

Metadata Working Group
Minutes
October 17, 2011

Present: Kalaivani Ananthan (co-chair and recorder), Rhonda Marker, Li Sun, Mary Beth Weber (co-chair), Carla Zimmerman, Linda Langschieid (Guest)

Excused: Isaiah Beard, Melissa De Fino, Jane Otto

Agenda:

1. Announcements/updates (All)
2. Solr/Lucene updates (RM)
3. Best practices for creating collections in WMS (RM/KA)
4. Review of major bugs in WMS (KA/RM)

1. Announcements/updates (all) – Kalaivani reported that the RUcore R5.2.2 was merged into RUcore R6.1. The date for R6.1 is not confirmed yet but it is expected to be released in December 2011. We will test WMS along with Solr/Lucene in November, and test dates will be announced when they are available.

Li reported that the Central China Relief project is completed. She ingested 167 objects. Tao Yang requested her to change the location for this collection in RUcore from East Asian Library to Special Collections (SPCOL). The group advised her to wait until the physical objects are transferred to SPCOL.

Linda reported that the Bayonne Public Library may be a forthcoming NJDH collection partner. They are using another platform now, but want to switch to NJDH. It's been a long process because public libraries typically have to seek permission from their Board of Directors. The decision has been made to join NJDH as of a couple of weeks ago, but the details are not worked out yet. The collection is a couple thousand images (postcards & photos) for which they have TIFF files, but we don't have a sample yet to be sure that they meet the standards.

2. Best practices for creating collections in WMS – Rhonda and Kalaivani have cleaned up the collection structure in WMS and RUcore a few times already. At one of the CISC meeting, this was discussed and Grace has charged the MDWG to draft best practices for creating collections in WMS. The best practices should be written to address what constitutes a collection, when should a sub-collection be created, and how to name a collection.

Rhonda mentioned that one of the problems is creating the General resources collection in WMS. She explained that the User Services Group recommended that resources should belong to the lowest level collection. If any resources are in one of the top level collections, the General Resources collection will automatically be created by the search interface. This allows the users to search resources in the top level collections. However, there are collections in WMS that were named General Resources and this is causing confusions in the

search interface. Linda strongly suggests that naming General Collection should be allowed in WMS and the automatic creation of the General Resources collection should be stopped.

After a long discussion, the group decided to continue discussing this topic at the next MDWG meeting.

3. Review of major bugs in WMS- Rhonda and Kalaivani went through the bugs reported in software.libraries that are scheduled to be fixed in the upcoming RUCore release (R6.1). There is an outstanding task about adding a cartographic element in WMS. Carla will compile a list of vocabulary terms to use in WMS. Mary Beth and Kalaivani will inform Grace about adding this new metadata element.
4. SOLR/Lucene updates- Rhonda explained that the main objective is to get the new search engine working without loss of existing functionality. She highlighted two important features in SOLR/Lucene – NOT searching is available and immediate indexing. The SOLR/Lucene search engine is more versatile than the Amberfish search engine we currently have. Future development of SOLR/Lucene will include faceted search.

Next meeting will be on November 21st.