Building and supporting a Digital Literacy Training Community: working together and enriching research

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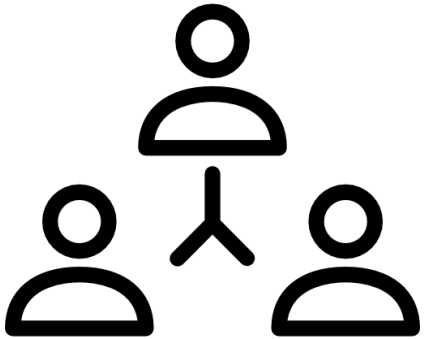
Welcome and overview

- What digital skills do researchers want and need?
- Overview of the existing Australian and New Zealand digital skills landscape
- Map pathways for learners and providers to aid efficient and effective training
- Strengthen training community in Australia and New Zealand



Brainstorming!

★ Three questions!

★ One minute each!

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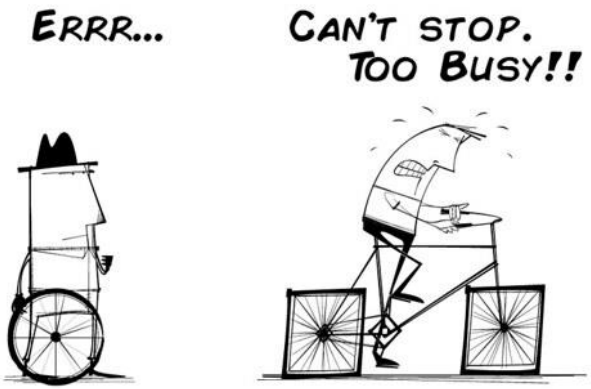
Which digital skills have made the biggest positive impact on how you work?

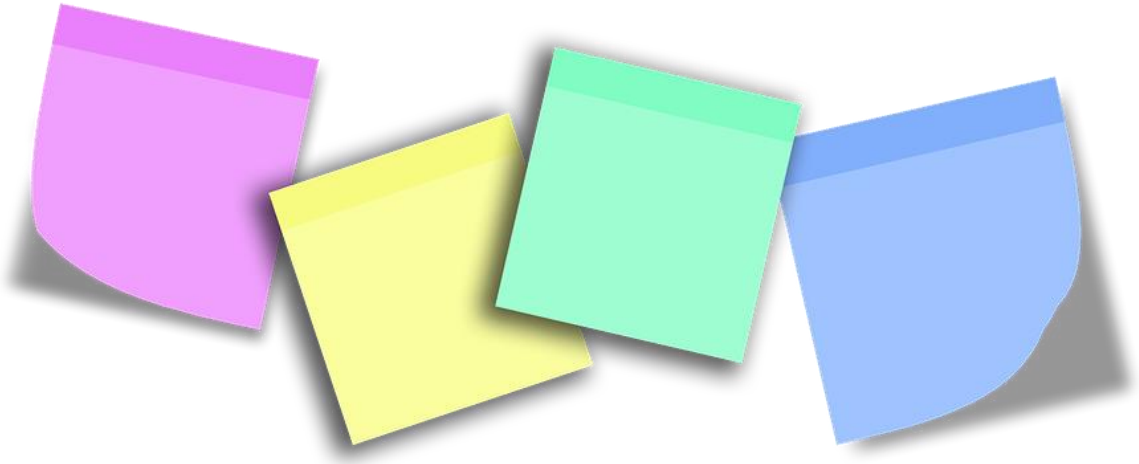


What digital skills training is most in demand in Australia/ New Zealand?

What digital skills training do you wish was higher priority in the research sector?

~ Sharing ~

Lets single out a few of the skills we've written down. Any volunteers want to share?

