

FORGING THE FUTURE USING WEB 2.0 CATALOGING TECHNIQUES

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ABSTRACT

Interactive trends of Web 2.0 have the potential to revolutionize descriptive cataloging and conservation. New opportunities exist for description and sharing by combining innovative folksonomy techniques with traditional taxonomy procedures. By merging the two in a complimentary manner, it is possible to create a hybrid model for both cataloging and vocabulary. This combination approach has the ability to produce richer, more complex, and more useful records. Franklin Furnace is a member of a multi-organizational initiative titled Forging the Future which is developing this concept and a corresponding suite of tools. One of the tools is the publicly accessible VocabWiki, which was designed for the dynamic creation of “collabulary” (collaborative vocabulary) to describe New Media. The initiative’s overall approach is unique in that it uses terms from the VocabWiki to describe past, present, and future states of new media artwork.

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