
DCE

Developing Digital
Repository Solutions



NOTCH8

Community approaches to bulk import and export

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Everyone has import / export use cases



Migrate from
/ to another
system



Ingest from
a mass
digitization
project



Export -
metadata for
cleanup &
re-import

Batch Import-Export Working Group

- Identified the need
- ... the use cases
- ... and the requirements
- Reviewed existing solutions
- Proposed next steps

Existing solutions

At that point (and still), various solutions exist(ed) (local and community):

- Hyku built-in importer
- Bridge2Hyku
- Darlingtonia
- Donut (Northwestern)
- Hyrax-Ingest (WGBH)

Existing solutions

- None of them are entirely community-focussed
- Many overlap
- Lots of great features!

Zizia

Our “Problem”

Analyzing past DCE projects, we realized we'd built over 15 custom importers over the last 6 years. Each one started based on unique local requirements, and each one ended up looking very different.

Solving the same problem over and over does not contribute to developer (or client) happiness...



Summer 2018 - Universal Import

We wanted to take all the requirements from all the projects and make software that let us address them all.

The outcome was software that was complex, didn't meet anyone's exact requirements, and was time consuming to implement even in simple cases.



The “Solution” - Design Sprint

What’s a Design Sprint?...a proven methodology for solving problems through designing, prototyping, and testing ideas with users. Design Sprints quickly align teams under a shared vision with clearly defined goals and deliverables. Ultimately, it is a tool for developing a hypothesis, prototyping an idea, and testing it rapidly with as little investment as possible in as real an environment as possible.

designsprintkit.withgoogle.com/introduction/overview



Feb 2019 - Importer Design Sprint

The whole DCE team takes 5 days for various design sprint exercises to:

- Understand the problem space
- Define the problem scope
- Sketch multiple potential solutions
- Decide on a sketch(es) to pursue
- Prototype (1-Day!)
- Validate our prototype

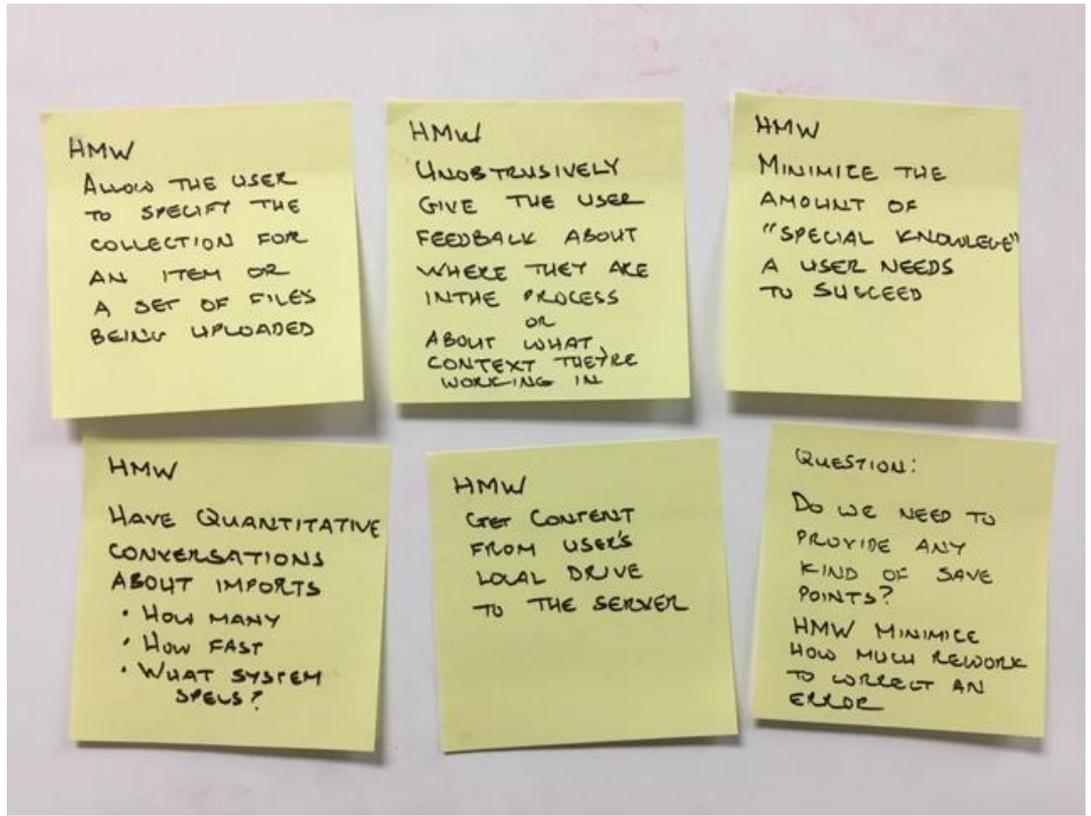
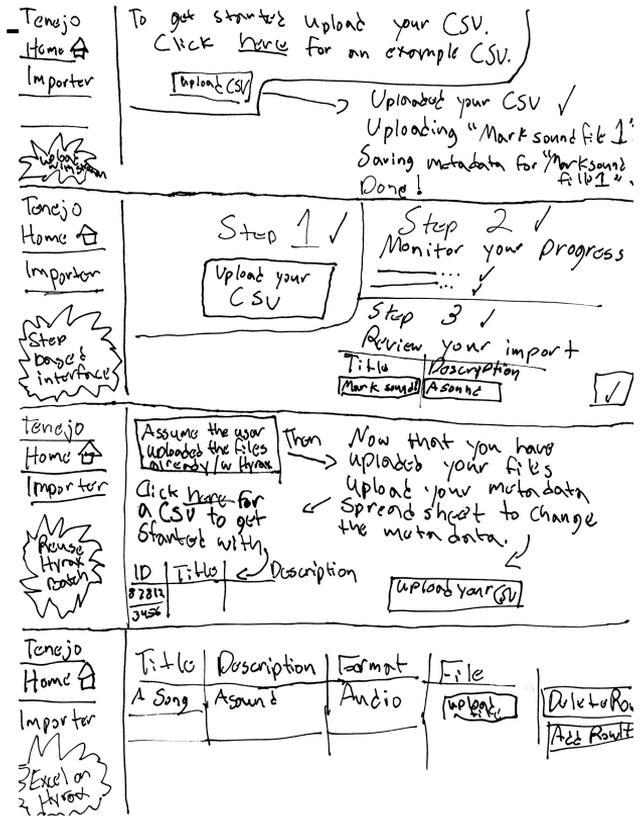


