Organizing Campus-wide Graduate Student Workshops Using Digital Badges



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Outline

- Background of OSU graduate digital badge program
- Where the program began
- Where the program went
- Where the program is going
- Lessons learned



Background

- OSU Library
 - Developed workshops and began modest programming (2007)
 - Investigated collaborating with other departments (2009)
 - Library had one training room with 24 PCs (updated 2013 with 36 laptops)
- OSU Support Service Groups
 - Career Services conducted workshops for groups when asked
 - Writing Center offered workshops through their office space
 - Institute for Teaching and Learning Excellence (ITLE) had own facility
 - Graduate College conducted various workshops across campus



Initial Library Workshops

- Bibliographic Management Software
 - EndNote (2007)
 - Reference Manager (2008)
 - Zotero (2010)
- Research Workshops
 - Using the Library's Resources (2007)
 - Literature Review Research Made Easier (2008)
 - Patent Searching (2008)



Partner's Workshops

- Writing Center (2010)
 - How to Write A Lot (4-part series)
 - Literature Review Workshop
- Career Services (2014)
 - Building Your Resume/CV
 - Interview Skills
- High Performance Computing Center (2017)
 - Software Carpentry



The Ideas

- Coordinate workshops with partners to increase audience (2013)
- Organize all campus workshops for graduate students (2014)
- Propose concept of micro-credentials to Graduate College (2015)
- Created Digital Badge program and single calendar (2016)
- Established OSU_GradLearn listserv (2017)
- Transfer badge program administration to Graduate College (2018)



Transformation to Digital Badges

- Spring 2015
 - Approach support services offices with coordinated workshops idea
- Fall 2015
 - Associate Dean suggests Digital Badges
- Spring 2016
 - Approach Graduate College with support of partners
 - Library Systems Office decides on Moodle and develops server
 - Demo conducted for possible partners
- Summer 2016
 - Graduate College Dean decides program to start Fall 2016



Vers. 1.0: The Idea

- Library to handle administrative duties
 - Registration and Communication (Springshare LibCal)
 - Room scheduling (Springshare LibCal)
 - Calendar and badge webpages (Springshare LibGuides)
 - Assessment and quizzing (Springshare LibWizard)
 - Participant tracking and awarding badges (Moodle)
- Support Service partners provide content
 - Conduct workshops
 - Help Advertise



Vers. 2.0: The Current Program

- Graduate College took over administrative duties
 - Participant tracking (attendance and badges)
 - Acquire workshop details and attendees from coordinated workshops
- Library to handle administrative duties for smaller offices
 - Registration, room scheduling, & communication (Springshare)
 - Outcomes and learning objectives training
 - Help new partners prepare workshop proposals
 - Graduate College liaison for workshops coordinated through the Library

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- Digital Badge Advisory Board
 - Approves any new workshops
 - Library holds a seat on the Board

Digital Badge Workshop Numbers

EndNote

• Fall 2016

Literature Review Research

- Copyright
- How to Write A Lot
- 105 attendees (64 different participants)

Software Carpentry

- Spring 2018
 - 25 different workshop titles

• 12 different workshop titles

- 385 attendees (175 different participants)
- **Resume/CV Building**

Job Search Strategies

Prezi/PowerPoint/Poster Writing

Thesis Writing Workshop

Interview Skills

Mapping: ArcGIS

Mindset of Leadership

Dissertation Writing Workshop

Professional Writing

Literature Review Writing

Public Writing

Data Management Planning

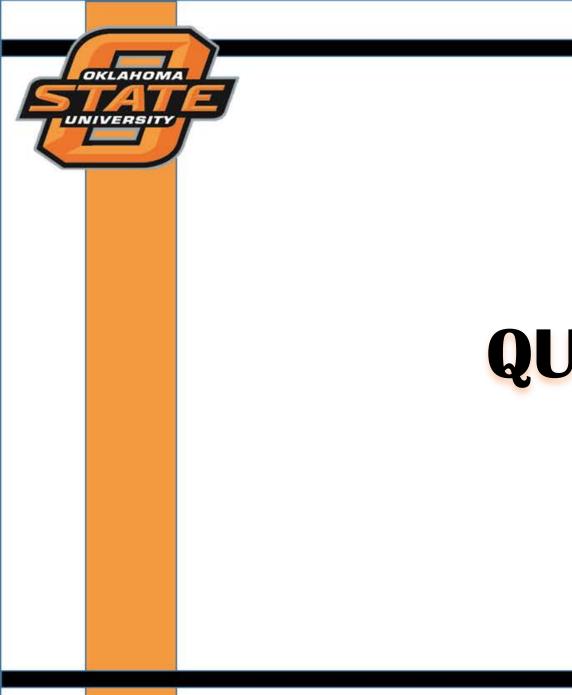
Abstract Writing



Some Lessons Learned

- Be prepared for success
- Be clear about what your goal is and what your willing/able to do
- Keep the program simple and fight for a trial/pilot period
- Make sure you have clear idea of how to collect data (statistics)
- Design of badges and metadata took longer than expected
- Create a program advisory board from beginning
- Keep looking for possible programming (badge or not)





QUESTIONS?





THANK YOU!



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