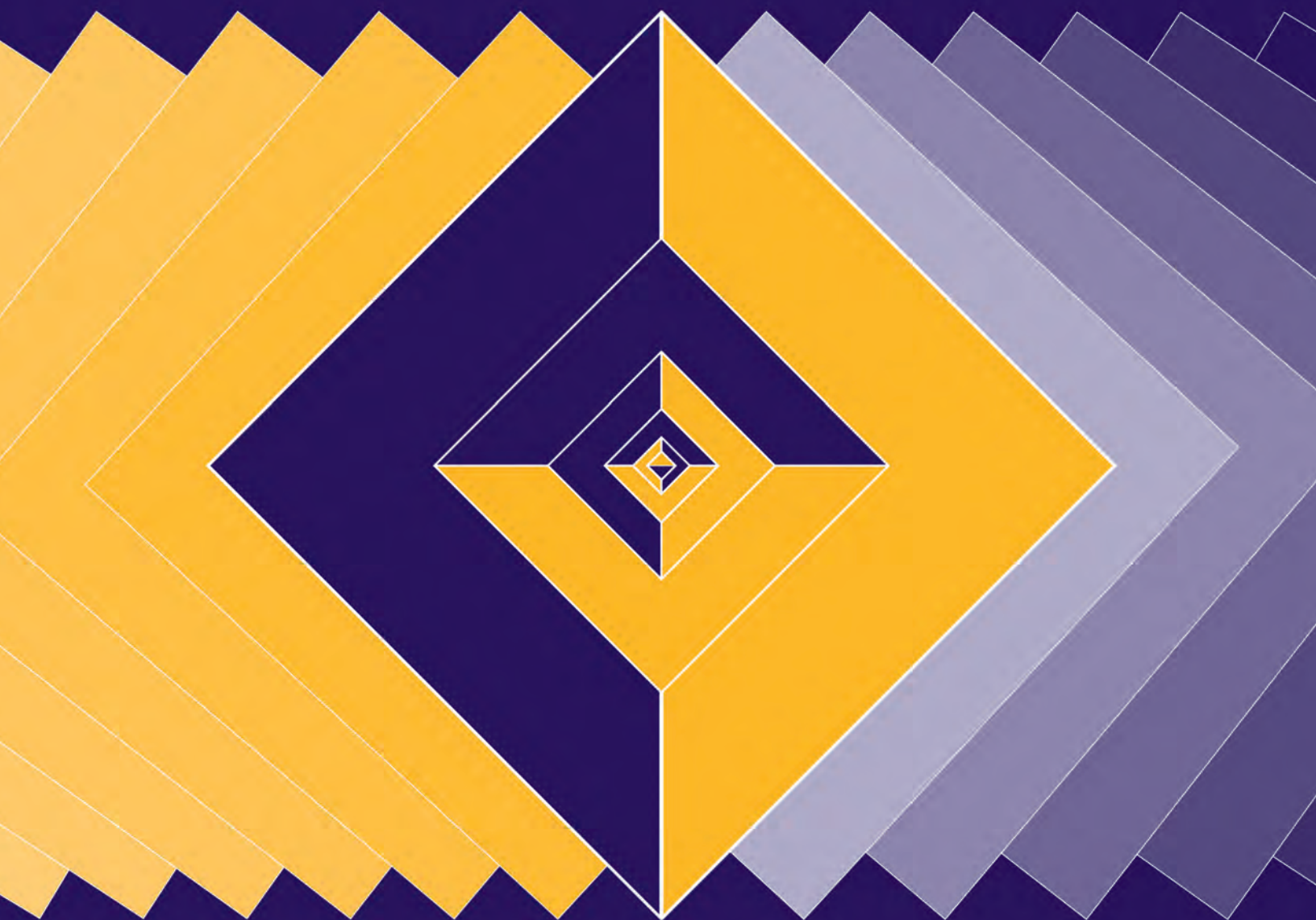




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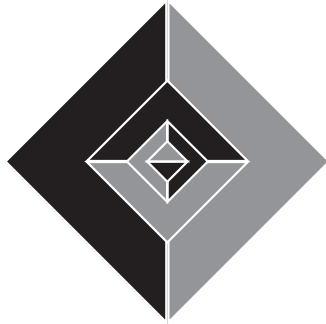
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

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most common benefits and challenges encountered when research libraries open source their code.

This survey was distributed to the 125 ARL member libraries in February 2014. Seventy-seven libraries (62%) responded to the survey by the March 17, 2014 deadline.

Library IT Staff

The 66 responding academic and public libraries reported between two and 50 staff with IT responsibilities as all or part of their duties, with an average of 16 and a median of 14. Three national libraries reported between 130 and 350 IT staff. This bimodal distribution is stark, with the national libraries an order of magnitude larger than their university counterparts. Despite this difference in staff size, we find no statistically significant differences in the relative participation in OSS projects.

Seventy respondents (91%) develop software in-house. Of those, the most common software development practices include using version control (86%) and performing usability tests (86%). The least common practices include the use of independent quality assurance (24%), adherence to a formal, written code reuse policy (10%), and the presence of a committee or working group to encourage code reuse (7%). The most common other software practices mentioned by respondents were agile/scrum development methodologies (5 of 15 respondents) and pair programming (2 respondents). Most respondents reported that their library IT staff are encouraged to experiment with new technologies (75 or 99%), and prototype potential projects (62 or 82%).

As expected, we found a strong positive correlation between staff size and support for software development best practices (particularly creation of software documentation and specifications, creation of user documentation, performing code reviews, using version control, practicing casual code reuse, and standardizing development by utilizing a common framework).

When asked how users give feedback to IT staff, several findings emerged:

- Library employees most commonly give feedback through a helpdesk or bug tracking system (69 respondents, or 91%) and by emailing or calling the system manager/developer directly (67 or 88%).
- Employees of the parent institution give feedback through a form on the library website (54 or 71%), through subject librarians (44 or 59%), by emailing or calling the system manager/developer directly (39 or 51%), and through a helpdesk or bug tracking system (35 or 46%).
- In-library patrons most commonly give feedback through a form on the library website (59 or 78%) and through subject librarians (58 or 76%).
- Remote users most commonly give feedback through a form on the library website (60 or 79%), and through subject librarian (49 or 64%).

In-library users and remote users most commonly use the same feedback methods, suggesting that proximity to the physical library may not significantly impact feedback channels.

In our review of organizations that contribute to open source projects, software development staff ranged from one or two to as many as 14. While organizations that contribute to large scale, formal open source projects were clearly investing heavily in programming staff, it was also clear that a few organizations who didn't have resources for large technology staffs could still contribute to projects with as few as one programmer. The median number of staff reported as working on OSS projects was two, with an average of nearly four.

Organizational structures varied considerably. Within smaller organizations, single programmers are often located in library systems or web units. Within larger organizations, software development staff are often clustered together in application development units located in digital library, digital projects, or library technology branches of the organization.

Library Software

The survey asked respondents to provide information about the type of software used for various library purposes. All 76 respondents use one or more vended products, 72 identified types of open source software used by the library, and 50 identified software that was built in-house. Below are some of the highlights of the range of applications being used.

- Fifty-eight respondents (76%) use a vended, locally hosted integrated library system (ILS). No respondents use an ILS built in house, but five use an open source ILS.
- Forty-five respondents (59%) use a vended, locally hosted interlibrary loan (ILL) system and 29 (38%) license a software as a service (SaaS) ILL system.
- Forty-nine respondents (64%) use a SaaS discovery layer, 17 (22%) use a vended, locally hosted discovery layer, and 10 (13%) use a discovery layer that is built in house. Several respondents indicated that their discovery layer was both a vended, locally hosted system and also built in house, suggesting significant customizations to a vended product.
- Forty-seven respondents (62%) use a locally hosted and supported OSS institutional repository.
- Forty respondents (53%) use a locally hosted and supported OSS digital preservation system.
- Fifty-one institutions (67%) have adopted a system that is open source and supported by a third party.
- The most commonly built in-house systems were floor maps (28 respondents) and digital asset management systems (19 respondents).

- The most frequently adopted OSS systems include institutional repositories (52 respondents), blogging (50 respondents), digital preservation (47 respondents), and publishing (40 respondents).

OSS Adoption

Seventy-four of the 76 responding libraries (97%) report having adopted open source software. Of these, only five (plus one parent institution) have a formal written policy related to adoption of OSS. Twenty-five libraries (34%) have an informal policy, but the other 43 (59%) have no OSS adoption policy. Several respondents reported that policies were currently being created, but could not be shared at the time of their response.

Most respondents indicated their institution had neither a sustainability strategy (50 of 71 respondents, or 70%) nor an exit strategy (53, or 75%). Reported strategies include minimizing customizations, providing sufficient staffing with needed expertise, and only adopting systems with good documentation and an active community. More than half of the respondents who commented on their exit strategy emphasized the criticality of data migration (8 of 15 relevant comments).

Survey respondents were then asked to identify the system they had most recently adopted and to provide the number of staff and hours required to implement that system. A wide variety of projects were identified, the most common being Drupal, Blacklight, Omeka, and DSpace. Respondents reported from one to eight staff members dedicated to implementation, with a mean and median of three staff. The number of hours required for initial implementation varied dramatically, ranging from 0.75 hours to 9,000 hours with a mean of 573 hours and a median of 160 hours.

Respondents were asked to identify the open source system they most recently adopted that is still in production and to describe the resources needed to support that system. For most respondents, the system referred to in this question was the same system described in the implementation question above. The number of staff required to maintain this system ranges from 0 (for a digital exhibit) to 10 (for a CMS)

with a mean of 2.1 and a median of 2. The number of hours required to support the same system ranged from 0 (for the exhibit) to 512 (for a digital repository) per month, with a mean of 68 hours and a median of 20 hours.

Only 16 of 72 respondents (22%) were able to track the costs of either adopting or contributing to an OSS system. Ten respondents who could track the cost of their most recently adopted OSS system reported that expenses ranged from \$400 to over \$600,000 and, in some cases, represented a multi-year investment. These funds covered a variety of expenses including staff time, hosting, travel, and consulting. The nearly universal source of funding for adopting or contributing to an OSS system was the library's operating budget (69 of 70 respondents, or 99%). A few had additional funding from grants, their university, or a consortium. One ArchivesSpace project received only consortium and grant funding.

The survey asked respondents to describe three benefits and three challenges associated with adopting OSS. The most common benefit is the ability to customize the software (50 responses). Other common themes include low cost or time to implement (27 responses) and the association with an active community (27 responses). The most common challenge was the need for highly skilled staff who could provide support for the OSS system (40 responses). Other commonly cited challenges include poor documentation (19 respondents), a need for additional training or expertise (16 respondents), and substandard development practices (12 respondents).

OSS Contribution

Fifty-six of the responding libraries (78%) have contributed resources to an open source project. The number of projects contributed to by each library ranges from 1 to 20, with an average of 4.6 and a median of 3. Thirty-two libraries report being the primary code contributor for at least one project; a different set of 32 libraries (with significant overlap) identified themselves as the original developer of an open source project.

Commonly reported examples of projects include DSpace (12 respondents), Fedora (11 respondents), Hydra (9 respondents), Kuali (6 respondents),

Blacklight (5 respondents), and ArchivesSpace (4 respondents). Below are some of the highlights of library contributions to the projects.

- The most common contributions involved code or developer time (47 respondents), funding (36 respondents), hosting (36 respondents), and testing (8 respondents).
- Across all types of contributions, the most common types of projects included institutional repositories (38 respondents), digital preservation (30 respondents), digital asset management (22 respondents), discovery layer (15 respondents), publishing (13 respondents), authentication/identity management (10 respondents), and electronic resource management (10 respondents).
- Code was most commonly contributed to projects on institutional repositories (32 respondents), digital preservation (22 respondents), digital asset management (20 respondents), and discovery layers (11 respondents).
- Digital preservation and institutional repository projects most often received funding via monetary contributions (19 and 18 respondents, respectively), followed by digital asset management projects (8 respondents).
- Hosting was contributed most often to digital preservation projects (9 respondents), followed by repository and publishing projects (5 respondents each).

When asked about reasons for open sourcing their project, respondents listed the following as being “important” or “very important”: a belief that open sourcing would lead to better software (30 respondents), a desire to contribute to an open source community (29 respondents), and shared effort in development and quality assurance of the project (27 respondents).

Sixty respondents (78%) develop plugins, extensions, or customizations for a library-related proprietary or vended system. Of these, 31 (54%) indicated vendors allowed them to distribute the code under an open source license.

As was the case with OSS adoption policies, 44 respondents indicated their library has no policy in

place for contribution to open source projects, while 20 respondents have an informal policy. Thirty-four respondents stated that they have no tech transfer policy, while 23 respondents indicated that their parent institution has a formal, written tech transfer policy.

Respondents were asked to describe three benefits and three challenges associated with **contributing** to OSS. The benefit most commonly cited was engagement in the open source community (38 respondents). Other common themes included control of product features and direction (25 respondents), and recognition/reputation (14 respondents). The most common challenge was allocating sufficient staff time to make meaningful contributions (24 respondents). Other commonly cited challenges included writing generalized software for use by a larger community, and securing the financial resources needed to support the open source project and community (7 respondents each).

Since open source project members are rarely collocated, a variety of tools have been employed to help coordinate development efforts. Common tools used include shared version control (37 of 45 respondents, or 82%), an issue tracker (36 or 80%), a mailing list, (32 or 71%), and a wiki (25 or 56%). Forty-one respondents (79%) use a public repository or forge to share their open source code; Github was by far the most common (38 of 41 respondents, or 93%).

The most common licenses used by respondents were GNU Public License v3 (16 respondents), Apache, and Creative Commons (15 responses each).

Respondents were asked to rank a set of success indicators in terms of their importance for the respondent’s institution. A significant number (41 or 80%) identified as most important that the functionality better suits their institution’s needs.

Respondents were asked if any of their in-house software could have been, but has not yet been, released under an open source license. The 53 respondents (69%) who answered in the affirmative expressed concerns about the staff time commitment required to support the community (41 or 77%), the readiness of code quality for public adoption (39 or 74%), and dependence on other internal systems (30 or 57%).

Conclusion

This survey reveals that nearly all of the responding ARL member libraries are developing custom software and/or adopting one or more open source systems. Contribution to OSS projects is also common, with more than three quarters of respondents actively contributing to OSS projects.

Many respondents expressed a desire on the part of their developers to share with and participate in one or more OSS communities. Larger organizations committed more resources to OSS projects than smaller organizations, but we found no significant correlations suggesting a disproportionate level of commitment to OSS projects as a function of IT staff size. The nearly universal adoption of OSS systems and the high level of contribution to OSS projects may suggest that adoption of and contribution to OSS projects has entered the mainstream for libraries. Simply stated, libraries that develop software also predominantly contribute to OSS projects.

The results of this survey suggest that libraries view organizational behaviors surrounding the adoption of open source software separate from

contribution to OSS projects. For example, while respondents view OSS adoption as a means of saving time and resources, contributing to OSS projects is viewed as being advantageous for different reasons, primarily engagement in an OSS community. For developers, the sense of social involvement in a community represented by an OSS project can be a positive source of professional satisfaction, ultimately leading to greater productivity and a return on investment for the library.

Control of software emerged as a theme common to both adopting and contributing to OSS projects. Those adopting OSS systems felt that access to source code gave them greater control, allowing them to change the software as needed, rather than being subject to the whims of a proprietary solution. Those that contributed to OSS projects felt that they gained greater opportunity to influence product direction, especially with respect to product features. In both cases, they perceived a sufficient benefit to their overall productivity to justify the expense of their involvement (as adopters, contributors, or both) in OSS systems.

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SURVEY QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

The SPEC Survey on Open Source Software was designed by **J. Curtis Thacker**, Discovery Systems Manager at Brigham Young University's Harold B. Lee Library, **Dr. Charles D. Knutson**, Associate Professor of Computer Science at Brigham Young University, and **Mark Dehmlow**, Program Director for Information Technology at the University of Notre Dame's Hesburgh Libraries. These results are based on data submitted by 77 of the 125 ARL member libraries (62%) by the deadline of March 18, 2014. The survey's introductory text and questions are reproduced below, followed by the response data and selected comments from the respondents.

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IN-HOUSE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

1. How many individuals in your library are responsible for information technology as all or part of their duties? ("Library IT staff" could be a well-defined department or a small part of one person's duties.) N=69

All Respondents

| Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Median | Std Dev |
|---------|---------|-------|--------|---------|
| 2 | 350 | 31.78 | 15.0 | 72.43 |

Academic Library Respondents N=65

| Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Median | Std Dev |
|---------|---------|-------|--------|---------|
| 2 | 50 | 15.89 | 14.0 | 10.62 |

| Number of IT Staff | Responses |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 2 | 1 |
| 3 | 1 |
| 4 | 2 |
| 5 | 3 |
| 6 | 3 |
| 7 | 3 |
| 8 | 4 |
| 9 | 5 |
| 10 | 3 |
| 11 | 1 |
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| 16 | 3 |
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| 18 | 4 |
| 19 | 4 |
| 20 | 2 |
| 21 | 1 |
| 23 | 1 |
| 25 | 3 |
| 26 | 1 |
| 30 | 1 |
| 36 | 1 |

| Number of IT Staff | Responses |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 38 | 2 |
| 40 | 1 |
| 50 | 2 |

Nonacademic Library Respondents N=4

| Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Median | Std Dev |
|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| 30 | 350 | 190.00 | 190.00 | 139.52 |

| Number of IT Staff | Responses |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 30 | 1 |
| 130 | 1 |
| 250 | 1 |
| 350 | 1 |

2. Do library IT staff develop any in-house software? N=77

| | | |
|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 70 | 91% |
| No | 7 | 9% |

If yes, which of the following software development practices do library IT staff employ? Check all that apply. N=70

| | | |
|---|----|-----|
| Usability testing | 60 | 86% |
| Version control | 60 | 86% |
| Software documentation and specifications | 55 | 79% |
| Iterative releases (i.e., small and frequent releases) | 53 | 76% |
| Reuse of in-house code libraries | 52 | 74% |
| Reuse of shared framework(s) | 51 | 73% |
| Casual code reuse between developers | 50 | 71% |
| User documentation | 49 | 70% |
| Developer unit testing | 44 | 63% |
| Accessibility testing | 39 | 56% |
| Code reviews | 38 | 54% |
| Coding style guidelines | 35 | 50% |
| Code commenting guidelines | 33 | 47% |
| Independent quality assurance | 17 | 24% |
| Reuse of purchased code libraries | 13 | 19% |
| A formal written code reuse policy | 7 | 10% |
| A committee or working group to encourage reuse and oversee shared code | 5 | 7% |
| Other software development practice(s) | 15 | 21% |

Please briefly describe the other software development practice(s) your library IT staff employ. N=15

Acceptance testing, pair programming, community code review, continuous integration, DevOps practices

Agile/Scrum project management practices

Agile development

Agile development methodology with active involvement of customer

Agile Project management

Agile Scrum development methodology. Also note that not all practices checked above are applied universally across all projects.

Continuous integration, bug/enhancement tracking, backlog management

Deployment strategies, such as Capistrano

Experimental software as part of research projects

Functional testing. Virtualized development environments and code driven environment configuration. Design patterns. Agile approach, trying to implement a 2–3 week cycle for milestones. Frequent standups, not daily but certainly when issues arise. Iterative development with incremental feedback.

Informal usability test

Modify open source code for library use.

Pair programming

Pair programming, interaction design (personas, user stories, prototyping), TDD

Security checks, penetration testing

3. Which of the following activities are library IT staff encouraged to participate in? Check all that apply. N=76

| | | |
|--|----|-----|
| Experimenting with new technologies | 75 | 99% |
| Prototyping for potential projects | 62 | 82% |
| Rewriting existing systems to make them easier to support | 57 | 75% |
| Collaborating on projects that are not part of their specific responsibility | 56 | 74% |
| Other related activity | 10 | 13% |

Please briefly describe the other related activity. N=10

Collaborating with developers outside the Libraries, participating in open-source developer communities, attending developer users' groups meetups.

Configuring, customizing, and extending existing systems.

DevOps work to support operations staff.

Existing systems are rewritten only when there is a need.

Inter-campus work, marketing department and ITS

Other responsibilities as assigned/needed.

Professional conferences

Streamline services, decommission paid services, security review.

Training on related emerging software technologies and platforms.

We work to keep applications supportable in the library by choosing technologies and languages that can be supported by more than one person in IT, and through cross training on those technologies.

4. How do users of library systems give feedback to your library IT staff? Check all that apply. N=76

| Feedback Method | Library employees | Institution employees | In-library patrons | Remote users | N |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|----|
| Through a helpdesk or bug tracking system | 69 | 35 | 25 | 31 | 71 |
| Emailing or calling the system manager/developer directly | 67 | 39 | 16 | 23 | 68 |
| Through a web form built into the library website | 48 | 54 | 59 | 60 | 65 |
| Through subject librarians | 33 | 44 | 58 | 49 | 65 |
| There is no established method | — | — | 1 | — | 1 |
| Other method | 5 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 8 |
| Number of Responses | 76 | 69 | 75 | 71 | 76 |

If you selected “Other method” above, please specify the user group and briefly describe that method. N=12

“Contact us” link and Chat

Emails or chat notes or phone messages forwarded by other library employees.

In person

In person discussions [with library employees]

Our public feedback takes place through email to support web sites, or notes in suggestion boxes. Our system user feedback takes place through the Help Desk.

Service teams for our major brands who help assess requests for features, problems, projects, etc.

Through library public service staff (not all of them necessarily subject librarians).

User research, informal conversations with members of various groups

We have a User Experience department that employs several methods for gathering feedback of existing services, as well as feedback and input on services as they are being implemented.

We have an extensive release testing process that involves faculty and staff throughout the libraries.

We no longer have a web form for tech support; it was replaced with a web helpdesk ticketing system. The IT ticketing

system has many different categories of help, and it is used by a variety of campus departments. Help requests are triaged to the appropriate campus department based on need.

We occasionally hold focus group sessions with student users (generally undergraduates). These are sometimes very informal introductions to prototypes on which we gather first-reaction comments to inform further development, at other times, these are more structured formal feedback opportunities.

SYSTEMS BUILT IN-HOUSE THAT AREN'T OPEN SOURCED

5. Has your library built in-house any library-specific systems that could be, but have not been, released as open source? N=77

| | | |
|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 53 | 69% |
| No | 24 | 31% |

If yes, what are the primary reasons for not releasing it as open source? Check all that apply. N=53

| | | |
|--|----|-----|
| Concerns about staff time commitment required to support the community | 41 | 77% |
| Concerns that the code quality is not ready for public adoption | 39 | 74% |
| Dependence on other internal systems | 30 | 57% |
| It didn't occur to us | 7 | 13% |
| Seeking to license or sell the system | 2 | 4% |
| A competitive desire to have the best system | 1 | 2% |
| Other reason(s) | 12 | 23% |

Please briefly describe the other reason(s) for not open sourcing the system. N=12

Highly customized to address local requirements.

Lack of clarity about campus policies for licensing and intellectual property ownership.

Legal considerations.

Narrow niche applications where a community is unlikely to develop.

Not approved for release.

Not documented for external audiences.

Often these systems reflect local practices. We've not viewed them as useful beyond our local environment.

Planning to release a service as open source, working on appropriate licensing language at this time.

Security

Security concerns related to embedded information.

Technology Commercialization Office needs to review any software developed at the university.

Time needed for review of and compliance with licenses of third-party components.

CUSTOMIZING PROPRIETARY SYSTEMS

6. Does your library develop plugins, extensions, or customizations for any proprietary or vended systems? N=77

| | | |
|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 60 | 78% |
| No | 17 | 22% |

If yes, do those vendors allow the code you developed to be openly distributed with OSS licensing? N=57

| | | |
|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 31 | 54% |
| No | 26 | 46% |

Comments N=16

Customizations are specific to our institution's unique requirements and would not be generally useful to others. Some customizations would not be supported by organization for security and support reasons.

Ex Libris allows/encourages development and customization of their systems, but sharing is limited to other Ex Libris user institutions via CodeShare on the password-protected Ex Libris EL Commons web site.

In some cases, we are not sure, because we have not specifically asked the vendor. In the case of our ILS vendor, their willingness to have our code openly distributed depends upon how much proprietary information about the system would be divulged by the new software, i.e., the nature of the software and how it interacts with the proprietary system.

Most do allow for this. Or, they at least have an established community of their customers where code can be shared. We attempt to write code that is mostly generalizable to any like system, in order to allow ourselves the flexibility to changes systems later on with fewer dependencies on custom development.

Not all our vendors allow this. Some applications would reveal proprietary information about the data model used in vendor product.

Not sure if it's allowed (haven't asked).

Some allow this, some do not.

Some vendors allow it, others do not. Ability to redistribute is not a major factor in determining whether we develop plugins, extensions, or customizations.

Some vendors do, some vendors don't.

The library has developed plugins for use with its proprietary ILS software (Voyager) and has shared the plugins with other libraries. They are considered a federal employee product, therefore public domain.

The library IT staff has plans to develop plugins, extensions, or customization for the ILS. The ILS vendor does allow APIs to be openly distributed.

Unsure [whether vendor allows this].

We do provide the extensions without a license but we include a disclaimer.

We have a couple of vendors that have taken contributions from our teams but that code is not openly distributed with OSS licensing.

We primarily build them for us and share them if we can. Some vendors allow for semi-open sharing.

With the signing of appropriate releases and/or agreements.

LIBRARY SOFTWARE

7. Please identify the type of software used by your library for each of the following purposes. Check all that apply. N=76

| Purpose | OSS (locally hosted, locally supported) | OSS (locally hosted, supported by a third party) | OSS (hosted and supported by a third party) | Vended product (locally hosted) | Vended product (hosted by the vendor or SaaS) | Built in- house | N/A | N |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|-----------------------|-----|----|
| Inter-library loan | 2 | — | 1 | 45 | 29 | 4 | 3 | 76 |
| Institutional repository | 47 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 14 | 7 | 76 |
| Digital preservation | 40 | 10 | 7 | 11 | 3 | 15 | 19 | 76 |
| ILS | 3 | 1 | 2 | 58 | 17 | — | 1 | 75 |
| Discovery layer | 16 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 49 | 10 | 2 | 75 |
| Course reserve | 2 | — | 2 | 43 | 16 | 12 | 7 | 75 |
| Electronic resource management | 8 | — | 1 | 18 | 38 | 13 | 3 | 74 |
| Streaming media | 16 | 1 | — | 33 | 18 | 5 | 12 | 74 |
| Blogging | 38 | 2 | 13 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 74 |
| Authentication/identity management | 25 | 7 | 8 | 33 | 8 | 11 | 7 | 74 |
| Digital asset management | 33 | 3 | 2 | 20 | 11 | 19 | 9 | 73 |
| Study room scheduler | 17 | — | 1 | 13 | 20 | 13 | 14 | 73 |
| Publishing | 36 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 19 | 73 |
| Link resolver | 5 | 1 | 4 | 22 | 43 | 7 | 3 | 73 |
| Floor maps | 8 | — | — | 8 | 5 | 28 | 28 | 71 |
| Web analytics | 15 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 47 | 4 | — | 71 |
| Data warehouse | 11 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 43 | 69 |
| ELMS | 4 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 45 | 68 |
| Data analysis | 6 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 11 | 8 | 36 | 68 |
| Visualization | 10 | — | — | 15 | 8 | 3 | 40 | 67 |
| Other purpose | 13 | 1 | — | 4 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 31 |
| Number of Responses | 70 | 22 | 40 | 76 | 73 | 50 | 67 | 76 |

If you indicated above that the library is using any software for an “Other purpose,” please briefly describe that purpose. N=25

Archival description software (ICA-AtoM for archival finding aids)

Archival Management for managing archival data.

Citation Fox and IL Fox

Content management system

Course reserve is Blackboard, hosted by university IT, not the library.

Database software (MySQL), Web Server (Apache), Exhibits (Omeka), Timeline & Map web support (Neatline)

Electronic Finding Aids: currently use Archon, will move to ArchivesSpace in the future.

Enterprise service bus and rapid application development environment afforded by Kuali Rice.

FYI, we are considering vended product/hosted by vendor to include the university's central IT unit (Office of the Chief Information Officer) and central academic computing unit (Office of Distance Education and E-Learning).

Here are some top software products the Libraries have developed to fulfill our needs: research consultation services, equipment management, trouble ticket, feedback, hours, event administration, news/alerts, reference transactions, spam blocking, reminders. Also, we have a vendor product for single-sign on for our ILS. Lastly, there are, additionally, more campus central IT run services that the Libraries use.

Just wanted to note an additional dimension to consider. We make use both of very library-specific software primarily managed by the Libraries but are also heavy users of software provided by our university's central IT dept. In some cases the relationship is somewhere in between a locally hosted and vendor hosted situation.

Many of the choices above do not allow for accurate categorization of our environment.

