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La Nation numérique

Construire l'architecture du futur de Tuvalu

Simon Kofe





The digital nation is a complex, long-term project with the potential to serve many different purposes.

A digital experience that remains accessible to every intended audience

A 3D record of how Tuvalu appears today

The centrepiece of the fight for digital sovereignty

A place for Tuvaluans to stay connected

A digital museum of flora and fauna

A tool for advocacy and fundraising

A source of political pressure

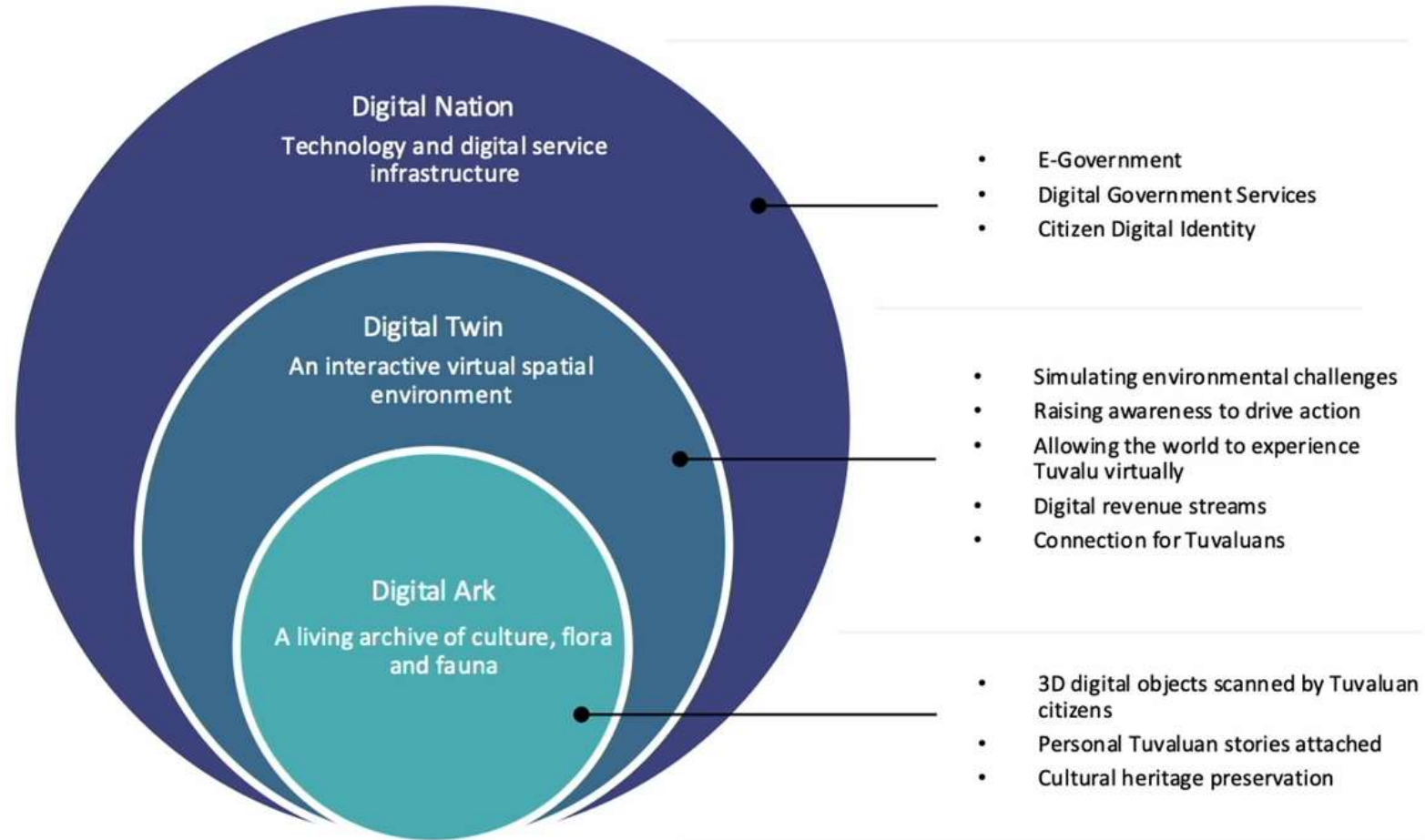
An archive of history and culture

The ongoing home for essential government services

A way to model climate data and house live data from Tuvalu







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The Game of LOCKSS
Stanford U.
[The Game of LOCKSS | LOCKSS Program](#)
Danielle Taylor Indiana U.

