

Omeka.net - The 5 W's...

Who?

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--From <http://omeka.org/>

What?

"Omeka.net is web-publishing platform that allows anyone with an account to create or collaborate on a website to display collections and build digital exhibitions."
--From <http://info.omeka.net/about/>

When?

Now!

Where?

At your organization!

Why?

It's a great opportunity to use free, supported technology to create access to your collections.

How?

Read on....

Omeka has WONDERFUL open documentation:
<http://omeka.org/codex/Documentation>.

GO HERE FIRST, AND READ READ READ. (*Find ready-to-go PLANNING GUIDES here too!*)

HOWEVER there are a few definitions not found in their ready-made handout that I think might be helpful, and I've provided those here. These are terms I'm using, that you'll see on an Omeka.net site, or that I think could use a more simple explanation for those really new to this kind of thing. (I tried to make them as plain english as I could, and added annotations as useful).

1. Crosswalks-

Templates for knowing where to plug in the info you already have into Dublin Core's labels. You can use this to streamline your cataloging process!

The Ultimate--includes DC Simple/Qualified, ISAD(G), RAD, RAD2, EAD, MARC21, MODS, CDWA in a single, easy to read table.

https://www.ica-atom.org/doc/Crosswalks:_Dublin_Core

**Getty has an even more extensive table, if you're using different standards, but it is pretty intense. Really good though, and it includes DACS.

http://www.getty.edu/research/publications/electronic_publications/intrometadata/crosswalks.html

2. DCMES-XML

<http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmes-xml/>

Expressing Dublin Core in RDF/XML (a/k/a computer-friendly formats).

3. Dublin Core-

A standardized way to organize and present the information about the who/what/where/why/how of your items.

<http://dublincore.org/documents/usageguide/elements.shtml>

The Dublin Core metadata element set is a standard for cross-domain information resource description.

4. JSON

<http://www.w3schools.com/json/>

JSON: **JavaScript Object Notation**: a **syntax** for storing and exchanging data; alternative to XML.

5. RSS2

<http://validator.w3.org/feed/docs/rss2.html>

Current version of **Really Simple Syndication**--a dialect of XML (a/k/a a way for people to tell computers they want to be notified whenever your website changes).

THE PRESENTATION HANDOUT ALSO INCLUDED A GREAT TIP SHEET COURTESY OF OMEKA.NET WHICH CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B20qFi2IJuUN0lpZ3laWkN6Mjg/edit>

*Comments? Questions? Want to commiserate?
Please contact me!*

"The only stupid question is the one that goes unasked."

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