e-Research: An Innovative Service of Academic Libraries

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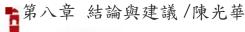
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A Book Related to e-Research

- ■第一章 導論/陳雪華
- 第二章 各國 e-Research 之發展與現況 /陳雪華、黃文樺、何亞真、陳麗純
- 第三章 臺灣發展研究資料管理政策之芻議 /劉應琳
- 第四章 學術圖書館與資料度用/曾品方
- 第五章 從研究人員觀點探討資料度用系統: 以地理資訊應用領域為例 /黃文琪、蔣禮芸、秦韻涵
- 第六章 資料度用詮釋資料之探析 /林玉、劉京政
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Outline

- Background
- e-Research
- Academic libraries in e-Research
- Data curation
- Data curation systems
- Conclusions



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Shift of Research Paradigm

- ■Big data
 - Sensor-generated data
 - Model-generated data
 - User-generated data
 - Born digital data
 - etc.
- Interdisciplinary researches
 - Challenges & opportunities of new paradigm
 - Data available in different formats, channels, tools, and services



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Components of e-Research



- Computing power and network bandwidth
 - Computer centers, cloud computing providers
- Data curation
 - Libraries, data centers
- Operating systems and algorithms
 - Domain experts, computer scientists



Scales of Research Data

- Research data collections
 - Outputs of one or more research projects
 - Limited management
- Resource or community data collections
 - For particular or single research community
 - No guarantee for long-term maintenance
- Reference data collections
 - For large-scale research communities
 - With better maintenance and management



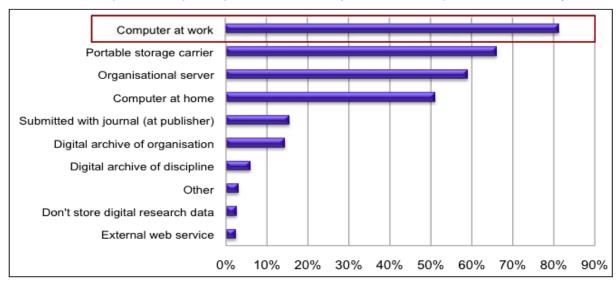
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Store Research Data

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Where do you currently store your research data? (researchers/multiple answers, N=1202)



Source: PARSE.Insight Consortium. (2010). PARSE.Insight: Science Data Infrastructure Roadmap.



e-Research Initiatives



- International level
- National level
- Funding agencies
- Research communities
- Publishers
- Research institutes



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Responsibilities of Different-level Organizations

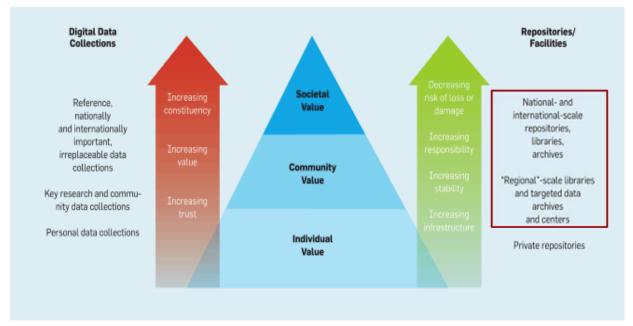


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- International organizations
 - Visions & Principles
- National organizations & Funding agencies
 - Policies & Strategies
- Research communities & Research institutes
 - Promotion & Execution



Value-added Research Data



Source: Berman, F. (2008). Got data?: a guide to data preservation in the information age. *Commun. ACM*, *51*(12), 50-56. doi: 10.1145/1409360.1409376

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Open Government Dashboard 2012

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Source: White House. (2012). *Open Government Dashboard*. Retrieved July 24, 2012, from http://www.whitehouse.gov/open/around

Actions for Commitment of e-Research

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- Lessons learning
- Policies making
- Regulation implementing
- Incentives creating
- Roles positioning
- Systems developing
- Inter-disciplines cooperating



