

Using the “Infrastructure Scorecard”

Given the inclusiveness of most definitions of research infrastructure, it can sometimes become difficult to talk about what an infrastructure **isn't!**

This tool looks at infrastructure as having three essential characteristics: scale, openness and a focus on research. It is intended as a pathway by which to structure an analysis of digital humanities projects, but also to look at one's own work, guiding understanding of when an ambition may be infrastructural in scale, what considerations may be required to achieve such an ambition, and what alternatives one may have.

Infrastructural Practices

Tool?

Scale and Complexity

Diverse users
Diverse resources
Diverse methods
Multiple research phases
(Data to Knowledge:
Federate, integrate,
assimilate, communicate)

Available, Interoperable and Sustainable

Standards,
Data lifecycle,
Persistent Identifiers,
IPR and Licensing
Connected and Connecting
'Evolving and Involving'
Open (source, data, culture, api)

Project?

Other?

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Support for research methods and communications

Granularity and type of data,
knowledge
Baseline of expertise expected

Teaching
or
Public?

