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Elements

TRANSITION TO ELEMENTS  
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# The Team

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# The Team

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# Agenda

Transition to Elements  
for Faculty Activity Reporting (FAR)

1. Selecting Elements
2. Implementation Timeline  
& Progress
3. FAQ
4. Questions

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# Selecting Elements



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# Identifying the need

DMAI was not serving the needs of the faculty for reporting faculty activities.

Common complaints included:

- Clunky User Experience
- Too many fields!
- Caused duplicative work for faculty (e.g. online profiles, annual review) and campuses (e.g. awards)

The goals include:

1. Simplify activity reporting for faculty.
2. Provide faculty a greater benefit to reporting activity.
3. Allow for process optimization for various workflows (e.g., Annual Review, P&T) for administrators.

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# Elements@IU Features

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## **Easier user interface**

A more functional design from the vendor combined with a completely fresh configuration from IU will improve the user experience for faculty.

## **Automated scholarly matching**

Elements will be able to source publications for our faculty from sources like Scopus, Web of Science, and ORCID. This can reduce manual entry of activities for disciplines with available sources.

## **Continual improvement and enhancement**

Members of the team have been invested in revisiting *why* we did things in DMAI and whether there is a better way to do them now with Elements.

## **Web profiles**

Elements can support an enterprise-wide web profile system, reducing the need for faculty to keep information up to date in multiple places. (Future!)

## **Workflow & routing capabilities**

Elements has built-in workflows that we can setup to simplify and enhance our activity-based processes (e.g., annual review, P&T).

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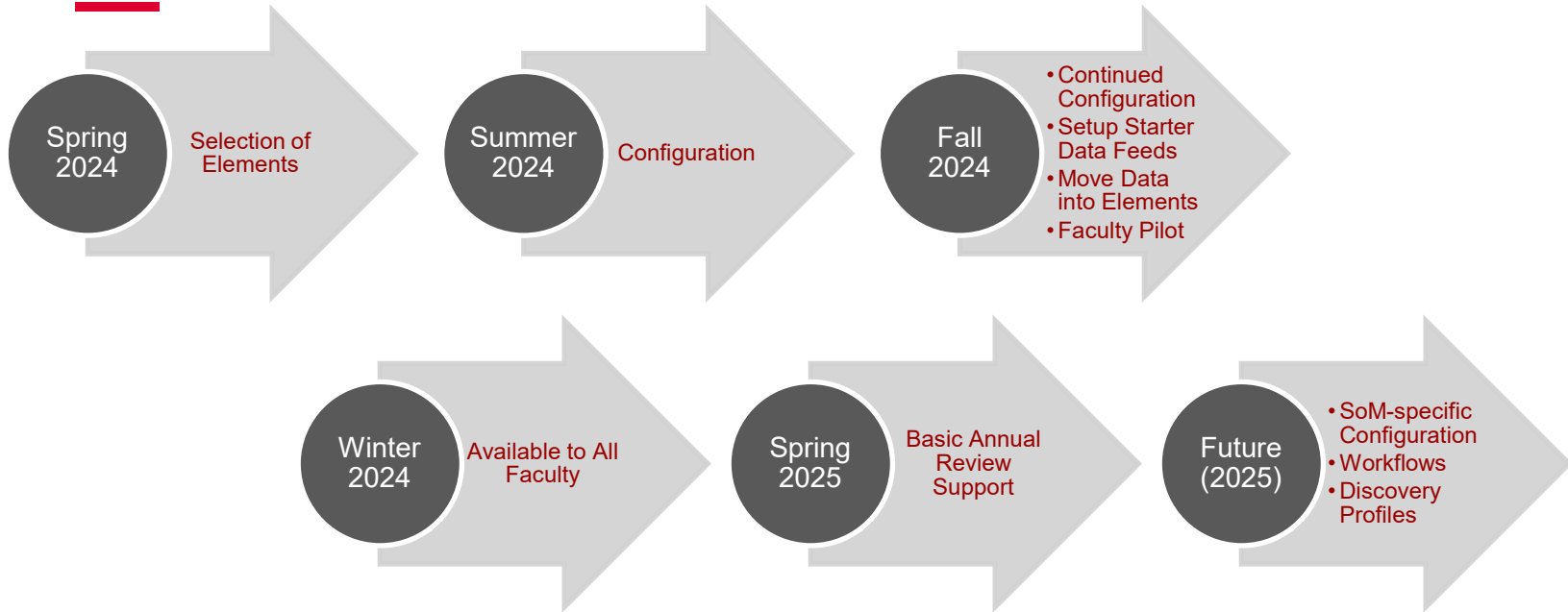
# Implementation Timeline & Progress





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# Overall Timeline





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# Implementation Progress

We have spent Spring and Summer 2024 working through the configuration of Elements with the vendor and faculty representatives.

