



Going deeper

The case for multiple repositories at UChicago

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What's the issue?

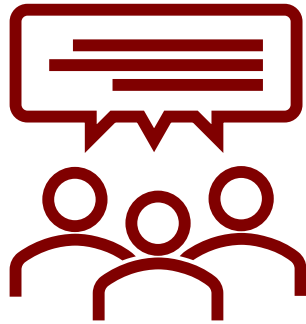
Through a mix of opportunistic funding, incoherent open scholarship requirements and varying institutional demands, institutions find themselves managing multiple repositories.

Can a single repository meet all of an institution's needs?

If not, why not?

If not now, when?

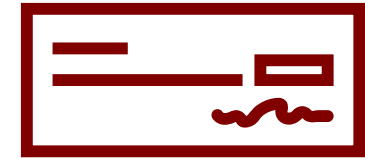
Institutional support for open scholarship has grown steadily over 20 years



Domain standards



Institutional
requirements



Funder mandates

Very few examples of national infrastructure



UChicago is no exception

OCHRE data service

Running from the Forum for Digital Culture, supporting archaeology and humanities research for two decades, supporting timely recording of data in the field

UChicago Unbound

Law Library repository, like many other law libraries supporting student publishing, white papers and faculty reporting needs

UChicago Node

Built from OCHRE data service, NEH-funded platform for hosting decades of digitized resources

Knowledge@UChicago

Institutional repository catering for open scholarship across the institution

Result 1 of 1



I-COPE ECHO Series Curriculum and Case Discussion Data

Dagher, Tanios

2023



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Formats



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Description

Abstract: Chronic pain, opioid use, and opioid use disorder (OUD) are increasingly common in older adults. Outpatient clinician education may improve outcomes. Our aim was to create and evaluate a novel curriculum for outpatient clinicians on older adult pain management, opioid prescribing, and OUD leveraging Project ECHO®, a model for delivering subspecialized medical knowledge to community outpatient clinicians via videoconferencing. The series is comprised of 8 hour-long sessions, each with an expert-led interactive lectures= followed by participant-led case discussions. Topics include pain assessment & treatment, considerations in older adults (e.g., cognition, caregiver support), shared decision-making, behavioral health, and OUD diagnosis and treatment. Sixty-nine clinicians attended the series and completed the pre-series survey; 78% (n=54) completed the post-series survey. Clinicians reported a significant increase in self-efficacy in 12/12 queried competencies and greater frequency of performing 7/10 practice behaviors regarding older adult pain management, opioid prescribing, and OUD management. The most liked curricular components were opportunities to learn with subspecialists and discussions with other community clinicians. Qualitative analysis suggests that clinicians may benefit



Project Gallery

Total # of database items

9,972,532

All Archaeology Art and Media Dictionary History Language Literature Music Philology
Sciences Technology



†Objects, Spaces, and Material Culture. Gender and Politics in Early Modern European Republics

Art and Media, History



†Ottoman Inscriptions Project

History, Language



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History, Music



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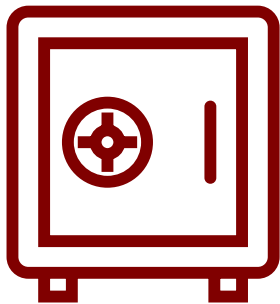
Enables access and preservation to
scholarly outputs across the university
Metadata for discovery and reuse
Is about breadth and capturing as much
volume as possible

UChicago Node (and OCHRE)

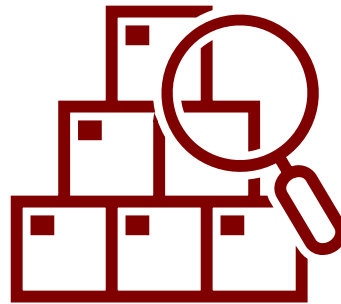
Access to deep and granular data
Object-level metadata and collections as
data
Collaboration with faculty over
weeks/months to develop structure and
ingest material

what don't
we know
about? (yet)

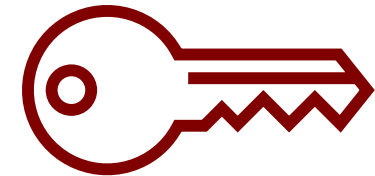
These are the core commitments, the non-negotiable aspects of delivering repository services