Monitoring, performance analysis, metrics, digital signage

Note: Dataverse (Data Warehouse) and geospatial software (Data Analysis) on shared consortial system: From Scholars Portal, of the Ontario Council of University Libraries.

Offsite storage inventory, RFID, self-checkout.

Omeka for online exhibits

Other purpose is Digital Collections application and ContentDM for metadata management.

Persistent identifier software

Research guides/FAQs, digital exhibits, EAD repository, staff directory, Database A-Z

Resource annotation and analysis tool (RUanalytic). Metadata and resource handling application (OpenWMS) and ETD submission system (RUetd)

Scientific data analysis, text mining

Social media archiving, and social media display/sharing

Subject-specific databases/portals, electronic access

We also have several productivity tools that are small productivity applications, such as tools for replacement materials

workflows, another for reformatting. Our subject pages are driven by the MyLibrary toolkit. We use Library a la Carte for subject guides.

We use OSS and in-house software for many other needs: lots of back end server stuff like sharing data between systems, and frontend custom displays for various resources.

8. Please indicate how important each of the following software selection criteria is to your library. Please make one selection per row. N=76

| Criteria | 1 Not Important | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Very Important | N |
|--|-----------------|---|----|----|------------------|----|
| Functionality that best meets our needs | — | — | 1 | 14 | 61 | 76 |
| Staff time to support | — | 2 | 13 | 35 | 26 | 76 |
| Control and customizability | — | 1 | 13 | 36 | 26 | 76 |
| Monetary cost for support and maintenance | — | — | 14 | 40 | 22 | 76 |
| Staff time to implement | — | 3 | 21 | 31 | 21 | 76 |
| Monetary cost for implementation and licensing | — | 2 | 14 | 31 | 27 | 74 |
| Other criteria | 1 | — | 2 | 6 | 12 | 21 |
| Number of Responses | 1 | 6 | 42 | 65 | 70 | 76 |

If you indicated above that the library is using any “Other criteria” to select library software, please briefly describe the criteria. N=17

Academically developed and controlled to reduce risk. We do buy vendor solutions but with intention and critical analysis due to the amount of data we have and priority to preserve and make that information available.

ADA compliant, standards based, interoperable with other systems, meets security standards

Adoption of the software in the wider (library) community. Whether or not the software is actively being maintained.

Compatibility with existing systems

Compliance with industry standards for system interoperation

Integration with complex information environment; ability to extend software beyond library to provide services to other departments and institutions; opportunities afforded for professional development in open- and community-sourced software.

Integration with existing systems

Integration with other library systems. Community of software users and evidence of development.

Interoperability with existing systems. Community around an OSS project.

Interoperability with other systems; sustainability

Is it open source?

It is important for any systems to meet accessibility standards.

Safety and security of the software (impact on IT security at the library)

Software quality and reliability

Use of open data standards

Vendor responsiveness for vended products or a robust user community or user groups for OSS.

We try to insure that all components of our cyberinfrastructure, whether developed in house or not, work well together to fit within the RUcore architectural framework. All tools and services can then be managed together and receive upgrades/enhancements on the same schedule. Our commercial ILS, Sirsi/Dynix does not support this and one IMPORTANT reason we are moving to Kuali OLE is the ability to integrate all our cyberinfrastructure into a coherent platform where the focus can be an integrated approach to user needs.

Please select the correct statement about the use of OSS at your library. N=76

| | | |
|---|----|-----|
| Our library is using open source software | 74 | 97% |
| Our library is NOT using any open source software | 2 | 3% |

If your library is using open source software, you will continue to questions about OSS Policies.

If your library is NOT using any open source software, you will skip to the screen Library Doesn't Use OSS.

OSS POLICIES

9. Please indicate the kinds of policies your institution has related to OSS. Check all that apply. N=73

| OSS Policy Content | Formal, written library policy | Formal, written parent institution policy | Informal library policy | Informal parent institution policy | No policy | N |
|--|---|---|-------------------------------|---|--------------|----|
| Adoption of OSS developed elsewhere | 5 | 1 | 25 | 7 | 43 | 73 |
| Development of OSS in-house | 3 | 4 | 20 | 10 | 44 | 73 |
| Contributing resources to OSS projects | 4 | 5 | 20 | 6 | 44 | 73 |
| Technology transfer | 2 | 23 | 4 | 8 | 34 | 69 |
| Number of responses | 7 | 24 | 32 | 16 | 59 | 73 |

Comments N=8

I am not aware of any official or documented policy regarding OSS at the institution at this time.

The library has policies and procedures for making library-produced open source code available outside the library. The policies are currently under editorial revision and are expected to be released later in 2014.

Not aware of university policy though it may exist.

Our library informally supports and greatly encourages IT staff to use and contribute to OSS projects.

We are just beginning to develop policies in this area.

We have no formal policies with regards to OSS. We are pragmatic in our approach to open source software, and compare with vended solutions based on criteria noted earlier in this survey.

We know from experience there is a process, but could not locate the policies.

Whether a commercial vendor or OSS product best meets a given need is determined on a case-by-base basis.

10. Does your institution have either a sustainability or exit strategy related to OSS projects? N=71

| Strategy | Yes | No |
|-------------------------|-----|----|
| Sustainability strategy | 21 | 50 |
| Exit strategy | 18 | 53 |

If there is either a sustainability or an exit strategy, and a document that describes the strategy, please include the document in the Call for Documents at the end of the survey.

If there is a strategy, but no document, please briefly describe the strategy below.

Sustainability Strategy N=15

Informal. Must be sustainable. Implementing department is accountable.

Minimize customization.

Platform review on a regular basis (~five year cycle).

Provide staff support for ongoing development of our open source content management system (Drupal) and ongoing support and development of our institutional repository (if we stay with an open source product after our pilot project).

Staff to support; minimum customization; data management a requirement.

Stated in strategic plan and through staffing, but no formal document.

Supported as a strategic application, that is, assigned as primary responsibility for a group or person in IT.

The closest is the Hydra partner agreement <https://wiki.duraspace.org/display/hydra/Hydra+Community+Framework>

The Kuali OLE project, not yet in production, is developing a sustainability plan to grow and sustain the software for at least a decade. This includes ongoing support, in cash and in-kind, from partners, attracting new partners, and partnering with commercial affiliates for software support, training, implementation, and development contributions.

The way in which we contribute and leverage OSS assures that the university has access to all OSS and can continue to maintain, develop, or discard that technology according to our needs and priorities. We are involved in the strategic steering, operational and development of the majority of OSS that we use.

We adopt only OSS projects that have a healthy, active community for collaboration/support. We also choose projects with methods for contributing code back, and with good documentation so in-house work can begin quickly.

We avoid making extreme customizations that are super specific or require extensive changes to the base code, hence sustaining our OSS from one version to another is relatively flexible.

We plan out sustainability in the same manner as other software implementations and development activities.

We will adopt an enterprise OSS system or component only if it is developed within the narrow range of technologies—languages and deployment platforms—in which we have expertise and experience, and only if the system or component is supported by an established, stable community. We follow best practices, particularly around testing and engineering for stability and scalability, in order to minimize support and maintenance costs. We move support out of the development group and into a support group (with partial success).

When adopting OSS or engaging in development of OSS, we look for and/or try to establish a broadly-based community of support in order to mitigate risks of being too dependent on one institution's/individual's resource commitment.

Exit Strategy N=15

Data migration is mandatory.

Exit strategy only concerning ability to export all data and relationships from software.

For the eXtensible Catalog (XC), our exit strategy (which we are now implementing) involves moving all infrastructure support for the software to a library consortium (CARLI) that has been a major partner in developing the system. Our strategy also has included a detailed communication plan for notifying all stakeholders. We have not deployed XC locally. For IR+, we are now discussing possible options for future actions that may include a formal exit strategy.

Informal. Must have a reasonable exit strategy. Implementing department is accountable.

Native export tools/XML, etc. unique to each application

No formal exit strategy. We do choose software with open data standards so that our information can be exported on a whim and used in different software.

Not only with OSS, but with all software systems, we develop such that dependencies are not vendor or product specific, but could allow for replacement of a part of our infrastructure with a like service without having to redesign the whole.

Our data adheres to open standard policies, so if we ever need to migrate out or exit out of the OSS, our data would be compatible with any other system.

The plan will include an exit strategy to allow either end-of-life of the software, or mechanism for turning over software to other interested parties.

To ensure that our data are portable, we require that an open source software be capable of exporting our data in a standard data exchange format.

Use of a software system whether OSS or vended requires data export capability.

We always look at an exit strategy when making a decision about a particular technology solution, regardless of whether it is open source or not.

We keep data and presentation layers separate, so that migration out is easier. We choose OSS with data storage techniques that allow for complete export of all relevant data in a format for easy migration.

We may resort to a hosted/vended product for our institutional repository if we're not satisfied with the results of our pilot project using an open source software repository product.

We regularly evaluate our needs against the technologies we are using and are aware of alternatives. Because we are involved in the strategy and development of most of the OSS, we are also aware of the threats for the OSS that we use. Use of OSS affords us greater time to plan migration or alternative strategies. We have experience and expertise with vended solutions that offered minimum time and therefore forced quick migration and alternative solutions that in some cases have proven to not meet our needs.

REASONS FOR ADOPTING OSS

11. Please identify the open source software that your library has adopted. N=66

Apache, Eventum, Movable Type

Archivists' Toolkit

AutoDewey: software was created at Northwestern University Libraries, adapted at LC.

AWStats, DSpace, Islandora, Fedora Commons, ICA-AtoM, Archivematica, Drupal, Apache Solr, Apache Lucene, Apache, Squid, KeePass, Nagios, PuTTY, MongoDB

Blacklight content management system, Google Map viewer API, California Digital Library Micro Services, Archivists' Toolkit, ArchivesSpace, DSpace, LibStats, Drupal, Omeka, Linux, Apache, LOCKSS

Blacklight, Fedora Commons, DSpace, Handles, WordPress

Blacklight, Fedora Commons

Blacklight, Hydra, Solr, Fedora Commons, DSpace, Opencast Matterhorn, Avalon Media System, Variations Digital Music Library. Many utilities/tools such as ffmpeg, JHOVE, etc.

Digital Library Extension Service (DLXS), Fedora Commons, Omeka, Guide on the Side, Apache, Tomcat, Wikimedia, Linux

Drupal

Drupal, PHP, phpScheduleIt, Blacklight

Drupal, CORAL, Guide on the Side, ArchivesSpace

DSpace (2 responses)

DSpace, Open Journal System (OJS)

DSpace, Drupal

DSpace and several others

DSpace, Fedora Commons, Hippo CMS, Drupal, Open Journal System (OJS)

DSpace, Fedora Commons, Hydra, Apache, MySQL, Solr, Linux, Open Journal System (OJS), Python, R, Ruby, Archivists' Toolkit, ArchivesSpace, WordPress, Drupal, Tomcat

DSpace, Islandora, Fedora Commons, Drupal, Tesseract, ICA-AtoM, Open Journal System (OJS), Open Book System, Manitoba, LOCKSS, PostgreSQL, MySQL, Apache suite of applications, Python, Redmine (Ruby), Git

DSpace, Omeka, MDID

DSpace, Omlaut, WordPress

DSpace, Open Journal System (OJS), and VuFind

DSpace, Open Journal System (OJS), Archivematica, ICA-AtoM, LOCKSS, WordPress, MediaWiki

DSpace, Open Journals System (OJS), eXtensible Text Framework (XTF), Omeka, WordPress, Drupal

DSpace, Fedora Commons, Archivematica, ResourceSpace; Public Knowledge Project (PKP) including Open Monograph Press (OMP), Open Journal System (OJS), Open Conference System (OCS), General Transit Feed Specifications (GTFS), RefStat, Suma, Xibo, Mondo Grinder, phpScheduleIt, software for hours and locations

DSpace. File Analyzer, Archivists' Toolkit, LOCKSS

Fedora Commons

Fedora Commons, Hydra, CORAL, Apache, Puppet

Fedora Commons, Blacklight, Hydra, Solr, Avalon, WordPress, ArchivesSpace (soon), Piwik, MySQL, Apache, Neatline, and many other components for transforming or disseminating information.

Fedora Commons, DSpace, Open Journal System (OJS), Open Conference System (OCS)

Fedora Commons, DSpace, Umlaut, Shibboleth, Xerxes, Blacklight, Vireo, Hydra, Solr. As well we have adopted several OSS, such as Tomcat and Apache, that do not seem to be the focal point of this survey.

Apache, Drupal, Webinator, Fedora Commons, WordPress, Omeka, BuddyPress, Avalon Media System, eXtensible Text Framework (XTF), Bugzilla, Handles, PostgreSQL, PHP, Perl, Linux

Hydra, Blacklight, Solr, Drupal

Hydra, DSpace, Drupal, WordPress, LC Newspaper Viewer, Archivist ToolKit, VireoCat, various open source utilities

Hydra, Fedora Commons, Solr, Blacklight, phpScheduleIt, Open Harvester, WordPress, others

Hydra, Omeka, Drupal, Shibboleth

Islandora

Koha, Fedora Commons, Xerxes, Library a la Carte, WordPress, MyLibrary, eReserves, Blacklight, VuFind, Hydra, CORAL

Linux, django, Python, Solr, Lucene, Nginx, PostgreSQL, various support libraries and toolkits

LOCKSS, Public Knowledge Project (PKP), Omeka, Plone

Lots: Drupal, EZProxy when it was OSS, our web stack, our Moodle LMS, our IR, others.

Open Journal System (OJS) and Omeka; CORAL ERMS

Open Journal System (OJS), DSpace, Omeka

Open Journal System (OJS), Open Monograph Press (OMP), Drupal, WordPress, Dokuwiki, MediaWiki, Islandora, Fedora Commons, Spiceworks, Piwik, Omeka, Archivists Toolkit

Omeka, Avalon, WordPress, Silverstripe, DSpace, Open Journal System (OJS), Open Conference System (OCS)

Open Journal System (OJS)

Open Journal System (OJS), eXtensible Text Framework (XTF), AWStats, Daily Stats, WordPress, Weblizer, GoogleAnalytics, MySQL, PHP

Open Journal System (OJS)

phpScheduleIt, Omeka, WordPress, Archon, ArchivesSpace, Blacklight, SubjectsPlus, Variations, Avalon, Fixity, Assana, MarcEdit, DMPTool, Lucene/Solr, EzProxy, E-Prints

PHP, Blacklight, MongoDB, PostgreSQL, MySQL, Northwestern U Book Viewer, Solr, Lucene, GSearch, Djatoka, Fedora Commons, SciDB, Openstack, django, Openshift, Drupal, CentOS, Cassandra, sqe, Ruby, Python (and libraries), Perl and libraries, many Apache tools, GNU tools, Nagios Open Monitoring Distribution (OMD), Spacewalk, OCS Inventory

PHP, MySQL, Linux, Apache, Drupal

Public Knowledge Project (PKP), Research Project Calculator (Assignment Calculator), ArchivesSpace, Apache, Linux, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Hydra, Blacklight, Fedora Commons, Solr, PersistentURLs (PURLZ), Omeka, Open Journal System (OJS)

Streetprint, DSpace, OS Ticket, Dokuwiki, Guide on the Side

SuraSpace products, SugarCRM, ArchivesSpace

The main library-specific OSS we use: VuFind (and Solr), DSpace, LOCKSS. We make heavy use of other general open source software including Ubuntu, Apache, Tomcat, WordPress, etc.

This list could go on for pages: Apache, Fedora Commons, DSpace, Islandora, WordPress, Drupal, MySQL, Linux, Docker, Redmine, OpenLDAP, VuFind, Arduino IDE, Open Journal System (OJS), Raspbian, OpenOffice, GIMP, etc. We have both servers and desktops running various Linux flavours; nearly every piece of software on them is by nature OSS.

Too many to mention. But here are some: Ubuntu, Apache, PostgreSQL, Python, django, Perl, PHP, Java (openjdk), Solr, jQuery, D3, postfix, Nagios, phpScheduleIt, DSpace, Drupal, MySQL, osTickets.

UCLA MWF, DSpace, MySQL, Apache, PHP, SAMBA, Open SSL, Open SSH, Linux (CentOS and Ubuntu), Sendmail, Solr,, Nutch, Tomcat, WINE, VirtualBox, KeePass, PuTTY, Pidgin, Stat Transfer, WinSCP, 7zip, Firefox, Thunderbird, SPSS, Audacity, MarcEdit, FreeMind, Gimp

Umlaut, Blacklight, Xerxes, Fedora Commons, Solr, DSpace, Drupal, WordPress, Rails, Jenkins, djatoka, OpenLayers, Git, Linux, PHP, Java, Apache, Tomcat, GNU Compiler Collection (GCC)

VuFind

VuFind to develop our discovery layer, Shibboleth for identity management (this is the standard at our parent institution and it has been integrated with library systems).

VuFind, Drupal, CORAL, ARC, Omeka, Solr

VuFind, DSpace, Open Journal System (OJS), Papyrus, Islandora

Webcalendar, Hydra

WordPress, XTF, Omeka, Nagios, PKP OAI Harvester

12. Please indicate how important each of the following reasons for adopting OSS over a competing vended product is to your library. Please make one selection per row. N=72

| Reasons | 1 Not Important | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Very Important | N |
|--|-----------------|----|----|----|------------------|----|
| The functionality of the open source system best meets our needs | — | 1 | 3 | 14 | 54 | 72 |
| Greater control and customizability | 1 | — | 5 | 26 | 40 | 72 |
| Lower monetary cost for implementation and licensing | 2 | 6 | 25 | 18 | 21 | 72 |
| Lower monetary cost for support and maintenance | 2 | 8 | 23 | 25 | 14 | 72 |
| Library or institutional policies encourage the use of OSS | 27 | 15 | 18 | 11 | — | 71 |
| Desire to contribute to the library OSS community | 6 | 15 | 22 | 18 | 9 | 70 |
| Less staff time to implement | 2 | 18 | 32 | 10 | 7 | 69 |
| Less staff time to support | 4 | 11 | 31 | 17 | 4 | 67 |
| Other reason(s) | 3 | — | 4 | — | 3 | 10 |
| Number of Responses | 31 | 37 | 65 | 61 | 67 | 72 |

If you indicated above that the library has other reason(s) for adopting OSS over a competing vended product, please briefly describe the reason(s). N=7

3 Important

Limited availability of software

Ongoing economic sustainability is critical for determination to adopt OSS or a vended product. All public facing web applications must be made accessible for disabled users, so control of this is vital for our institution.

OSS implementations relate to gaps in the vended market.

Staff familiarity with OSS systems.

5 Very Important

Better integration with RUcore cyberinfrastructure.

Freedom to study, copy, modify, and redistribute. Availability of potential staff candidates familiar with free software options. Trust in the respective developer communities.

Resourcing: Leveraging pooled resources within community, which decreases cost for cross training and ensures forward movement and support during staff shortages. Training & retention: staff have a ready network of peers and training opportunities which greatly supports skill building, impact of work, visibility of their work and professional networking.

Additional Comments N=4

For above statements, don't necessarily agree, e.g., "less staff time to implement"—generally takes more time to implement an OSS—so not important is what was selected.

Security, analytics, integration with older systems

We disagree with the statements above that OSS takes less time to implement and less staff time to support, and so were unsure how to respond to them. Saying that they are “not important” to us would be misleading, so we left them blank.

We like our OSS to have a robust developer community.

13. Please identify your most recently adopted OSS system **that has been deployed**, and indicate how many staff and how many hours of staff time were required to complete the initial production deployment. An estimate of the number of hours is acceptable. N=63

| OSS System | Staff | Staff hours | Comments |
|--|-------|-----------------------------|---|
| Archivematica | | | |
| ArchivesSpace | | | |
| ArchivesSpace | 2 | 160 | |
| Archivists' Toolkit | 1 | 100 | Customization was contracted out. |
| Blacklight | 3 | 1500 | |
| Blacklight | 4 | 100 | The work was done in two 2-week sprints of about 25 hrs/wk. Part of the experience was getting used to Blacklight as a development environment, in addition to developing the intended discovery piece. |
| Blacklight | 8 | 9,000 (very rough estimate) | Work on this project spanned many groups and involved work across several units of our organization. This estimate is likely to be fairly inaccurate. |
| Blacklight | | | We cannot share cost related information at this time. |
| Blacklight, Fedora Commons, dJatoka, Lucene, Book Viewer | 2 | Approximately 2,000 hours | OSS allowed team to select best components for specific parts of project to meet project goals of this major development effort. OSS allowed us to greatly customize presentation and functionality. Functional changes are more easily achieved with OSS than a vended product, but of course requires in-house development staff. |
| CORAL (e-resource management) | 1 | 30 | Does not include hours spent with data management from Technical Services; just the time the developer spent. |
| DAMS – Islandora, Fedora Commons | 1 | 630 | |
| Dokuwiki | 1 | 8 | |
| Drupal | 2 | 500 | Change platform for library website. |
| Drupal | 3 | | |
| Drupal | 3 | 1000 | |
| Drupal | 3 | at least 240 hours | Three staff members were involved in the implementation of Drupal, but only a portion of their time for a period of about three months. |
| Drupal | 5 | 3500 | Library website development and deployment. |
| Drupal | 3 | | Number of hours was not tracked. |
| DSpace | 2 | 40 | |

| OSS System | Staff | Staff hours | Comments |
|--|-------|---------------|---|
| DSpace | 4 | 200 | |
| DSpace | 5 | 1000 | Hours calculated on 4 hours of work per week spread across 5 staff for one year. This relates to a grant project has been going on for several years. 1000 hours is probably a conservative estimate. We have not been formally tracking personnel time for OSS projects. |
| DSpace | 4 | 200 | Mostly one IT staff implementing configurations and changes and two librarian/admin staff making design decisions and testing. Sysadmin time during startup. |
| Fedora Commons | 3 | 80 | |
| Fedora Commons | 4 | unknown | |
| File Analyzer | 1 | 5 | |
| Guide on the Side | 3 | 500 | This is a piece of software that we actually developed, so the number of staff hours is very high due to the development time. |
| Guide on the Side | 3 | 2 | Staff included 1 technical resource and 2 librarians. |
| Hippo CMS | 5 | 2500 | Very rough estimate; also includes building the html/CSS for new website from scratch. |
| ICA-AtoM | 3 | 700 | |
| Islandora | 2 | many | We can't calculate staff hours with any accuracy, as we haven't been systematically keeping track. |
| Islandora | 2 | 16 | We are counting server build only. Software install was completed by support vendor. We are not counting system evaluation prior to purchase of vendor support or customizations/configuration/initial material ingest. |
| Islandora | 3 | | Difficult to estimate; deployment bleeds into other issues, such as metadata import, etc. |
| Islandora | 4 | 160 | We have four full time staff developing on the Islandora stack. This includes efforts for Drupal, Solr, and Fedora Commons, which comprise Islandora. |
| Koha | 7 | 130 | For Jerusalem site |
| LC Newspaper Viewer | 4 | 100 | |
| Linux/Apache/django stack for library widget | 2 | 0.75 | |
| Movable Type | | | Project occurred 8 years ago; estimate of staff time unknown. |
| obento (our in-house developed bento search) | 4 | 500 (approx.) | |
| Open Journal System (OJS) | 3 | 100 | |
| Omeka | 1.5 | 40 | |

| OSS System | Staff | Staff hours | Comments |
|---------------------------|-------|---------------|---|
| Omeka | 2 | 60 | Developer created an accessible fork of Omeka, called Omeka_a11y, for use in our library, then removed institution-specific changes and released the fork on GitHub. |
| Omeka | 3 | 20 | |
| Omeka | 5 | 450 | |
| Omeka | | 301 | One digital exhibit |
| Open Journal System (OJS) | 2 | 50 | |
| Open Journal System (OJS) | 2 | 400 | |
| Papyrus | 2 | 210 | |
| phpScheduleIT | 4 | 400 | |
| ResourceSpace | 1 | 8 | |
| Room Booking | 2 | 60 | |
| RUanalytic | 3 | 400 | |
| Shibboleth | N/A | N/A | The development was driven by the university's Middleware Group, so it is difficult to estimate library time on the project. |
| Social Feed Manager | 2 | 40 | |
| UCLA Mobile Web Framework | 1 | 40 | Software started at UCLA to create a framework to have web sites work well on a mobile device without having to create apps for devices. |
| Vireo | 2 | 200 | Times are grossly estimated for the last question. |
| Vireo | 2 | 120 | For ETD management |
| VIVO | 4 | 100 | Deployment was spread over several months. |
| VIVO | 6 | 250 | |
| VuFind | 2 | 500 | |
| WebCalendar | 1 | | |
| WordPress | 1 | | |
| WordPress | 2 | 25–35 | We were already using WordPress on a limited scale for blogs and some web pages, but recently fully adopted WordPress for our library web site. Hours are based only on the time to setup and configure a new web server environment and WordPress instance for the intended use. Time spent creating and adding content was in addition and significantly greater. |
| Xerxes | 2 | 2 * 280 hours | |

Additional Comment

We do not have a metric for this at this time because it is not useful to capture unless we are comparing two similar scoped systems (OSS vs. Vendor). Much also depends on the type of application and needs it presents: rebrand requirements, training requirements, configuration and sometimes development to utilize.

14. Please identify your most recently adopted OSS system **that is still in production**, and indicate how many staff and how many staff hours per month are required to maintain the system. An estimate of the number of hours is acceptable. N=56

| OSS System | Staff | Staff hours per month | Comments |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|---|
| ArchivesSpace | 5 | 15 | We are still in the process of migrating from Archon to ArchivesSpace. |
| Archivists' Toolkit | 1 | 100 | |
| Blacklight | 3 | 200 | |
| Blacklight | 4 | 300 | The system, though deployed, is still under active development. We cannot separate development from support. |
| Blacklight | | | We cannot share cost related information at this time. |
| CORAL | 1 | 2 | |
| DAMS – Islandora, Fedora Commons | 2 | 280 | The number of staff hours includes more than maintenance because the system is continually being developed for use beyond the library, to the entire enterprise. The two staff are working full time on the system, migrating digital assets from other legacy and proprietary systems into the DAMS, implementing authentication, user-centered interface and navigation, writing bulk ingesters, creating testing scripts, distributed solutions, data preservation processes, etc. |
| Droid | 2 | 200 | |
| Drupal | 1 | 20 | |
| Drupal | 2 | 30–40 | |
| Drupal | 2 | 75 | Two staff members are involved with maintaining Drupal, but not full time. It adds up to about .5 FTE. |
| Drupal | 5 | 125 | Library web site |
| Drupal | 5 | 100 | |
| Drupal | 3 | | Hours unknown |
| DSpace | 1 | 2 | |
| DSpace | 1 | 5 | |
| DSpace | 2 | 32 | We are not currently tracking maintenance time for OSS systems. |
| DSpace | 2 | 120 | |
| DSpace | 2 | 10 | One Sysadmin handling patches/updates/security and one Developer handling feature requests and fixes. |
| eReserves | 2 | 250 | This is a locally developed system that we don't open source currently. |
| Fedora Commons | 3 | 80 | |
| Fedora Commons | 4 | 512 | |
| File Analyzer | 1 | 20 | |
| Guide on the Side | 1 | <10 | |

| OSS System | Staff | Staff hours per month | Comments |
|--|-------|-----------------------|--|
| Hippo CMS | 10 | 40 | Includes maintenance and occasional upgrades; does not include development of new website features. |
| Hydra | 1 | 60 | By "in production," in this question, it appears to us you actually mean still in development prior to deployment or in the earliest stages of deployment. |
| Hydra | 3 | 100 | |
| ICA-AtoM | 2 | 20 | |
| Islandora | 1 | 70 | |
| Islandora | 2 | | We can't calculate staff hours with any accuracy as we haven't been systematically keeping track. |
| Nagios | 0.25 | 1 | For this OSS component, there only requires minimal effort to maintain, just the application of system patches. |
| obento (our in-house developed bento search) | 2 | 20 | |
| Open Journal System (OJS) | 1 | 10 | |
| Open Journal System (OJS) | 3 | 75 | 24 instances; customer support and updates to software |
| Omeka | — | — | One digital exhibit |
| Omeka | 1 | 10 | The active installation requires minimal work. We are in the midst of a version update, to replace the current production installation—that is a larger time commitment, but I view it as a "project" not "support". |
| Omeka | 1 | 2 | Most effort spent sporadically when software needs to be upgraded. |
| Omeka | 1.5 | 2 | Very difficult to give staff hours per month; depends very much on the release cycle for product and status of projects being implemented. |
| Omeka | 3 | 10 | |
| Open Journal System (OJS) | 1 | 8 | Hours/Staff do not include continued development time. |
| Open Journal System (OJS) | 2 | 44 | |
| Open Journal System (OJS) | 2 | 50 | |
| RUanalytic | 2 | 40 | We are currently enhancing it via an NSF grant so spending more time on it than normal, particularly in response to feedback from grant P.I. |
| Shibboleth | N/A | N/A | This is incremental process, since we are supporting the university's single sign-on initiative. Library use of Shibboleth is being gradually phased in, with the goal of Shibboleth becoming the standard. |
| Social Feed Manager | 1 | 2 | |
| Solr/Nutch | 3 | 20 | Apache-based product to create a search index for our public web site. |

| OSS System | Staff | Staff hours per month | Comments |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--|
| Spiceworks | 2 | 4 | For this question, we are assuming that "in production" means systems that we are actually depending upon, as opposed to systems that we have installed but not started to actively use ("deployed"), as in the previous question. |
| Umlaut | 2 | 2 * 21 hours | |
| Vireo | 2 | < 10 | |
| Vireo2.2 | 4 | 10 | |
| VIVO | 1 | 10 | |
| VIVO | 3 | 180 | |
| WordPress, Confluence, JIRA, Jenkins | 1 to 2 | 20 | |
| WordPress | 1 | 25 | |
| WordPress | 1 | | We have one full-time webmaster who spends the majority of his time doing custom design, maintenance, etc. on our WordPress site, as well as many other library staff who spend smaller percentages of their time creating content (blog posts, web pages, etc.) |
| WordPress | 2 | 15–20 | This is time spent maintaining the web server and WordPress environments and does not include time spent maintaining web site content. |

Additional Comment

We do not have figures for separating software only maintenance and support and again is not useful unless comparing to something similar that offers the same functions. Much of the software we develop does not have vendor alternatives and our requirements go beyond just what the software delivers.

