Survival of the Fittest

The Evolution of Metadata in Digital Collections

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In the Beginning....

Digital Galleries

- No metadata guidelines
- Metadata sometimes copied from MARC records
Digitization Projects
Librarian hired
Digital collections started
Dublin Core based metadata
Mountain West Digital Library

MWDL Application Profile v2

Audits
Digital Collections metadata

- Cross-collection consistency
- UNLV Application Profile
- Inventory Project
Search Engine Optimization & Summon

Unique titles

“Web resources”
Linked Data

- Need to share local controlled vocabularies across collections
- Split heterogeneous data
  Ex: creator + dates; Contributor + role
- Eliminate redundant data
- And more...