

Developing the OA-Forum Online OAI Tutorial

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Overview of this presentation

- # Acknowledgments
 - # Why an OA-Forum online OAI tutorial?
 - # Who is the tutorial for? What does it cover?
 - # Design issues
 - # A look at the results so far
 - # Time for discussion / suggestions
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- # ... and others in the OAI community
- # Not to forget the OA-Forum funders:

Why an online tutorial?

- # Feedback from 1st OA-Forum workshop
→ pre-workshop tutorials
 - # Mid-term project review advised
 - Should become a strategic product of project
 - Should be packaged as a clear product
(outliving project funding period!!!)
 - # Only way to do it: as a suite of Web pages
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Audience and Coverage

OAI for Beginners

- Background - what it is and does, and is not
- Technical detail at introductory level for those considering implementing OAI-PMH

Topics as in workshop tutorials, mostly

- Basic ideas, history and development
 - Technical basis, implementing the protocol, XML schemas and metadata formats
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Design Challenges [1]

Conversion of source material

- 200 PowerPoint slides: outline & graphics
 - ™ Write continuous narrative, base on outline
 - ™ Write captions or more for graphics
 - ™ Can draw on some existing texts
 - OAI articles by other authors
 - OA-Forum reports and reviews
 - Possible to dip out other sites as tutors did?
 - Possible to include media such as AVI files?
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Design Challenges [2]

Absence of tutors at point of use

- No question and answer to get clarification

- ™ Ensure navigation is clear, simple

- ™ Use repetition across sections, within them

- ™ Add more references for further reading

- ™ Add glossary (and definitions in text)

- ™ Add element of self-assessment:

- (using CALnet from ILRT at Bristol)

Design Challenges [3]

- # Need to maintain tutorial
 - Further OAI developments
 - Possible tutorial enhancements
 - Multilingual audience, so hope to translate
 - # CALnet for editing by “non-techies” ?
 - # Templates for look and feel?
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The current version

OAI for Beginners: the Open Archives Forum online tutorial

<http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/metadata/oa-forum/tutorial/oai-intro.htm>

Discussion and suggestions?

Send suggestions / comments by end of next week (2003-09-12) to me at

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