COST OF ADOPTING OSS

15. Were you able to track the costs of the most recently adopted and deployed OSS system? N=71

| | | |
|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 10 | 14% |
| No | 61 | 86% |

If yes, please indicate the costs of adopting that OSS system, and briefly describe what expenses were covered (e.g., staff time, equipment, training, travel, etc.) N=10

| Cost | Expenses Covered |
|-------|--|
| \$400 | Server hosting agreement for VM with university central IT department; cost here doesn't include staff time. |

| Cost | Expenses Covered |
|--|---|
| \$646,119.07 over 4 years (yearly average cost \$161,529.76) | Staff (IT, Archival, Tech Services), 3rd party developers, Amazon cloud hosting & storage |
| \$3,800 | 3800 |
| Approximately \$8,000 | Staff time |
| \$50,000 | Consulting, hosting, staff time, training, travel |
| \$17,000 | Vendor installation and support, virtual server, travel. Other costs not tracked so not included. |
| \$40,000 | Staff development time - NSF grant budget |
| \$45,500 | Staff time |
| We cannot share cost related information at this time. | We cannot share cost related information at this time. |
| Approximately \$200,000 | Staff time, equipment |

What was the source of the funds for adopting this OSS system? Check all that apply. N=70

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|-----|
| Library's operating budget | 69 | 99% |
| Grant(s) | 6 | 9% |
| Parent institution | 4 | 6% |
| Consortial budget(s) | 4 | 6% |
| Gift(s) | 1 | 1% |
| Other funding source(s) | 3 | 4% |

Please specify the other funding source(s). N=3

2014 expenses will be reduced by the Amazon cloud hosting, storage, and back-up costs (\$130,034.16) because the university's central IST department will provide these services locally.

We are able to track project costs but our practice is not to track time spent to implement.

We have library staff working on this project, but we have not tracked their hours, since it is part of their day-to-day duties.

BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF ADOPTING OSS

16. Please briefly describe up to three benefits your library enjoys as a result of adopting OSS systems. N=65

A cost effective means to deploy business critical software and services. Ability to customize for internal uses. Ability to serve users of the digital library with software standards and standard interfaces.

A single system hosts many formats; still images, books, newspapers, audio, video and manages all associated files, derivatives, preservation data. The core system was further developed to meet specific local functional requirements of users without waiting for vendor releases. The system is scalable to millions of objects and can provide a single enterprise solution for the whole university.

Ability to contribute bug fixes and enhancements desired at our institution. Lower initial cost outlay. Control over support and maintenance costs.

Ability to customize/extend the software to meet local needs. Easier to evaluate/test/prototype different options. Staff experience gained from working with the source code.

Ability to have applications that better meet the library's needs. Accessibility and usability are usually better for library patrons. Inline with library values to support open access.

Ability to have solutions more customized to our and our users' needs. Ability to provide innovative services beyond the reach of commercial products. Reduced dependency on vendor changes in products and priorities.

Ability to modify or change software based on specific needs. Community-based support and knowledge availability. Reduced/eliminated licensing costs.

Ability to rapidly respond to local needs/issues. Ability to configure/customize service to local needs. Local knowledge of interoperability issues with other systems in use by institution.

Because we have a local software development shop, we can adjust OSS systems to meet our requirements, and have succeeded in deploying systems that we believe are superior to commercial systems. The quality of OSS systems is often very high. OSS systems can evolve rapidly in response to new ideas and trends.

Better engagement with the communities doing the work. Ability to contribute to the improvement of systems used by libraries and archives. Better able to recruit and maintain developers from a wider circle of practitioners.

Built for a specific need. Cost of licensing.

Can customize to fit our requirements. Broader base of software support.

Community of Support. Better understanding of the technology. Good exit strategy.

Configurable. Broad user base. Ease of use.

Control and customizability. Speed to adopt. Ability to participate in community and shape direction.

Control of functionality. Participation in community over roadmap. Flexibility of customization.

Control over customization and software direction. Less effort to support. Functionality meets our needs.

Control over discovery system. Ability to expand scope of discovery system. Unlinking back end from discovery.

Control over system features and design. Reduced time to fix issues or troubleshoot.

Creation of highly collaborative environments. Increased knowledge/skills. Having a foundation on which modifications can be made to address local needs.

Customization. Connection to current systems. Ownership of data.

Customization. Community participation.

Developing and adopting OSS affords us flexible, sustainable solutions that meet complex problems facing libraries, archives, and museums. Reduces risk by affording control over the solutions that meet our needs and control over when and how to use them. Staff are working on solutions that have impact beyond our institution, have a professional network, higher visibility of the work they do while the library can save in training, resourcing, and stop gap measures during staff shortages.

Flexibility. Reduced cost and purchasing wait time. Community support.

Flexibility. Low risk in the case of project failure, due to nature of projects chosen. Customizability.

Flexibility in responding to changing needs. Opportunities to look for added value enhancements to services.

Engagement with a wider community of library developers.

Flexibility to customize. Licenses are cost effective. Software easy to require.

Freedom to use, study, copy, modify, and redistribute solutions that work for us. Rapid access to really good ideas by people who don't work here with us. Implied membership in development communities.

Functionality that meets our needs. Ability to integrate software into our infrastructure, and with other library and university systems. Professional development opportunities from participation in the community.

Functionality that was not present in affordable commercial software. Ability to customize to meet our needs. Ability to integrate with local software.

Greater control of implementation timeframes. Lower up front costs. More flexibility with regard to customization.

Greater flexibility. No similar vended tools. Ability to develop new tools as needed from the OSS system.

Having access to a wide network of support for a system. Participating in a large community of developers with library-centric OSS expertise. Having more control over features and interfaces.

Improved quality. Customizability. Cross application integration.

Integration with other library systems. Opportunity to test software with little investment; low-cost testing/adoption.

Involvement at the national/international level. Can move to another product with no contractual lock-in. Opportunity to improve the product.

It gives us greater control over the implementation. There can be greater interoperability with OSS systems. The cost is internal; it generally includes staff time and training.

Less staff time to modify and support OSS systems when compared to creating homegrown products. We have better control over OSS software and our data than we do with vended products. OSS communities tend to have vibrant and engaged members, which can be a good support resource.

Leverage adoption community support. Attract applied research funding for OSS projects. Align with institute mission to share knowledge.

Lower acquisition cost. Complete control over user experience and user privacy. Flexibility.

Lower cost. Customizability. More control.

Lower licensing and maintenance cost. Fast deployment. Functionality sharing.

Many choices available. Allows for quick prototyping. Ability to modify to environment.

More options to choose from than just those provided by commercial vendors. Can frequently implement without need of identifying and budgeting funds to purchase product. Can implement more quickly because there is no need to go through a complicated and time-consuming licensing process.

No purchase cost. Community support. Flexibility to modify.

No purchase price. More control.

Obtaining functionality that best meets our needs. Control and customizability. Community participation.

Opportunity to contribute code that meets not only our specialized needs, but those of other institutions. Opportunity for developer to join a community of developers (professional development). Reflects our commitment to the values/ mission of the university and library profession.

Opportunity to influence future directions. Opportunity to increase staff expertise through reviewing and extending OSS code. Opportunity to leverage work at other institutions and contribute back to product.

Out of the box, relatively quick to install. Robust development community. Customizable face.

Prototyping; ability to try before you buy the “free puppy.” Ability to customize to meet our needs. No licensing fees.

Provide additional services to user community. Less expensive. Greater ability to customize.

Quality of software. Ability to customize. Lower cost.

Rapid prototyping/updating. Community support. Reduced cost.

Save on licensing costs. Ability to customize, integrate with other library system. Research and publishing opportunities.

Shared expertise with other libraries. Customizability. Extensibility.

Software that is developed to meet the needs of the community rather than being profit motivated. Software that can be customized. Strong support community.

Speed of adoption. Services provided that would not otherwise be available. Good community support.

Staff development: increasing skill and knowledge. Flexibility in terms of being able to change without penalty. Rapid deployment: always faster to use OSS than a vendor solution for most anything.

Sustainability and influence in directing future development. More easily able to integrate other library platforms. Financial.

The ability to customize the product. The ability to influence the direction of development.

The ability to respond quickly and effectively to the needs of our user community. The ability to troubleshoot our systems because of the deep understanding we have of the software. OSS developer communities are more responsive than most vendors’ support systems (at least in our experiences).

Tools and services that are designed and customized to real faculty and student workflow needs. Tools and services that integrate into a coherent and cohesive cyberinfrastructure. Reusable code that can enable building other things.

Using WordPress instead of our parent institution’s commercial content management system allows us to develop a web site that is more attractive, more customizable, and meets our needs.

We have the ability to do deep customization without waiting for a vendor. We keep fixed costs down by avoiding proprietary licensing and support fees. We help improve the library OSS ecosystem by sharing our code and reusing other code.

17. Please briefly describe up to three challenges your library encountered as a result of adopting an OSS system and the strategies employed to overcome these challenges. N=64

Adapting the service for multiple users has been a challenge; we’ve addressed it by assessing user needs and conducting training. Systems security is a concern. We’ve addressed it through the use of penetration testing.

Adopting open source software isn't free. There are support costs. We schedule regular maintenance of our software. Some vendors have more resources and can be quicker to market to meet a need or respond to changing environment. To deal with this, we always keep our options open to swapping pieces between OSS and vended solutions.

Although we try to minimize support costs through good engineering, we nevertheless have to support the applications. We move most application support to a support group after deployment, but some support issues require developer attention, taking time away from development efforts on other projects. The time to deployment can be long depending on the level of development or customization we undertake.

Bad software. Bad documentation. Too much staff time needed to get application running.

Bugs

Change in mindset on part of technical staff to contribute to open source communities.

Changing code: careful tracking of changes. Pressure to always provide latest version: lots of testing.

Compatibility. Waiting for developers to make/implement fixes. Staff support.

Complex environment: use virtualized environment. Poor documentation: staff enhance documentation through various means. Rapid change: each successive version of a software is not necessarily implemented; assessed to determine the added value.

Configuration and customization may take time and may not be possible to customize to satisfaction. Idiosyncratic code which will need to be documented and systemized. Attitude that open source may mean an inferior product.

Continued maintenance. Documentation.

Coordinating activities across developers not in the same location. Managing expectations for features and delivery dates. Finding qualified developers and keeping them in the library.

Creation of new tools needs deeper understanding of the OSS system.

Customizability and time to maintain customizations. Resource time to support users in using as the software is somewhat unintuitive.

Deciding whether to develop custom extensions or install existing. Resolved through cost benefit analysis.

Difficulty in getting timely accurate support. Requires developing in-house deep understanding to support. Finding clearly written documentation. Building a documentation system to accompany OSS systems necessary. Understanding limitations in the feature set of an application. Building prototypes and involving stakeholders in pre-production testing.

Difficulty with interoperability. More staff overhead for maintenance and support. Unclear migration path.

Documentation. Adoption.

Documentation: develop local documentation; contribute testing, bug reports, and documentation to project. Incomplete functionality: develop alternative workflows, contribute enhancements. Poorly developed or managed code contribution process: minimize customization of software.

Ensuring enough cross training, especially to ensure continuity in case of staff loss. Handling non-core customizations in upgrades of core. Occasional gaps in documentation of OSS systems.

Finding and selecting products with the appropriate functionality. Discovery committees are usually tasked with the assessment and evaluation process. Conveying support knowledge from an experienced staff member to an

inexperienced staff member. In-house modifications to the OSS software can make this more challenging. The strategy for overcoming this challenge is to make extensive comments within the changed coding.

Gap in web design skills. Had to use existing resources. Difficult to organize functional teams to create requirements or user-stories. Developers filled gaps. Lack of a mature service model to offer support.

Having the skill sets to support the product over the long term. Having a voice in governance within the open source community. Software bugs with little or no support to fix issues. To overcome, we try to purchase vendor/3rd party support.

Highly skilled in-house staff required in lieu of vendor support. Deep customizations can create a local fork that is hard to upgrade for a new upstream release. The power to customize is addicting. Sometimes it's better to adjust the local workflow to fit a 90% good enough tool than to spend time building that last 10%.

Immature technology: chose only established and mainstream product. Lack of support: chose only product with available paid support. Lack of control on product and feature direction.

Increased deployment time for unfamiliar products: admins must spend more time learning software upfront. Users expect sys admins to be source of expertise for deployed products: have to educate users about becoming self-servant with available documentation and knowledge bases. Alignment of local project timelines with those of OSS products.

Initial hardware needs: repurposed hardware from other project. Reliance on locally developed expertise: limit the amount of customization.

Institutional IT department has had difficulty supporting large data, bandwidth, and open source philosophy in general. Core system needed considerable development beyond basic functions. Version updates not always scheduled or based on an upgrade path. Poor implementation and documentation.

It still creates IT debt that we need to manage. The communities are not big enough to always add value. We have a greater need for technical documentation when we release an OSS software.

Keeping up with software updates. Training overhead for new staff.

Lack of documentation: communication on listservs and forums.

Lack of documentation and support can slow adoption. Sustainability problems can lead to abandoned projects. Skepticism on part of non-technical stakeholders.

Lack of necessary elements: have developed our own or contributed to community work to do same. Lack of documentation.

Lack of staffing: we haven't really resolved this. Lack of training in specific areas: fortunately our location between two large metropolitan areas has made this fairly easy to obtain. Lack of policies and procedures for OSS: we have established a work team and are starting to address this.

Learning curve. Staff time. Server capacity.

Learning curve: overcome by online training resources. Recovering from patches to customized software: overcome by before/after detailed checklists. Training and maintenance: overcome by building in new routine tasks for maintenance and cutting back on other services.

Maintain thorough documentation of local implementation & customization decisions. Failsafe upgrades: need to make sure locally developed plugins, etc. don't crash with each new upgrade. Maintain sandbox environment to thoroughly test upgrades before pushing to production. Version control of development vs. production servers.

Managing all the associated software components of a software package. Getting the organization to make the appropriate level of investments. Free software does not mean no cost. Have to monitor security patches more closely.

Metrics that can be used to compare against commercial software since much of what we develop and use is done by OSS communities. We are not merely shopping, adopting, and tailoring; we are building it together and have no access to all the information needed for valid metrics. Strategy: gather information on cost for solutions that only serve a portion of needs and be able to articulate that against ballpark expense of equivalent OSS. Getting software developers from commercial sector to understand that the return on investment for day-to-day work is not exact. When you preserve cultural heritage or the scholarly record, the impact on research or learning is very difficult to measure; there is no clear profit margin in terms of money. Strategy: make applicants aware of the mission and strategy of the organization, be transparent about the institution and how the organization fits within the institution and the larger educational community. Managing expectations: since we have OSS, people believe they can have everything but we aim to standardize practices within our national and international communities so we have to manage expectations on how much customization and one-off design is sustainable and practical. Strategy: engage early, often, and be transparent into why and how work is being accomplished.

More complexity in implementation, configuration. Accommodating local customizations at time of software upgrade.

More up-front development work: it's all our responsibility. "Forking" code: ending up with code that is removed from the open source core.

Need to grow staff expertise: grew it.

New development method (agile) employed. Managing scope. Prioritizing desired enhancements.

Newer versions no longer supporting important features: overcome by changing to a different system. Minimal to no support: overcome by increasing our knowledge and expertise, or securing third-party support where available. Lack of availability of formal training in system use: overcome by taking a deep breath and figuring it out as we go.

Open source is not free. Infrastructure costs and developer salary/benefits add up over time. Keeping up with upgrades. Future of the product is not entirely up to us and may go in an undesired direction.

Personnel to sustain systems: proposal to administration to re-hire. Priority conflicts with multiple systems: working with leadership to implement portfolio management. No clarity on system expectations and service design when OSS solutions are requested from the IT department: working with leadership to implement project management.

Poor documentation for the software: our Systems Department was helpful getting the server ready, then we depended on an active and enthusiastic user group. Minimal tech support: we depended on fellow-users because help from the software was limited.

Problems must be resolved by staff: network with community of users. Documentation lacking: network with community of users; acquire reviews of OSS. Maintenance and upgrades: don't be the first.

Software ceasing to be developed by the community. Software being developed for technology stacks that we don't run. Inconsistent documentation.

Some software can have a steep learning curve.

Staff and consultant time spent on debugging and customization. Cost of implementation and support not much less than commercial product. Product looks behind-the-times.

Staff cost. Long-term stability and robustness of software. Open source licenses can be variable.

Staff time. Lack of support. Lack of clear documentation.

Support for changes, bug fixes is dependent upon user community. Future development can be taken in a different direction than desired, or stopped completely. Learning curve in the organization for production implementation & support after development. Not all open source software is documented well.

The main supporting group provides poor support or abandons the software. Dependence on technologies that are not well known within the library. Ability to both customize the system and track future releases.

Time to deploy. Compatibility among modules. Lack of documentation.

Total cost of ownership can be higher. Replacement of knowledge when staff involved in OSS project leaves. More difficult to justify investment in OSS over vended solution in face of budget cuts/constraints.

Transition plans for stranded (abandoned) OOS systems. In-house resources to support and extend OSS system hard to cultivate. Upgrade cycles are resource-intensive.

Trial and error approach is sometime necessary: need to have a tolerance for failure. Lack of community support at times. Development takes time.

Understanding features and capabilities of OSS now and in the future so we do requirements analysis and trial implementation. OSS can't be included as part of a formal RFP process: no strategy to overcome. Understanding the total cost of ownership for OSS: no strategy to overcome.

Unplanned costs associated with maintaining and customizing the code.

Variable level of support from the community, especially with older versions. Strategy: upgrade often! Sometimes missing one or two key features that are beyond the library's ability to develop in-house. Strategy: contract out to third parties. Greater staff time required to support. Strategy: ensure staff know the system thoroughly.

We locally customized one system and are a bit stuck with our fork now, but it's a tradeoff we manage just fine. Very good modern software tools often don't fit our legacy data; e.g., django requires utf8 db connections but Voyager requires us7ascii.

WordPress is not supported by our parent institution (university), so if we lost our in-library webmaster we would have no support.

LIBRARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO OSS PROJECTS

18. Has your library contributed to any library-related OSS projects (either your own or another organization's project) in any way (e.g., code or developer time, money, hosting)? N=72

| | | |
|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 56 | 78% |
| No | 16 | 22% |

If you answered Yes, you will continue to additional questions about your library's contributions to OSS projects.

If you answered No, you will skip to the section Additional Comments.

19. Please identify the open source software your library has contributed to. N=50

ArchivesSpace, Hydra
Avalon, Variations (testing partner)
Blacklight Reserves Direct OLE
Blacklight, Solr, Hydra, Vireo, Umlaut
Code for custom functions of our ILS
Developing a crowd-sourced transcription tool
Digital Preservation Network (DPN)
Droid, Pronom, storage Resource Baker, iRODS
Drupal, Citation Fox, IL Fox, Movable Type
Drupal, Omeka, DSpace, APTrust, Digital Library Extension Service (DLXS), Copyright Review Management System (CRMS), MPach, VuFind, Sakai, Solr, Lucene, Kaltura
DSpace (3 responses)
DSpace and File Analyzer
DSpace, Kuali, Fedora Commons, Hydra, django
DSpace, Silverstripe
DSpace, Vireo, CORAL
Evergreen, Islandora, Docker
eXtensible Text Framework (XTF). The work is in progress as of the end of February 2014.
EZProxy Wondertool, Mondo License Grinder, Archivematica
Fedora Commons (2 responses)
Fedora Commons, DuraSpace, ArchivesSpace
Fedora Commons, Blacklight, Hydra, Avalon, Hydramata, ArchivesSpace, APTrust, Digital Preservation Network (DPN), Solrmarc, Tracksys
Fedora Commons, Islandora
Guide on the Side
Hydra (2 responses)
Hydra, Blacklight
Hydra, CORAL, MyLibrary
Hydra, Blacklight, Umlaut, Xerxes, Drupal, ArchivesSpace, Archivists' Toolkit, Capistrano
In-house link tracking software, in-house map software, other contributions to VuFind
IR+. eXtensible Catalog, DSpace

Islandora, Archivematica, ICA-AtoM

KentDSS <https://github.com/ksulibraries/KentDSS>

Kuali Financial Systems, Shibboleth

Kuali OLE, Sobek, ASERL Disposition Database, jrnI

Kuali OLE, Avalon Media System, Fedora Commons, Hydra, Hydramata, Variations Digital Music Library, METS Navigator, Sakai

Kuali OLE, Global Open Knowledgebase (GOKb), LOCKSS, Solr, VIVO

LOCKSS (Private LOCKSS network)

Manakin (DSpace)

Manitobia, DSpace, ICA-AtoM, Islandora, Fedora Commons, LOCKSS, Drupal, Open Journal System (OJS)

Omeka

One example: Viewshare

SRA toolkit, BLAST, C++ toolkit, variety of scientific tools

SubjectsPlus, Remixing Archival Metadata Project (RAMP), Variations Digital Music Library System, Avalon, Kuali OLE

There's a long list at <https://github.com/gwu-libraries/>

UCLA MWF, DSpace

VIVO, Fedora Commons

Voyager

20. Please indicate how your library is contributing to each of the following types of OSS projects.
Check all that apply. N=56

| Type of OSS Project | Code (i.e., developer time) | Money | Hosting | Other contribution | N/A | N |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|---------|--------------------|-----|----|
| Institutional repository | 32 | 18 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 52 |
| Digital preservation | 22 | 19 | 9 | 11 | 19 | 49 |
| Digital asset management | 20 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 26 | 48 |
| Discovery layer | 11 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 32 | 47 |
| Publishing | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 34 | 47 |
| ILS | 6 | 5 | — | 7 | 37 | 46 |
| Streaming media | 7 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 37 | 46 |
| Study room scheduler | 5 | — | — | 1 | 39 | 45 |
| Link resolver | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 41 | 45 |
| Authentication/identity management | 8 | — | 1 | 2 | 35 | 45 |
| Inter-library loan | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 39 | 44 |
| Data analysis | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 39 | 44 |

| Type of OSS Project | Code (i.e., developer time) | Money | Hosting | Other contribution | N/A | N |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|---------|--------------------|-----|----|
| Blogging | 2 | 2 | 1 | — | 40 | 44 |
| Electronic resource management | 6 | — | 2 | 4 | 33 | 43 |
| Course reserve | 4 | — | — | 2 | 39 | 43 |
| Floor maps | 4 | — | 1 | 1 | 38 | 43 |
| Data warehouse | 6 | — | 2 | 1 | 37 | 43 |
| ELMS | 3 | 1 | — | 1 | 39 | 43 |
| Visualization | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 39 | 43 |
| Web analytics | 3 | — | 1 | 1 | 38 | 43 |
| Other type of project | 15 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 16 | 30 |
| Number of Responses | 47 | 36 | 16 | 27 | 45 | 56 |

If you selected “Other contribution” above, please briefly describe the contribution the library makes to each corresponding project. N=25

Adding modules, patches as well as providing whole libraries (SRA toolkit, C++ toolkit, etc.)

Beta test institution

Blacklight: regularly host and organize committer calls; hosted Blacklight developer conference. Vireo: participate in the governance of the user community. Duraspace: Silver sponsors. Public Knowledge Project (PKP): Silver sponsors.

Both Kuali and Shibboleth are systems that are used university-wide. The Libraries is responsible for integrating these systems into our existing technology environment.

Consultation, organization

Contributing Omeka_a11y to the Omeka Project and ShadowPage, a page-turning plugin for content presentation in Omeka.

Contributing to and testing enhancements.

Creating software that intersects with OSS to enhance functionality.

Developing a crowd-sourced transcription tool.

Discovery layer, ILL, and “Other type of project”: the library has contributed leadership, project management, governance, HR, financial management, and IT infrastructure support via the eXtensible Catalog Project, which developed four toolkits that fit within these various categories.

Feedback and bug reports for release candidates/new releases, contributing to support forms and listservs.

For both Citation Fox and IL Fox, library staff have provided training and given presentations at regional conferences.

Functional requirements, technical requirements, advisory role

Functional requirements, testing

ILS: project management, providing use cases. Electronic resource management: project management. Institutional repository: community membership.

Kuali OLE [ILS, ERM, Course Reserves]: participate to provide use cases, functional spec teams, testing of releases.
Digital Music Library System, Avalon Media System [streaming media]: provide use cases, feedback on development priorities, release testing.

Legal advice, business/sustainability

Participation in architecture/design sessions, participation in pilot deployments

Release coordinator, educational efforts

Strategic direction, project management, research & development, grant management

Streaming media: bug reporting and testing (Kaltura). Digital preservation: we manage and offer fee-based support to this project.

Testing, feature requests/requirements development

We have a heavily customized VuFind instance. We share our changes on a publicly accessible source control server, but we're not pushing our changes up to mainstream VuFind (our customizations are too local-specific).

We have contributed to community engagement, hosted community meetings, facilitated planning teleconferences, and advanced the designs, strategic plan, and architecture of these projects.

We have participated in testing the Fedora Commons repository software.

If you selected "Other type of project" above, please briefly describe the project and the corresponding contribution the library makes. N=15

Archival management system: contributed to support forums/listers

Bibapp: Campus Research Gateway and Expert Finder

Citation Fox is open source software that organizes citations into four broad categories. IL Fox is open source software that provides users with tools related to information literacy.

Developing a crowd-sourced transcription tool.

Digital Humanities, Digital Scholarship tools

ICS-AtoM Archival records management system: code development, testing, feature requests/requirements

Omeka is an online exhibit building tool that the Libraries are using to support Digital Scholarship in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

Scientific data analysis, text mining

Social media viewing/sharing and harvesting for archives: coding, project and community management

SubjectsPlus [research guides, FAQs, staff directory, database A-Z]: primary code development, documentation, distribution, support. RAMP [used to generate authority records for creators of archival collections (using EAC-CPF) and then take that structured data and transform it into wiki markup to facilitate the creation or enhancement of Wikipedia pages for those creators; also facilitates examination of names/organizations for quality control, data visualization]: development, distribution, support.

The eXtensible Catalog's Metadata Services Toolkit is a platform to transform library metadata into a variety of formats. The library contributed in all of the above areas to the development of this software.

VIVO: researcher profiles

We also contribute to a project called VecNet that isn't library related.

We are eliminating frames and developing the capability for responsive web interface design. We anticipate this to be included in the next version release of XTF.

Website content management system (Silverstripe) module

21. Please indicate how many OSS projects the library has contributed to and for how many projects your library was the *primary* code contributor. N=50

| | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Median | Std Dev |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|------|--------|---------|
| Projects | 1 | 20 | 4.64 | 3.00 | 3.95 |
| Primary Code Contributor | 0 | 20 | 1.86 | 1.00 | 3.11 |

22. Please indicate how many library staff and about what percent of their time are dedicated to contributing to the development of OSS projects. N=46

| | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Median | Std Dev |
|-----------|---------|---------|-------|--------|---------|
| Staff | 1 | 14 | 3.89 | 2.00 | 3.34 |
| % of Time | 0.05 | 90 | 30.67 | 25.00 | 25.61 |

| Number of Library Staff | % of Time |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | 0.05 |
| 1 | 3 |
| 1 | 5 |
| 1 | 5 |
| 1 | 5 |
| 1 | 10 |
| 1 | 10 |
| 1 | 25 |
| 1 | 30 |
| 1 | 50 |
| 1 | 50 |
| 1 | 60 |
| 2 | 3 |
| 2 | 5 |
| 2 | 5 |
| 2 | 10 |
| 2 | 10 |
| 2 | 20 |

| Number of Library Staff | % of Time |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 2 | 25 |
| 2 | 25 |
| 2 | 25 |
| 2 | 50 |
| 2 | 50 |
| 2 | 80 |
| 3 | 10 |
| 3 | 20 |
| 3 | 50 |
| 3 | 90 |
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| 5 | 10 |
| 5 | 50 |
| 5 | 50 |
| 5 | 55 |
| 6 | 4 |
| 6 | 25 |
| 7 | 50 |
| 8 | 10 |
| 8 | 15 |
| 8 | 80 |
| 10 | 20 |
| 10 | 50 |
| 10 | 60 |
| 12 | varies |
| 14 | 50 |

LIBRARY AS ORIGINAL DEVELOPER OF OSS PROJECTS

23. Is your library the original developer for any of the OSS project(s) in which you participate? N=56

| | | |
|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 32 | 57% |
| No | 24 | 43% |

If yes, please identify the software. N=31

Archivists' Toolkit, ArchivesSpace

Avalon Media System

Avalon Media System, Variations Digital Music Library, METS Navigator

Blacklight for displaying complex digital objects, Oral History Management Software

BLAST, C++ toolkit, SRA toolkit, PubReader

Citation Fox, IL Fox

Co-primary developer of Fedora Commons 4

Curator's Workbench

Custom Voyager Reports Server

Developing a crowd-sourced transcription tool

Discovery: a Solr-based discovery tool that generalizes an index, search, browse, and deliver framework that can work with content such as MARC records or EAD finding aids, but also including non-library context such as open access publication of scholarly research, and a working catalog of global language observations by an international community of scholars.

