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**Practical Considerations in Creating and
Providing Access to Digital Repositories**

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VTLS has offices in 7 Countries:

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VTLS has Three Products (many services)

Virtua -- ILS (Intelligent Library Solutions)

Vital – for Digital Libraries

Vtrax -- Radio Frequency Id (RFID)

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Examples of VTLS Users in India

University of Hyderabad

National Library of India (Calcutta)

CIIL, Mysore

Dera Community Library, Punjab

Indian School of Business, Hyderabad

Bhoj College of Engineering for Women

South Asia International Institute

Since ICADL 2000 - Bangalore

VTLS has worked on more than 80 Digital Library Projects.

Examples are:

- Steven Spielberg Digital Library Project
- University of Maine Music Project
- Texas Tides Historical Project
- New York Public Library Digitization Project
- AMICO – Art Museum Image Consortium
- NDLTD – Networked Digital Library for Theses and Dissertations

Gained a lot of experience in what works and does not work

Developed expertise on what to do and what to avoid

Developed a new product called VITAL to incorporate these ideas

Developed services to take advantage of the experience and the products

This is what I hope to share with you today

Practical Considerations

- Part 1: Metadata
- Part 2: Digital Object Repository
- Part 3: Putting it together – VITAL
 - Workflows
 - Web Delivery System
- Part 4: Working with vendors

Disclaimer

- This presentation is based on information from a variety of sources; Not all sources have been identified in this “version” of the presentation.
- We will see later that “versioning” is an attribute of digital objects

Part 1 : Metadata

Some observations:

There is more to metadata than meets the eye.

Marc21 is insufficient for digital collections

XML is in your future – prepare for it!

Metadata is very important

What is Metadata?

Simple Definition :

Information about information or “data about data”

Other Definitions :

“... the Internet-age term for structured data about data” - Joint NSF-EU Working Group on Metadata (1998)

“... structured data about data that imposes order on a disordered information universe” - Carl Lagoze (Cornell University)

“... machine understandable information about web resources or other things” - Tim Berners-Lee (World Wide Web Consortium)

Purpose of Metadata

- Helps add/extract meaning from an information object
 - *an information object is anything that can be addressed and manipulated by a human or a system as a discrete entity. The object may be comprised of a single item, or it may be an aggregate of many items.*
- Helps organize information
- Helps describe information
- Helps discover information
- Helps preserve information

“imposing a veneer of regularity on the natural disorder of the artifacts we encounter”

Types of Metadata

1. Descriptive

- Characterizes the content itself

2. Technical

- Records technical aspects and changes

3. Administrative

- Helps track changes over time

4. Rights Management

- Resolving rights of content

5. Preservation

- Archiving of digital content

“All of these can be multiple views of the same information object”

1. Descriptive Metadata

- **Describes content**
 - Aids indexing
 - Aids discovery
 - Aids identification
- **Describes structure**
 - Aids display and navigation
 - Aids understanding of organization or structural divisions.
 - Example: chapters in a book

Descriptive Metadata Examples

- MARC (MACHine-Readable Cataloging)
 - Used to *describe* bibliographic information (books)
 - Foundation of library catalogs
- EAD (Encoded Archival Description)
 - Used to *describe* finding aids such as inventories, registers, indexes and other documents created by archives, museums, libraries and manuscript repositories
- TEI (Text Encoding Initiative)
 - Used to *describe* literary and linguistic texts created by libraries, museums, publishers and individual scholars
- DC (Dublin Core)
 - Used to *describe* a “broad range” of information objects
- VRA Core (Visual Resources Association)
 - Used to *describe* works of visual culture as well as the digital images that represent them

2. Technical Metadata

- **Describes Technical characteristics**
 - File size and format
 - Resolution and Colorspace
 - Character set
 - Software used to create
 - Software required for viewing
 - Example: MIX (Technical Metadata for Digital Still Images) - <http://www.loc.gov/standards/mix/>
 - Example: MPEG-7 (Combines descriptive and technical) - <http://www.dlib.org/dlib/september99/hunter/09hunter.html>

3. Administrative Metadata

- **Describes Context**

- Who, what, where, why, when information object was created
- Who, what, where, why, when information object was modified
- Sometimes includes “rights” information
- Example: A-Core (Admin Core - Administrative Container Metadata) -
<http://dublincore.org/groups/admin/>

4. Rights Management Metadata

- Indicates ownership
 - Supports copyright law
 - Supports use licenses (subscriptions, etc.)
 - Example: RoMEO (Rights Metadata for Open Archiving) -
<http://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/ls/disresearch/romeo/index.html>
 - Example: XrML (eXtensible rights Markup Language) – <http://www.xrml.org>

5. Preservation Metadata

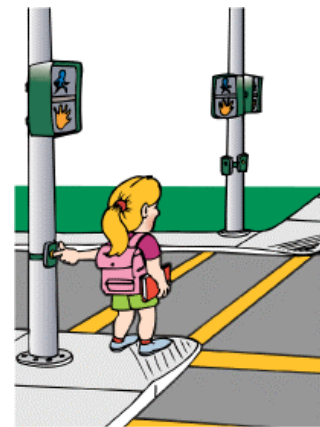
- Preserves information integrity
 - Quickly changing technology environment
 - Ensures “bit stream” does not become obsolete
 - Example: METS (Metadata Encoding and Transmission Standard) - <http://www.loc.gov/standards/mets/>
 - Example: OAIS (Open Archival Information System) - <http://www.rlg.org/longterm/oais.html>

Metadata Issues

- Standardization
- Cross-domain, cross-disciplinary
- Cross walking
- Representations
 - Conceptual representation
 - Organizational representation
 - Temporal representation
 - Spatial representation

Metadata Issue: Cross walking

- Mapping of one metadata format to another
- Metadata is often created with a particular community in mind but must be shared across communities
- **Cross walking is essential to the creation of consistent finding aids**
- Example: MARC21 → DC → EAD
 - 245 \$a Hello World
 - ***GOES TO*** <dc.title>Hello World</dc.title>
 - ***GOES TO*** <archdesc><did><unittitle>Hello World</unittitle></did></archdesc>



Metadata Issue: Cross walking

Cautions in cross walking

Cross walking

- Requires in-depth knowledge and expertise
- Possible loss of semantics (or meaning)
 - Example: Creator in one metadata standard could be *<author>* and in another *<artist>*
- Element to element mapping losses
 - Example: One to many, Many to One
 - Example: Mandatory, Optional, etc. (Cardinality)
- ... And Much More. Please refer to:
- <http://www.niso.org/press/whitepapers/crswalk.html>

Metadata Issue:

Organizational Representation

- Describes the “organizational” structure of an information resource
- Example:
 - EAD Metadata Standard
 - Collection
 - Box
 - Folder
 - Item



<http://tides.sfasu.edu:8000/tides/ead.php?skin=texas&connection=localhost%2B1111%2BDEFAULT&attributes=1035&query=TXK&start=1&xml=txk/A-12.xml>

Metadata Issue:

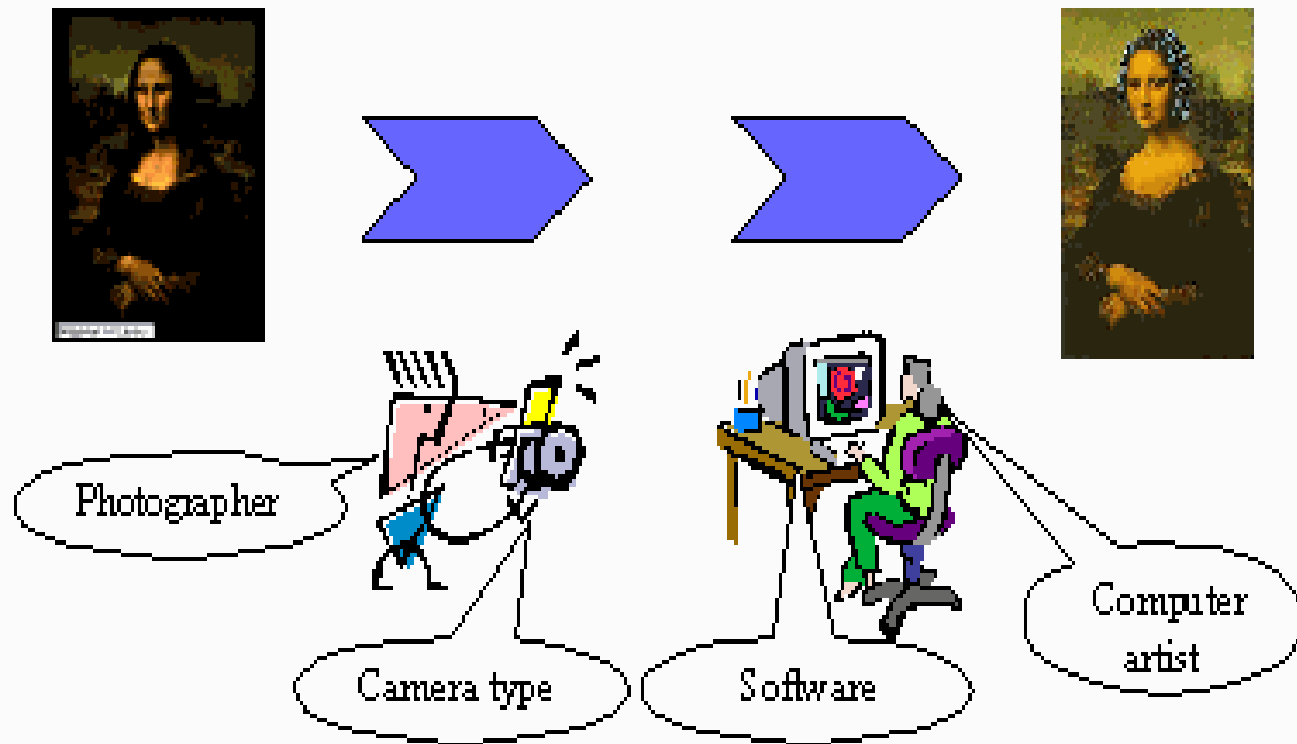
Temporal Representation

- Describes the manner in which the properties of an information object are transformed over time (from creation through continuing evolution)
- Traditional “descriptive” models focus on a stable or static information object; Digital objects evolve and change over time.
- Important in museums where time is crucial (e.g., it’s discovery, classification, exhibit history)
- Example:
 - ABC Ontology and Model

Digital Objects Evolve Over Time

Internet-Age Example

Digital Collections



Metadata for digital content has additional requirements

- Digital objects evolve, therefore need version control
- Single digital object can have many many metadata data-streams
 - In the same metadata format
 - In different metadata formats
- Single metadata data-stream can point to many digital objects
- Preservation information for digital objects is more extensive
- **Conclusion** - At present no single metadata format is sufficient for all objects; therefore system needs flexibility and versatility to handle all formats and even ones not yet invented.

How are XML and Metadata
related?

What is XML?

eXtensible Markup Language

- *metalanguage* – a language for describing other languages
- *Extensible?* – Not a fixed format type. It can be used to design any number of document types (e.g. Metadata Document types)
- *Markup?* – The tags or field labels that identify an element
 - Example: `<dc.title>Hello World</dc.title>`

XML Components

- DTD (Document Type Definition)
 - Used to define the “allowable” structure of a particular XML document (tags, content of tags, etc.)
 - Allows for the creation of “Application Profiles”
- XSD (XML Schema Definition)
 - Successor of DTDs
 - Written in XML
 - Allows richer XML definitions and is itself extensible
- XSL (eXtensible Stylesheet Language)
 - Used for defining *presentation* of XML document

Example of XML Syntax (for EAD)

```
<!DOCTYPE ead SYSTEM "ead.dtd">
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="sfm.xsl"?>
<ead relatedencoding="MARC21">
  <eadheader langencoding="UTF-8" findaidstatus="edited-full-draft"
    audience="external">
</eadheader>
  <archdesc level="collection" type="inventory">
    <did>
      <repository encodinganalog="852">
        <corpname>Stephen F. Austin State University</corpname>
        <subarea>Stone Fort Museum</subarea>
      </repository>
      <physdesc encodinganalog="300">
        <extent>93 cm x 51 cm</extent>
      </physdesc>
      <unittitle encodinganalog="245">Chair, rocker</unittitle>
      <physloc encodinganalog="852">On-site Storage</physloc>
    </did>
    <acqinfo encodinganalog="541"><p>Donation/Gift <date>4/12/1985</date></p></ac
qinfo>
    <scopecontent encodinganalog="520">
      <head>SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE</head>
      <p>"It has been in J.J. Pitts family for approximately 102 years. It was prev
iously owned by Nettie P. Pitt's mother, who gave it to Nettie after her marriag
e to J.J. Pitts in 1984."</p>
    </scopecontent>
  </archdesc>
</ead>
```

EAD Example

Need XML Editing Tools



Microsoft Office InfoPath™ 2003

The Microsoft Office information gathering and management program



COREL
XMetaL⁴



Making XML Content Creation Easy

Challenge for everyone

- *Developers* – Create software to manage XML and XML document workflows
- *Librarians* – Learn the emerging metadata standards to help customers describe their information objects correctly (a new age of cataloging? Heard of FRBR?)
- *Technical support* – Learn the tools that help create/manage XML data as well as XSL stylesheets that display XML content

Part 2 : Digital Object Repository

Some observations:

Digital object repositories need special handling; standard file systems are insufficient

Knowledge and experience in this area is limited; requiring caution and co-operation.

Risks can be reduced by using open source software

Shortcomings of existing products for managing digital libraries

- Narrow focus on specific media formats (e.g. image databases, document management)
- Fail to effectively address interrelationships among digital entities
- Fail to address interoperability
- Fail to provide facilities for managing programs and tools that deliver digital content.
- Not extensible; do not enable easy integration of new tools and services

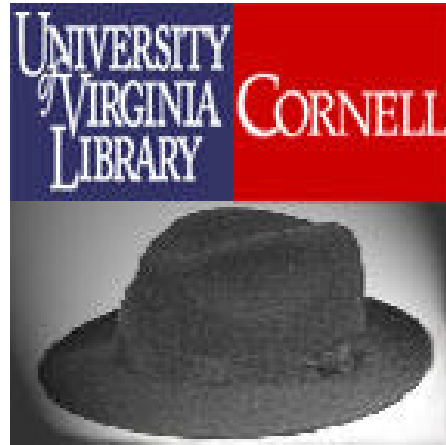
Tim Sigmon (Director, Advanced Technology Group UVA)

What is a Digital Object Repository?

