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DOIs and metadata standardisation in academic publishing overview and role. Lessons learned, benefits and drawbacks. What publishers do with DOIs.

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Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) and the problems of South African metadata specification and digitisation

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Big challenges

- Power
- National and commercial advantage
- The postcolonial tango – Direction of research to researchers
- Equitable relationships
- Interoperability and internationalism
- Coordinated action
- Ownership, control and attribution



Observations

- Standards change – process not goal
- The problem of identifiers won't go away – it will intensify (attribution, connection to employment, cultural capital).
- Not all publishers use DOIs (esp in South Africa). Why not?



Why DOIs are interesting to a publisher

- ISBN, ISSN, ORCID, ISNI
- ROR-IDs
- IUPAC International Chemical Identifier (InChI)
- Interoperability (Library, Google, formal citation, altmetrics)
- Cross-subject/discipline
- Cross-format (book, article, proceeding, dataset, preprints, audio, video, image)



Why use a DOI?

Advantages

- Establish authenticity of a resource
- Access to a resource even if its location changes
- Interoperability between collections and systems
- Reporting – citation and usage
- Format agnostic
- Update to metadata at later stage

Disadvantages

- Costs to establishing or using a resolver service
- Dependence on ongoing maintenance and enhancement
- Appropriate research and publication management systems to track



DOIs and discoverability

- Citation
- Usage
- Referencing
- Zotero, EndNote
- Journal articles, book chapters, datasets, archival material



What publishers do with DOIs

- Sales and distribution partners
- Marketing and promotion:
website, catalogue and promotional material
- Aggregators – EBSCO, Project MUSE, JSTOR etc
- Open Access
- Citations and altmetrics : Dimensions, Web of Science,
- Author attribution: ORCID, ISNI
- Institution attribution: ROR-IDs



What small publishers don't do with DOIs

- Lack of CMS or Platform:
 - Enhancement without CMS
 - ORCiD deposit
 - Consistent and coordinated reporting
- Institutional infrastructure – Universities and DHET
- Chapter level DOI



What Wits Univ Press has done

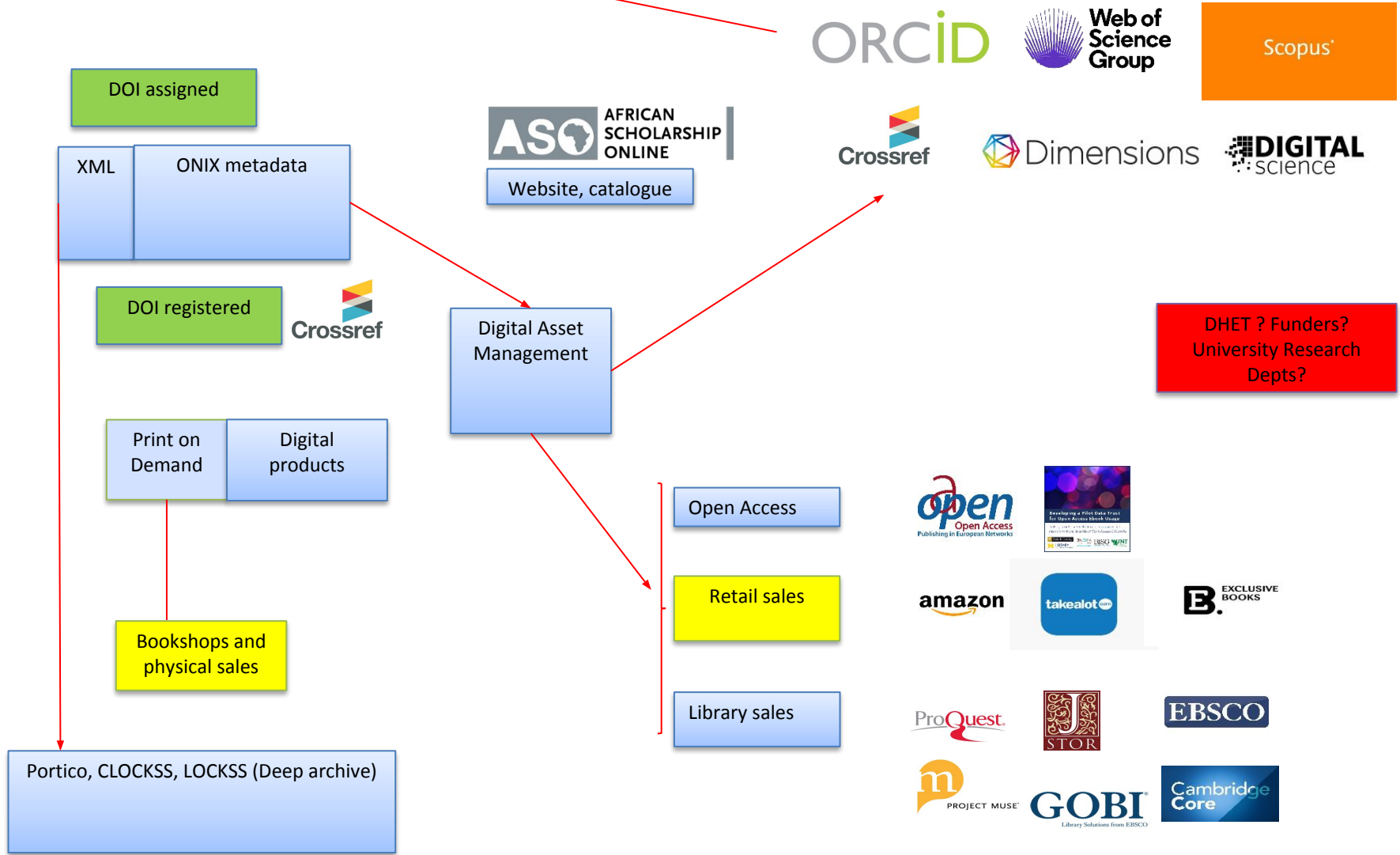
Previously

- Traditional print model to meet local demand
- International sales through large distributors and licensing content
- Processes driven by international distributors only

In the past 6 years

- XML driven workflow
- ORCiD integration limited but embedded
- Direct relationship with major aggregators
- Open Access
- ONIX generation
- Print-on-demand





Wits University Press projects using DOIs



What's the problem?

- Cost
- Continued update on repositories?
- Subject specificity
- Is this a Northern project? Can we be involved? Should we?
- Bureaucracy, administrative obstacles – what is to be done?

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