Beyond the workshop

Use and adaptation of Carpentry lessons in RDM training at an academic library

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Introduction

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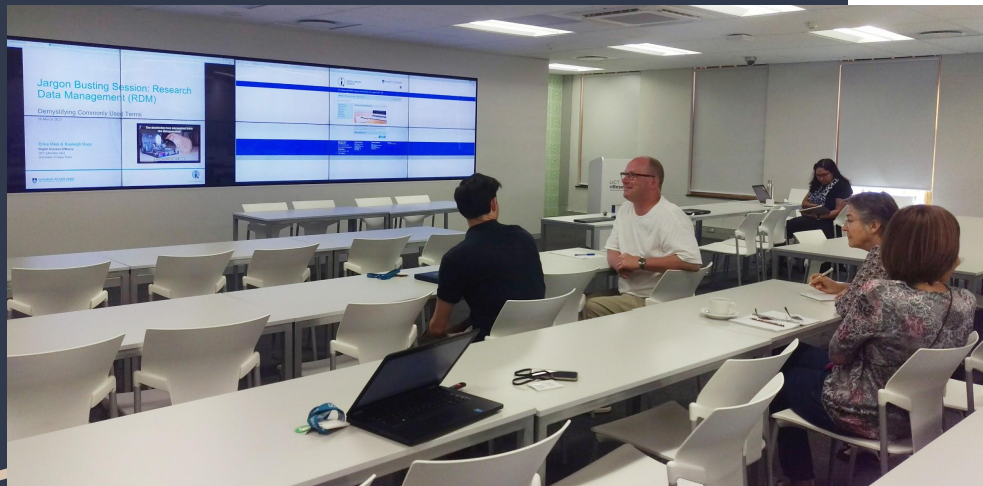#LibraryCarpentry lesson sprint on day 2 of Library Carpentry in South Africa!

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1. Who am I?
   a. Figshare Account Manager
   b. Previously Digital Curator at UCT Libraries

2. How I got involved
   a. Attended first ever LC workshop in SA
   b. Couldn't help but join the community thereafter

Upskilling librarians to support RDS at UCT

- RDS implemented without librarians
  - Needed to motivate, onboard and train librarians
- The value of LC to myself and the library
  - Carpentry ethos as ideal strategy for upskilling and onboarding librarians to support RDS

http://www.digitalservices.lib.uct.ac.za/

What we borrowed

- Intro to Data
  - Used lesson structure
  - Replaced content ('Intro to RDM at UCT')
- Jargon busting
  - Group exercise
  - Extended conversation session
- Stickies
  - Resolved / outstanding issues
  - Session feedback
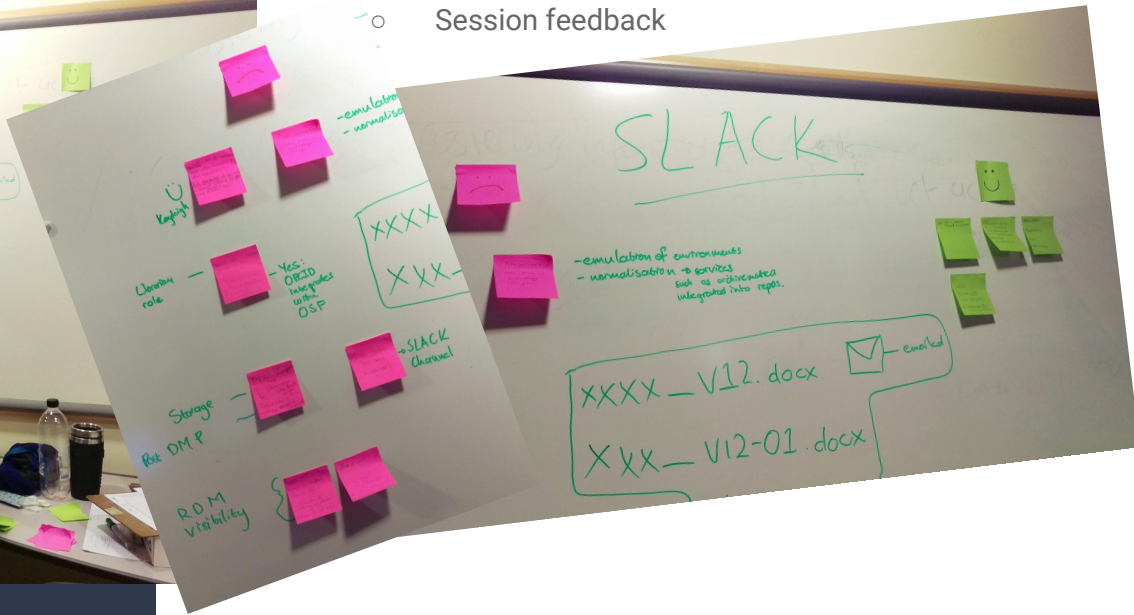
Evaluation / feedback

- Distributed survey to all Library staff
  - Developed our own
  - [Published the data on ZivaHub](#) (UCT figshare)
- Presented findings at national library conference (LIASA 2017)
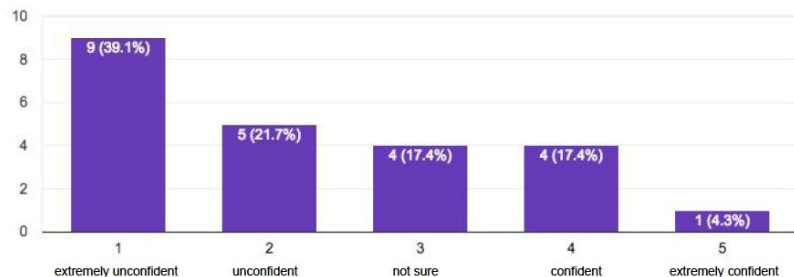 - [Published on ZivaHub](#) (UCT figshare)

Evaluation / feedback

Data revealed that our RDM training strategy had a positive effect on staff development, but that more training was required.
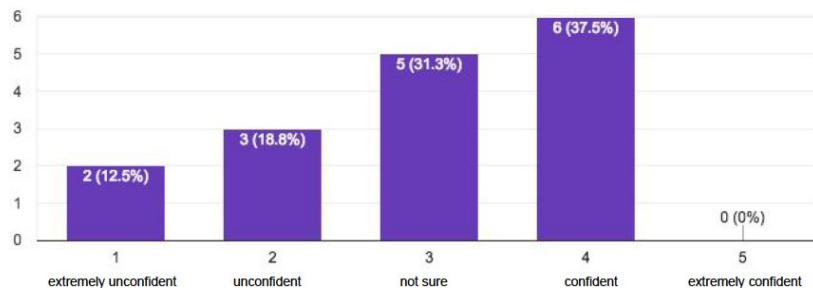

UCT Libraries staff feedback on DLS engagement

Level of confidence on general matters of RDM **before** RDS were implemented at UCT Libraries

UCT Libraries staff feedback on DLS engagement

Level of confidence on general matters of RDM **after** attending DLS RDM engagement events

Outcomes

- Informal LC workshops
  - Data Intro / Jargon Busting / OpenRefine
- Qualified as instructors
- Participated in Carpentry Mentoring programme
  - Taught my first formal LC workshop (Ethiopia)
- Joined African Carpentry Task Force
  - Participated in African instructor mentoring programme
- Use of Carpentry methods & ethos elsewhere in my work:
  - Training researchers at UCT
  - SA figshare support group
  - figshare user training & demos