



# CREATING COMMUNITY: THE KUALI OLE STORY

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# WHAT IS OLE?

- A sustainable academic library management system that is community-governed
- Mellon-funded matching grant, 2.4M
- 8 U.S. founding-partners
- Goal of the project to design an Open Library Environment (OLE)

# U.S. MEMBERS

- Indiana University (lead)
- Lehigh University
- Triangle Research Libraries Network (Duke, NCSU)
- University of Chicago
- University of Maryland
- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania
- Florida (FCLA, FIU, FSU, UCF, UF, USF, New College, Rollins, U of Miami)

The technology behind OLE is called service-oriented architecture (SOA), which creates an adaptable environment for the user, facilitates local workflows, as well as creates options for integration with third-party systems—incorporating business processes across a diversity of systems.

The image shows a logo for 'Kuali' on a light-colored, textured rectangular card. The card is set against a solid blue background. The logo consists of a stylized 'K' made of three magenta triangles, followed by the word 'uali' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the right of 'uali'. Below the main text, the word 'ole' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The entire logo is enclosed in a thin red border.

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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Board, Functional and Technical Councils
- Committees
- Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)
- Tiger Teams (Scope, UI, SI, Acquire, Select, etc.)
- Specification Writing
- National Presentations
- International Partners
- Vendor Discussions

# USER STORIES

- A way of gathering requirements for software development/design
- Focuses on communication; expands community
- Describes functionality
- Encourages participatory design
- Depicts ways in which constituents will access/use functions
- Simple statements that reflect a user **role** plus an **action**

# FLORIDA PARTNERS

- 40 SMEs; 9 Florida partners
- Specific skills identified (technical vs. UI)
- Communicate via WebEx, email, state conferences, webinars, instruction and training
- Widespread involvement in original user stories exercise
- Blogs, website and Kualiti Foundation utilized

# NORTH CAROLINA PARTNERS

- Triangle Research Libraries Network
- Leveraging the history and culture of TRLN
- Shared governance on Kuali OLE Board
- Plans for shared test implementation
- Frameworks for long-term success

# HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

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