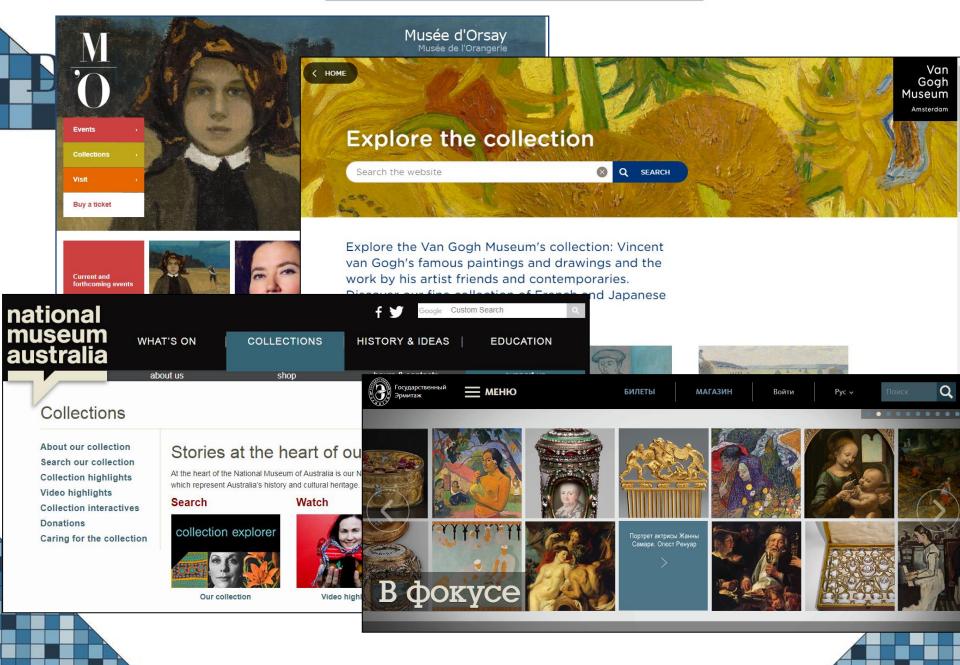


Virtual Museums and Cultural Heritage: Challenges and Solutions

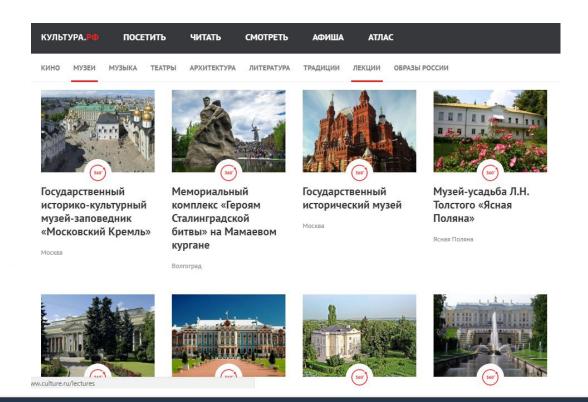
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The problem of terminology

 The term "virtual museum" can cover many different kinds of resources.





What is a Virtual Museum?

A Virtual Museum (VM) is an information system containing a conceptually unified electronic collection or set of collections of objects (items) with metadata, which has the characteristics of a museum, and which facilitates research, education and discovery activities in the virtual space.



Obstacles to the effective use of VM resources

Problems of sources and their organization:

- metadescription;
- origin and authenticity of the source and its verification;
- quality of digital copies;
- organization of sources; and
- multiple source formats.

Problems related to informational context:

 Not all information resources refer to the context and origin of sources.

Problems of the organization of information in the VM space:

- Lack of search functionality and complexity of interface;
- Attention is not paid to the possibilities and methods of using hosted resources;
- The absence of classification and material categorization.



Catalogues of Virtual Museums

Lists of virtual tours in virtual museums:







- Tour The American Museum of Natural History
- The American Museum of Photography Guided Tour
- American Red Cross Virtual Museum
- American Treasures Library of Congress
- The Ancient Olympic Games Virtual Museum
- Tour an Ancient Roman Villa
- Tour of The Andy Warhol Museum
- The Canadian Museum of Civilization
- Tour The Catherine Palace of Tsarskoye Selo
- Tour The Collection at The National Gallery of Art
- Tour the DeCordova 35 acre Sculpture Park

http://www.virtualfreesites.com/mu seums.museums.html



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The Curators

Introducing a film from Coudal Partners and The Board of Directors of the Museum of Online Museums. *The Curators* is a three-part documentary, hosted by Collections Director Kevin Guilfoile, that focuses on the collectors and the collected.

