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Outline

- Collaboration tools used in Digital
 Library research and development
- How were these tools used?
 - Who used these tools? When?
- Measures of collaboration
- Open Research

Collaboration Software

- Collaboration something accomplished by group that could not have been accomplished alone
 - Collaboratory Cyber-Infrastructure (Grid)
- (Personal Information Management) Groupware
- Computer-Mediated Communication
- Computer supported cooperative work
- Social software

Examples

- Tools for sharing information
 - Some examples Push vs. pull
 - Electronic discussion lists (push)
 - · Web-based interfaces, archives, email digests
 - Userland's Manila (pull)
 - RSS (rich site summary/real simple syndication)
 - Public annotation systems; community review systems

Other Examples

- Wikis (pull)
 - Use Mod Wiki, Moin Moin Wiki, Swiki, Twiki
- Blogs
 - Movable Type, WordPress, BlogLines
- · Web-accessible databases & Concept map tools
 - User input
- Others Talk/Chat/IM, Webconferencing, VOIP

DL Collaboration

- Geotechnical, Rock, and Water Resources Digital Library
 - Engineering Civil, Mining & Geological, Agricultural & Biosystems; Library - Bibliographers + Systems; Computer Center; Educational Evaluation; SIRLS
- Project management tasks, problem-solving, information sharing - interdisciplinary meaning

GROW Wiki

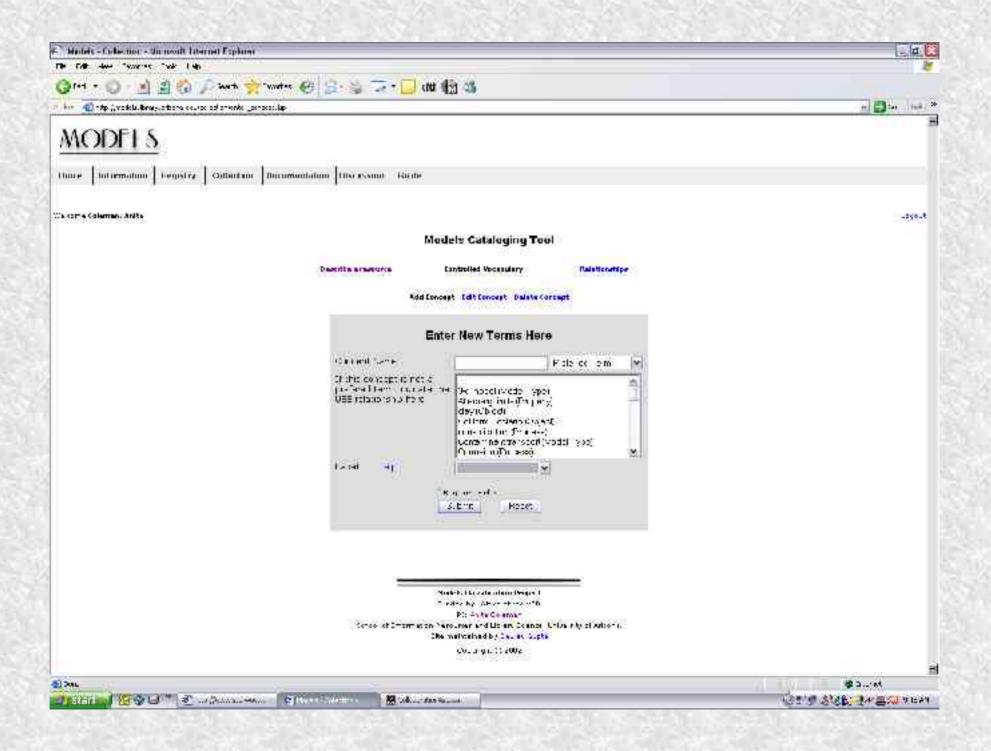
- Moin Moin Wiki (Python-based open source)
- Minutes of meetings
- Editing documents
- Tasks Roles Status
- Glossary
 - Negotiating meaning Consensus
- Evaluation from basic usablity to impact

