

# UKOER Metadata

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A degree's-worth of material for starters

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To anyone, no charge, minimal restrictions on use.

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- Extent:  
Phase 1, 2009-10 ~£5.7M;  
Phase 2, 2010-11 £5M.

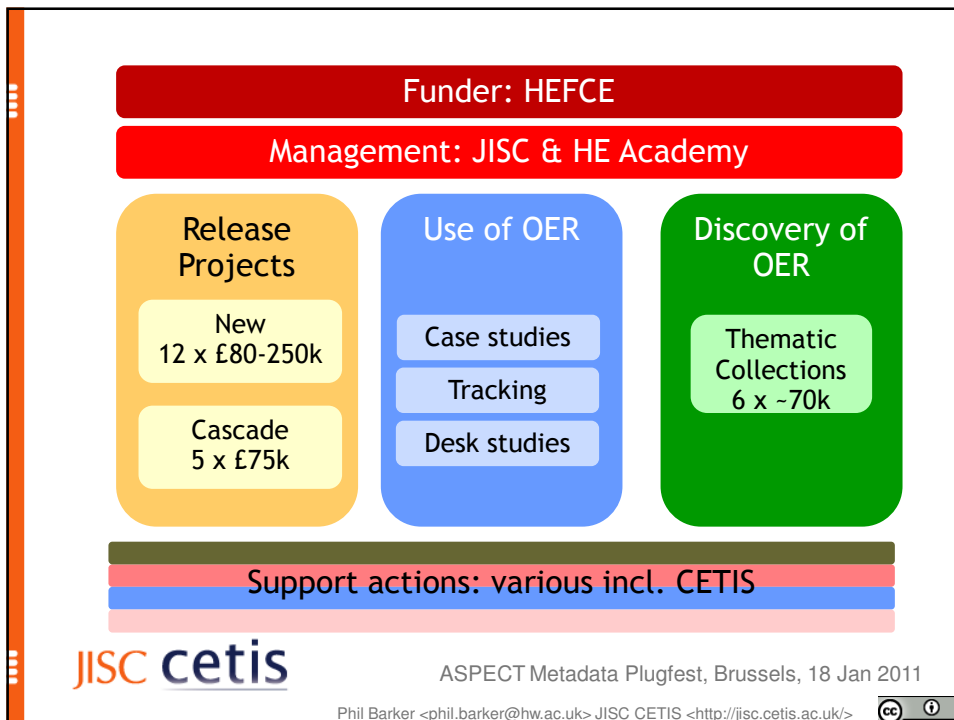
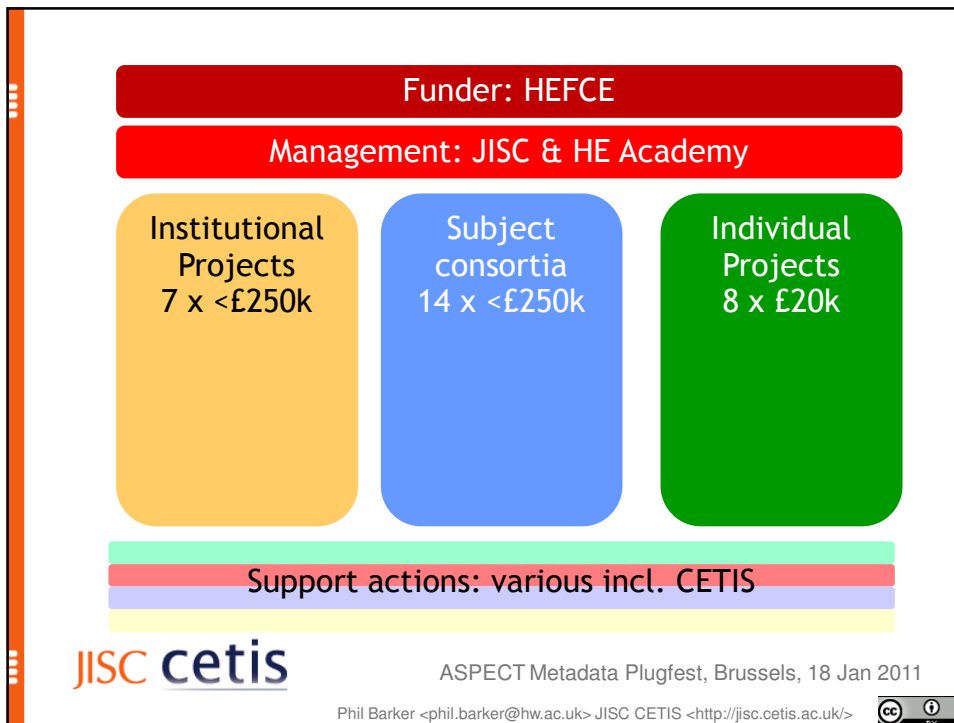
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## Background to UKOER Technical Requirements

- Diverse projects
- Not a repository/library programme
- Relatively low funding and emphasis on sustainability
- Must not create obstacles to release.
- Realisation that for years JISC had specifying sophisticated metadata that could be used to build clever services; but had been in a cycle where resource providers weren't motivated to create metadata until service used it.

