

Case Study:

ResourceSpace

+ History of Science Museum



Background

As the world's oldest surviving purpose-built public museum, it's fair to say the [University of Oxford's History of Science Museum](#) has a rich history of its own, and with it an extensive visual library of exhibits.

The museum boasts an unrivalled collection of scientific inventions, devices and instruments from all over the world, displayed for visitors to enjoy in a beautiful building in the heart of Oxford—but their digital assets were not receiving the same treatment.



“The museum had no Digital Asset Management system at all.”

Anna Grybenyuk is the DAM Manager for the History of Science Museum, but the institution didn't have any [Digital Asset Management system](#) in place until January 2023.

“Until we implemented ResourceSpace, the museum's digital assets were simply stored on local drives—the museum had no Digital Asset Management system at all,” recalls Anna.

“We had the EMu collections management system in place and we were able to use this for storage to a certain extent, but it's not what the CMS is designed for and it could only store low quality images. It was also hard to locate images when we needed them.”

However, the challenges of not having a dedicated DAM in place went beyond digital asset storage limitations.

“We lacked the ability to store all of the compulsory information that we need for specific resources, for example copyright holder and whether an image can be published online,” explains Anna.

“This caused a lot of problems for us, and required a lot of data clean-up once ResourceSpace was implemented.”

“ResourceSpace allows so much more.”

Anna was hired as the museum’s DAM Manager during the ResourceSpace-EMu integration to manage the DAM system, carry out data clean-up, supervise the big uploads that would be required and to configure the system to service the online collections—but it wasn’t her first experience of Digital Asset Management.

“In my previous role I worked with a museum that used a cheaper alternative, but ResourceSpace is so much more powerful and specialised to what we need at the History of Science Museum—it just allows so much more.”

“The integration with EMu makes things so much easier, and we don’t need to double up on work like we did before.”

The introduction of ResourceSpace has also solved the museum’s synchronisation issues they experienced previously.

“Everything related to an object is stored in the DAM and automatically copied over to EMu, meaning it’s all stored conveniently in one spot,” explains Anna.

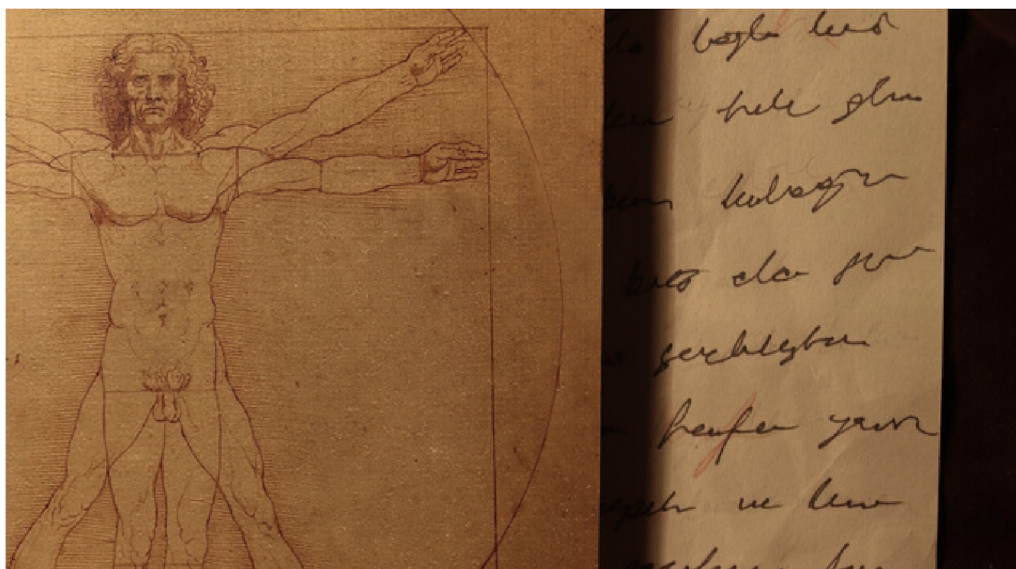


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Outside of the EMu integration, there are a whole host of other ResourceSpace features that Anna really loves.

“The sharing capabilities are fantastic, and I really love the collections too. They allow us to sort things easily and keep similar resources in one space, and then share those collections with coworkers.

“I also get a lot of value from the built-in analytics functionality, as it allows me to report to senior stakeholders. It also makes it possible to see what was happening with digital assets before I joined the museum.”



Finally, Anna couldn’t be more enthusiastic about how ResourceSpace impacts her role as the History of Science Museum’s DAM Manager...

“ResourceSpace is a very powerful system with a lot of really good features—frankly, I couldn’t imagine my life without it!”



Ready to take the next step?

The implementation of ResourceSpace and the integration with EMu has been a gamechanger for the University of Oxford's History of Science Museum, as their DAM Manager Anna Grybenyuk can attest to, but if you want to see it in action for yourself we'll be happy to show you the ropes.

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