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## Digital Scholarship - Surviving a Digital and Data Intensive World

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According to Feeney, Mary & Ross, Seamus in *Information Technology in Humanities Scholarship, British Achievements, Prospects, and Barriers* <https://www.jstor.org/stable/20755828>, The growth of digital media means that the main areas of scholarship can each benefit from expansions in their own way thanks to the infinite shareability of digital content.

With the ever-expanding affordances that new digital media and research tools provide us, the underlying question is what form of control, training, validation and systems need to be in-place to ensure efficient data management throughout the whole research life-cycle? Often organisations focus on the efficient data management during a specific phase; however, we need to ensure that best practices on research data management are applied throughout. Digital Scholarship Centres can play a key role in providing guidance, training and even systems to bring together an overarching portfolio of services and products that can steer digital and data intensive research.

This presentation will provide you with insight into the progress the University of Pretoria has made in establishing its own Digital Scholarship Centre, its successes and failures.

### Presenter Biography

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Currently Isak is in process of implementing a Digital Scholarship Centre at the University of Pretoria, enabling this new form of scholarly output and discovery for researchers and students. He is also part of the Research Data Management task team, advising on the technical aspects relating to RDM. He is also an active member of NeDICC and often presents workshops and presentations relating to MakerSpaces & Research Data Management.

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