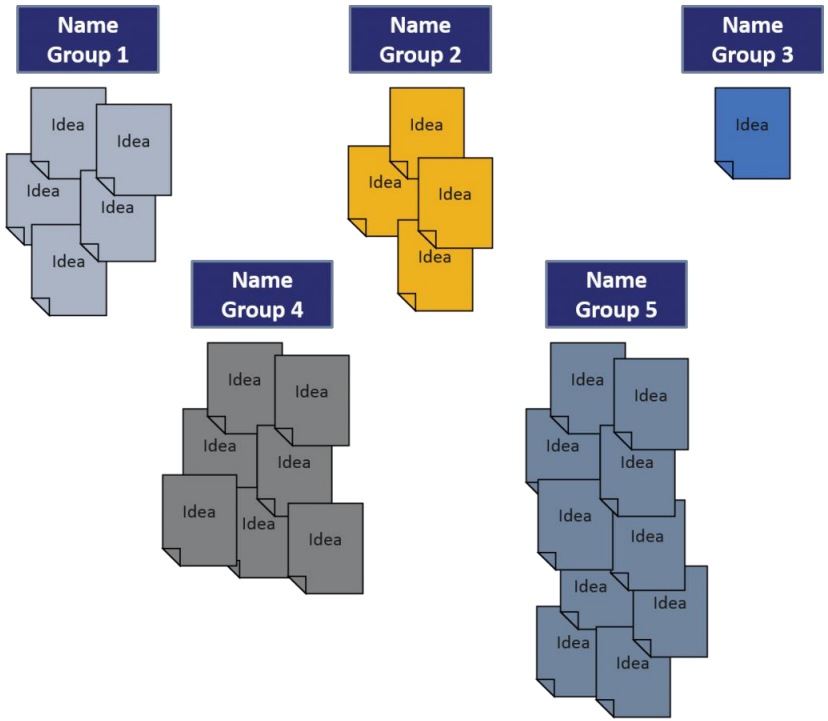


Everyone to stand up and take a look at the skills on the whiteboard and do one of two things:

1. If any of your skills relate to a cluster, stick it up there with the cluster.
2. If any of your skills do not relate to what is already on the board, start a new cluster.

If you start a new cluster, you are the guardian of that cluster -- essentially, just make sure it’s tidy and place any repeats together.

What themes have emerged?



Time to name our clusters!

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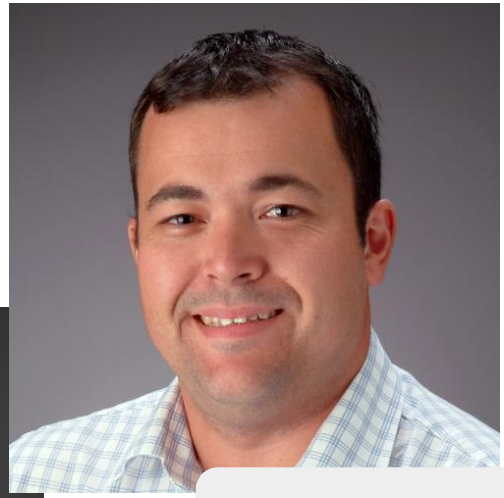

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Skill development provided by institutions and libraries

Characterisation

60+ instruments integrated across Australia

$250M+ capital

Data and images provided by MASSIVE.org.au

Computing power requirements

Users from all backgrounds perform complex routines that utilise both CPU and GPU

National Computer infrastructure

Virtual desktop
High Performance Computer power
New needs

25+ petabytes

of research storage
Processing and access
Fast data processing
Managed archive integration

The Carpentries

Australian eResearch environment:

Who?

- Digital Data and eResearch Platforms: ARDC, AARNet, AAF, National Computing Infrastructure Pawsey
- State organisations: Intersect, QCIF
- Large institutional programs

What's working?

- Skills Summit 2019
- ENRICH Community of Practice
- Series of gatherings at related events

What's emerging?

- Interest in collaboration environments - comms, reusable materials, register of trainers, calendar
- Opportunities for co-development of curricula
- Collaboration around advocacy, documentation of training benefits

eResearch bodies (NZ)

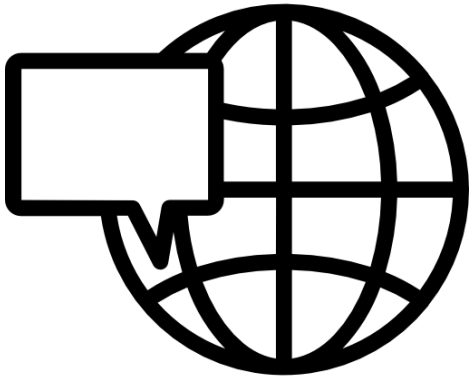
NeSI serves New Zealand Universities and Crown Research Institutions. We have limited resources so strive to empower local communities

What is working well: Growth in the carpentries. Local events (ResBaz, FigshareFest, Hacky Hours, eResearch conference) connecting with the community

What is emerging: A stronger need/ desire for transparency and increased communication between people that deliver training. Flexibility in training options.

