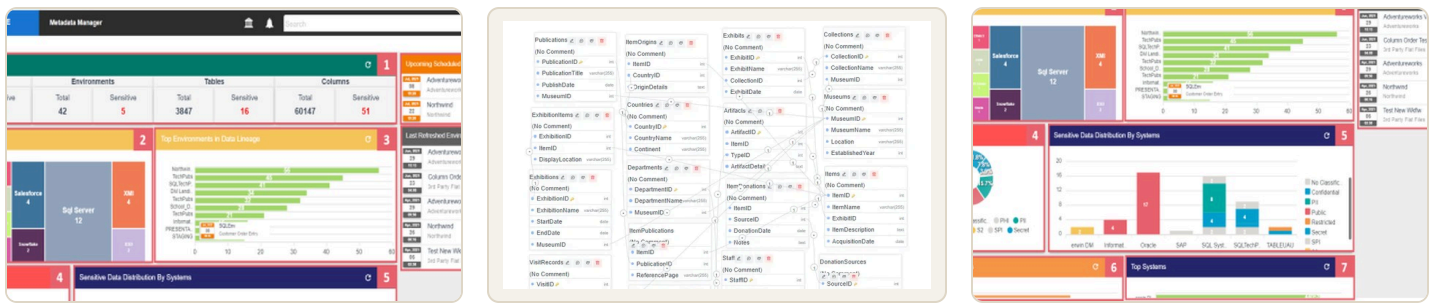


CASE STUDY · DATA PLATFORM

Curationist.org

How Prototype helped move from ambiguous goals to shipped software.



Situation

Multiple institutions held over 4.4 million cultural records in incompatible formats. The vision — a searchable public product and curator tooling — had stalled through four prior teams.

Constraints

Data quality across sources, metadata reconciliation, stakeholder coordination across institutions, and delivery momentum without losing normalization rigor.

What we did

Led architecture and product execution: search infrastructure, metadata normalization pipelines, curator editing tools, stakeholder coordination workflows, and large-scale web delivery.

Deliverables

Open-access cultural data platform with search, normalization pipelines, institution-facing tooling, and production web delivery.

Highlights

- Deep data normalization and metadata reconciliation across institutions
- Curator tooling to meaningfully edit and connect artifacts
- V1 prototype shipped, then V2 with ~400 feature requirements in four months
- Succeeded where four prior teams could not deliver

Outcome: Transformed a stalled vision into working cultural infrastructure — a functional V1 prototype followed by V2 with on the order of 400 feature requirements over four months.

Live product: <https://curationist.org>

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