Developing a Canadian Metadata Profile for Institutional Repositories

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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

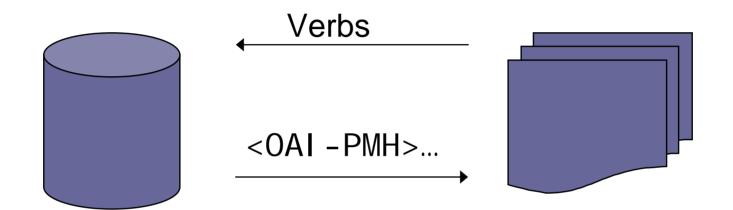
The CARL Harvester

- 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





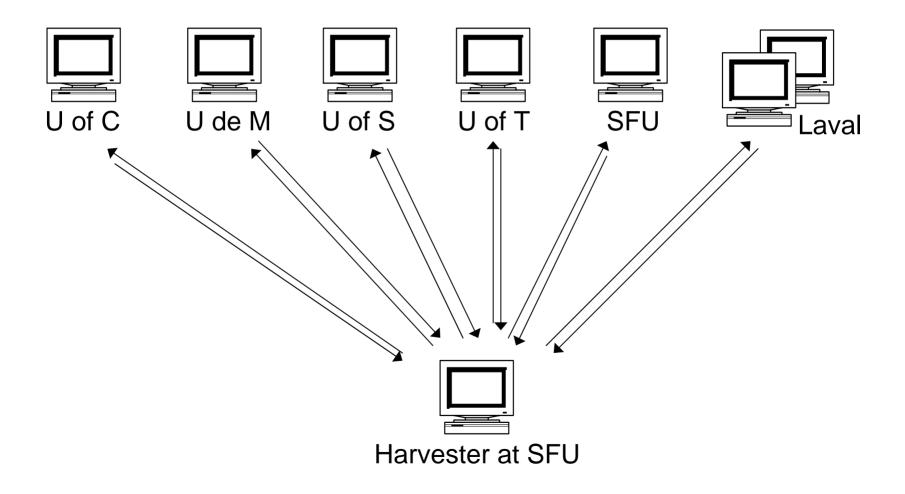
Data providers expose metadata

Service providers

harvest metadata and do something useful with it



Nightly Harvesting





Number of Records = 3242

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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- DSpace@UCalgary.ca (142 records)
- Papyrus Dépôt institutionnel numérique / Institutional Eprints Repository (23 records)
- Simon Fraser University Institutional Repository (13 records)
- T-Space (844 records)
- University of Saskatchewan Library Electronic Theses & Dissertations (107 records)

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La transformation de l'enseignement supérieur camerounais nécessite un accompagnement international, mais sous quelle forme? Affa'A Félix-Marie

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		Verna Gérard		
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		fut élaboré par une équipe mixte de Camerounais et de		
		spécialistes de lÂ'Institut international de planification de lÂ'éducation (IIPE). Les questions de la recherche visent à		
		ébaucher lÂ'analyse, à la lumière des données théoriques du développement organisationnel, des irritants qui ont		
		empêché la poursuite de la mise en oeuvre du plan stratégique. La confiance de la communauté universitaire		
		qui reste toujours à conquérir, est un de ces irritants		
		administratifs empêchent lÂ'aboutissement du changement désiré du système universitaire. Il peut favoriser		
		lâ'enseignement et lâ'apprentissage de la démocratie de participation au sein des universités et dans leur milieu		
		dÂ'implantation. Les mêmes causes produisant les mêmes effets, les irritants dégagés ici risquent de resurgir dans le		
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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



Most Popular Searches

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



Stat 1: Element Frequency

% 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%



Stat 2: Missing Elements



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

Stat 3: Elements Per Record



A = Average for all, B = providers below average

Element	A	В	Element	A	В
Title	1	0	Format	2.5	6
Creator	0.3	3	Identifier	2.2	5
Subject	1.5	4	Source	0.05	5
Description	1.1	4	Language	0.9	2
Publisher	0.8	3	Relation	0.1	6
Contributor	2.4	5	Coverage	0	0
Date	2.7	4	Rights	0.2	5
Туре	0.9	0			

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