- Stores and maintains digital objects
- Provides external interface for Digital Objects
 - Creation
 - Modification
 - Access
- Enforces access policies
- Provides for content type disseminations
- Offers preservation facilities

What is Fedora™?

Flexible Extensible Digital Object Repository Architecture



History of Fedora™

- 1997-Present

- DARPA and NSF-funded research project at Cornell (Conceptual framework developed by Sandra Payette and Carl Lagoze)
- Reference implementation developed at Cornell

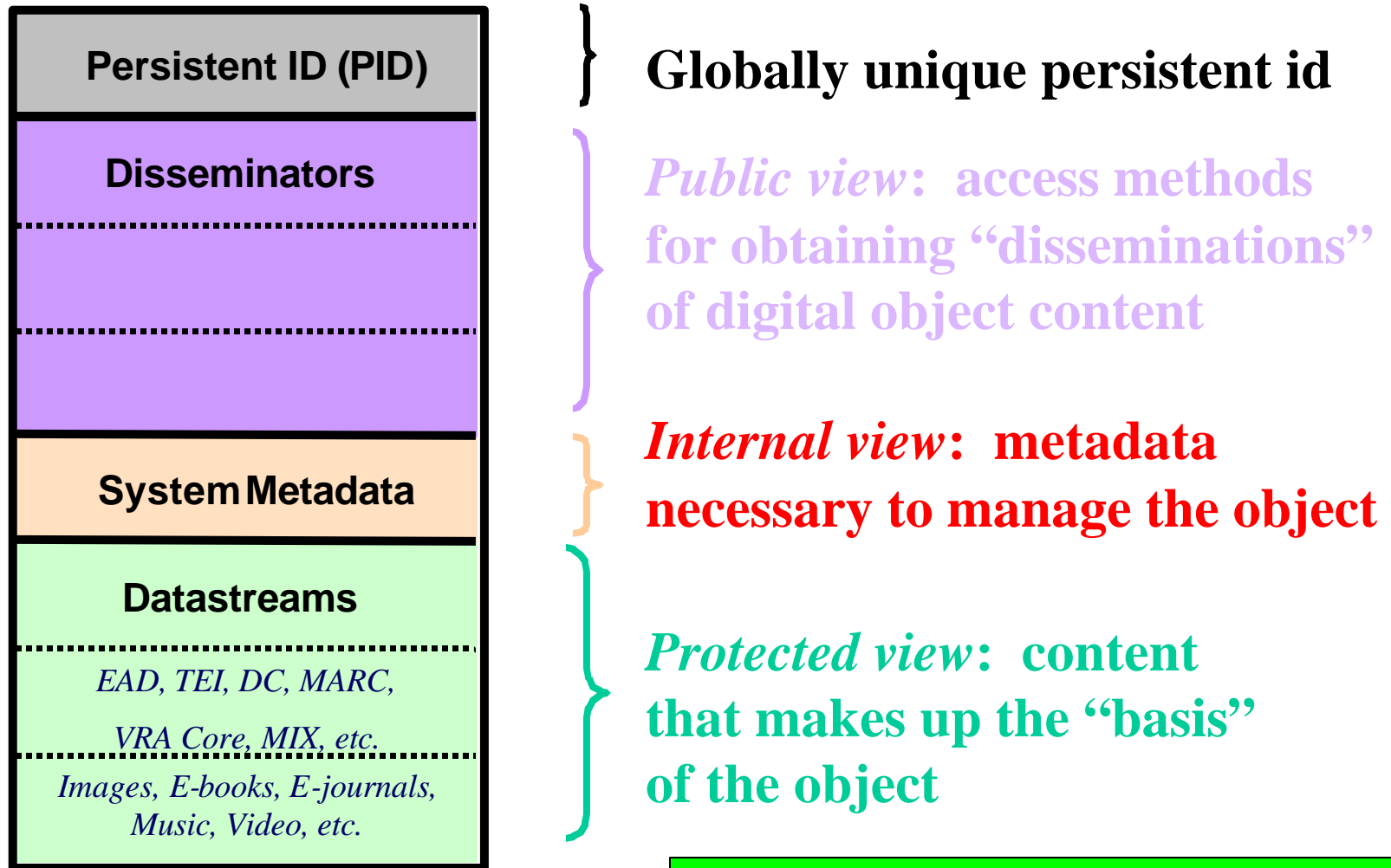
- 1999-2001

- University of Virginia digital library prototype (Thornton Staples and Ross Wayland)

- 2002-Present

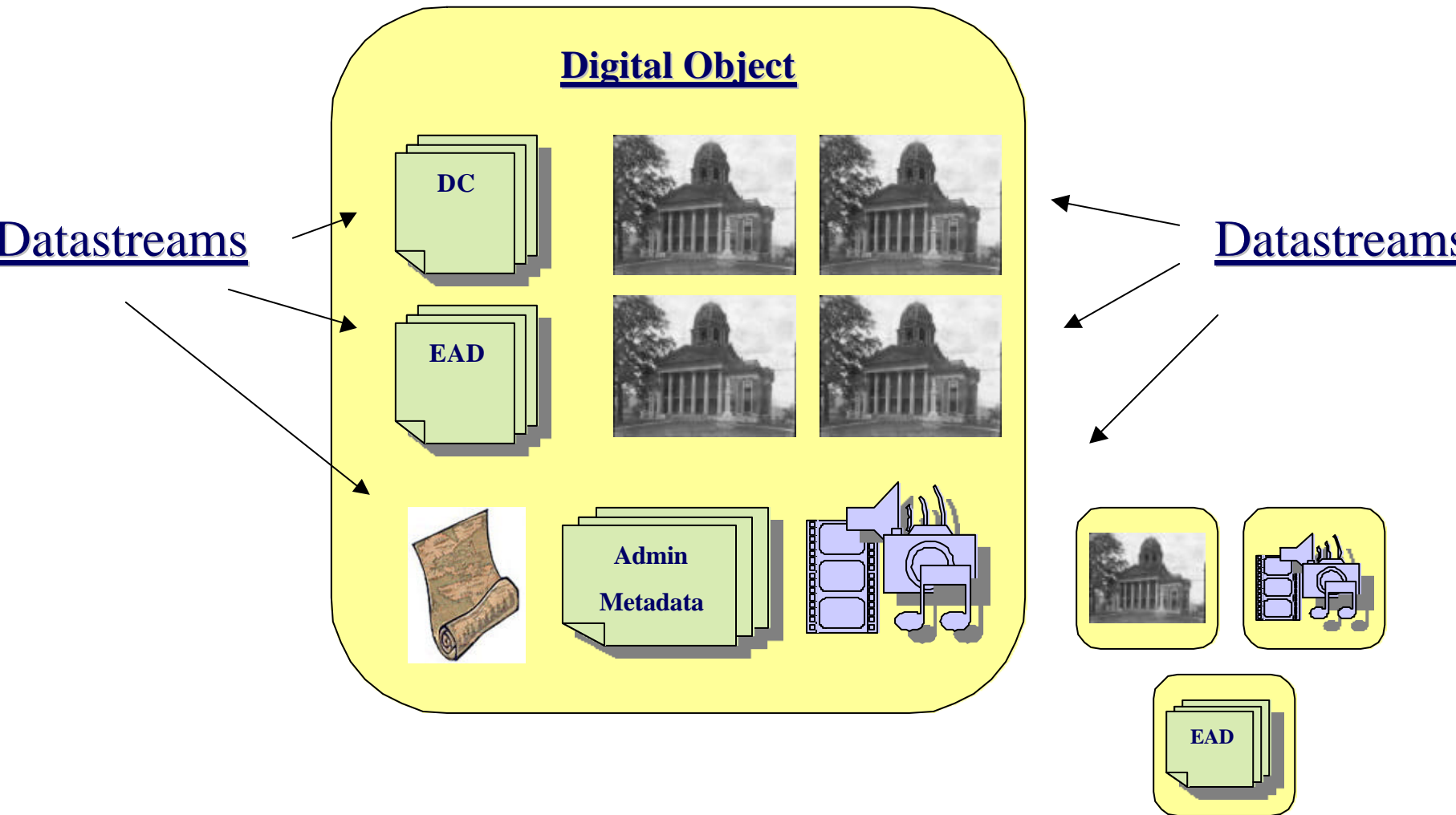
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation granted Virginia and Cornell \$1 million to develop a production-quality Fedora system
- Fedora 1.0 released in May 2003 as Open Source under the Mozilla public license.

Fedora™ Digital Object Architecture

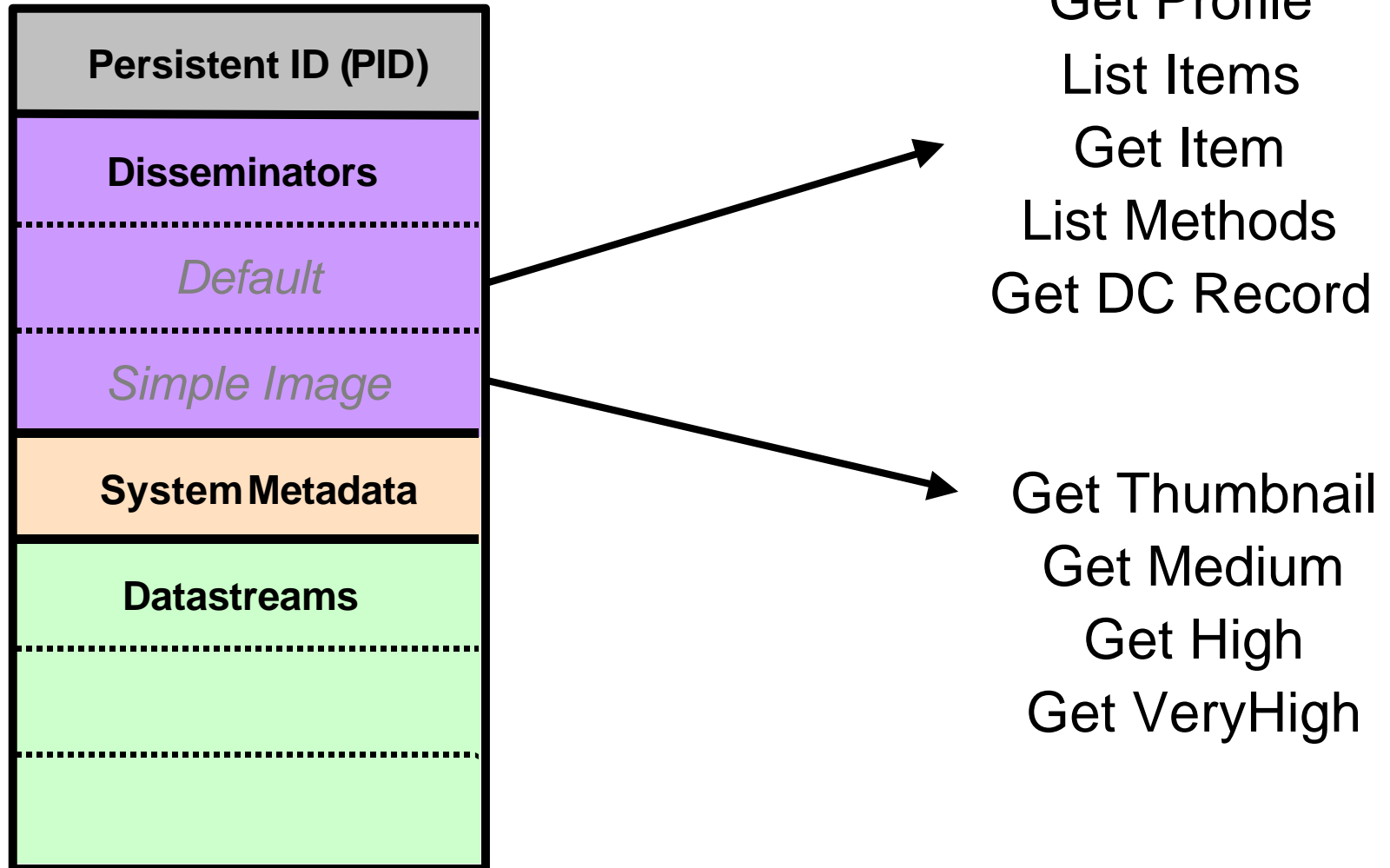


The Mellon Fedora Project (Page 4)