**Configuration is not a direct copy of DMAI.** We have re-implemented faculty activity reporting from scratch based on:

- DMAI Data/Usage
- Feedback from Faculty

## Configuration Highlights

- Mining DMAI data to determine usefulness of activity types, fields, and the “Other” option.
- Working with arts/humanities faculty to ensure the system can appropriately capture their work.
- Re-tooling feeds (grants, teaching, etc.) and creating new feeds to ensure the data in Elements is useful.



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## IU Internal Data Sources

- HR Data
- Course information from SIS
- Grants information from Quali Coeus





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# Sources for Data Harvesting

- [arXiv](#)
- [Crossref](#)
- [Dimensions](#)
- [Google Scholar](#)
- [MLA](#)
- [ORCID](#)
- [PubMed](#)
- [Scopus](#)
- [SSRN](#)
- [Web of Science](#)

Homepage


iu.elements.symplectic.org/homepage.html?em=false

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## Homepage

MY ACTIONS



# Welcome to Elements @ IU

Please review your profile and ensure that everything is up to date. As additional actions become available you will be able to view them here.

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EDIT MY PROFILE

### Scholarly & creative works

**Claimed**  
You have no claimed scholarly & creative works.

+ ADD NEW VIEW ALL

### Grants & contracts

**Claimed**  
You have no claimed grants or contracts.

+ ADD NEW VIEW ALL

### Service & leadership

You have no activities.

+ ADD NEW VIEW ALL

### Teaching activities

You have no activities.

+ ADD NEW VIEW ALL

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Add a new scholarly & creative work



Select scholarly & creative work type

Article

Artistic Direction

Book

Case Study

Chapter

Collection

Conference Works

Creative Work

Creative Writing

Curation

Dataset

Digital Scholarship

Encyclopedia Entry

Exhibition

Festival/Event

Intellectual Property

Media Contribution

Music Composition

Performance

Presentation

Recording

Report

Software/Code

Theatre

Thesis/Dissertation

Work in Progress

Other

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- Home
- Profile
- Library
- Settings

## Add book

Let's get started | Tell us more

**i** Enter your book title or ISBN  
Your book may already exist in Elements @ IU, so to save time you can search for it here and claim it. Titles returned may contain any of your search words.

Title or ISBN

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Essential Information

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Sub-Type

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 Edited Book  
 Fiction  
 Poetry  
 Script  
 Textbook  
 Other

Explanation of Other

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Labels

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International Engagement

Area of Excellence

Scope

IU Initiatives

Accreditation





## Additional Information

7 additional fields

Invited Date Submitted  Edition Volume ISBN-10 

Publisher Address Information

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Name Organisation Department Street address City State or province Country Zip code/postcode Address type 

Add

Opt out of open access policy?

## Add a new grant & contract



Select grant & contract type

Arts Residency

Commercialization

Consulting

Contract

Fellowship

Grant

Prize

Travel grant

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## Add a new service & leadership



Select service & leadership type

Advising

Clinical Service

Committee membership

Community service

Editorship

Event administration

Event participation

Expert witness

Honor/Award

Interview

Leadership

Librarianship

Litigation

Mentoring

Professional Development

Professional Membership

Review

Other

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## Add a new teaching activity



