

# Metadata Working Group Charge and Membership

The Metadata Working Group recommends metadata policies and best practices to the DLF Aquifer Implementation Group. The working group designs workflows for metadata harvesting, creation and enhancement.

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# Proposed Activities for Phase 1

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- Metadata profile for Aquifer **MODS**
- Functional requirements for searching and browsing metadata aggregation
- Incorporation of collection level description
- Survey of metadata formats and tools in use

# MODS “Profile”

- Murkiness: requirements and audience

BUT  
draws on

- DLF and NSDL Best Practices for Shareable Metadata
- MODS User Guidelines
- Service and data provider experiences

# Focus is on....

- Description of digital cultural heritage and humanities-based resources
- Description that can be more easily shared and integrated into metadata aggregations
- OAI practices (documentation and Dublin Core mappings)

**A look at the profile...**

# What this is and is not

It is not....

- A requirement
- A standard
- The last word

It is...

- Guidelines
- Something to build to
- A work in progress  
and open for  
comment!

# Next Steps...

- Incorporate changes from comments
- Revisit based on services
- Exploring levels of record “conformance”
- Mapping from MARC (including adapting XSLT)