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A Lightweight Digital Library Framework

MSc Research Proposal

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What is a Digital Library System?

- Digital Library System (DLS)
 - Collection of digital objects
 - Store, manage, access and preserve digital objects
 - User interface+services+repository
- Application Domains
 - Institution repositories
 - Cultural heritage collections



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🌸 Calendar

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Problem Statement

- Complexity of existing solutions
 - Preservation costs
 - Initial costs
 - Maintenance costs
 - Recovery costs
 - Environments with limited resources
 - Cultural heritage organisations
 - Developing countries



Related Work

- Frameworks
 - DELOS DL Reference Model
 - Kahn/Wilensky Framework
 - 5S Framework
- DLS Software Tools



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Research Questions

- Hypotheses
 - A formal simplistic abstract framework for DLS can be derived
 - Simplified DLS can be more easily adopted and managed over time



Research Questions

- Is it feasible to implement DLS based on simple architectures?
 - How should simplicity for DL storage and service architectures be defined?
 - What are the comparative advantages between simple and complex architectures?



Methodology

- Pilot Study
 - Collection Prototype
- Theory Derivation
 - simplyCT principles
 - Case study of existing DLS
 - Mapping of simplyCT principles
- Design and Implementation
 - Extension of prototype DLS
 - Collection Integration



Methodology

- Evaluation
 - Effectiveness
 - Real world case studies
 - Usefulness
 - User studies
 - Efficiency
 - Controlled experiments

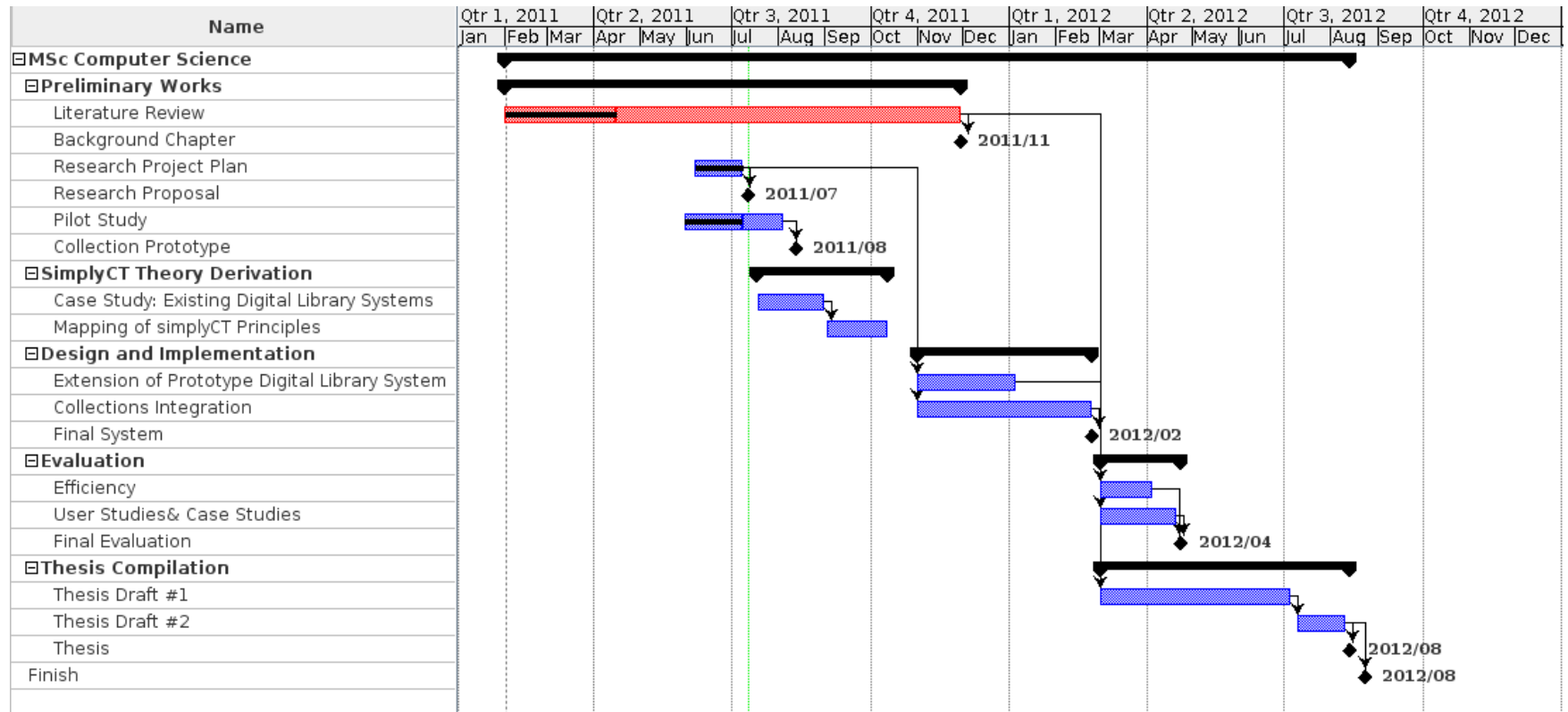


Anticipated Outcome

- Formal definition of simplicity for DLS design
- Proof of concept DLS
- Set of principles behind simplyCT framework



Proposed Schedule



Questions?

