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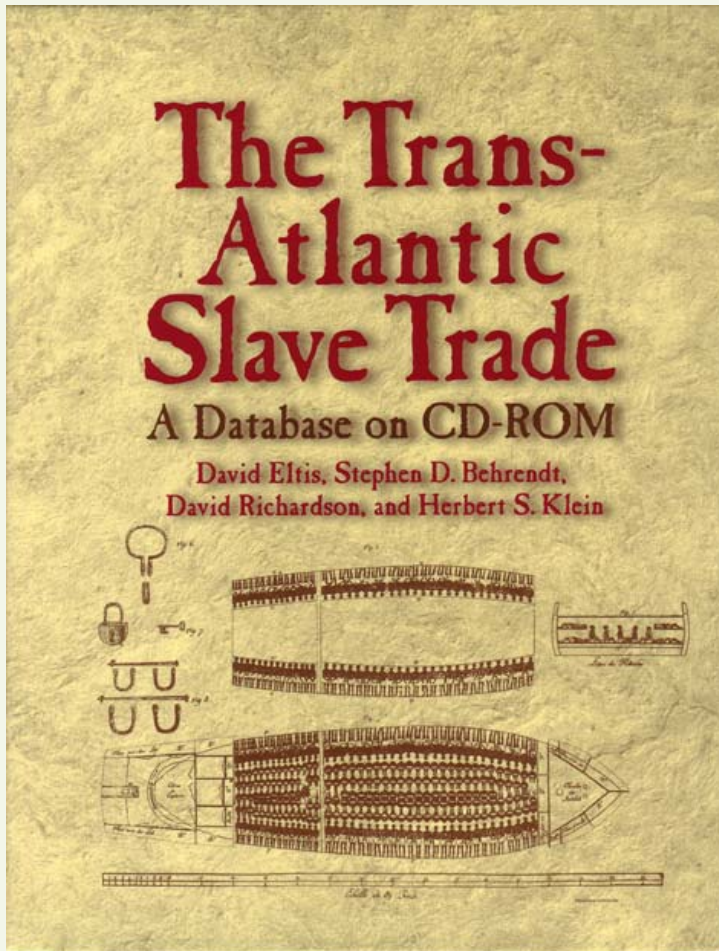
THE VOYAGES PROJECT

A Sustainable Model for Partnership between Scholars & Digital Librarians

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Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database



- Qualitative & quantitative historical data
- 27,000+ records
- 500+ variables
- Drawn from multiple sources

- Expensive
- Limited audience
- Not easily updated

Voyages Project - Goals



1. Expand dataset
2. Create open access website for redesigned database and interface
3. Develop contextual materials for K-12
4. Establish system for regularly adding data
5. Archive and preserve the database with institutional partners

Sustainability



- How will we keep this resource going, once the project is over?
- How will we ensure that this resource continues to be used and valued by researchers?

Can collaboration help?

Sustainability




- How will we keep this resource going, once the project is over?
 - Endowment to cover maintenance costs
 - Online data entry form for submitting data
 - Editorial distribution system for receiving, reviewing, & incorporating new data
 - Digital preservation network for securing & preserving database

Sustainability



- How will we ensure that this resource continues to be used and valued by researchers?
 - Scholars' active participation at all levels & phases of project development
 - Regular consultations with scholars to discuss design & development issues