Digital Library Extension Service (DLXS)

DSpace

ETD-db, ETD-db 2.0

EZProxy Wondertool, Mondo License Grinder

Guide on the Side

<https://github.com/ksulibraries/KentDSS>

Hydra (parts of), CORAL, MyLibrary, VecNet

In coordination UVa with Cornell: Fedora Commons; in coordination UVa with Stanford and University of Hull: Hydra; UVa: Blacklight; UVa: Solrmarc; UVa:Tracksys; in coordination UVa with Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media: Neatline.

IR+. eXtensible Catalog

RAMP SubjectsPlus

See <https://github.com/gwu-libraries>

Simple Archive Format Packager: a tool to support batch ingest of content into the institutional repository (DSpace) (in Java)

Sobek, ASERL Disposition Database, jrnI

Sufia (a Hydra-based repository application)

Suma (mobile space assessment toolkit), lentil (Instagram viewing/sharing, and harvesting for archives), djabatoka Ruby gem (Image server wrapper)

Umlaut was originally developed by Ross Singer. We took it over very early on and have been the principal developers since. Our library is the primary developer for the Data Conservancy.

Viewshare is the LC instance of the Recollection OSS software, so not totally created ab novo at LC but considered an LC product now.

Vireo, Collaborative Book Reader (CoBRe)

VuFind, Papyrus, Isladora

We created link-tracking software and map software that is OSS but currently only in small release (code shared upon request). We plan to clean up these projects (and several others) to move them to a public GitHub repository.

Please indicate how important each of the following reasons for deciding to open source the project is to your library. Please make one selection per row. N=43

| Reasons | 1 Not Important | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Very Important | N |
|---|-----------------|----|----|----|------------------|----|
| Shared effort in development and quality assurance of the product | 4 | 5 | 7 | 13 | 14 | 43 |
| A desire to contribute to an open source community | 1 | 3 | 10 | 15 | 14 | 43 |
| A belief that open sourcing would lead to better software | 1 | 6 | 5 | 17 | 13 | 42 |
| A need for expertise not available in your institution | 11 | 9 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 41 |
| At the request of another institution | 14 | 7 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 41 |
| Other reason(s) | 2 | — | 1 | 3 | 6 | 12 |
| Number of Responses | 22 | 23 | 29 | 31 | 31 | 43 |

If you indicated above that the library has other reason(s) for deciding to open source the project, please briefly describe the reason(s). N=10

Ability for others to adapt tools to meet their needs. Provide support for platforms and services that are not required by our institution.

Assistance with ongoing sustainability of the product.

Demonstrate expertise of library staff to project in a non-library context. Develop an alternative business to deepen the libraries' engagement with researchers and scholars.

How good the system is.

Need for tools not otherwise available.

Other libraries have shared generously before us. We have the expertise and feel some duty to share alike.

Requirements of granting agencies that software developed with grant funds be shared under an open source license.

Risk reduction with resourcing, sustainability and exit strategy.

There was nothing available at the time that ETD-db was developed. Its recent rewrite was entirely for the external use community.

Training aid, set an example

COST OF CONTRIBUTING TO OSS PROJECTS

24. Were you able to track the costs of your most recent contribution to an OSS project? N=53

| | | |
|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 10 | 19% |
| No | 43 | 81% |

If yes, please identify the most recent OSS project, indicate the costs of contributing to that project, and briefly describe what expenses were covered (e.g., staff time, equipment, training, travel, etc.) N=10

| OSS Project | Costs | Expenses Covered |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Avalon Media System | Not available | Travel to meetings and conferences |
| Crowd-sourced transcription tool | \$7500 | Consultant, in-house staff time |
| Custom Voyager Reports Server | Staff time and equipment | Staff time and equipment |
| DSpace REST API | Approx. \$10,000 | Salary/benefits (2 months developer time) |
| Fedora Commons 4 | Pending | Pending |
| Fedora Commons | We cannot share cost information at this time. | We cannot share cost information at this time. |
| Open Journal System (OJS) | 5% of developer time | Staff time, travel |
| Open Journal System (OJS) | \$2750 | Conduct design work, client meetings, programming, testing, troubleshooting, and documentation |
| Papyrus | N/A | Staff time |
| Vireo | 1 FTE for 1 year | Wages, travel, training |

What was the source of the funds for contributing to this OSS project? Check all that apply. N=45

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|-----|
| Library's operating budget | 43 | 96% |
| Grant(s) | 10 | 22% |
| Parent institution | 3 | 7% |
| Consortial budget(s) | 2 | 4% |
| Gift(s) | 1 | 2% |
| Other funding source(s) | 2 | 4% |

Please specify the other funding source(s). N=2

Able to track, chose not to track. Would come from library's operating budget.

Funded by another university division (Technology Services)

BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF CONTRIBUTING TO OSS PROJECTS

25. Please briefly describe up to three benefits your library enjoys as a result of contributing to OSS projects. N=44

Ability to enhance product and influence its direction. Sharing with community.

Ability to influence project outcome.

Ability to lend expertise to peer or smaller institutions. Mutual benefit from reusing working solutions.

Avoids data lock-in. While it may not be any less expensive/time consuming to migrate data out of an open source system than a proprietary system, at least with open source there will always be the technical possibility. User communities and developer communications tend to be better formed, enabling better DIY support, and not being totally reliant on a single vendor. Open source values (access to and right to share information) map closely to library values.

Becoming an active part of worthwhile communities. Helping make products we and others use better. Increase our skills and expertise and inspire productive creativity.

Better service offerings. Alignment with institute mission. Collaboration with non-library departments and peer institutions.

Broadens their perspective as developers, product owners, and project managers. Meets the strategic needs of the organization to engage with the world and our communities. Helps us build better solutions with like-minded people and institutions.

Collaborating with other institutions to address common areas of need. Involvement of library staff in intellectually engaging and useful work. Ending up with a more sustainable product than if we had done it just on our own.

Collaboration of common tasks. Faster return on requested features. Giving back.

Community is able to benefit from our developments. Forces us to write cleaner code that is generalizable and fits with our strategies for replaceable parts.

Contributing code helps to meet our specialized needs. We participate in a community of experts. Contributing to the project is in accordance with the Libraries' and university's mission.

Contributing to the library community. Developing local expertise. Recognition.

Contributing, even in a small way, to non-commercial, inexpensive, and highly functional alternatives to expensive commercial software that drain our budgets. Good press for the university, and for the Libraries. Providing software to fill needs of other institutions.

Control of product design. Functionality meets our needs.

Credibility in OSS Developer community. Ability to share problems. Modeling good behavior.

Customization for our exact needs.

Enhanced quality of software through collaboration. Leveraging effort from multiple institutions. Ability to use work from other organizations.

Ensures product remains stable and useful. Fulfill our obligation as a user of the OSS. Improved understanding of the OSS.

Freedom to use, study, copy, modify, redistribute our solutions. Participation in a broader community. Visibility in that community as a contributor.

Functionality that best meets our needs is built into the software. Community participation. Identification and reporting of bugs and new features.

Gain respect as industry leader. Community enrichment. Education.

Good library citizens/community contribution. Having features released that we require. Exposure to new ideas and professional learning and sharing from a broader community.

Increased visibility. Added enhancements.

Institutional needs more likely to be accommodated.

Institutional recognition. Creating a better product than what was currently available. Opportunities for collaboration both within the US and abroad.

Latest software releases. Ability to help steer direction of software development. Ability to tailor software to local needs.

Our monetary contribution helps to sustain the open source federation.

Prestige. Providing direction. Collegial atmosphere.

Pride. Forces rigor.

Providing flexible solutions to solve common library issues or service requirements. Professional development of team members & providing exciting/challenging work environment.

Recognition. Control of budget.

Recognition and community building. Opportunity to influence product development.

Recognition as a source of expertise. Input into direction of software development.

Reduced support costs: others can adapt tools rather than requesting us to make changes. Ability for others to enhance and expand on previous efforts.

Safety in numbers: use helps to ensure viability of the solution. Revenue from offering support. Bug reports and occasional code contributions.

Shared development

Staff development. Reputation. Collaboration building.

Sustainable solutions: together we go farther. Sum is greater than the parts: quality solutions that meet our needs. Investment in our staff: more meaningful work, deepening skills, end of isolation.

Tool is available to meet our needs. Customizability. Ability to add features as needed.

Visibility and participation in the community. Investments benefit other libraries and can lead to partnerships, other collaboration.

We are part of the OSS community.

We helped the Avalon and Variations projects through testing.

We use software to solve our problems that others have written. Better code is written when you have an external audience of coders reviewing your contribution. There's lots of it that's relevant to an academic library.

We want to be able to influence the direction of the effort to align it with our needs. By participating in a larger community, we can contribute the good ideas of our staff and in turn learn from the good ideas of others.

26. Please briefly describe up to three challenges your library encountered as a result of contributing to OSS projects and the strategies employed to overcome these challenges. N=37

Adhering to community standards that differ from in-house. Committing the resources to develop contributions. Understanding the code base and requirements according to the community need.

Agreement of product direction. Coordinate development.

Assessing value to OSS project. Confidence in coding standards. Compliance with OSS review process.

Contribution of developer time can compete with other local project priorities. Remote/asynchronous collaboration: might have to wait a long time for responses. No clear, quantifiable ROI.

Coordinating effort across institutions challenging/varying opinions on functionality. Finding financial sources. Maintaining and supporting software.

Coordination/management of developers. Getting good functional requirements.

Developer/programmer will graduate. Staff required to learn programming of system. Need to document every phase.

Developing a product that is generic enough to meet needs of multiple institutions. Supporting and growing the community around the project. Sustainability: securing ongoing funding to support the software.

Difficult to make substantial contribution without more dedicated time to devote to it.

Extra time. Convincing stakeholders of value. Coming to terms with applicable licensing models.

Finding staff time to contribute. Disconnect between OSS priorities, which may be based on the funder's priorities, and our institutional needs. Ongoing financial commitment as OSS moves to a community source model.

Finding time and resources to devote to development process. Feature creep.

Finding time to contribute. Time to support and answer questions. Removing localization.

Getting library staff familiar with OSS/collaborative ways of working. Lack of control of timelines of collaborative OSS projects, need to readjust expectations. Not enough staff time to both participate actively in OSS projects and continue local responsibilities.

Increased time spent in detailed documentation.

Internal buy-in to benefit of time spent on OSS projects: communication about project at all levels of institution; reaching out to potential stakeholders early in process. General Consul was concerned about our distribution of code, especially with development contributed by faculty who don't have code development built into their job description. The faculty had to sign a release before we could contribute the code.

It can take more work to contribute well to a public project, but that can tend to produce better results. We need to review legal guidelines around assigning copyright to external organizations.

It is more expensive to write code that is generalizable than custom code for your institution. The development process is slower and requires a higher mind.

Larger than expected contribution time required of local resources.

Legal and licensing issues. Strategy: involvement of in-house legal expertise (our Director of Copyright and Digital Scholarship) and coordination with the university Technology Transfer office. Need to provide support or decide how much support to provide. Strategy: clearly communicate expectations regarding level of support provided. Need to support a wider range of environments than would be necessary for an internal-only deployment. Strategy: reducing over-dependence on current architecture can actually reduce costs over the full life of a project.

Maintenance of contributed code to fill the needs of the outside community. Monitoring feedback through multiple channels (pull requests, forum posts, IRC, etc.)

Managing expectations, sometimes you have to compromise. Strategy: engage with people and be transparent. Determining which projects to engage and to what degree. Strategy: stay connected at a management level, know your strategic objectives, know your staff and what culture is a good fit for your resources. Resources. Strategy: be able to show value toward strategic objectives for the resource investment.

Meeting expectations of adopters when we are the primary contributors.

More meetings take time away from local development.

Not having solid business models to refer to showing the real costs of developing, supporting, using OSS. Not being able to devote enough staff effort to OSS projects. When they are on a project less than 50% their return on investment is not as great. Getting institutional support beyond the library for certain solutions. Many administrators seem to prefer vendor provided out-of-the-box solutions.

Opportunity cost: developers not able to contribute to local initiatives.

Partner reliability.

Product was too narrowly focused for our exact needs to be worthy of sharing out to the community.

Some open source applications don't have formal paid support options available, so support risks are transferred from a vendor to the institution: careful evaluation of the risk, and level of risk before making the decision to do an OSS project. Sometimes a lack of understanding that open source doesn't equal free. The cost to the institution may be the same or even greater than a proprietary solution, just the money is spent on different aspects of the project: discussions with library stakeholders to make sure everyone clearly understands the full cost of OSS projects. Lack of institutional understanding to the open source model and licenses can hinder contributions of code back to the community.

Staff time: we just juggle this part with regular projects.

Support requests related to OSS projects takes some time.

Time and effort for creating it. Maintenance.

Time and resource commitment

Time spent to keep track of project.

Time to develop: fit in around other responsibilities. Time to support/answer questions: make part of professional development responsibilities.

Time: overcome only by choosing not to move forward on other projects at that time.

Uses valuable staff time: overcome by making sure we only contribute time we can afford and/or that will provide a desirable return on investment.

TOOLS FOR OSS PROJECTS

27. Does your library use a public repository or forge (e.g., Github, Sourceforge, Google Code, Bitbucket) to share your open source code? N=52

| | | |
|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 41 | 79% |
| No | 11 | 21% |

If yes, please identify the repository or forge. N=41

| | |
|-------------|----|
| Github | 38 |
| Google Code | 3 |
| SourceForge | 3 |
| Bitbucket | 2 |
| Drupal GIT | 1 |
| RedMine | 1 |
| Subversion | 1 |

Comments

Currently not, but we're moving to Github.

We're exploring doing this in a more standardized, regular way, but are exploring security concerns.

28. What tools does your library use to facilitate collaboration on the OSS projects your library contributes to? Check all that apply. N=45

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----|-----|
| Shared version control | 37 | 82% |
| An issue tracking software package | 36 | 80% |
| A mailing list | 32 | 71% |
| A wiki | 25 | 56% |
| A forum | 12 | 27% |
| Other tool(s) | 10 | 22% |

Please briefly describe the other tool(s) your library uses to facilitate collaboration on OSS projects. N=10

Conference calls

Google Docs

IRC

IRC for chat collaboration

IRC, Google Hangouts, Adobe Connect, Skype

PivotalTracker

Project management tools (e.g., Trello)

Skype

Trello

Virtual tools for the team, project management software

LICENSING MODEL FOR DISTRIBUTION OF OSS

29. What licensing models does your organization recommend for distribution of software? Check all that apply. N=42

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----|-------|
| GNU Public License (GPL) version 3 | 16 | 38.1% |
| Apache | 15 | 35.7% |
| Creative commons | 15 | 35.7% |
| MIT | 12 | 28.6% |
| GNU Public License (GPL) version 2 | 11 | 26.2% |
| BSD 3 Clause | 3 | 7.1% |
| BSD 2 Clause | 2 | 4.8% |
| Other licensing model | 12 | 28.6% |

Please briefly describe the other licensing model. N=12

Educational Community License (ECL) - ECL 2 (2 responses)

Educational Community License (ECL)

I wouldn't say that we've come across this very often or that we have a strong opinion of which licenses to recommend. If asked, I'd recommend that we evaluate these options and use the license that best fits the software. Much of the code we write falls under the license used by the platform or libraries that we leverage. Further, we haven't really been open sourcing any internally developed applications.

Internally developed Rights Statement based very closely on CC.

OSS produced at LC is generally considered federal work product and public domain.

Public domain

Public domain (Creative Commons - CC 0)

There is no organizational policy on licensing models.

This is just what we've used; there is no standard license that we would necessarily recommend.

We don't recommend it per se, rather we use an MIT-style license on our own software, as approved by the university.

We have no formal recommendation.

OSS PROJECT ASSESSMENT

30. Please indicate how important each of the following indicators that your contribution to an OSS project has been successful is to your library. Please make one selection per row. N=51

| Reasons | 1 Not Important | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Very Important | N |
|--|-----------------|----|----|----|------------------|----|
| The functionality better suits our institution's needs | — | — | 1 | 8 | 41 | 50 |
| Amount of community contribution/involvement | 1 | 8 | 14 | 17 | 10 | 50 |
| Number of project adopters | 2 | 8 | 15 | 18 | 7 | 50 |
| Number of project releases | 4 | 11 | 23 | 9 | 3 | 50 |
| Ease of support | — | 2 | 21 | 15 | 11 | 49 |
| Staff time savings | 5 | 7 | 17 | 14 | 6 | 49 |
| Monetary savings | 4 | 13 | 10 | 17 | 5 | 49 |
| Other indicator(s) | 2 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Number of Responses | 11 | 22 | 45 | 40 | 46 | 51 |

If you indicated above that the library relies on other indicator(s) that your contribution to an OSS project has been successful, please briefly describe the indicator(s). N=3

Community interest in project [altmetrics, conference presentations, articles]

We are concerned to ensure that software systems are section 508 compliant, this indicator of success is not necessarily subsumed under "functionality."

Sustainability in terms of direction and responsiveness to meet evolving needs.

Additional Comments

Again, we don't agree that OSS results in staff time savings or ease of support, so did not respond to those two statements.

Who has adopted, and not just the number of adopters.

LIBRARY DOESN'T USE OSS

31. Please briefly describe why your library is not using any open source software. N=2

We don't have a sufficient IT support to develop, customize, and maintain OSS software.

We have not done any major software selection processes in over five years, and the OSS products have not historically had the functions we required. That may be changing looking forward.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

32. Please enter any additional information that may assist the survey authors' understanding of your library's use of open source software. N=19

I forgot to add that we developed a collection directory application, currently used for two projects, WAAND (Women Artists Archives National Directory) and NAP (Newark Archives Project).

Last August we hired a programmer with Drupal skills to assist in the library's web site redesign. We are trying to get colleagues to use Gimp because the licensing fees for Adobe Photoshop are prohibitive. Needless to say, Gimp is not being well received, yet. The campus and university system procurement office is trying to negotiate a campus and system-wide license.

OSS allows for greater customizations that fulfill the needs of so many library patrons and employees. We are lucky enough to have enough staff to get started on these projects, but it was very important for us to agree on some core OSS elements to make it easier to maintain in the long run. A good example of this our use of PHP and Apache. Focusing on this as a core allows for a smaller number of programmers to turn out and support a large number of applications. I will note that we have a smaller use for MySQL as there is a significant cost reduction in licensing Microsoft SQL for the university system. Therefore, we are not in the norm in that our Linux, PHP, and Apache works more with Microsoft SQL than MySQL.

OSS is a cost effective way to provide solutions that can be customized to local needs. The various components can be used to build products and solutions large and small. A staff of skilled software developers is required to use the tools, and products. It also requires system support staff to learn and support new tools, especially database systems.

OSS is used to support operations. Currently, not a major focus. Generally not using because of development and maintenance costs (staff time).

The availability of staff skilled in OSS technology remains the one hurdle to implementing more OSS as a strategy for the library. There is great interest in utilizing OSS more widely as a part of our technology strategy, but balancing availability of skillsets vs. demand will be challenging.

The Libraries and Academic Computing and Networking Services (ACNS) both report to the Vice President for Information Technology/Dean of Libraries.

The library has the will to participate in OSS if we had the staff time and resources to commit to OSS projects.

The use of OSS is very important to our mission, resource, and risk management.

This survey didn't ask about future projections of OSS use. We currently have DSpace but are devoting several full-time staff to developing Fedora Commons and Hydra. IT staff are divided between the ITS department and the Center for Digital Research and Scholarship.

We are a typical large research university. The use of OSS for interface to the digital library (REST APIs) allow for our research faculty to create content with whatever tools they are comfortable with. We encourage use of our standards, but if they use the API, they can do what they please with our digital assets.

We are very supportive of OSS but ultimately use the products that best meet our needs. Sometimes this is OSS but sometimes it is a commercial vendor product as there are advantages and disadvantages to both.

We believe in it deeply. It's what we do. We'd be up a creek without it.

We have no preference for OSS over vendor software. We use what works best and what we can afford.

We learned (the hard way) from our first experience with putting OSS developed elsewhere into production (about 10 years ago) that having vendor support and an active community around an OSS application are very important. With the OSS that we have developed locally (eXtensible Catalog and IR+), we have been unable to provide either of these things to potential users of our software, and have thus found ourselves in this same position with our own software of being unable to sustain the software on our own. While we still strongly support OSS and continue to implement additional OSS applications, we now make sure that vendor support and an active user community are already in place before we proceed with deploying the software.

We take a broad view of OSS and answered based on that approach, not limiting the scope to library-specific OSS. Our answers would be different were this more clearly defined, perhaps. Also, it suffices to say that our philosophy is simple: open source first, vendor only when there's no viable OS option. For example, we run our own data centre, and for that infrastructure from operating system to virtualization platform, it is all OS; there's no VMware, Citrix, etc.

We're transitioning from using mostly closed software to preferring mostly open software, so we're not yet where we want to be. We're working out more formal policies with campus technology transfer to allow us to release GPL software at our own discretion. We choose to use more OSS than vendor software because we have a tight budget but a great IT staff. With much of our software support burden being internal, it doesn't leave a lot of time to take the extra steps to polish, release, and support OSS software. But it's still a major goal for us.

While we use OSS, our unwritten policy is to use hosted, out-of-the-box solutions wherever possible. OSS is used to fill in the gaps.

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OSS Contributor Agreements

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTING TO OPEN/COMMUNITY SOURCE SOFTWARE

I. PURPOSE

The University of California not only uses Open Source Software and Community Source Software (O/CSS) in furtherance of its mission, in a growing number of cases the University also contributes code back to those O/CSS communities. Benefits accrue to the University as a result of making such contributions, but in doing so the University takes on certain associated responsibilities.

The purpose of this document is to:

- Summarize the rights and responsibilities associated with O/CSS contributions made on behalf of the University;
- Provide guidelines by which the University can most effectively and appropriately evaluate and manage making such contributions, taking into account pertinent licensing, technical, intellectual property, legal, policy and cost/benefit issues; and
- Identify organizations, roles and responsibilities pertinent to the implementation and management of the guidelines outlined herein.

II. APPLICABILITY

These Guidelines apply to:

- All Open Source Software and Community Source Software (as defined in Section III below) used by the University of California;
- All software code that has been created by, or on behalf of, the University of California, that is based upon and intended to correct, modify or enhance existing O/CSS software code, and which the University of California determines is in its best interest to contribute to that O/CSS community;
- All employees, including student, part-time and temporary employees;
- All departments and organizations of the University of California; and
- All third parties whose conduct, in the performance of their work for the University of California, is under the control of the Regents of the University of California.

III. DEFINITIONS

Community Source Software (CSS), as used in these Guidelines, means a software model that blends elements of directed development, in the classic sense of an organization employing staff and resources to work on a project, and the openness of traditional Open Source Software projects.

License, as used in these Guidelines, means a contract in which a copyright owner grants to another permission to exercise one or more of their rights under copyright.

Open Source Software (OSS), as used in these Guidelines, means computer software that is available in source code form for which the source code and certain other rights normally reserved for copyright holders are provided under a software license that permits users to use, study, change, and improve the software.

Source Code, as used in these Guidelines, means a collection of human-readable text and/or programming commands needed to specify the actions to be performed by a computer or computing device.

IV. STATEMENT

The University of California not only uses O/CSS in furtherance of its mission, in a growing number of cases the University also contributes code back to those O/CSS communities. Benefits accrue to the University as a result of making such contributions, but in so doing the University takes on certain associated responsibilities.

Benefits that accrue to the University as a result of contributing code to communities supporting the O/CSS solutions it uses include:

- Adoption of an O/CSS solution can be an important long term investment. Every effort that the University makes to contribute to that O/CSS solution helps to ensure its ongoing success which in turn protects the University's investment in that solution.
- Contributing code can enable the University to influence the direction of an O/CSS solution to ensure that it continues to align with the University's needs.
- Code developed by the University for an O/CSS solution is likely done to customize the O/CSS to meet the University's specific needs. Each time the University upgrades to a new version of that O/CSS, it may have to expend additional resources to develop the same code customization to apply to the new version. If the code that the University contributes back to the O/CSS community is incorporated into the core code for all subsequent versions, then the University will save resources by not having to develop the same customized code for each new version.
- It is easier to ask for and receive support from an O/CSS community when one also gives back to that community. By helping others, we help ourselves.

Responsibilities that the University takes on as a result of contributing code to communities supporting the O/CSS solutions it uses include:

- The University's contribution of code does not guarantee that it will be approved for incorporation into the core code. For this reason it is important that the University ensure that any code it may contribute meets a sufficient level of technical quality and usefulness.
- The University must take appropriate steps to confirm that the code to be contributed was fully created by the University and/or its representatives, and does not contain the intellectual property of others.
- The University must take appropriate steps to ensure that the code to be contributed does not have prior conflicting intellectual property rights obligations or restrictions. Code developed under some form of externally sponsored research should be closely reviewed for this.
- The University must take appropriate steps to determine that the contribution of the code is in the University's best interest.

The use of each individual O/CSS solution is governed by the terms and conditions under which it is licensed, and is protected under United States Copyright law. Furthermore, the University has various internal policies related to Intellectual Property (IP) that may be pertinent to the contribution of code to O/CSS communities. The University is obligated by policy and law to ensure that any code contributions to an O/CSS community are in compliance with the terms and conditions of the pertinent license, laws and internal policies.

V. GUIDELINES

Under the executive sponsorship of the UC Information Technology Leadership Council (ITLC), the UC Technical Acquisition Support (TAS) group researched State and Federal law, and existing University policies pertinent to making contributions to O/CSS. As a result of that research, TAS developed the following guidelines, and proposes that they be implemented as an effective mechanism by which the University can ensure that any code contributions it may make to an O/CSS community are in compliance with the terms and conditions of the pertinent license, laws and internal policies.

1. Each campus should establish a process by which to ensure that any contribution of University developed code to an O/CSS community is in the best interest of the University and is in compliance with the pertinent licenses, laws and policies.
2. The process noted above should include a mechanism by which to effectively confirm that the code to be contributed was fully created by the University and/or its representatives, and does not contain the intellectual property of others. This mechanism should include identification of who specifically authored the code to be contributed, and a review of the laws and/or policies pertinent to that individual's relationship to the University (staff, faculty, contractor/consultant, etc.).
3. The process noted above should include a mechanism by which to effectively confirm that the code to be contributed does not have prior conflicting intellectual property rights obligations or restrictions.
4. The process noted above should include a mechanism by which to effectively confirm that any code to be contributed meets a sufficient level of technical quality and usefulness.
5. The process noted above should include a mechanism by which to effectively confirm whether or not the benefits derived by contributing the code exceed the benefits that could be derived by the University retaining exclusive intellectual property rights to the code. In cases where an O/CSS solution has already been vetted through the appropriate internal governance process and identified as a campus-wide solution, then it may be prudent to establish that the contribution of University developed code to that O/CSS project is understood to be in the best interest of the University. **NOTE:** If the code to be contributed is for an O/CSS solution licensed under the GPL or other "Reciprocal" license, then the University could choose to use the code solely for internal purposes, but would not have the right to externally distribute for a profit.
6. The process noted above should include identification of the positions and offices responsible for each element of the process.
 - a) At most UC campuses, the office responsible for technology transfer and/or intellectual property rights is the primary authority in this area and is likely to be the primary office responsible for managing this process. See the the list of UC Copyright Contacts (<http://www.ucop.edu/ott/faculty/crcontac.html>) for the contact information for this office at each campus.
 - b) Project leads, supervisors, managers, department heads, directors and senior management are responsible for identifying projects in their units to which these guidelines apply, and ensuring that any code contributions are compliance with the established process.
7. It is recommended that this process be clearly defined and documented in a contribution agreement (CA) that can be completed by each individual developer/contributor, and reviewed by the responsible individuals and/or offices prior to the contribution being made. The CA should include the following;
 - a) Identification of the code to be contributed;
 - b) Identification of the individuals who contributed to the development of the code;
 - c) Identification of the approved campus-wide information technology project with which the contribution is associated, if any;
 - d) Identification of the benefits that would accrue to the University as a result of the contribution;
 - e) Identification of any code authored by others that may be included in the code to be contributed;

- f) Identification of the nature of the code to be contributed (patch, enhancement, new functionality, etc.);
- g) Identification of the source and date of the internal technical review; and
- h) An acknowledgment of understanding of the terms under which the code is being contributed.

