A Tale of Three Cities

When Esploro Met

RMIT University Library

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What's next...

RMIT
UNIVERSITY

RMIT University – Who Are We?

- Established June 1887 as the 'Working Men's College'

- Dual Sector institution

- Merged with six other tertiary institutes since the 1940s

- University status -1992

- Campuses in Melbourne and Vietnam

- Industry Collaboration Centre in Barcelona

RMIT University - Cont

2019 { • 91,111 EFT

2019 { • 1,680 EFT HDRs

- Health sciences
- Engineering
- IT
- Design
- Visual arts
- Architecture
- Business
- Management
- Education
- Sciences

RMIT Research Repository

- Launched in April 2009

- Used Fez/Fedora (Fez developed by UQ)

- Hosting and support outsourced to Catalyst IT

- Sourced records from Research Master (ERA)

- Began planning for replacement in 2017

Why Esploro?

ExLibris/Alma Customer

Integration with university systems

Researcher customisable profiles

Replace Research Master for ERA reporting project/grant
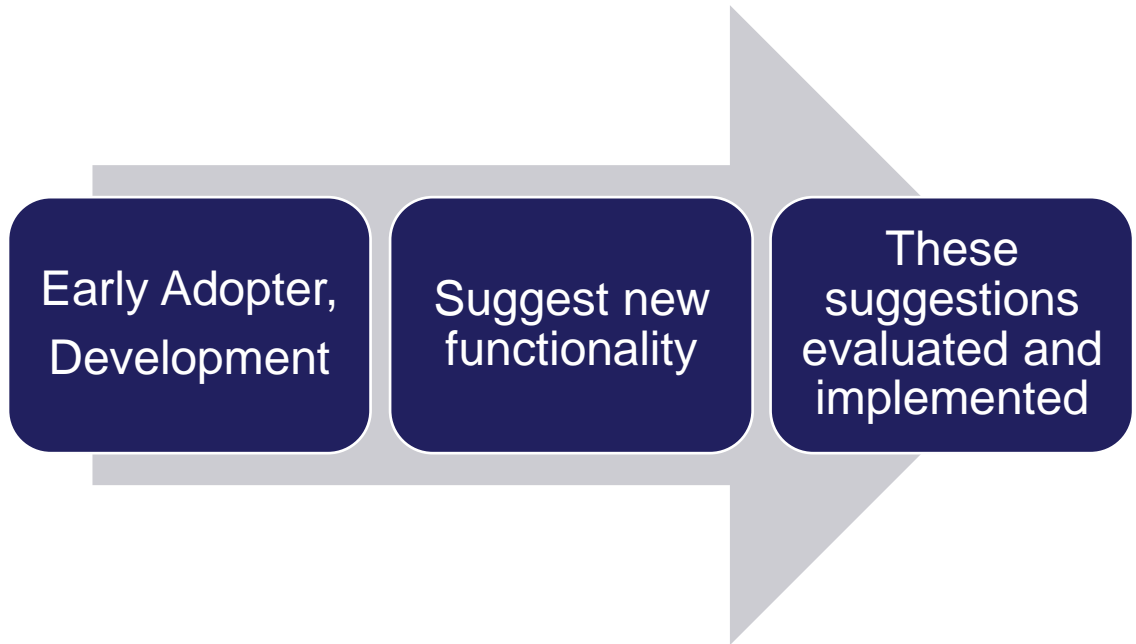
Analytical reporting

Publication record harvesting

The Process

- Staff/student information loads from SAP and SAMS

- Pubs records Migration sourced from:

  - Fez/Fedora and Research Master

  - Plus unique fields and OA files from Fez/Fedora and combined them

- Data cleansing/mapping took place before and after migration

- Launched Research Repository 10th Aug 2020

- Profiles/ERA reporting/grants/harvesting 2021

The Process cont.

Early Adopter, Development

Suggest new functionality

These suggestions evaluated and implemented

Challenges

- ITS joined later, 5 ITS project managers

- ITS v Library requirements

- Project significantly bigger than first realised

- Project split into Part A, Part B and minimum viable product for launch

- Research Repository requirements not clearly understood by all ITS, Library project team members or ExLibris

- Learning curve for non-Alma users

- Ongoing challenge Salesforce

Recommendations

1. Have clear set of goals for the project/understand full extent of project - short v long term goals

2. Clearly communicate needs to ExLibris, they're keen to understand our requirements

3. Celebrate successes