Historical Aggregate Census Project

Presentation to ACCOLEDS

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What it is: part 1

- A bilingual inventory and finding tool
 - Born-digital Census of Canada aggregated data products (e.g., USTs, BSTs, Profiles, Nation series, etc. - from 1961 onwards)
 - Who has what?
 - What documentation is available?
 - What format(s) are the files in?
 - What is unavailable?

What it is: part 2

- Make the available files retrievable by any user as open data (without IP restriction)
 - Delivered by OCUL [& other participants???]

Finding tool

- Search pages are up and running
- English:
 - http://equinox.uwo.ca/census/search.asp
- French:
 - http://equinox.uwo.ca/census/search-f.asp
- Can switch language of search pages or results display

Editing records

- Can add holdings information or add notes
- Web based form for data entry
 - http://equinox.uwo.ca/census/search-edit.htm
 - Password: Ed1t0r

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Adding records (new files)

- Web based form for data entry
 - http://equinox.uwo.ca/census/searchadd.htm
 - Password: Ed1t0r
- Dropdown lists for controlled vocabulary
- Hint for controlled vocabulary, paste English into French fields or vice versa
- MUST use Internet Explorer so that SHIFT-| creates a new entry in the field

Current Status of Project

- 395 files identified (1961 to 1981 inclusive)
 - 325 files at the U of T Data Library Service
 - 171 files at the StatCan EFT site
 - 105 files at Western
 - 71 files on CDs or DVDs
 - 40 files loaded in Equinox (sent to SC/<odesi>)
 - 20 files have no known location
 - 10 files at CHASS (profiles only)
 - 1 file in <odesi>

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