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in database development

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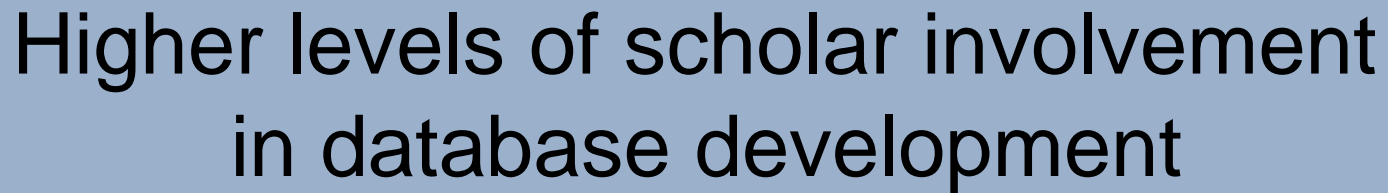
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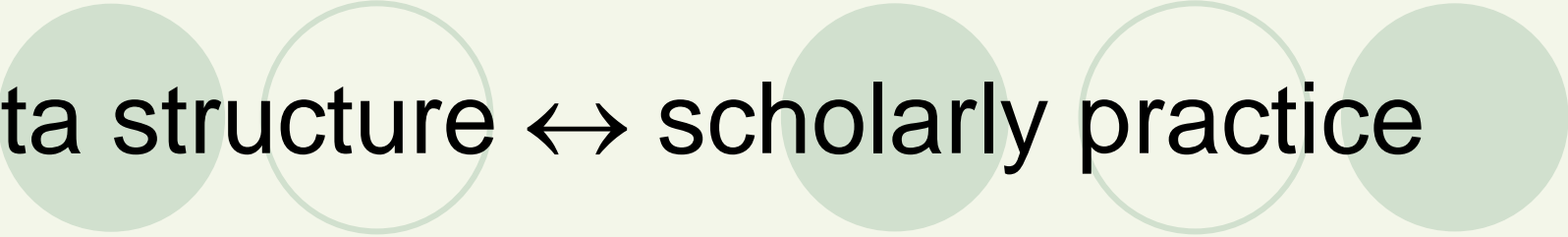
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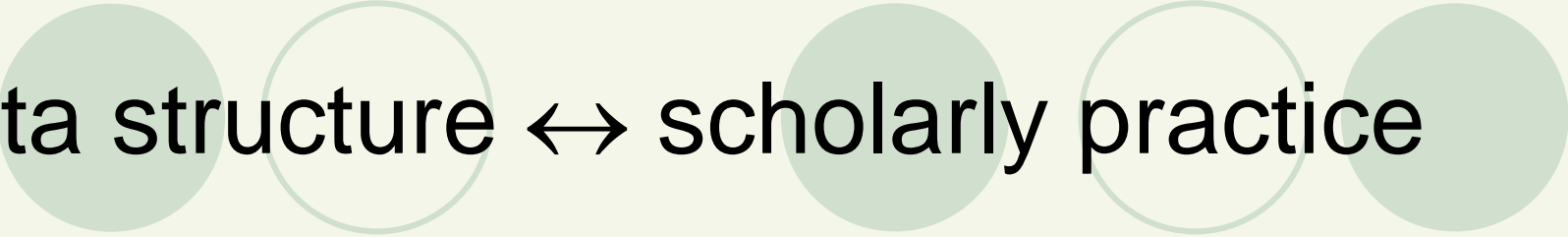
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Researcher using DOS
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8-character codes used to identify variables

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Short codes still used to quickly scan data

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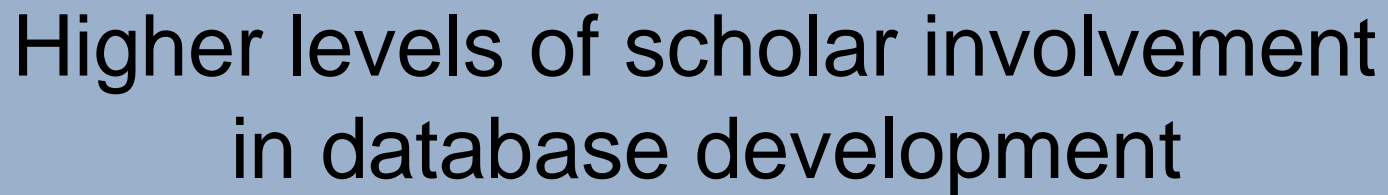
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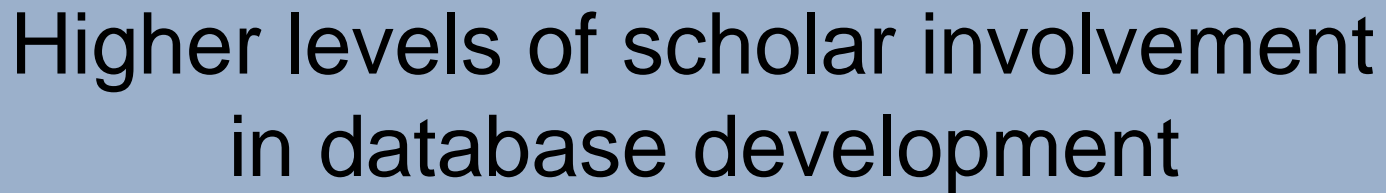
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Collaboration - Challenges



1. How do we acknowledge distinct individual and institutional roles without undermining the collaborative nature of the project?
2. How do we nurture a sense of shared purpose among project partners without getting stuck in a search for consensus?
3. How do we encourage participation from potential partners if there is little monetary incentive to do so?

Collaborative practices



1. How do we acknowledge distinct individual and institutional roles without undermining the collaborative nature of the project?
 - Be clear about partners' roles and contributions
 - Use wordmarks for branding resource & crediting institution
 - Note contributors & editors in the resource itself (variables & acknowledgements)

Collaborative practices



2. How do we nurture a sense of shared purpose among project partners without getting stuck in a search for consensus?
 - Include all partners in design & development discussions
 - Establish clear roles and responsibilities, and deadlines for making decisions
 - Build in cycles of discussion & assessment

Collaborative practices



3. How do we encourage participation from existing and potential partners if there is little monetary incentive to do so?
 - Identify critical needs that participation fills
 - Find commonalities in mission, work
 - Publicly acknowledge contribution

Comments & Questions



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