

UCARIS – Making the most of your current resources

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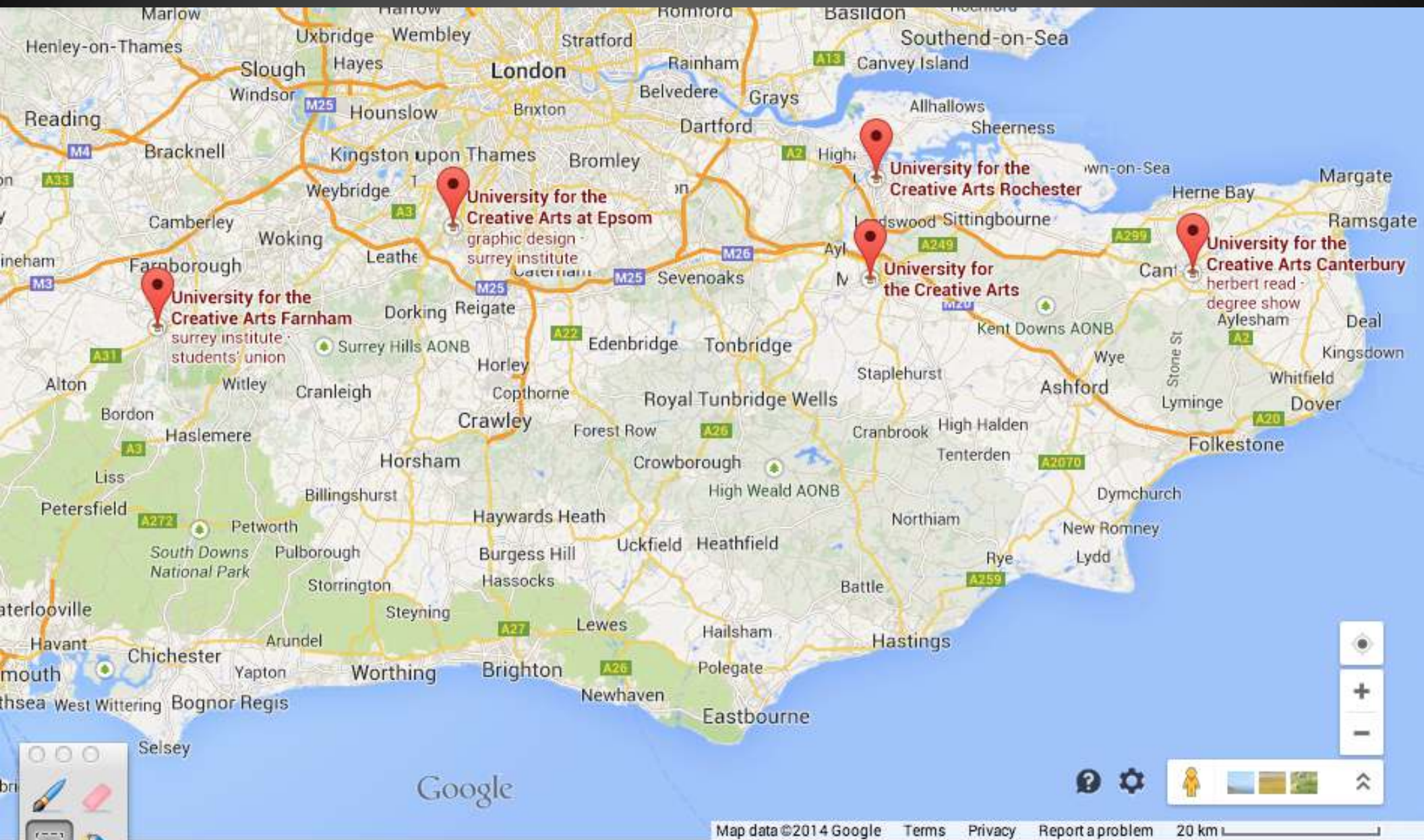
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Output



Policies

Unrecognised Data

Sketches

Exhibitions

Literature Review

Dissemination

Methodology

Lessons Learnt

Drawings

~~Digitising Data~~ →



Data/Multimedia

Communication Strategy

Documentation

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Project Budgets

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Output



Background

- UCA as an active research institution
- Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)
- Research Excellence Framework
- 2008 Submission
- Successful BUT... still a few bits to improve

UCARIS – the beginnings

- Institutional Repository to hold research outputs
 - ✓ UCA Research Online setup in 2009
 - ✓ <http://research.ucreative.ac.uk>
 - ✓ Currently holds 700+ Research Outputs

- System to support subsequent submissions
 - ✓ <http://ucaris.ucreative.ac.uk>
 - ✓ Completed and signed off in November 2013