Select teaching activity type

Course Developed

Course Taught

Curriculum Development

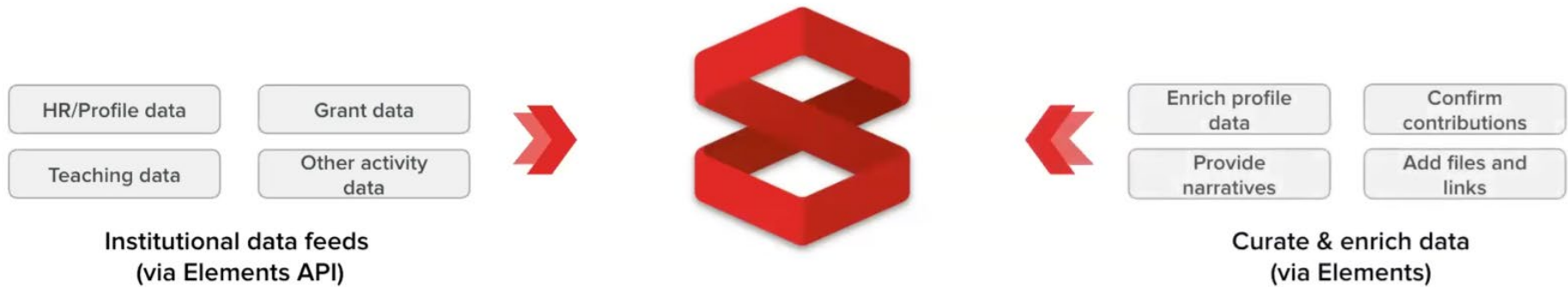
Directed Learning

Instructional Material

Non-Credit Instruction

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# Elements used to capture and enrich data



## CAPTURE RESEARCH OUTPUTS



External data sources



## Stages

An Exercise can consist of multiple stages that are designed to provide different levels of access and permissions for researchers and reviewers.



### User Input

Users are guided to complete the Exercise form, adding the information required and 'submitting' the Exercise form to move it to another stage.



### Review and Approval

Reviewers can be granted access to the Exercise form and can add review, scores and attachments, according to the form's configuration.



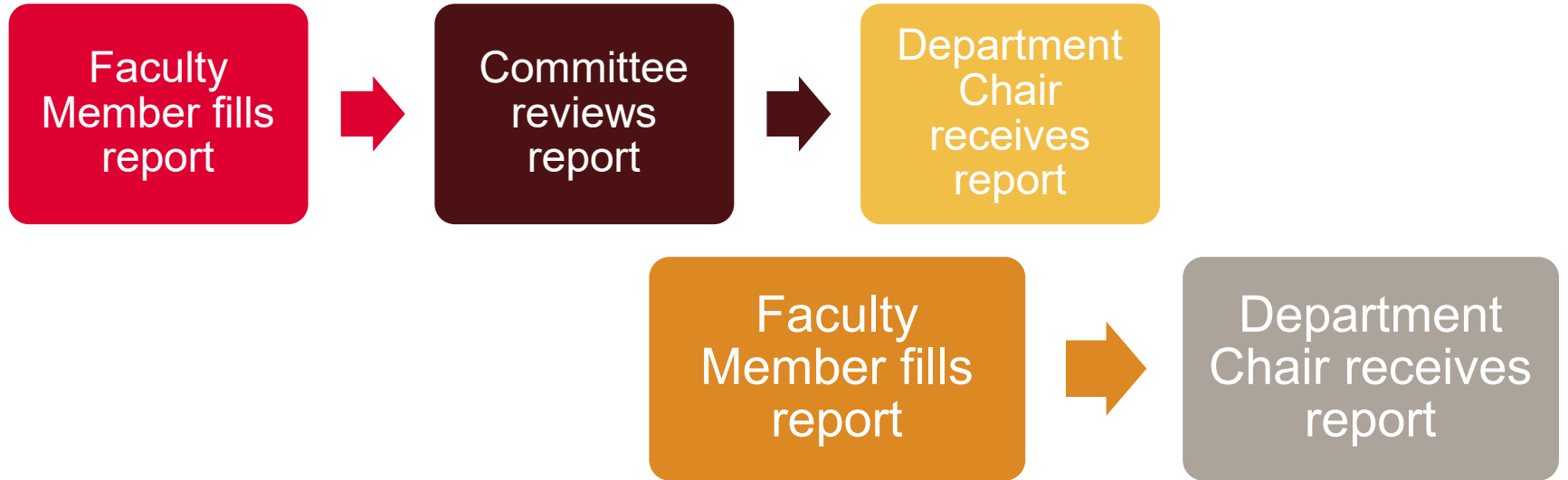
### Complete

The Exercise form can be moved to a final stage, where it can remain visible to researchers, or can be hidden.



