eResearch NZ 2021 - Call for Participation

Thank you for your interest in participating in eResearch NZ 2021.

We welcome submissions for **lightning talks**, **presentations**, **birds of a feather sessions, poster presentations** and **workshops** of work underway or complete within the last year.

Aims
eResearchNZ, as a national forum for discussion, aims to:

- showcase innovative work-in-progress or recent project results where digital tools were applied
- highlight current and emerging priorities, trends, and best practices in eResearch approaches
- provide opportunities for skills training, professional development, and mentoring in digital research tools and eResearch applications
- draw experience and inspiration from research programs and projects in other regions
- build communities of practice that foster and support collaboration and knowledge-sharing within and beyond NZ's research sector

Theme: Level Up

For 2021, our theme of **Level UP** focuses on the increasing speed, agility, scale, and collaboration required in research today, which has become even more important with the impact that COVID-19 has had on research across the globe. It speaks to how we respond to chaotic shifts in the research environment, whether influenced by emerging technologies, government funding calls, or focused 'future proofing' to ensure research projects are resilient and sustainable. Level UP also recognises the value and importance of skills training, professional development, and mentoring for keeping researchers and research communities adaptable and innovative. So join us in Wellington and online from 10-12 February 2021 to collect new experience points and Level UP.
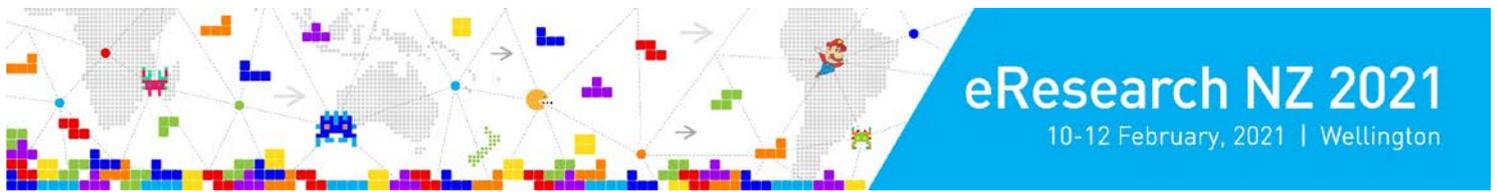
Submissions on real and recent work done, relating experiences, exposing the cultural, organisational, and technical considerations in developing eResearch capabilities and delivering eResearch solutions are welcome.

All submissions should be in reference to work currently underway or completed within the last year.

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Types of Contributions

There are many ways to contribute to eResearchNZ 2021, with all contributions needing to meet with eResearchNZ aims. Further details of each type are outlined below. If the type of contribution you want to make is not included below, please reach out to us via l.furse@auckland.ac.nz

- Ignite - Lightning Talks
  Ignite - Lightning Talks are a series of short 5 minute talks, where each talk is by a different speaker, and each speaker has 5 minutes to talk to 20 slides, with each slide advancing after 15 seconds. "The presentations are meant to "ignite" the audience on a subject, i.e. to generate awareness and to stimulate thought and action on the subjects presented." See Wikipedia - Ignite.

- Oral Presentations
  Presentations should aim to engage the audience, to create interest, seek feedback and encourage further enquiry. Presentations are approx. 15 minute long conversation starters, followed by 5 minutes for further discussion, for a total of *20 minutes. Presentations must reference work currently underway or completed within the last year. A full paper is not required for submission. Please note double slots can be requested. Eg where 20mins might not be enough. *Timings subject to change.
  There are a limited number of virtual presentation slots available.

- Posters
  Posters encourage direct engagement between those with interesting work to share and a wide audience, in a personal setting. Posters can be presented virtual / in-person.

- Birds of a Feather *
  Birds of a Feather (BoF) session are informal sessions often used to start a conversation in a particular area. Sessions are scheduled in ~1hr blocks, please indicate the length of time required.

- Workshops (pre-/during/post-conference)*
  Workshops are intended to support specific conversations within a narrower focus by communities with common eResearch needs or interests. Workshop proposals should indicate the topic along with the approach taken to engaging attendees in the Workshop discussions rather than be presentation sessions only. Workshops are integrated within eResearch NZ rather than as a series of adjacent satellite meeting (please get in touch via l.furse@auckland.ac.nz if you are interested in hosting a satellite meeting). We will work with Workshop proposers to develop a programme that meets the needs of the delegates and complements the presentation programme. Workshops are usually scheduled in 3 hour blocks, and can span

multiple blocks. Please indicate the length of workshop you would prefer. Registration for the conference is required for attendance at Workshops (day rates are available), although if you would prefer you are welcome to subsidize your delegates attendance, by arrangement with the conference organisers.

*Birds of a Feather and Workshops are to be delivered in-person only.

Submission Details

Each submission is to be completed on the submission template provided and requests a Title (up to 15 words) and Abstract. Please compose these carefully as they will be used as submitted in the Conference Programme and on the website.
If you wish for your submission to be peer reviewed, your abstract should not be shorter than one page.

Submit your abstract here

Evaluation of Proposals

All submissions will be reviewed, based on the following criteria:
- relevance to the themes and aims of eResearch NZ 2021
- originality and degree of engagement to the eResearch community
- relevance and applicability to the audience

All submitters will receive an email confirming the outcome of their proposal. All of these criteria are key considerations in the acceptance of all submissions. We reserve the right to discuss your submission with you as part of the process of assembling the programme, and may accept your proposal under a different category.
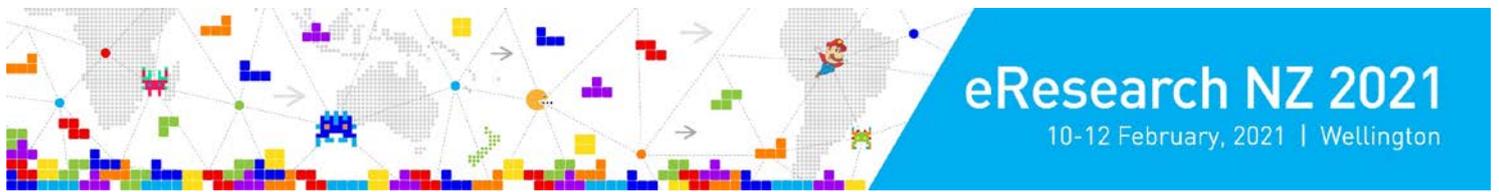
Key Dates
- Abstract submissions open – Thursday 1 October 2020
- Abstract submission deadline – Sunday 22 November 2020
- Author notification – Thursday 8 December 2020

About eResearch NZ

eResearch encompasses all of the information technology infrastructure and software that supports a research community. This includes the people, computing and software platforms that connect equipment, data, and other computing resources with people, along with collections management, platforms to run experiments, and advanced collaboration tools. eResearch communities thrive on deep engagement with researchers, supporting the formation and operation of effective digitally supported research communities.

New Zealand's eResearch community is growing in confidence and experience across a broad range of research application & service areas, in the humanities and social sciences, physical and biological sciences, mathematics and engineering. The symposium aims to

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bring together practitioners from a range of research communities, including those involved in using, developing, and supporting software applications and services which take advantage of distributed collaboration platforms for team science. It is an opportunity to meet some of the leaders of eResearch initiatives within NZ and internationally, and to hear about practice and to share understanding and experiences.

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