SobekCM's Community Ecosystems & Socio-Technical Practices



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Introduction to SobekCM

Is an open source digital library system

Originally built at and maintained by UF Libraries and

Co-developed in partnership with a variety of institutions, collaborative projects, and other community ecosystems

SobekCM: File Formats and Folder Structures

- SobekCM is open to all file formats, resource types
- Versions of a single object can be stored together (e.g., oral history audio, video, transcript, & published copy)
- SobekCM utilizes "pair-tree" folder structure, similar to California Digital Library holding metadata and other digital resource files

SobekCM: Metadata Support

- Supports the following metadata types
 - METS
 - MODS
 - MARC21/MARC XML
 - Dublin Core
 - EAD
 - GML/KML
 - TEI
 - VRACore
 - DarwinCore
 - Custom schemas

SobekCM: Technological Stack

Built upon a technology stack including:

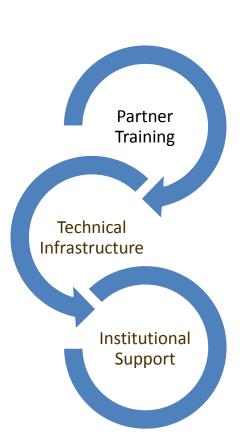
- Windows IIS web server
- C# (as well as Javascript)
- Microsoft SQL Server
- Solr
- IIPimage for JPEG2000 views
- ImageMagick
- Ghostscript
- etc...

SobekCM Community Ecosystems

- 1. Digital Library of the Caribbean
- 2. University of Florida Research and Computing
- 3. GLAMS (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, Museums)

(Each community supports one Universal Community)

Digital Library of the Caribbean



dLOC's diverse partners serve an international community of scholars, students, and citizens by working together to preserve and to provide enhanced electronic access to cultural, historical, legal, governmental, and research materials.

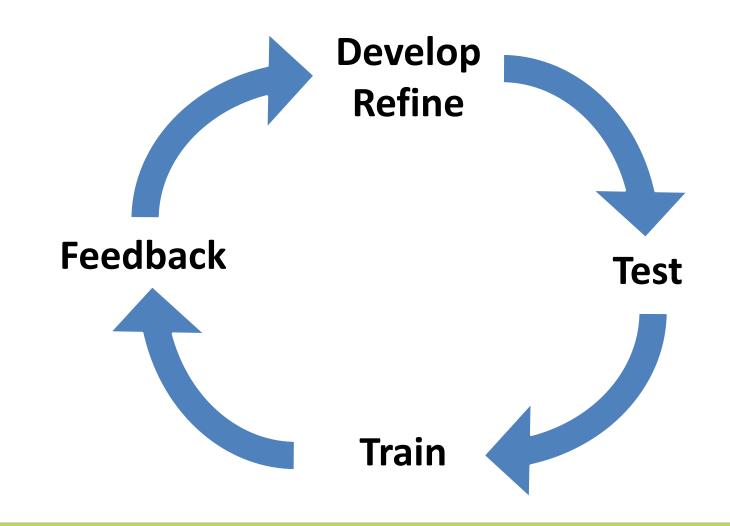


dLOC Quick Facts

- Content Management System and Long-term Preservation
- 37 Partners Caribbean, Europe and US
 - Over 24 million hits since 2006
 - Over 1.8 million pages of open access content
 - 13,000 titles with 80,000 items
- Training Programs
- Scholarly Collaborations
- Educational Outreach
- Shared Governance
- New Initiatives



Community Involved Development



dLOC Example 1: Digitization Toolkit

- 1. As originally developed
 - a. Multiple separate windows applications
 - i. Tracking tool
 - ii. Metadata Creation tool
 - iii. Quality Control tool
 - iv. FTP tool
 - b. Locally installed MS SQL Express database
 - c. Unintuitive and difficult to use
 - i. Difficulty in training
 - ii. Difficulty in local installs

dLOC Example 1: Digitization Toolkit

2. Second Toolkit

- a. Still based on the same pieces as before, but toolkit itself developed completely from scratch again
- b. Single windows form application, all workflow and steps occur in a single window
- c. Using locally installed MS SQL Express database (still)
- d. Problematic for local installs and updates (still)

dLOC Example 1: Digitization Toolkit

- 3. Completely web-based approach
 - a. Metadata creation and editing templates
 - b. Quality control online
 - c. Multiple file uploads