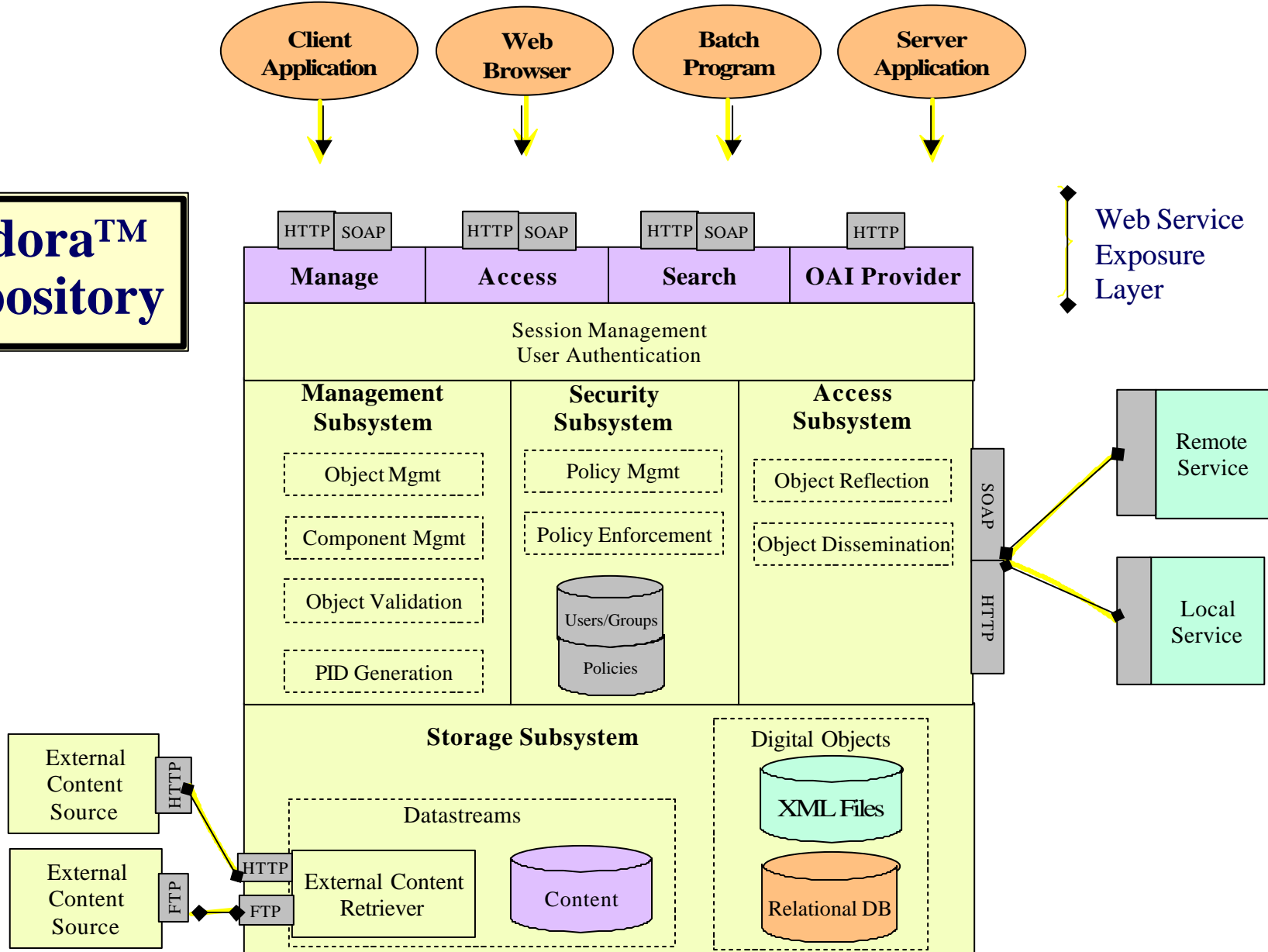
Digital Object with multiple datastreams



Example Disseminators



Fedora™ Repository



Fedora Advantage

- Extensible digital object model
- Repository exposed by Web services APIs
 - Management (Creation, Deletion, Maintenance, Validation)
 - Access (Search, Disseminations)
- Scalable, persistent storage for content and metadata
- Content can be local and/or remote
- Content versioning
- Open source solution

Fedora™ Statistics

- Total downloads (since May 2003): 1427
- Average downloads per day: 9
- Number of Countries: 32
- Types of organizations:
 - Universities: Libraries, IT, Departments
 - Software and Technology Companies
 - Defense/Military
 - Banks
 - National libraries and archives
 - Publishers
 - Research Laboratories
 - Scholarly societies

More Info?

<http://www.fedora.info>

Part 3 : Putting it all together - VITAL

Some observations:

It is easy to digitize and manage a few images; scalable solutions are more difficult to create.

Quality has to be planned for before the project starts; it cannot be introduced afterwards.

Productivity is essential for ultimate success.

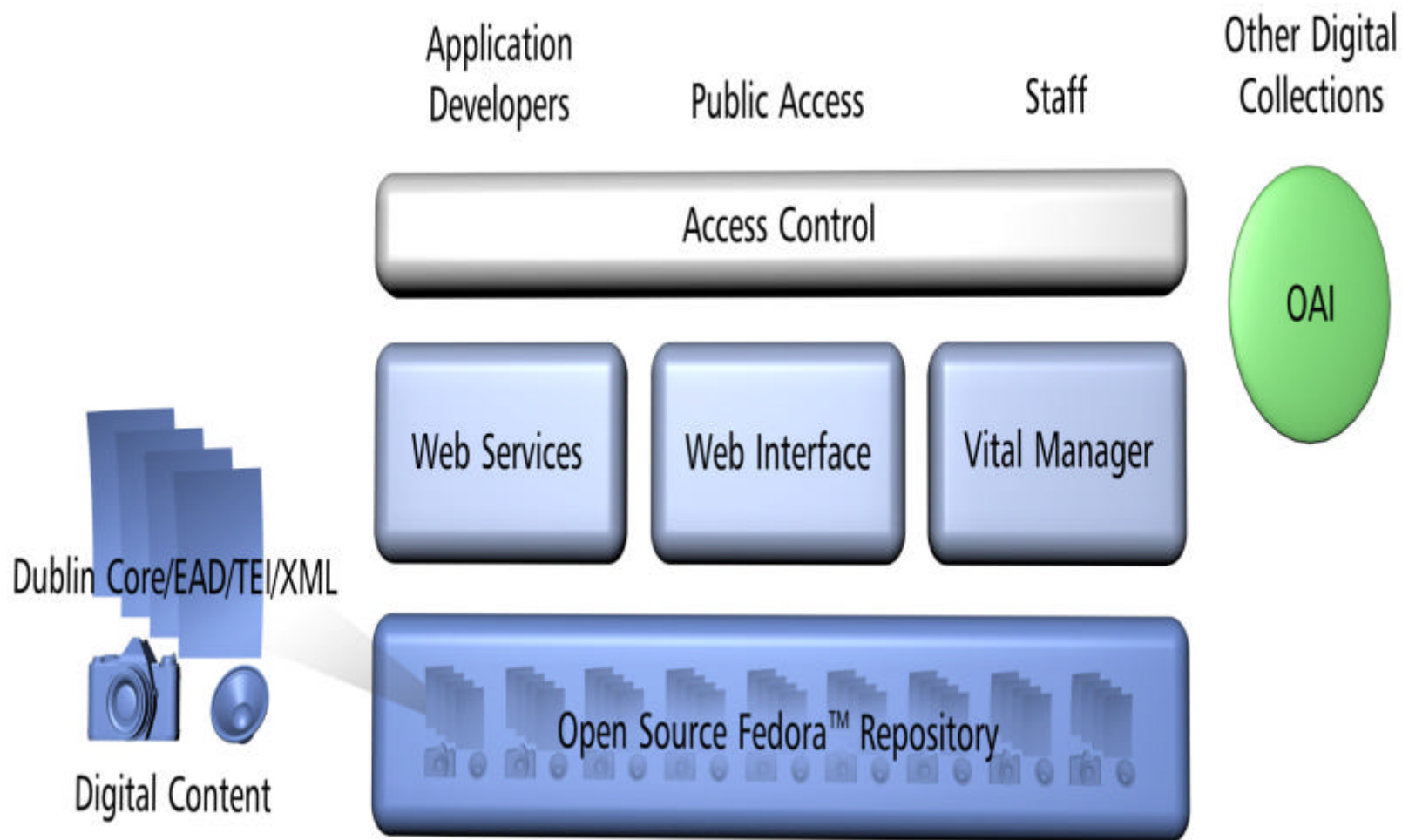


VTLS Imaging Technology for Advanced Learning

VITAL - Introduction

- Digital Asset Management System - based on the Fedora – Open-Source Digital Object Repository Architecture
- Software for creating, storing, managing, cataloging, indexing, searching & retrieving your digital collections
- Backed by VTLS software and service solutions designed to meet your needs

VITAL / Fedora Relationship



How does VITAL work with Fedora™?

- **VITAL has workflow tools** that simplify the creating, storing, managing, cataloging, indexing, searching & retrieving of digital objects
- VITAL uses Web Service Interfaces (API's)
- Management Service (API-M)
 - Ingest – XML-encoded object submission
 - Create – interactive object creation via API request
 - Maintain – interactive object modification via API requests
 - Validate – application of integrity rules to objects
 - Identify – generate unique object identifiers
 - Secure – authentication and access control
 - Preserve – automatic content versioning and audit trail
 - Export – XML-encoded object formats

How does VITAL work with Fedora™?

- Access Services (API-A)
 - Search – search repository for objects
 - Object Reflection – what disseminations can the object provide?
 - Object Dissemination – request a view of the object's content

Reasons to base VITAL on Fedora™

[1 of 2]

1. The “Flexible” and “Extensible” aspects.

Flexible – The development can be in any programming language because the API is based on Web services.

Extensible – We can write workflow tools that facilitate different types of workflows.

2. XML Submission and Storage – Digital objects are stored as XML-encoded files that conform to an extension of the METS schema.

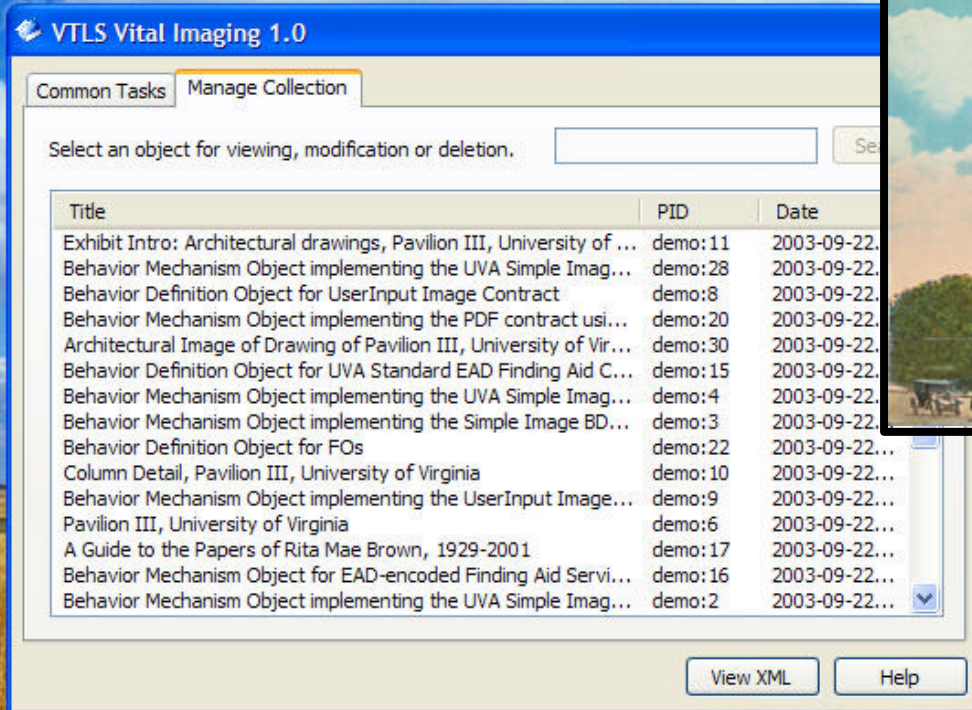
Reasons to base VITAL on Fedora™

[2 of 2]

3. Focuses on Object Repository model and not how the repository will be used.
4. Native OAI-PMH support.
5. Open Source – VTLS is spearheading the open source movement in the library industry.
6. There is a community of users developing other add-ons to Fedora that will add value and services for all Fedora adopters.
7. Low cost procurement for customers



It's VITAL to manage the resources of today's digital libraries



Four Components of VITAL

1. Fedora™ Repository

UNIX/LINUX, SUN and Windows

2. VITAL Manager

Based on Windows 2000 and XP

Has XML Cataloging Utility

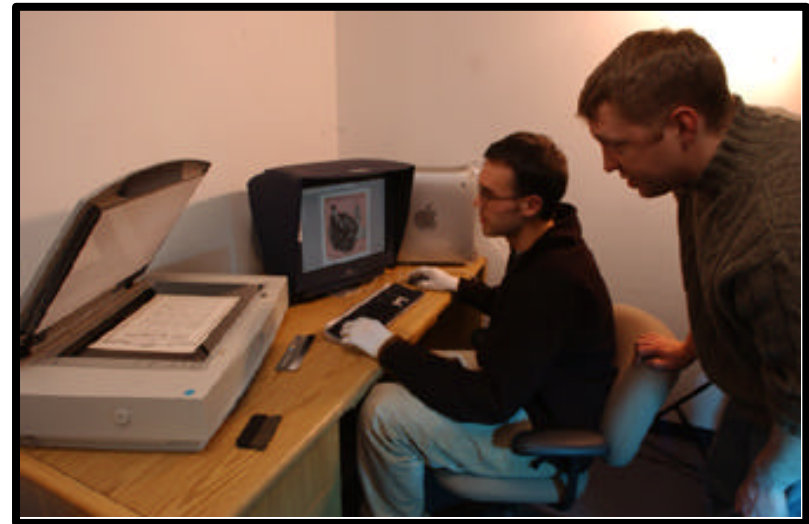
Uses EAD, DC & MARC XML
Templates

Has a digital object loader

3. VITAL Web Portal

UNIX/LINUX and Windows

4. Oracle Database (Optional)



2. VITAL Manager

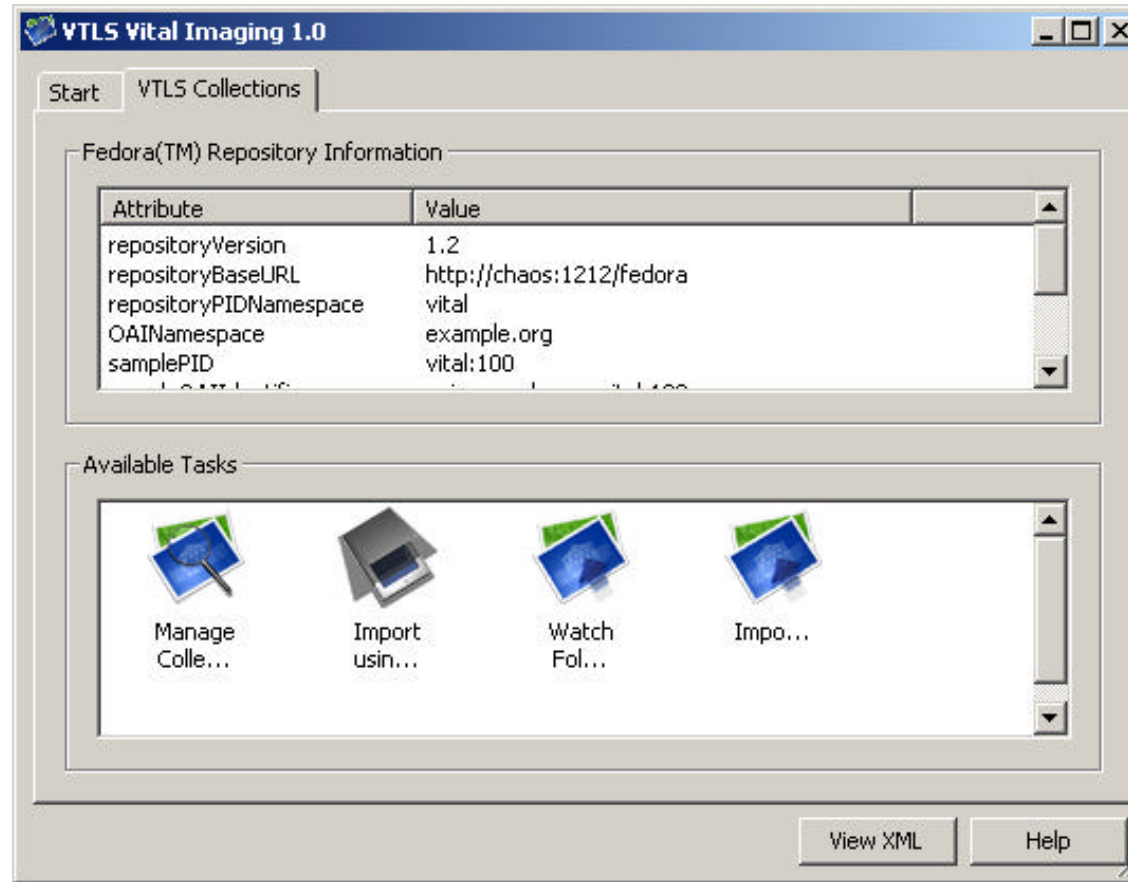
2.1 Advanced Collection Management Functions

