Enabling better data discovery of records across archives, institutions and libraries

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About Us

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Today

- Prosecution Project
  - With demo
- Cultures and Community Project (Open API)
  - 360 Degree Data sharing
  - Possible solution
  - The future

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The Prosecution Project

- Based at Griffith University
- Australian Research Council Grant
- Investigating the history of the criminal trial in Australia
- Criminal trial records from 1820-1960
- The collection includes data drawn from original court registers, court calendars, trial briefs and police gazettes
- 260,000 records now in the database (90,000 via crowdsourced transcription)
Scope of Project

- Seven primary jurisdictions, c. 1820-1960

- Supreme Court – indictable crime; Quarter Sessions, Petty Sessions, Police Watch house books

- Data sources – criminal calendars, depositions, crown briefs, trial transcripts, press reports...

- Data linkage – Police Gazettes, Digital Panopticon...

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What we do and how we do it...

From 1987

Pencil and paper in the archives; data entry on a mainframe; paper output and Harvard graphics – early digital, researcher-driven and oriented.
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