**Data Curation Profiles: Commoditize, catalyze or change?**

Is it nobler in the mind to commoditize the slings and arrow of outrageous catalysis; or to take dots against a sea of troubles and by proposing, change them?

The Data Curation Profiles (DCP) Toolkit in its current form facilitates discussions with researchers about data in a particular project, what they are doing with it, and what they would like to do with it. As an interview instrument, it has been used successfully by librarians and information professionals for data discussions, adapted and repurposed for other data-related explorations, and adopted in library schools as a teaching tool. Help us determine how to expand and extend the use of the DCP Toolkit.

What should the primary purpose of DCP be?

- Learn about researcher challenges
- Create story/big picture about project’s data
- Gather specific info about data mgmt/workflow
- Identify gaps/needs in data mgmt or curation
- Match curation services to researcher needs
- Create data curation profiles for others to use
- Determine data curation metadata for deposit

What should the format of DCP become?

- Change it a smidge, something WordPress-y
- Not just an online form, something visual
- Just use Qualtrics or SurveyMonkey
- Database backend driven
- All webpage driven—xml and javascript
- Don’t change, keep it like it is: all Word & PDF
- Why not do some with Google docs?

Commoditize?

What would it take to commoditize the DCP?

Outsource a new version to a publisher or repository? Just a matter of making an app so everyone/anyone could use it? Standardizing the format even though it was originally designed to be structured but flexible?

Who should the DCP be for?

- Library info science students to learn from
- A data specialist diagnostic for a project
- A librarian to facilitate a data discussion
- Any individual who wants to fill one out

Catalyze?

What would it take to catalyze the DCP?

(Besides a lot of time and money…) After we did the research project that resulted in the DCP, we chose to share it through workshops to show people what a data discussion might look like. Now we want to change stuff…

We'd like your help...

We have feedback and input from a variety of sources (attendees of workshops, participants of a DCP symposium, users of the Toolkit), but we would like you, savvy iDCC’ers, to help us move a step further toward DCP2.0.

Help us out by “voting” on elements listed here that you think would make the DCP a better instrument and tool. If you could select one element in each column, what would you suggest would be the key to creating DCP2.0? Ask Scott for a dot to make your choice, and tell us why.

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DCP Toolkit accomplishments & achievements include:
- 14 Data Curation Profiles Toolkit Workshop delivered to 375 librarians—analysis of the workshops and participants’ attitudes toward engaging in data discussion was published in Journal of eScience Librarianship 2013 http://escholarship.umassmed.edu/jeslib/vol2/iss2/2/
- 107 views of the Data Curation Profiles Symposium archive—the 2012 symposium included panels by library professionals who had used the Toolkit and published Profiles, as well as experts providing context for data curation http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/dcpsymposium/
- 32 Published Profiles in the Data Curation Profiles Directory—have been downloaded 4000+ times in the Directory’s first year and used by librarians, information professionals, and others http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/dcp/ 2013 ACRL STS Innovation Award—recognized the Distributed Data Curation Center for the development of the Data Curation Profiles Toolkit

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