Feature overview



Transfer: Secure transfer, conversion, virus check, format recognition, integrity check

Appraisal & Description: Language recognition, spam-, duplicate and mailing list detection, topic extraction, identification of personal data, appraisal tool, bookmarks, sentiment analysis, contextualization

Research: Viewer, optional anonymization, full text search, filter functions, statistics and networks, summary of threads with LLM

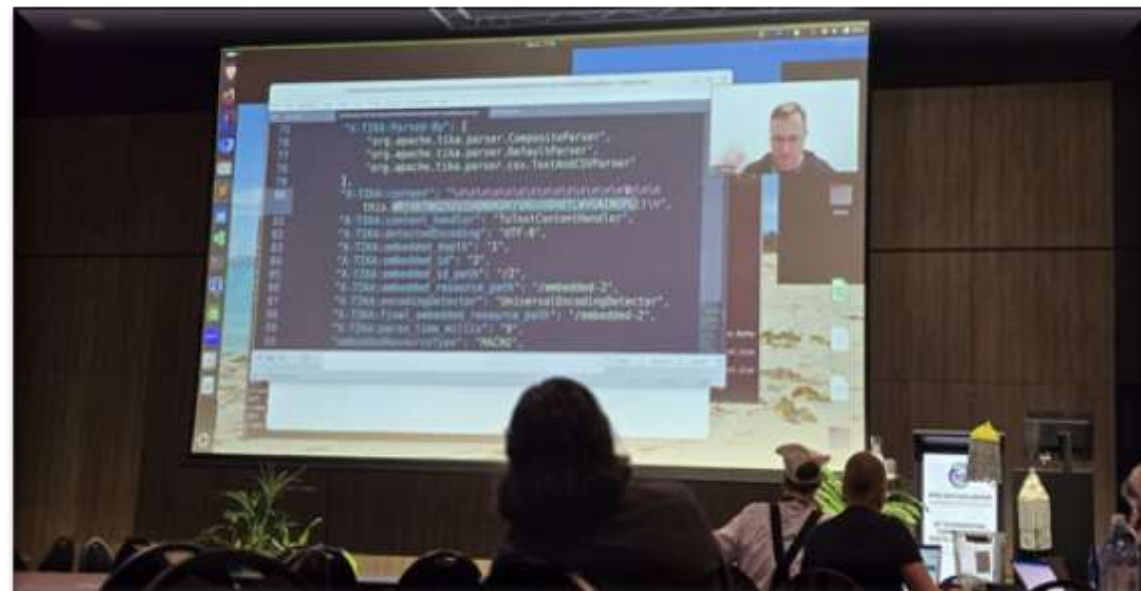
Export: Structured BagIt container with emails, attachments and additional metadata or MBOX

EMILIA

EMILIA's Secret Ingredient:
Making Email Archives Accessible through Intelligent
Entity Recognition and Automated Anonymization

Nico Beyer

Emilia's Secret Ingredient : Préservation d'Archives courriels grâce à l'IA et un traitement semi-automatisé (anonymiser...) Nico Beyer – U.Berlin.



A taste of Apache – Tika. Tim Allison, expert – Président & VP

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Cette journée offre aux professionnels, chercheurs et étudiants un espace pour...

