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We will discuss...



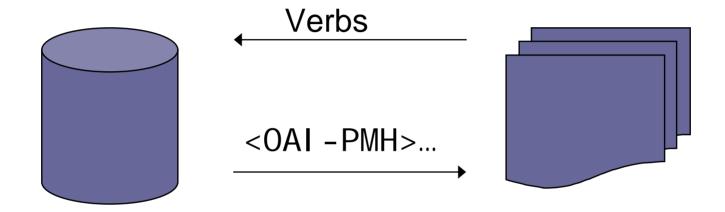
- An overview of the CARL harvester
- What people are searching for
- The metadata being harvested
- Some thoughts on a (realistic) metadata profile

The CARL Harvester

- http://carl-abrc-oai.lib.sfu.ca/
- Launched June 2004
- Participants
 - University of Calgary
 - Université Laval
 - Université de Montréal
 - University of Saskatchewan
 - Simon Fraser University
 - University of Toronto
- But open to all

OAI-PMH Model



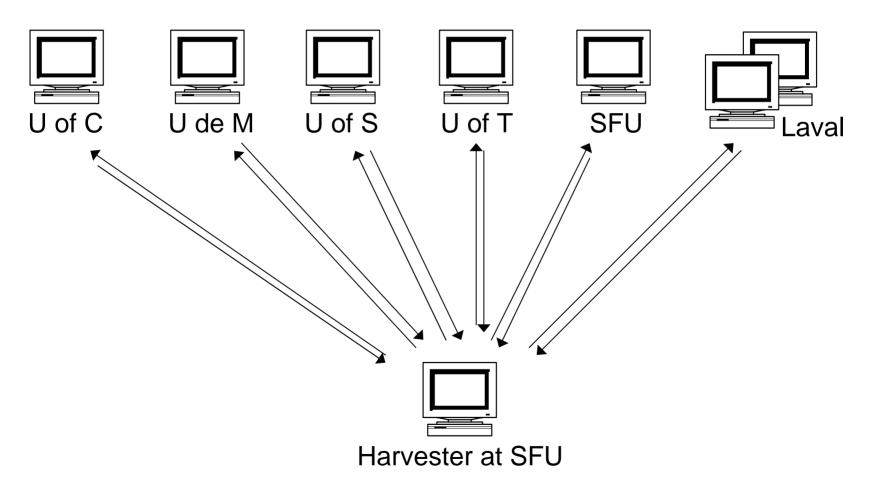


Data providers expose metadata

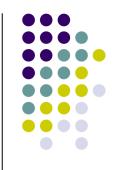
Service providers
harvest metadata
and do something
useful with it

Nightly Harvesting









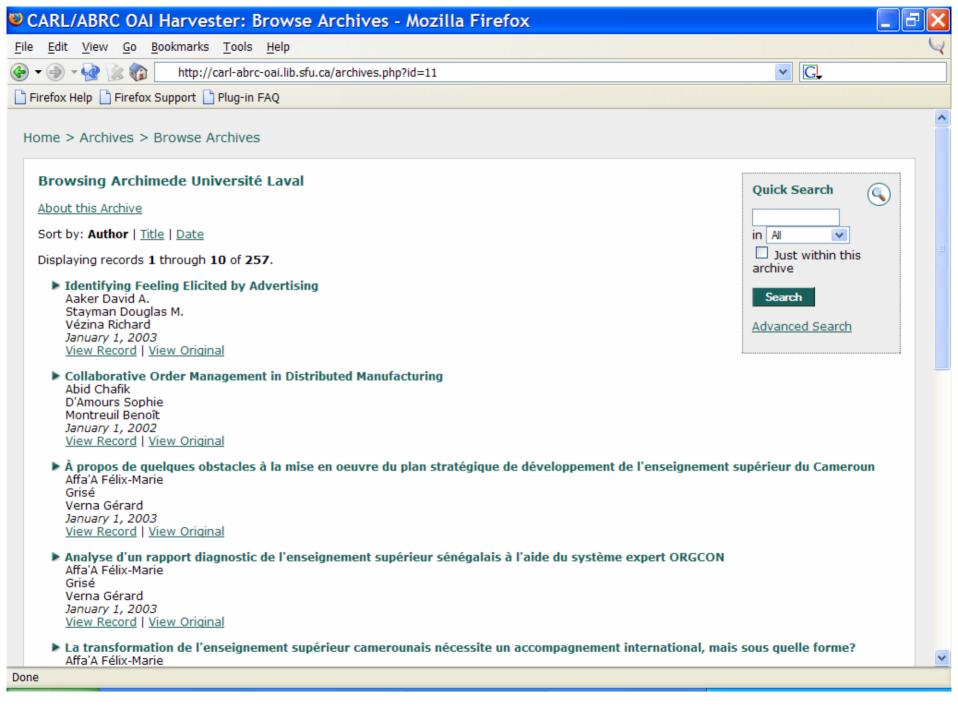
University of Calgary	150	4.6% of total
Université Laval (IR)	257	7.9% of total
Université Laval (Theses)	117	3.6% of total
Université de Montréal	23	0.7% of total
University of Saskatchewan	155	4.8% of total
Simon Fraser University	16	0.5 %of total
University of Toronto	2524	78% of total