International perspectives (RDA, CODATA etc)

- RDA/ CODATA Summer School for Research Data Science
  - Focus on low and middle income countries (Pretoria 2020)
  - Developed generic curriculum, using open source materials
- Research Data Alliance
  - Interest Groups and Working Groups, facilitating international networks and collaboration
  - RDA Plenary 15: Melbourne, 18 to 20 March!
- FORCE11 Scholarly Communications Institute, UCLA, August
- OECD Global Science Forum Expert Group on Digital Skills for Data-Intensive Science



How do we turn these clusters into pathways?

Mapping skills?

What are the characteristics of a skills map? Who is it for?

Map: @amandinethomas (from instagram)

Irish Digital Skills Framework ‘All Aboard’

From [ASCILITE Technology Enhanced Learning Blog]

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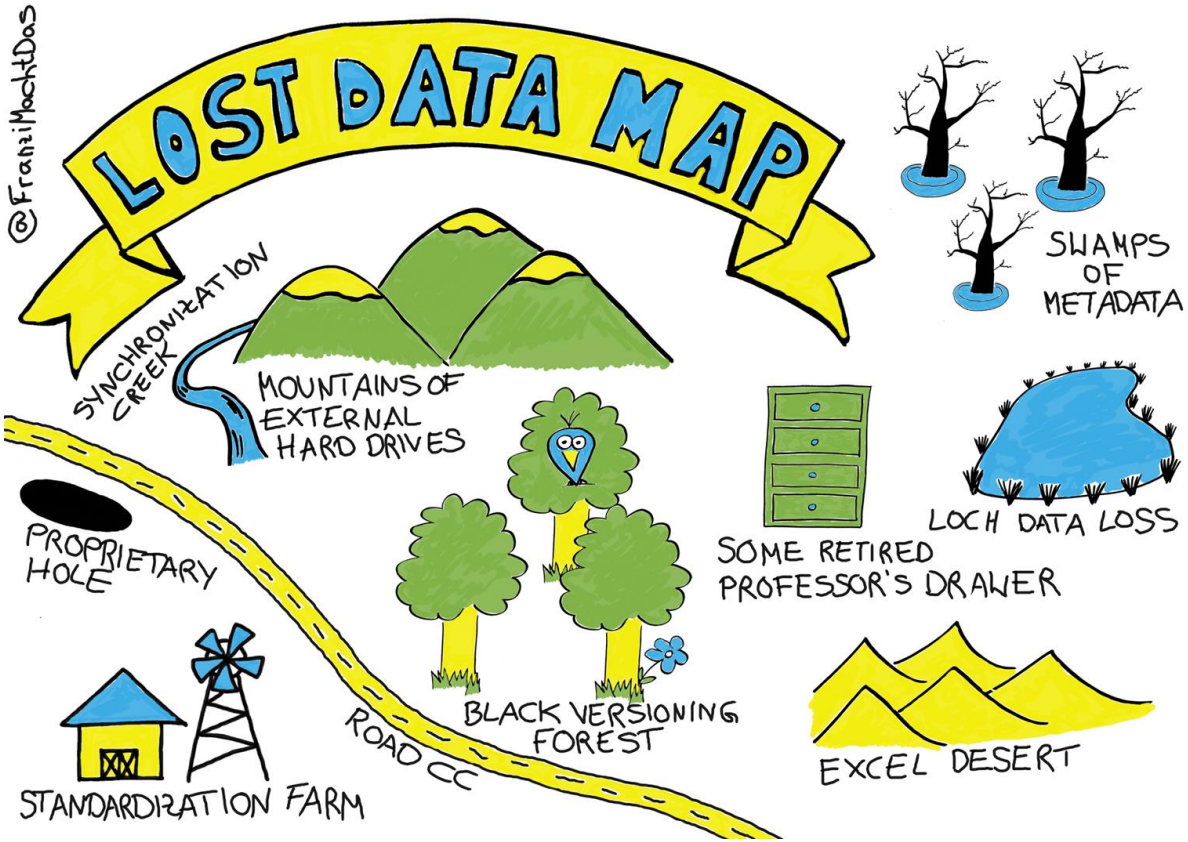
What are skills?

What are competencies?

How do they interact?

Data Skills framework, Open Data Institute



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Capturing Takeaways:

https://tinyurl.com/NZtrainingBoF

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