# Alternative Infrastructures for Digital Projects

Dawn Childress & Andy Rutkowski, UCLA Digital Library Program DH Infrastructure Symposium, February 2016, Los Angeles

#### "City in Mind: a Lyrical Map of the Concept of Los Angeles"

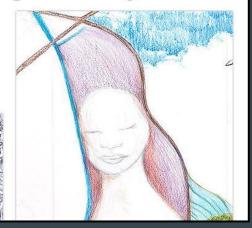
- an illustrated literary map of L.A.

An Illustrated Literary Map of Los Angeles, Re-Imagined and Drawn to Scale (1 foot on the map = 1 mile of Los Angeles).

Created by J Michael Walker, 2011, with special support and sage counsel from David Kipen and Colleen Jaurretche. Color pencil on polypropylene paper, 50" high x 256" wide.

Acquired by the Special Collections of the UCLA Library.





#### Los Angeles: The City and the Library

Colleen Jaurretche, Editor

The City and the Library is a freshman composition class that trains students in research and writing, all the while asking them to engage the city around them through direct encounter and library research. The capstone of the class requires students to work directly with the Library's archives, touching and pondering evidence of the city past. This website houses images of those archival artifacts as well as the students' annotations of the material, cross-referenced by subject and geography. It represents a collaboration between UCLA Writing Programs and the UCLA Library. The class began in Fall 2013, the digital project in Fall 2015; both are ongoing.

# From Lyrical Map to Digital Project(s)

### Griffith Observatory

Ballin was commissioned to paint numer in Los Angeles, including the ceiling and murals at the Griffith Observatory. The Emural celebrates classical celestial mythologies of Atlas, the four winds, the planand the twelve constellations of the zodi rectangular Ballin wall murals depict the 'Advancement of Science' with panels on aeronautics, navigation, civil engineering and electricity, time, geology and biology

mathematics and physics. Ballin's lunnete (1930) at the First National Bank in La Jolla, depicted here, has since since been demolished.



- Relationship between archival object (or place, research object, etc.) and how to share it on the web.
  - selection
  - documentation
  - description
  - o citation
- working collaboratively (even when working alone)



#### Santa Ana Water Tower 9

Jorge Enrique Quiroz Moreno (Winter 2016)

Santa Ana is a Barrio Suburb that's late transformation occured from a historically exclusive majority White Conservative city in Republican dominated Orange County into a Barrio Suburb. A historically agricultural region, Orange County controlled Chicano/a's through social repression, as well as through economic, educational, and housing control Diaz describes Chicano/a's as, 'relegated to second-tier status...the community resided in small agricultural encampments or segregated barrios" (Diaz 265) The transformation from an agriburb that enforced a colonial economy to an industrial and working class suburb changed the dynamics of the cities population. Diaz's book Barrio Urbanism Chicanos, Planning and American Cities, details how capitalism's globalization contributed to the need for service oriented labor, therefore, an influx of Mexican American, and Mexican immigrants filled in the void of low wage workers described as "suburbanization



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Next

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# Building our own project in GitHub

- "Mapping Maupassant's *Bel-Ami*"
- We wanted:
  - Out of the CMS (Wordpress)
  - o Collaborative, open, flexible
  - Exposure to DH / tech skills
- Continued development: Markdown support, digital edition feature, narrative order
- Developed "Boulevardier"
- How else might we use these open, lightweight technologies?

# How Humanists are Using GitHub

# Publishing scholarship or personal web pages



#### About the Project

Analyzing literary translation networks to better understand translation communities and learn about

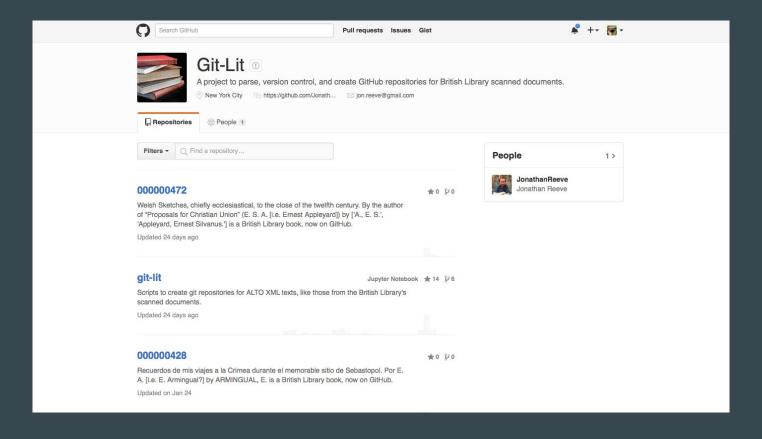
# Workshop / classroom materials

**BUILDING CAPACITY WITH CARE** INSTRUCTORS SCHEDULE ilding Capacity with Care Graduate Students and DH work in the Library DH 2016, Kraków, Poland

Home Workshop CFP Instructors

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## Collaborative, community, or crowdsourced projects



