week's end
- Expansion of services & staff



Engaging with staff & students





Technical Development

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Technical Development: Practical goals

- Highest possible image quality
- Automate image processing
- Embed metadata in all files
- Integrate operations
- Operational flexibility
- Opportunity to think differently



Technical Development

- Reconfiguration of ATIZ book copier
- Brief testing of Zeutschel OS14000
- Flatbed scanner workflow on paper only





Technical Standards

Same as everyone else BUT varied according to nature





Technical Standards

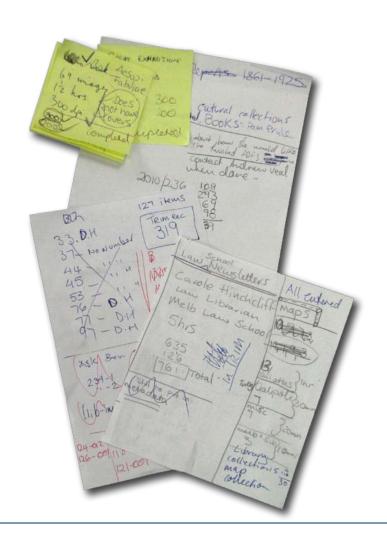
Reflective illumination of illuminated manuscripts





Early Technical Development

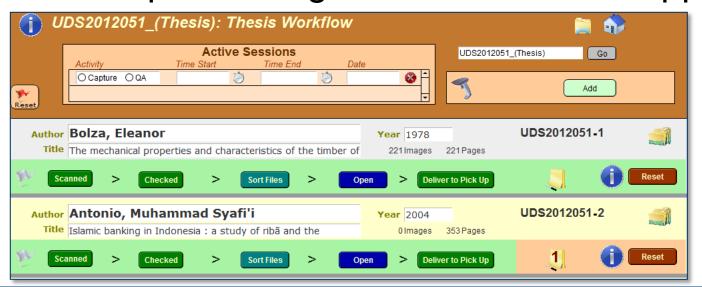
- Existing workflows and skill set directly transferrable
- Scalability of workflows?
 - Streamline job tracking/ reporting
 - Job/file naming schema





Early Technical Development

- Metadata writing tools (proof of concept)
- OCR service
- Relational database for data management
- Automated processing via command line apps



Naïve Assumptions

- 1. Collecting metadata from the Library catalogue would be easy. Libraries have been doing this for ages.
 - Excel template for item lists
 - Wasted time
 - Reduced data quality
 - Frustrating for all concerned
 - Major rethink required
 - Many technical hurdles



Naïve Assumptions

- 2. Archiving original scans is an upstream process done by someone else
 - Draft data packaging mechanisms extended for production use
 - Additional storage acquired (Noble Park data centre)
 - 2012 project –
 University Digital Preservation strategy



Naïve Assumptions

- 3. Clients know how files will be delivered to end users
 - Additional consultation with clients to help them determine requirements
 - Demand for assistance with technical aspects of project management

Diversity and complexity

- The Library is not the only source of material
- The Library catalogue is not the only source of metadata
- The Library's digital repository is not the only destination
 - Brotherhood of St Laurence (DSpace)
 - UoM Archives (EMU)
 - CPA (Hive)
 - eScholarship Research Centre (OHRM)
 - "Un-managed" collections (custom file naming)
 - Open Library book reader
- Public delivery mechanisms not always known upon commencement