2.2 XML/METS Metadata Storage, Linking, Retrieval & Export

2.3 XML (Dublin Core) Editing & Indexing

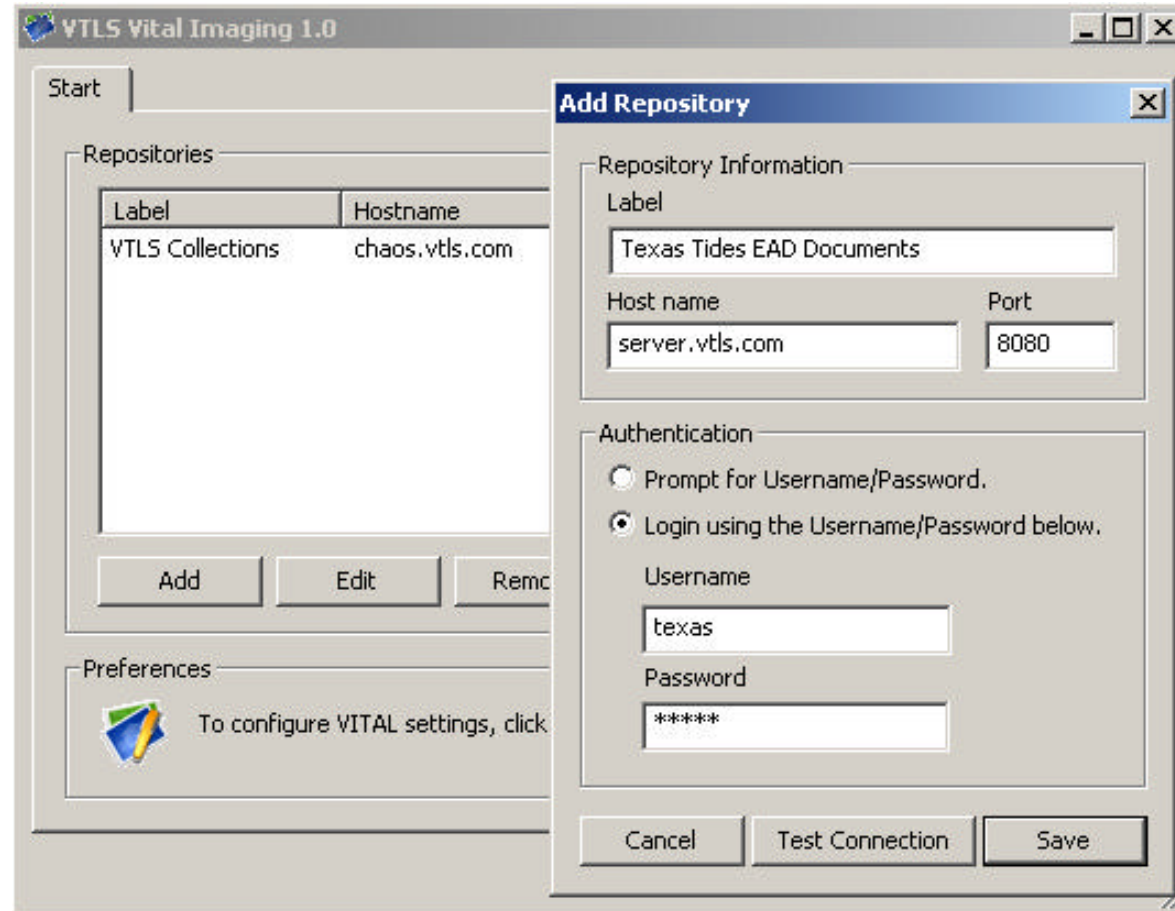
2.4 Uses **Fedora™ Digital Object Search Tool**

2.5 Easy Image Management & Import with some Automatic Metadata Creation and Linking



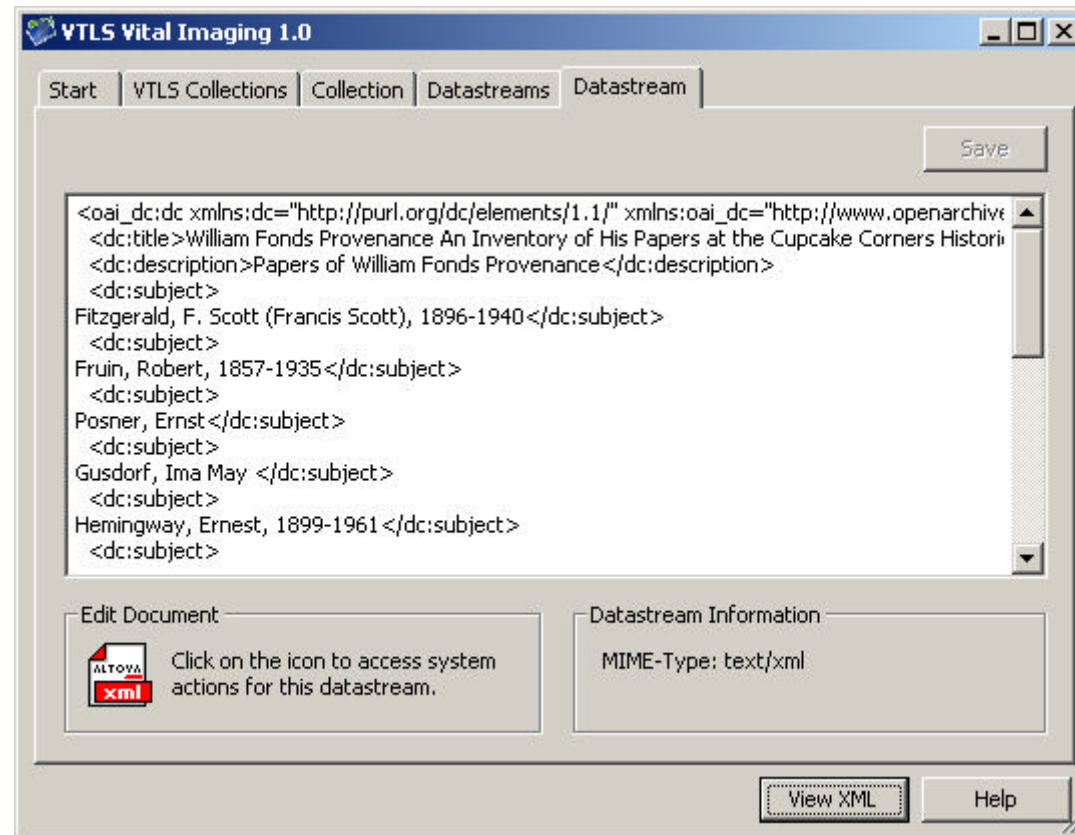
2.1 VITAL Collection Management

- Supports multiple Fedora™ repositories
- Collections can be dispersed across locations
- Repositories can contain diverse digital object types
- VITAL facilitates easy loading and searching of repositories



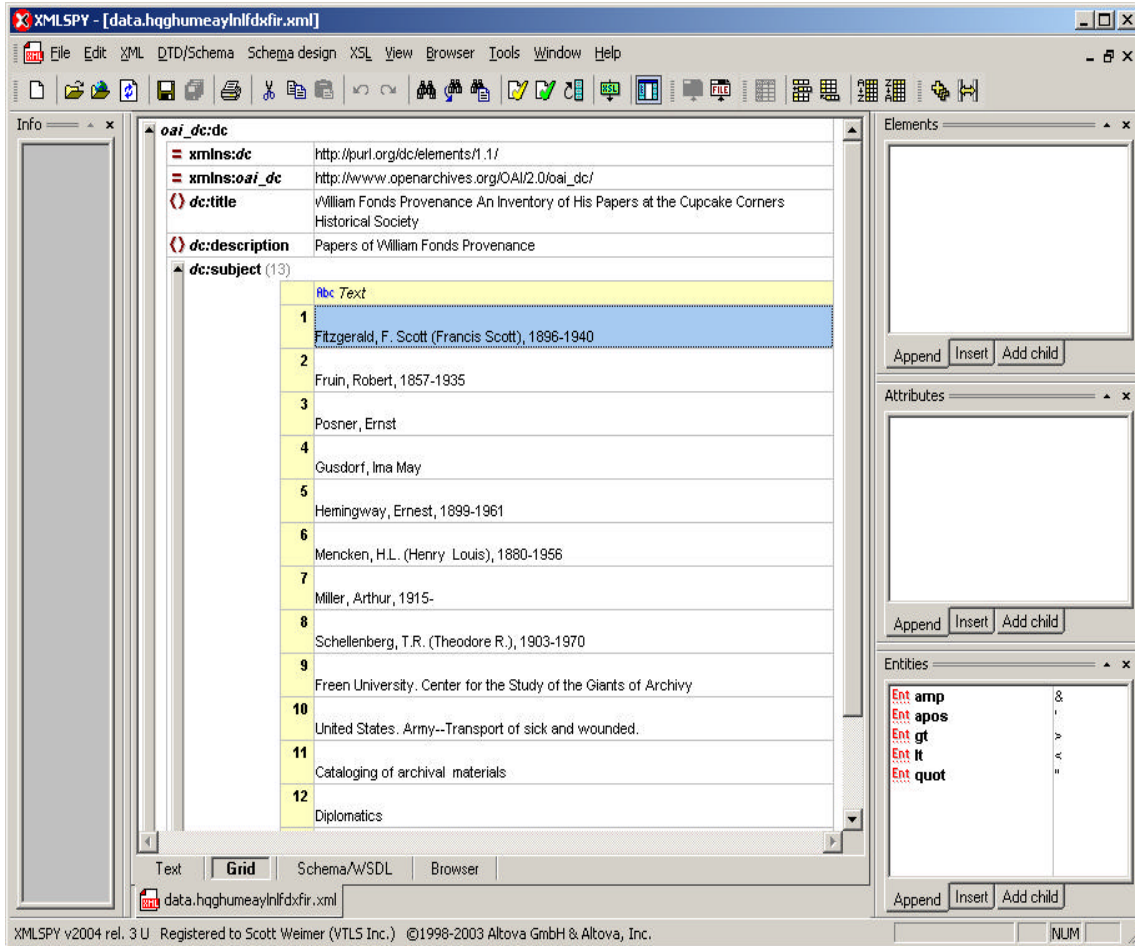
2.2 VITAL XML Metadata Storage

- Standards based
 - XML/METS Schema
 - Dublin Core
 - EAD
 - MARC
 - AMICO XML Format
 - Additional formats can be added quickly
- Metadata may be exported in XML for use in other applications



2.3 VITAL XML Editing

- Cataloging/editing with XMLSpy Software
 - Templates provided for Dublin Core, EAD, and MARC
- Additional 3rd Party XML tools may be used
 - XMetal from Corel
 - Microsoft InfoPath
- Collection metadata may be imported from VTLS MetaCat



