

Digital Tools on the Cheap: Finding the Right Resources

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A Gordian Knot

- Funding necessary to start projects
(e.g. need to create prototype before seeking funding)
- Funding not always available until project started
(Cyclical puzzle)
- Often acts as closed gate for newcomers

Solving the Puzzle

- Think in Publishable Phases
(Don't work toward end goal;
work toward milestones)
- Test Tools to Destruction
("Failures" can be "successes")

Moving Toward Details

- Do what you can without outside funding
(Plan, find tools)
- Experiment
(Be adaptable)
- Collaborate
(You don't have to do it all by yourself)

Planning Your Project

- ▣ Decide goals, what types of tools are needed
- ▣ Find representative examples, borrow from them
- ▣ Look for institutional support before outside funding

Finding Tools

- Look for free/cheap
- Major resources:
Bamboo DiRT, DevDH.org,
DHCommons.org, GitHub
- Miram Posner's resources:
“How Did They Make That?”
“How Did They Do That?”

Experimentation

- ▣ Trial & error
- ▣ Try multiple tools
- ▣ You may not find the perfect tool
(Great opportunity to apply for grants)
- ▣ Work on “phase 1”

Collaboration

- ▣ Libraries & librarians are key
(...or should be)
- ▣ Seek help
(Ask around)
- ▣ Social media
(Market & promote)
- ▣ Drum up interest
(Blog, tweet, present as you go)

Thank you!

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