

The new
FIHRIST
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Background

- A union catalogue **NOT** a Digital Library
- Records of manuscripts in Arabic & related scripts
 - Held in UK repositories
- Originated from an Cambridge-Oxford partnership
- Funded by a national body (JISC)
- To improve access to Islamic primary sources

Union Catalogue of Manuscripts from the Islamicate World

Search the catalogue of manuscripts from the Islamicate world



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Institutions

Oxford University	Cambridge University	British Library	School of Oriental and African Studies
The University of Manchester	Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland	University of Birmingham	King's College Cambridge
Eton College	Wadham College (University of Oxford)	Wellcome Trust	Trinity College Cambridge
University of St Andrews	Arabic Commentaries on the Hippocratic Aphorisms project	Jesus College (Cambridge)	Trinity Hall (Cambridge)
Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin	New College (University of Oxford)	St Antony's College (Oxford)	

Start up

- Stand-alone
- TEI – a new Standard/best practice for (Islamic-?) M
- A record for every work

Goals

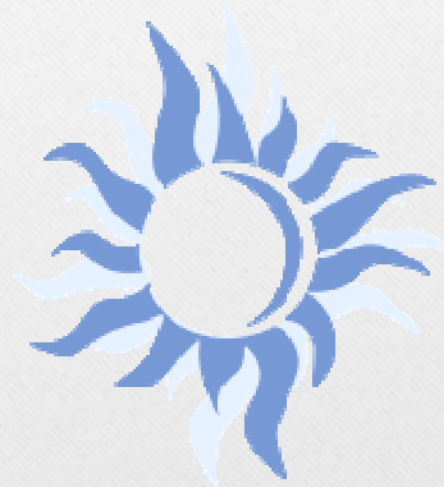
- Access
- Sustainability
- Impact

Questions

- Why create a stand-alone resource?
- Why introduce a "new" metadata standard – TEI ?
- A record for every work?
 - Too ambitious?
 - Compromises?
- Where does innovation meet tradition?

What is new about FIHRIST?

- Interface
- Indexing
- Workflow
- Data management – access – licensing
- Unique identifiers
 - MS
 - Names
 - works



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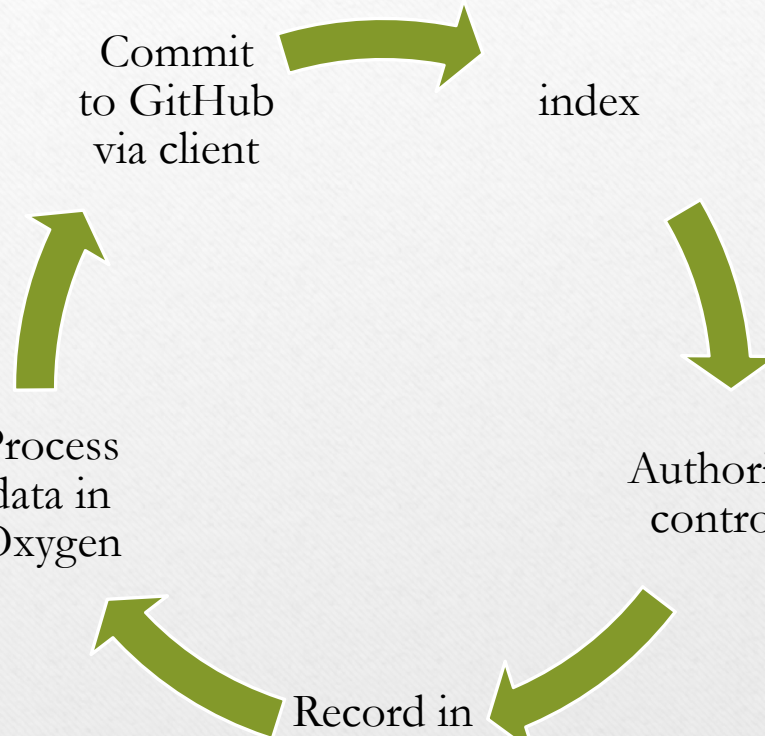
Commit
to GitHub
via client

index

Process
data in
Oxygen

Authority
control

Record in
interface



What do we need?

- An editor

- More
 - Collaborators
 - Detailed content
- Improved documentation
- Feedback & engagement

What do you think about ...

- Union catalogues
- Open Source software
- User experience
- User requirements
- Infrastructure
- Interoperability