

Testing the Model: Assessing Fedora with ITAV

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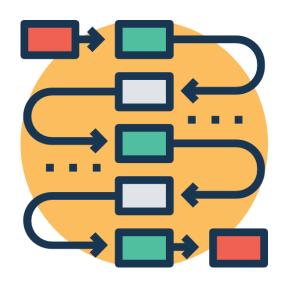


- Gather information about Fedora in a common, comparable format
- Establish a common framework and vocabulary around programs in the division
- Enable strategic discussions for assessed programs, leading to clearer priorities



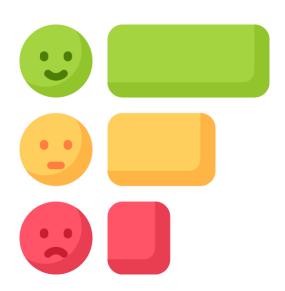


- Complete assessment instrument
- ~3 hours with 2 project staff
- Complete peer review
- ~3 hours with 1 project staff and peer interviewer





- Core data sections are straightforward
- Group planning exercises are potentially time consuming
- Many questions are qualitative; answers will be difficult to normalize for comparison purposes
- Peer assessment was productive





- Good opportunity for relatively objective program evaluation
- Assessment is thorough; encourages exploration of topics not commonly discussed
- Provides a snapshot of program health
- Leads to areas of further exploration



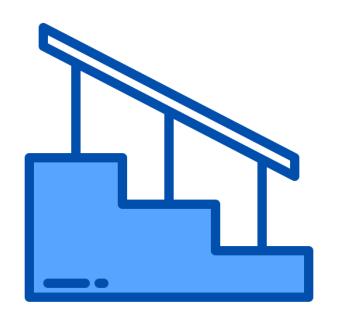


- Limit group planning exercises to a subset of the brainstormed ideas
- Revisit qualitative questions to see if they can be made more quantitative for comparison purposes
- Establish guidelines around time spent on each section





- Complete assessments for other programs
- Establish metrics for comparison
- Develop dashboards to report on project health
- Discover opportunities for collaboration between programs





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ITAV Lessons with Fulcrum and Beyond...

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Infrastructure and services for mission-driven publishers

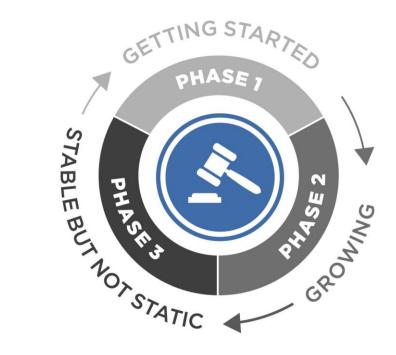
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Fulcrum ITAV workshop: ITAV Facets and Phases



Scores between 0-3 will align most closely with Phase I, between 4-7 with Phase II, and 8-10 with Phase III.





Beyond Fulcrum...

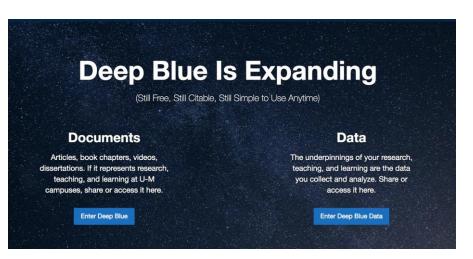
ITaV workshop for Deep Blue

Deep Blue Docs: Institutional Repository on DSpace

Deep Blue Data: Data Repository on Hyrax

Working towards...

Deep Blue: Docs + Data on one platform



Governance

Fulcrum

- First grant period vs. now
- Tactical vs Strategic decision making
- Technical Roadmap decision making
- Role of a product owner Governance to prioritize development in accordance with values, other?

- Illustrated the need for Clear articulation of strategy and governance (tech strategy and overall)
- Future combined service model governance would be informed by the current and challenges of the combined service policies and owners

Technology

Fulcrum

- Consider Tech roadmap or priority map?
- What does it mean once communicated? Can be used to set expectations and show future intentions
- Reactive vs proactive prioritization on the technology roadmap
- Empower engineers to say no, articulate need to pay down architectural debt

- Concern: sustainability of open source code updates
- Aligning our roadmap with the open-source software community roadmap
- Need for a combined technology roadmap - strategic and prioritized
- Integrating with other library services

Community Engagement

Fulcrum

- What is the process by which the tech roadmap is set; how will Fulcrum communicate out?
- For each set of stakeholders: why
 do we want to engage with them,
 how do we currently engage with
 them, how would we like to engage
 with them, what's the current gap?

