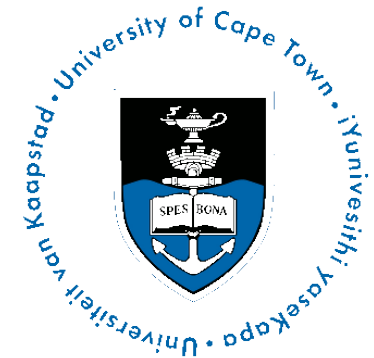


Simple DL: A toolkit to create simple digital libraries



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Resources to build archives



Money



Time



People



Institution

Low-Resource Environments

- ❑ Poor countries
 - Most of Africa
- ❑ Specific areas
 - Rural areas all over the world
- ❑ Specific organisations
 - NGO/NPOs relying on donor funding all over the world
- ❑ Specific projects
 - Archivists who get funding for digitization but not maintenance

Prior Work

- ❑ Greenstone – archives distributed on CDROM
- ❑ Project Gutenberg – long term preservation using simple formats
- ❑ LOCKSS – enable rescue by making many copies
- ❑ Bleek and Lloyd Collection – offline services

Simple Archives

- Proposition:
 - If we simplify the design of archives ...
- It will cost less to set up and maintain.
- It will be faster to create.
- It can be maintained without skilled people.
- It can be migrated easily.

Simple DL

- ❑ Toolkit to create simple archives.
- ❑ Based on many successful ideas in DL architecture, but built for low-resource environments and for adaptation.
- ❑ Experimental but:
 - Can change how we develop systems.
 - Provides a platform to experiment.

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bin	fixed unique id with parent directory	20 days ago
template	allow empty names in search results	2 months ago
INSTALL.TXT	faster generation; faster csv; faster entities	4 months ago
LICENSE	Initial commit	9 months ago
README.md	Update README.md	3 months ago
README.md~	test	8 months ago
sampledata.tgz	added samples and ppt icon	3 months ago
sampledb.tgz	added samples and ppt icon	3 months ago
samplepublic_html.tgz	added samples and ppt icon	3 months ago

README.md

Simple DL

This is an experimental toolkit to create simple digital libraries, where the goal is ease of preservation, ease of rescue and ease of development.

The toolkit manages and generates a self-contained Web experience around a collection of digital objects and their associated metadata.

Generation a site is a 3-step process: import data/configuration from sources; generate