The Museum Campus

- □ Bodleian Libraries, Oxford, UK †
- ☐ The Met Digital Collections †
- ☐ Museum of Mathematics †
- □ Computer History Museum †
- □ National Postal Museum †
- □ The Met's Timeline of Art History †
- □ National Gallery of Art †
- Rijksmuseum †
- Russian Museums List †

 Lists of virtual museums (lists of virtual resources of real museums);

http://www.coudal.com/moom



Catalogues of Virtual Museums

 Lists of thematically-oriented virtual museums and virtual museums with particular purposes (e.g. educational)





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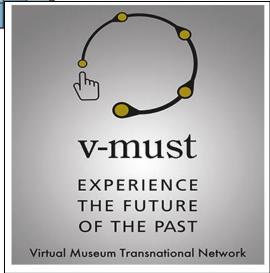
Description parameters:

- Content (virtual museums are classified by their subjects – archeology, history, natural history, ethnography, arts, technology);
- Interaction technology (the possibilities for users to take an active part in the work of the museum – games, virtual tours, voice control systems etc.);
- Duration;
- Communication;
- Level of Immersion;
- Format;
- Scope (Educational, Edutainment, Enhancement of Visitor Experience, Entertainment, Promotion, Research);
- Sustainability.





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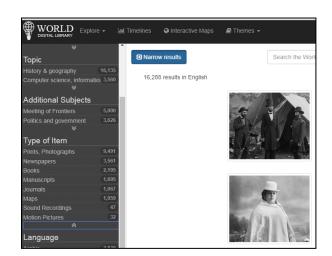
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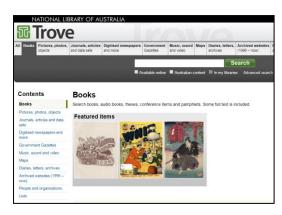
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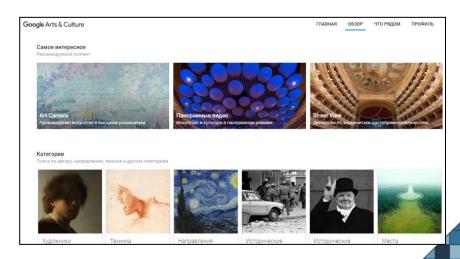
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Documenting Information Sources of Digital Heritage

History-oriented information systems



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Digitalhistory.ru

- Cataloging and documenting Digital Cultural Heritage informational resources;
- Overcoming the problems of finding the resources;
- Multisource approach.

H Basic elements of description are:

- resource name and address on the Internet;
- organization-creator and the authors;
- country (in which the resource is created);
- language of the museum interface and the resource;
- year of the creation and the sources of support (research funds and other organizations)
- other fields.



Fields of resource description

- Field of Humanities;
- Field of History;
- Geography;
- Period of History;
- Type of information resource;
- Audience;
- Type of Cultural Heritage;
- metadata;
- Type of fine arts

- Presence of legends;
- Presence of virtual tours and other ways of real museum space representation;
- Ways of interacting with the Digital Cultural Heritage;
- Availability of personal account and its possibilities (e.g. the creation of one's own collections on the basis of virtual museum resources).



Search capabilities

- Full list of information sources
- Search by systems
- Search by countries



Retrieval system

	Field of Humanities:
Context search:	History
	■ Philology
	■ Political science
System Type:	■ Museology
□ GIS	Archival studies
prosopographical	☐ The humanities in general
□ factographic	Geography:
□ bibliographical	the world as a whole
historiographical	Russia
□ expert	☐ Asia
= encyclopedic	□ Australia
□ Scientific Journal	North America
☐ Statistical	South America
□ Other	■ Western Europe
Types of sources:	□ Eastern Europe
□ Statistical	□ Africa
□ Material	□ Arctic
□ Textual	Period of history:



Solutions

- Systematization of information;
- Detection of thematically close resources;
- Basis for wider attraction of resources to research, education and various usages;
- Provide the opportunity for research on Virtual Museums.



Work-in-progress

- The Course "Information technologies in Humanities" for bachelors of all humanitarian faculties at Perm State University.
- The Course "Virtual Museums, Digital Archives and Libraries" for masters of the specialisation "Culturology".



Thank you for your attention!

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