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Abstract
UOW established a digital repository (or CMS) in 2006 to manage and deliver digital learning resources, for use initially by the UOW's Graduate School of Medicine (GSM) and delivered through Blackboard Vista. The system (Equella by TLE) is also intended to advance teaching in UOW through the sharing of teaching resources.

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Uses

Sharing resources stored in Equella

Surveying resources stored in Equella

Curriculum mapping

Searching for resources

As at November 07

Some UOW collections

| Curriculum map
| Equella
| automated mapping

Some collection metadata

Using Equella to store teaching resources and descriptive data

In Vistas: the lecturer adds a link from a menu

Issues

Standard vs Local Metadata

Access Permissions

While initial efforts were made to use standardised schemas such as LOM, most current projects involve sharing between a limited group and do not require external communication, so schemas are specific to each collection. This has resulted in a variety of inventive schema, with staff groups learning from one another’s developments.

For a variety of reasons, some staff are concerned about access to their resources by unauthorised people.

Use can be controlled through access permissions, but as the system grows, the maintenance of these becomes more time-consuming.

Culture Change

As promotion and grant-winning have become more competitive within universities, the culture has changed to reduce the sharing of ideas and innovations between staff. Our project hopes to counter this.