

## Developing Digital Projects in a Non-Library Setting:

Experience from the University of Iowa

International Programs Culture Kit Digital Project

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## Our working environment

- \* Short of budget
- \* Short of man power
- \* Inexperienced student workers
- \* Short of training time
- \* Flexible working hours
- \* Lots of work to be done!

## What is the culture kit project?

- \* Culture kit: a box of various international objects, for the use of international education
- \* Goal: digitizing around 400 objects, editing metadata and uploading them to CONTENTdm

## Our team

- \* Two undergraduate students, no working experience in any library related project
- \* One Library Science graduate student
- \* One library staff as a consultant

## Our tools

- \* Two-page workflow: being able to walk through in 20 minutes
- \* CONTENTdm
- \* Excel
- \* Excel ASAP Utilities
- \* Digital Camera

## For undergrads

- \* Take pictures of each object
- \* Edit metadata on Excel
  - Title
  - Description
  - Subject
  - Identifier

## For grad

- \* Clean the metadata by using Excel ASAP Utilities
- \* Save as tab delimited text file
- \* Upload the compound object to CONTENdm

## For staff

- \* Enjoy life until things go wrong

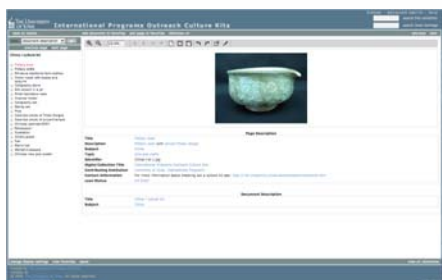
## Results

- \* Since February 2007,
- \* 300 objects digitized
- \* 19 compound objects (culture kits) uploaded

## Demo 2-1



## Demo 2-2



## Pros & Cons

- \* Pros are:
  - \* Save time
  - \* Save budget
  - \* Flexible hours
- \* Cons are:
  - \* Imperfect work quality



Questions?