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Current Situation

. Shrinking budgets
. Loss of/or shifted personnel
. Serial research databases -> majority of library purchases
. Changing technical services priorities and job descriptions:
  . Fewer items to catalog
  . Focus on processing repository-bound intellectual content
. Institutional repositories (IRs) are expanding—welcome staff with existing and useful skills

Tech Services Staff Skill-Set

. Complements IR workflow
  . Metadata experts
  . Collection policies
  . Rights management and permissions
  . Collect various statistics
  . Persistent identifiers
  . Project management
  . Search engine optimization (SEO)
  . Editing skills

Drupal™ Database

. A value-added shared repository communication tool
. Workflow process: Manages communication and tracking
  . IR manager/admin adds content and details of new items
    (priority, due date, IR URLs)
  . Processing, by whom, any quality control remarks
  . Projects listed by item type, blog-like communication, email notifications to all
. More staff IR involvement on the horizon
. Created in-house by Manager of Technical Services and Husband
. Will be shifted over to Libraries’ Drupal™ installation