

## **Mind the Gap**

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### **Abstract:**

VeRSI – the Victorian eResearch Strategic Initiative was funded in 2006 by the Victorian Government. This presentation will describe how the VeRSI program is providing a cohesive and coordinated approach to accelerating the uptake of eResearch by Victorian researchers.

VeRSI will deliver research leadership by harnessing enabling technology in a way that fosters a productive, collaborative research environment and by developing key examples of how eResearch can enhance research outcomes. The paper will describe the five complimentary projects that will establish essential infrastructure, develop resources for collaborative working and support exemplar use-cases and the development of applications in the Life Sciences.

VeRSI, like similar eResearch activities elsewhere is acutely aware of the IT skills shortage developing in Australia. This exacerbates the need to develop skills and expertise in eResearch. The paper will highlight the need to bridge the skills and expertise 'gap' between research disciplines and technology implementations.