A sample CA document is attached and may be customized to reflect the pertinent unique information for each UC campus.

VI. REFERENCES

1. University of California Policy on Copyright Ownership - University of California, Office of the President, August 19, 1992 - (<http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/coordrev/policy/8-19-92att.html>)
2. University of California Software On-Line Permission Statement - (<http://www.ucop.edu/ott/permisn.html>)
3. University of California Contracts and Grants Manual - Chapter 11 Intellectual Property - (<http://www.ucop.edu/raohome/cgmanual/chap11.html>)
4. UC Guidelines on University-Industry Relations - (http://www.ucop.edu/ott/genresources/policy_pdf/IndRelGuidelines.PDF)
5. UC Memorandum: Guidance for Faculty and Other Academic Employees on Issues Related to Intellectual Property and Consulting - (<http://www.ucop.edu/ott/documents/consult.pdf>)
6. UC Guidelines on Intellectual Property Issues - (<http://ucop.edu/research/policies/ip.html>)
7. UC Copyright Contacts- (<http://www.ucop.edu/ott/faculty/crcontac.html>) and (<http://www.ucop.edu/ott/contacts.html>)
8. Copyright Law of the United States of America and Related Laws Contained in Title 17 of the United States Code - (<http://www.copyright.gov/title17/>)
9. Producing Open Source Software by Karl Fogel - Chapter 9 - (<http://producingoss.com/en/legal.html>)
10. Open Source Definition - Open Source Initiative - (<http://www.opensource.org/docs/osd>)
11. Open Source License Types - Open Source Initiative - (<http://www.opensource.org/licenses/alphabetical>)

VII. ATTACHMENTS

1. Sample CA form

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Hydra Project Intellectual Property Licensing and Ownership

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Per the Collaboration and Partnership Memorandum of Understanding of the Hydra Originating Steering Group Members, one of the foundational tenets of the Hydra Project is to foster a rich, sustainable open source code base.

Section II of the MOU states

II. Intellectual Property Licensing and Ownership

In keeping with the long-term vision of Hydra as a robust and distributed open source product, Hydra Partners and code contributors adopt and are governed by the following principles:

1. Code contributors ("Contributors") warrant that their work created for the Hydra project does not infringe on the legal rights of any person or entity, including but not limited to intellectual property rights. This warranty includes ensuring that Contributors have properly addressed any institutional rights of their "home" or employing institutions, and that they have properly treated any third party software that has been incorporated, including any open source software.
2. The Hydra Steering Group determines at its sole discretion if a Contributor's code is in scope and appropriate for the Project.
3. All code contributed and accepted to the project will be distributed as open source software, licensed under an Apache 2.0 license (or an appropriate Apache or Open Source Initiative (OSI) approved license sequellae that is designated by the Hydra Steering Group). Contributors must agree to and sign the applicable (individual and/or corporate) licensing agreement before contributing any code.
4. Hydra project documentation, designs and other written artifacts will also be made available under a Creative Commons or similar license. For the avoidance of doubt, the Hydra name and identity is subject to legal protection and is not subject to use by others except with the permission of the Hydra Steering Group.

All code contributors must have an Individual Contributor License Agreement (iCLA) on file with the Hydra Project Steering Group, a process which is initiated by [completing an iCLA](#) and [emailing it to legal@projecthydra.org](mailto:legal@projecthydra.org). If the contributor works for an institution which has rights over materials that they contribute, the institution should also have a Corporate Contributor License Agreement (cCLA) on file; when no such cCLA exists the potential contributor will be asked to confirm in an email to legal@projecthydra.org, copied to their line manager, that they have institutional authorization to enter into the iCLA.

Hydra also seeks to have clarity around the Intellectual Property of non-code contributions to the Project. Its CLAs cover these non-code contributions as well as code contributions

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and CLAs will be required from individuals and institutions offering non-code materials. At the present time the Hydra Steering Group have determined that such materials should be sub-licensed using a [Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 Unported License](#) as permitted under paragraph 2 of the CLA.

- [Hydra Project cCLA](#)
- [Hydra Project iCLA](#)

The Hydra Project Contributor License Agreements are based on the Apache Foundation CLA's. Redlined versions of both CLA's show the differences between the stock Apache agreement and the Hydra Project agreement.

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The Software Process

Copyright Notice

Copyright notice can be added to software as soon as it is written. Formal copyright registration is not necessary. Proper copyright notice for University of Colorado software is as follows:

Copyright Regents of the University of Colorado. All rights reserved.

Add this notice to your source code files, on each copy of the documentation and on your website.

Licensing Strategy

Ultimately, the end-goals of a project are defined and protected through permission statements and license agreements. A software license agreement defines how binary or source code is to be used, copied, distributed, and changed. Simply stated, it defines and protects the relationships which surround the research, results, and adoption of a project. Some considerations for sharing copyrighted software are covered in [this bulletin](#) on software licensing.

Here are a few templates that are ready to use:

[Source Code Agreement for Non-Profits](#)

[Research License Agreement for both non-profits and for-profits](#)

Open Source and Free Software

Open source and free software licenses come in many varieties. For help in deciding which is most appropriate for your software, see the Technology Transfer Bulletin, [Working with Open Source Software](#). The two basic varieties are free software such as the GPL, which requires that the licensee only distribute derivative products under the GPL, and open source such as the MIT-style license, which allows the source code to be incorporated into a closed, "proprietary product".

Commercial Licenses

The Technology Transfer Office can develop a custom commercial license agreement for end users or distributors of your software.

Managing Projects

All members of the project team should agree on common goals for the software and the roles of group members. As the developer community grows, it will likely expand beyond the University of Colorado. It is very important that the copyrights are managed so that the University has the rights to the copyrights that are contributed by other parties. We recommend asking all contributors to agree to the Contributor License Agreement (need to create a new link) which is based on the Apache Software Foundation's agreement.

University software is subject to the royalty distribution formula in the Policy on Discoveries and Patents. (link?) If a software project grows to many CU staff and students over time, each individual is entitled to a portion of the 25% inventor's share of royalties. Some groups choose to direct the inventors' share into a pool of funds to support the project itself. It is necessary for all CU contributors to sign a Project Participation Agreement (need to create a new link) to make that possible.

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Software Licensing

If you are a software developer, there are traditionally two approaches to making your software available to others: releasing your work commercially or sharing it via open source licensing.

QUESTIONS?

If you are interested in marketing your software commercially, contact us.

Commercial Software

IURTC has helped several clients, including ANGEL Learning and Optiform, successfully market software solutions.

If you are interested in assessing the commercial potential of your software, we invite you to begin the technology commercialization process.

It is also sometimes possible to combine commercial development with open source sharing. Contact us if you would like to pursue that option.

Open Source Licensing

If you are not interested in commercializing your software, it is not necessary to disclose your discovery to IURTC nor to obtain our permission to explore open source options.


However, you will need to contact your department to determine any obligations you may have to release software under a particular open source license. These may include requirements in grants or pre-existing open source licenses attached to any software you have incorporated into your work. Your department can help you with these issues.

Open Source Resources at Indiana University

In the United States, the Open Source Initiative (OSI) promotes open source technologies and offers certification for open source licenses and software. Although not legally required, this certification indicates that a license or product complies with OSI's definition of open source.

Two open source communities supported by several universities, including Indiana University, are:

- Kuali Foundation, which supports the development and maintenance of open source administrative software from financial management tools to research administration.
- Sakai Foundation, which supports development of open source collaboration and learning environments that support teaching and group collaboration, from scheduling to wikis to social media.



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Open Source Licenses

About Open Source Licenses

Open source licenses are licenses that comply with the [Open Source Definition](#) — in brief, they allow software to be freely used, modified, and shared. To be approved by the Open Source Initiative (also known as the OSI), a license must go through the [Open Source Initiative's license review process](#).

Popular Licenses

The following OSI-approved licenses are popular, widely used, or have strong communities (as defined in the [2006 Proliferation Report](#)):

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- ◉ [BSD 3-Clause "New" or "Revised" license](#)
- ◉ [BSD 2-Clause "Simplified" or "FreeBSD" license](#)
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All Approved Licenses

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


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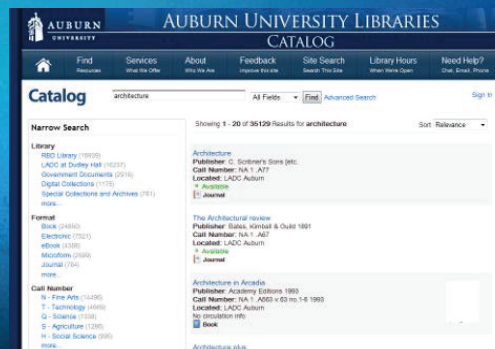
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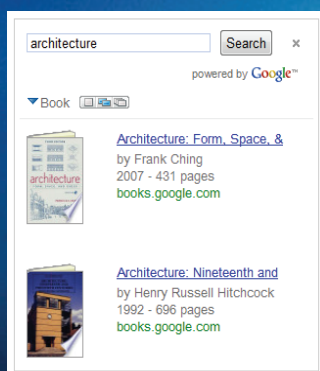
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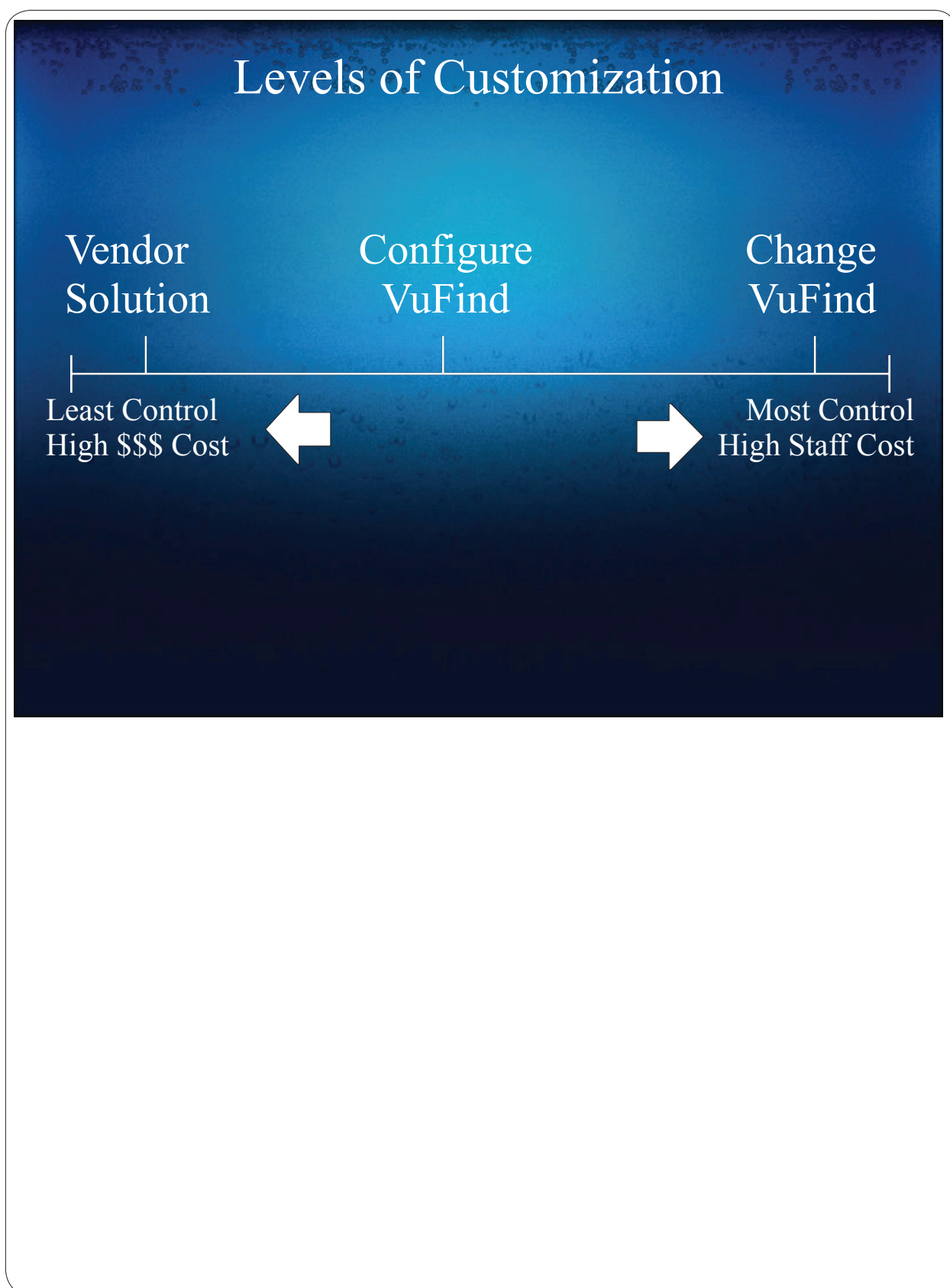
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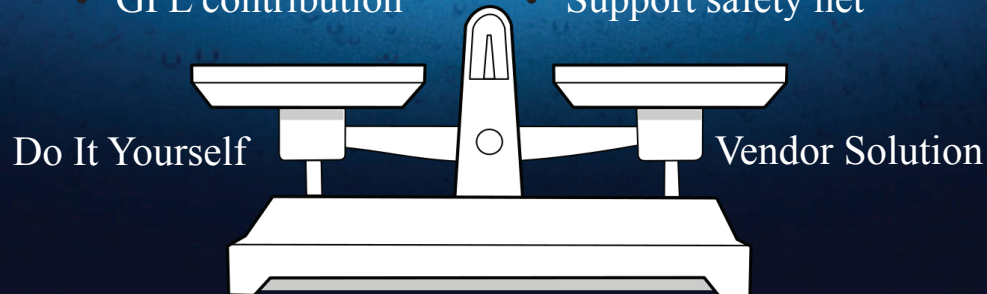


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Case Study: Auburn University Catalog

- 18 months from experimentation to Beta to default*
- 1 project leader spending 50% time
- 2 software developers each spending 50% time
- 1 server admin spending 5% time
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- 5-8 departmental representatives in weekly/biweekly meetings
- Server costs

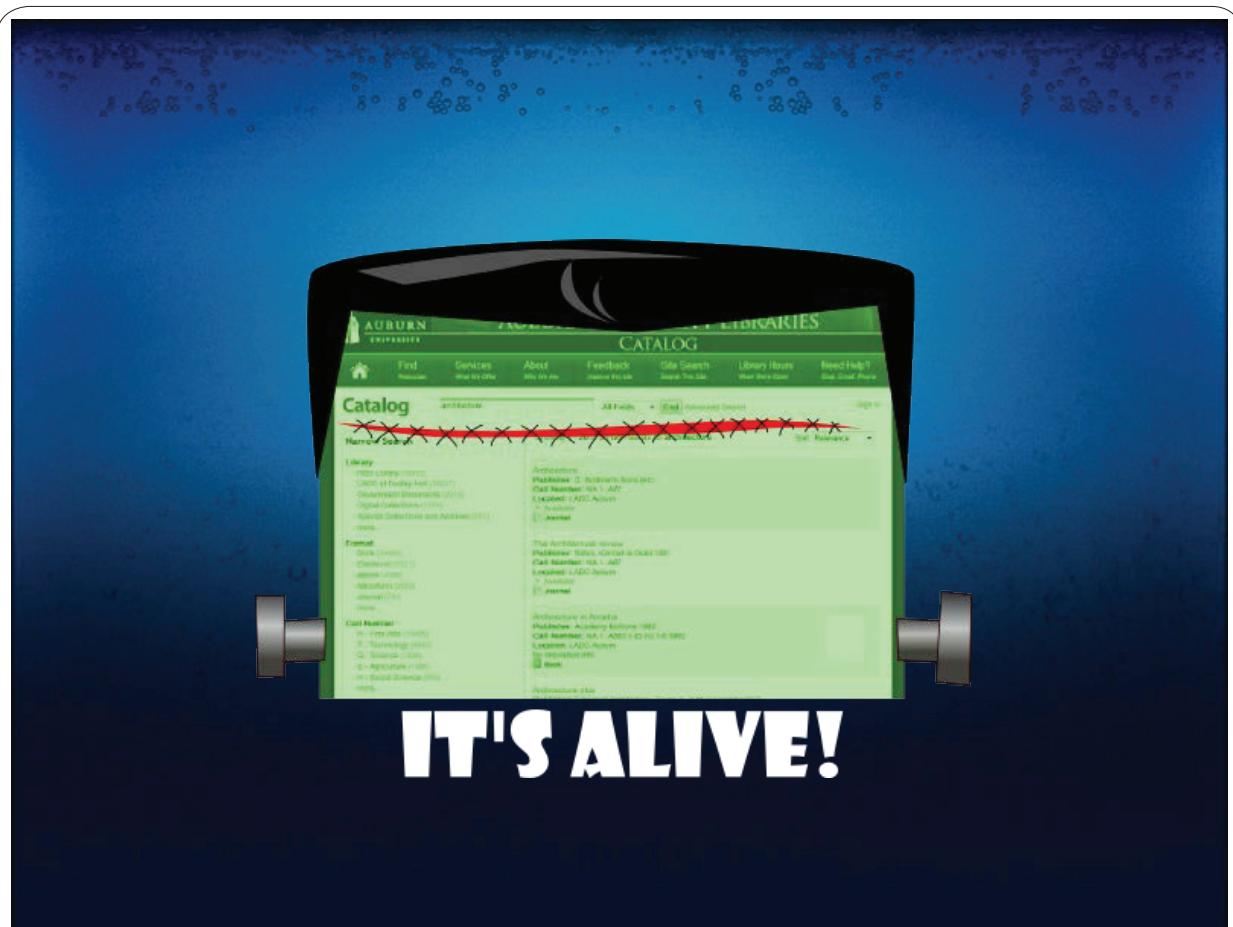
*Development continues. Meetings are smaller and monthly.

Risks

- Software project failure rate is notoriously high
- Considerable staff costs
- Customize too much and upgrading is painful
- Google Scholar gains sentience; then what?

Rewards

- Less patron frustration, especially among undergrads
- Increase in patron service usage
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- Experience working in an academic library

Sr. Software Engineer

The Sr. Software Engineer plays a central role in the ability of the library to cater technical solutions to the needs of the university in its mission to advance scholarship, learning and research. This position proactively architects reliable back end data services and infrastructure which anticipates the evolving information needs of students and faculty members. Responsibilities include the design and implementation of scalable applications and software components, engagement with library constituents in negotiating the diverse research and learning needs of the university, as well as communicate with and educate library staff, faculty and administrators regarding emerging trends in technology in order to meet goals and strategic initiatives. Incumbents also have the responsibility to research as well as implement current trends and innovations in both library technology and technical industry best practices and standards. The position also requires a high degree of accountability, and thus requires that individuals working in this position manage project time lines, deliverables, and resources to ensure that planned objectives are met.

The Sr Software Engineer:

- Designs, implements, tests, deploys and supports a wide range of software applications in support of core library objectives
- Architects and implements robust and dependable infrastructure components, data services, and software integration services
- Engages with library faculty and staff, university teaching and research faculty, as well as students at all levels in order to ensure that library software and web related services are meeting the needs of the library and the university
- Plans and manages project tasks, updates documentation, works with quality assurance and usability professionals.

Requires a Bachelor's degree in computer science, or combination of Bachelor's degree and relevant experience.

Requires knowledge of programming in Ruby and Ruby on Rails; High degree of experience with web technologies and standards such as HTML, CSS and Javascript; Database schema design; SQL; Strong knowledge of object oriented design and implementation; basic linux systems administrative skills; experience with web based APIs; systems integration skills; use of version control system such as git; some experience with test driven development; strong verbal and written skills requires. Knowledge of programming in the areas of PHP, Perl, Java, advanced knowledge of software testing; shell scripting; XML/XSLT; JSON; Coffeescript; SASS; jQuery.

UI Software Engineer

With a focus on user interface design, we are seeking a web and mobile application developer for digital collections, research data, and library digital services. This position will leverage both programming and graphic design skills to design and develop digital exhibits, research data visualizations, and digital media portals for the web and mobile devices. The incumbent will work closely with other applications developers to integrate these elements into web sites using Ruby on Rails, CSS, JavaScript, HTML5, and other emerging web technologies. Mobile application development will focus on responsive web design, but may include native iOS and android application development as well. Mobile applications are increasingly important to collect, organize, and share data while conducting research and learning.

This position will participate in cross departmental and organizational groups with partners from the Center for Research Computing (CRC), Academic Technologies, OIT, University Archives, researchers, and Hesburgh Libraries to support research and collection management throughout campus. A major focus of this position will be on improving library services through user interface software engineering. The incumbent will help to support key library discovery applications and related electronic resources.

In collaboration with universities such as Stanford, Virginia, and Northwestern, the incumbent will also contribute to an open source project called Hydra (<http://hydraproject.org>) that was formed to pool our resources to create groundbreaking digital library tools for ourselves and for the wider community. Faculty, researchers, students, and staff utilize these Hydra solutions for preserving data, managing descriptive information, and sharing of research information mandated by grant funding agencies such as NSF.

The UI Software Engineer:

- Designs and develops user focused parts of ruby on rails applications including graphical elements, user interfaces, and other application elements for digital exhibits, digital library services, and discovery applications. Integrates responsive web design into web sites to support mobile devices; creates mobile targeted websites; creates native iOS and Android applications.
- Works with other applications and digital library infrastructure developers, designs front end solutions and orchestrates interactions with services including metadata management, digitization workflows, image transformation, etc.
- Develops digital infrastructure services
- Participates in conferences, committee meetings, and planning meetings with partners on community projects.

Required Qualifications:

- 1+ years experience with a modern web framework e.g. Ruby on Rails, Django, Play, or Symphony
- Intimate knowledge of JavaScript, HTML, and CSS
- 1+ years experience developing with relational databases such as MySQL, PostgreSQL, or Oracle

Preferred:

- Understanding of the elements of art and the principles of design
- Knowledge of HTML5 and CSS3
- Ability to design and implement responsive web pages and applications interfaces
- Experience with JavaScript visualization tools like D3, Raphaël, TimelineJS, etc.
- Experience with JavaScript mapping tools like Leaflet, OpenLayers, or the Google Maps API
- iOS or Android application development experience
- Experience designing HTTP interactions that employ the correct verbs and status codes
- Experience working on a team that employs the agile development process
- Strong analytical, reasoning and problem resolution skills and demonstrated success in applying technology to meet user needs
- Ability to handle interpersonal communications tactfully and accurately with a diverse community of users and vendors
- Ability to work independently and in close conjunction with others in a team-oriented setting
- Ability to learn and master new skills and technologies quickly
- Experience with Fedora Commons Repository, iRODS, LOCKSS, or other preservation system
- Experience utilizing Apache Solr or Lucene indexes

Requires Bachelor's Degree in Informatics, Information Science, or equivalent experience in end user applications design.

In addition to strong application development skills, we are also looking for someone with strong design instincts to create polished user interfaces for interacting with our unique resources within our digital repository.

2 openings

Systems Developer / Engineer Non-SAP

Working Title: Applications Developer

Job Code: 8189

Classification: A&P (non-SAP)

Position #: TBD

Hours/Shift: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Position Organization: 32015 Information Technology

Work Location: 18th Ave Library

Reports to Position #: 00061038, Head, Applications Dev/Support

Summary of Duties:

University Libraries are seeking an Applications Developer for the Applications Development & Support (AD&S) department in the Information Technology Division of the University Libraries. As a member of the AD&S team, the successful candidate will be responsible for designing, developing and managing innovative web-based applications that support, enhance, and extend the mission of The Ohio State University Libraries. With this goal in mind, the candidate will design, develop, implement, and test web applications, as a suite of products and services, for delivery via OSU Libraries public and private web sites, library catalog, and/or other web related systems that are in accord with industry best practices, the Libraries' and Ohio State's branding standards, and web accessibility guidelines. This position provides a great opportunity to design creative and usable solutions, making a significant impact on how patrons, faculty and staff experience services at the University Libraries.

Additional Information for Applicants: (Please submit this section to OHR and request this information be added to the Additional Information section provided on the jobs board)

Services We Provide

AD&S provides four service offerings to the Libraries: collaboration and communication platforms which include the Libraries' content management system, blogs and Intranet; custom application development; Integrated Library Systems support (i.e. catalog services); and IT project management.

The Team

The AD&S team currently includes two developers, one project manager/business analyst, and two team members who support the ILS (Integrated Library System). We are expanding our team to a total of five developers to diversify our skill sets, increase throughput, and support a growing Digital Initiatives program. We collaborate closely with the Infrastructure Support department in monitoring, supporting, and maintaining systems.

How We Work

AD&S practices agile software development as appropriate with emphasis on short iterations, lightweight requirements-gathering, and developer-functional expert partnerships. Our typical week includes Maintenance Monday (dedicated to ticket resolution and application maintenance), daily standups, a sprint planning meeting, and three days of project work. The developer chosen for this position is expected to form productive pairs with developers on our team and spend a good deal of time in pair programming. We value close collaboration (within the Libraries and with other groups on campus), face-to-face communication, and transparency, and we are results-driven while balancing time for fun and innovation.

What We Use

The developers work with open-source software whenever possible. The exception is our ILS which is third-party, but we will soon be able to interact with its catalog data via SQL queries and an API. Our primary languages are Java, PHP, and Ruby, and we use MySQL and PostgreSQL databases. In addition, we support a large installation of DSpace (kb.osu.edu) and a CMS on Silverstripe (library.osu.edu).

Read more about us at: library.osu.edu/blogs/it

Supervision and Essential Duties:

- May supervise student employees

Duties Description:

50% Application Development

Designs, develops, implements, and tests new web applications, as a suite of products and services, for delivery via OSU Libraries public and private web sites, library catalog, and/or other web related systems that support, enhance, and extend the strategic and operational goals of the University Libraries; serves as a member of a team of developers working in close collaboration with a significant percentage of time engaged in pair programming; champions an agile and user-centered approach to software development; adheres to professional software engineering best practices, including continuous integration, source code control, and test-driven development; closely collaborates with the project manager in planning sprints and releases, managing product backlogs, and communicating project status; explores, evaluates, and recommends new and alternative technologies and tracks industry trends; designs and maintains MySQL, PostgreSQL and other relational databases; ensures that applications meet ADA web accessibility standards

20% Application Maintenance and Support

maintains, troubleshoots, and refactors legacy web applications, services, and databases;

20% Systems Support

collaborates closely with Infrastructure Support in monitoring, supporting, and maintaining systems; maintains accurate and thorough inventories, stack diagrams, and technical documentation of applications and systems; recommends server configurations and tools that optimize applications and systems for stability, reliability, reuse, security and performance; identifies root causes of systems outages and recommends steps to prevent future systems downtime; monitors the integrity of a multi-tier development environment, including development, staging, and production environments

10% Outreach and Service

demonstrates a strong service orientation and commitment to the strategic goals of the organization; serves on Libraries' committees, working groups, and task forces; expands skills and personal network through participation in university-level technology initiatives and users groups and attendance at conferences, training programs, and workshops

Education and Experience:

Required Qualifications

Bachelor's Degree in computer & information science or engineering, or an equivalent combination of education and experience; programming experience, preferably in open-source programming languages and frameworks such as Ruby on Rails or PHP; experience working with relational databases, such as MySQL or PostgreSQL;

Desired Qualifications

Demonstrated experience working with and/or designing APIs ; experience programming in Java; experience in HTML, JavaScript-based frameworks, CSS and responsive design; familiarity with the principles and practices of user experience (UX), web accessibility, and user interface design

Please submit to OHR the below for the required supplemental questions and request no other supplemental questions be created, we want to avoid screening questions which suggest that the example languages are required:

1. *Do you have at least 1 year of programming experience?
Yes
No
2. *Do you have at least 1 year of experience working with relational databases?
Yes
No

Position Title: Java / Web Application Developer
Position Classification: Analyst/Programmer Grade 53 Code 1852
Organization: University of Rochester, River Campus Libraries
Full-time – 40 hrs. per week

Position Summary Statement:

Seeking a Java application developer for an exciting opportunity in the Libraries' Digital Initiatives Unit. This position will be responsible for various web development projects serving the evolving needs of the University community. The primary responsibility is to develop the web front-end for our institutional repository system, which is based on MIT's open-source DSpace software. This includes the development of user interfaces as well as back-end connectivity to databases and other web services. The position reports to the Web Initiatives Manager.