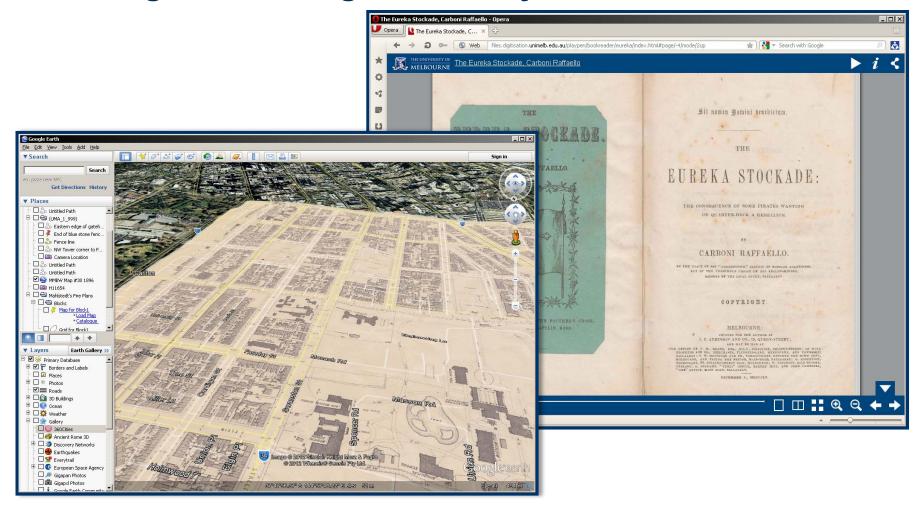


Meeting the challenges: Adaptation



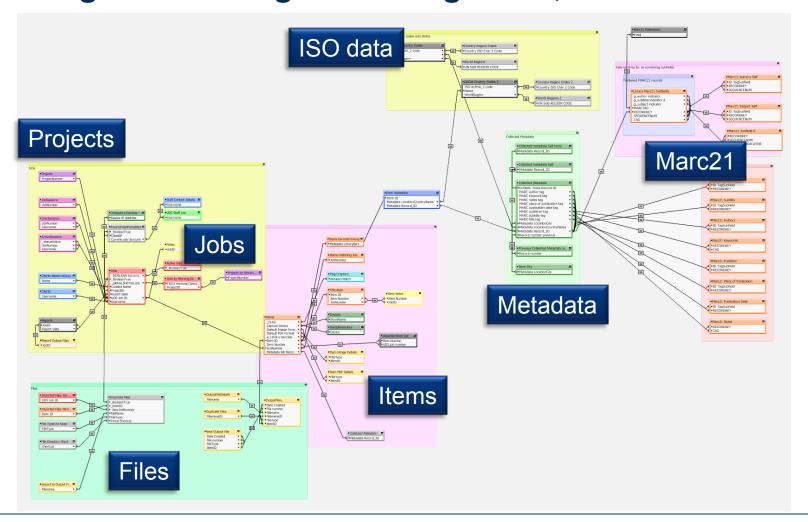
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Meeting the challenges: Delivery alternatives



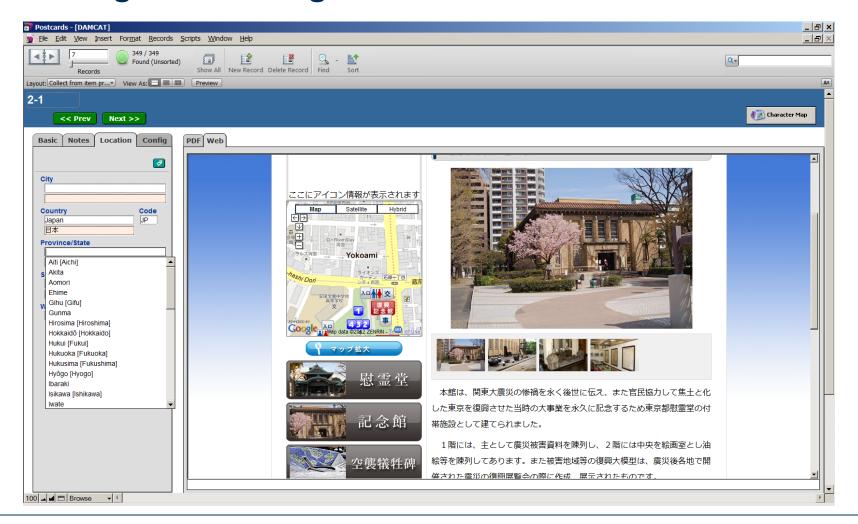


Meeting the challenges: Linking Items, files & metadata



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Meeting the challenges: Tools



Meeting the challenges: Tools

- Facilitate the collection and sharing of metadata
- Spin off from our workflow management tools
 - list files and link to metadata
 - collect metadata from Library catalogue
 - facilitate manual data entry
 - embed metadata into files
- Other functions
 - file sorting and renaming
 - PDF segmentation
- Distributed as standalone runtime or native database



Meeting the challenges: Metadata project





- Crosswalking MARC21 to XMP
 - Flatten and clean XML record
 - Reconstruct in human readable form
 - Map to XMP fields (DC, IPTC, PRISM)

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Meeting the challenges: Metadata project

- Links between barcode, recordkey and XML record
 - Using barcode scanners to list items



- Invalid XML DTD workaround
- HEX character code conversion (diactritics)



- Data cleansing
 - Annotations
 - Encoding errors
- XMP mapping
- MARC21 subfield "reconstruction"



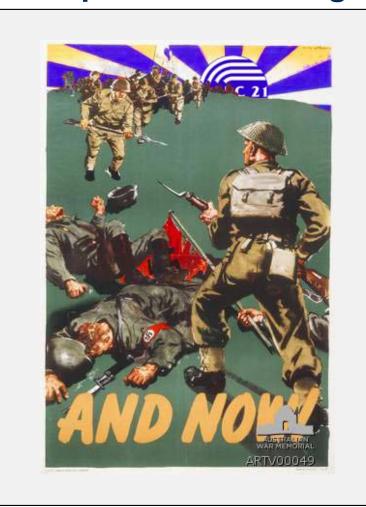




We are not librarians!