About

Simple Digital Library Toolkit

Readme

MIT License

Releases

No releases published

Packages

No packages published

Languages

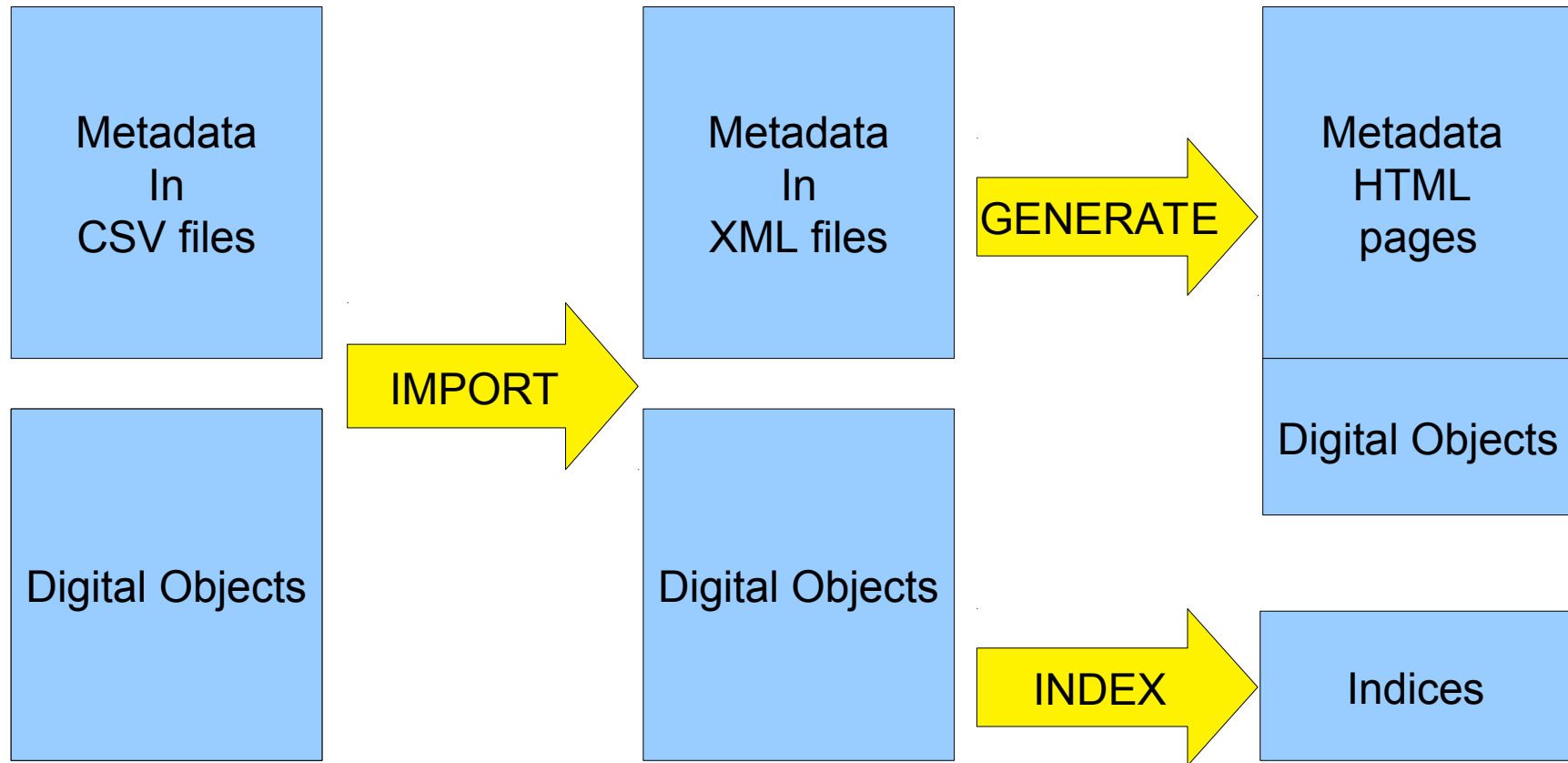
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<https://github.com/slumou/simpliedl>