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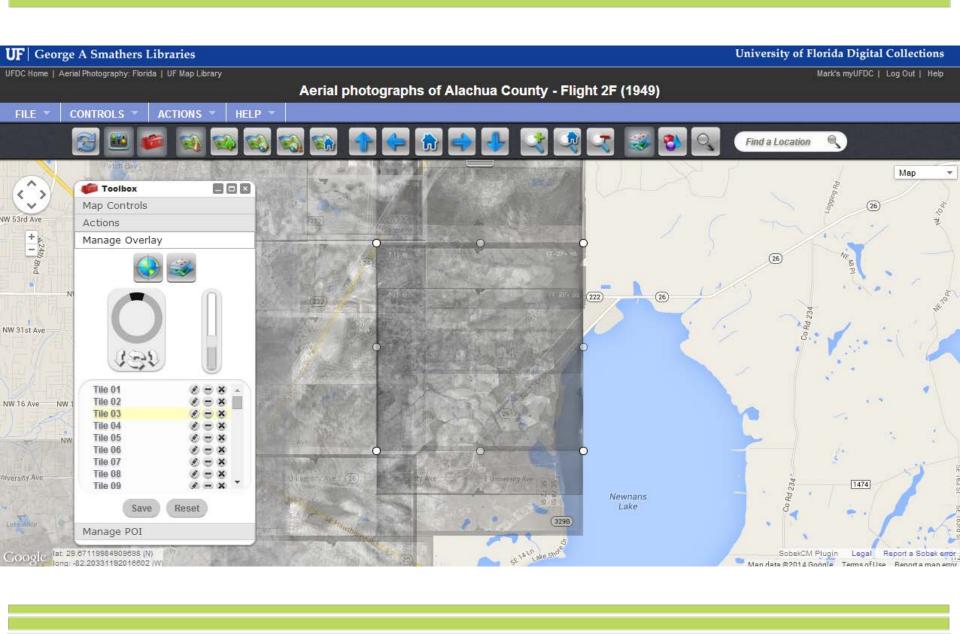
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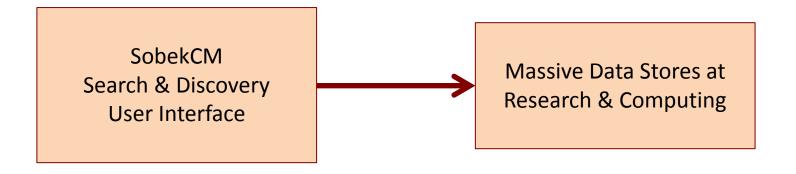
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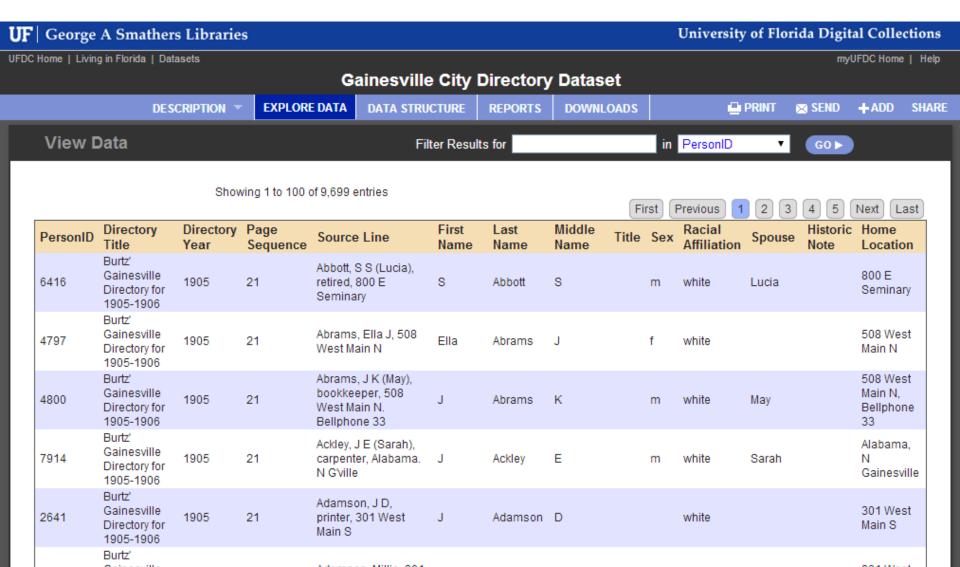
Managing the collection online:

- Edit (multi-lingual) home pages
- Change images (banners, buttons)
- Add child pages or collections
- Control the look, feel, and behavior of your online collection

University of Florida Research and Computing

New ecosystem of data repository, working with UF Research and Computing supporting research data generated by the university.

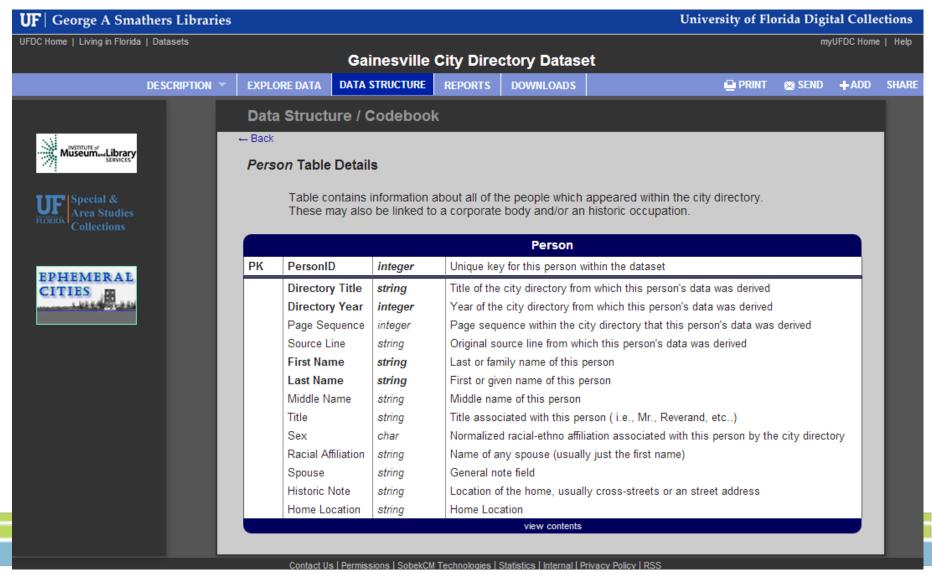




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Data Creation, Management, and Sharing

- 1. Create a dataset online from scratch
- 2. Edit data online
- 3. Correctly permission and share data utilizing existing user and user group permissions
- 4. Alter data structure online

Sobek Digital Hosting & Consulting

Finally, the socio-technical evolution of the software has reached the point where there is now a company for providing hosting of repositories as a cloud solution at a fraction of the cost of hosted solutions.

http://sobekdigital.com

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