- Samvera engagement plan
 - We are engaged with the community on several fronts.
 - Review our current community engagements and make a plan to be actively engaged with the aspects of the community that would benefit our strategic projects

Resources

Fulcrum

- U of Michigan contributions (small, stable, try to diversify); formalize commitment from university and library for ongoing operating support
- Push back against "nonprofit starvation" – articulate need for resources to not just exist but to innovate

- Deep Blue has a pool of assigned resources
- How does it connect with community engagement/working on community code/contributing code back to the core

General Observations: Fulcrum and Deep Blue

- Helpful to have the whole team in the room to go through the workshop
- It was valuable to take a view of sustainability beyond just "where is the money coming from"
- Interesting to see how can we get away from one person making decision without getting too bogged down into group details
- Fulcrum's place in the broader community leading to the understanding that while we were not community-governed we could be a good actor in terms of giving back to the open source code on which Fulcrum relies.

General Observations: Fulcrum and Deep Blue

- People who are closer to the facet had more critical response
- Suggestion: It would be helpful to review the 4 facets and answer the questions
 - What do we have confidence in? (similar to the number rating with in-depth convo)
 - What are the things we feel needs improvement?
 - Who has the confidence? Why?



CSS Sustainability and Beyond: a Wider Perspective

LYRASIS Member Summit, 2019



Session Speakers



- Megan Forbes
 - ITAV Co-Director
- David Wilcox
 - DuraSpace Community Supported Product Manager
- Nabeela Jaffer
 - Program Manager for Strategic Projects, University of Michigan
- Lori Goldstein
 - Manager, Public Art Archive, WESTAF
- Jason Ronallo
 - Head of Digital Library Initiatives, NCSU Libraries



It Takes a Village: A Sustainability Framework

Megan Forbes – LYRASIS, Program Manager, CollectionSpace Co-Director, It Takes a Village

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It Takes A Village: Overview



- OSS Programs serving cultural and scientific heritage suffer from a lack of resources devoted to sustainability planning
- IMLS funded the It Takes a Village project in 2017
- Intended grant outcomes:
 - Survey, forum, and roadmap
 - Increased awareness of OSS sustainability requirements,
 variety of models, and factors that influence sustainability
 - Opportunities for join projects and collaborations

ITAV Background - Who



LYRASIS Co Directors

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- Megan Forbes
 - Program Manager, CollectionSpace

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Leaders and Participants

































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Fedora[™]



























Academic Publishing System

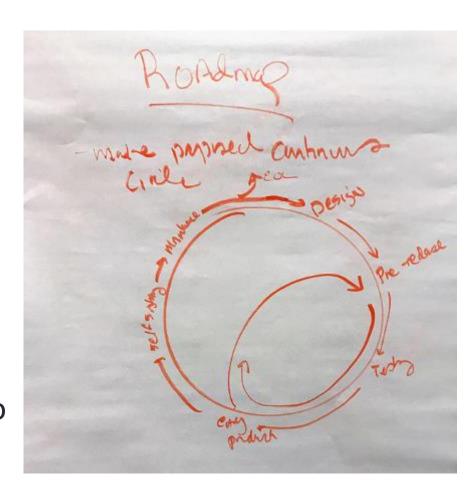




ITAV: Major Findings

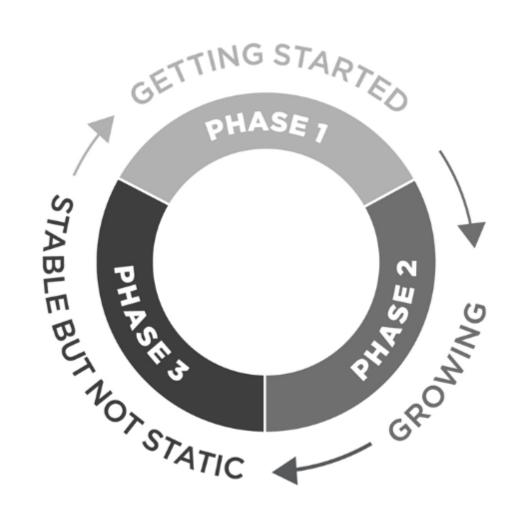


- Sustainable programs grow from community needs
- Sustainability is not one thing, nor is it a straight line
- Sustainability has facets that move in cyclical phases together and separately
- Gathered info from survey and forum to develop Guidebook to serve as practical reference source for OSS programs





- Getting Started
 - Early stages of planning, design and development
- Growing
 - Broadest, critical time to transition to sustainable
- Stable, but not Static
 - Reflects more mature program; beware complacency



ITAV: Facets

Establishing roles and processes; how decisions get made

Efforts to foster involvement w/in a community; users -> stakeholders



Software development and challenges that impact the development process

Human and financial resources in variety of forms



- Development of a structured series of tools *ITAV in Practice*
 to guide users through the assessment and planning process, and:
 - Enable all stakeholders in an OSS program to participate in assessment of each facet of sustainability at current and desired phases;
 - Develop balanced strategies to advance sustainability goals;
 and
 - Integrate sustainability plans into other organizational planning initiatives and documents.



Who better to experiment on than ourselves?