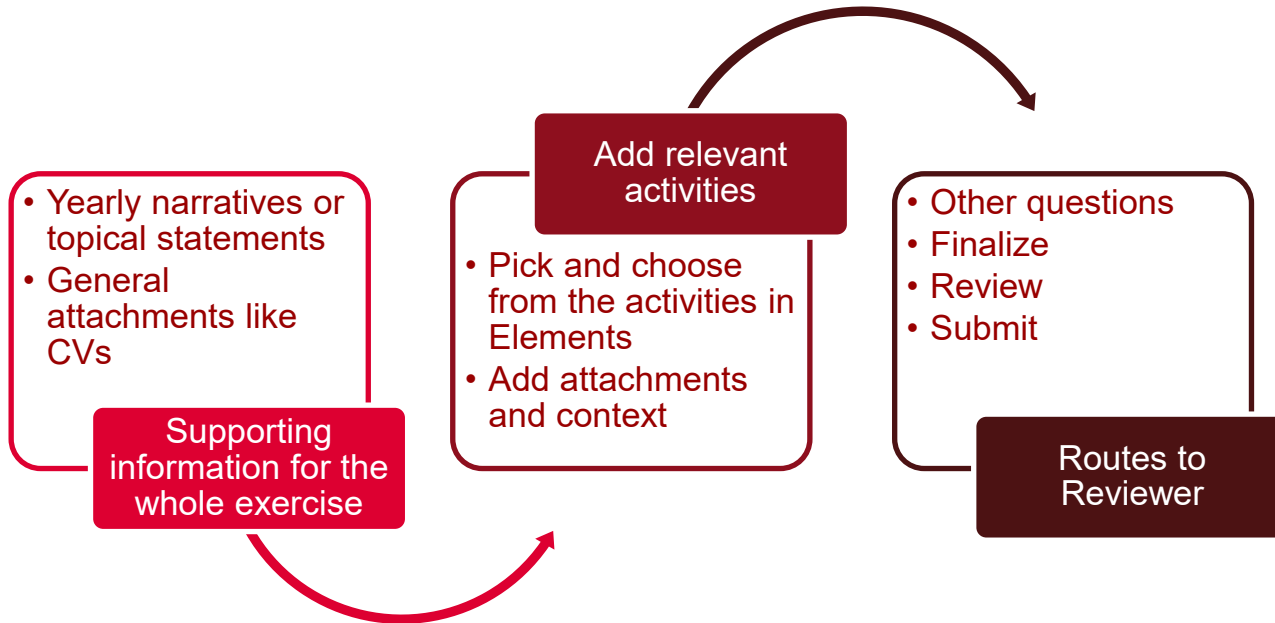
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## Workflow Examples





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## Implementation Future

We are planning ways to continuously gather feedback from faculty and administrators to enhance the system. This will be ongoing.

We are working on identifying more sources of data so we can enhance automation for activity reporting. This has started larger conversations around how we track activities at IU.

With full-time support, Elements will continue to grow and adapt to meet the changing needs of faculty, campuses, and the university. *This is not a one and done implementation.*

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# FAQ/ Questions



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# What happens to my data from DMAI?

Data from DMAI is being moved in phases to Elements in the upcoming months.

This is a large and complex process because Elements was implemented from scratch and is not just a direct copy of DMAI.

Faculty will be able to review their data within Elements when it is fully launched.



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# What will I see when I log into Elements for the first time?

Data is being migrated into Elements in stages, prioritizing 2024 data for the current annual review cycle and data that was manually entered into DMAI. While all DMAI will be imported, due to the structural differences between the systems some pieces will take additional time to be completely transferred.

Before launching fully, the Elements Team will broadly communicate what data has been transferred and what remains in process. Please do not be alarmed if items are initially missing.



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# What training and support will be available?

We will be offering a variety of in-person and virtual training options for faculty alongside the full release in late 2024. Asynchronous resources, such as video tutorials and user guides, will be available at [go.iu.edu/elements](https://go.iu.edu/elements).

If you would like to schedule a training for a specific group of faculty, let us know and we will be happy to coordinate.

Support will also be available at [elements@iu.edu](mailto:elements@iu.edu) as needed.



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## How will we conduct annual reviews this year?

Because there were no workflows available in DMAI, units determined their own processes for annual reviews.

Elements will be ready for faculty in November to check their data and enter any new activities from Fall 2024.

A temporary report that mimics the annual report output from DMAI will be available. This report can be used to conduct the annual review for 2024.



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## How will annual reviews work in the future?

Elements will be setup to support annual reviews using its workflow capabilities for annual reviews beginning with calendar year 2025 (which will happen in Spring 2026).

Administrators received a survey in September inquiring about their annual review process(es). This information will be valuable as the exercises are implemented in Elements.

A few schools have volunteered to pilot the annual review process using the Elements workflow. If your school would be interested in joining this pilot, please let us know.



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# How can you provide feedback/feature requests?

The implementation team is working on a site to collect feedback/feature requests for Elements.

In the meantime, any feedback/requests can be sent to [elements@iu.edu](mailto:elements@iu.edu).



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Additional questions or concerns?  
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