

# The collaboration in building Chinese AAT system for bilingual thesaurus services

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## Goal and Objective

- Goal
   A bilingual thesaurus service for browsing and searching digital objects across databases
- Objective: A mechanism serves as
  - An aggregator: to collect data from Art & Architecture Thesaurus (AAT), controlled vocabularies of Union Catalog and other sources
  - A registry: for Concepts & Terms of thesaurus
  - A shared knowledge organization system: for digital collections
  - An integrated access: to bilingual metadata & materials over various platforms



### Role

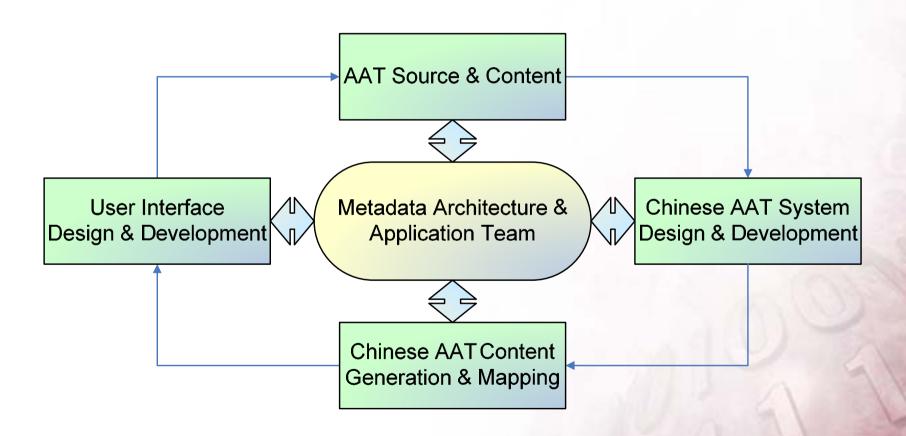
- A coordinator to
  - Analyze the format and structure of AAT data
  - Examine the schema and relationships of concepts
  - Provide basic Consultancy in system delivery
  - Refine the operational workflow and functions of Chinese AAT system
  - Develop and modify the user interfaces and the representation of concepts



## Component

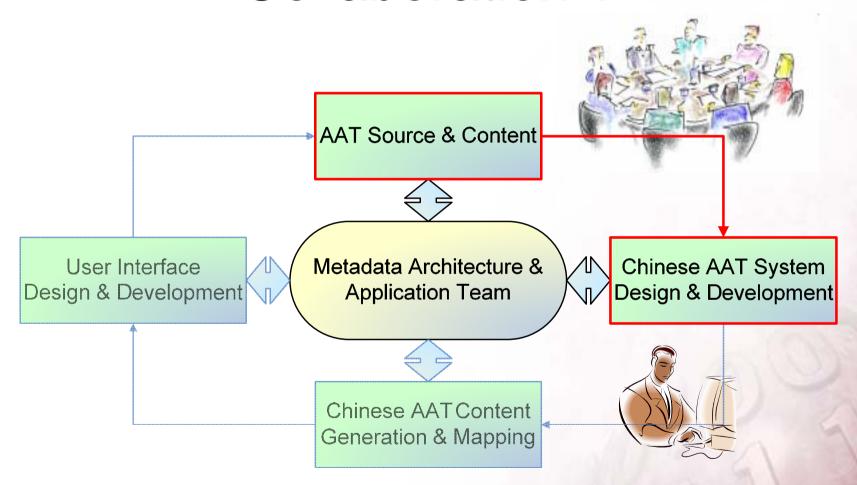
- AAT Source & Content (Getty)
- Chinese AAT System Design & Development (System Developer)
- Chinese AAT Content Generation & Mapping (Content and Metadata Experts)
- User Interface Design & Development (Multimedia Designer)

