

The Enhanced Tagging for Discovery (EnTag)

(<http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/projects/enhanced-tagging/>) was a 12-month JISC project which involved partners from six institutions, with UKOLN acting as the lead.

The purpose was to investigate the combination and comparison of controlled and folksonomy approaches to support resource discovery in JISC repositories and digital collections. Intute digital collection and STFC repository were used as two test beds.

The results showed the importance of controlled vocabulary suggestions for both indexing and retrieval: to help produce ideas of tags to use, to make it easier to find focus for the tagging, as well as to ensure consistency and increase the number of access points in retrieval. The value and usefulness of the suggestions proved to be dependent on the quality of the suggestions, both in terms of conceptual relevance to the user and in appropriateness of the terminology. The participants themselves could also see the advantages of controlled vocabulary terms for retrieval if the terms used were from an authoritative source.