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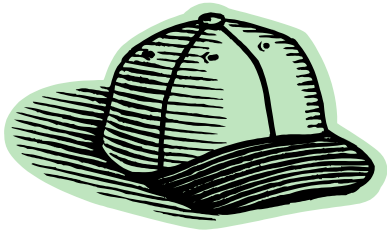
XCRI | eXchanging Course-Related Information

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- **XCRI Course Advertising Profile:**
 - A candidate XML standard for describing courses



- National agenda of ‘informed choice’ about learning opportunities.
- Standards exist for exchanging information about people, groups and membership but
- no standard way to exchange information about courses.
- Institutions developing ways to populate their prospectus from definitive data but
- resorting to primitive data entry to populate aggregator sites, regional portals, ... etc.
- Genuine interest from the community in a standard for exchanging course information.

Q1 2005	XCRI project devised by CETIS Enterprise SIG spin-off + UCAS
Q2 2005	Existing standards reviewed (Norway's CDM closest)
Q3 2005	UK prospectus websites reviewed (161!) Case studies of existing practice produced from site visits
Q4 2005	R1.0 XML schema developed through prototyping & critique
Q1 2006	R1.0 XML schema tested with Plymouth-UCAS, Oxford Uni CPD, Reid Kerr Prospectus & Liverpool Learning Matrix Regional Portal Searchable curriculum repository demonstrated
Q2 2006	XML used at Adam Smith College to generate PDF course brochures Report produced on competence modelling and XCRI
Q3 2006	Existing XCRI deployments & authoring options reviewed Optimised Course Advertising Profile XML schema released
Q4 2006	JISC to fund 100K trials of XCRI CAP + demonstration aggregator http://www.jisc.ac.uk/media/documents/appendix%20d%20e-learning.pdf

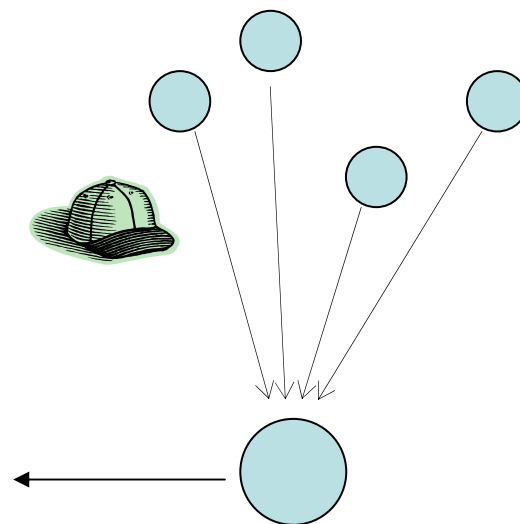
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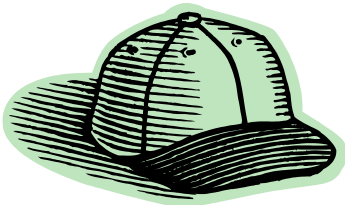
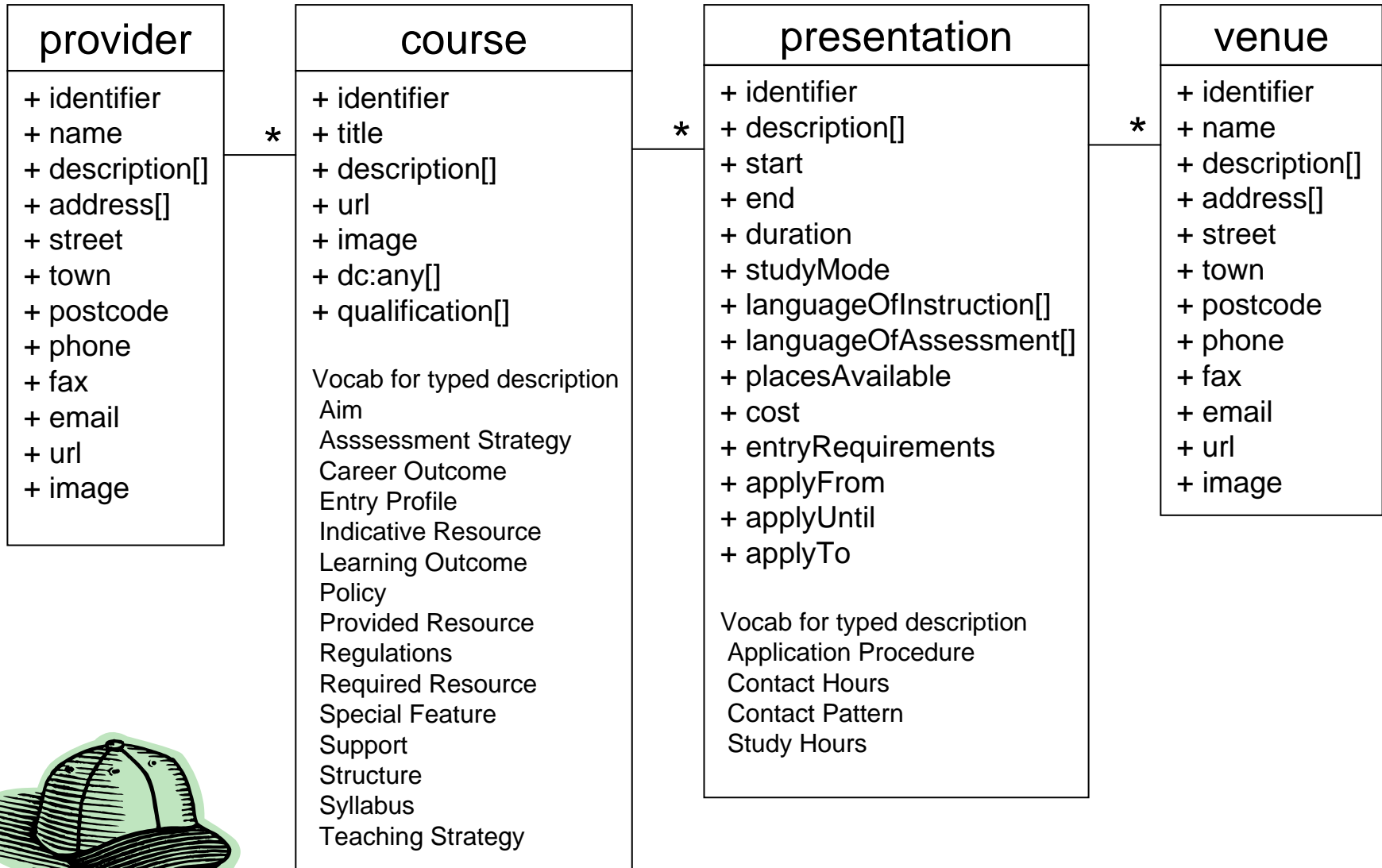
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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "NQ Intermediate 1 Introduction to Creative Arts". The page has a green header with the "Xcri" logo. Below the header, the text reads "NQ Intermediate 1 Introduction to Creative Arts". There is a link to "The Adam Smith College, Fife" and a paragraph of introductory text. The "Syllabus" section is divided into "Glenrothes" and "Kirkcaldy", each with a list of subjects. A "Career Outcome" section mentions "Modern Apprenticeship in Design". At the bottom, there are tags for various subjects like "3D design", "drawing", "exhibition", etc. An inset map shows the location of "St Brycedale Campus in Kirkcaldy".

