

**Tools at Risk: What are creative models for sustaining open source digital stewardship tools?**

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The National Digital Stewardship Alliance Infrastructure Working Group is beginning an investigation of open source tools and platforms for digital stewardship. This workshop will engage participants to think of new models for sustaining our work. Drawing on ideas from successful open source projects and initiatives as well as other novel and creative ideas for sustainability this workshop will generate a set of ideas for specific models, approaches, and strategies for sustaining this work.

**Workshop Plan**

We will have just heard a slate of talks about how different open source tools have persisted and changed over time (DuraSpace, Omeka, and Simile Exhibit). In this session we will try to abstract lessons from those projects, as well as lessons from other open source sustainability models. Having just heard the talks, the full workshop group will suggest ideas for break out groups to focus on. Each group will use a collaborative doc to compile notes on each topic which will then be shared.

**Possible Group Topics Include**

- *Building a decentralized team of developers*
- *Creating a trust or a foundation*
- *Charging for providing software as a service*
  - *Charging for a premium service*

**After the Workshop**

The infrastructure group will consider and discuss the document and decide on next steps for refining and more broadly sharing the ideas that emerge from this conversation.