## MAAT Role in Components





### Collaboration 1



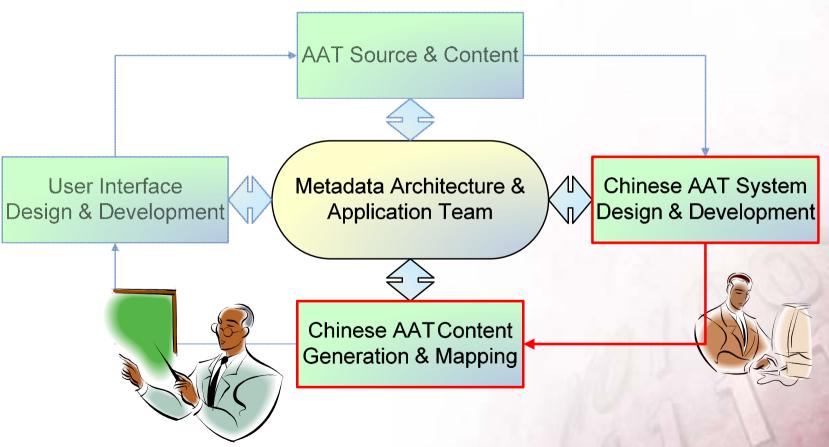


### Task

- AAT data Transformation
  - Survey Web-based AAT Thesaurus
  - Get AAT data via FTP (MARC / Relational DB / XML format)
  - Gather technical documents and supports to build AAT-like Thesaurus
- Schema Creation
  - Prepare the Requirement Specification
  - Find out the solutions for technical problems (relations of DB tables, delimiters...etc)



### Collaboration 2



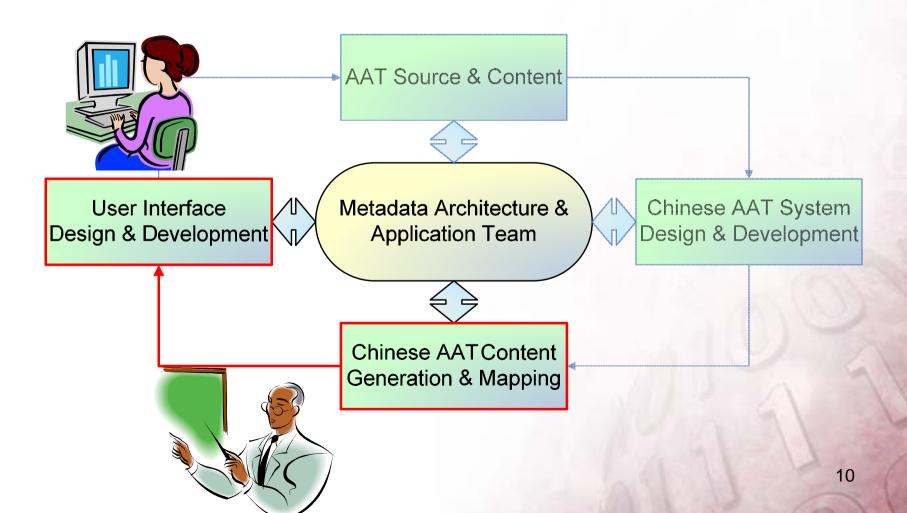


### Task

- System examination
  - Test the Data Maintenance function of Chinese AAT data
  - Test the Search & browse of Chinese AAT data Chinese AAT
- System Delivery
  - Offer consultancy on basic operations



