



Users Council Meeting

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Project Name and URL: Site Building Tools

Digital Library Building Blocks: <http://www.cdlib.org/inside/diglib/>

Interface Customization Tools project web page: <http://www.cdlib.org/inside/diglib/repository/customize/>

Interface Customization Tools flyer: http://www.cdlib.org/inside/instruct/tools_spring2004.pdf

What's new?

- Continuing to ingest many digital objects, especially California Cultures
- Working with tool vendors so they can export digital objects in METS wrapper
- Testing software for harvesting metadata and crawling web sites
- Installing and testing Ex Libris MetaLib v.3 as a platform for federated search
- Drafting a variety of specifications for analyzing, transforming and enriching metadata
- Working with expert in classification and clustering to provide consistent topical access to objects that lacked subject classification
- Developing mechanism for customizing interface to entire digital object (rather than just metadata), allowing you to provide customized access to an entire site
- Continued development of eXtensible Text Framework (XTF) as a search/browse platform
- Needs assessment of digital curators
- Immediate tasks include:
 - Getting these tools refined in-house, so they'll be mature before campus deployment
 - Finalized revised Digital Object Guidelines

Who is doing it on the campuses and how?

- Digital Object Guidelines, including new guidelines for structure texts
 - Have had input from librarians at Berkeley, Davis, and San Diego
- Submission of digital objects to the CDL
 - All UC campuses and over 90 other California institutions contribute digital objects to the Online Archive of California
- Interface Customization Tools
 - Berkeley deployed customized interfaces the MOAC and California Heritage sites
 - Davis is providing access to British Women Romantic Poets
 - Irvine is in the process of customizing the interface for its new Southeast Asian American site

Why should you care?

- Digitized images, texts, and finding aids are essential components of a modern library
- Following CDL's best practice guidelines for encoding and ingest requirements ensure proper access both from CDL and to the wider world
- This is a major emphasis of CDL investment. We need your partnership to ensure our tools meet your needs.

Who should I tell when I get home?