- limited sample of data quality issues to be addressed
- explore user-focussed presentation of catalogue metadata
- develop generic tools for collection managers and cataloguers
- embedding metadata is a best practise that is seldom practised

Who's up for the challenge?



Australian War Memoria



A collection of images from the "Treasures Revealed" App



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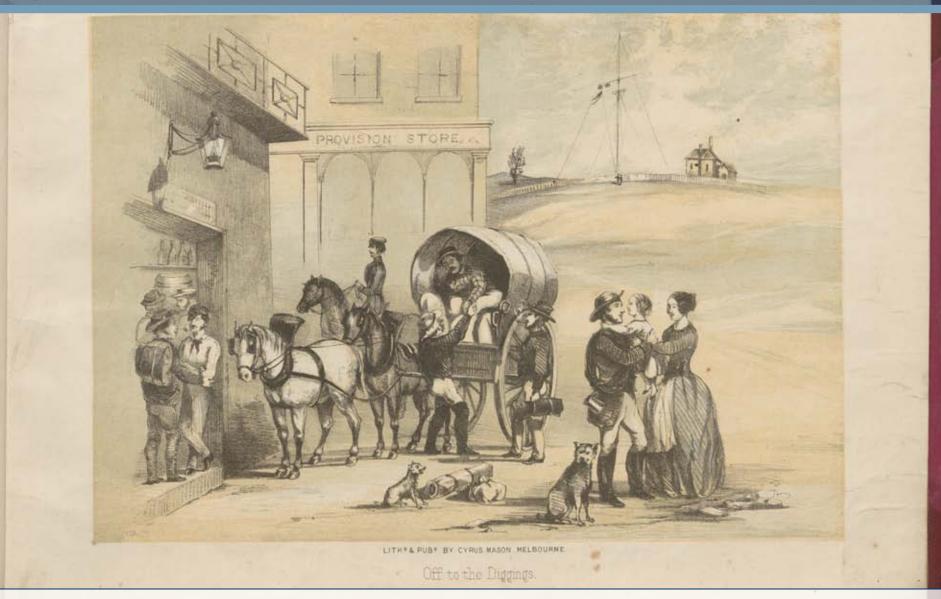


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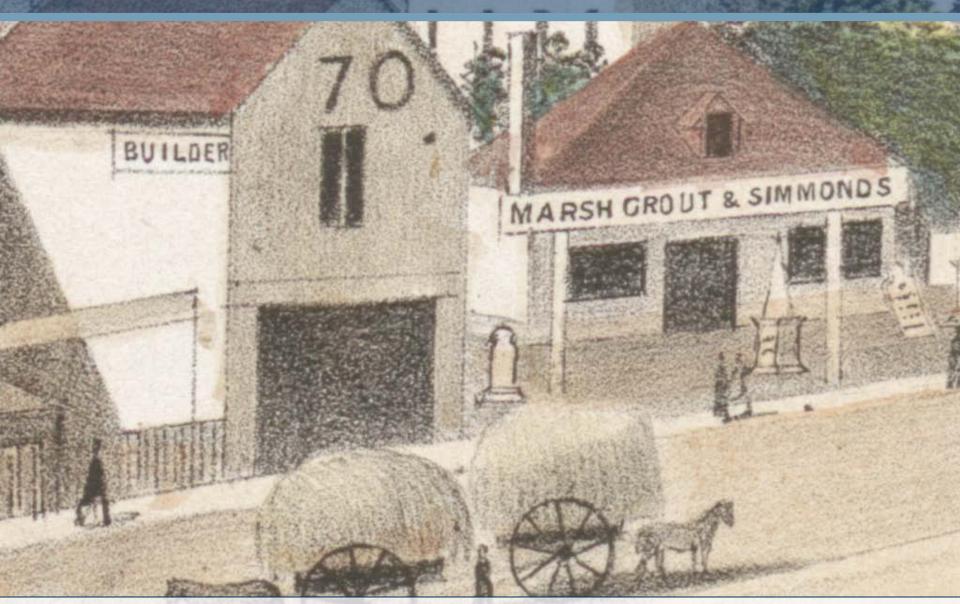




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