<http://blogs.cetis.ac.uk/lmc/2010/04/16/then-and-now/>

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- Content standards:
  - ◆ Expect a wide range of content types so mandating specific content standards is impractical. However Projects should consider using appropriate standards for sharing complex objects e.g. IMS Content Packaging IMS Common Cartridge and IMS QTI for assessment items.
- Platform
  - ◆ Projects are free to use any system or application as long as it is capable of delivering content freely on the open web
  - ◆ all projects must also deposit their content in JorumOpen [national repository]
  - ◆ should use platforms that are capable of generating RSS/Atom feeds particularly for collections of content

<http://blogs.cetis.ac.uk/lmc/2010/12/03/oe-2-technical-requirements/>

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### ■ Metadata

- ◆ [We] will not mandate the use of one single metadata application profile to describe content.
- ◆ projects will need to ensure that content released through the programme can be found, used, analysed, aggregated and tagged. [which required metadata]
- ◆ Metadata **must** include
  - ★ Programme tag: ukoer
  - ★ Title
  - ★ Author/owner/contributor
  - ★ Date
  - ★ URL
  - ★ (Tech info, file format, name & size removed for phase 2)
  - ★ Licence info. (added for ph. 2)

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## Service 1: Find Feeds: Ensemble

*ensemble*  OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Search for OER feeds:

 [get all 1234 OER feeds](#)

 [RSS Feed for the unit Medicine transformed: on access to health care](#)  
09 September 2009 [LearningSpace RSS Feeds](#)

This RSS feed contains a list of all sections in the unit *Medicine transformed: on access to health care*

 <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/2.0/uk/>

 [RSS Feed for the unit Introducing international development management](#)  
31 July 2009 [LearningSpace RSS Feeds](#)

This RSS feed contains a list of all sections in the unit *Introducing international development*

<http://galadriel.cetis.ac.uk/ensemble>

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## Service 2: Find Items: Ensemble

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# Xpert

Currently searching 155943 resources.

Please enter your keywords

Search

[Media search](#) | [Advanced search](#) | [Browse Resources](#)

<http://xpert.nottingham.ac.uk/>

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## Service 3: Bulk upload to Jorum

- Supports UKOER requirement for deposit in Jorum
- Inspired by podcasting and iTunesU upload

```
<rss xmlns:atom="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom"
  xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/" version="2.0"
<channel>
  <dc:title>... <dc:description>... <dc:subject>... <dc:creator>... <dc:publisher>
  <dc:rights>http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/2.0/uk/</dc:rights>
<item>
  <dc:title>... <dc:description>... <dc:subject>... <dc:creator>... <dc:publisher>
  <dc:rights>http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/2.0/uk/</dc:rights>
  <link>http://...
```

...

<http://community.jorum.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=49>

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## Metadata in feeds

- Oxford University RSS Feed from <http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/openspires.html>

```
<rss version="2.0"
  xmlns:atom="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom"
  xmlns:creativecommons="http://backend.userland.com/creativecommonsRssModule"
  xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/"
  xmlns:ev="http://purl.org/rss/1.0/modules/event/"
  xmlns:geo="http://www.w3.org/2003/01/geo/wgs84_pos#"
  xmlns:itunes="http://www.itunes.com/dtds/podcast-1.0.dtd"
  xmlns:itunesu="http://www.itunesu.com/feed"
  xmlns:media="http://search.yahoo.com/mrss/"
  xmlns:s="http://purl.org/steeple" >
```

## Metadata in feeds

```
<channel>
  <title>Quantum Mechanics</title>
  <link>http://...</link>
  <atom:link rel="self" type="application/rss+xml" href="...">
  <description>...
  <image> ...</image>
  <language>en-GB</language>
  <lastBuildDate>Wed, 27 Oct 2010 15:14:59 +0100</lastBuildDate>

  <copyright>© Oxford University; the media items are released with a Creative
  Commons licence</copyright>
  <creativecommons:license>http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-
  sa/2.0/uk/</creativecommons:license>

  <itunes:author>... <itunes:category text="Education">... <itunes:image ...>
```



## Metadata in feeds

```
<item>
  <title>
  <category>physics</category>
  <category domain="http://www.jisc.ac.uk/oer/">ukoer</category>
  <description>Second lecture of the Quantum Mechanics ...
  <guid isPermaLink="false">http://
  <link>http://
  <enclosure url="http..." length="40781530" type="audio/mpeg"/><source>
  <pubDate>...
  <creativecommons:license>http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-
  sa/2.0/uk/</creativecommons:license>

  <itunes:subtitle> ... <itunes:summary>... <itunes:keywords>... <itunes:author>...
  <itunesu:category itunesu:code="109108"/> <itunes:duration>
```

## Reflections/relations

- Good match between what we could mandate for UKOER and what RSS/ATOM supports
  - ◆ Bespoke/restricted namespaces exist that give better precision
- Supports collection level description
- Distinguishes between “rights” and “licence”
- Distinguishes between “item/resource” and “copy”
  - ◆ cf FRBR / ILOX

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