Schedule



- Phase 1 - Planning



- Phase 2 - Development



- Phase 3 - Deployment

Phase 1 - Planning

- Focused on investigating requirements both for the REF and appropriate solutions
- Technical enhancements to institutional repository's underlying infrastructure
- Installation of additional tools
- Identifying and meeting skills requirements

Phase 2 - Development

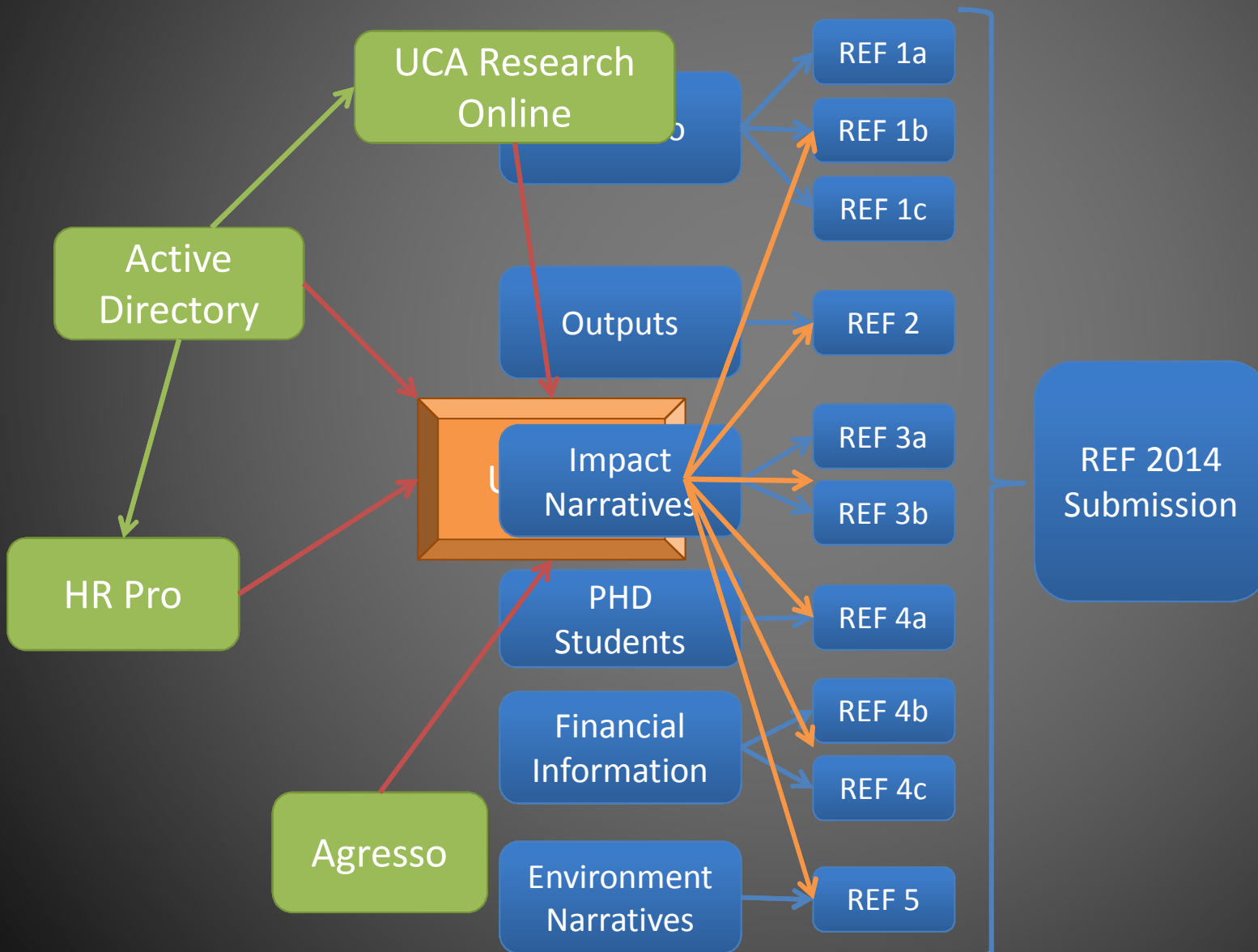
- Focused on the technical implementation and development of the approved solution
- Gathering relevant information and documentation from specified fields within university databases in accordance with the REF requirements
- Making the data available in one single secured place and testing the approved solution

Phase 3 - Deployment

- Focused on interface, security tests and bug fixes
- Training key stakeholders
- Supporting the final submission process

UCA Systems

HEFCE Requirements



Rationale

- The institutional Repository played a key role in the submission process, therefore it made sense to use the underlying software for UCARIS
- Flexibility of software (EPrints)
- Harvest content from specific databases or subsets of databases
- With EPrints, we could even gather data using the CERIF model and exporting the data using CERIF or CERIF4REF XML formats