Morgän Attias, Infotel



[How To Persist a Persistent Identifier? : Long Paper - iPRES 2025 - Wellington, New Zealand / Te Whanganui-a-Tara, Aotearoa](#)

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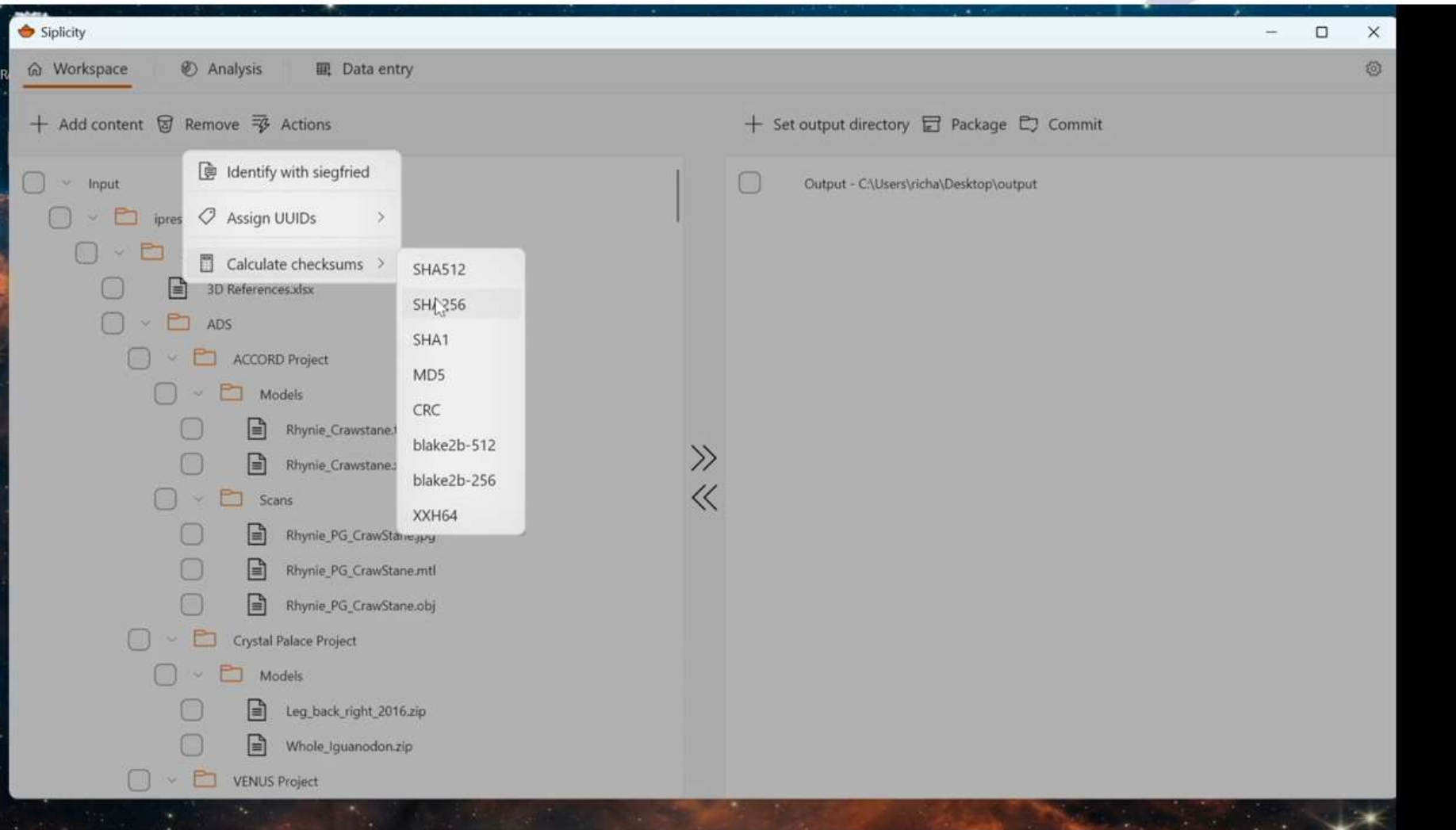
Marion Ville

Many French archival services use persistent identifiers to facilitate access to archives. However, few studies have addressed the sustainability of these identifiers. This can raise questions when these identifiers are employed to identify digital archives preserved in digital repositories.