Sprint Challenge

Develop a self-service feature to upload large collections (>500 works) into Tenejo that allows non-developer users to easily upload their content and metadata in predictable timeframes. Ideally, the system should support ingesting at least 1000 items per hour and allow them to be immediately discoverable.

Deliverables: 1) Design a Prototype that tests the validity of the design the team develops 2) Scope the outstanding work required to turn the prototype into released software





Artifacts from our design sprint - there were many of these over the 5 days

Design Sprint Insights

- Provide sensible defaults for easy integration with Hyrax.
- File upload for large collections is usually handled by IT groups & not an application responsibility.
- Almost every collection can be represented as tabular data (CSV) & spreadsheet skills are ubiquitous.
- If we need a separate user instruction manual, It will *always* be out of date.
- Which came first, the collection or the work? (Collection)
- If we give librarians and archivists a good UI, developers don't have to run the import!!! (EEK a command line)

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Batch Import

- 1 Prepare Your Content**
 - A Read the Metadata Field Guide** to learn what fields are available for import.
[Field Guide](#)
 - B Download a CSV template** and start filling in your metadata.
[Import Template](#)
 - C Upload your files** over SFTP, using a tool like [FileZilla](#) to transfer files.
- 2 Upload Your Files**
 - A Upload a CSV** that lists the metadata and files you want to import.
[Upload Your CSV](#)
 - B Choose a collection** that you'd like your new works to be associated with.
WPA Posters
 - C Select update behavior.** New works will always be added to the repository. Existing works can be overwritten, updated, or ignored.
Overwrite All Files & Metadata
 - D Preview your import** and start the import if everything looks good, or overwritten.
[Preview Import](#)
- 3 Monitor Your Progress**
 - A Check the status** of batches that have been submitted for import.
[Import History](#)

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Code: github.com/curationexperts/zizia

Live Demo: tenejo.curationexperts.com

Next Steps

- Build out tracking capabilities
- Structured works (parent-child relations)
- Ordered works (manuscript pages) DONE ✓
- MORE documentation (and we're proud of what we got)
- Even easier mapping
- XML & JSON input (slam dunk)
- Round-tripping (steal from Bulkrax???)

