Participant Profiles

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Name and URL associated with your digital scholarship center:
Lewis & Ruth Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship; scds.ca

If you have a mission statement or some similar description of your center, please share it here:
The Sherman Centre strives to meet the following objectives:

To provide a framework of research support for digital scholarship that optimizes library/researcher resource sharing.
To provision customized and scalable IT infrastructure to support faculty and graduate student research projects in digital humanities/digital scholarship.
To offer technical support and consulting services for digital scholarship projects, such as programming, data management, and systems administration.
To promote and develop interdisciplinary digital scholarship networks by providing physical meeting and work spaces.
To promote and disseminate McMaster University e-research through archival and access initiatives that interface with global e-research partners.

What services does your center support?:
Consultation on digital technologies
Consultation on digital project management
Digital preservation/curation consultation
Workshops
Credit courses
Makerspace

What type of staff is involved in the center?:
Information technology professionals
Librarians
Faculty from academic departments
Graduate students
Undergraduate students

Please provide a URL or describe (in a few sentences) one digital project that has had support of the center:
Three of our hosted researchers' projects: http://scds.ca/projects/researchers-projects/

Please provide pointers to additional materials that may be helpful in understanding the structure and work of the center (journal articles, book chapters, web pages, reports, etc.): Credit course in the undergraduate experiential learning track, based around our makerspace: http://artsci.os.mcmaster.ca/_uploads/documents/Description%20-%20Electronics%20for%20the%20Rest%20of%20us%202013.pdf

Beta of the digital collections infrastructure that is being implemented by Sherman staff (Islandora/Fedora stack): http://repository.mcmaster.ca/

RFP for the hardware for an Ontario Digital Library Research Cloud (projected capacity 1.25PB). McMaster was an original partner when the idea first emerged, and our involvement is led by Sherman Centre staff:
http://www.merx.com/English/SUPPLIER_Menu.Asp?WCE=Show&TAB=1&PORTAL=MERX&State=7&id=285335&src=osr&FED_ONLY=0&ACTION=&rowcount=&lastpage=&MoreResults=&PUBSORT=2&CLOSESORT=0&IS_SME=Y&hcode=SUmlbaTEfQHquob7z5sM6Q%3D%3D