

LEARNING TOGETHER: LINKED DATA EXPERIMENTATION AT AN ACADEMIC LIBRARY

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Linked Data Interest Group

Started in late 2020

Meet once a month,
virtually

Informal group open to all
VT Library faculty/staff

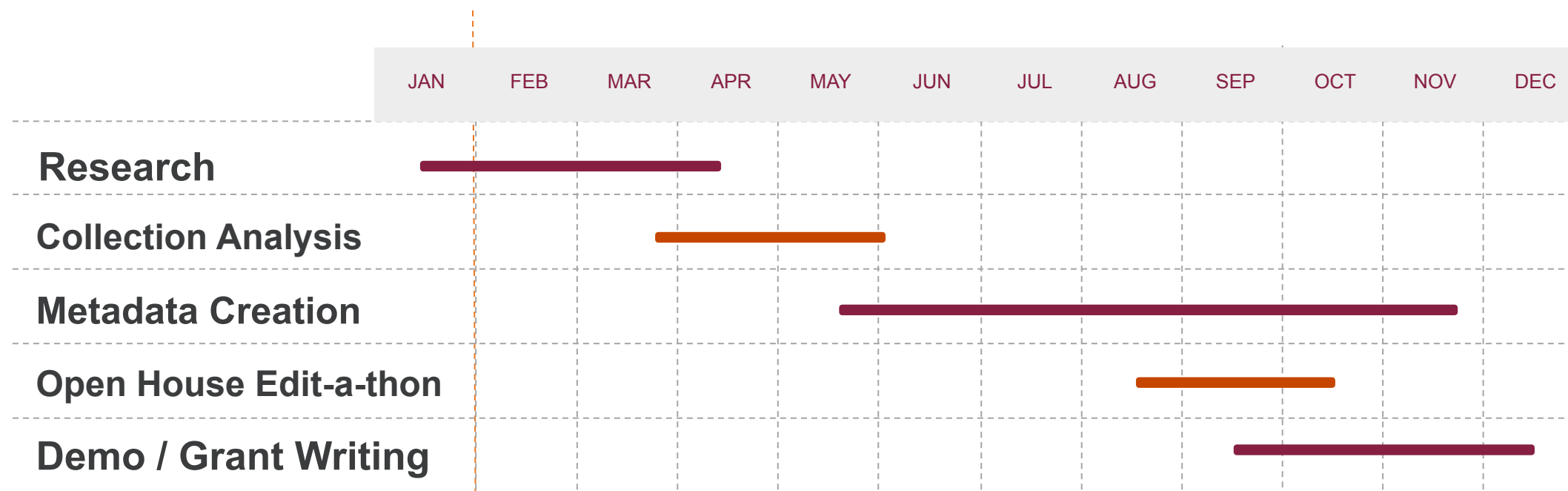
Linked Data Interest Group Charge

This group seeks to identify opportunities to learn about and experiment with Linked Data in the Virginia Tech libraries. We will identify areas where library collections may benefit from engagement with linked data, identify obstacles, and develop next steps.

Reading Group Model

- Monthly topics to read, watch and discuss.
- Building a community of practice.
- Virtual meetings with a loose agenda open to taking the scenic route.

Timeline for Linked Data Implementation



Timeline for Implementation



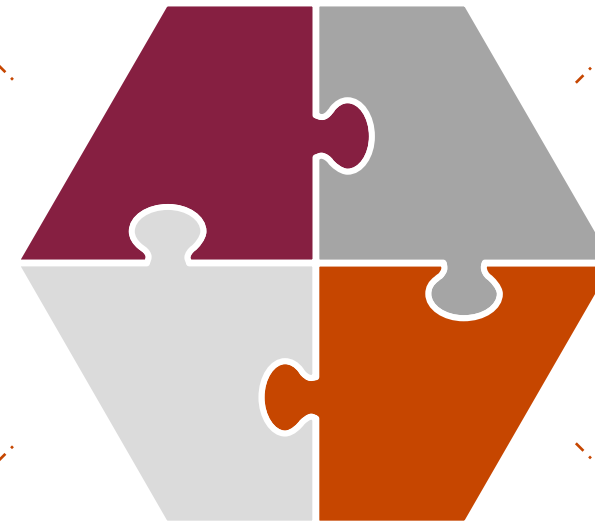
BUILDING A PRACTICAL UNDERSTANDING

Connecting theory to existing resources....

Documents the group generated throughout its first phase.

