This is a group assignment – work in groups of 3. All members should be from the same tutorial. The assignment contributes up to 20% of final assessment. Due date is 3rd October. There are three optional assignment topics. Submit one.

1. For this assignment, imagine you are a reporter for International Metadata Review, a [fictitious] prestigious journal read widely by many of the world’s information professionals. Write an article of about 3000 words in which you report on imaginary interviews you have conducted with Clay Shirkey, Michael Buckland, and Elaine Svenonius. [You may well have to look up some of their writings on the Web and [gasp] even read some things published in books and journals]. The topic of your interview is “Vocabularies for retrieval – controlled or Folk?”. While you may directly quote the authors, you need to add significant commentary. You must not use the direct quotes as part of your wordcount. You can include some other writers, but not as major contributors to the interview. You might each follow up one author, and integrate the interviews.

Or

2. A Listserv deals with Information Management issues. A heated exchange has arisen between Hjalmar Gislason, Blaise Cronin and Clay Shirkey, on the topic of blogs, folksonomies, and formal and informal information retrieval. Use the Web and other resources to find what these authors think about the topic. Report the exchange that has taken place on the listserv. [You may leave out email addresses, salutations, communications information, etc. – date and time could matter, of course.] You may use some direct quotes from the writers, by writing things like “As I said in August, “blah blah blah””. Although it wouldn’t appear in a List, show the sources of such direct quotes. You should present about 3,000 words of material that reflects the attitudes of these writers. Each of you might want to write the contribution of one of these writers. You may, and perhaps should, refer to other writers indirectly.
3. Design, develop and implement a Dublin Core metadata structure suitable for the readings put up for this assignment. These are papers published in the journal *Library HiTech* volume 22, issues 1 and 2.

- Your design must reflect the needs of users of the metadata.
- You must ensure the system is capable of use in future years’ offerings of IMS2603 or its equivalent.
- Your design must indicate the structure you have used and if you have, why you modified the standard 15 tags of DC.
- Your development should be presented in writing and carefully explained.
- The design and development components are to be submitted as a report.
- Implementation is to be undertaken using *CDS-ISIS for Windows*. This application [including documentation] is available for downloading from the IMS2603 website and may be loaded to your personal machine for the purposes of study at Monash. You will need to submit your system to your tutors. It is suggested that this is done on CD-ROM. Some documentation will be required.

There are two main elements to this assignment topic – a “theoretical element which will be submitted as a report, and a practical component which will be submitted as a CDS-ISIS database.

You are to develop a theoretical structure for metadata for the articles that are loaded to the assignment area of the website.

The users of this metadata will be current and future students, tutors and lecturers. I’ve talked about the Monash CMS, so the metadata should be fairly conventional so that there is a possibility of migrating it to a yet-to-be-determined CMS structure.

You should indicate how the structure has been developed, and why.

You need to present a report covering the design and development processes. You should indicate if you have chosen to use any particular standards for your data [e.g. Subject Terms drawn from Library of Congress] and why.

You should submit the metadata database in electronic form – probably on CD-ROM with a copy of CDS-ISIS etc, so that the system will run from the CD-ROM if possible. This will require a change to the configuration data of CDS-ISIS before writing it to the CD-ROM.

Do not submit materials with computer viruses.

Do not plagiarise.

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