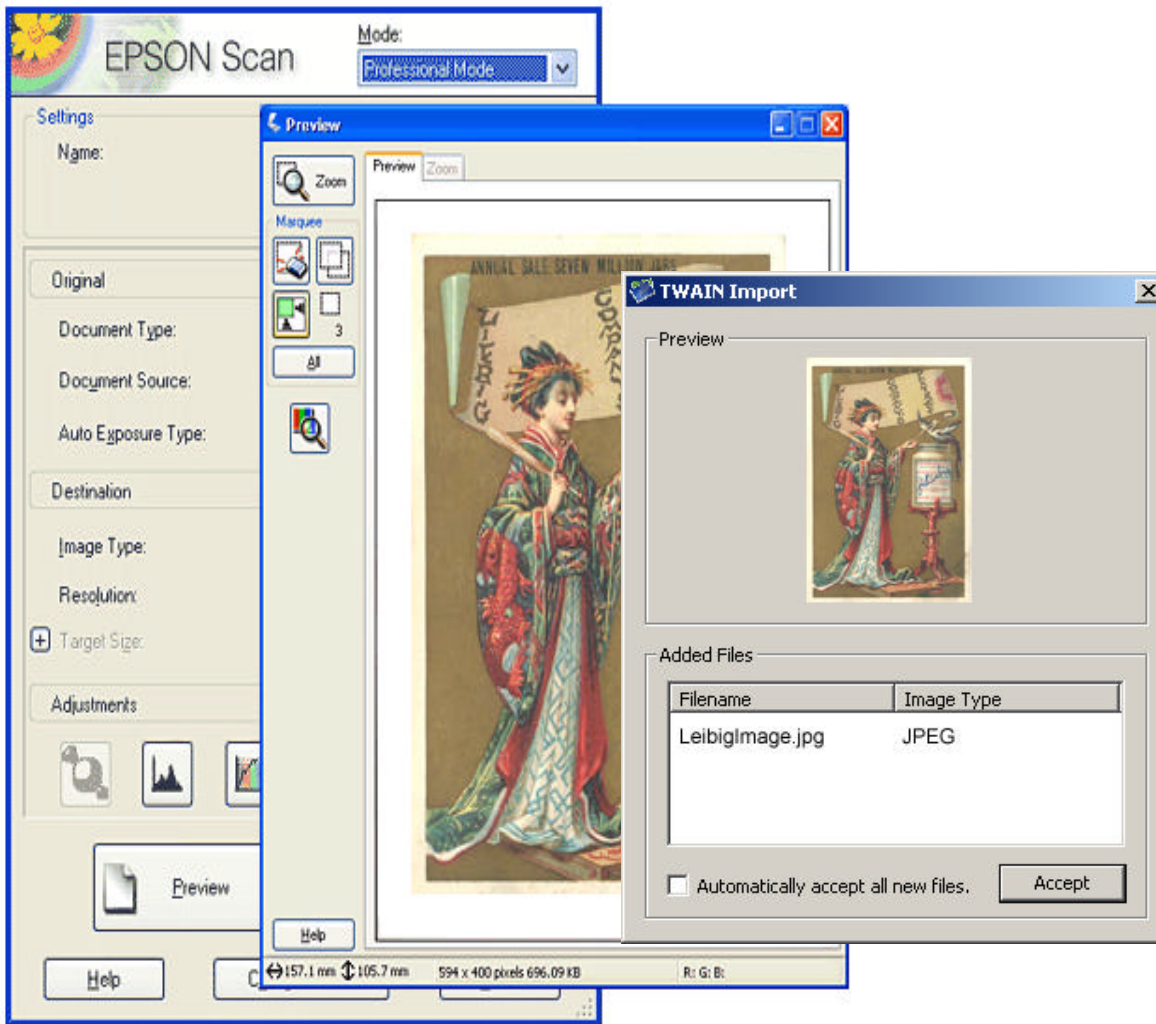
2.5 VITAL Image Management

- Easy import of digital objects and images
 - Watched Folder
 - VITAL Import Tool
- Digital object versioning
 - Changes made to the digital objects are recorded in the repository
- VITAL automatically creates technical metadata for the digital object by recognizing the imported files mime type

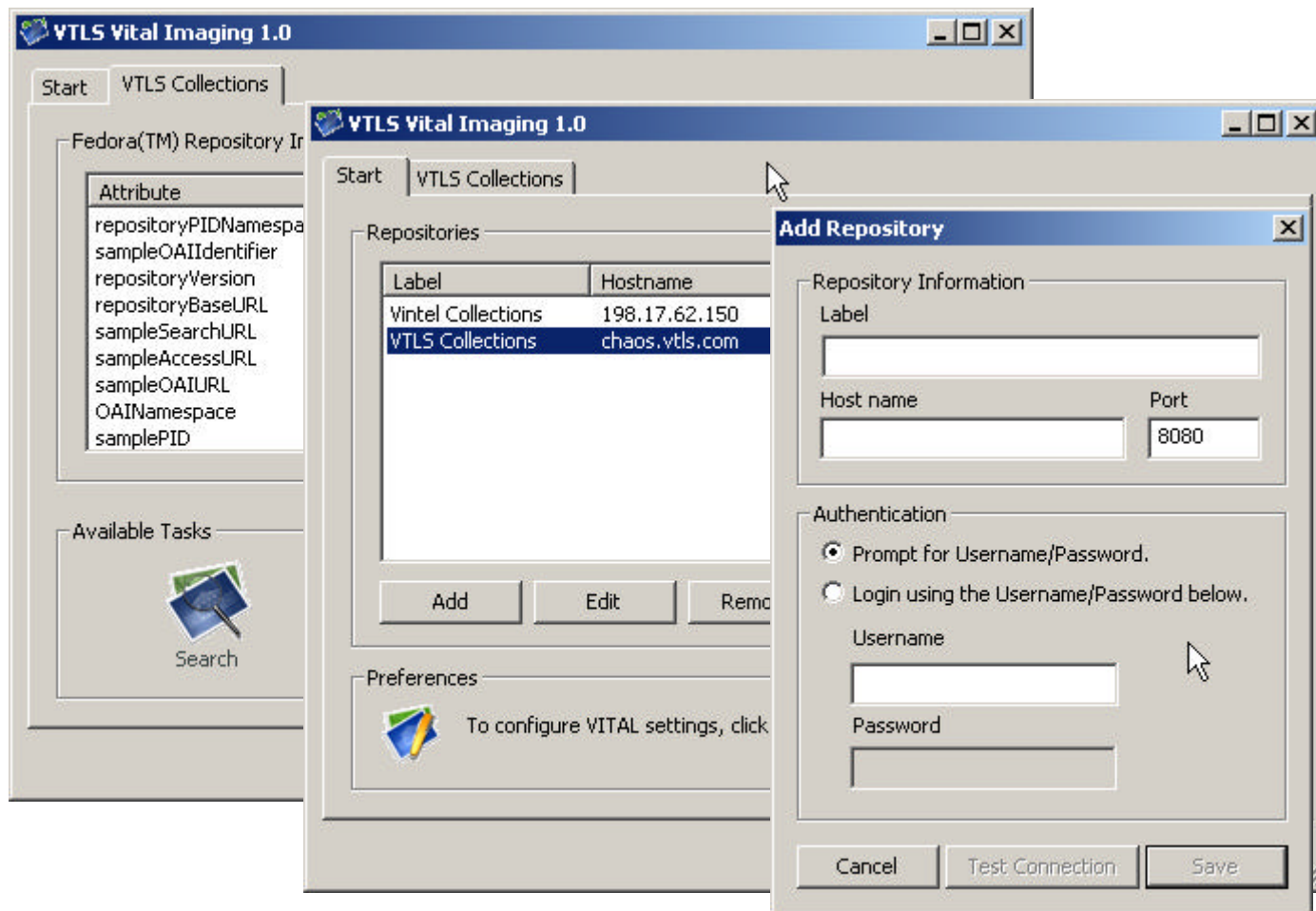


2.5 VITAL Image Management

- Integrates with any TWAIN source scanning software or imaging application
- Images can be immediately verified prior to load - through the VITAL Manager preview window
- Tools to facilitate the digitization of all materials including, rare objects and historical documents



VITAL Manager Client Details

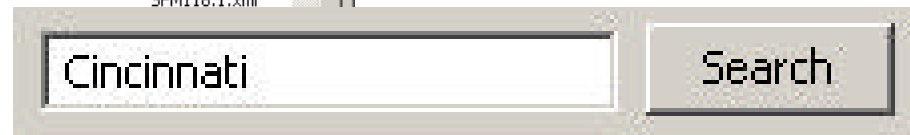
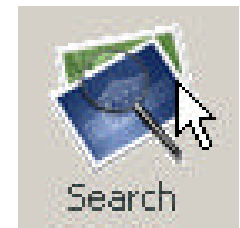
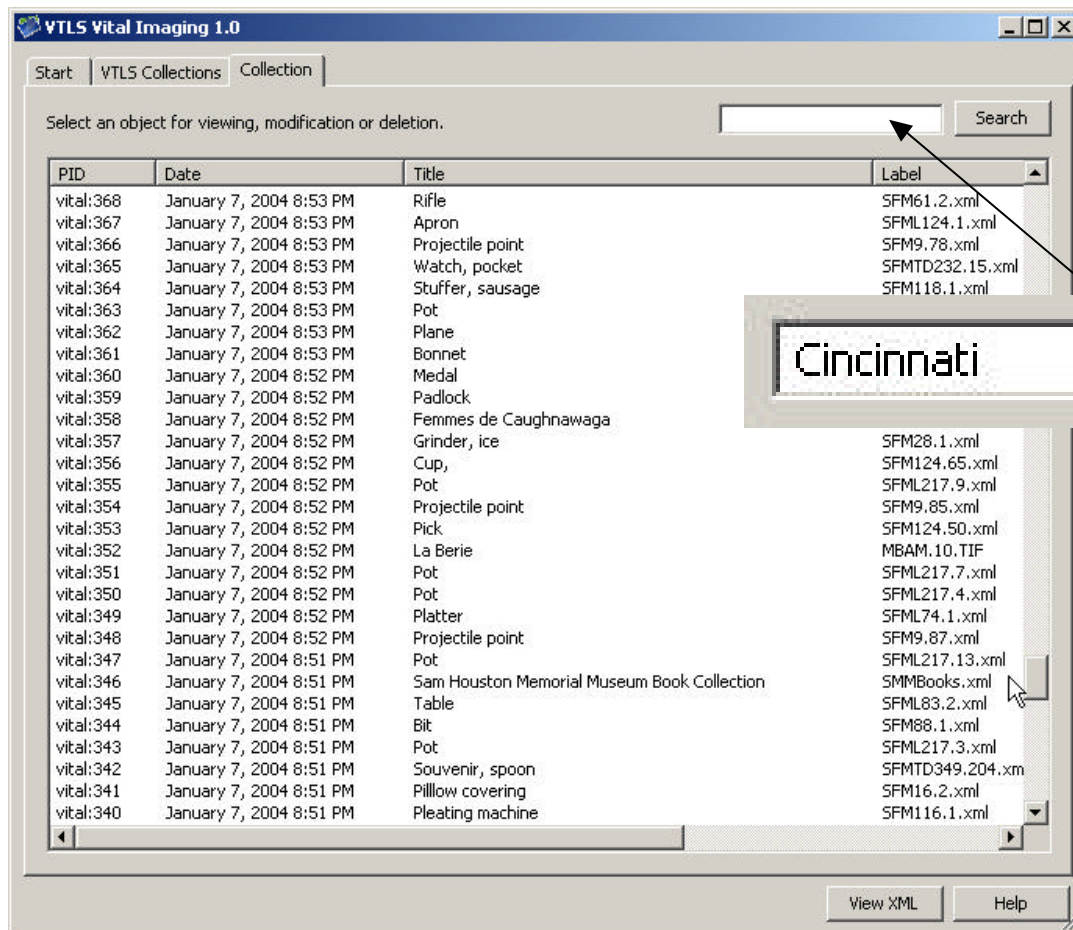


VITAL Manager Client Details



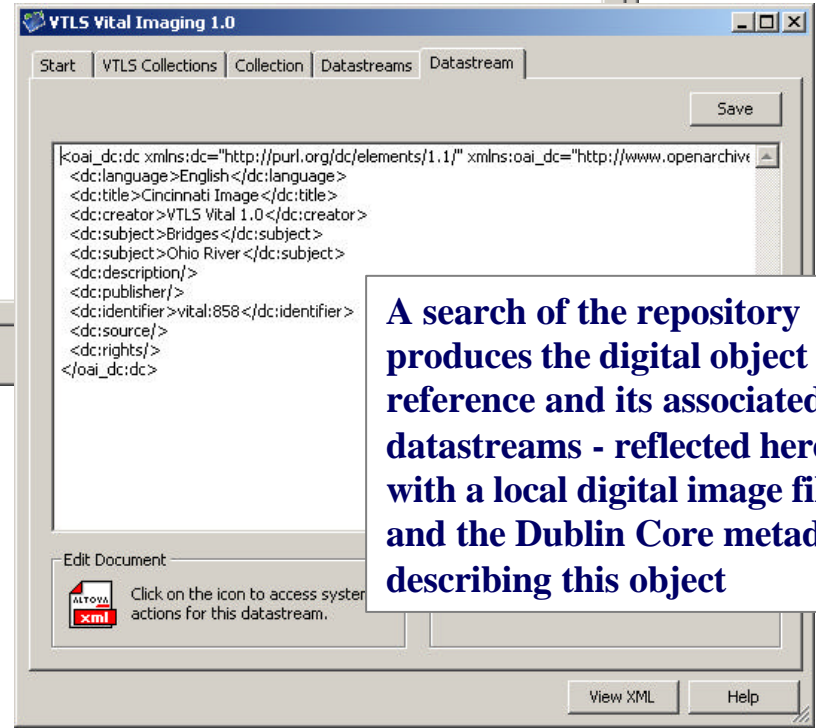
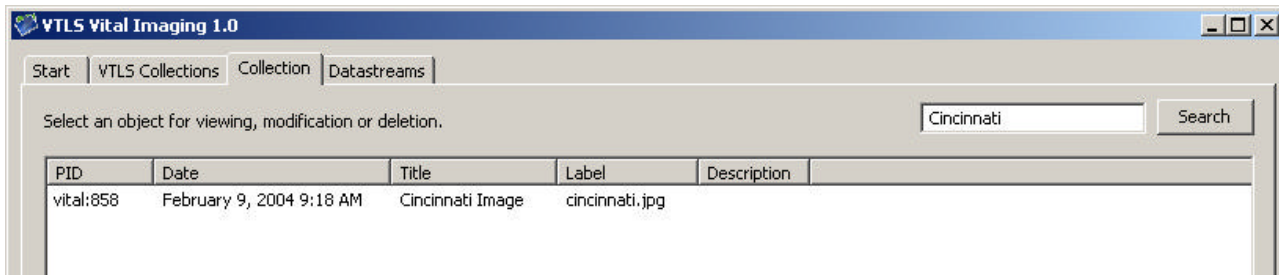
- Search the repository to locate digital objects and their associated image, text and metadata
- Launch the software of a TWAIN compliant scanner or digital camera directly from VITAL and load the digitized images in one step
- Import one or many image, text, sound and other digital files into the repository and have the basic metadata created dynamically based on mime type
- Configure a “watched” folder from your favorite application to automatically move files into the repository

VITAL Manager Client Details



The VITAL Manager Client allows for easy navigation and searching of your digital object repository

VITAL Manager Client Details



A search of the repository produces the digital object reference and its associated datastreams - reflected here with a local digital image file and the Dublin Core metadata describing this object

VITAL Manager Client Details

Edit Document

Click on the icon to access system actions for this datastream.