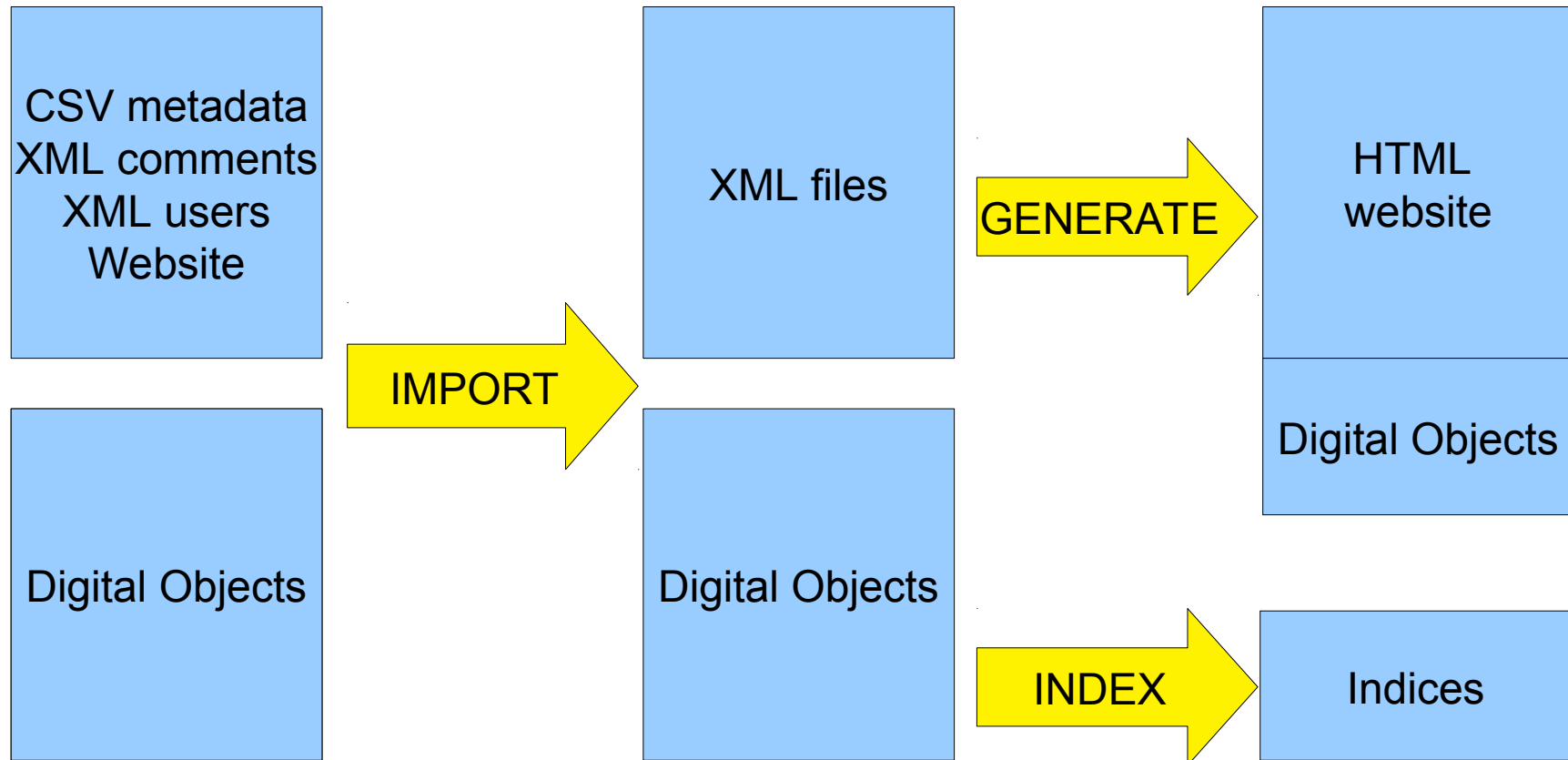
Major Features

- ❑ Offline pre-generated core website.
- ❑ Search/Browse in Javascript.
- ❑ Metadata stored in spreadsheets and XML files.
- ❑ Any metadata format (DC, ICA-Atom).
- ❑ Minimal use of Web applications.
- ❑ XSLT + CSS for styling.
- ❑ User and entity management.
- ❑ Submissions, comments, moderation.

Basic Idea



Basic Idea - Extended



Management Interface

- Web UI to manage files, moderate submissions and import/generate/index.

Simple DL

Logged in: | [Edit Profile](#) | [Admin](#) | [Logout](#)

[Site Home](#)

Manager Options: Moderate | Manage | Import metadata force ☐ clean ☐ | Generate metadata force ☐ | Index

Manage Datasets

Datasets: [\[spreadsheets\]](#) [\[collection\]](#) [\[carousel\]](#)

Options: Create ☐ Folder, ☐ Delete file/folder, ☐ Upload file or ZIP

Select a file to attach (for uploads): Choose file No file chosen

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Users and Entities

- ❑ Users have accounts on the system.
- ❑ Entities are extracted from metadata.
- ❑ Every entity page can links to authority records and items.

Makers and Shapers Profile

Details

Name	Macebo, Dyer D
Type	Commissioned Contributor
Dates of Existence	1870 - YYYY
History	[Source - Chloe Rushovich for FHya, 2017, using KCAL materials: Dyer D. Macebo was from the Umvoti mission station. His father was of the Tulwane regiment but was a Christian. He was interviewed by James Stuart in 1898. Macebo was 28 years old when he was interviewed by Stuart.]

Activity

Type ↑↓	Date ↑↓	Item ↑↓
Interlocution	1898/11/02	Macebo, Dyer D, Testimony from 'The James Stuart Archive of Recorded Oral Evidence Relating to the History of the Zulu and Neighbouring Peoples', Volume 2 (Mab-Maz)
Interlocution	1898/11/02	Placeholder for relevant pages from John Wright's annotated photocopies of James Stuart's handwritten notes pertaining to Macebo, Dyer D
Interlocution	1898/11/02	Placeholder for Macebo, Dyer D, Hyperlinked Archival Research Tool
Interlocution	1898/11/02	Placeholder for Macebo, Dyer D: Notes of his conversations with James Stuart, as collated by John Wright

Submissions and Comments

- Users can add comments and attachments; or makes new submissions.