Responsibilities:

- Develop software using Java, JavaServer Pages (JSP), Java Servlets, JDBC, SQL, HTML and CSS
- Extend an existing open-source platform for institutional repositories (DSpace) to be used for the University archive and to be shared with institutions across the country
- Collaborate with the MIT DSpace federation and developers at other universities to share code and build working relationships
- Integrate web services including search and retrieval (SRU/W, XML), metadata harvesting (OAI), and streaming (Real/WMP)
- Integrate web applications with various commercial library products
- Participate in the design of software platform architectures and databases
- Work closely with members of the Digital Initiatives Unit including the Web Initiatives Manager, Graphic Designer, Social Scientist, and other developers to understand project requirements and carry out project planning, tracking, and implementation activities
- Produce well designed, documented, and tested code.
- Deploy and maintain the code base for completed applications

Qualifications and Experience (Required):

- A Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or similar
- Experience in Java, JSP, Servlets and other Java Technologies
- Experience with database design and programming (JDBC, SQL)
- Experience with website development (HTML, CSS)
- Evidence of development experience (screen shots, code samples)
- Experience integrating web applications with various components and web services
- Ability to work collaboratively with diverse groups in project planning and development
- Ability to handle simultaneous projects and clearly articulate how the project tasks are being prioritized
- Experience with software design methods, models, and standards.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills and above average technical aptitude

Qualifications and Experience (Preferred):

- Experience with XML and XSLT
- Familiarity with metadata standards and schemas
- Basic knowledge of Photoshop
- Experience with Apache, Tomcat, Java Mail, JAF, and PostgreSQL
- Familiarity with persistent identifiers and the Digital Object Identifier System
- Familiarity with library technologies and standards

JOB TITLE: Programmer Analyst

DEPARTMENT: University Library, University of Saskatchewan

PRIMARY PURPOSE: To provide effective management of library applications and servers to support the teaching, learning and research needs of the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) community.

NATURE OF WORK: Reporting to the Library Systems and Information Technology (LS & IT) Project Manager, the programmer/analyst works as part of a professional IT services team to provide senior-level programming, analysis and systems administration for applications and servers. The Programmer/Analyst will be responsible for the implementation of new systems as well as the enhancement, maintenance and support of existing ones.

The work requires a breadth of knowledge and skill in both application development and server management. Programmer/Analysts are regularly tasked with solving complex, challenging problems and succeed through continual learning and the application of new technologies. The Programmer/Analyst is fully responsible for the design, development and testing of solutions that will meet client needs. There may be times where the Programmer/Analyst is expected to act as a technical lead for a team of programmers and should be able to identify and assign tasks accordingly. As an experienced member of the team, the programmer/analyst will be expected to provide leadership and guidance regarding best practices in application development and server management. The incumbent is required to balance multiple and sometimes competing priorities, deadlines and expectations. The incumbent must possess effective leadership, communication and organizational skills to contribute effectively. Occasional weekend and evening work will be required.

LS&IT provides services to the University Library and the Saskatchewan Health Information Resources Partnership (SHIRP). The library operates Innovative Interfaces' integrated library system including the online catalogue, circulation, acquisitions, cataloguing, electronic resources and patron web services modules; Ex Libris resource discovery tool (Primo) and link resolver (SFX); OCLC ILL software (VDX), Drupal, Solr, Cascade Server, Content DM, D-Space, Shibboleth, OpenURL, EZ Proxy and LDAP schema; hosts and administers Windows and Linux servers.

ACCOUNTABILITIES:

- Ensures IT systems are designed and implemented to meet client needs and in accordance with library and university standards of practice
- Ensures uninterrupted and reliable access to library services and resources is available for all patrons
- Ensures the safety, security and integrity of the library's data and systems are maintained to limit exposure to undue risk
- Ensures effective troubleshooting, problem-solving and investigation, training and user support is provided
- Provides expertise and information to allow for effective IT-related planning and decisions that support the unit's goals and objectives.
- Ensures that leading practices in programming and systems administration are identified, standards of practice are defined and used, and encourages the continual improvement of LS & IT services
- Contributes to a positive team environment within the unit through effective communication and collaboration
- Builds and fosters collaborative relationships with organizations both internal and external to LS&IT

QUALIFICATIONS

Education: An undergraduate degree in Computer Science or a related discipline.

Experience: A minimum of 5 years experience as an application developer in a Linux environment. Demonstrated experience in requirements analysis and software architectural design; vendor software implementation and customization; web application development and database design; network security and authentication; application development and code management tools and directing the work of other developers. Preference will be given to candidates with previous Linux systems administration experience

in a virtual environment. Experience with mobile application and/or java web application development would be an asset.

Skills: Demonstrated ability to develop and integrate user-friendly applications within a database environment using PHP frameworks, Javascript, XML, SQL; demonstrated ability to develop web applications using a WCMS (Cascade, Drupal, or other); demonstrated ability to organize work, set priorities and meet deadlines, work independently and use initiative; demonstrated ability to provide mentorship and guidance to junior programmers; effective interpersonal and communication skills to build and maintain relationships with various campus organizations, clients and co-workers; ability to work collaboratively in a challenging environment; and effective investigative, analytical and problem-solving skills.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
POSITION DESCRIPTION QUESTIONNAIRE (PDQ)

POSITION INFORMATION:

Name of Current Holder (if occupied): Personnel No.:

IRIS Position Number: Pay Grade: 40

Position Title: IT Admin II

Job Title: Programmer, Digital Initiatives

Name of Supervisor: Phone:

Responsible Cost Center Number and Name: E01-6010 (Library)

Department Contact: Email address: Phone:

REASON FOR EVALUATION:

☐ New Position

☐ Reclassification Request (Significant Change in Duties)

☐ Reorganization

☒ Standard Review Cycle

☐ Vacant Position

Name of Last Incumbent:

☐ Other (Please Specify):

HR/PERSONNEL USE ONLY:

Analysis: KH _____ PS _____ ACC _____

Total Points: _____

Job Title: _____

Pay Grade: _____

Job Family: _____

FLSA Category: ☐ Exempt ☐ Non-Exempt

Comments:

Name of Current Holder (if occupied):
Position No.:

A. POSITION SUMMARY:

Why (or for what reason) does this position exist?

One of the University of Tennessee Libraries' high priority strategic goals is to provide comprehensive and efficient access to our users where they are. The work of the individual in this position is vital to successfully meeting this goal.

This position resides in the department of Digital Initiatives within the University of Tennessee Libraries and serves as a programmer and system administrator. Programming duties include developing new and extending existing open-source platforms and vendor provided solutions in order to help the Libraries deliver high quality digital collections and other services as needed. System administration duties include responsibility for a number of enterprise class Linux servers, both physical and virtual, and range from operating system level implementation and maintenance to programming custom authentication and access to services.

The person in this position will work with minimal supervision both independently and collaboratively as part of a team of library computer programmers. This position will complete projects as assigned to them by the Assistant Professor and Systems Development Librarian (to whom they will report). When assigned tasks, this position will be responsible for choosing the best computer programming languages, software, and hardware in order to complete projects within the required deadline and budget. The position will be expected to work with minimal supervision and to make sure that completed projects function as detailed in the initial request and meet the goals of the project overall.

The person in this position will create specifications for complex library information systems and software using accepted systems analysis techniques and procedures and in consultation with other library and university programmers, systems administrators, technical support staff, and end users. These system specifications will be utilized to design, develop, test, document, and implement new computer programs and information systems and technologies as well as to modify, enhance, and extend existing information systems and technologies already in place within the UTK Libraries.

B. MEASURES OF IMPACT:

What areas does this position impact? (Mark all that apply):

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Campus/Institute |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Division/College | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External to the University |

Describe the level of responsibility this position has in the area(s) checked above.

Department (University of Tennessee Digital Initiatives)

Will share with other members of Digital Initiatives the responsibility for identifying, investigating, integrating, and creating new and emerging technologies in support of library operations, goals, and end-user information-seeking needs. Will provide support for administering resources used by other department members such as web services, networked connections, and authentication.

Division/College (Library)

Will be responsible for ensuring the library meets the strategic goal of providing comprehensive and efficient access to our users where they are.

Campus

Will greatly improve access to virtual library information resources for campus faculty, staff, and students such that they will be able to more efficiently and effectively conduct research, teach, and complete coursework.

University

Supports the university's teaching and research mission by working to develop more effective and efficient ways for faculty, staff, and students to access virtual information resources equally across the state regardless of physical location.

External to the University

Knowledge, techniques, solutions, code, documentation, and so on developed by this position will be shared with external library, university, and information technology communities.

What type of budget impact does this position have on the area(s) for which it is responsible?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full authority to commit funds (Explain)* | Size of budget impacted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Effective recommendations to commit funds (Explain)* | Size of budget impacted <u>\$100,000+</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain or audit funds committed (Explain)* | Size of budget impacted |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Little or no budget responsibility | |

***Explanation:**

Provides technical expertise in evaluating the costs of implementing, developing, and supporting emerging technologies and recommends accordingly the purchase of all necessary hardware, software, or other equipment.

The server hardware that will host all or part of the new programs, systems, and services created as a result of this position, and for which the library will have to budget for the ongoing management, maintenance, and periodic replacement of, is valued in excess of \$100,000.

C.

POSITION DUTIES:

What are the essential functions and responsibilities of this position (please indicate approximate percentage of time devoted to each function)?

| <u>Function/Responsibility</u> | <u>% of Time</u> |
|--|------------------|
| Programming | 50% |
| Fulfill library-centric information technology needs by developing custom in-house computer programs, systems and services. | |
| Enhance the performance and usability of existing library-centric information technology by optimizing and extending computer programs, systems, and services. | |
| Automate tasks so work can be carried out by others. | |
| Customize open source and commercial computer programs, systems, and services. | |

Integrate custom-developed technology into existing computer systems and services.

Implement new online delivery systems as needed.

Provide ongoing upgrades, enhancements, security patches, and bug fixes to implemented computer programs, systems, and services.

System Administration

25%

Work closely with departmental system administrators to develop, implement, and carry out procedures for both immediate and long-term administration and support of all new information technology computer programs, systems, and services this position is responsible for creating and implementing.

At a minimum this includes:

Work as a part of a team of admins to manage digital library program servers and maintain all server software and hardware for each implementation including software upgrades.

Training other departmental system administrators on newly implemented technologies.

Work closely with departmental server administrators to continually maintain and improve the stability, availability (up time), performance, and security of implemented computer programs, systems, and services.

Work closely with departmental backup server administrators to perform disaster planning that ensures all data for implemented computer programs, systems, and services is backed up and fully recoverable in the event of catastrophic system failure.

Troubleshooting any problems that may occur and developing and implementing solutions and procedures designed to minimize the chance of their recurrence in the future.

Collaboration

25%

Collaborate with department members, faculty librarians, and other library staff on assigned information technology development projects.

At a minimum this includes:

Attend and contribute to project-related meetings.

Commit custom development and modification of existing code into a shared revision control system.

Track progress of assigned tasks and keep clear lines of transparency and accountability by using departmental project management tools.

Ensure that assigned tasks are completed on time and within budget in order to ensure the projects and departmental needs are met successfully.

Work with others to solve project-related problems in a timely and effective manner.

Document and share procedures with other department members to ensure long-term sustainability of library systems.

Consult with supervisor and department members to identify and recommend optimal technologies, techniques, and strategies for successful project completion.

Consult with end users, other library programmers and technologists, OIT technologists, and UTK Libraries' faculty and staff concerning user needs, usability requirements, campus computer security requirements, and integration of new programs and services with existing library and university computer systems and services.

Participate with other members of the department on regular on call rotations.

Actively research and evaluate new technologies for the improvement of the digital library program and make recommendations for future information technology development projects.

Provide programming support and guidance for the digital library program and Technical Services metadata creators.

D. DECISIONS:
What types of decisions does this position make?

Performs daily work tasks with minimal supervision.

Determines and recommends the best computer programming languages, practices and techniques, computer hardware and software, and other technology as needed to meet the needs of specific assigned tasks and projects.

What types of decisions are referred to others?

Decisions to change project goals and priorities.

Decisions involving additional funding for projects and technology beyond what has already been approved.

How are decisions implemented?

By the application of education, knowledge, experience, and professional judgment.

E. SUPERVISION:
What types of supervisory responsibility does this position exercise?

- ☐ Hiring, disciplining, supervising, granting increases (Explain)*
- ☐ Effective recommendations in hiring, etc. (Explain)*
- ☒ Providing work direction to a group of employees (Explain)*
- ☒ Assisting others by providing guidance (Explain)*
- ☐ Little or no supervisory responsibility

***Explanation:**

This position will provide technical expertise in software development that will influence all aspects of any development project they are a part of including specific technologies used, software development strategies and techniques, timelines, and costs.

As the expert on the computer programs, systems, and services they will be responsible for implementing, the person in this position will provide guidance to others in the proper use of the computer programs, systems and services within the parameters of their inherent capabilities.

Number or employees/students that this position supervises:

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| _____ Exempt employees | _____ Students |
| _____ Non-exempt employees | _____ Others (Explain)* |

***Explanation:**

This position will not serve in a direct supervisory capacity.

F. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

What are the minimum qualifications in terms of education, experience, job skills, and physical requirements of the job which would be required?

Education:

Bachelor's degree

Experience:

5-6 years computer programming experience with several years working in a networked or Web-based environment.

Mastery of at least two programming languages (For example: JavaScript, PHP, JAVA, Python, Ruby).

1-2 years experience working in an enterprise server environment.

Experience or knowledge of media streaming (For example: Quicktime streaming from an Apple Xserv server).

Experience or knowledge of electronic media formats (For example: Quicktime, MPEG-4, AAC).

Experience or knowledge of mobile device application development (For example: iPhone App development).

Experience or knowledge of SQL or other database environments.

Experience or knowledge of Web applications and services.

Demonstrated experience working with RESTful and / or SOAP based APIs.

Experience or knowledge of XML schemas or DTDs such as TEI, KML, or RDF.

Experience or knowledge of libraries, preferably academic libraries.

Job Skills:

Ability to work on unique, one-of-a-kind projects.

Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Ability to work collaboratively with others from diverse personal and professional backgrounds.

Ability to work independently or collaboratively in group settings.

Ability to quickly learn new programming languages and technologies.

Ability to think creatively and problem solve.

Highly flexible.

Physical Requirements: (Please complete attached chart)

G. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please provide any additional information you believe will assist in understanding this position:

This position will work side-by-side on a daily basis with other programmers and system administrators as they develop and implement new and emerging information technologies in a library environment. The individual in this position will routinely engage in deeply complex technical planning, problem solving, and decision making concerning computer programs, systems, and services which students and faculty teachers and researchers in our university community will depend upon.

The key to success for the individual selected for this position is the ability to quickly learn and smoothly transition to new programming languages/technologies as specific projects demand. Unlike many programmer positions that are focused on a specific core set of technologies, this position will be much more diverse and require great technical agility.

***Attach the Departmental Organizational Chart prepared by your department with names and titles (include to whom this position reports, others who report to the same individual, and who reports to this position).**

H. APPROVAL:

This Position Description Questionnaire (PDQ) has been reviewed by the individuals whose signatures appear below, indicating that the PDQ accurately reflects the job content of the position:

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
POSITION DESCRIPTION QUESTIONNAIRE (PDQ)

POSITION INFORMATION:

Name of Current Holder (if occupied): _____ Personnel No.: N/A
IRIS Position Number: _____ Pay Grade: _____
Position Title: _____
Job Title: IT Admin II
Name of Supervisor: _____ Phone: _____
Responsible Cost Center Number and Name: _____
Department Contact: _____ Email address: _____ Phone: _____

REASON FOR EVALUATION:

- ☐ New Position
☐ Reclassification Request (Significant Change in Duties)
☐ Reorganization
☒ Standard Review Cycle
☐ Vacant Position
Name of Last Incumbent: _____
☐ Other (Please Specify): _____

HR/PERSONNEL USE ONLY:

Analysis: KH _____ PS _____ ACC _____
Total Points: _____
Job Title: _____ Pay Grade: _____
Job Family: _____
FLSA Category: ☐ Exempt ☐ Non-Exempt
Comments: _____

Name of Current Holder (if occupied): _____

Position No.: _____

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A. POSITION SUMMARY:

Why (or for what reason) does this position exist?

One of the University of Tennessee Libraries' high priority strategic goals is to provide comprehensive and efficient access to our users where they are. The work of the individual in this position is vital to successfully meeting this goal.

This position will be a member of the Systems department within the University of Tennessee Libraries and will help jump-start the development and implementation of new and emerging information technologies for enhanced virtual access.

The person in this position will work with minimal supervision both independently and collaboratively as part of a team of library computer programmers. This position will complete projects as assigned to them by the Assistant Professor and Systems Development Librarian (to whom they will report). When assigned tasks, this position will be responsible for choosing the best computer programming languages, software, and hardware in order to complete projects within the required deadline and budget. The position will be expected to work with minimal supervision and to make sure that completed projects function as detailed in the initial request and meet the goals of the project overall.

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B. MEASURES OF IMPACT:

What areas does this position impact? (Mark all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Program | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Campus/Institute |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Division/College | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External to the University |

Describe the level of responsibility this position has in the area(s) checked above.

Department (University of Tennessee Systems):

Will share with other members of Systems the responsibility for identifying, investigating, integrating, and creating new and emerging technologies in support of library operations, goals, and end-user information-seeking needs.

Division/College (Library):

Will be responsible for ensuring the library meets the strategic goal of providing comprehensive and efficient access to our users where they are.

Campus:

Will greatly improve access to virtual library information resources for campus faculty, staff, and students such that they will be able to more efficiently and effectively conduct research, teach, and complete coursework.

University:

Supports the university's teaching and research mission by working to develop more effective and efficient ways for faculty, staff, and students to access virtual information resources equally across the state regardless of physical location.

External to the University:

Knowledge, techniques, solutions, code, documentation, and so on developed by this position will be shared with external library, university, and information technology communities.

What type of budget impact does this position have on the area(s) for which it is responsible?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full authority to commit funds (Explain)* | Size of budget impacted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Effective recommendations to commit funds (Explain)* | Size of budget impacted <u>\$100,000+</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain or audit funds committed (Explain)* | Size of budget impacted |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Little or no budget responsibility | |

***Explanation:**

C.

POSITION DUTIES:

What are the essential functions and responsibilities of this position (please indicate approximate percentage of time devoted to each function)?

| <u>Function/Responsibility</u> | <u>% of Time</u> |
|---|------------------|
| Programming | 50% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fulfill library-centric information technology needs by developing custom in-house computer programs, systems and services.○ Enhance the performance and usability of existing library-centric information technology by optimizing and extending computer programs, systems, and services.○ Customize open source and commercial computer programs, systems, and services.○ Integrate custom-developed technology into existing computer systems and services.○ Provide ongoing upgrades, enhancements, security patches, and bug fixes to implemented computer programs, systems, and services. | |

System Administration

15%

- Work closely with departmental system administrators to develop, implement, and carry out procedures for both immediate and long-term administration and support of all new information technology computer programs, systems, and services this position is responsible for creating and implementing.

At a minimum this includes:

- Work as the primary system administrator for Mac OS X servers and maintain all server software and hardware for each implementation including software upgrades.
- Training other departmental system administrators on newly implemented technologies.
- Working closely with departmental server administrators to continually maintain and improve the stability, availability (up time), performance, and security of implemented computer programs, systems, and services.
- Working closely with departmental backup server administrators to perform disaster planning that ensures all data for implemented computer programs, systems, and services is backed up and fully recoverable in the event of catastrophic system failure.
- Troubleshooting any problems that may occur and developing and implementing solutions and procedures designed to minimize the chance of their recurrence in the future.

Collaboration

35%

- Collaborate with department members, faculty librarians, and other library staff on assigned information technology development projects.

At a minimum this includes:

- Attend and contribute to project-related meetings.
- Ensure that assigned tasks are completed on time and within budget in order to ensure the projects and departmental needs are met successfully.
- Work with others to solve project-related problems in a timely and effective manner.
- Document and share procedures with other department members to ensure long-term sustainability of library systems.
- Consult with supervisor and department members to identify and recommend optimal technologies, techniques, and strategies for successful project completion.
- Consult with end users, other library programmers and technologists, OIT technologists, and UTK Libraries' faculty and staff concerning user needs, usability requirements, campus computer security requirements, and integration of new programs and services with existing library and university computer systems and services.

- Participate with other members of the department on regular on call rotations.

Make recommendations for future information technology development projects.

D. DECISIONS:
What types of decisions does this position make?

Performs daily work tasks with minimal supervision.

Determines and recommends the best computer programming languages, practices and techniques, computer hardware and software, and other technology as needed to meet the needs of specific assigned tasks and projects.

What types of decisions are referred to others?

Decisions to change project goals and priorities.

Decisions involving additional funding for projects and technology beyond what has already been approved.

How are decisions implemented?

By the application of education, knowledge, experience, and professional judgment.

E. SUPERVISION:
What types of supervisory responsibility does this position exercise?

- ☐ Hiring, disciplining, supervising, granting increases (Explain)*
- ☐ Effective recommendations in hiring, etc. (Explain)*
- ☒ Providing work direction to a group of employees (Explain)*
- ☒ Assisting others by providing guidance (Explain)*
- ☐ Little or no supervisory responsibility

***Explanation:**

This position will provide technical expertise in software development that will influence all aspects of any development project they are a part of including specific technologies used, software development strategies and techniques, timelines, and costs.

As the expert on the computer programs, systems, and services they will be responsible for implementing, the person in this position will provide guidance to others in the proper use of the computer programs, systems and services within the parameters of their inherent capabilities.

Number or employees/students that this position supervises:

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| _____ Exempt employees | _____ Students |
| _____ Non-exempt employees | _____ Others (Explain)* |

***Explanation:**

This position will not serve in a direct supervisory capacity.

F. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

What are the minimum qualifications in terms of education, experience, job skills, and physical requirements of the job which would be required?

Education:

Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or closely related field.

Experience:

5-6 years computer programming experience with several years working in a networked or Web-based environment.

Mastery of at least two programming languages (For example: PHP, JAVA, Python, Objective-C).

1-2 years experience working in an enterprise server environment.

Experience or knowledge of media streaming (For example: Quicktime streaming from an Apple Xserv server).

Experience or knowledge of electronic media formats (For example: Quicktime, MPEG-4, AAC).

Experience or knowledge of mobile device application development (For example: iPhone App development).

Experience or knowledge of SQL or other database environments.

Experience or knowledge of Web applications and services.

Job Skills:

Ability to work on unique, one-of-a-kind projects.

Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Ability to work collaboratively with others from diverse personal and professional backgrounds.

Ability to work independently or collaboratively in group settings.

Ability to quickly learn new programming languages and technologies.

Ability to think creatively and problem solve.

Highly flexible.

Physical Requirements: (Please complete attached chart)

G. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please provide any additional information you believe will assist in understanding this position:

This position will work side-by-side on a daily basis with other programmers and system administrators as they develop and implement new and emerging information technologies in a library environment. The individual in this position will routinely engage in deeply complex technical planning, problem solving, and decision making concerning computer programs, systems, and services which students and faculty teachers and researchers in our university community will depend upon.

The key to success for the individual selected for this position is the ability to quickly learn and smoothly transition to new programming languages/technologies as specific projects demand. Unlike many programmer positions that are focused on a specific core set of technologies, this position will be much more diverse and require great technical agility.

***Attach the Departmental Organizational Chart prepared by your department with names and titles (include to whom this position reports, others who report to the same individual, and who reports to this position).**

H. APPROVAL:

This Position Description Questionnaire (PDQ) has been reviewed by the individuals whose signatures appear below, indicating that the PDQ accurately reflects the job content of the position:

Employee Signature

Date

Supervisor's Signature

Date

Dean, Director, or Dept Head

Date

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE LIBRARIES

FACULTY POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: Systems Development Librarian

DEPARTMENT: Digital Initiatives

NAME: [REDACTED]

1. GENERAL FUNCTION

The Systems Development Librarian reports to the Head of Digital Initiatives. This position supervises three exempt level staff members and works in conjunction with them to deliver high-quality digital collections and answer programming needs in UT Libraries' digital library program.

This position also has specific responsibilities in the area of discovery and works with members of Discovery and Technical Services to support, develop, and advance the libraries' discovery platform.

Finally, this position works collaboratively with members of Digital Initiatives and other library departments in the area of emerging technologies to explore, develop, test, and implement ideas for new systems and services using emerging technologies in support of teaching, learning, and the Libraries' strategic goals. These duties include working with faculty and staff throughout the library to implement open source and proprietary web applications and administering the Database of the Smokies.

The position works closely with computer hardware / software vendors, campus computing (OIT), and other external technology groups as appropriate.

2. SPECIFIC DUTIES

Provide technical leadership for digital collections, programming, web-applications, and other online library services and initiatives including the Libraries' discovery interface. Anticipate and track changes in each of these areas and implement system changes and updates as appropriate.

Anticipate and track technology trends. Investigate and test new information technologies and share with colleagues throughout the library. Collaborate with library colleagues to identify ways new technologies, or old technologies used in new ways, can solve problems, meet needs, and create new services. Develop and implement new systems and services based on new technologies as appropriate.

Participate in the management of the Digital Initiatives including supervision of 3

exempt staff with responsibility for delivering digital collections, systems administration, and programming.

Creative scholarly work including research, publication, and presentations.

Participate in committees, working groups, and task forces, especially at the national level.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Recommend the purchase of library technology within a prescribed budget and participate in the writing of bid specs for complex, multi-vendor systems as appropriate.

TEACHING

Supervise SIS Practicum students.

QUALIFICATIONS

Required:

ALA-accredited master's degree in library or information science. Relevant professional-level technology experience (academic library preferred). Understanding of network standards and protocols. Supervisory experience. Knowledge of developments and trends in information systems, particularly emerging technologies in libraries and higher education. Understanding of Blackboard or similar course management systems. Extensive knowledge of core Web technologies and programming environments including HTML, CSS, and Javascript. Experience with XML, XSLT, and other digital library technologies. Understanding of video streaming technologies. Familiarity with one or more scripting languages such as PHP, Python, Perl, or Ruby. Knowledge of best practices for Web design and usability. Willingness to learn Drupal and work with it on a daily basis. Evidence of excellent written and oral communication skills and ability to work collegially. Demonstrated experience managing complex technical projects. Strong commitment to making technology work for people.

Preferred:

Project management experience. Demonstrated experience with web analytics platforms such as Google Analytics, KISSmetrics, Open Web Analytics, or Piwik. Experience with content management systems and frameworks such as WordPress, Django, Rails, or Drupal.

**University of Virginia
Position**

Employee Details

Employee Last Name: Richeson
Employee First Name: Susan
Employee Number: 206373
Employee Type:

Title Details

Generic Yes
UVa Job Title: Software Engineer IV-1ITSWEN4K
UVa Job Title Code: 1ITSWEN4K

**College and University Personnel
Association (CUPA)**

Select the CUPA Survey job code that best reflects the primary purpose of the UVa job. CM - [5501] Programmer Analyst

**Western Management Group's
EduComp (WE)**

Select the EduComp Survey job code that best reflects the primary purpose of the UVa job. WE - 18817 APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER/ANALYST 2

Watson Wyatt (WW)

Select the WW Survey job code that best reflects the primary purpose of the UVa job. WW - 1950 General Programmer/Analyst

WW Level Indicator 3
Select the level.

Additional Surveys

Select additional Survey job code that best reflects the primary purpose of the UVa job.

Market Matches and Range Builder
Notes

Market Range - Lower Reference: \$58,116

Market Range - Upper Reference: \$107,515

FLSA Exemption Status: Exempt

Type of Application: Staff Application

EEO Category: Technicians

EEO-6 Code: 5

EEO-6 Sub Code: J

IPEDS Category:

Produce and maintain department applications to accomplish business needs. Perform engineering and development work on moderate- to large-scale or complex projects. Perform advanced software analysis, design, and implementation.

Incumbent will address complex problems and will use experience and judgment in creating solutions. Incumbent seeks assistance when significant deviations are proposed, or when unprecedented problems arise. Incumbent develops approaches to problem-solving and anticipates/mitigates potential issues. Incumbent must be able to quickly modify behavior to align with change; work effectively in ambiguous situations; collaborate internally and externally to create solutions to long-standing problems; consider a variety of quantitative and qualitative factors in decision-making; question current state and make suggestions for improvements; design processes and procedures to ensure quality; and analyze and determine relationships among complex problems and issues.

Position Summary:

Impact is felt within the team/department for which the incumbent works and within multiple, coordinating departments. Work quality, decision-making and long-term project management can affect the productivity of students, faculty and/or staff. Impact of errors is substantial and usually university-wide though mostly short-lived.

