

Remaining Relevant in the Digital Age: How the "stamp of authority" is earned, not given

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The current digital transformation is disrupting all forms of business and social interaction, and government is not immune to that change. As we write, we await the revision of the 2013 Digital Strategy which will outline the UK Governments' agenda for supporting the wider economy on its transition to digital, as well as its own adoption of those transformation processes. Whereas in 2013 Government was playing catch-up to the internet age, it now sees itself a driver of change and is keen to present best practice in terms of digital engagement ("create digital services so good that people will choose to use them"). A key component of that is the provision of better data access. This is particularly important in era when established organisations can be side-stepped by technology if their use and relevance to the end-user is not apparent (a phenomena seen in the banking sector with the growth of crowd-funding organisations).

HM Land Registry and Ordnance Survey are both responsible for significant data sets which underpin important elements of United Kingdom's economic and social activity. This presentation looks at how the Ordnance Survey and Land Registry are working collaboratively to ensure that a key part of the UK economy is served through better data provision.

The Land Registry stores and maintains a dataset of more than 24 million titles, providing a state guarantee of title. It also provides statutory services for users, mostly solicitors and lenders, to view and edit the data, as part of the conveyancing process. It's one of the largest property databases in Europe and underpins the UK housing market.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/land-registry/about#what-we-do>>

The Ordnance Survey stores and maintains a digital record of over 450 million records detailing the topographic and functional features of Great Britain. With on average 10,000 updates a day, this data is estimated to underpin over £100 billion of the country's economic activity.

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