Outcomes



- Project successful in its overall objective to support the University's submission to the REF



- The system was used to collect information from the different systems and send it securely to the HEFCE Submission System



- Increased institutional efficiency reducing repetition of data entry



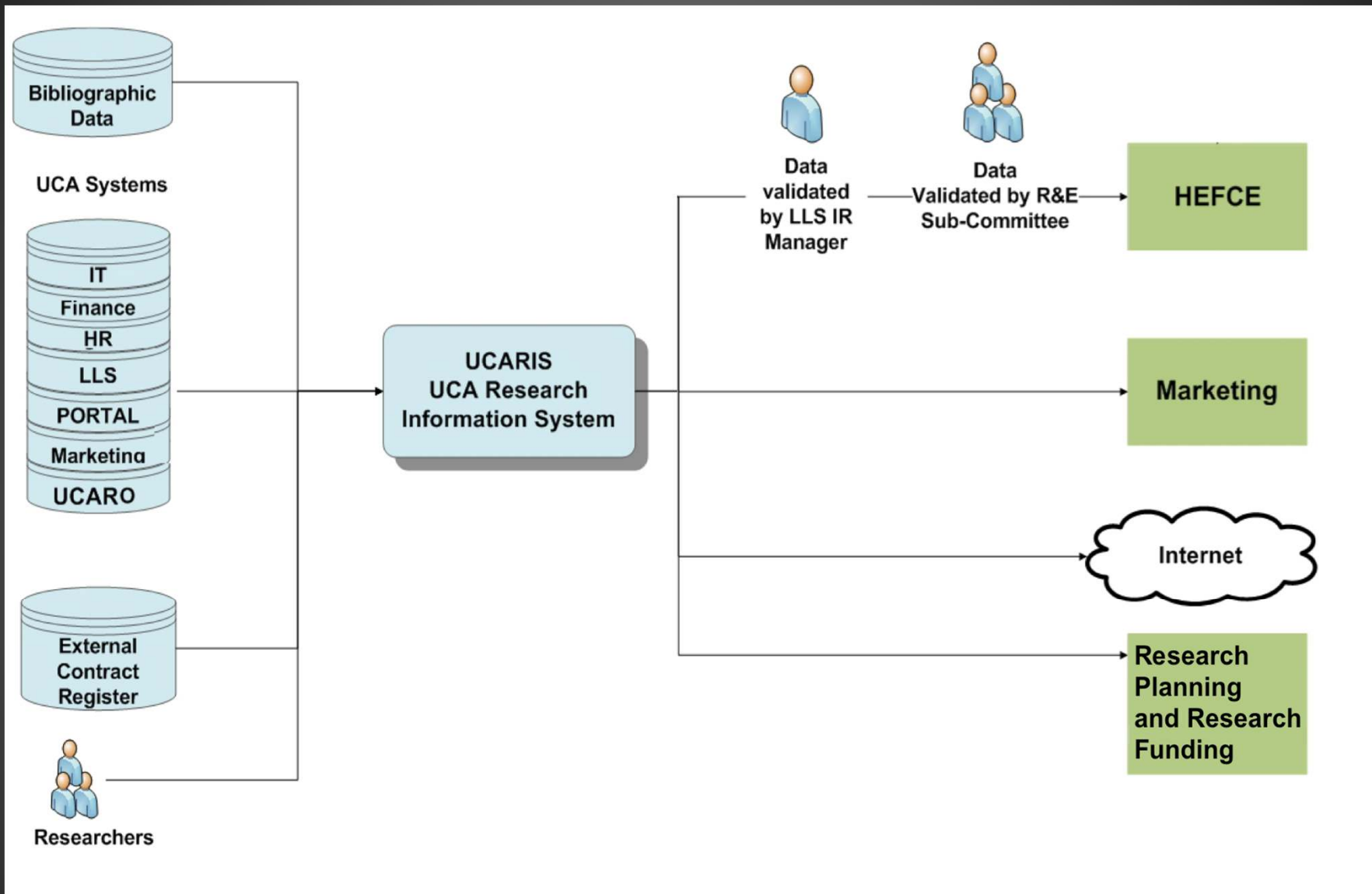
- Saving time in checking and organising information

Lessons Learned

- Narrow your requirements
- Often, it doesn't matter if your software can be used for other purposes – there will be other projects, proposals, etc where you can fit this
- Don't reinvent, collaboration is everywhere – including external service providers, software firms, etc

Conclusions

- UCARIS has ensured that the university had a system not only capable of generating its research outputs but also enhanced and enabled the deposit of these and related data into the (HEFCE) Submission System.
- UCARIS is able to gather specific information from different areas and departments and therefore provide a single point for analysing institutional data



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