Hyrax Update
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What is Hyrax?

An open-sourced Samvera-powered repository front-end

- User interface around common repository features
- Deposit and curation workflows
- Branding abilities
- Incorporates Blacklight for search/discovery
- Enables IIIF for digital object viewing

https://hyrax.samvera.org
If you want to go far, go together!

Demonstration Site

https://nurax.curationexperts.com/
Hyrax Codebase

https://github.com/samvera/hyrax

Current stable release - Hyrax 2.9.0
What is the Hyrax PO supposed to do?

- Organize and set priorities for Hyrax development
  - Hyrax Maintenance Working Group
  - Roadmap
- Chair the Hyrax Interest Group
- Engage the Samvera Community
Who is the Hyrax PO again?

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• Avalon Media System
  • Metadata specialist (SME) since 2012
• Samvera Metadata Interest Group
  • Member since 2015
  • Facilitated for few years
• Certified Agile Scrum Master
• Served as PO for recent ArcLight development work at IU
• Here to learn, help, serve, and steward!
Hyrax PO Areas of Focus: People Priorities

• Partner interests
• Hyrax implementation interests
• Hyku interests
• Developer interests
• Potential Hyrax adopter interests
• My interests (metadata, usability, accessibility)
Hyrax PO Areas of Focus: Software Priorities

- Immediate work
  - Hyrax 3.0.0 release
- Ongoing priority
  - Valkyrie/Wings testing with Hyrax 3
- After Hyrax 3.0.0 release
  - Hyrax 3 bugs/outstanding issues
  - Flexible metadata
  - More Work types
  - Hyku needs for Hyrax
  - Usability/accessibility

- All the time
  - Community Manager
  - Hyrax Interest Group
  - Roadmaps Alignment Group

- Also possible (with Community Manager)
  - Community surveys re: Hyrax
  - External surveys re: IR/digital collection management needs

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Hyrax PO Role Long-term

• Serving for 2 years (October 2020 - October 2022)
• Start engaging for next Hyrax PO in Spring/Summer 2022
  • Ramp up for transition in October 2022 at Samvera Connect (somewhere with a beach and a breeze??) 🌴🏖️
• Stewarding Hyrax PO role into the future
  • Document role/resources on the Samvera wiki
Hyrax - Ideas/Goals

- Easy to install and try out
- Demo site
- Multiple Work types available by default
- Metadata strategy that includes
  - Easier config for metadata fields per Work type
  - More controlled vocab choices out of the box on more fields (Subject)
- Closer to easy switch out of backend
  - Or at least can choose between Fedora and one other thing for backend out of the box
Hyrax - Achieving Goals

Samvera Community

Understand, Organize, and Engage