

Blacklight, ArcLight, and RPTF

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RPTF 2: From Archive to Classroom

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My background

- Archivist, software developer, manager, metadata specialist, project manager
- Deep experience with metadata aggregation; partners of varying resources and technical abilities
- Passionate about improving access to dispersed collections and leveraging technology to improve those platforms

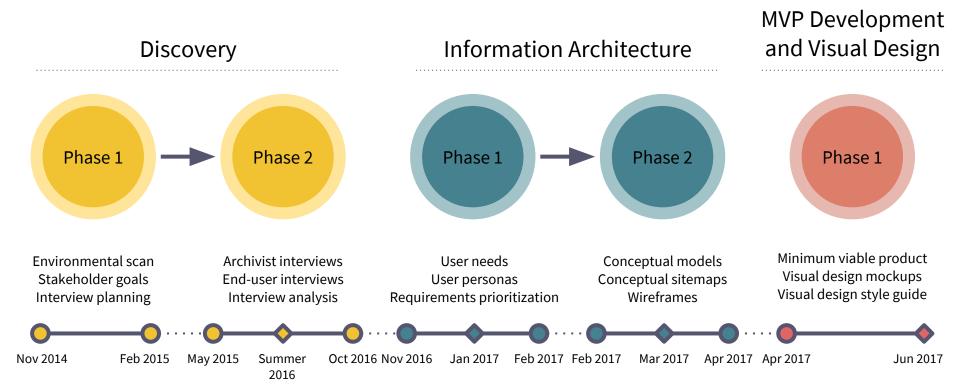
Description and objectives

- **ArcLight** initiated by Stanford Libraries in 2014 to address a long-standing interest in discovery/delivery of archives
- Support discovery of physical and digital objects
- Compatibility with and intended for integration with other systems, e.g. ArchivesSpace and Hydra-based repositories
- Development, enhancement, and maintenance by the Blacklight/Samvera (Hydra) open source software communities
- Maintain a community focus throughout the project

Design and development process

- Design process led by 2 UX designers in Stanford Libraries' Digital Library Systems & Services group (Gary Geisler and Jennifer Vine)
- Followed a model for **user-centered design** developed and refined over time (see <u>DLF 2014 presentation</u>) and leveraged existing practices for community-based open source software development
- Community-oriented, collaborative design/development process
 - o Intentional choice, informed by DLSS open source participation
 - Opportunity for other institutions to identify needs and participate
 - Build interest and identify potential commitments for software development

Overview and timeline of work to date



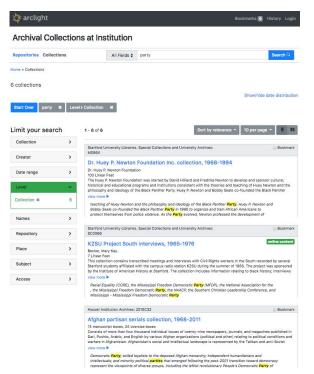
Implemented features

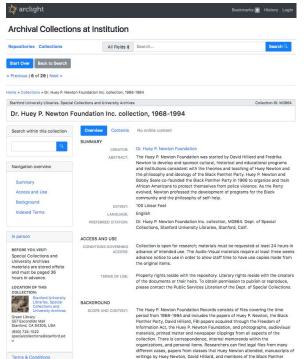
- Presentation of archival description, hierarchically and by individual components
- Repository information
- Integrated delivery of digital objects (using oEmbed)
- Indexing of EAD 2002
- Keyword searching and faceting by collection, creator, date range, level of description, names, creators, repository, etc.
- Sorting by date, creator, title, relevance

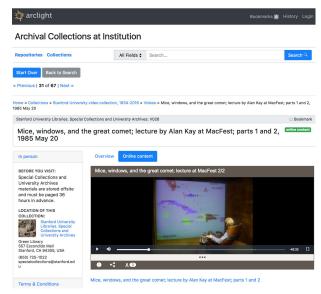
- WCAG 2.0 Level AA conformance
- Search within collections
- Hit highlighting
- Component-level views with contextual information
- Proof of concept request management integration
- Bookmarks
- Configurable repositories and departments
- Basic inheritance of descriptive metadata (e.g. for access and use restrictions)



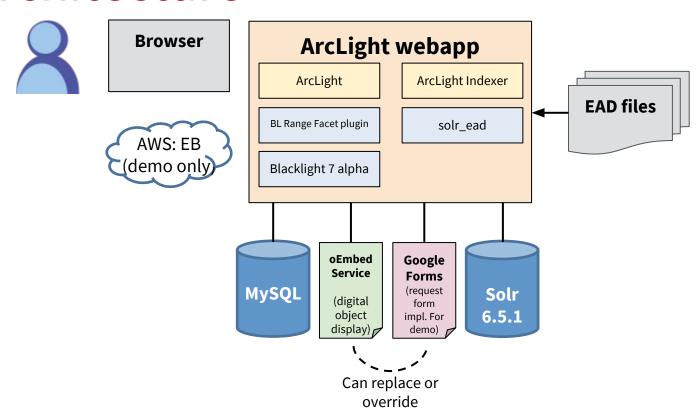
Screenshots







Architecture



Opportunities for RPTF and questions

- Strategic opportunity to consider how RPTF undertakes metadata aggregation as a core activity
 - What do we expect from potential contributors?
 - What is the balance of technical work across the Task Force?
 - Which other aggregation projects can we leverage?
- Defining a clear understanding of discovery to support this community's needs
 - What level of detail can we expect in terms of collections and items to make them useful or intelligible to researchers?
 - Can we usefully narrow the set of relevant features from what ArcLight provides?
- Consider the Blacklight ecosystem

More information

- Demo site: https://arclight-demo.projectblacklight.org/
- Design documentation: http://bit.ly/arclightproject
- Demo videos: http://bit.ly/arclight-demo-videos
- Google Group: http://bit.ly/arclight-community

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