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Current Services in Academic Libraries



- PULL-based services
 - Priced resources
 - Open resources
- PUSH-based services
 - Special collections
 - Digital repository
 - Web archives
 - Institutional repository

All efforts related to final products of researches, but few efforts in collecting research data



Libraries' Efforts towards e-Research

- From institutional repository to research data repository
- Data curation with supports of policies and strategies
- Collaboration with office of research and development
- From institutional level to national level



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Data Curation



- Data
 - Raw data, created data, output data, etc.
- Curation from "curare" means "care for"
- Research data has to be collected and managed carefully for later access and reuse
- Data curation is to maintain, preserve, and add value to research data and to construct reliable digital repository for current and future use



e-Research vs. Data Curation

- Data curation could be regarded as one of components in e-Research framework
- Data curation is the answer to storage and management of research data in e-Research
- In addition, data curation could be the hub to connect to other components of e-Research



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Why Data Curation is Important

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- Data deluge
 - Sensor-generated data, model-generated data, etc.
- Data loss
 - Characteristics of digital data, scholars' behaviors, no preservation strategies, etc.
- Data effectiveness
 - Insight, verification, innovation, etc.



Niche for Academic Libraries towards Data Curation



- Libraries have focused on acquisition for final products of researches, although there were few efforts in acquisition for research data
- Librarians are professionals of data organization, information access, collection management, and institutional repository
- ■That is librarians are experienced data experts



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Librarians' Roles in Data Curation



- Consultant of data acquisition and organization
- Partner of educational activities
- Disseminator of research data
- Manager of data curation system
- Hub of data and researchers
- Participant of research collaboration



Academic Libraries' Strategies for Data Curation



- Participate research activities
- Aggregate research resources
- Educate research librarians
- Develop research partnership
- Execute research projects



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-- Interview with Geospatial Researchers of NTU

Geospatial Researchers' Responses

- -- Genre of Research Data
- GIS shapefile
- Digital maps
- Sensor-generated data
- Simulated models
- Topical data



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Geospatial Researchers' Responses

- -- Current Status of Preservation & Sharing
- Store data in respondents' computers
- Data backup using optical disks, hard disks, and other computers
- Data organization based on research projects or assistants
- No respondents submitted their data to online data repositories
- Data sharing via personal social network



Geospatial Researchers' Responses

- -- Comments on Data Curation
- Agree with ideas of developing data curation systems
 - Consensus in data sharing
 - Long-term goal of geospatial researchers
 - Before submitting data to curation system, data should be re-organized.
- No time to participate activities of data curation
- Willing to use data curation system as one of backup mechanisms



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Geospatial Researchers' Responses

- -- Requests for Data Curation
- Regulations
 - Coverage for deposited data
 - Not all data should be available
 - Rules for data organization and description
 - Pre-defined rules v.s.
 - Adoption of common standards
 - E.g., GML v.s. ArcGIS
- Supports
 - Policies & fundings
 - Supporting Staffs



Geospatial Researchers' Responses

- -- Features of Data Curation System
- Excellent searching & browsing features
 - Better if layered geospatial data are available for searching and browsing
- Storage is always available
- Citation in different formats

Carstairs deprivation scores by CATT2, 1981, 1991, 2001 ■ E.g

Download Dataset

Title: Carstairs deprivation scores by CATT2, 1981, 1991, 2001

Data Richardson, Elizabeth A Creator:

Date Available: 2011-09-30

Richardson, Elizabeth A. (2009). Carstairs deprivation scores by CATT2, 1981, 1991, 2001, 1981-2001 [Dataset]. University of Edinburgh. School of GeoSciences. Citation:



Source: "Edinburgh DataShare," by University of Edinburgh, 2010, Retrieved Sep.

