If we knew then what we know now ...
Our most exciting project:

Our current one.

We’ve joined the DRI

50k objects over 50 collections
The most important thing we’ve learned:

that the work can be done incrementally
What do we know now that we wished we knew then:

• Dublin Core
• Controlled Vocabularies
A normal day
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Communication

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