Contributions

Name: [ettore morelli](#)

Date: 2021-06-24T14:30:44+0200

This research note is best read together with the note written by John Wright on the same subject. The two research notes were produced during the creation of the EMANDULO presentation 'Exploring uMgungundlovu' between the end of 2020 and the beginning of 2021.

The research note by Wright is here:

<http://emandulo.apc.uct.ac.za/metadata/uMgungundlovu/28/1352/index.html>

And the presentation 'Exploring uMgungundlovu' is here:

<http://emandulo.apc.uct.ac.za/cgi-bin/view/Presentations/httpsstudio-emandulouctacafhya-exploring-umgungundlovu.zip/studio-emandulo.uct.ac.za/https://studio-emandulo.uct.ac.za/fhya-exploring-umgungundlovu/index.html>

They both relate to the edited and interactive map of uMgungundlovu that is here attached in static form.

Attached File:

[Exploring uMgungundlovu Map Static](#)



Search and Browse

- Faceted search implemented in Javascript.

Search Results

Enter your search terms:
bowl

Custodian
All

Level of description
All

Material type
Object

Makers and shapers
All

Sub-collection
All


Date
All

Arrange by...
relevance


Search through...
☒ metadata +fulltext +comments
☐ metadata +comments
☐ metadata

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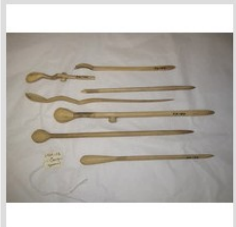
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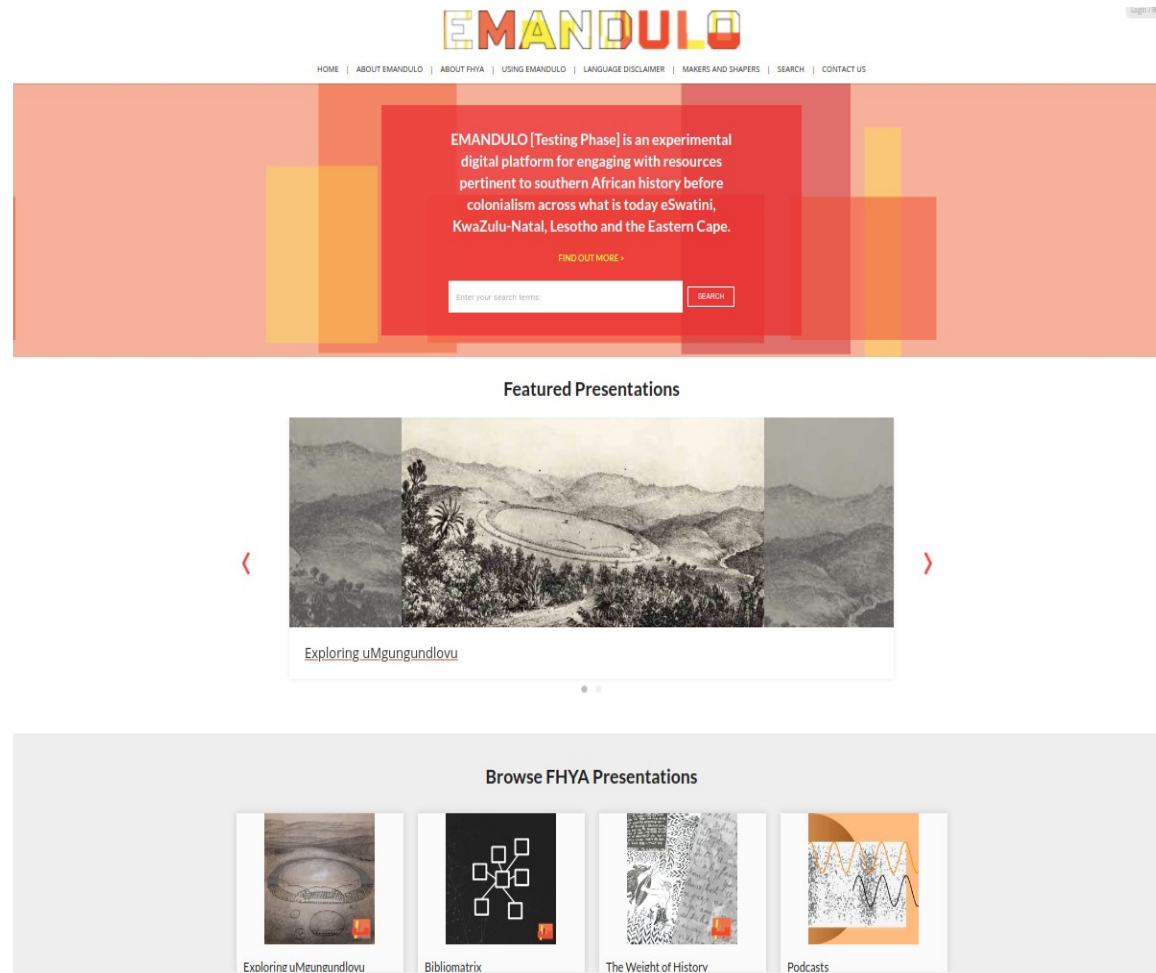


