



Creating an online course to promote understanding of Indigenous Data Sovereignty



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- **Client:** Lowitja Institute
- **Location:** Australia
- **Platform:** Talent LMS & Rise
- **Sector:** Private Provider

Oppida partnered with the Lowitja Institute to develop an engaging online course on Indigenous Data Sovereignty. The course aimed to enable individuals to confidently use the Indigenous Data Sovereignty Readiness Assessment and Evaluation Toolkit, transforming complex, face-to-face training materials into a digital format that supported a diverse audience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers, research project managers, and public servants.



About the Lowitja Institute

The Lowitja Institute is Australia's national institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research. It is committed to supporting high-quality, community-driven research that leads to positive health outcomes for Indigenous peoples. Lowitja works closely with communities, health services, and policy-makers to ensure that Indigenous perspectives and knowledge are at the forefront of health research and implementation.

The challenge

The Lowitja Institute sought to develop an online course on Indigenous Data Sovereignty to replace their face-to-face training.

The key challenge was to ensure the course materials were accessible and engaging to a target audience with varying levels of digital literacy and familiarity with the subject matter. The content also had to be culturally sensitive and accurately reflect Indigenous perspectives. In addition, limited availability of key team members meant the project timeline had to be adjusted several times.

The solution

Oppida collaborated with Lowitja Institute to design and deliver an engaging online course on Indigenous Data Sovereignty. The project aimed to create an accessible learning experience for a diverse audience while ensuring cultural sensitivity and accuracy.

- **Course design and structure:** Oppida worked closely with Lowitja's team to co-design a course that integrated both theoretical and practical components of Indigenous Data Sovereignty. The content was structured to be flexible, catering to learners with different levels of expertise.
- **Culturally sensitive content:** To ensure cultural accuracy, Oppida engaged Indigenous stakeholders and experts throughout the course development process. This collaboration helped ensure the course content was respectful and inclusive.
- **Media and interactive tools:** Oppida integrated videos, case studies, and interactive exercises into the course to enhance learner engagement. These tools provided practical applications of the content, helping learners confidently apply the concepts in their work.

The results

The Lowitja Institute successfully launched the Indigenous Data Sovereignty online course, providing a culturally sensitive and accessible learning experience. The course enables participants to gain a deeper understanding of Indigenous Data Sovereignty and apply the Readiness Assessment and Evaluation Toolkit confidently in their work. The content's thoughtful integration of Indigenous knowledge, along with active learning components, ensures that the course resonates with a diverse range of learners.

The final product is an online course that supports the professional development of health workers, project managers, and public servants, helping them confidently use the Indigenous Data Sovereignty Toolkit in their roles.





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