Datastreams can be edited using linked applications – Metadata datastreams such as Dublin Core are modified by integrated XML editors such as XMLSpy or XMetal

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no" ?>
<?oai_dc:dc xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/" xmlns:oai_dc="http://www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/oai_dc/" ?>
  <dc:language>English</dc:language>
  <dc:title>Cincinnati Image</dc:title>
  <dc:creator>VTLS Vital 1.0</dc:creator>
  <dc:subject>Bridges</dc:subject>
  <dc:subject>Ohio River</dc:subject>
  <dc:description/>
  <dc:publisher/>
  <dc:identifier>vital:858</dc:identifier>
  <dc:source/>
  <dc:rights/>
</oai_dc:dc>
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XMLSPY - [data.sgypsfadpooefxzbco.xml *]

File Edit XML DTD/Schema Schema design XSL View Browser Tools Window Help

Info

XML

xmlspysps http://chaos.vtls.com/~liversedgej/dublincore/dc.sps

oai_dc:dc

xmlns:dc	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/
xmlns:oai_dc	http://www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/oai_dc/
dc:language	English
dc:title	Cincinnati Image
dc:creator	VTLS Vital 1.0
dc:subject (2)	
	Rbc Text
	1 Bridges
	2 Ohio River
dc:description	Postcard 3"x5"
dc:publisher	
dc:identifier	vital:858
dc:source	Greater Cincinnati Memory Consortium
dc:rights	GCLC http://memory.gclc-lib.org

Text Grid Schema/WSDL Browser

data.sgypsfadpooefxzbco.xml

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VTLS Vital Imaging 1.0

Start VTLS Collections Collection

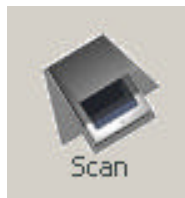
Edit Document

Click on the icon to access system actions for this datastream.

Datastream I

MIME-Type:

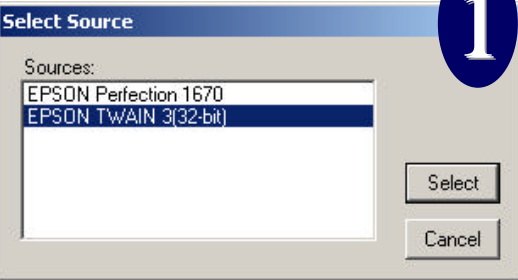
VITAL Manager Client Details



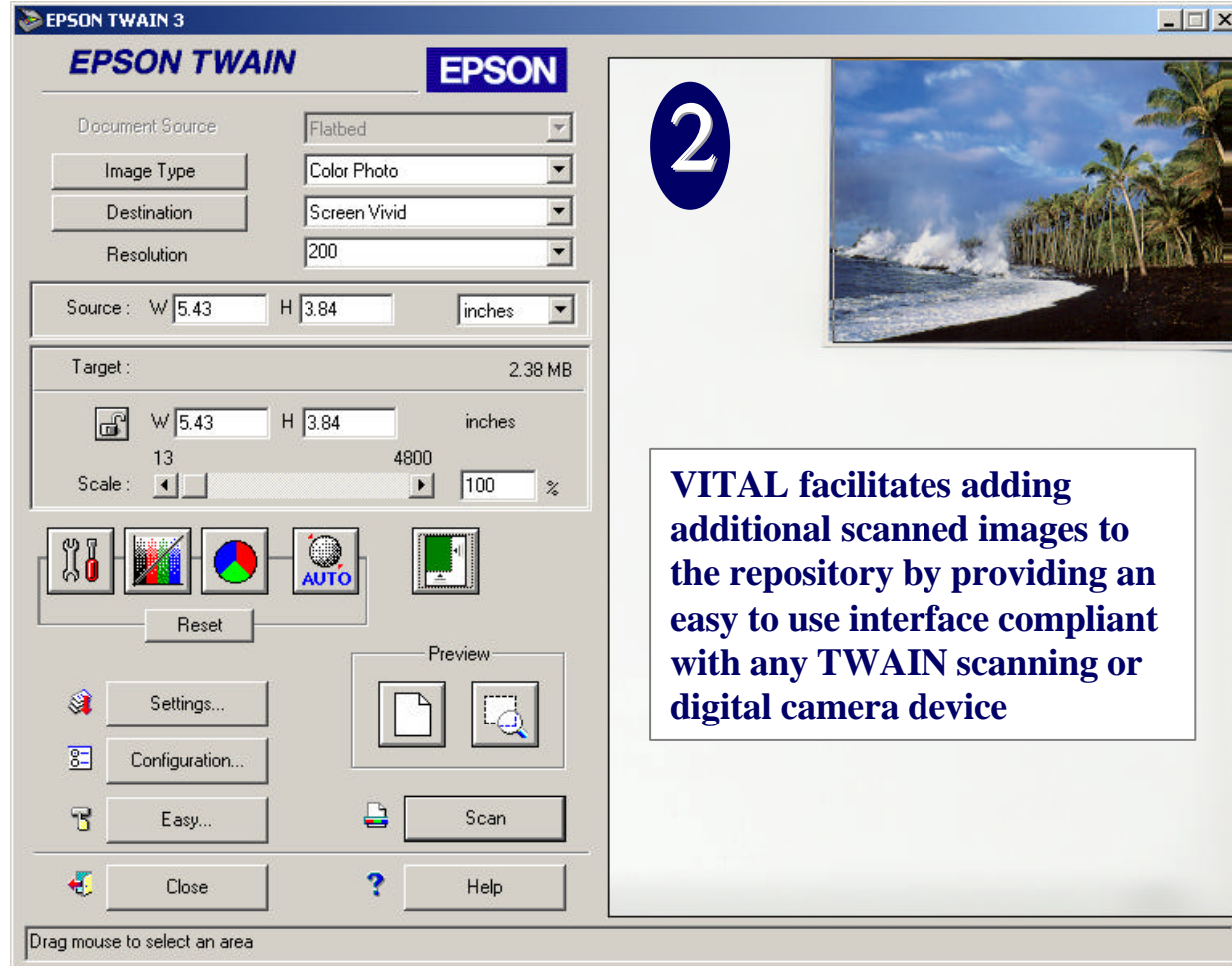
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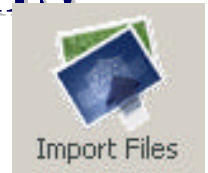
VITAL facilitates adding additional scanned images to the repository by providing an easy to use interface compliant with any TWAIN scanning or digital camera device



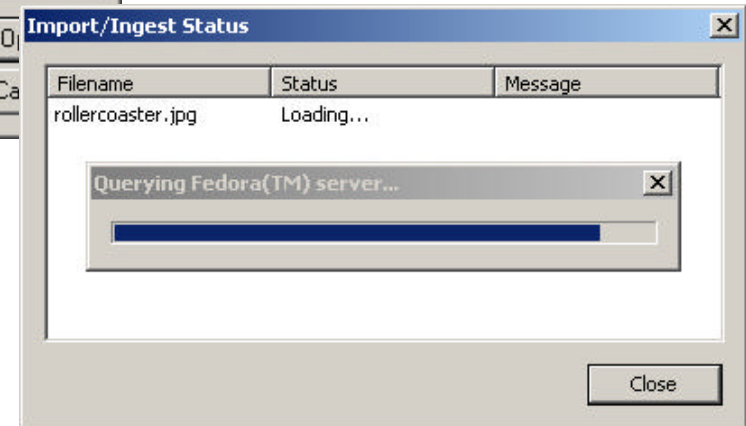
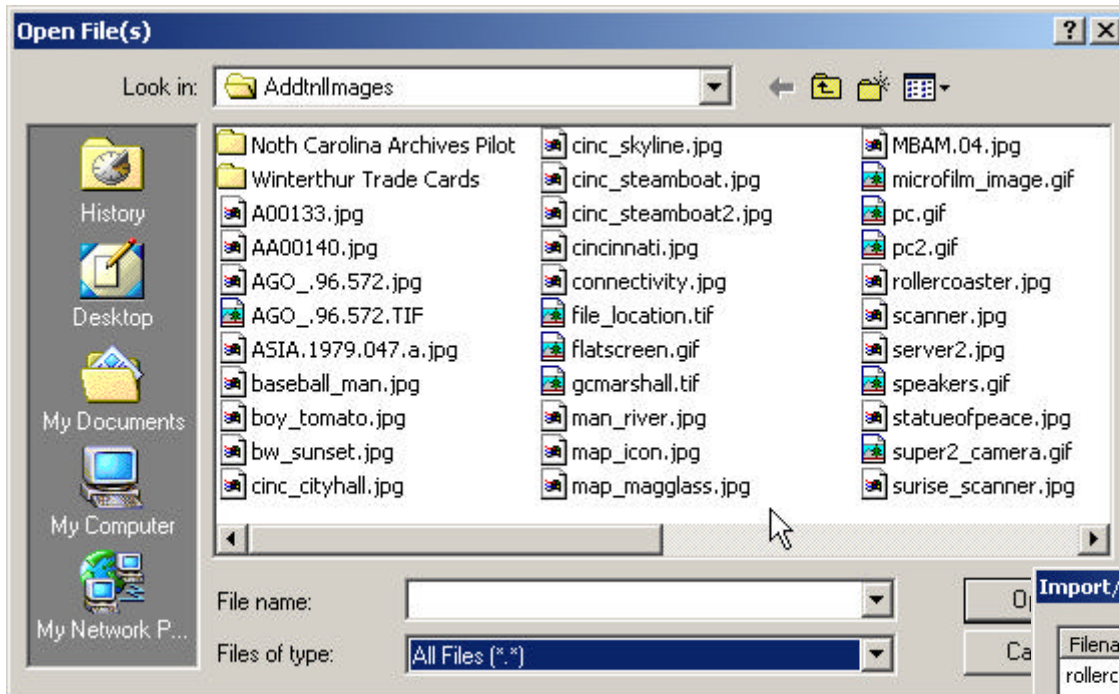
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VITAL Manager Client Details



VITAL features an Import/Ingest tool for loading digital images, text, metadata, etc., from your local or networked file system into the repository – individual or multiple files may be added to the repository using this workflow



3. VITAL Web Portal

QUICK
SEARCH

FIND BY
FILETYPE





VITAL™ Web Collections

VTLS IMAGING TECHNOLOGY FOR ADVANCED LEARNING



**Vital/Fedora
Repository 1.2**

Fedora Version 1.2

[Fedora Base URL](#)
[OAI Access](#)
[Administrator Email](#)

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For specific details regarding the purchase or evaluation of the VTLS VITAL solution, contact askvltls@vltls.com.

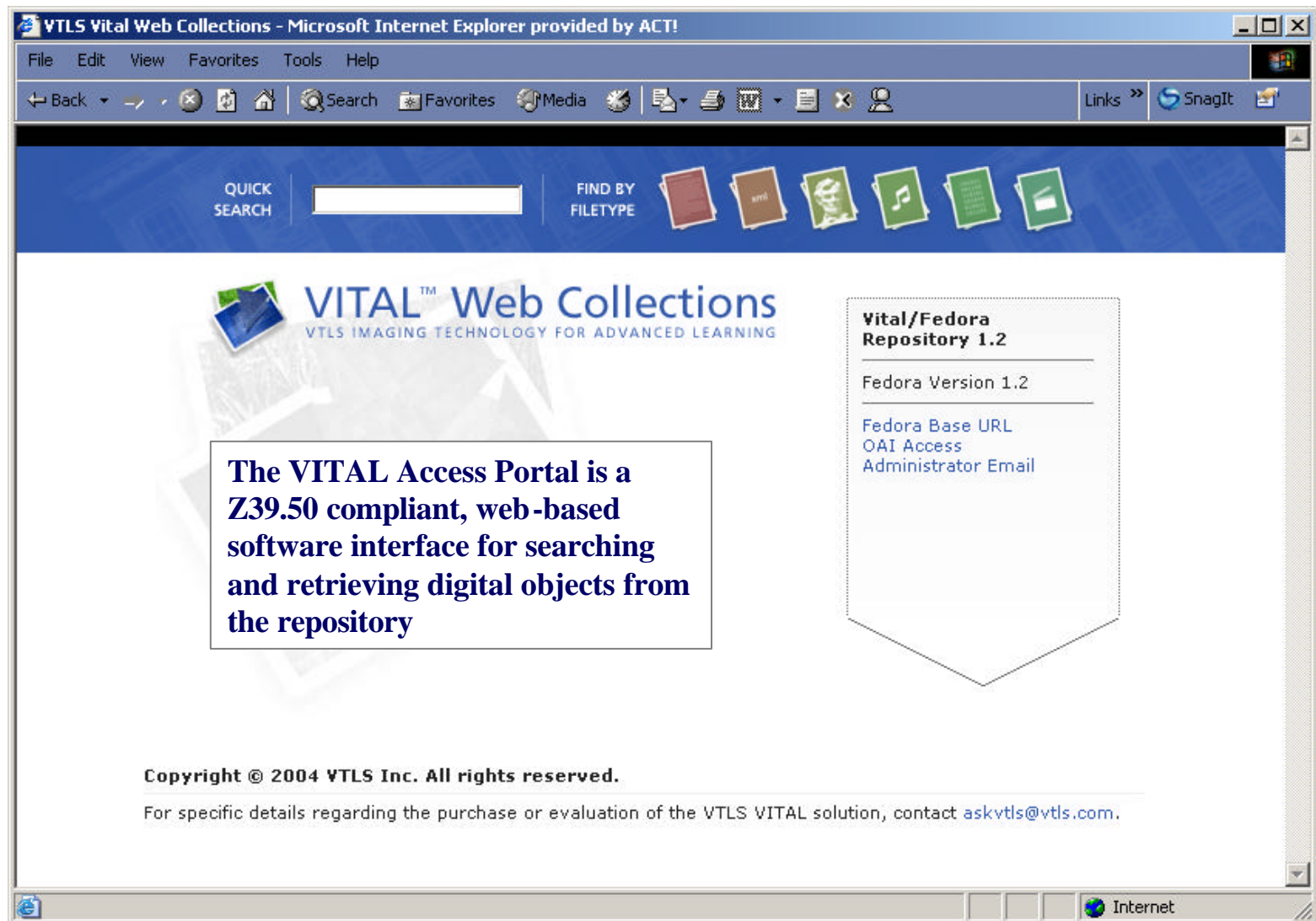
3. VITAL Web Portal

- Z39.50 compliant – compatible with any integrated library system
- Sophisticated display for Encoded Archival Description (EAD), Dublin Core and MARC
- Includes the VTLS Hi-Res Image Navigator – uses Wavelet compression for incredibly detailed viewing of your images
 - Supports MrSID and JPEG2000 encoded image files
- Instant access to digital content anytime, anywhere, to anyone with a web browser



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VTLS Vital Web Collections - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by ACT!

