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
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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
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
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?
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?
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?

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