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Abstract:

The University of Western Australia Library is currently leading the implementation of Hive, a commercial digital objects repository system, for managing the University's learning resources. This paper will discuss, from the distinctive perspective of an academic librarian, the needs of a devolved, research-intensive university for an integrated approach to the management of its online learning materials. The relation between learning object repositories, information management, and the delivery of information to support learning in a variety of contexts will be explored. In order to integrate the Hive repository with library and information services a Reading List Management System (RLMS) has been developed. The features of this will be outlined and the benefits described. Finally the practical experience gained from the migration of the Library's course reserve service into the RLMS and from the use of Hive in the migration of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry's learning objects from one learning management system to another will be assessed.