### Collaboration 3



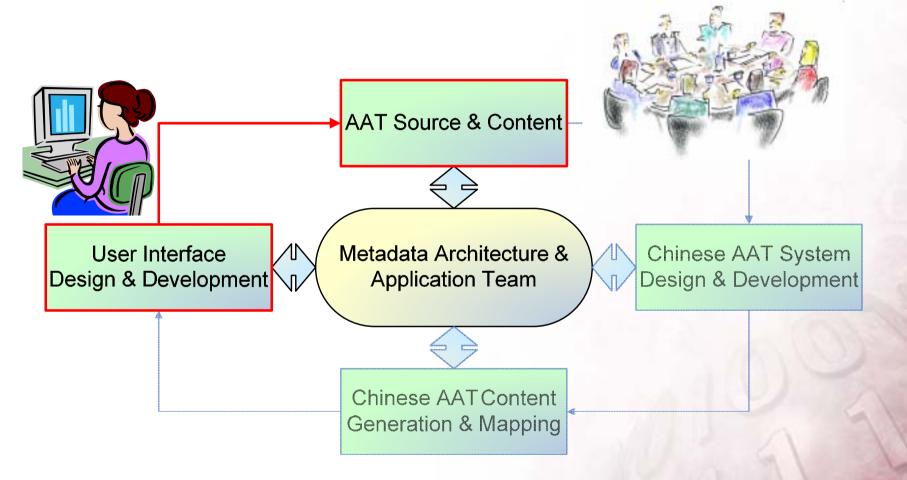


### Task

- Terms Translation and Mapping
  - Translate part of AAT Concepts useful for UC
  - Select important Chinese concepts & terms in UC
  - Map the selected Chinese concepts & terms to find equivalent ones in AAT
- Data Input / Management
  - Either input AAT-equivalent or add new Chinese concepts & terms into Chinese AAT System
  - Build a mapping mechanism to synonymous AAT concepts at Getty Website in the future
- Guideline for thesaurus maintenance
  - Set up mandatory fields, default value and principles for daily cataloging to attain quality control and data consistency



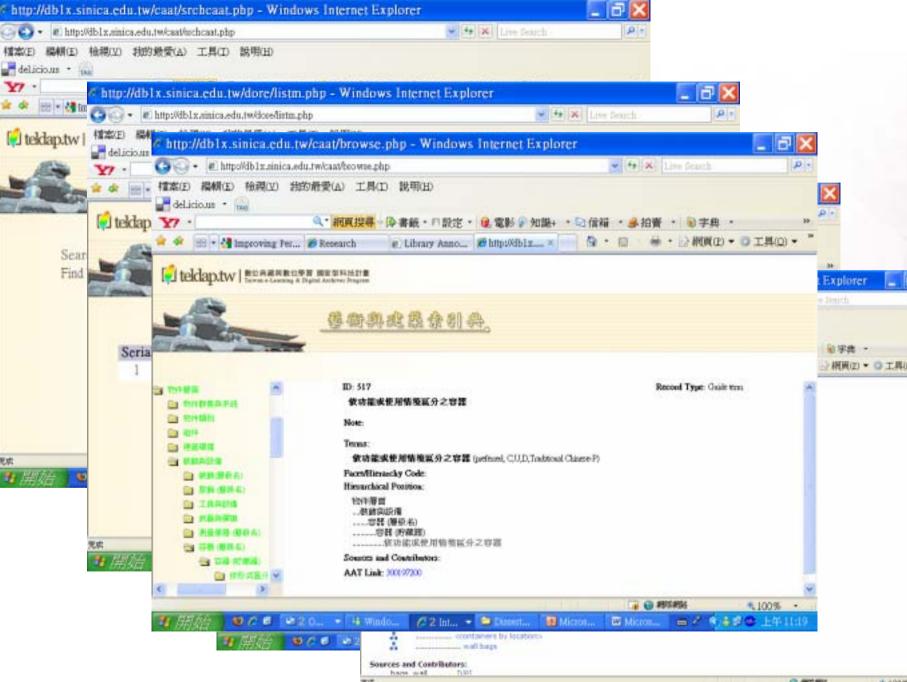
### Collaboration 4





### Task

- User Interface Development and System Modification
  - Refine the user interface and functions ranging from browse / search, to data maintenance based on user's requirements from practical operations.
- Data export





### Issue<sup>1</sup>

- Translation
   HanYu Pinyin and Wade-Giles schemes
   are suitable to translate terms from
   Chinese into English.
  - Panda
    - Traditional Chinese: 貓熊
    - Hanyu Pinyin: māoxióng
    - Wade-Giles: mao¹hsiung²)



