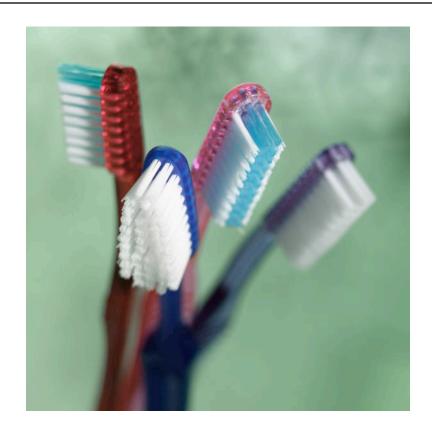
When to Use Metadata Standards and When Not To

Case Studies

The problem

"Standards are like toothbrushes, everyone agrees that they're a good idea but nobody wants to use anyone else's." *



^{*} I heard this from Murtha Baca at the Getty, but she got it from someone else...

Seriously, though...

- We have to make decisions about how to represent metadata internally in our systems
- □ We all have our own unique needs
- □ Every collection/project is different
- □ One solution does not fit all

HOWEVER, we cannot afford to make a new solution from scratch for every new pool of content.

What are metadata standards for?

- □ Interoperability
- □ Providing clear representations of conceptual models
- □ Promoting consistency
- □ Reminding you of the sorts of things you ought to record

How do metadata standards differ?

- □ Underlying conceptual model
- □ Focus of description
 - Analog vs. digital
 - Intellectual content vs. carrier
- □ Granularity of description
- □ Use of data
 - Discovery
 - Description
 - Interpretation
 - etc...

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