## Title: Making a Metadata Meritocracy

### Description
The yamz.net metadictionary is a crowdsourced tool that lets people publicize their own terms and find terms that others have proposed. It focuses on standalone terms (term string, definition, examples), each with a persistent identifier. A working group typically uses yamz to help reach consensus on individual terms, and then draft a separate ontology or standard that references them. At the same time, yamz is a platform for sharing and discovering prior art.

### Problems
Some processes are not well-understood or well-tested: (a) best practices for building community consensus from different phases of term voting; (b) how yamz’s reputation-based voting algorithm promotes Vernacular (evolving) terms to Canonical (static) terms; and (c) how much term adoption across domains is likely to happen (for example between the preservation and citizen science communities).

### Techniques
Analytics, user testing, surveys.

### Data
The yamz.net database of terms.

### Outcome
Refined workflows for gaining acceptance of proposed metadata terms.