Interactions are with fellow team members and coordinating team members, but the incumbent will also have interactions with assigned student, faculty, or staff clients. Incumbent works with and may manage external vendors and service providers. Incumbent should possess superior verbal and written communication skills to convey technical guidance and information to users and to provide excellent customer service. Incumbent will train and provide guidance to more junior staff members and provide management with input into performance evaluations. Incumbent may provide guidance to management on critical technology issues. Incumbent is recognized as a technical authority within the University. Incumbent must be able to take actions that respect diversity; follow decisions through to implementation; and act in alignment with University's values.

Emergency Assistance:

May be required to perform other duties as assigned. May be required to assist the agency or state government generally in the event of an emergency declaration by the Governor.

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Employment Conditions:

EO/AA Statement for Your Organization:

You may use this mandatory UVA EO/AA statement. EOP encourages you to develop a broader EO/AA statement for your School/Department. Your statement must be approved by EOP in advance.

The University of Virginia is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer committed to diversity, equity, and inclusiveness.

Pass message:

Thank you for your interest in this position. Our screening and selection process is currently underway and will continue until a successful candidate is chosen. Should our review of your qualifications result in a decision to pursue your candidacy, we will contact you in the near future.

Fail message:

Thank you for your interest in this position. Your response to the application questions suggests that you do not meet the minimum qualifications for this position. We are pleased with your interest and encourage you to visit our job posting site on a regular basis. We wish you success in your future career.

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University Leadership Characteristics:

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General Position Information

| | |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Organization | 31080 LB-Info Technology |
| School/Unit | University Library |

Are there formal guidelines, government regulations, policies that must be followed by the position (Exclude UVa & Commonwealth Human Resource Policies that cover all employees)?

No

Primary senior developer/engineer for open source software that is used by institutions across the U.S. and beyond. Stems expertise, skills in Ruby on Rails and other emerging technologies that enable UVa Library to not only maintain its role with peers but to become a respected leader in leading edge software development.

The senior software engineer will address complex problems and will use experience and judgment in creating solutions. She/he seeks assistance when significant deviations are proposed, or when unprecedented problems arise. She/he develops approaches to problemsolving and anticipates/mitigates potential issues. She/he must be able to quickly modify behavior to align with change; work effectively in ambiguous situations; collaborate internally and externally to create solutions to long-standing problems; consider a variety of quantitative and qualitative factors in decision-making; question current state and make suggestions for improvements; design processes and procedures to ensure quality; and analyze and determine relationships among complex problems and issues.

What is the primary purpose of this position?

Impact is felt within the team/department for which the senior software engineer works and within multiple, coordinating departments. Work quality, decision-making and long-term project management can affect the productivity of students, faculty and/or staff. Impact of errors is substantial and usually university-wide though mostly short-lived.

Interactions are with fellow team members and coordinating team members, but the senior software engineer will also have interactions with assigned student, faculty, or staff clients. She/he works with and may manage external vendors and service providers. She/he should possess superior verbal and written communication skills to convey technical guidance and information to users and to provide excellent customer service. She/he will train and provide guidance to more junior staff members and provide management with input into performance evaluations. She/he may provide guidance to management on critical technology issues. She/he is recognized as a technical authority within the University. She/he must be able to take actions that respect diversity; follow decisions through to implementation; and act in alignment with University's values.

Cite specific examples of decisions made with supervisory guidance AND specific examples of decisions made without supervisory guidance.

Performs long-term and non-routine assignments with only general supervisory intervention.

Working Title: SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Agency Code: 207 UVA

Integrated System (Oracle)
Purchasing Responsibility Assigned? No

Conflict of Interest Statement
Required: No

POSITION IDENTIFICATION

US Position Number: 00403

Position Number: C3832

Position Type: University Managerial and Professional Staff

Job Group: 5J

Job Group Name: TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL - COMPUTER RELATED

Underutilization Class- Female: Yes

Female Availability Rate (%): 38.71

Underutilization Class - Minority: No

Minority Availability Rate (%)

POSITION SUPERVISION

Name: Lubinsky, Raymond

Position Number: C5407

Employee Number: 131218

Role Title: Lead Technologist

Employee User

Recruiter Name:

Responsibilities and Duties/Position Information

Percent of Duty Total: 100

2 Records

| Responsibility Statement | All Duties supporting the statement | Percentage of Time | Level of Importance |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Provide Advanced Software | Demonstrate advanced software development techniques in the production of software for various projects and services, assigned or self determined. May mentor or lead others in software development strategies and deployment. Gather or refine requirements (user, development, security, etc) where necessary, acting as a technical lead in support of project efforts as assigned. Define project deliverables based on project requirements. Determine and communicate estimated time lines, assumptions and constraints. Develop, document and support | 95 | High |

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|---------------------------------|--|---|---------|
| Development | software development projects as assigned or self determined. Participate in the development and/or selection and adoption of methodology and tools to manage and deploy software developed. Software development support for tools and utilities to enhance the delivery of Library materials and scholarly work to the students, staff and patrons. (E) | | |
| Professional Development | Stay abreast of trends and developments that pertain to Software Development, data management and application development tools. Attend relevant courses and conferences. Update and maintain personal development plan, and learning plans. (on-going). Execute and implement personal development and learning plans in a timely fashion. (on-going) (A) | 5 | Average |

Qualifications (for Staff Positions)

Preferred knowledge, skills and abilities for an individual performing this position:

Special Licenses, Registration, or Certification:

Education or Training (cite major area or study):

Level and Type of Experience:

Required and Preferred Qualifications

Required Education

What is the minimum level of formal education **required** to successfully perform the duties and responsibilities of the position? Choose one.
Degree Requirements Analysis

Bachelor's Degree or Equivalent

If degree or equivalent experience **required**, please specify:
(Entries to the right will appear in the posting for this position.)
Degree Requirements Analysis

Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in Computer Science, MIS, Computer Engineering or related disciplines.

Required Experience

Considerable - 4 to 7 years

If any experience is **required**, please specify kind of experience:

Demonstrated project management skills. Experience developing large or complex software systems.

Required License or Certification:

No

If yes, what is the **required** License or Certification.

Is Health Care License Required?:

No

Advanced knowledge about the requirements and best practices for developing large or complex software systems.
Expert knowledge of established programming procedures and programming language; computer flow-charts and of programming logic and codes; current technological developments/trends in area of expertise; and customer

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

service standards and procedures.
Must be able to create specifications, generate acceptance test requirements, and partition large projects into individual components.
Ability to identify computer problems and coordinate hardware and/or software solutions; implement and troubleshoot programming changes and modifications; write complex technical instructions in the use of programs and/or program modifications; communicate with and interpret the operational requirements of end-users; investigate and analyze information and draw conclusions; and process computer data and format and generate reports; and analyze complex business requirements and technical requests.

Required Computer Applications:

Preferred Education

What level of education is **preferred** to successfully perform the duties and responsibilities of the position? Choose one.

Master's Degree

If degree or equivalent experience **preferred**, please specify: (Entries to the right will appear in the posting for this position.)

Master's degree in Computer Science, MIS, Computer Engineering or related discipline.

Preferred Experience

Extensive - 7 years plus

Preferred Experience

If any experience is **preferred**, please specify kind of experience:

Demonstrated experience in developing and documenting complex Perl, Ruby and/or shell scripts. Demonstrated experience in developing and documenting C, C++, or Java programs. Demonstrated experience in Unix systems use and general shell programming. Demonstrated experience in Java web application development and support (such as Tomcat or JBoss).

Preferred License or Certification:

If yes, what is the **preferred** License or Certification.

Preferred Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Preferred Computer Applications:

Level of Independent Activity (for Staff Positions)

In terms of overall job responsibilities, to what degree does an incumbent determine own work priorities? Choose one.

Determines priorities more than 50% of time

If yes, please explain, include what policies, formal guidelines or government regulations are involved:

To what degree does this position require decision-making or problem solving skills, as a primary function of the position? (This normally involves analyzing and synthesizing complex

Regular and recurring requirement

information or recommendations from several sources). Choose one.

Does this position have budgetary responsibilities (Normally, would not include single function duties such as data entry or data collection)?

No

If yes, please describe the extent of these responsibilities to include number and dollar value of accounts and/or grants. For grants positions, designate pre and/or post award.

Contacts of Position (for Staff Positions)

3 Records

| Offices or Organizations | Purpose of Contact | Level of Contact | Frequency of Contact |
|--|--|------------------|----------------------|
| UVA faculty, students, staff | Communication regarding project support | Inside UVA | Weekly |
| Colleagues at similar institutions or in related industry | Communication regarding tools, techniques, or applications | Outside UVA | As Needed |
| Software Engineer team within Library | Serves as a resource to other software engineers on complex problems. Will often train lower level software engineers on work processes and policies and assist management with developing their technical skills. | Inside UVA | As Needed |

Reporting Relationships (for Staff Positions)

No Records Found

Working Conditions and Physical Requirements (for Staff Positions)

Environment

Check the appropriate box(es) that best describes the environment in which the primary function of the position is performed.

Office Environment

If you have indicated "Other Environment", if work tasks involve one or more of the above, or if further explanation is necessary, please use the space provided:

Working Conditions & Exposures

Please describe, in more detail, any of the conditions answered with "Yes"

Physical Requirements

Describe any of the conditions selected above that are in excess of 26% time

Sitting at a desk, working at a computer.

**University of Virginia
Position**

Employee Details

Employee Last Name: Durbin
Employee First Name: Michael
Employee Number: 201315
Employee Type:

Title Details

Generic Yes
UVA Job Title: Systems Engineer V-1ITSYEN5K
UVA Job Title Code: 1ITSYEN5K

**College and University Personnel
Association (CUPA)**

Select the CUPA Survey job code that best reflects the primary purpose of the UVA job. CM - [5505] Systems Programmer, Senior

**Western Management Group's
EduComp (WE)**

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Watson Wyatt (WW)

Select the WW Survey job code that best reflects the primary purpose of the UVA job. No Response

WW Level Indicator
Select the level. No Response

Additional Surveys

Select additional Survey job code that best reflects the primary purpose of the UVA job.

Market Matches and Range Builder
Notes

Market Range - Lower Reference: \$70,203

Market Range - Upper Reference: \$140,405

FLSA Exemption Status: Exempt

Type of Application: Staff Application

EEO Category: Technicians

EEO-6 Code: 5

EEO-6 Sub Code: J

IPEDS Category:

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| Posting Summary: | |
| Employment Conditions: | |
| EO/AA Statement for Your Organization: | |
| | <p><i>You may use this mandatory UVA EO/AA statement. EOP encourages you to develop a broader EO/AA statement for your School/Department. Your statement must be approved by EOP in advance.</i></p> <p>The University of Virginia is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer committed to diversity, equity, and inclusiveness.</p> |
| Pass message: | <p>Thank you for your interest in this position. Our screening and selection process is currently underway and will continue until a successful candidate is chosen. Should our review of your qualifications result in a decision to pursue your candidacy, we will contact you in the near future.</p> |
| Fail message: | <p>Thank you for your interest in this position. Your response to the application questions suggests that you do not meet the minimum qualifications for this position. We are pleased with your interest and encourage you to visit our job posting site on a regular basis. We wish you success in your future career.</p> |

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General Position Information

Organization 31080 LB-Info Technology

School/Unit University Library

Are there formal guidelines, government regulations, policies that must be followed by the position (Exclude UVA & Commonwealth Human Resource Policies that cover all employees)?

No

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The employee and supervisor agree on strategic direction,

Cite specific examples of decisions made with supervisory guidance AND specific examples of decisions made without supervisory guidance.

technologies, projects, project plans, and priorities. The supervisor is involved in decisions that impact projects, services, resources and timeframes. This position would research, analyze and propose a design, then with supervisory guidance develop a plan for prioritization and implementation. This position might decide without supervisory guidance how to conduct research, best approach to developing prototypes, or the best approach to solving a performance issue.

Working Title: Sr Software & Systems Engineer

Agency Code: 207 UVA

Integrated System (Oracle)
Purchasing Responsibility Assigned? No

Conflict of Interest Statement
Required: No

POSITION IDENTIFICATION

US Position Number: 08884

Position Number: C5702

Position Type: University Managerial and Professional Staff

Job Group: 5J

Job Group Name: TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL - COMPUTER RELATED

Underutilization Class- Female: Yes

Female Availability Rate (%): 38.71

Underutilization Class - Minority: No

Minority Availability Rate (%)

POSITION SUPERVISION

Name: Lubinsky, Raymond

Position Number: C5407

Employee Number: 131218

Role Title: Director, Online Library Environment

Employee User

Recruiter Name:

Responsibilities and Duties/Position Information

Percent of Duty Total: 100

4 Records

| Responsibility Statement | All Duties supporting the statement | Percentage of Time | Level of Importance |
|---|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| Software and System Design and Development | 1. Act as lead developer, working both independently and as part of larger teams to manage medium to large complexity development projects from start to finish. (E) | 75 | High |
| | 2. Responsible for research, planning, analysis, and design, as well as the engineering and development work needed to implement applications and systems in support of UVa Library's business needs. (E) | | |
| | 3. Develop test plans and implement them for systems and software developed. (E) | | |
| | 4. Provide research in the area of primary responsibility. (E) | | |
| | 5. Participates in the system architecture efforts by (a) adhering to institution and departmental enterprise architecture (b) review and evaluation of existing systems (c) making recommendations for any needed changes (d) assisting in the implementation of necessary changes. (E) | | |
| | 6. Routinely coordinate and/or participate in multiple projects, managing time effectively. (E) | | |
| Service Monitoring, Diagnosis and Repair | 1. Monitor performance and functioning of UVa Library services and systems for which the employee has primary or secondary responsibility. (E) | 15 | High |
| | 2. Provide accurate diagnosis and solutions for routine problems and with the help of other staff diagnose and fix more complex problems. (E) | | |
| | 3. Participate in on-call rotation which provides 24x7 coverage of all UVa Library systems and services. (E) | | |
| | 4. Provide assistance to the on-call staff with response and repair. (E) | | |
| | 5. Respond to routine requests for information within one working day. (E) | | |
| | 6. Respond to urgent or emergency requests within 2 hours. (E) | | |
| Consulting & Technical Support | 7. Correct interruptions to critical services within 24 hours. (E) | 5 | Average |
| | 8. Notify all affected users and staff as soon as is possible during and after any service interruption (and at least 48 hours before any planned service interruption.) (E) | | |
| | 1. Provide technical assistance and information to staff, collaborative partners and users in a courteous and timely manner. (E) | | |
| | 2. Respond to requests for information from internal or external customers or partners within one working day. (E) | | |
| | 3. Provide accurate and timely consultation with representatives of vendor companies to facilitate problem resolution. (E) | | |
| | 4. Act as a mentor for staff and collaborating partners. (A) | | |

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|---------------------------------|--|---|---------|
| Professional Development | 5. Train appropriate staff as needed. (E) | | |
| | 1. Complete suggested training within specified time and bring knowledge acquired back to share with others in the group or use in daily activities. (E) | 5 | Average |
| | 2. Take responsibility for seeking out training opportunities with others. (E) | | |

Qualifications (for Staff Positions)

Preferred knowledge, skills and abilities for an individual performing this position:

Special Licenses, Registration, or Certification:

Education or Training (cite major area or study):

Level and Type of Experience:

Required and Preferred Qualifications

Required Education

What is the minimum level of formal education **required** to successfully perform the duties and responsibilities of the position? Choose one.

Degree Requirements Analysis

Bachelor's Degree or Equivalent

If degree or equivalent experience **required**, please specify:
(Entries to the right will appear in the posting for this position.)

Degree Requirements Analysis

Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in Computer Science, MIS, Computer Engineering or related discipline.

Required Experience

Extensive - 7 years plus

If any experience is **required**, please specify kind of experience:

Minimum 7 years of experience in design, development deployment and maintenance of Enterprise class software and systems.

Required License or Certification:

No

If yes, what is the **required** License or Certification.

Is Health Care License Required?:

No

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- *Working knowledge of several programming languages.
- *Working knowledge of software design methodologies including object oriented design.
- *Experience in design and development of enterprise class applications.
- *Ability to develop solutions with version control, logging, monitoring, testing and deployment mechanisms.
- *Ability to perform enterprise scale application performance tuning.
- *Knowledge of UNIX operating systems, including Linux.
- *Experience developing enterprise class software in Java.

Required Computer Applications:

Preferred Education

What level of education is **preferred** to successfully perform the duties and responsibilities of the position? Choose one.

Master's Degree

If degree or equivalent experience **preferred**, please specify: (Entries to the right will appear in the posting for this position.)

Master's degree in Computer Science, MIS, Computer Engineering or related discipline.

Preferred Experience

No Response

Preferred Experience

If any experience is **preferred**, please specify kind of experience:

Preferred License or Certification:

If yes, what is the **preferred** License or Certification.

- *Working knowledge of encryption methods.
- *Working knowledge of designing and developing systems to leverage external authentication methods.
- *Working knowledge of MySQL design and implementation.

Preferred Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- *Working knowledge of Rails systems design methodology.
- *Working knowledge of the Ruby programming language.
- *Working knowledge of metadata standards.
- *Working knowledge of digital repositories such as Fedora.

Preferred Computer Applications:

Level of Independent Activity (for Staff Positions)

In terms of overall job responsibilities, to what degree does an incumbent determine own work priorities? Choose one.

Determines priorities more than 50% of time

If yes, please explain, include what policies, formal guidelines or government regulations are involved:

To what degree does this position require decision-making or problem solving skills, as a primary function of the position? (This normally involves analyzing and synthesizing complex information or recommendations from several sources). Choose one.

Overriding job requirement

Does this position have budgetary responsibilities (Normally, would not include single function duties such as data entry or data collection)?

No

If yes, please describe the extent of these responsibilities to include number and dollar value of accounts and/or grants. For grants positions,

designate pre and/or post award.

Contacts of Position (for Staff Positions)

5 Records

| Offices or Organizations | Purpose of Contact | Level of Contact | Frequency of Contact |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------|----------------------|
| UVa Faculty | Provide technical advice, answer questions. | Inside UVA | As Needed |
| UVa Staff | Provide technical advice, answer questions. | Inside UVA | Daily |
| Open Source Communities | Exchange of information, ideas and collaborative development. | Outside UVA | As Needed |
| Vendors and Consultants | Product evaluation, problem reporting and tracking. | Outside UVA | As Needed |
| Other Institutions | Exchange of information, ideas and collaboration. | Outside UVA | As Needed |

Reporting Relationships (for Staff Positions)

No Records Found

Working Conditions and Physical Requirements (for Staff Positions)

Environment

Check the appropriate box(es) that best describes the environment in which the primary function of the position is performed.

Office Environment

If you have indicated "Other Environment", if work tasks involve one or more of the above, or if further explanation is necessary, please use the space provided:

Working Conditions & Exposures

Please describe, in more detail, any of the conditions answered with "Yes"

Physical Requirements

Describe any of the conditions selected above that are in excess of 26% time

This position requires sitting at a desk for long periods (sitting for sustained periods of time) and typing on a keyboard (repetitive motion, use both hands, and fine finger manipulation).

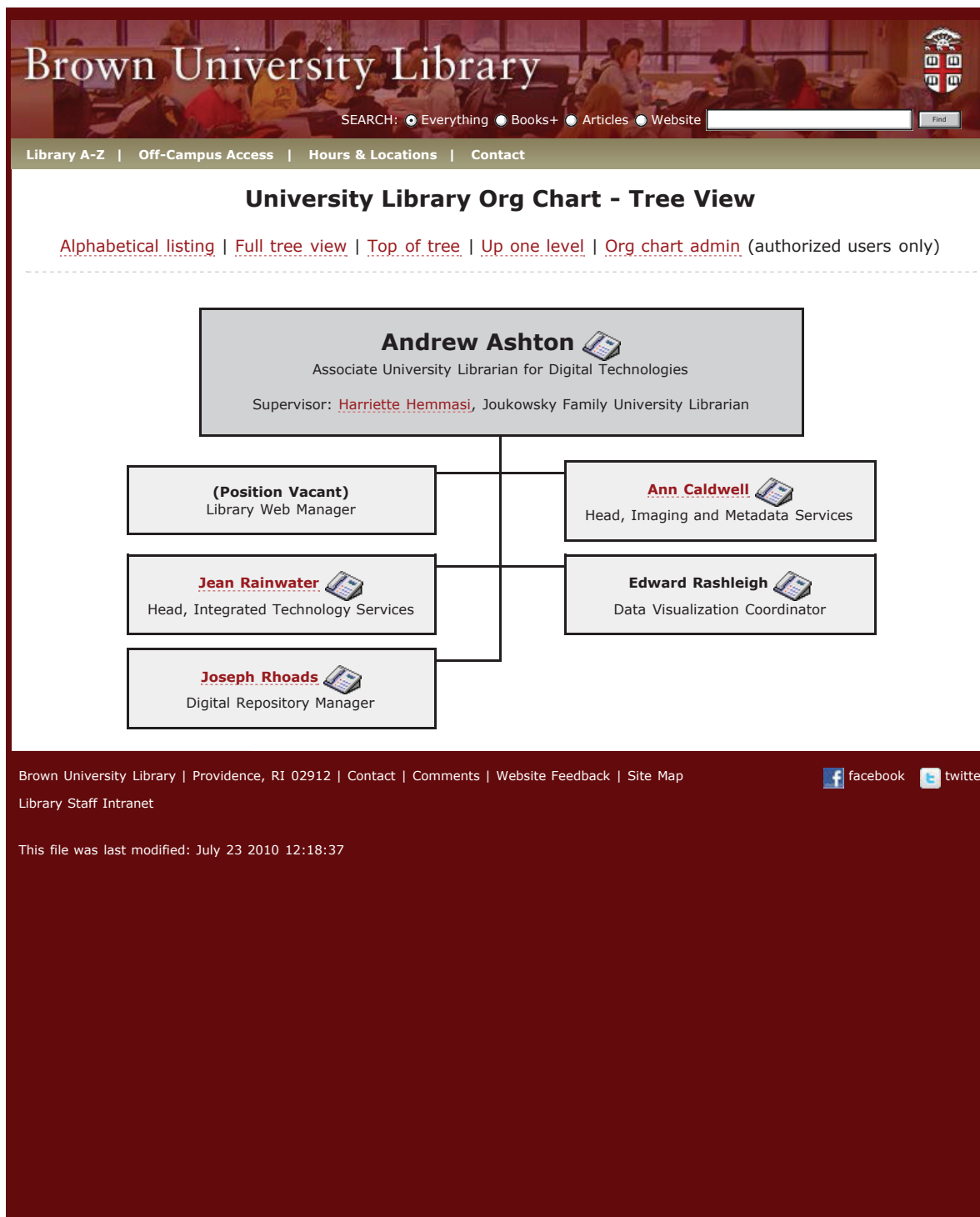
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Comments:

Date

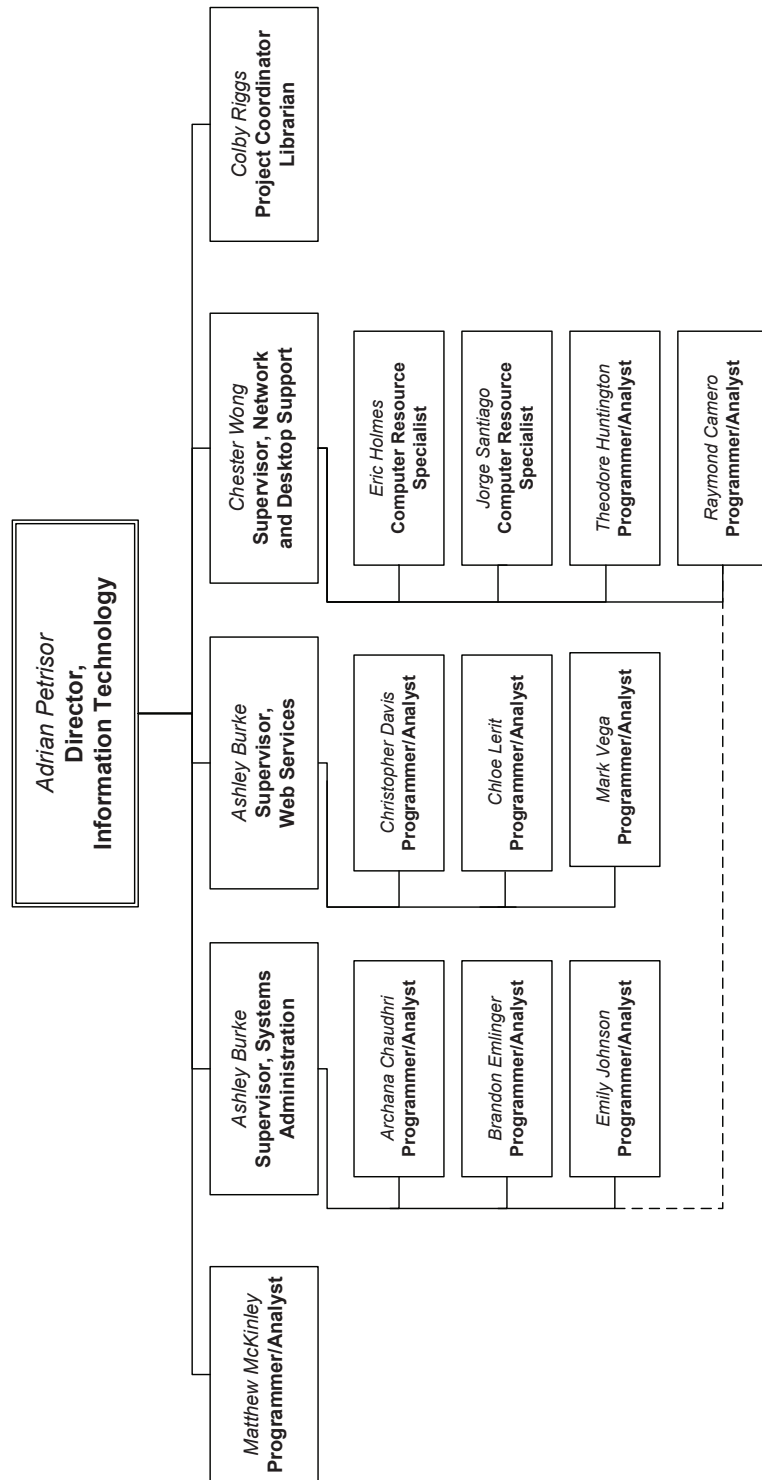
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Organization Charts



Libraries Information Technology

University of California, Irvine
Organizational Chart



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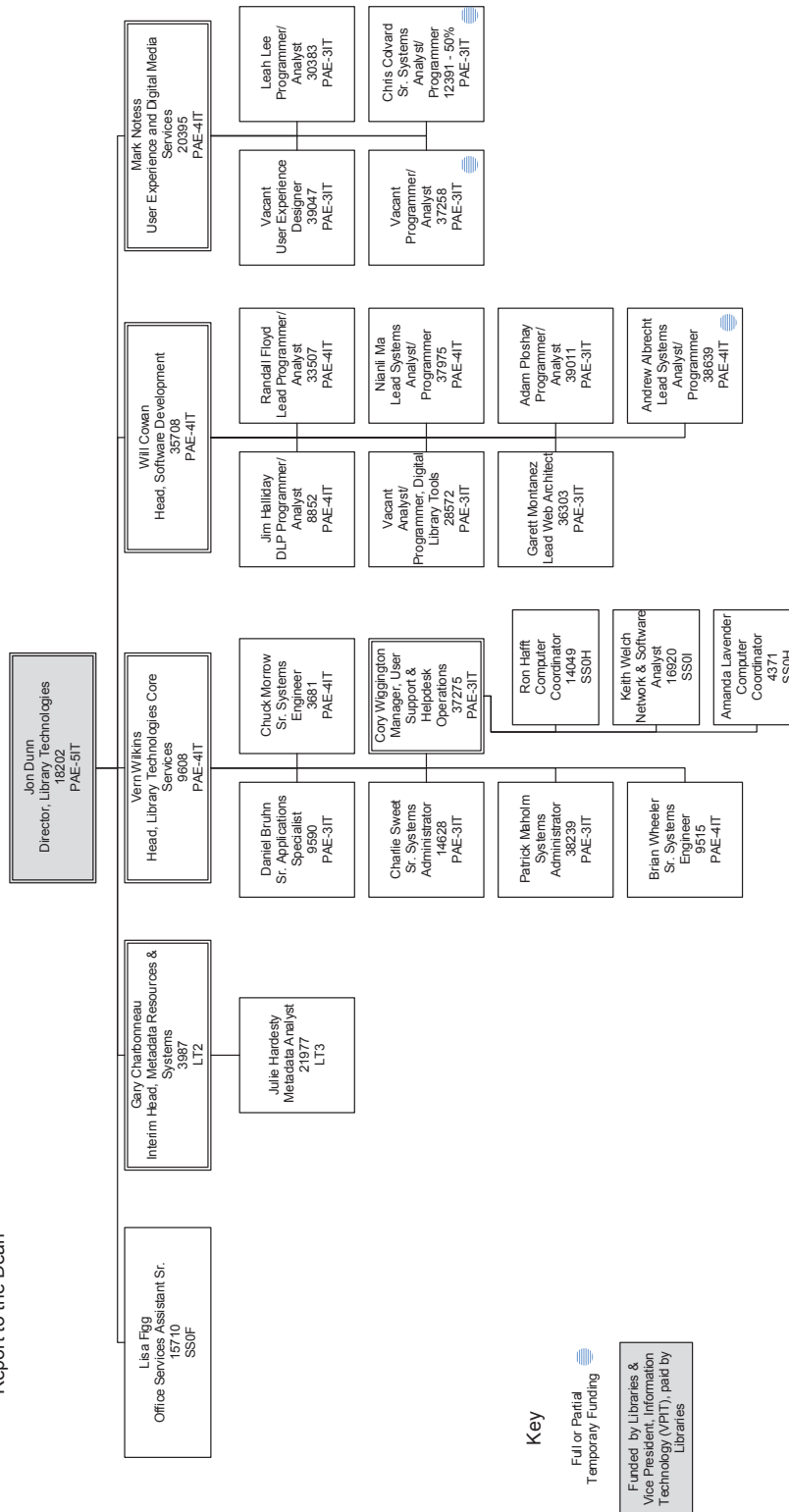


