

# Short Tour: VIVO Overview

VIVO (pronounced *vee-voh*) is member-supported, open source software and an ontology for representing scholarship. VIVO supports recording, editing, searching, browsing and visualizing scholarly activity. VIVO encourages research discovery, expert finding, network analysis and assessment of research impact. VIVO is easily extended to support additional domains of scholarly activity.

## Goals of this Tour

- Learning about VIVO as software, as an ontology, and as a community with many active participating individuals and institutions
- Understanding how VIVO fits into several quite different environments, from small research organizations to whole universities and distributed consortia
- Gaining basic insights into the Semantic Web technologies VIVO uses

## Outline of the Tour

1. [What is VIVO?](#)
2. [What's different](#) (and noteworthy) about VIVO?
3. What's involved in [starting a VIVO project](#)?
4. What is an [information ecosystem](#) and how does VIVO fit in?
5. [VIVO as data](#) on the Linked Open Data Web
6. [VIVO in production](#) at sites around the world

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## For more information

- View the outline, slides, and exercises for the [Introduction to VIVO workshop](#) at the 2013 VIVO Conference in St. Louis
- View the slides and/or video recordings of the Spring, 2013 [DuraSpace Community Webinar Series Five: VIVO -- Research Discovery & Networking](#)
  - Webinar 1: Overview of VIVO | [presentation slides](#) | [webinar recording](#)
  - Webinar 2: Case Studies: VIVO at Colorado, Brown, Duke, & Weill Cornell Medical College | [presentation slides](#) | [webinar recording](#)
  - Webinar 3: VIVO Technical Deep Dive | [presentation slides](#) | [webinar recording](#)
- [Considering VIVO](#)
- [Presentation based on this tour](#) given for the [XIV IAALD World Congress](#) at Cornell University, 7/23/13
- Check out the [Comparison of Research Networking Tools and Research Profiling Systems](#) on Wikipedia – VIVO is prominently green as an open source project, and also features open data.
- Plan to attend the VIVO 2014 conference, August 6-8 in Austin, Texas