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XCRI XML



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Course Information Group

The XCRI project aims to define a generic course description specification for the UK.

Members of the project team are using this web site to communicate their progress and findings. Follow the quick links below to find out more:
[FAQ](#) | [Updates](#) | [Outputs](#) | [Partners](#) | [Standards](#)

HOT NEWS: XCRI is showcasing its work at the CCTIS Enterprise SIG meeting in Oxford on March 28

Frequently Asked Questions

What is XCRI?

XCRI is a JISC-funded project that aims:
 To define a vocabulary and appropriate technology bindings (e.g. XML, RDF) for describing course-related information that encompasses course marketing, course quality assurance, enrolment and reporting requirements

What does XCRI stand for?

exchanging Course-Related Information

Who is involved in XCRI?

XCRI is a partnership, led by Dr Mark Stubbs of Manchester Metropolitan University, involving a range of institutions including UCAS (the UK's national course information and applications aggregator). Full details of the partners can be found [below](#).

What has XCRI produced so far?

XCRI has released an [XML schema](#) for describing course information that has been piloted in institutions across the UK, from Glasgow to Exeter, from Liverpool to London, Oxford and Hertford. A demonstration web service will be available soon. Full details of major project output are available [below](#), although there are over 80 documents on this site that give a complete account of the history, development and design decisions underlying those outputs.

How do I keep up to date with XCRI's work?

The project manager maintains a [blog](#) on this site that gives a good account of developments and progress - see [above](#). If you wish to be included in any project mailing, please let the project manager know: m.stubbs@mmu.ac.uk

Updates

The [Project Manager](#) is maintaining a blog to chart progress.

- 2006-02-17 Amsterdam **latest**
- 2006-01-30 Manchester XCRI Deployment Starts
- 2005-12-22 Manchester XCRI R1.0 Schema Release
- 2005-12-05 Crewe
- 2005-11-30 Bedn
- 2005-11-16 Edinburgh
- 2005-11-11 Manchester
- 2005-09-27 Manchester Steering Group: 6 month progress review
- 2005-09-22 Manchester
- 2005-07-29 Nottingham
- 2005-07-27 Liverpool
- 2005-07-20 Glasgow
- 2005-06-16 Nottingham
- 2005-05-20 Manchester
- 2005-04-15 Huddersfield
- 2005-04-06 Birmingham
- 2005-03-15 Oxford
- 2005-01-11 Manchester

Updates

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Files and Documents

- XCRI Bid Document
- QAA Programme Specification
- UCAS Search
- Norway's CDM XML
- 2005-03-15 Oxford XCRI Overview
- Reference Standards
- More Information
- Sweden's EML Spec
- Norway's CDM: Briefing
- Project Plan v0b
- Work Packages v0b
- Specification XML
- Offering XML
- ap/rt/tda Services Model
- File Case Study Example Documents
- Curriculum Content Harvesting, Conversion and Publishing
- London Met Course Workflow
- London Met OpenOffice Utilities
- 2005-07-20 Glasgow XCRI update
- London Met Module Spec
- Business Case
- Draft E-Framework Curriculum XSD

- FAQs
- Project Manager's blog
- Outputs
 - Review of Norway's CDM
 - Content-harvesting case studies
 - 160+ prospectus sites survey
 - Business case for adoption
 - R1.0 schema & XML & case studies
 - Web service demonstrator
 - Sample XSL Transforms
 - Presentations & Papers
 - XCRI & Competence Report
 - **CAP schema & sample XML**

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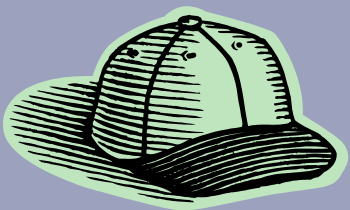


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thanks for listening: any questions?

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