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QUICK SEARCH

FIND BY FILETYPE

VITAL™ Web Collections
VTLS IMAGING TECHNOLOGY FOR ADVANCED LEARNING

Vital/Fedora Repository 1.2

Fedora Version 1.2

Fedora Base URL
OAI Access
Administrator Email

QUICK SEARCH

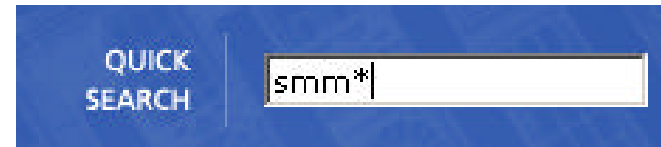
FIND BY FILETYPE

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For specific details regarding the purchase or evaluation of the VTLS VITAL solution,

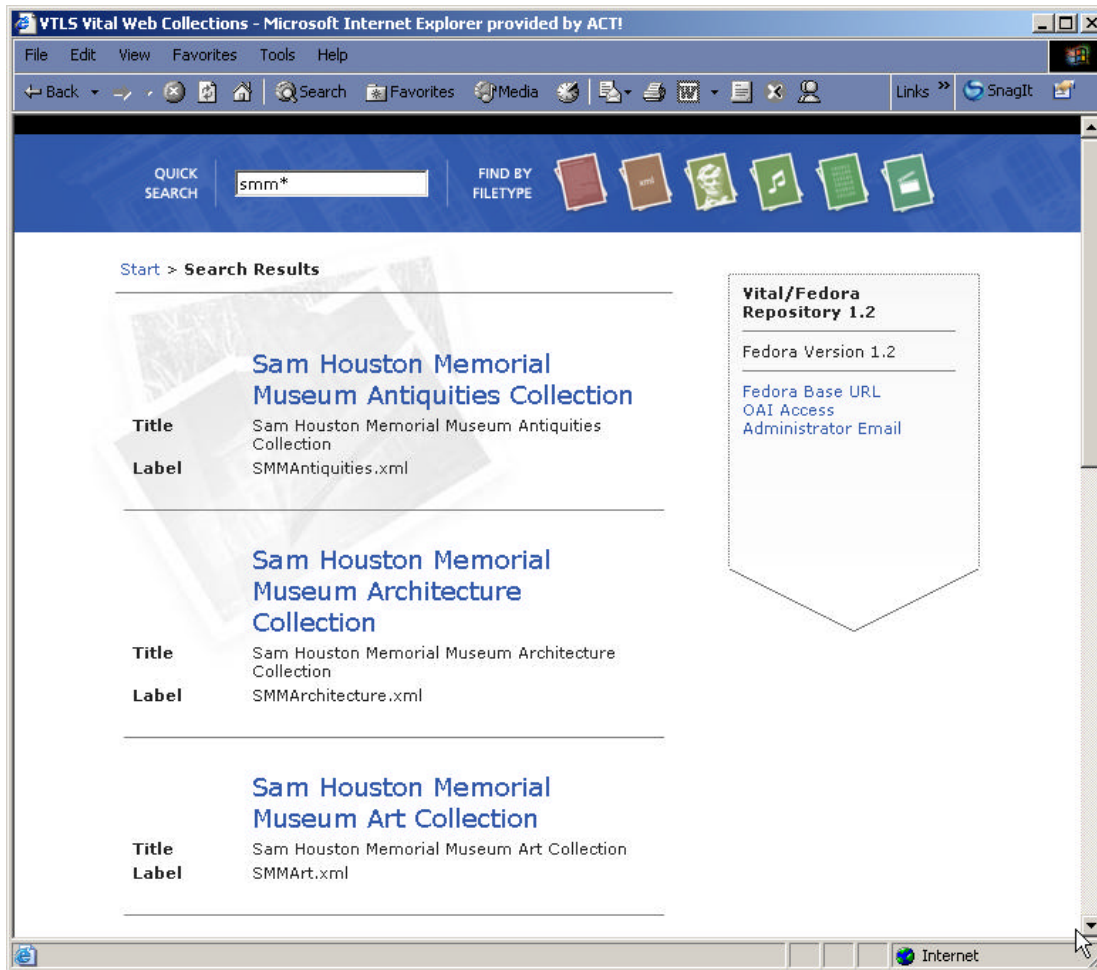
The VITAL Access Portal has a completely configurable interface – institutions can create their own look and feel for the front-end and provide a variety of search options including pre-defined searches to assist their users in locating groups of digital objects in the repository

Internet

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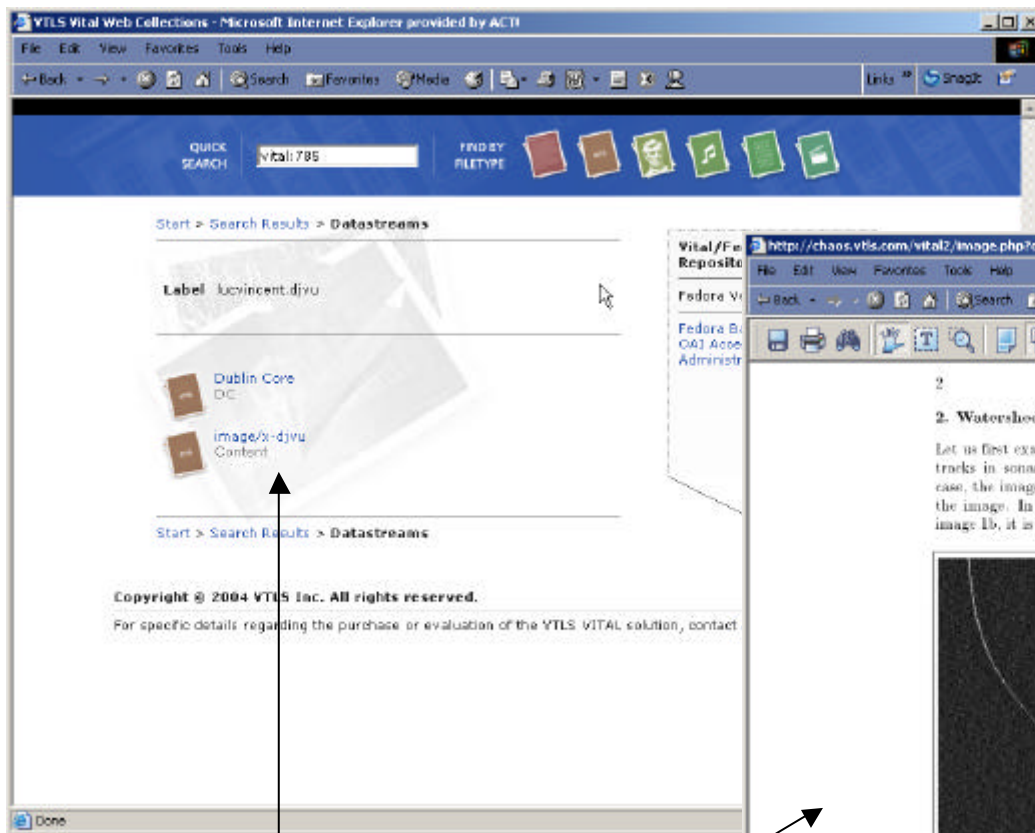


The results screen presents a list of digital objects that satisfy the search term(s) – clicking on the hyperlinks to the left will bring up the digital object summary screen

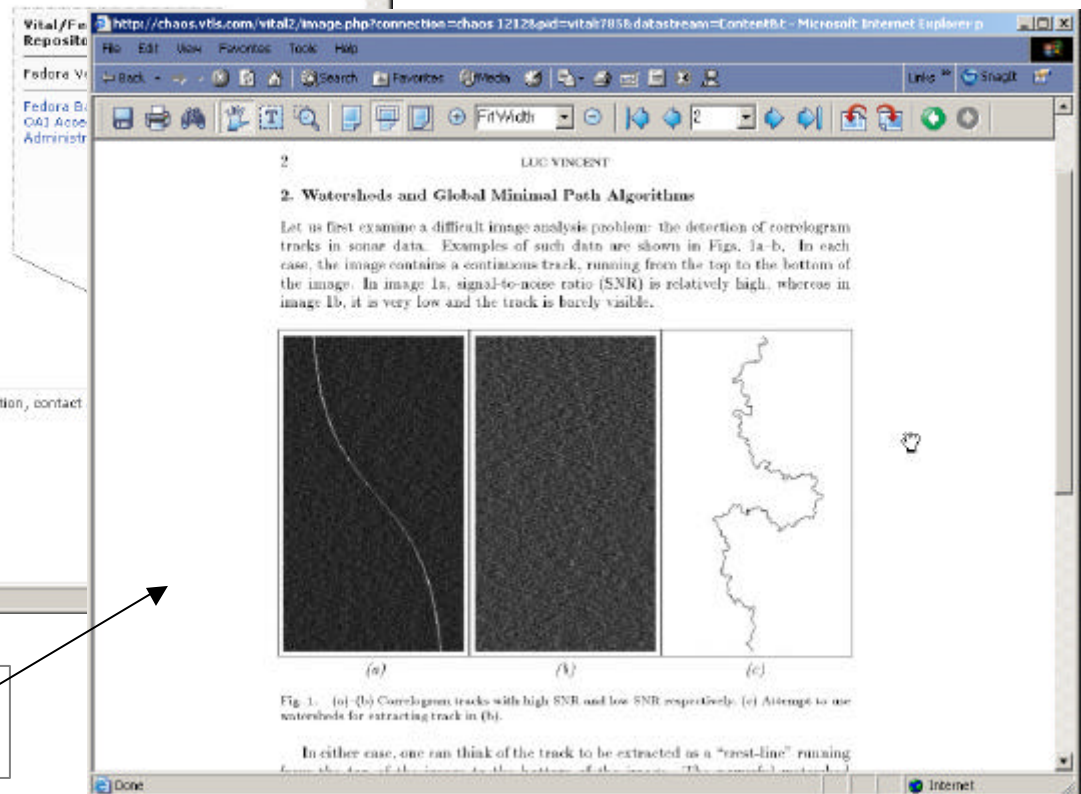


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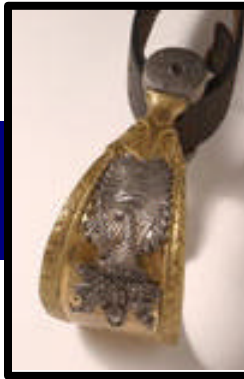
Text documents in Word, PDF and DjVu may launched into the browser by clicking on the “Content” datastream icon



**Dublin Core and Digital File
(DjVu) Datastreams**



Tides in Early Texas History – Stephen F. Austin University



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Texas Tides EAD Document
Content

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "VTLS Vital Web Collections - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by ACT". The search bar contains "shmm". The breadcrumb trail is "Start > Search Results > Datasources > EAD". A link "Click here for the raw EAD data." is present. The main content area is titled "Sam Houston Memorial Museum Architecture Collection" with an "INVENTORY" section. It features a thumbnail image of a wooden building. A descriptive summary is provided on the left, and a table of contents is also visible.

QUICK SEARCH **FIND BY FILETYPE**

Start > Search Results > Datasources > EAD

[Click here for the raw EAD data.](#)

Descriptive Summary
Source Sam Houston Memorial Museum Architecture Collection

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Inventory Listing

Sam Houston Memorial Museum Architecture Collection

INVENTORY



Kitchen and Law Office at Sam Houston's Woodland Home, Huntsville, Texas.

Clicking on the thumbnail image from this screen will launch the VITAL Hi-Res Image Navigator – a tool which provides for detailed examination of these wavelet compressed image files

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "VTLS Vital Web Collections - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by ACT". The search bar contains "papers". The breadcrumb trail is "Start > Search Results > Datasources > EAD". A link "Click here for the raw EAD data." is present. The main content area is titled "Historic Papers by or Associated with Various Subjects, 1821-1887" with a "SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE" section. It features a descriptive summary on the left, a table of contents, and an inventory listing.

QUICK SEARCH **FIND BY FILETYPE**

Start > Search Results > Datasources > EAD

[Click here for the raw EAD data.](#)

Descriptive Summary
Source These manuscripts, correspondence, proclamations and broadsides, and legal documents were acquired through the assistance of or donation by numerous people; notable are Dr. J. L. Clark of SHSU, Robinson descendants of Henderson Yoakum, and James L. Britton, III. Specific provenance information is extensive and held in the Thomson Room.

