

How Using the EEXCESS tools Will Help You

What is the EEXCESS System?

Since 2013 the EEXCESS project, in part funded by the European Commission, has been working to:

**TAKE THE CONTENT TO THE USER,
NOT THE USER TO THE CONTENT.**

Simply this means that the project has created a framework that allows users of cultural heritage content to view, and potentially reuse, that content in online places they habitually go to enjoy and work. In addition, users will benefit from the framework's cutting edge technologies by:

- Being able to enrich content they are creating (e.g. in social media applications);
- Receiving personalised recommendation of content, based on who they are and what they know (e.g. their expertise level in a domain);
- Having their privacy preserved by keeping secure and hidden any information they choose to give to the system.

In order to deliver content to the user EEXCESS has created four tools so far:

- A browser extension for Google Chrome;
- A plugin for WordPress blogging sites;
- A Google Docs add-on;
- A Moodle learning management system plugin.

The Benefits

- Makes your content visible and useable online to more people;
- All your data can stay on your systems;
- Encourage usage of your data in a wide range of different application contexts, like for example in education, science, social media engagement or when browsing the web in general;
- Your data can be linked to other GLAM's data, like for example scientific libraries, museums etc.;
- Tools for visualising your data allowing users to discover interesting relations;
- Cost-savings in not having to build your own sophisticated search- and presentation layer online;
- Ability to share your information through portals, local networks etc.
- The framework is fully open source and can be extended and reused by everybody free of charge.

How to Become Part of EEXCESS

EEXCESS is a free service and open to any organisation that wants to provide data. However, we do ask some things of a provider:

- Organisation – You need to be able to maintain your online collection in the long term. You will need to provide us with a contact person who is able to answer technical and administrative questions about your collections.
- Online content availability – You will need to have a strategy in place for publishing your digital content and its metadata online. This could be on your own website, a hosted service or an aggregator like Europeana. If you do not have such a strategy yet, we can help you in finding the best way to do so.
- Metadata API – Your institution or the service where you host your data needs to provide a Web API (Web-based Application Programming Interface) to access the metadata about your collection. Links to URLs for web pages, images, and other media must be maintained.

To start the process, sign up at:

WWW.EEXCESS.EU/CONTENT-PROVIDERS

The Future

In the coming months EEXCESS will be further developing its framework and tools by:

- Extending the EEXCESS personalisation capabilities
- Adding new visualisations and tools for helping users in discovering new content
- Integrating EEXCESS with collections management systems
- Improving recommendation quality
- Adding more data providers
- Adding new querying, filtering and visualization tools, including a sophisticated recommender engine.

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