#### META DATA: CONCEPT & TYPES BLIS4008

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#### CONCEPT

- Metadata is popularly known as ' data about data.'
- Metadata terms comes from the field of Computer Science.
- In metadata the prefix 'meta' is used to mean 'about' so metadata means about data and describe other data.

### META DATA

The term metadata, first coined by Jack E. Myers.

 In internet computing and the web, Metadata used in the context of describing information objects on the network.

#### **METADATA:** Definitions

IFLA- Metadata refers to any data used to aid the identification, descriptions and location of networked electronic resources.

AAP- (Association of American Publishers)-Metadata is information that describes content.

### **METADATA:** Definitions

• W3C- Metadata is a machine understandable information for the web.

• Dublin Core- Metadata describes an information resource.

### **METADATA:** Features

- Content- It relates to what the object contains or is about and is intrinsic to an information object.
- Context- It indicates who, what, why, where, how aspects associated with the objects creation and is extrinsic to an information object.
- Structure- It relates to the formal set of associations within or among individual information objects and can be intrinsic or extrinsic.

## **METADATA:** Types

1. Administrative Metadata- It provides information to manage to resource i.e. when and how the resource has created.

2. Descriptive Metadata- It provides the source purpose i.e. Title, abstract, author etc.

## **METADATA:** Types

3. Structural Metadata- Such kind of metadata necessary to record the internal structure of an item so that it can be rendered to the user in a sensible form. i.e. a book must be delivered in its page order, the images of individual pages that makes up a digitized book.

### METADATA: DRM

Role of metadata in DRM(Digital Resource Management)

1. Metadata Application- Data Description, Data Browsing, Data Transfer.

2. Metadata Increases Accessibility- Resource discovery searching and Location of Research

#### METADATA:DRM

3. Metadata for Interoperability- Capability of information structures for information retrieval and exchange

4. Metadata for Multi-Versions- Preservation Research, Dissemination

### METADATA: DRM

- 5. Metadata for Right Management- It allows depositors to track the many layers of right and reproductions of information that exist for information objects and their multiple versions.
- 6. Metadata for System Improvement- It is also helpful to evaluate and refine system. After evaluation and refinement of data can also be used in planning for new system.

## METADATA: Standards

• DC- Dublin Core

AGLS- Australian Government Locator Service

CIMI- Consortium for the Computer
Interchange Museum Information

• EAD-Enclosed Archival Description

# METADATA: Standards

- ENDA- Education Network Australia
- GILS- Government Information Locator Service
- TEI-Text Encoding Initiatives
- VRA- Visual Resource Association
- METS- Metadata Encoding Transmission Standards
- MODS- Metadata Object Description Schema

# **METADATA Standards: Advantages**

- Reduce Costs
- Minimize duplication of Efforts
- Developed common and shared efforts
- Promotes Collaboration
- Reduce Web Fragmentation
- Facilitate sharing and exchange of information

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