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## Symposium Brochure: 2009 University of Massachusetts and New England Area Librarian e-Science Symposium

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# Discussion Questions for Breakout Sessions

## Data

**Table 1** -Has your institution been addressing data management and data-sharing issues? Is your library involved? How are other universities dealing with digital storage of various electronic data formats?

- Who is generating data?
- What types of data are generating and how much data?
- What are they doing with it now?

## Web Portal

**Tables 2 & 7** -What components should a web portal for e-science include?

## Delivery

**Table 3** -What organizational structure would facilitate regional delivery of e-science resources and services? What are essential components of regional delivery of e-science resources and services?

## Staffing/ Building New Roles

**Table 4** -How can our current library staff obtain the training and credentials necessary to support e-science resources and services? How interested/comfortable/knowledgeable/expert are your library's staff in understanding or contributing to the data landscape and challenges at your institution?

**Table 5** -What are data librarians or data professionals?  
-What kinds of qualifications does an e-science specialist need?  
-Where do you find people with these skills?  
-How do you train people for these roles?

## Regional

**Tables 6 & 9** -How can we find out about e-science initiatives in the region & facilitate collaboration among libraries/librarians and their researchers?

## General

**Table 8** -Given today's presentations, what roles do you see for libraries in e-science initiatives & potential strategies? What are practical approaches for understanding the scope of this issue at your institution?

- Bioinformatics and E-Science: Are they the same thing? Where are the overlaps? What are the differences?