

MIG Update 2024-06-25 Open Meeting

The purpose of the Islandora MIG is to investigate and provide metadata solutions that help improve metadata creation, maintenance and enhancement in Islandora.

From June 19, 2023 to June 3, 2024 the MIG met 18 times. We typically have some sort of topic or presentation, then some time for open discussion. There are also standing items for announcements, and (recently added) standing items to update the metadata profile documentation.

Main topics:

- What to do with the **Field of the Week** discussion that concluded early in 2023? We decided it was worth the effort to translate it into a different format that could be hosted in with the main documentation. As of now, we have a documentation page and a spreadsheet that represent the field of the week (and further) discussions. Thanks Chris Day for formatting these! These pages are the topic of a standing item every meeting to perform any needed updates.
- Use of **paragraphs**. Earlier in the year they could not (or there was no documentation for them to) be used in Workbench, but over the last few months that documentation was created (thanks Seth Shaw!). This opens up more opportunities for the MIG to suggest structured data elements because there is a way to bulk add them through Workbench (there was always a way with Migrate, though it involves writing more YML files.) This culminated in a demonstration of creating a Paragraphs field for Hierarchical Geographic, which we may suggest for the starter site. Paragraphs still don't work with JSON-LD.
- **Alt text**, as a metadata field, vs. harmonizing the various media to all use the Original File's alt text.
- Tried to have a [WISHLIST](#) but it never really took off. Better RDF and key dates (for sorting) are big items on that list.
- Discussed use of **taxonomies**, the synonym module, the use of built in hierarchy, difficulty of sorting out "local" names that aren't part of LCNAF
- Use of **roles** in islandora for metadata use. Rosie demo'd a set of roles that was later shared with the LAC/GLAM IG.
- Chris' **IR Metadata Profile**

Presentations

- Paige gave an update on 8/29 open meeting (not recorded?)
- IslandoraCon 2023: Islandora for Metadata Librarians, [slides](#) | [recording](#)

- [Welcome to Islandora, Metadata Librarian! Part 1: MODS to Drupal Fields + Creating New Fields in Islandora \(18 slides\)](#)
- Chris talked at the Open meeting about IR metadata profile
- Rosie to talk about taxonomies at June 25 2024 open meeting.

Video Demos

- How to export and manipulate name data:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzmOclWR85k>
- "How to fix names in Islandora": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lW_omb9JTA
- Filtering a Facet on a Typed Relation Field:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6OoARphcb4>
- Pulling out publishers into their own field (round-tripping data using Workbench):

Changes to the Starter Site

- Rights field - change to formatted text so that it can include hyperlinks.
- Populated the following vocabularies with useful controlled lists: Country, Language, Issuance, Frequency, Resource Type (DCMI)
- "Linked Agent" field now called "Contributors" as a follow-up to a UI audit during Islandoracon 2023
- Pulled out "Publisher" from the list of relators and made it its own field.
- Change from long form to "collapsible form". Also noted DGI's use of a tabbed form.
- Changed "Associated name" as the default relator in Contributors to "Attributed Name"

Open discussion topics

- representing of rich text (HTML) in titles
- how to update taxonomy terms if mistakes were discovered in import?
- Term merge module doesn't work for linked agent
- Views Bulk Edit is a good module for doing group edits on records
- Doing cleanup before vs after migration
- Whether resource type is linked to display (it's not)
- DCMI terms vs LOC for Resource Type (now, both are available!)
- adding different forms of name to a taxonomy term. Only the term name will show up.
- Possibly changing the node-media relationship and what that would mean.
- DLF Metadata assessment tools
- spreadsheet software and their mangling of dates

- Preparing for migration, and the differences between DGI's FOXML path, and Workbench.
- Tools like Datastream CRUD, Oxygen, Cara Key's xml2csv, BBEdit, Solr. Brief discussion of XSLT, and that Rosie has a transform that does the MIG Mapping
- citation block added to starter site. Discussion of how not all fields can be mapped.
- How to edit RDF Mappings (through Devel's config editor)
- Various discussions of migration - including migration from MARC, using XSLT as a back-end. Discussed metadata cleanup, normalization, revisiting old cataloguing decisions, and cleanup on the source data vs in migration

Outstanding TODOs:

- add volume, issue, and publication title so that we can use citation select better (in collaboration with IRIG)
- add "levels" for newspapers, eg.?
- update [MIG Glossary](#)
- audit the standing documents at the top of our agenda
- Improve RDF 'mappings' - explore Metatag and how we could augment the current RDF with paragraphs