

Intro to Omeka, METRO, July 12 2012

Items, Files, and Dublin Core Metadata

Explain the basic steps of creating content in Omeka.

Item Types and Custom Item Types

Explain that "item" is to be taken very generically, and can refer to many types of content, with different sets of metadata.

Activities

- Create some Items
 - Add Files to Item (Add Files in order, absent other plugins)
 - Add DC metadata
- Add DC metadata to a file
- Change some of the created items into appropriate Item Types with appropriate metadata
- Edit an Item Type to add or remove fields (e.g., add Transcriber to Document)
- Create a "Dataset" item type (.csv or .xls file)

Elements and Element Sets

Explain the system of Element Sets and Elements (metadata fields) in Omeka

- Dublin Core
- The Item Type Element Set

Site Building

Explain how to use tags, exhibits, collections, and pages to build a site

- Tags
- Exhibits
- Collections
- Simple Pages

Pages and Collections

Explain how to use pages and collections to build a site

- "About" and other pages
- Managing Collections
 - Items belong to only one collection (absent other plugins)

Activities

- Edit the About page
- Add child pages to the About page
- Add a collection, and add item(s) to it

Exhibits

Explain the details of how to use exhibits to build a site

- Exhibits provide a narrative and interpretation around items
- Exhibit-Section-Page structure

- Choose a page layout
- Add items to pages
- Add narrative

Activities

- Create an exhibit, a section, and a page
- Add item(s) to a page
- Create some text about the item(s)

Settings Page

Explain where to look to change theme, activate plugins, manage users

- General Settings
 - Derivative images sizes
 - Items per page
- Activate plugins
- Change Themes
 - Theme configuration
- Manage Users
- Security Settings

Activities

- Create a new user
- Activate Simple Pages plugin
- Change theme to Seasons
- Change the number of items displayed per page
- Remove the link to Collections from header
- Activate Simple pages, create a "Further Reading" page, and add it to the header

Where to go for help, info and updates, and how to contribute

- [Forums](#)
- [Documentation](#)
- [Recipes](#)
- [Dev list](#)
- Issues and forks on [GitHub](#)
- Twitter: [@omeka](#)