

Beyond tables and chairs: The Library as facilitating platform

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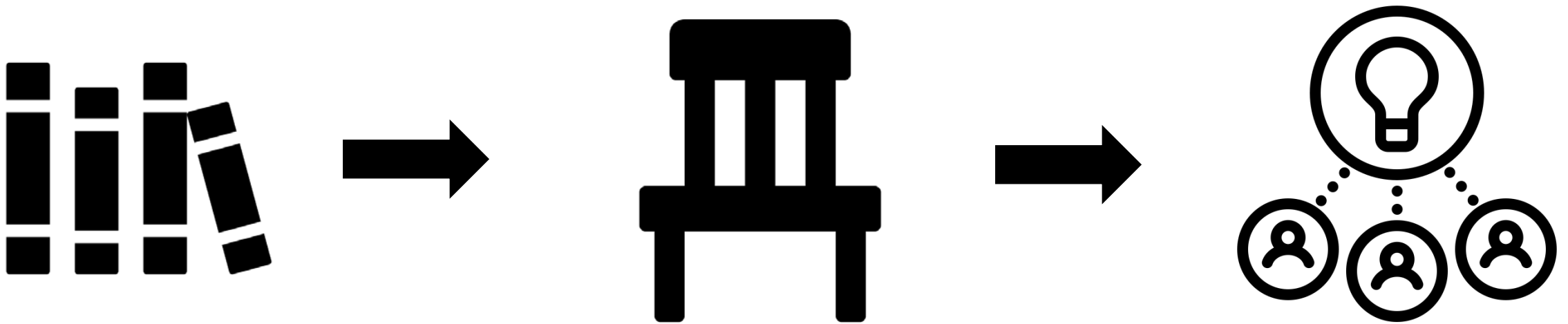
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Is a (physical) library
without books still a
library?

What makes a
great place?

The Library as place





”A great library should be a **workshop** as well as a repository. It should **teach** the methods of thorough research, and **cultivate** in readers the habit of seeking the original sources of **learning**”

- Justin Winsor, late 1800



Context

Highly digital collection

No books in physical library



Why Digital Social Science Lab?

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An open platform for education and events on digital methods



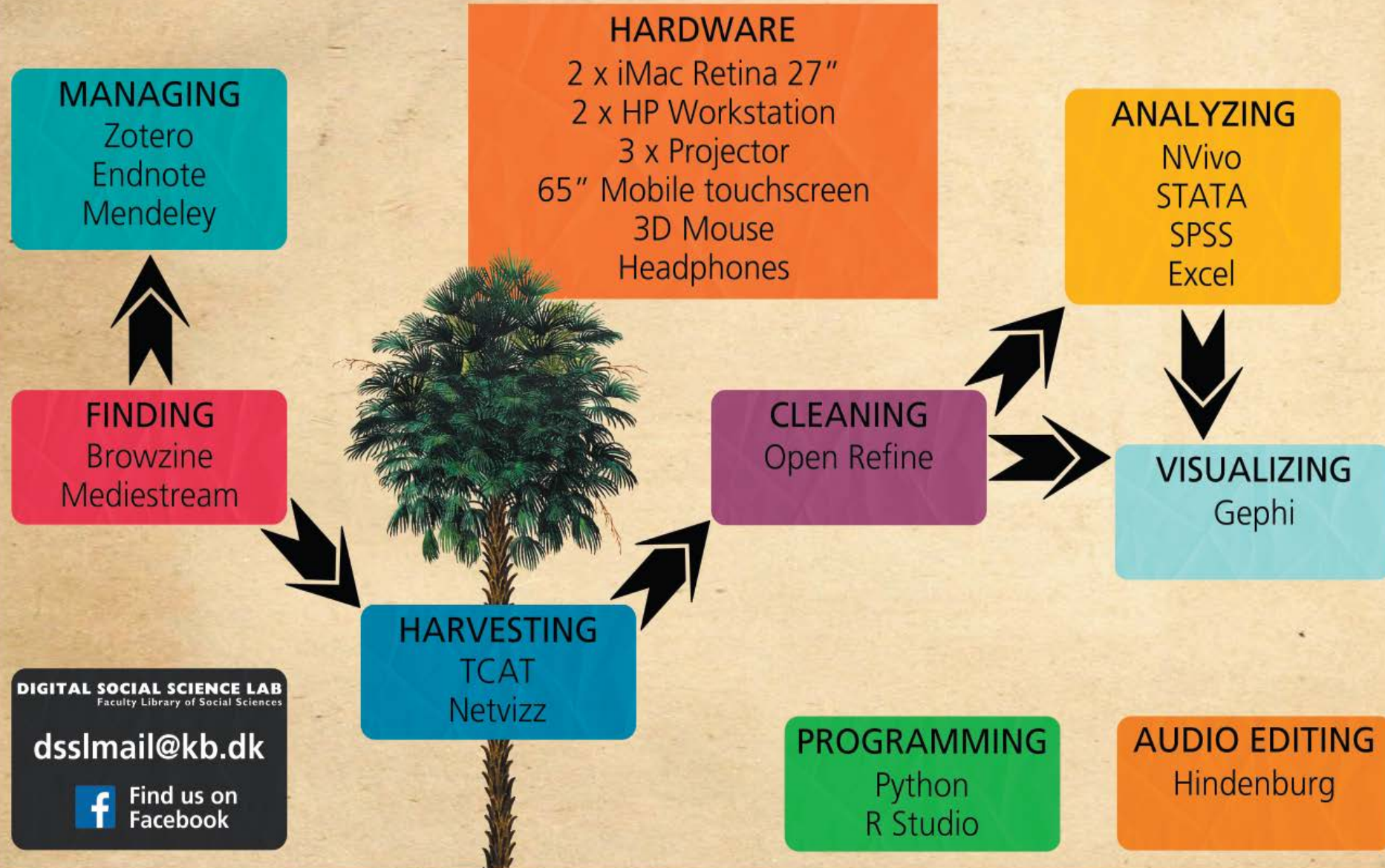
Hardware and software for harvesting, cleaning,
analyzing and visualizing data