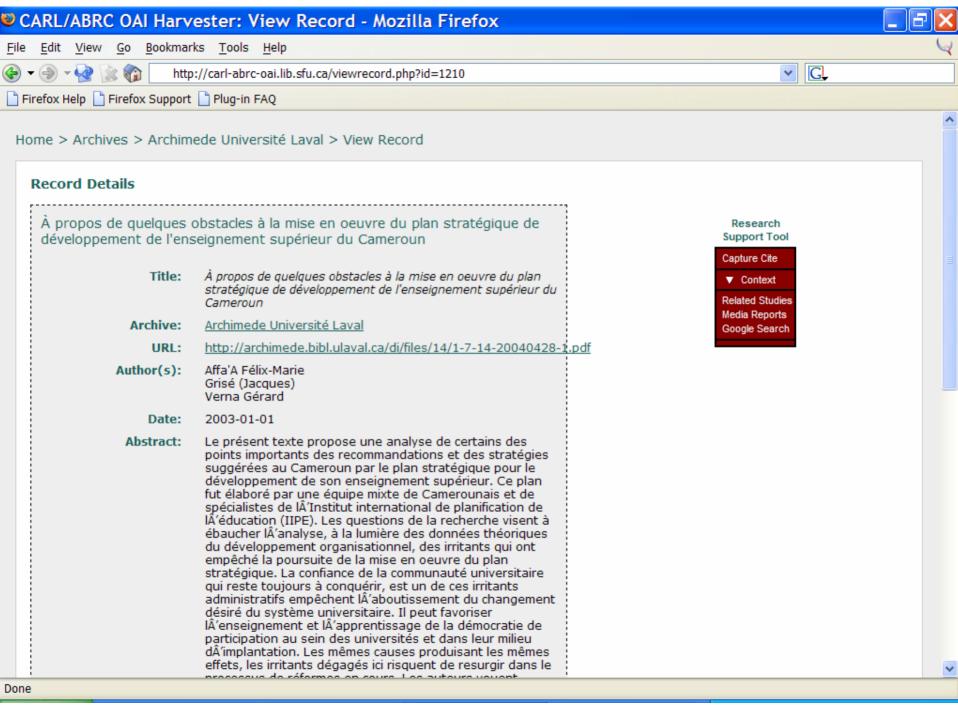


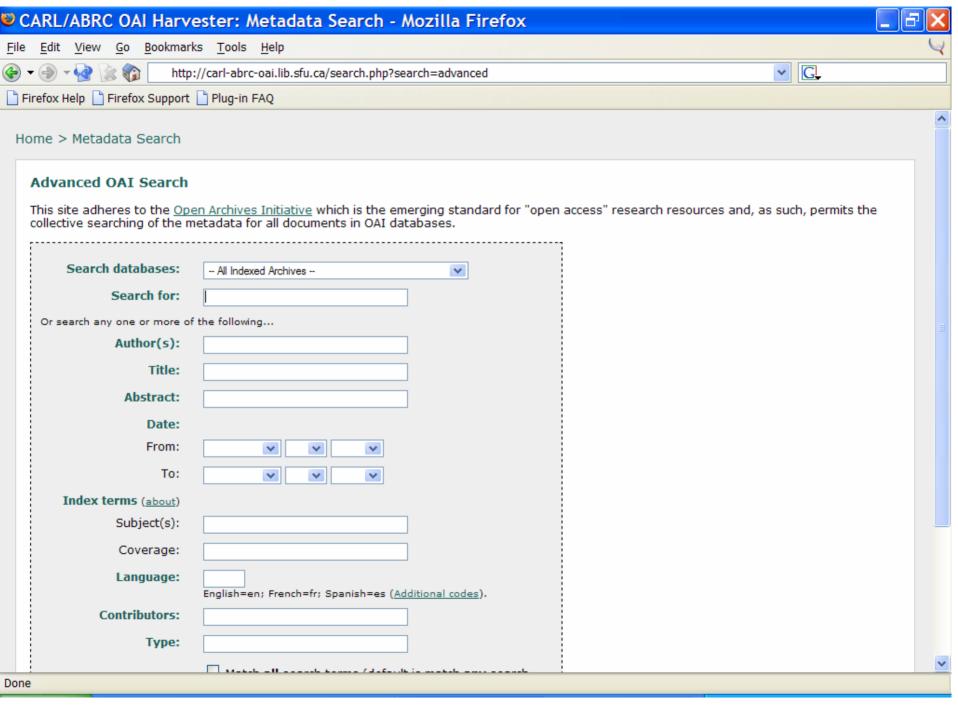
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Search Log Analysis