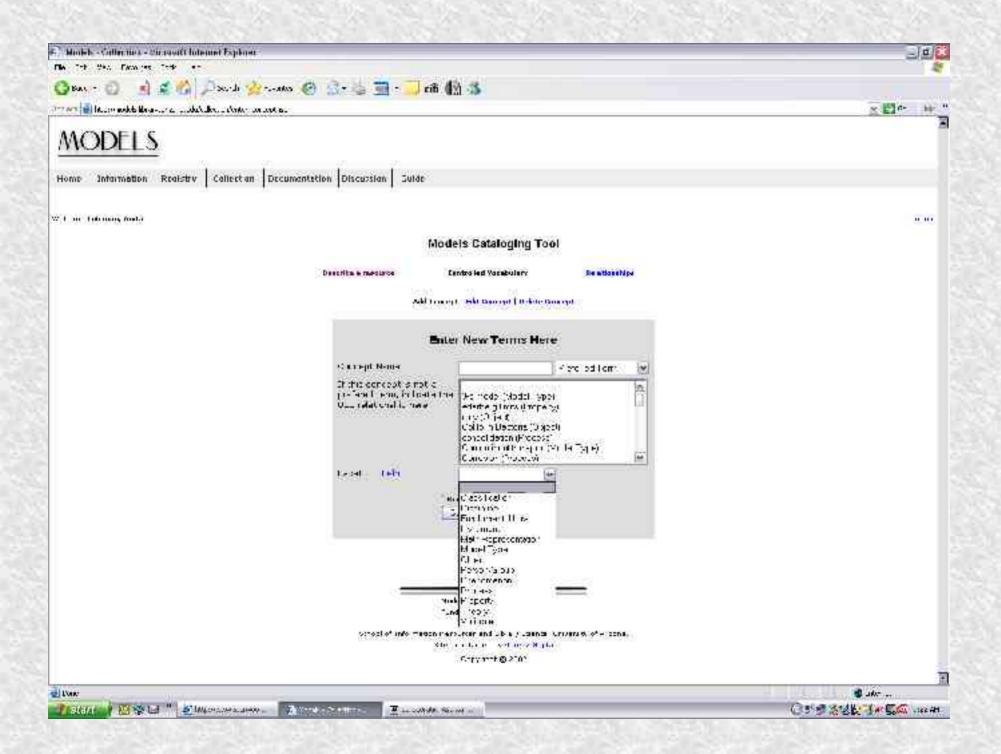
Traditional views

- Metrics [Note: Differentiation between teams]
- # of (team produced) products (productivity)
- # of co-authored publications
- # of citations (web mentions)
- # of grants written/received

Metrics

- Benefits of using collaboration tools
 - Archives records
 - Organized tracking of team collaboration
 - Usage metrics (who is using what, when, and what context, frequency and length of time on system)
 - What types of data/notes exchanged?
 - Process & outcome metrics
 - # of products created # of draft iterations
 - Unintended consequences
 - Usability metrics
 - Quality issues (stories, narratives, vignettes, nuggets)

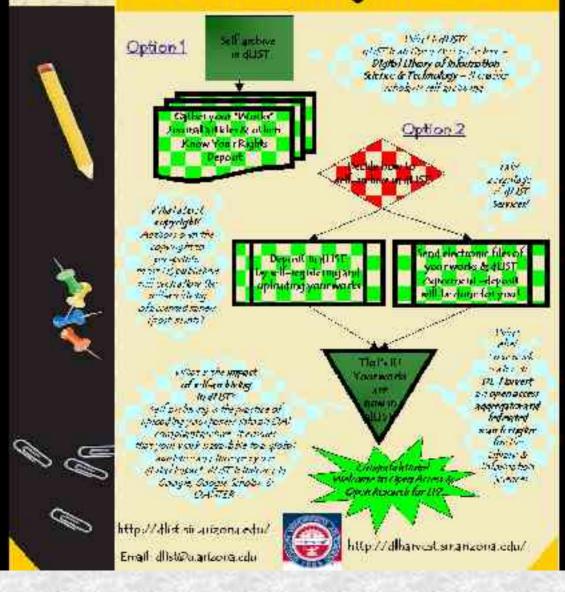




Criteria for success

- True Collaboration (co-creation)
 - Pre-considerations
 - Project goals, shared vision, trust, urgency, open
 - Information (knowledge) sharing
 - Communication
 - Ambiguities of authority, expertise

Self-archiving in dLIST



dLIST

- Open access archive for the Information Sciences
- Opening research and connecting with practice
- Scholars self-deposit (when paper is ready/sent for publication)
 - Commentaries (in addition to closed peer reviews)
 - Papers are revised and final copies deposited/published
 - Self-archiving and publishing in tandem

Questions

• Thank you