Preservation



Discovery



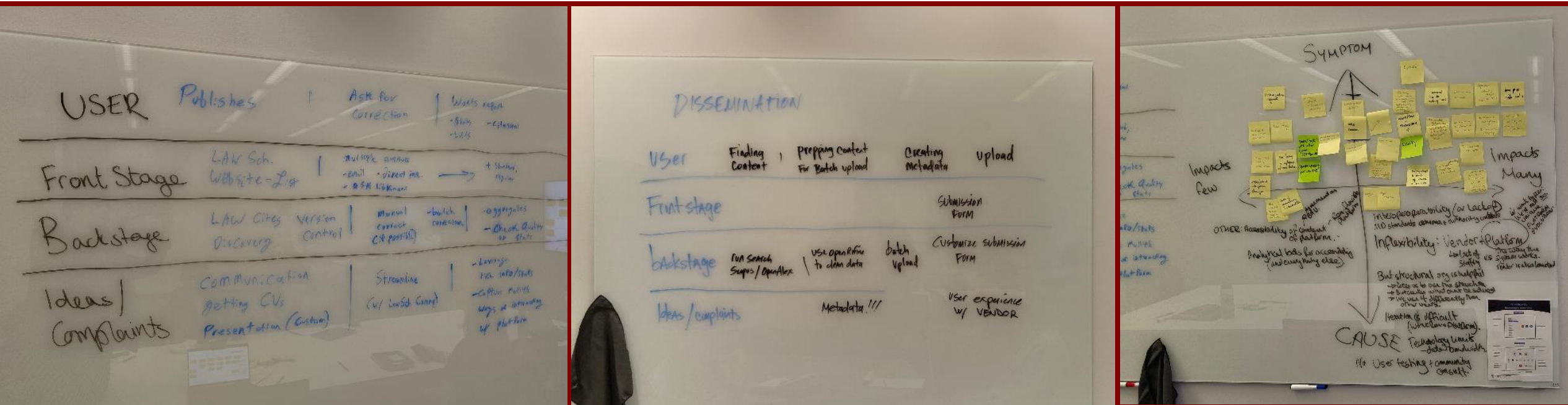
Access
(including access controls)

But how we deliver them does evolve

Internal workflows and structures

User needs and workflows

Understanding our workflows



To understand the differences between Knowledge and Unbound:

- Mapped out a user interaction, and the various activities that happen front of stage (visible to the user) and backstage (invisible to users, staff operations).
- Also looked at various complaints or suggestions received by staff, mapping them against symptoms and causes, and those that impact many vs impacting few.