- 565 searches between June 14 and Sept. 29 (approximately 5.5 searches/day)
- 447 simple searches, 118 advanced





Query	Frequency	Records
open source software	15	19
child abuse	8	56
abran	7	0
artificial intelligence	5	20
housing and Mental illness	5	47
middle east	5	36
postsecondary education	4	78
toronto	4	38

0 Hits



- 204 searches (36% of total) returned 0 records
 - 159 simple (36% of simple searches)
 - 45 advanced (38% of advanced searches)
- Possible causes
 - No records in database
 - Records in database, but expected elements not present
 - Search interface issues

The Metadata

- Some boring statistics
- Some examples of diversity





% of total number of elements in the Harvester

Element	Freq.
Title	6%
Creator (1.8%
Subject	8.9%
Description	6.3%
Publisher	4.5%
Contributor	14.7%
Date	16.4%
Туре	5.6%

Element	Freq.
Format	15.2%
Identifier	13.3%
Source (0.3%
Language	5.5%
Relation	0.6%
Coverage	0%
Rights	0.9%





Number of providers that do no include the element

Element	Prov.
Title	0
Creator	3
Subject	1
Description	0
Publisher	1
Contributor	2
Date	0
Туре	0

Element	Prov.
Format	1
Identifier	0
Source	4
Language	1
Relation	5
Coverage	7
Rights	5



A = Average for all, B = providers below average

Element	А	В
Title	1	0
Creator	0.3	3
Subject	1.5	4
Description	1.1	4
Publisher	8.0	3
Contributor	2.4	5
Date	2.7	4
Туре	0.9	0

Element	А	В
Format	2.5	6
Identifier	2.2	5
Source	0.05	5
Language	0.9	2
Relation	0.1	6
Coverage	0	0
Rights	0.2	5

Diversity 1: Date

- 1998
- 1998-03
- 1998-03-14
- 1998-03-14 00:00:00.0
- 1998-03-14T14:49:04Z
- Very few invalid dates



Diversity 2: Type

- Electronic Thesis or Dissertation
- Thesis
- text

- Article
- Journal (Online/Unpaginated)
- Journal (Paginated)
- Learned or Scientific Journal's article (on-line or printed)
- Preprint

Diversity 3: Description

- Types of values
 - Abstracts
 - Conference names/places/dates
 - Place names
 - Research network, project names/funders
 - "no abstract"
 - "none"

What is a Metadata Profile?



- Models
 - Library union list requirements
 - DCMI Application Profiles
 - ISO Internationally Registered Profiles
- In our context, a statement of what elements are required, what elements are recommended, and what types of values they should contain

Realistic Goals



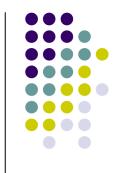
- Such a profile would
 - Be voluntary, not imposed
 - Emphasize easily achievable goals
 - Be flexible enough for the distributed creation of metadata
 - Use existing practices and standards as much as possible

Low Hanging Fruit

- Include rights
- Include publisher
- Include language
- Standardize use of date
 - Not format, but meaning



More Low Hanging Fruit



- Standardize use of identifier
 - Minimally, supply a URL to the resource/record
 - Additional local identifiers welcome
- Use DCMI Type Vocabulary
 - "provides a general, cross-domain list of approved terms that may be used as values for the Resource Type element to identify the genre of a resource"
 - Supplement with agreed-upon list of more specific genres

Fruit a Bit Higher Up



- Require OAI validation of providers
 - Software
 - XML encoding
- Identify minimal required elements, recommended elements
- Develop a metadata format specific to Canadian scholarly information
 - Bilingual elements, with language attribute
 - Coverage element
 - Controlled vocabularies



Discussion