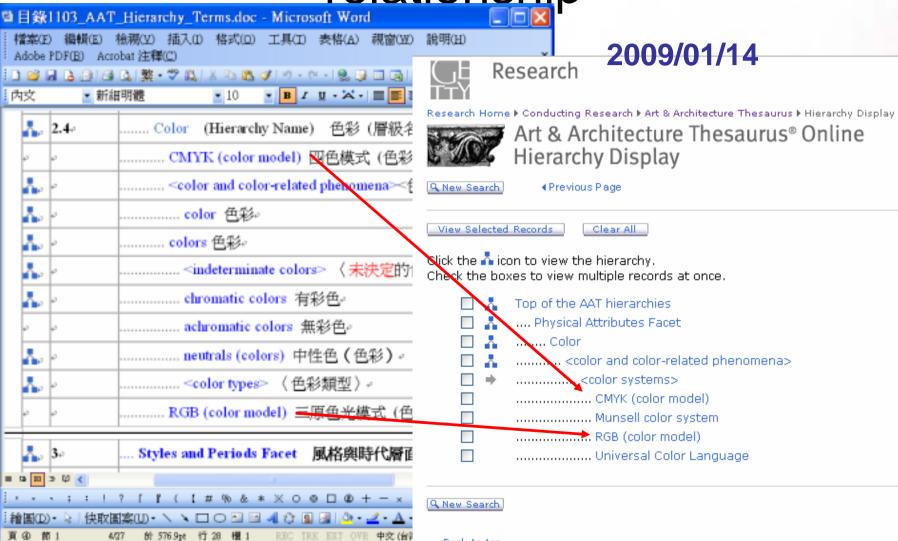


### Issue<sup>2</sup>

- Data Concurrency
  - Hierarchical structure and relationship (facet level) ex: color
  - Addition of concepts (term level) ex:
     natsume
  - Content of concept (field level) ex: Munsell color system



## Hierarchical structure and relationship



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## Addition of concepts



### Research

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Click the 🚣 icon to view the hierarchy.

ID: 300311054 Record Type: concept



natsume (<containers by function or context>, containers (receptacles), ... Furnishings and Equipment)

**Note:** Small boxes which contained the powdered tea used in the tea ceremony. These containers were made from a variety of materials including wood, dry lacquer, ceramic, metal, and black quartz. They were decorated in a variety of ways and were only used during the summer months.

#### Terms:

natsume (preferred,C,D,V,Japanese-P)
usuchaki (C,UF,V,Japanese)

Facet/Hierarchy Code: V.TQ

### **Hierarchical Position:**

∴ Objects Facet
 ∴ Furnishings and Equipment
 ∴ Containers (Hierarchy Name)
 ∴ containers (receptacles)
 ∴ <containers by function or context>
 ∴ natsume

### Sources and Contributors:

natsume......[VP Preferred]



## Content of concept

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Munsell color system (<color systems>, <color and color-related phenomena>, Color)

**Note:** Color naming and arrangement scheme developed by the American art instructor and painter Albert H. Munsell, defining colors by numbered, measured scales of hue, value, and chroma, which correspond respectively to dominant wavelength, brightness, and strength or purity. In order to accurately match colors, paint chips or other Munsell charts should be compared to the object.

#### Terms:

Munsell color system (preferred, C, D, U, American English)
Munsell colour system (C, D, U, British English)

Facet/Hierarchy Code: D.DL

### **Hierarchical Position:**

	Physical Attributes Facet
<b>A</b>	Color
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Α.	Munsell color system

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### Issue<sup>3</sup>

- Data Import and export
  - Needs a standard-compliant format and its related technical documents (Like Entity-Relationship Diagrams for relational database)
- User Interface
  - Place screens of equivalent concept of AAT and Chinese AAT system side by side



## Questions & Discussion



### Thank You

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