UCLIRVINE LIBRARIES

library.duke.edu/sites/default/files/dul/about/orgchart.pdf



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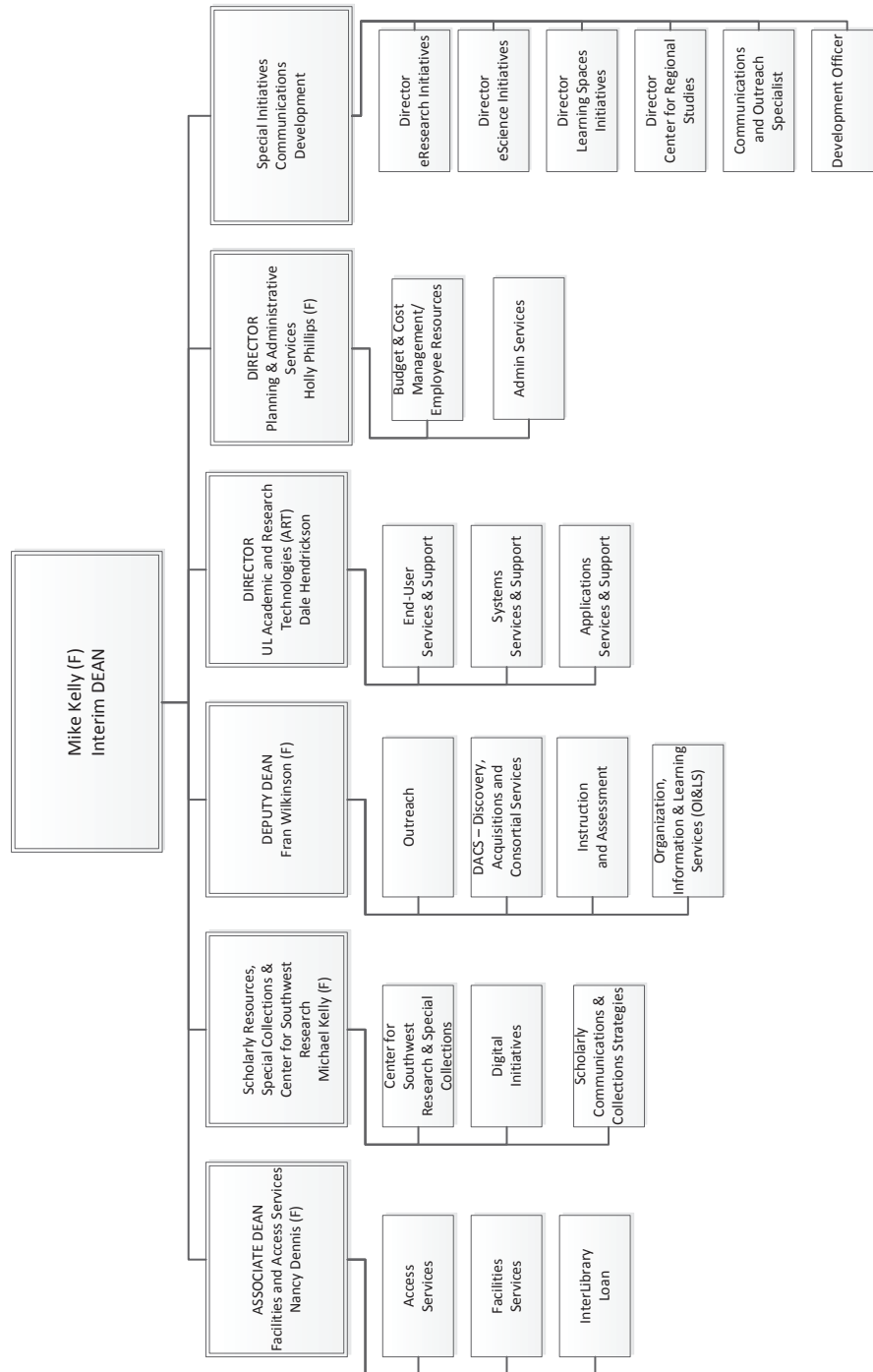


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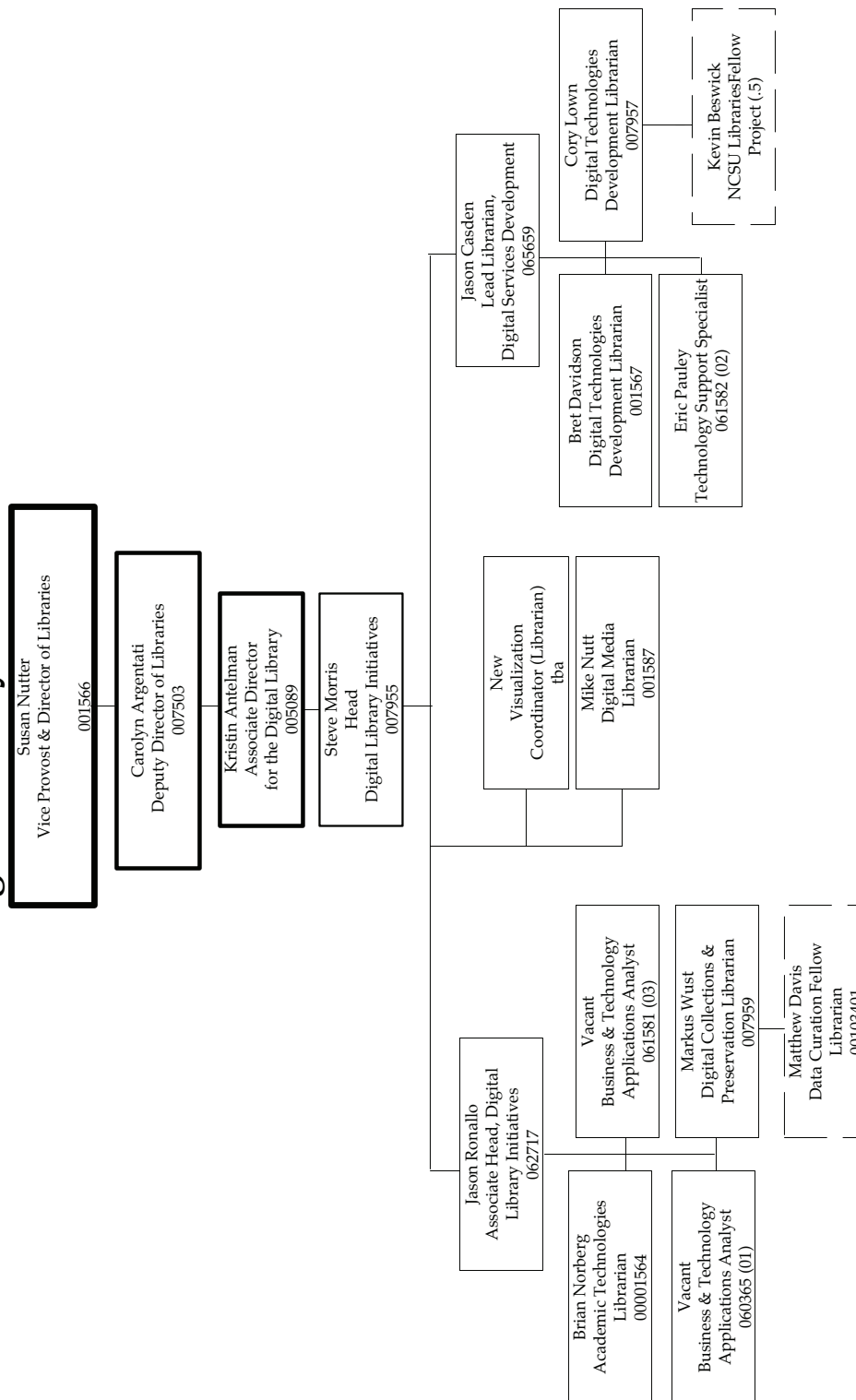
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OVERVIEW-UL&LS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

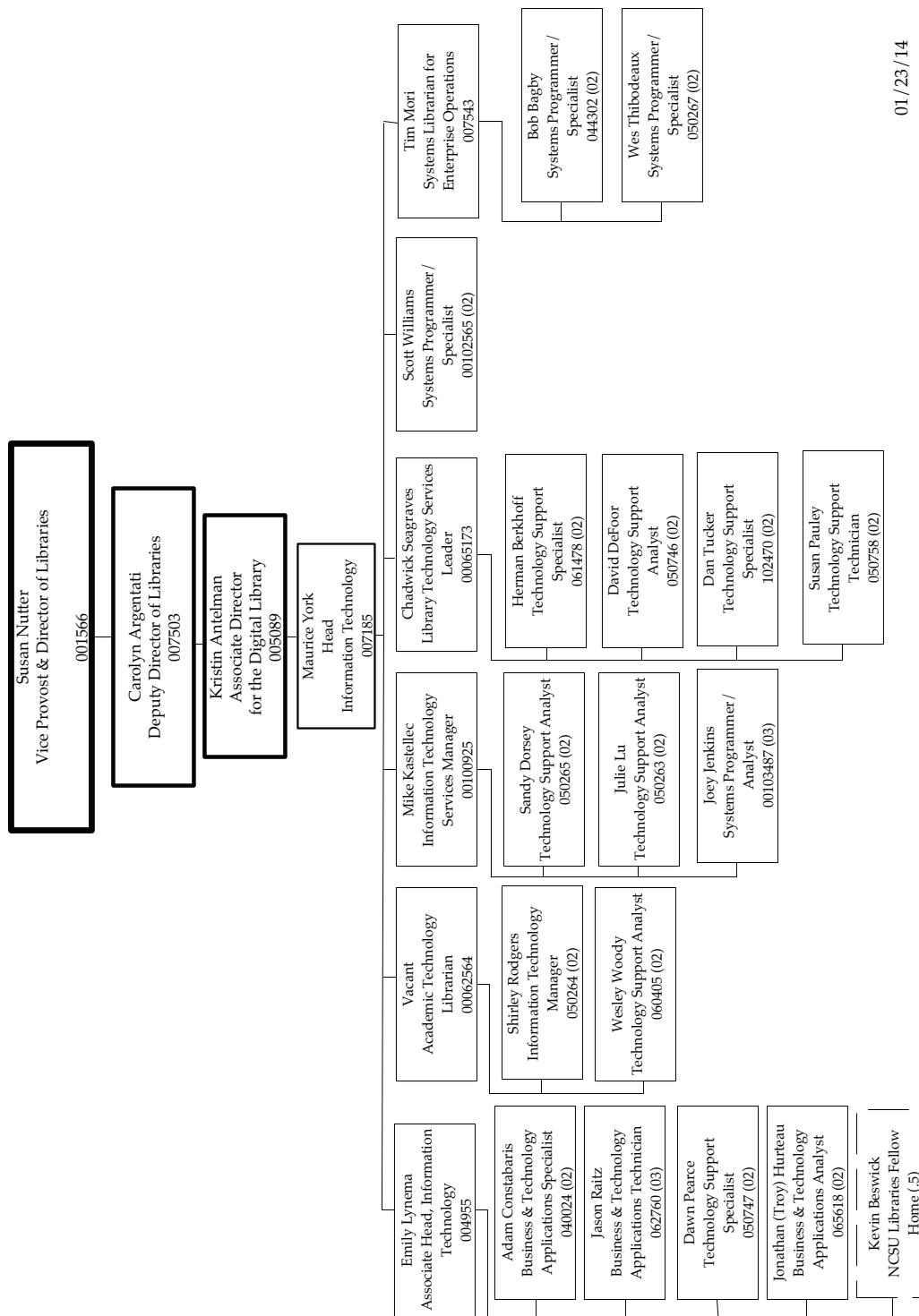


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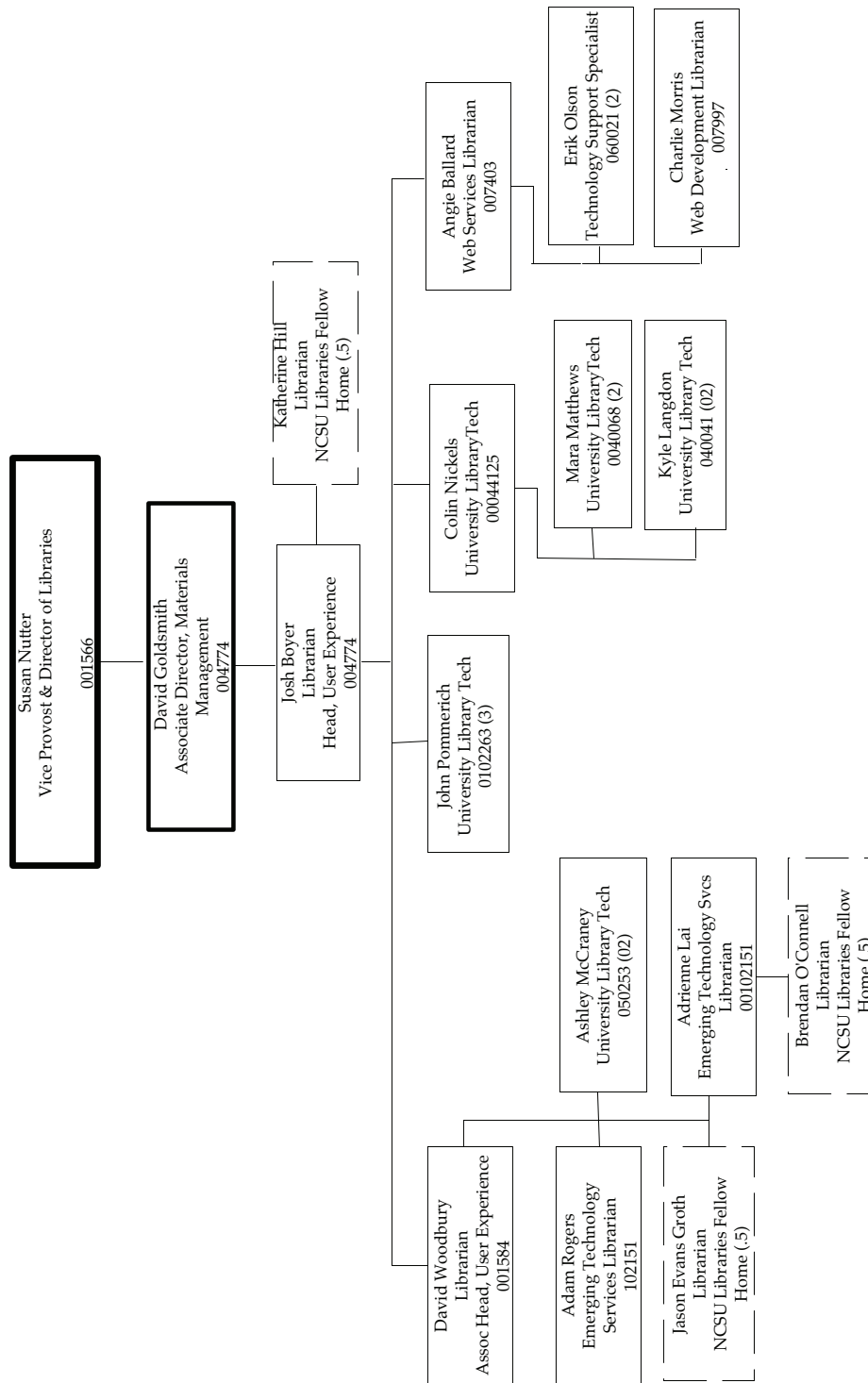
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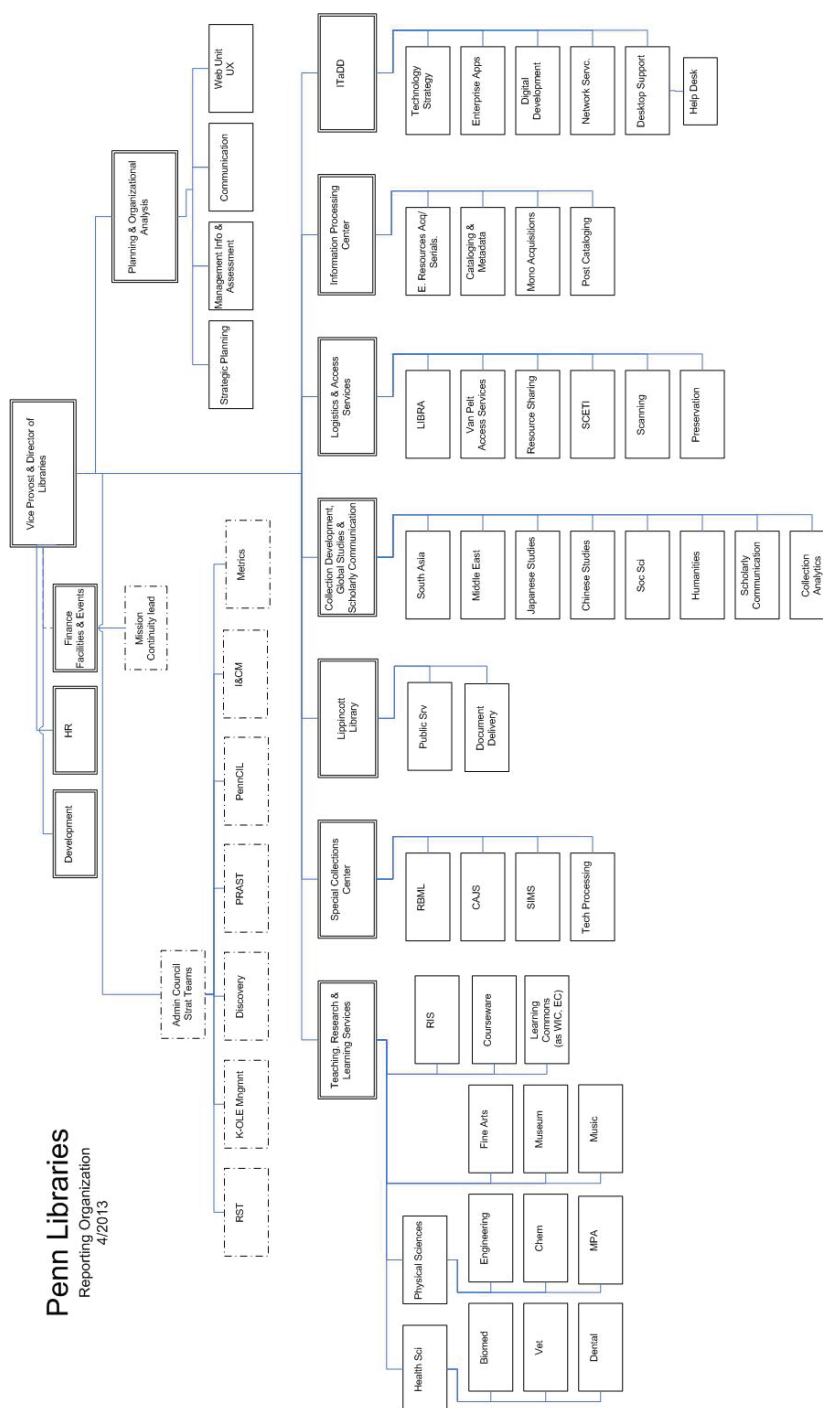


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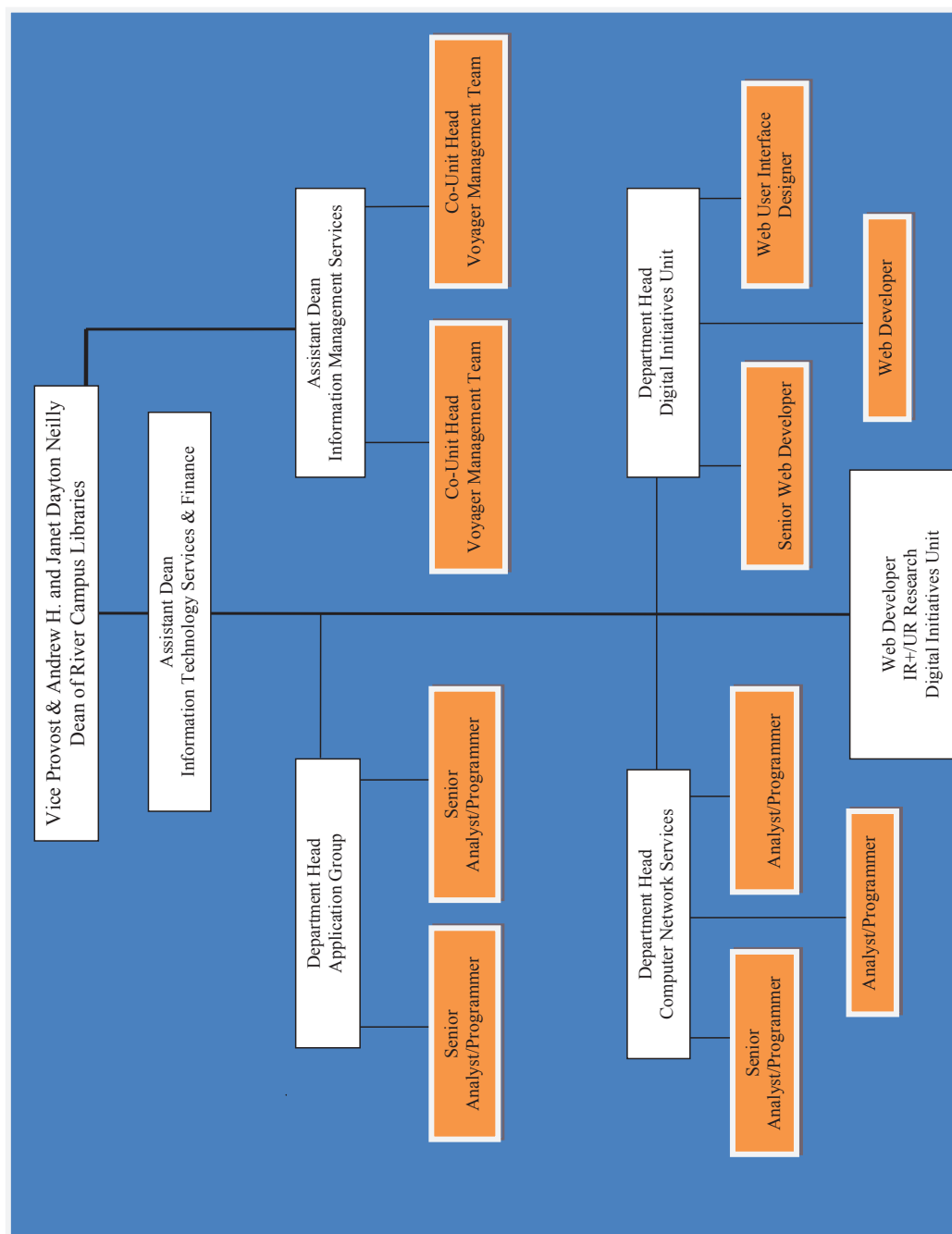
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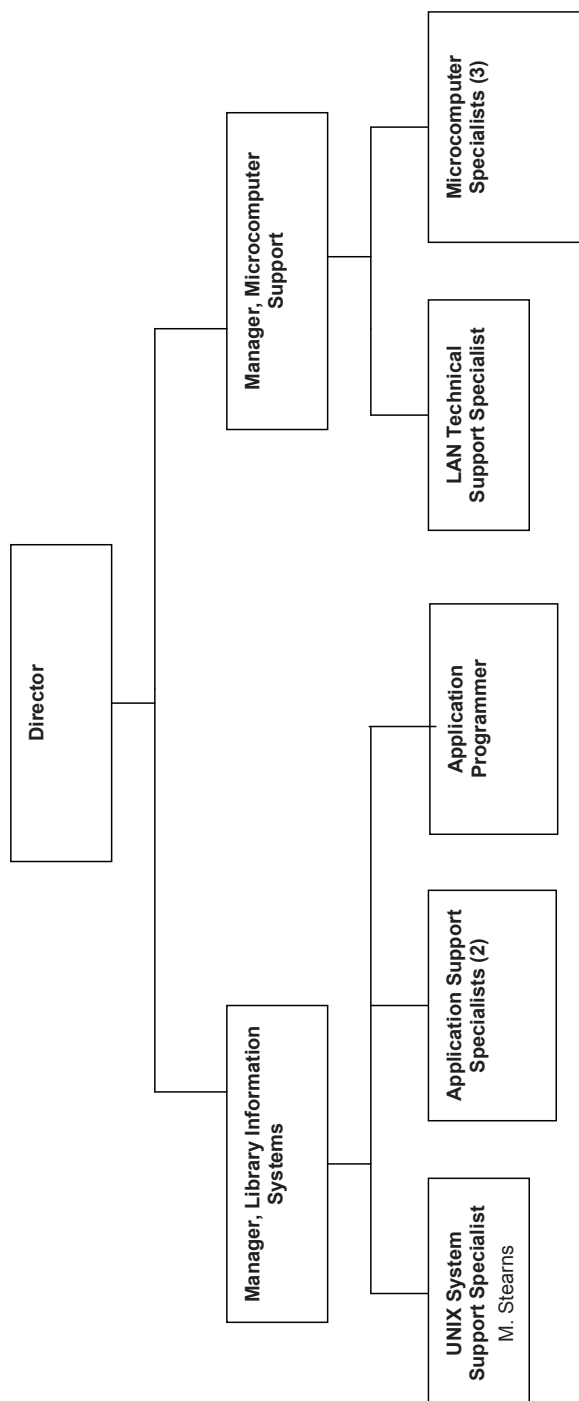
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University of Rochester
River Campus Libraries
Information Technology Services
Organizational Chart



LIBRARY COMPUTING SERVICES





SELECTED RESOURCES

Books and Journal Articles

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Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Policies

Auburn University

Office of Technology Transfer

<http://ott.auburn.edu/index.htm>

University of California

UC Technology Transfer Program

<http://www.ucop.edu/ott/genresources/ttprog.html>

University of Louisville

Intellectual Property Policy

<http://louisville.edu/research/offices/technology-transfer/ip-policy.html>

University of Kansas

Intellectual Property Policy for the Lawrence Campus

<http://www.policy.ku.edu/provost/intellectual-property-policy>

University of Michigan

Technology Transfer Policy

<http://www.techtransfer.umich.edu/resources/policies.php>

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Patent and Copyright Policies

www.northcarolina.edu/policy/index.php?pg=dl&id=2787&format=pdf&inline=1

University of Notre Dame

Intellectual Property Policy

http://policy.nd.edu/policy_files/IntellectualPropertyPolicy.pdf

University of Rochester

Policy on Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer

[http://www.rochester.edu/ventures/for-ur-innovators/
for-inventors-university-policy-on-intellectual-property-and-technology-transfer/](http://www.rochester.edu/ventures/for-ur-innovators/for-inventors-university-policy-on-intellectual-property-and-technology-transfer/)

Organization Forge URIs

Auburn University

<http://devcat.lib.auburn.edu/cgi-bin/hgwebdir.cgi>

Brown University Library

<https://github.com/Brown-University-Library>

University of Connecticut

<https://github.uconn.edu/>

Georgetown University Library Information Technology

<https://github.com/Georgetown-University-Libraries>

Indiana University Digital Library Program

<https://github.com/iudlp/>

University of Miami Libraries

<https://github.com/umiamilibraries>

North Carolina State University

<https://github.com/NCSU-Libraries>

Northwestern University

<https://github.com/orgs/nulib>

Penn State Digital Stewardship

<http://github.com/psu-stewardship>

York University Libraries

<https://github.com/yorkulibraries>

Project Forge URIs

Avalon Media System

<https://github.com/avalonmediasystem/>

Blacklight

<https://github.com/projectblacklight/blacklight>

DSpace

<http://github.com/DSpace/DSpace>

duke-libraries/dul-hydra

<https://github.com/duke-libraries/dul-hydra>

mondo-license-grinder

<http://code.google.com/p/mondo-license-grinder/>

ScholarSpace

<http://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/>

wondertool

<http://code.google.com/p/wondertool/>

xerxes-portal

<https://code.google.com/p/xerxes-portal/>

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