Meeting Minutes

Running List of External Projects of Interest



Survey of VT Digital Collections
Platforms, Metadata
Creation Projects and
Apps Used

Comparison of VT
Metadata
Application
Profiles and
Schemas

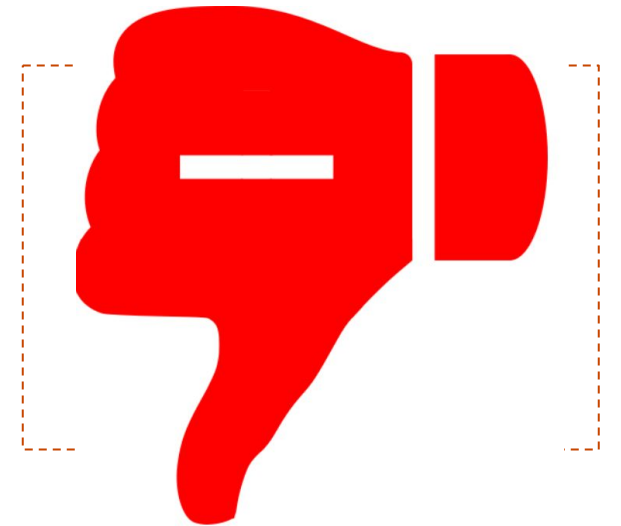


PROS

- Flexible timeline
- Opportunity to form achievable goals
- Participation across library departments
- Institutional buy-in

CONS

- No attached funding or project champion to fuel progress



Interest Group Progress



Archival Project Selection Criteria



INSTANCE

Identify an instance to expand on, drawing from the collections



LOCAL CONNECTION

Concentrated expertise and interest

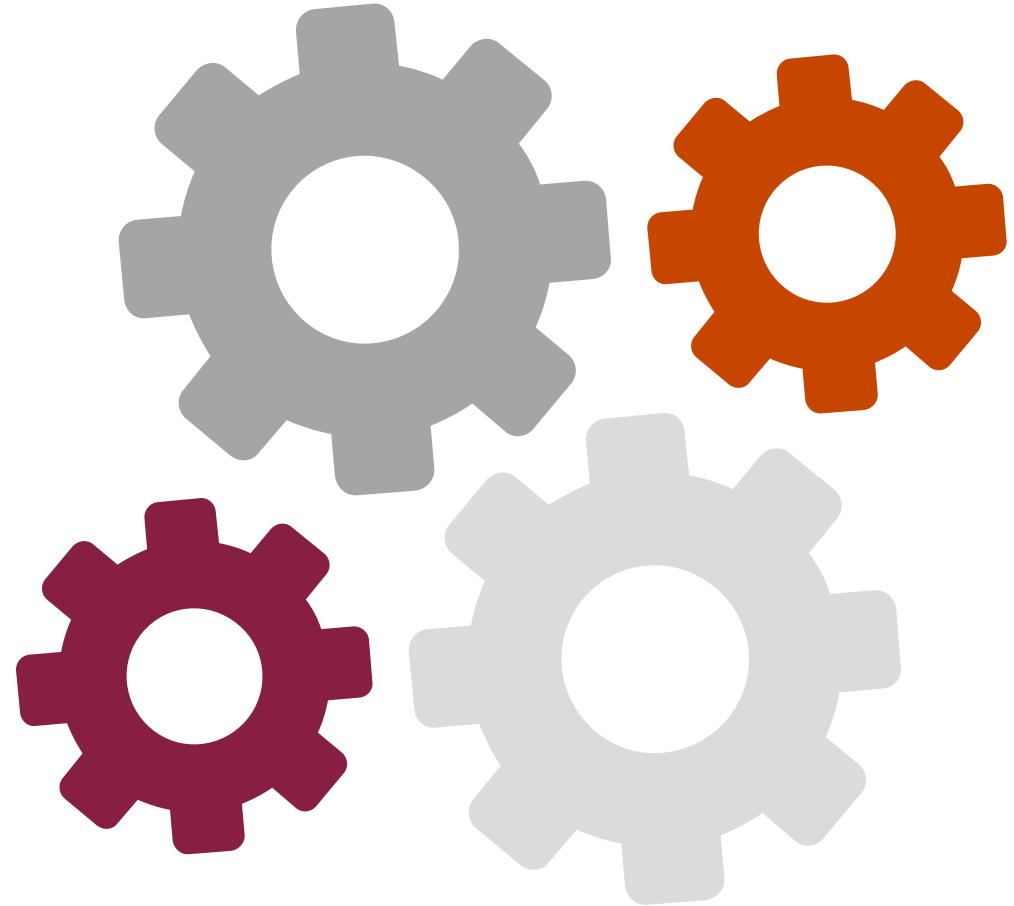


RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Particularly around wikimedia additions

ESSENTIAL RESOURCES

- University of Minnesota's 23 Linked Data Things
- LD4 Community - Conference, Workshops and Groups





Thank you!

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