Bigger on the Inside:

Integrating Research Data Services in Campus-Wide Networks

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‘Oh, that box ... big and little at the same time. Brand new and ancient and the bluest blue ever.’

-- The Doctor
'People assume that time is a strict progression of cause to effect. But actually from a non-linear, non-subjective viewpoint it's more like a big ball of wibbly-wobbly, timey-wimey... stuff.'

-- The Doctor
‘There’s a lot of things you need to get across this universe. Warp drive, wormhole refactors. You know the thing you need most of all? You need a hand to hold.’

-- The Doctor
To the rational mind, nothing is inexplicable; only unexplained.”

-- The Doctor
Meanwhile, elsewhere on grounds...

'The Doctor

Never ignore a coincidence. Unless you're busy, in which case always ignore a coincidence.'

-- The Doctor
The universe is big. It’s vast and complicated and ridiculous. And sometimes, very rarely, impossible things just happen and we call them miracles.

-- The Doctor

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Partner Organizations

- VPIT
- ARCS
- RDS
- DSI
- ITS-RCI
- BioConnector/HSL
- SOM-RC
Partnerships & Programs: The Upside of Bigger on the Inside

RDS/Library
UVaR, DataFest
Scholars’ Lab/DH

VPR (funding discovery, COS)
COS (OSF for Inst., workshops)

CADRE (training, consults)

DSI (short courses, bootcamps, fellows)

Health, Law Libraries

ITS-RCI (Ivy)

‘This is one corner, of one country, in one continent, on one planet that’s a corner of a galaxy that’s a corner of a universe that is forever growing and shrinking and creating and destroying and never remaining the same for a single millisecond.’

-- The Doctor
Challenges: The Downside of Bigger on the Inside

• Maintaining relationships (e.g., external partnerships and internal teams)

• Differing cultures across units (e.g., sharing information and credit)

• Diffusing responsibility (and credit)

• Shifting work versus expanding work

• Obscuring resource needs

How can library leadership help?

‘Just do what I do. Hold tight and pretend it’s a plan!’

-- The Doctor
The Team

Our Librarians and Data Scientists (or Data Librarians and Library Scientists)

• 5 MLIS
• 3 Masters (Statistics, Sociology, Instructional Technology)
• 4 Doctorates (Political Science, Astronomy, Physics, Physiology)

'We’re all stories, in the end. Just make it a good one, eh?'

-- The Doctor
What’s Next?

For UVA Library’s RDS?
• Integrating Data Services and Social, Natural, & Engineering Science teams
• Imagining possibilities for space
• Branching into the qualitative arena
• Internally developed projects: Data for Democracy Lab

For us today?
• Enlightening discussion!
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With apologies to *The Doctor*...