Metadata Standards Directory

The Challenge:

Enabling discovery of metadata standards for documenting research data, regardless of academic discipline, and addresses issues related to coverage, ease of maintenance and sustainability.

What is the solution?

The Metadata Standards Directory Working Group adopted, enriched, & expanded the Disciplinary Metadata Standards Catalogue set up by the UK Digital Curation Centre (DCC), and developed a functional prototype directory based around the GitHub infrastructure, that places the information from the DCC directory into an environment where it can be maintained transparently with full version control.

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https://rd-alliance.org/groups/metadata-standards-directory-working-group.html

What is the impact?

The Metadata Standards Catalogue was built to guide researchers towards the metadata standards and tools relevant for their discipline. The directory drives up adoption of those standards, improving the chances of future researchers finding, accessing, and reusing the associated data.

By raising awareness of existing standards, the directory reduces the proliferation of ad hoc metadata formats and helps direct future standards development efforts towards those areas that most need it.

Find out more about the MSD WG Recommendation

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