Objectives

- Gather information about programs in the division in a common, comparable format
- Further using a common framework and vocabulary
- Further our team building and knowledge sharing initiatives
- Fuel strategy discussions for the programs assessed



The Construction of the Tower of Babell, Unknown, illuminator Rudolf von Ems, author (Austrian, about 1200 - 1254) Image courtesy J. Paul Getty Museum.

Assessment Elements



- Community Assessment
 - Identify the stakeholders who make up the community and create a high-level map of their characteristics.
- Core Data (per facet)
- Peer Interview (per facet)
- What's Your Phase? (per facet)
- Wrap Up
 - Outline findings objectives, trends, insights, and actions



[Nadar with Marie Eugène Chevreul on his Hundredth Birthday], Nadar [Gaspard Félix Tournachon], (French, 1820 - 1910). Image courtesy J. Paul Getty Museum.



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Non-Profit Art Services

- Multicultural initiatives
 - o Training
 - Consulting
- Convenings
 - Cultural PolicySymposia
- Grants
 - TourWest
- Policy
- Advocacy

What is the Public Art Archive™ (PAA) Today?

Database

 searchable online repository of public art throughout the world accessible on desktop computers and mobile devices

Collection Management System

- built on the CollectionSpace public art profile to manage the public art workflow from commissioning through conservation
- Suite of technology-driven tools
 - o provide online platforms for sustained engagement with public art

Search & Explore

Artist ▼ Type in term to begin your search

Browse the contents of the Public Art Archive using the buttons below

Artist Collection Material Worktype Location



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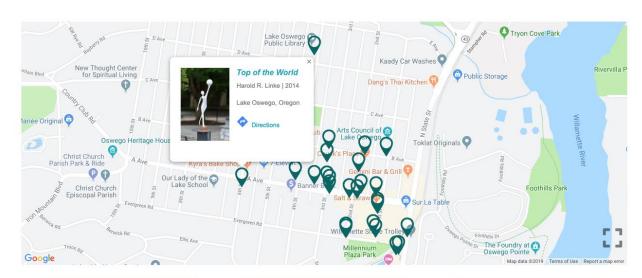


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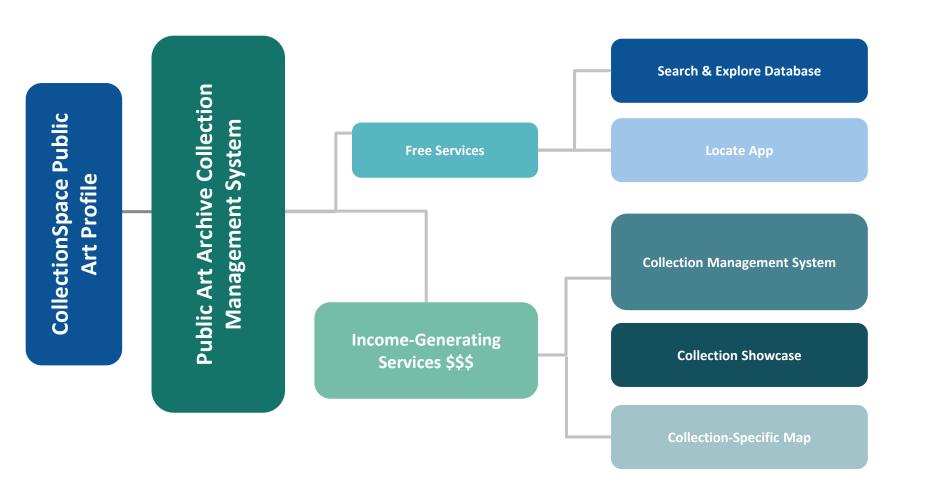


Identifying the Need & Space for Innovation:

- PAA's existing database software had reached end of life;
- PAA's community of users identify gap in field;
- PAA's program necessitated a shift towards financially sustainability;
- PAA's products and services needed to expand to become a necessary field resource.

Identifying a Partnership:

- Resources to build and deploy a collection management system in house;
- Community-centric approach could fulfill the needs of a community-based user base;
- A public art profile built on CollectionSpace software could provide the PAA a new home and fulfill the collection management needs of the field;
- Collaborate with the strength of the CSpace system and technical team.



Roadblocks & Challenges:

- Reconciliation of OSS & financial sustainability balancing the needs of the community with business goals;
- Reliance on documentation;
- Data migration;
- Re-building the data utility to publish data on front end;
- Could we be a productive CollectionSpace community member if so much of our focus would be on deploying software and enhancing front end tools?

Sustainable Financial Framework:

- WESTAF to host the Public Art Profile with system "amenities" provided by the PAA Team;
- Tenant onboarding, including data cleaning & migration, training, customer support, upgrades, and troubleshooting provided by the PAA team;
- PAA builds and deploys reports;
- PAA provides the publicly searchable web portal for clients using the Collection Management System, with the ability to further integrate engagement tools.