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FHYA selection of items pertinent to the testimonies of individual interlocutors from Volume 1 of the James Stuart Archive (Ant-Lyl)



Scope and Content

[Source - Debra Pryor for FHYA, 2019: Series contains front and back matter and the individual testimonies from "The James Stuart Archive of Recorded Oral Evidence Relating to the History of the Zulu and Neighbouring Peoples", Volume 1 (Ant-Lyl), edited by Colin de B. Webb and John Wright, together with their related material.

The volume was edited in the period April 1971 to November 1975. Wright was responsible for translating into English words and passages recorded by Stuart in isiZulu. He discussed points of translation with Professor A.T. Cope, head of the Department of Bantu Languages at the University of Natal in Durban. The volume was published in March 1976. It has since been reprinted.]

Metadata

Title
FHYA selection of items pertinent to the testimonies of individual interlocutors from Volume 1 of the James Stuart Archive (Ant-Lyl)
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Events

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File: **James Stuart Archive, Volume 1, Front matter**



File: **Antel, Mr., - Interview and associated items**



File: **Baleka ka Mpitikakazi - Interview and associated items**



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Words and sentences (given by Adam Kleinhardt)

Metadata

Title	Words and sentences (given by Adam Kleinhardt)
Collection	Wilhelm Bleek notebooks
Contributor	Adam Kleinhardt
Summary	Words and sentences given by Adam Kleinhardt.

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Search Results

Enter your search terms:

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Date
All

Arrange by...
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Results

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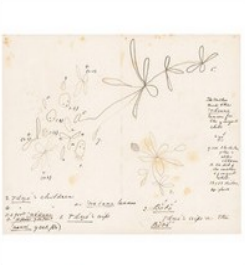
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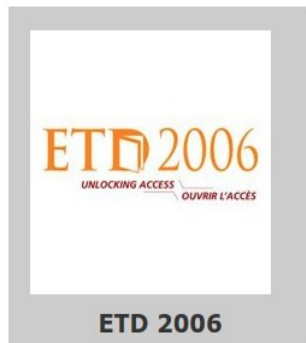
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ETD 2011

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Content



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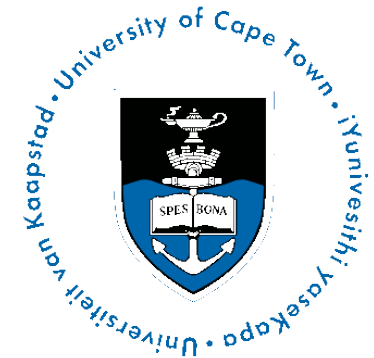
Ongoing Work

- ❑ Resolvable unique identifiers – using purls.
- ❑ Complex object support – archiving entire presentations/exhibitions.
- ❑ Archive archiving – to manage versions of evolving knowledge structures.
- ❑ Virtualisation – to create/manage simple archives remotely.
- ❑ Complex object authoring tools – to create visualisations of concepts maps.
- ❑ Bookmarking facilities – both personal and community-oriented.

Reflections

- ❑ One design/architecture does not meet all needs.
- ❑ A Low-Resource Design may be easier to:
 - Set up
 - Maintain
 - Migrate
 - Rescue
- ❑ Simple means it is easier to add new features.
- ❑ Support experiments/research in digital libraries.

Thank you for listening!



<https://github.com/slumou/simplydl>

Questions, comments and suggestions are welcome...

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