

If we knew then what we know now ...

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Our most exciting project:

Our current one.

We've joined the DRI

50k objects over 50 collections



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The most important thing we've learned:

that the work can be done incrementally



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What do we know now that we wished we knew then:

- Dublin Core
- Controlled Vocabularies



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Start new ingest

[Use existing ingest manifest](#) [Create ingest from files](#)

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Collection for ingest

Select the collection to ingest to

- Private papers at Dublin City Archives
- Dublin City Surveyors: Maps, 1695-1827
- Wide Streets Commission (1681-1851)
- Irish Theatre Archive
- Dixon Slides Collection

Collections Sub-Collections **Objects**

Colour postcard
DCLA/RDFA1.09.081 from Jack
Dewhurst to Monica Roberts



Image

B & W Photo Postcard
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Image

Postcard DCLA/RDFA1.09.054
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Roberts



Image

Postcard DCLA/RDFA1.09.052
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Postcard DCLA/RDFA1.09.045
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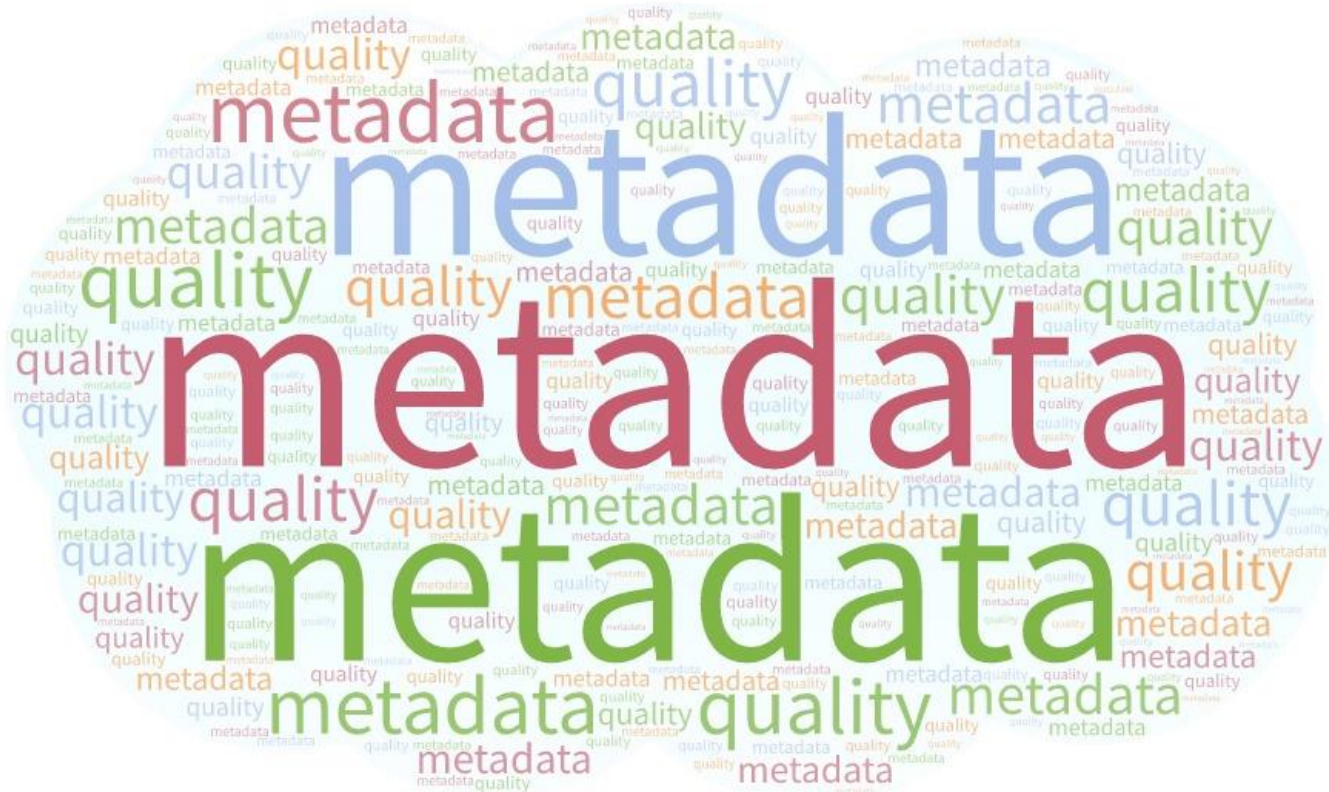
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Communication

- Collection managers
- Digital Repository of Ireland
- Cataloguers
- Web Librarian & IT Unit



What I've learned about digital preservation



What I've learned about digital preservation

- Digitised library and archive collections (vs born digital)
- Impact of purpose and context of digitisation: time and project focus
- Cataloguers are (important, heroic) individuals
- Are you describing the physical or digital object?



What I've learned about digital preservation

Working with xml and xsl:

- Solutions are iterative
“Fail again. Fail better”

Planning a project:

- Business case
- Use cases

Preservation



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When I'm stuck...

- Colleagues in the organisation
- DPC online guidance
- Practitioner social media/blogs
- Online forums for specific questions
- Colleagues from other institutions (often via the LAI Cataloguing and Metadata Group)
- #code4lib community



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