Delivering on the Deliverables

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“...Libraries are a natural entity to lead [DH efforts]”


“...libraries are often unsure how they should respond as DH attracts more and more practitioners and its definition evolves to cover an ever-expanding range of techniques and methods.”

What do we mean when we talk about leadership?
(in DH contexts; in library contexts; in management contexts, technical contexts...)

- A long c.v.?
- Lots of conference keynotes?
- Charisma and influence?
- Big grants?
- Pioneering new methods?
Leadership is especially complex in DH & library contexts because communication streams are complex.
● **What is the goal?**
  ○ What kind of investment does it require?
● **Why is it the right goal to work towards?**
● **What will be involved in achieving it?**
  ○ Process speculation exercises
● **When the goal is met, how do you build on it?**
As a librarian, where do you focus your efforts?

- Graduate students?
- Undergraduate students?
- Public-facing, high visibility projects?
- Internal library/center projects?
Thieves of Time (Domenica DeGrandis)

- Too Much Work in Progress
- Unknown Dependencies
- Unplanned Work
- Conflicting Priorities
- Neglected Work
- Too Much Context-Switching

What are your opportunities & needs for vertical communication?
Most of DH is non-scalable.

(The more ephemeral it is, the more scalable it is.)
Process is my valentine.

xoxo,

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What is leadership in a DH/library context?

(current working definition)

- Working to create and maintain a degree of stability within one’s community.
- Looking for opportunities that allow others to help see and understand that stability clearly, and contribute to its maintenance.
Thank you!

(want to talk more?)
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