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[SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE](#)
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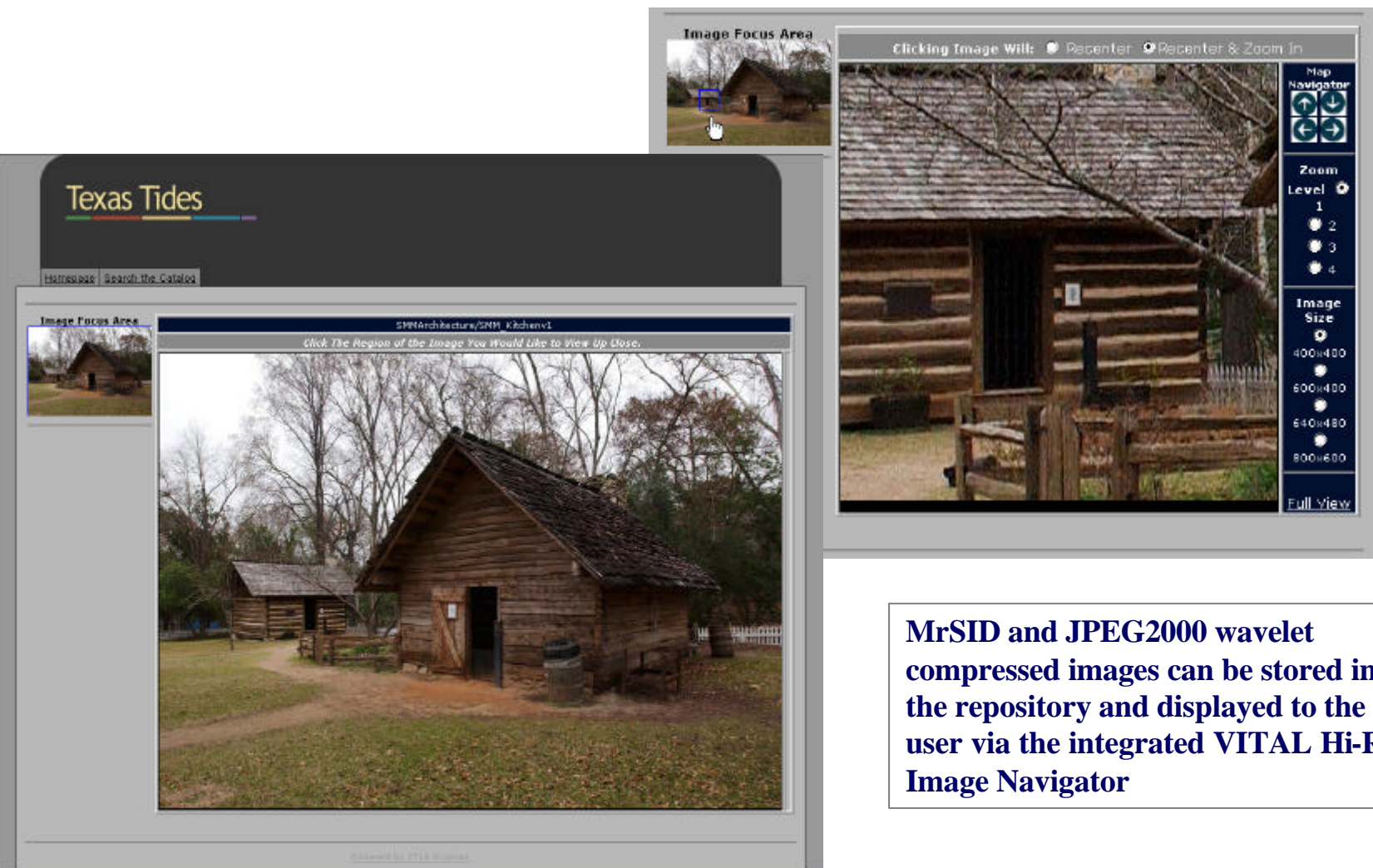
Historic Papers by or Associated with Various Subjects, 1821-1887

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The manuscript collection begins with personal papers of Henderson Yoakum, who wrote the first comprehensive history of Texas. They include a muster roll from his Cherokee campaign, discharge orders and payment authorizations for his troops, as well as Yoakum's license to practice law. A collection of papers letters related to early Texas, primarily annexation issues, ranges from 1842-1845. The Thomson letters describe daily life and events in East Texas, especially Walker County and Huntsville, as interpreted by a recent immigrant from England. Among her descriptions are the yellow fever epidemic of 1867, a fire and fire control (a bucket brigade), and martial law after the Civil War. In the correspondence section, Governor E. M. Pease discusses politics and family life, David G. Burnett, Secretary of State, orders surveys for the public lands assigned to the establishment of an education system, and

Institutions have considerable flexibility in the way they present their collections – the examples here show two different approaches to presenting EAD (Encoded Archival Description) metadata objects

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MrSID and JPEG2000 wavelet compressed images can be stored in the repository and displayed to the user via the integrated VITAL Hi-Res Image Navigator

The AMICO Library™

The AMICO Library™ - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by ACT1

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Address <http://hercules.vtlc.com/cgi-bin/amico/chameleon> Go Links

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Homepage | My Portfolio | View History | Save Session | Restart Session

Scan the Collection

Enter your search terms:

Select a search type:

Artist Search

Search by Keyword

Featured Item





Image Focus Area

Clicking Image Will: ☐ Recenter ☒ Recenter & Zoom In



Zoom Level

☐ 1
☒ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4

Image Size

☒ 256x256
☐ 400x400
☐ 600x600
☐ 800x800
☐ 1000x1000

View Projection Size


Image

Vincent Willem van Gogh, Dutchman, Dutch, 1853 - 1890
Sunflowers, 1889 or 1890
36 3/8 x 20 inches (92.4 x 51.1 cm)
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
The Museum's Carol S. Tyson & Collection
1963 - 1963-11-5-19
The AMICO Library
PMA, 1963-115-19

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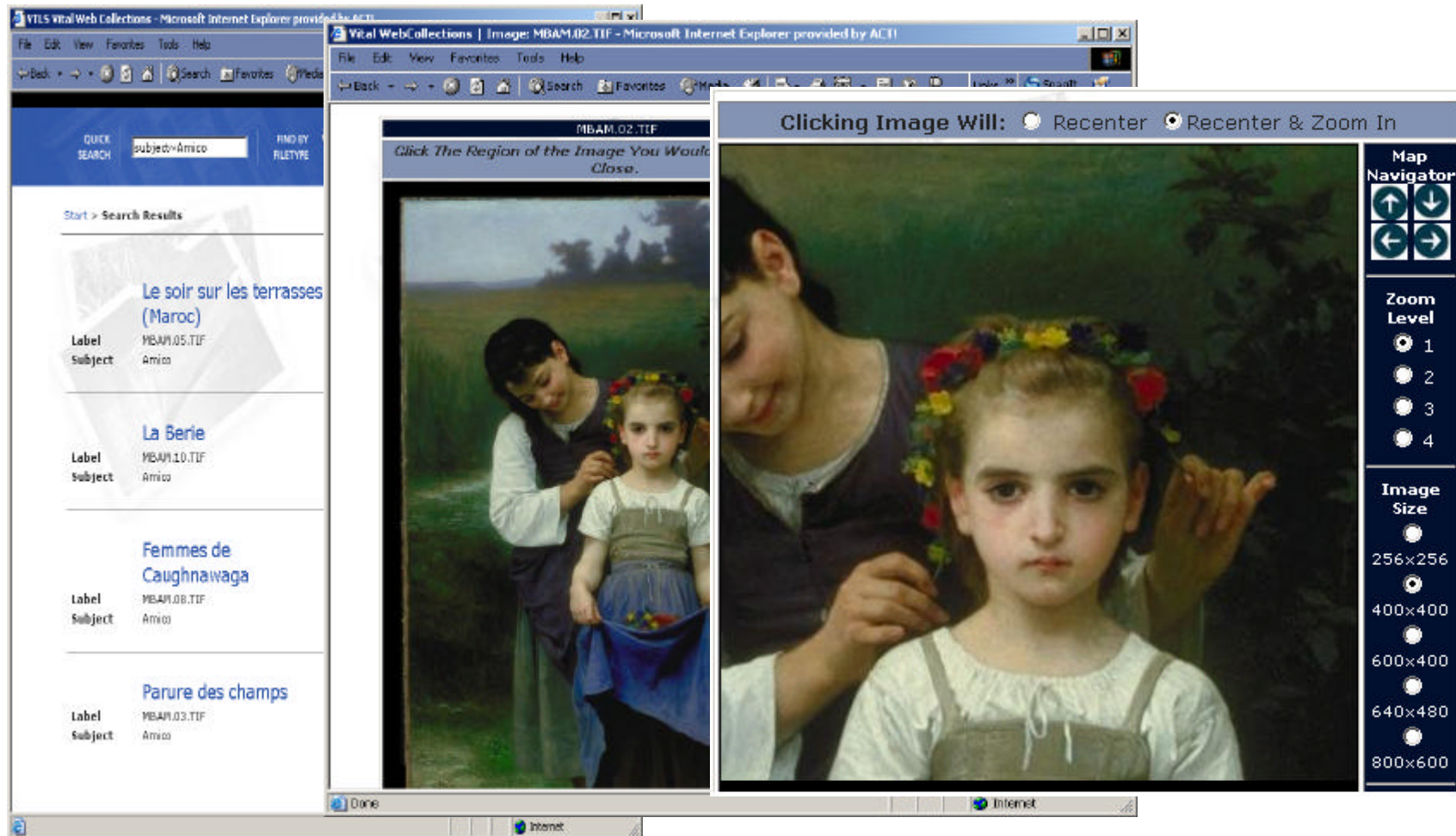
Types of Works

- over 11,000 paintings
- over 5,000 sculptures
- over 12,000 drawings and watercolors
- over 14,000 prints
- over 25,000 photographs
- over 1,400 textiles
- over 1,400 costumes and jewelry
- over 6,500 works of decorative art
- over 600 books and manuscripts



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The AMICO Library in VITAL



Implementation Options

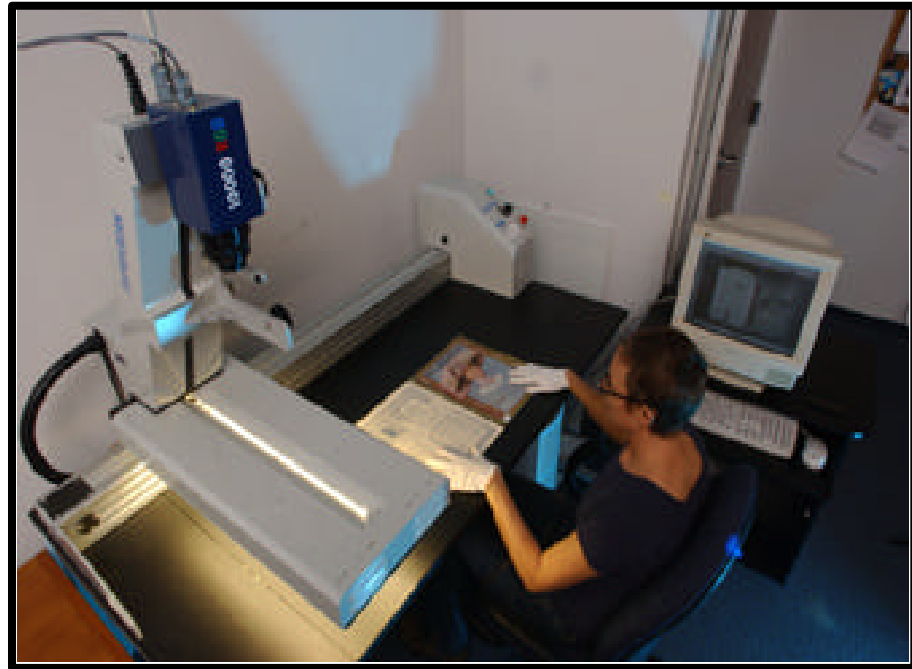
The Fedora™ package

- Fedora™ open source software (free)
- VTLS installation, training, and support



Implementation Options

- The Full VITAL package
 - Fedora™ open source software (free)
 - VTLS software and hardware extensions, with features and workflows
 - VTLS installation, training, support, integration and documentation



Implementation Options

- VITAL Hosted Solution
 - VTLS provides ASP services for your digital collections
- VTLS Professional Digital Imaging Services
 - Imaging services and project consulting can be combined with any of the above packages to provide a solution tailored to your needs



Just the Beginning

- Fedora™ 2.0 planned enhancements
 - Digital Rights Management
 - Authentication (Shibboleth)
 - <http://www.fedora.info>
- VITAL Directions
 - Advanced collection management features, indexing, searching and statistical reporting
 - VTLS Knowledge Portal for Fedora™ resources and collaboration
 - Additional features for multimedia collections
 - Integration of VTLS V-Commerce Solutions

Part 4 : Working with a vendor

*As a general rule (there are exceptions)
in-house projects cost more,
take longer,
and often remain incomplete*

Reasons to work with a vendor

- **Space:** No need to convert for scanning activities
- **Equipment:** It is the vendor's responsibility to stay ahead of the technology curve
- **Staff:** Imaging activities required specialized training and personnel
- **Downtime:** Not your concern, the onus is on us
- **Economies of Scale:** Larger projects can be done faster, more efficient and at less cost to you
- **Security:** Protection of a contracted price
- **Experience:** Technical & Creative

Practical considerations in working with a vendor

- Communicate your project goals to the vendor
- Consider a small pilot project to work out the kinks and learn the process
- Identify points of contact in each organization and work through issues as they come up
- Spend the time up front making sure that the promised deliverables meet your expectations
- Do your part to keep the project moving and expect the same of the vendor
- Even with a vendor there are some things **you** must do

Working with a Vendor

What **You Must Do** [1]

This outline is an abbreviated version of Library of Congress – steps in a digitization project.

- Select a collection
 - Analyze Collection
 - Determine scope of digitization (entire or subset?)
 - Assess the physical condition
 - Assess restrictions and copyright
 - Determine finding aid
- Plan digitization strategy
 - Develop method for collection preparation
 - **Develop preservation treatment plan**
 - Determine formats (capture, archiving and presentation)
 - Determine physical size
 - Determine scheme for file name assignment

Working with a Vendor

What You Must Do [2]

- Estimate resource requirements
 - Disk space
 - Number of scanners
 - Number of people and working days
- Develop restriction plan [copyright plan]
 - Review copyright restrictions
 - Seek required permissions
 - Add notices to all restricted items

Working with a Vendor

What You Must Do [3]

- Prepare Documents and Scan
 - Prepare targets
 - Prepare scanning instructions for collection
 - Scan collection
 - Process scanned images
 - Review images for quality
 - Coordinate rework
- Create Database
 - Archive images in repository
 - Develop Finding aid
 - Modify existing finding aid
 - Create new finding aid

Working with a Vendor

What You Must Do [4]

- Create Links
 - Use productivity tools
- Test and refine
 - Review for accuracy and completeness
 - Test links
 - Make any necessary changes
- Release Collection

Outsourcing Responsibilities of the Site

- Selecting the materials to be digitized
- Determining the purpose of digitization and the nature of the desired final output
- Establishing the quality targets
- Verifying the quality of completed work
- Enjoying the extra attention you and your institution will receive from the fantastic collections you make available in digital format

Conclusion

Go as far as you can see
for

You will be able to see farther when
you get there!

Action is better than inaction and reaction