Checkpoints for change

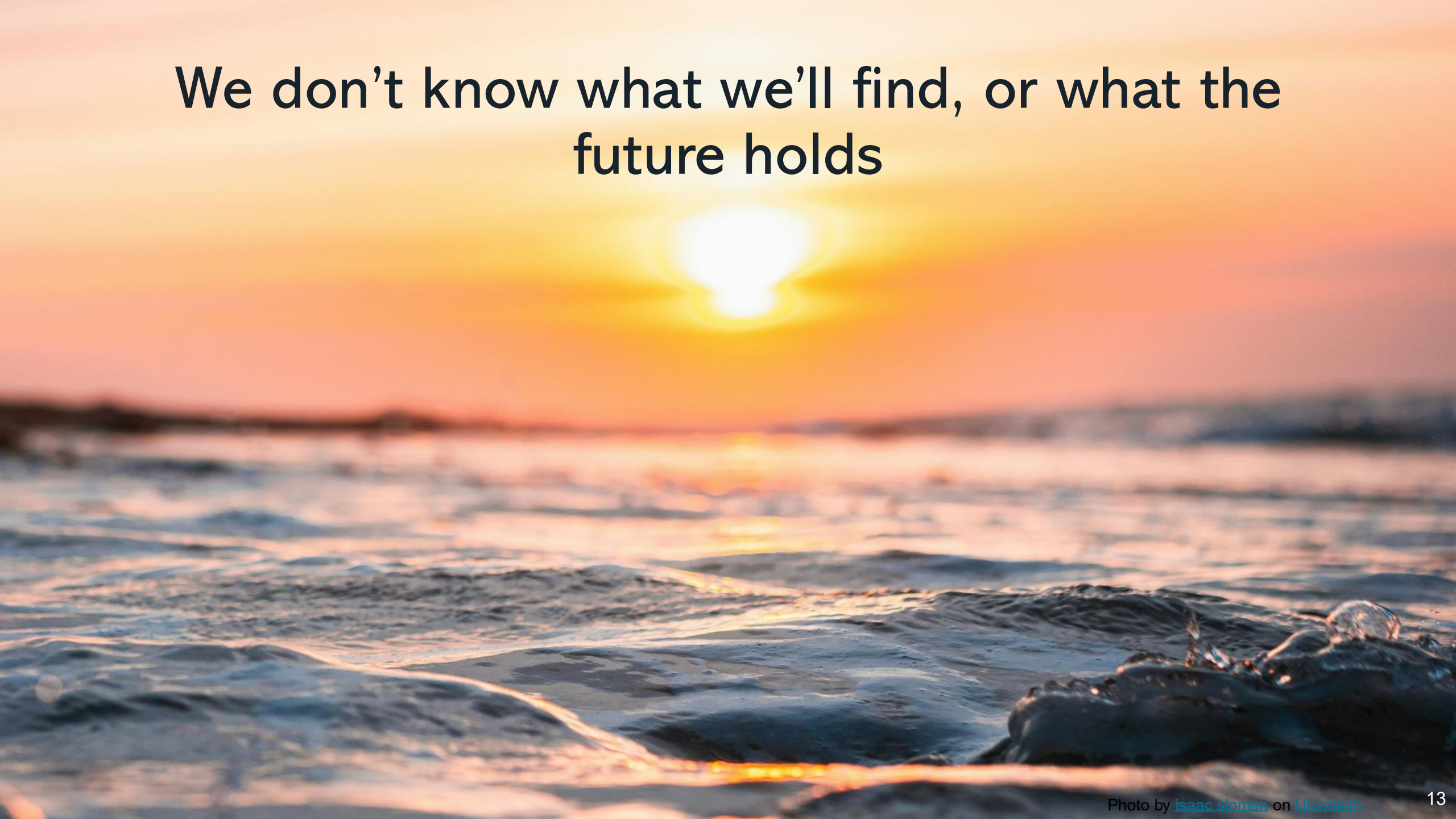
- Continuing surveillance of needs
 - *Increased desire for deeper data documentation*
- Monitoring of resources
 - *Development and staffing resources to enable Node extension*
- Discerning scope creep from appetite for change
- Surveillance of new technologies and opportunities



Sources of inertia

- Budget not yet so tight we'd need to consolidate, but also not enough resources to document everything in the depth Node requires
- User need not changing in a way that leads us to rethink
- Needing a strategic plan for repository and data services

We don't know what we'll find, or what the
future holds





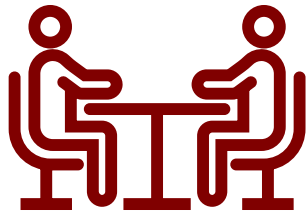
Building a strategy

We want to stop being reactive and be more contemplative.

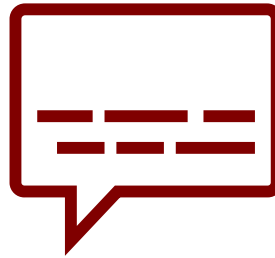
A long-term strategy for repository services will build on:

- All the elements as previously described (preservation, discovery, access, workflows, user needs)
- Flexibility for the future unknowns
- Sustainability
- Collaboration

Continuing to collect evidence on service requirements



Surveys, interviews and
focus groups on data
support across the institution



Planning further evidence
gathering in the fall



Awareness raising

Perennial issue: resources!



Consolidation across institutions?

- What are we consolidating?
- Who do we trust?
- What (if anything) still needs to be done locally?

The idea of Node is that it can become a single platform for multiple organizations—that isn't scope creep!



In summary:

- Running multiple repositories is not the issue per se: lack of strategy is
- Strategy, plus continual evidence gathering will be our approach for a sustainable suite of repository services
- We need to identify who we trust, both on- and off-campus, with our data



Thank You

Questions?