

Presentation

Save the Children Resource Libraries: Aligning Internal Technical Resource Libraries with a Public Distribution Website

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Abstract

Save the Children (STC) is an international NGO that promotes children's rights, provides relief and helps support children across the globe. With international headquarters in London, STC has 30 national members and supports local partners operating in over 100 countries worldwide. STC International maintains technical infrastructures that are available to members and local partners including SharePoint, Drupal and other information management applications. An effort to specify and implement a common resource library for curating and sharing internal technical resources has been underway since November 2015. This has included an inventory of existing (but heterogeneous) resource libraries on Save the Children's work in the thematic area of Health and Nutrition, and agreement on a common metadata specification and some controlled vocabularies to be used going forward. This internal technical resource library has been aligned with Save the Children's Resource Centre (<http://resourcecentre.savethechildren.se/>), a public web-accessible library that hosts comprehensive, reliable and up-to-date information on Save the Children's work in the thematic areas of Child Protection, Child Rights Governance and Child Poverty. The goal is to make it easy for content curators to identify items in the internal technical resource library, and to publish them to the public Resource Centre with a minimum transformation of metadata required. This presentation will discuss how this project has reached consensus on how to accommodate and balance internal research and external communication requirements by developing a light-weight application profile.

Bios

Joseph Busch is the Founder and Principal Consultant of Taxonomy Strategies. Taxonomy Strategies guides global companies, government agencies, and NGO's such as Kraft Foods, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in developing metadata frameworks and taxonomy strategies to help information achieve its highest value. Before founding Taxonomy Strategies, Mr. Busch held management positions at Interwoven, Metacode Technologies, the Getty Information Institute, PriceWaterhouse and Hampshire College. He is a Past President of the Association for Information Science and Technology, and a member of the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative Executive Committee.

Branka Kosovac is a Taxonomy Strategies associate and Principal of dotWit Consulting. She develops and implements complex taxonomies in a variety of business and technical contexts for Fortune 100 companies, international organizations, government agencies and mid-size enterprises across North America and the European Union such as Microsoft Corporation, Canadian National Research Council, Ford Foundation, and United Nations Development Program. Branka has mentored numerous taxonomy consultants, developed methodologies,

established the taxonomy practice for larger consulting companies, and taught as an Adjunct Professor at the University of British Columbia.

Katie Konrad is the Cataloging Librarian for Save the Children's Resource Centre, a digital library of child rights materials. As resident metadata enthusiast, Katie has been a key advocate for the metadata and taxonomic integrity of the Resource Centre. She holds a master's degree in Digital Library and Information Sciences, as well as a master's degree in International Relations and Political Science. Before joining Save the Children, she was Lead Consultant for the Uppsala Conflict Data Programme, as well as Intern Librarian for IDEA, Stockholm.

Martin Svensson is the Resource Centre Manager and has been working on the overall strategy and development of the website for the past three years. Focus has been on making a more scalable structure, improving data quality and taxonomies, and innovating the UX and UI. This has led to better Knowledge Management inside Save the Children, as well as increased number of external users. Before Save the Children, Martin worked as Regional Manager for Young Enterprise/Junior Achievement and as Usability Designer at Nokia Home Communications.