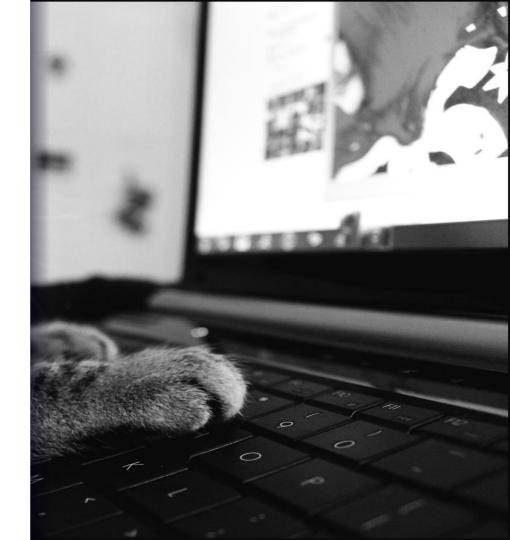
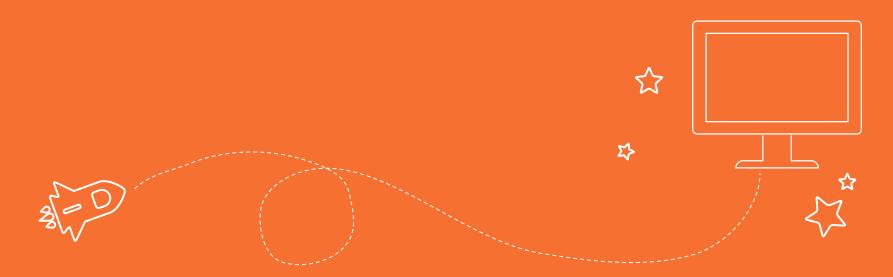


# Digital Collections & Exhibitions with Omeka





Why & how are scholars creating digital collections & exhibitions?

### Omeka Genres









DANCING in The Beautiful SKY ROOM



DINING
Steaks,
Chops,
Fish.
Fine Foods







Reservations for Wedding, and Club Parties.



The Place
To Go for
THE BEST
in FLOOR
SHOWS





Community digital history projects digital.wustl.edu/ferguson

### Omeka flavors

#### Omeka.net

- Hosted
- Limited plugins & themes, based on plan
- File size limits
- Freemium

#### Omeka.org

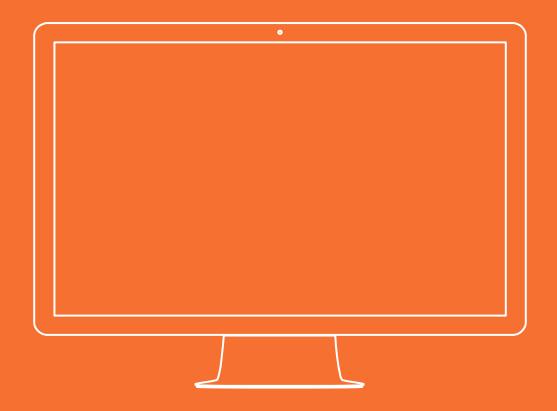
- Self-hosted (requires a server)
- Unlimited plugins & themes
- Size limits depend on server
- Free...ish

#### OmekaS

- In beta
- Requires a server
- Multi-site capabilities

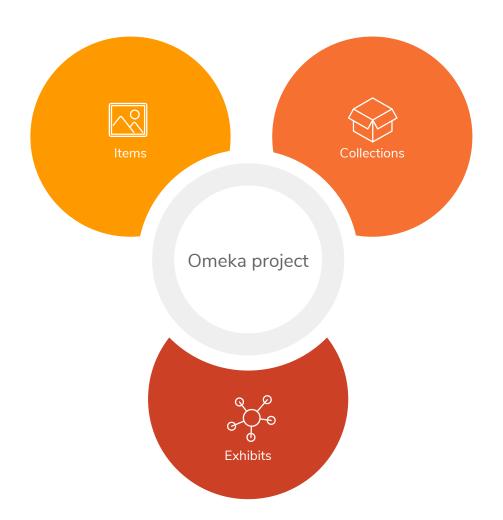


### The Omeka Ecosystem



### Exercise 1: Critique

## Information architecture of Omeka



#### What are you describing?

- Boston landmark?
- Photo of the Boston landmark?
- Digital file of the photo of the Boston landmark?

To describe an item, ask yourself:

- What is the item **of**?
- What is the item **about**?

2 kinds of metadata standards we're focusing on:

- Metadata fields → Dublin Core Elements
- Data format within metadata fields → Controlled vocabularies

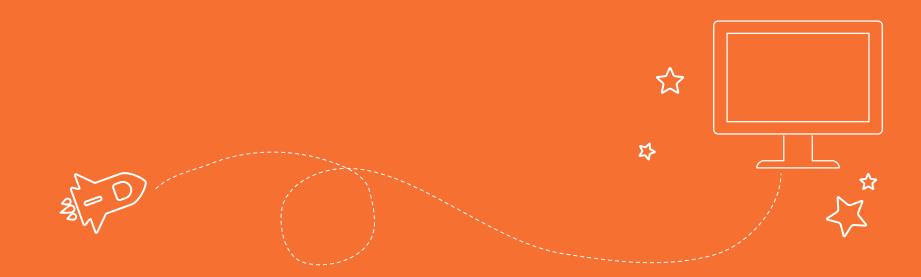
Be consistent across records! Use standardized terms (aka controlled vocabularies) when possible.

- Dublin Core Terms
  - <u>Dublin Core Elements</u>
  - DCMI Type Vocabulary
- DC fields are repeatable.
- DC fields are extensible.

It's a good idea to create a data dictionary for **your** project, that is, how you will structure the data that you enter in each metadata field.

- What fields? Which are required? Which recommended?
- **Title.** Title case or sentence case? Supplied information in brackets?
- Subject. Is there a particular controlled vocabulary that makes sense for the items in your Omeka project? LCSH, TGM, etc.

Exercise 2:
Description &
Arrangement



What kinds of projects might **not** be good candidates for Omeka?



#### Exercise 3: Create in Omeka

- Transfer item descriptions from cards to shared metadata spreadsheet in Google Drive.
- Add a new item.
- Add a new collection.
- Make an exhibit.



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