A dynamic and aesthetically inspiring learning environment

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Facilitation

Learning

Belonging

Space

Hardware and furniture is not enough



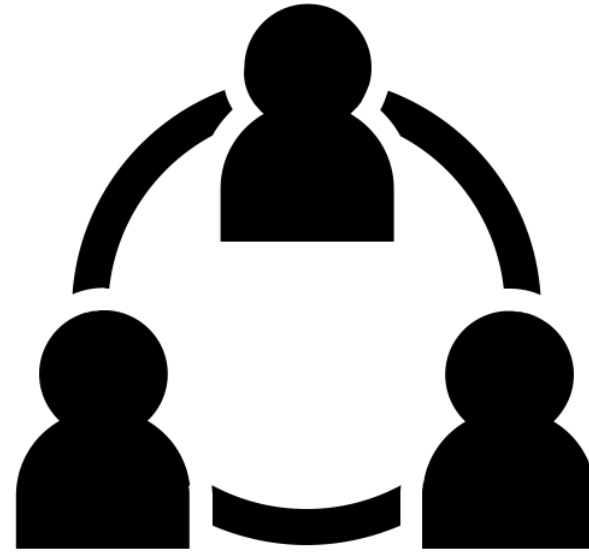
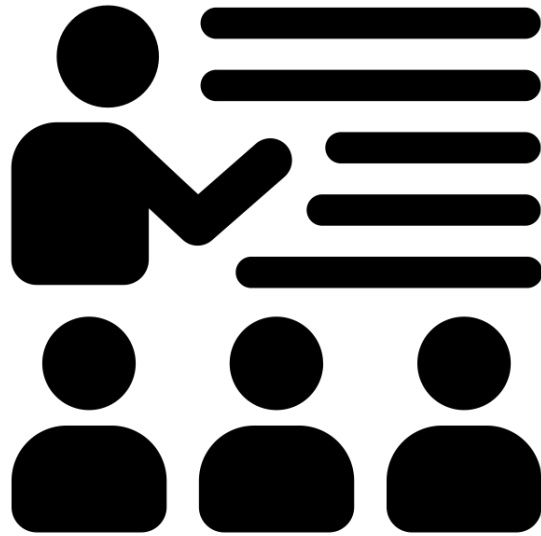


The most valuable asset of the library place?
It is not the chairs, it is not the tables
It is the library staff and the users

Facilitation:
Digital Methods Sessions,
Data Sprints, network



Traditional learning vs. peer-to-peer learning



The users as co-creator



A sense of belongingness



Why does it work? The Library Effect



Where you feel at home



Tell stories, empower thinking







An alternative to the classic learning setup



Support different kinds of learning

A man with glasses and a beard is looking at a large owl. The owl is perched on a surface. In the background, there are other people and a room with a white counter and a green shelf.

Thanks!

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