Culture Computing Clash: building successful digital projects in humanities and heritage

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Close up - Tablet 1563

- Complex incisions
- Woodgrain
- Surface discolouration
- Warping
- Cracking
- Noisy image
- Palimpsest
- Long process
Image processing: illumination correction
Image processing: woodgrain removal

Original image

After woodgrain removal

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Best Practice
Transmittance factors of 21 optical bandpass filters in the visible spectrum – with thanks to Lindsay Macdonald
Syriac Galen Palimpsest (see http://digitalgalen.net/) – with thanks to Alejandro Giacometti, and Adam Gibson
New digital acquisition & analysis techniques
1632, burnt in Guildhall Fire in 1786
http://greatparchmentbook.wordpress.com/ - with thanks to Tim Weyrich and Kazim Pal
[...] pence sterling payable in such manner and upon the like condition covenants and agreements as are conteined in the foresaid agreem[en]t made by the said Commissio ners and Edward Rowley:

Raphe Whitfeld Tho[mas] ffotherley 1639 Henry l[...]ton

Issabell Archie

The said nine and twentieth day of August the said Commission[er]s and Issabell Archie of the late Citty of Londonderry widdow doe agree that Issabell and her assignes shall have and hold one cabbin without Butchers gate of the said late Citty now in the occupac[i]on of the said Issabell or her assignes for the like terme and under the yearly rent of
New Acquisition Techniques & Big Data
New teaching and enabling opportunities
Public Engagement
Every medical drug you have ever taken was tested on animals. It’s a necessary evil.

In the process of developing new medical drugs, UK-based regulations require that new substances be tested on animals. Many people believe that animal testing should be banned, but it is a complex issue. Animal testing is used to ensure the safety of new drugs, but the cosmetics industry in the UK is not required to test on animals, and the risk is seen lower in this stage to ensure the safety of all consumers.
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Overview

Is finding a cure for the common cold more important than protecting Tasmanian devils from a contagious cancer which could see them extinct in 20 years?

Vast sums are dedicated to curing minor human illnesses, while relatively minute amounts go to conservation. Devil Facial Tumour Disease appeared in 1996 and has since spread across most of Tasmania. Diseased populations can suffer up to 100% mortality after about a year. Tasmanian devils are the largest surviving marsupial carnivore. Is preventing such a loss to global biodiversity worth less than a few human snuffles?

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Conversations

I think it is very important that we keep all animals healthy from potentially fatal diseases. We can always take a lesson!
Qrator website - Thursday 26th January 2012 14:09

We might also selfishly think: Could the Tasmanian Tumour Disease spread to other animals or even humans? Perhaps we might consider it a canary in the coal mine.
Qrator website - Monday 28th November 2011 17:14

The human cold hasn't been cured in the history of man so far, why waste valuable resources trying to solve a puzzle that is unsolvable?
Museum iPad - Friday 25th November 2011 13:13

We have lived with the common cold for generations, and survived, and it has also adapted to survive, so like the poor it could always be with us and we with it. However the devils seem less confident so why not instigate? Choices are rarely simple, what about human cancer research? Are there any related to the devilish variety where we could study both?
Museum iPad - Thursday 24th November 2011 13:58

Freaky but soo amazing
Museum iPad - Tuesday 22nd November 2011 16:04

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Below are the current questions and topics at the Museum of Brands. You can leave your thoughts on QRator site or visit the Museum of Brands to leave your interpretations on one of the six iPads.

**BRANDS**

What does ‘brand’ mean to you?

What do you think?

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**Shopper's Choice**

Do you think about sustainability when you do your shopping?
were the first items to be rationed. At the start of the war food was strictly controlled, though consumption was no lower than normal. The government was particularly missing fresh eggs during the war.

The country could not grow one-third of its food, and relied heavily on imports. The public was therefore encouraged to grow their own produce, and campaigns such as ‘Dig for Victory’. Betty grew carrots and potatoes. These extra rations were a godsend.

Children were given extra rations of milk, orange juice and pasta. These extra rations as her son was just a year old when
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Practical and Logistical

- Infrastructure
- Expectations Management
- Output management
- Institutional issues
- Administrative silos
  - payments
- Nomenclature and common language
- Passwords!
Theoretical and Philosophical

Are theoretical concerns a worthwhile output?
Professional

• Disciplinary Identity
• Publication Strategies
  – Author order
  – Inclusion
  – Publishing in different disciplines
• Skillset
• Retaining Trained Staff
• What is a “success”? 
• Affect on Career Progression?
Personal

- Alt-ac vs academic, technical vs humanities
- Perceived slights and gripes
- Skill sets
When Things Go Wrong
When Things Go Right
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