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DL.org

Coordination Action on Digital Library Interoperability, Best Practices and Modelling Foundations

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DL.org Consortium

- CNR-ISTI (coordinator, Italy)
- NKUA (Greece)
- UG (United Kingdom)
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DL.org objectives

- 1. Promote interoperability between current and future DL initiatives
 - by adopting a systematic approach
- 2. Deliver a DL Interoperability Technology and Methodology Cookbook
 - by identifying most common best practices and technology patterns
- 3. Consolidate and enhance the DELOS Reference Model
 - by exploiting feedback collected by members of different communities
- 4. Serve the DL community making available the produced outcomes
 - via Web site, Workshops, Schools



Six Thematic Working Groups

45 participants

- Leading technical experts representatives of key on-going projects and initiatives
- Researchers in the specific domain

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Liaison Group

18 members:

- Stakeholders of **DL organizations** and **coalitions**
- Well known experts in the DL field



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Events

- 1. 1st Face-to-Face meetings, late Spring-Summer, 2009
- 2. 2nd Face-to-face meeting, Rome, 30 November 2009
- **3.** DL.org 1st Workshop: Digital Libraries: Interoperability, Best Practices & Modeling Foundations, 1 October 2009, Corfu
- **4.** DL.org 2nd Workshop: Making Digital Libraries Interoperable: Challenges and Approaches, 9-10 September 2010, Glasgow
- 5. Digital Library Autumn School, 3-8 October 2010, Athens







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The DL Reference Model

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Outline

- DL Evolution
- Introduction to the RM
- Introduction to the Cookbook



A digital library is the analogous of...

- A digital library
- A digital museum
- A digital archive
- A digital audio-video archive
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- A data center
-and much more



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- Text objects
- Multilingual objects
- Multimedia objects
- Annotated objects
- Compound objects
- Enhanced publications
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New document types empower novel forms of communication and remote collaboration among the members of a community of interest

Content type



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Multilingual documents

- Documents in different languages can be maintained in the same DL
- These documents can be accessed by querying in the language of the document and in any other supported language





Multimedia objects

- Documents
 - Audio-video resources
- Metadata
 - Terms extracted from the transcript and from the image captions
 - Locations
 - Keyframe
 - Faces
 - Name of the speakers
 - Video abstract

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Annotated objects

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Compound documents

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Multimedia compound objects

- Sequence of lectures
 - Videos of the lecture
 - Slides
 - Demos
 - Related documentation





Enhanced publications

An enhanced publication is a publication that is enriched with three categories of information:

- **research data** (evidence of the research)
- extra materials (to illustrate or clarify)
- post-publication data

(commentaries, ranking)







Connect distributed data across the Web

Recommended best practice for exposing, sharing, and connecting pieces of data, information and knowledge on the Semantic Web using URIs and RDF."



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DL functionality

- Different type of information objects require semantically different functionality
- DLs may offer to end users more than simple retrieval and access functionality
 - e.g. Document generation through data processing
 - Communication and collaboration services



e.g. the acquisition of video documents

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It must be possible to structure the video into meaningful parts (sequences, scenes, frames) ...

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Description of video documents

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It must be possible to structure the video into meaningful parts (sequences, scenes, frames)

... and describe the video and its parts separately

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e.g. search

- Free text search
- Fielded search
- Monolingual and cross language search
- Similarity search

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- Search by doc structure
- Search on annotations



Other DL Services

New services (not necessarily document centered) can be included in a DL to improve its potential usages

- Recommenders
- Co-operative work services
- Peer-reviewing supporting services
- Shared authoring services
- Social networking



Scientific DLs

Integrated environment for the generation of products (through data processing), sharing and generation of new documents

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Centralised systems



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Cost of centralised DLs

- Digital content production & curation
- System development
- Hw & sw maintenance
- Workload peaks coverage





Centralised vs distributed





Federated DL



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Cost of federated DLs

- Digital content production & curation (reduced)
- System development
- Hw & sw maintenance
- Workload peaks coverage
- Interoperability
 - Metadata & object structure
 - Contextual information
 - Provenance
 - Policy
 - Quality







Data Infrastructures



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Exemplars





Data infrastructure cost

- Digital content production & curation
- System development
- Hw & sw maintenance
- Workload peaks coverage



E-Infrastructure set-up and mgmt cost



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Issues when dealing with DL

- Comparison among systems is hard
 - Different focus
 - Different concepts
 - Different terminology
- No guidelines for DL education
- Lack of DL systems design and development methodologies
- No systematic approach to interoperability & integration of solutions

Lack of foundations !



Reference Model

- A reference model is an abstract framework for understanding significant relationships among the entities of some environment, and for the development of consistent standards or specifications supporting that environment
- A reference model may be used as a basis for education and explaining standards to a non-specialist
- A reference model is not directly tied to any standards, technologies or other concrete implementation details, but it does seek to provide a common semantics that can be used unambiguously across and between different implementations

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DL Reference Model

Objective

To set the foundations and identify the cornerstone concepts within the universe of Digital Libraries, facilitating the integration of research and proposing better ways of developing appropriate systems

Consists of 3 parts:

- Digital Library Manifesto
- Digital Library Reference Model in a Nutshell
- Digital Library Reference Model Concepts & Relations.



The DL "Systems"



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