

# Overview of a Higher Education Secure Document Shared Service

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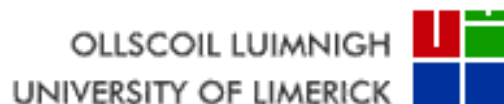
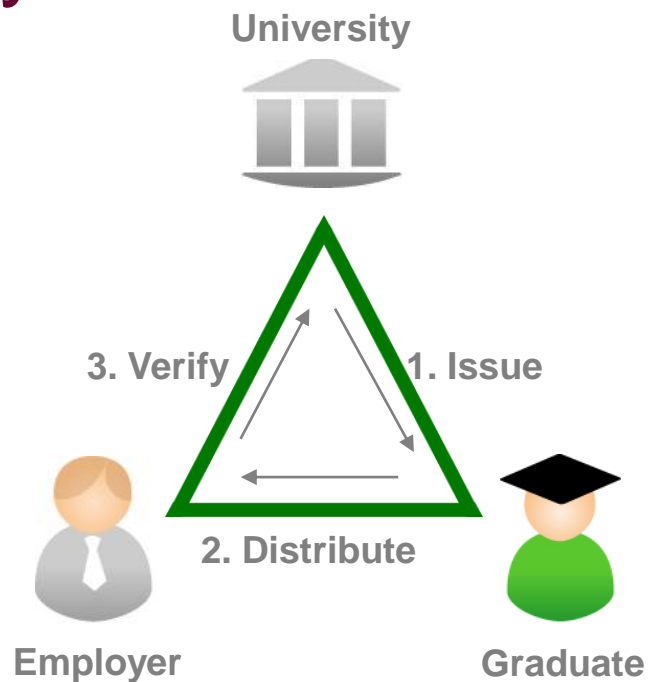
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## Agenda

- Digitary Background
- UK University Modernisation Fund
- Secure Document Shared Service Bid
- The DARE Project
- Related UK Initiatives
- Future Developments

## Digitary

- Advanced Electronic Signatures
- Document repository
- Online services for savings
- 75% of Irish students
- UK, Portugal and Australia
- Configurability and interface abstraction
- Standards driven



# UK University Modernisation Fund

- Radical change in Higher Education funding model
- Need to do things differently to save money → shared services
- Cultural issues / fear of the unknown (inertia)
- Investment needed to seed
- £12.5 million funding of University Modernisation Fund, of which ...
- £200,000 for Secure Document Shared Service
  - Business Case showing institutions can each save up to £300,000
  - Supports the Higher Education Achievement Report

## The Bid

Range of institutions of different types and sizes  
ably led by Liverpool John Moores University



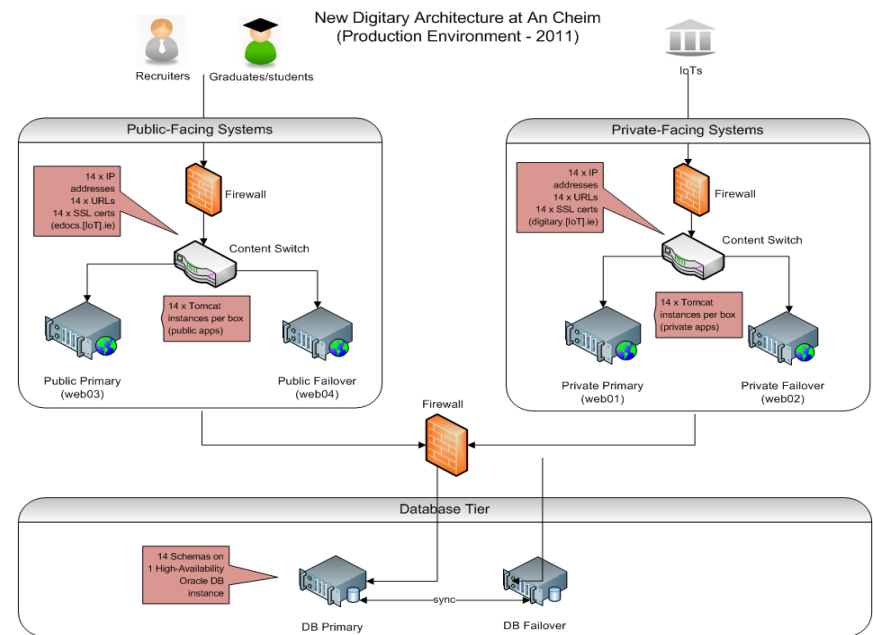
The  
University  
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Sheffield.

... with support from the Higher Education Statistics Agency,  
the Centre for Recording Achievement and 16 additional institutions



# The DARE Project

- Multiple Digitary instances on shared infrastructure
- Standard configuration and document templates
- Seven Institutions live
- HEAR (HEAR-Technical / EN15981) and other documents
- On UMF funded infrastructure
- Based on An Cheim experience
- Federated access / other
- ESB data integration / direct
- Credit Card charging
- Governance, service costs, contracting body and contracts



## Other UK Initiatives

- UMF STEP-F project for ESB in the Cloud (De Montfort, City and Leeds) for data integration / sharing
- Higher Education Degree Databank ([www.hedd.ac.uk](http://www.hedd.ac.uk))
  - Will use the ESB for data integration
- Learning Record Service (formerly MIAP) and the Personal Learning Record
  - Potential link of the HEAR via Digitary as piloted at the University of Manchester

## Future Developments

- 2.5 Release including new functionality to manage third party relationships, credit card payments, sign existing PDFs, more configurability
- Ongoing functionality development will be guided by the Digitary User Group, including new workflows and configurable aspects
- Multi-tenant
  - Efficiencies plus platform refresh and internationalisation
  - Unified Code Base to give choice of cloud, logical grouping or on-site deployment
- Cost reduction committed for DARE project when moved to multi-tenant (done as upgrade)