- Try it at home github.com/curationexperts/zizia



Bulkcrax

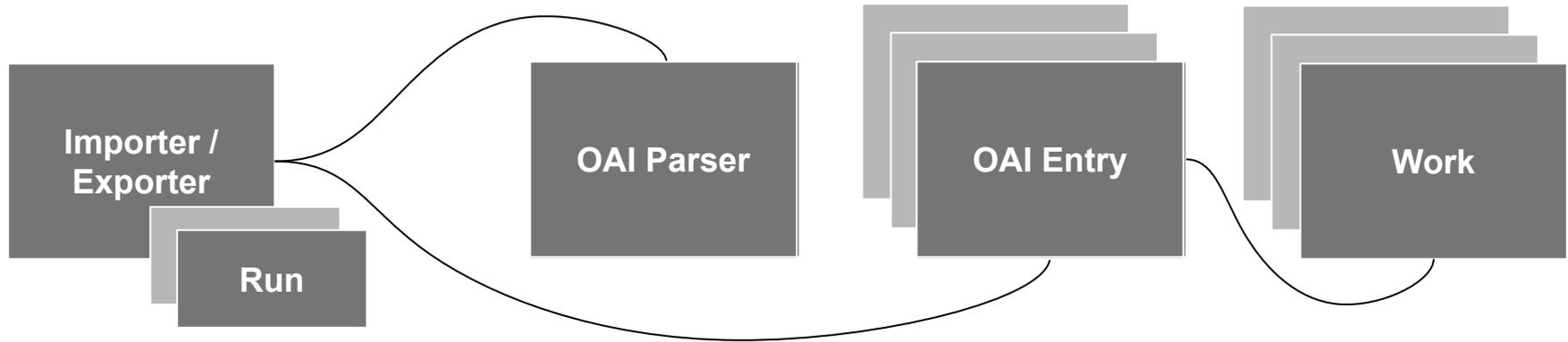
Overview

- Bulk import from CSV and OAI-PMH
- ... plus a pattern for other formats
- Management dashboard available for Hyrax/Hyku
- Scheduling and repeatability

Coming soon

- Export
- More parsers; documented pattern for new ones
- Enhanced functionality and dashboard





The Anatomy of a Bulkcrax Import / Export

Importers

[New](#)

Name	Last Run	Next Run	Records Enqueued	Records Processed	Records Failed	Records Deleted Upstream	Total Records	
PTSL - Princeton Theological Seminary Media Archive	Apr 12, 2019		6796	6758	168	38	6796	 
PTSL - Ashbel Green Simonton Manuscript Collection	Aug 27, 2019		1	13872	0	0	1	 
Garrett - The Methodist Manuscripts Collection	Apr 15, 2019		225	47	0	178	225	 
Garrett - Arthur Landwehr Sermon Collection	May 23, 2019		1136	1027	16	109	1136	 

Importers dashboard in Hyrax

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Frequency to
schedule
updates

Limit the
number of
records to
import

Standard and
Custom
Parsers

New Importer

Name required

Administrative Set required

Frequency

Limit
leave blank or 0 for all records

Parsers

- ✓ OAI - Dublin Core
- OAI - Qualified Dublin Core
- CSV - Comma Separated Values
- OAI - Princeton Theological Commons
- OAI - Internet Archive
- OAI - Omeka
- CDRI Xml File

OAI Import Example

Specific fields for each parser are available only when a parser is selected

Base url required

http://commons.ptsem.edu/api/oai-pmh

Base URL

Metadata prefix required

Such as oai_dc, dcterms or oai_qdc

oai_dc

Metadata
Prefix

Set (source) required

collection:media

Set

Refresh Sets

Institution name required

Princeton Theological Seminary Library

Set a rights
statement
(with
override
option)

Rights statement required

Copyright Not Evaluated

Override rights statement

If checked, always use the selected rights statement. If unchecked, use dc:rights from the record and only use the provided value if dc:rights is blank.

OAI Import Example

```
— "Bulkrax::OaiDcParser" => {
  "contributor" => { from: ["contributor"] },
  # no appropriate mapping for coverage (based_near needs id)
  # ""=>{:from=>["coverage"]},
  "creator" => { from: ["creator"] },
  "date_created" => { from: ["date"] },
  "description" => { from: ["description"] },
  # no appropriate mapping for format
  # ""=>{:from=>["format"]},
  "identifier" => { from: ["identifier"] },
  "language" => { from: ["language"], parsed: true },
  "publisher" => { from: ["publisher"] },
  "related_url" => { from: ["relation"] },
  "rights_statement" => { from: ["rights"] },
  "source" => { from: ["source"] },
  "subject" => { from: ["subject"], parsed: true },
  "title" => { from: ["title"] },
  "resource_type" => { from: ["type"], parsed: true },
  "remote_files" => { from: ["thumbnail_url"], parsed: true }
},
```

Hyrax
property

DC
property

Default ...
can be overridden
locally in config

Fields can have custom
cleanup method - could
be simple, eg. trim off
trailing periods, or more
complex, eg. lookup the
value in an authority list
and reject if it isn't there

**Adding this configuration
to the dashboard is on the
roadmap**

Mappings from source data to (your) Hyrax

Take Home Messages

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**A system is more
trusted if it has
robust import and
export support**

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**No single solution
will meet all needs
(but we really don't
need THAT many
solutions)**

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**As a community we
can coalesce on
common patterns
and share code**