30, 2011, from http://datashare.is.ed.ac.uk/handle/10283/19

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e-Research **Service Platform**

♦ Show full item record



e-Research Service Platform

- One-stop-shop service
- Five components
 - Data Curation
 - Knowledge Discovery
 - Data analysis & Computation
 - Collaborative Research Environment
 - Research Resources Management

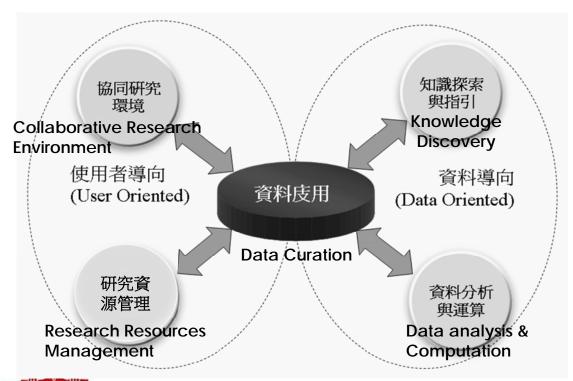


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Data Curation as the Hub of e-Research Service

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Knowledge Discovery

- Three components of knowledge discovery
 - All data has standard format
 - Resource Description Framework, RDF
 - Ontology Web Language, OWL
 - Everything has its own URI
 - Data modeled as bidirectional relationships

Source: "A Closer Look at VIVO," by E. Cramer, 2010, *Charleston Conference: VIVO, libraries, and users*, Retrieved August 30, 2011, from http://www.ithaka.org/about-ithaka/events/Ellen_Cramer.pptx

- Related software tools
 - Protégé, Jena .NET Framework, RDF Pro
 - VIVO



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Data Analysis & Computation

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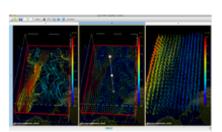
- Online and offline analysis
- Computation
 - Distributed computing
 - Grid computing
 - Cloud computing
- Data visualization



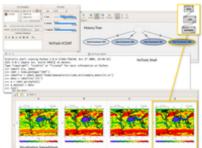
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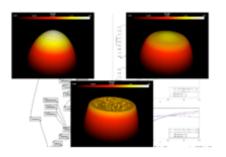
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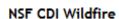
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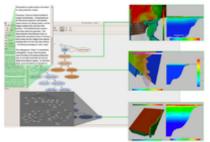
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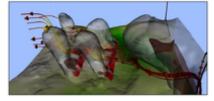


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NSF DataONE-EVA









Source: "VisTrailsWiki," Retrieved August 30, 2012, from http://www.vistrails.org/ index.php/Main Page#Screen Shots National Taiwan University Library

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Collaborative Research Environment

- Support activities for collaborative researches
 - Web2.0 community
 - Collaborative authoring
 - Management for meetings, events, documents
- Aggregation and organization of related resources



Research Resources Management

- Research projects management
- Human resources management
- Workflow management
- Object management
- Risk management
- Research materials management



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Data Curation Systems



Features in Data Curation Systems

- Data retrieval
- Data access
- Data management
- User interface
- Value-added processing
- Data storage
- System management



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Suggestions for Construction of Data Curation System



- ■Based on available open sources
- Customized open sources to fulfill other required features
- DSpace vs Fedora Commons

	DSpace	Fedora Commons
System Deployment	Better	
Content Construction	Better	
Usability of UI		Better with packages
Flexibility of Data Structure		Better
System Expansion & Redevelopment		Better

Prototype of e-Research@NTU

- Base on DSpace1.8 since it is a quick solution
- Features in the first release
 - Flexibility in schema design for Collection-level and Item-level metadata
 - Inter-linking among data elements via URI
 - Application of research data
 - Authorization of research data



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- Conduct requirement survey carefully
- Promote concept of e-Research
- Start from institutional repository to data curation
- Enhance interactivity among researchers and data
- Educate supporting staffs for data curation
- Develop flexible data curation system
- Persuade decision-makers and collect money



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