

# Discovering Potential Digital Humanities Tools and Resources



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# Discovering Digital Tools

Bamboo Dirt

CHNM ToolCenter Wiki

Stanford's Tooling Up for Digital Humanities

The Europeana List

# Discovering Digital Textual Data

Oxford Text Archive

BYU Time Magazine Corpus

JSTOR's Data for Research Services

Hathi Trust Research Center

Chronicling America

Smithsonian's Cooper Hewitt Museum Data

# Discovering Digital Image Data

US Census Bureau Map Data

Flickr (by Creative Commons License)

The Life Magazine Dataset by Google

The Library of Congress Image Data

Wikimedia Commons

The NYPL Digital Gallery

# How Do You Know it is the Right Tool?

It allows you to manipulate and control your data.

It uses standardized inputs and outputs.

It provides useful documentation.

It is being used by at least one other person.

# Why Does Understanding Your Tool Matter for Project Development?

Every good tool has a specific purpose.

It can only answer certain types of questions.

If your tool doesn't work with your question, you end up with a square peg, round hole situation.

# Why Does This Matter?

Common DH problems for first time projects:

I don't have data.

Which tool do I use to do X?

Shouldn't I just build a new tool?

Why don't my collaborators understand X?

# The Basics of Tools and Resources:

Every project team member should understand the basics of your data.

Every project team member should understand what a specific tool can do.

Every project team member should understand what a tool CAN'T do.

bad data + bad tool = big problems



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