myTardis Investigation Summary

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KPI	Merits	Issues	Others

Deployment	Open sources
	
	Assistance from UWA and UQ
		Documentation is out-of-date at http://mytardis.readthedocs.io/en/develop/admin/install.html
		
		STABLE version is out-of-date. Dev version is for development. There is no working/stable version for deployment. A customized Dev version is required for production
		
		Knowledge of linux packages are required to deploy myTardis:
		
		`- virtualenvwrapper`
		`- django`
		`- python`
		`- sql`
		`- docker`
		
		Lack of production proven deployment packages
		
		Not much documentation. Whatever can be found (Monash) is out of date. Install instructions virtually useless
			Two deployment methods are tried, and two sites are registered and operating:
			
			Supported by UWA, using Docker: https://mytardis.unsw.edu.au/
			
			Supported by MWAC team, following myTardis original deployment instructions: https://dev.mytardis.unsw.edu.au/
			
			Currently using a development VM and a Docker based VM

Maintainability	VM based	Separation of web service and SQL Build local support team expertise Version upgrade of myTardis cannot be done due to the lack of documentation	Disaster recovery procedures are lacking Re-deployment could be difficult
Enhancement	Open sources	Lack of documentation Require knowledge of Django and python Require knowledge of SQL	Metadata visualizations are required to support different data type

			Super users are needed for myTardis
Scalability	In principle good; VM based

True data storage space can run on separate storage service | myTardis production site has not mapped to the separate data storage.

Scalability of the storage is possible. However, it doesn't mention if myTardis can be expended or join any distributed system. The implementation is not there yet. | |
| **User Experience** | Easy to use. Mytardis is accessed through web interface, using a separate client to up/download data with | Not user friendly
Difficult to manage data approval
Difficult to set up admin parameters
No user manual

Many settings in Django need to be customized by end users. It's not a ready-to-go system.

Client install limited on various platforms. Win client ok to set up but no proper client for Debian based software. The RedHat/CenOS based client has issues with certificates | Although it appears that the software (web based Mytardis and a separate data client) is easy to install several cross-platform issues exist |
| **Reliability** | tbc | Production release not stable

Stable myTardis is broken. Only Dev version works.

Dev version is deployed

Data recovery is not mentioned in documentation | |
| **Authentication** | LDAP
AAF
Local | | |
| **Data Agent – myData** | Cross platform support | Instructions for a Mytardis install on Ubuntu 14.04 are available…but this install fails out of the box. Also no data client available for Debian (conversion from rpm crashes) | Documentation of Mytardis is so poor….Didn't even know I needed a special data client for data |

			up/download….was under the impression this was done through the use of a separate FTP protocol
Connectivity	Easy access from anywhere using web interface	Data client needs to be set up but not always easy (see above)	
Accessibility	Web interface is good with limited, but functional options. SUs can set access to various files/protocols etc	Architecture for file/data storage follows strict rules which can be cumbersome for the liberal scientist. Web portal is working. Client is not well-designed.	
Support	Via third party. Need to have this. Mytardis is build using various software packages that require expert knowledge in order to properly setup and run	Training are expected for support staff Support from project developers is very limited as it's not a well-known project worldwide.	
Achievability	Seems OK for Australian based projects (as Mytardis is a Monash product), however, my impression is that outside Australia XNAT is preferred.	Good for local or small projects. It appears that XNAT is the preferred platform for large scale (continent spanning) projects.	
Metadata Readability	Like raw data. Mytardis does not	Lack of wide acceptance on market	

	have any built-in readers as XNAT does		
Documentation	Basically nonexistent.	Good documentation would be a great help for users myTardis is not a production-ready system. It was made looked like a finished project with many unfinished functionality and documentation. It requires further development by people who have both technical and scientific background.	