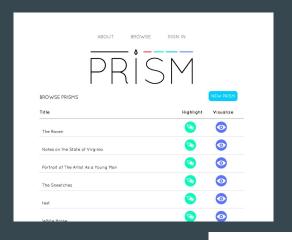
## GitBook

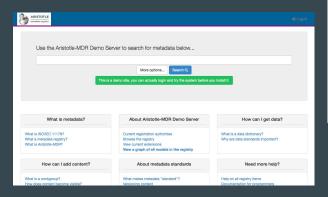


# Other infrastructures / environments

- Heroku cloud-based platform for building and running Ruby, Python, JS, etc. web apps
- Python Anywhere host, run, and codePython in the cloud
- Virtual Box / Vagrant system virtualization
- Docker containers to build and distribute applications







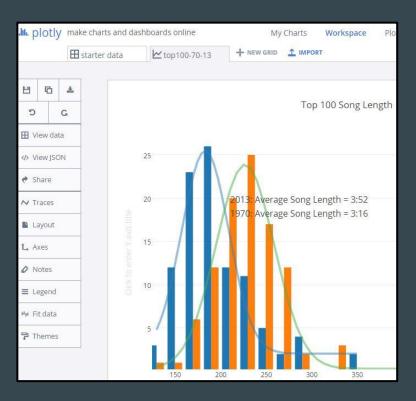


A Few Example Projects



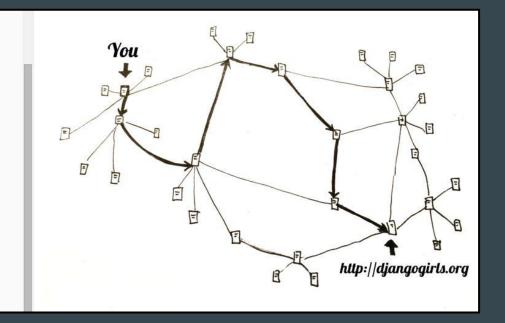
Beyond the infrastructure

- visualizations
- creating tutorials
- working with texts
- gathering data
- creating metadata
- creating simple maps
- ?



# **Plotly**

- 8. Django installation
- 9. Your first Django project!
- 10. Django models
- 11. Django admin
- 12. Deploy!
- 13. Django urls
- 14. Django views time to create!
- 15. Introduction to HTML
- 16. Django ORM (Querysets)
- 17. Dynamic data in templates
- 18. Django templates
- 19. CSS make it pretty
- 20. Template extending
- 21. Extend your application



# Django Girls Tutorial

e of 1521. A step towards the present-day construction of the piano is shown by t that there were always two wire strings to each note and sometimes three or and that it had a keyboard that it AT HER <> gister stops and sometimes a Maybe? Ruckers, of Antwerp, was th h those One of his best specimens b Handel ted in his Ruckers harpsich hidh8ls ate proof of its superiority. ter his evesight forbade the use was so Add some tags here... that the orchestra with wh iderful paniments. This partiality Allow my groups to view this annotation n told that if he ever played him jump Cancel | Save on his harpsichord and s nd he ned, "You vill jump, vill you? Varey well, sare. Be so kind und tell me ven you mp, und I vill advertise it in der bills." We are told that every key of Handel's

## **Annotation Studio**

#### Ed.

A Jekyll theme for minimal editions

#### A Brief Introduction

As we see it, a minimal edition is one that aims to reduce the size and complexity of the back and front end, and the learning curves for the user and the producer. Out of-the-box, this theme can help you build a simple reading edition, or a traditional scholarly edition with footnotes and a bibliography without breaking the bank. In our estimate, these are the two most immediately useful type of editions for editors and readers. An edition produced with Ed is lightweight and durable. Our hope is that our approach can help beginners or veterans deploy

Ed.

#### Virtual Field Notebook

Home Monuments Creators Countries



#### **Tear Drop Memorial**

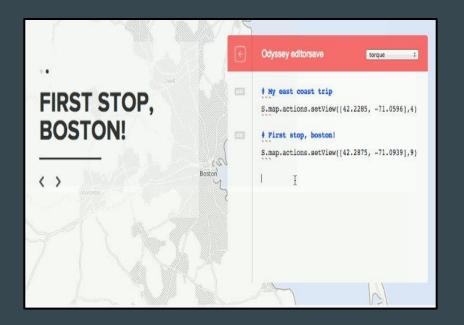
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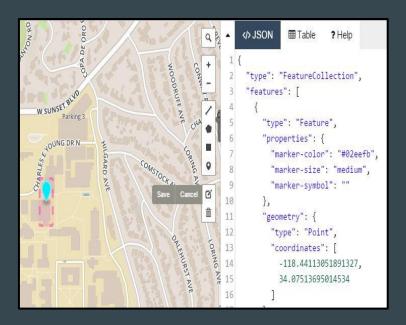
Location: Bayonne, NJ, USA

Location Created: Moscow, Russia

Giver: Russia

## **Monumental Gifts**





Odyssey.js

Geojson.io

# What are the benefits?

- Rapid development
- Portability
- Easier to maintain over time
- Ease of preservation (comparatively)
- Access/exposure to technology
- Agency and responsibility
- Encourages open source / open access

# Thank you!

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