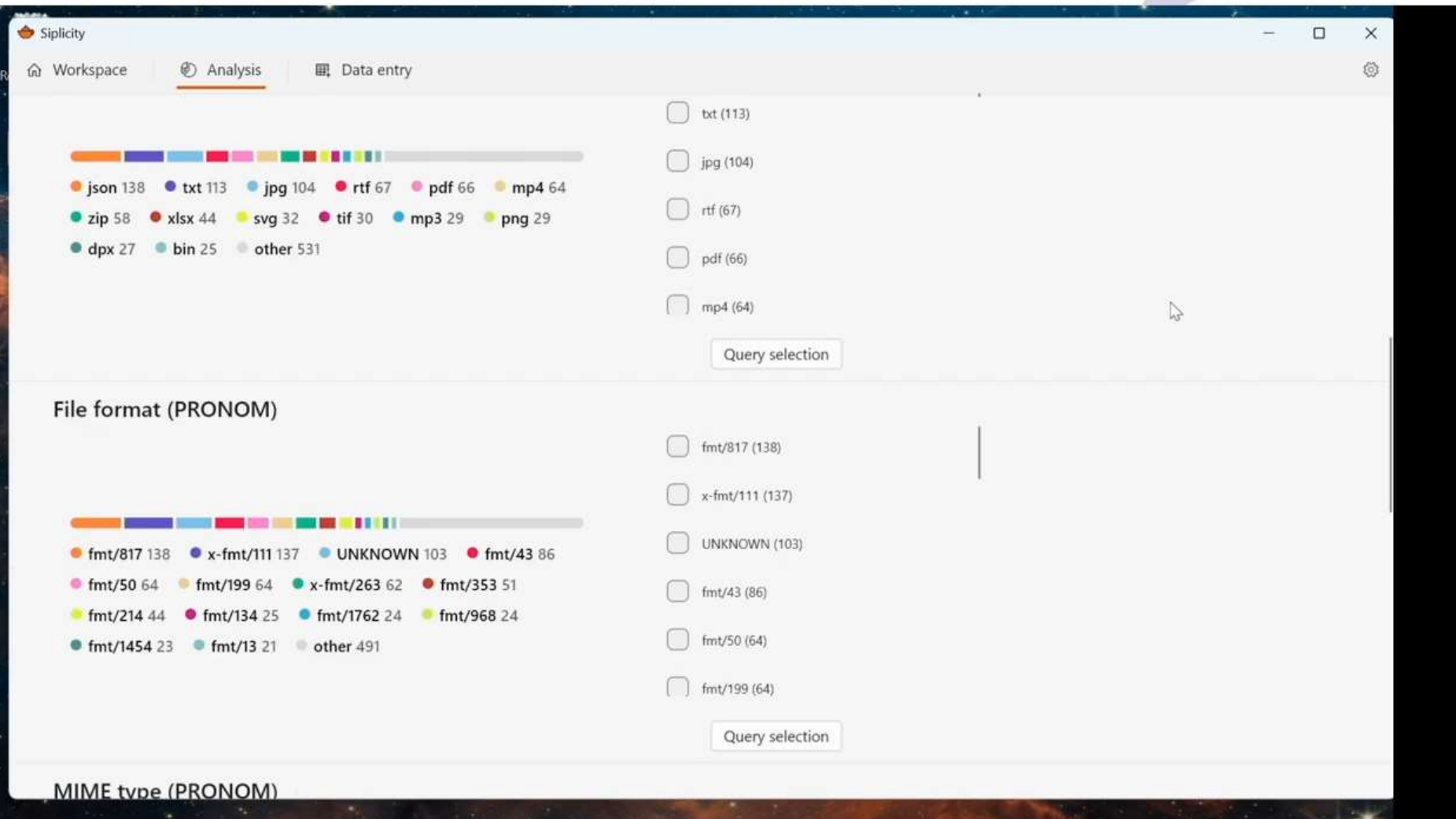
The Vitam program, which develops the Vitam digital recordkeeping software on behalf of the French government, carried out a study in collaboration with the Vitam user community in 2021. The goal was to improve knowledge of the use of persistent identifiers, particularly ARK identifiers, as well as their lifecycle and the requirements regarding their sustainability. The study also aimed to define the features required in the Vitam software to guarantee a long-term preservation of this type of identifier, whatever happens. Finally, it also made sure that their use could be adapted to different user contexts.

<https://phaidra.univie.ac.at/o:2198818>

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The screenshot shows the Siplicity software interface with three sections: Workspace, Analysis, and Data entry. The Analysis section displays two charts and lists of file formats.

File format (PRONOM)

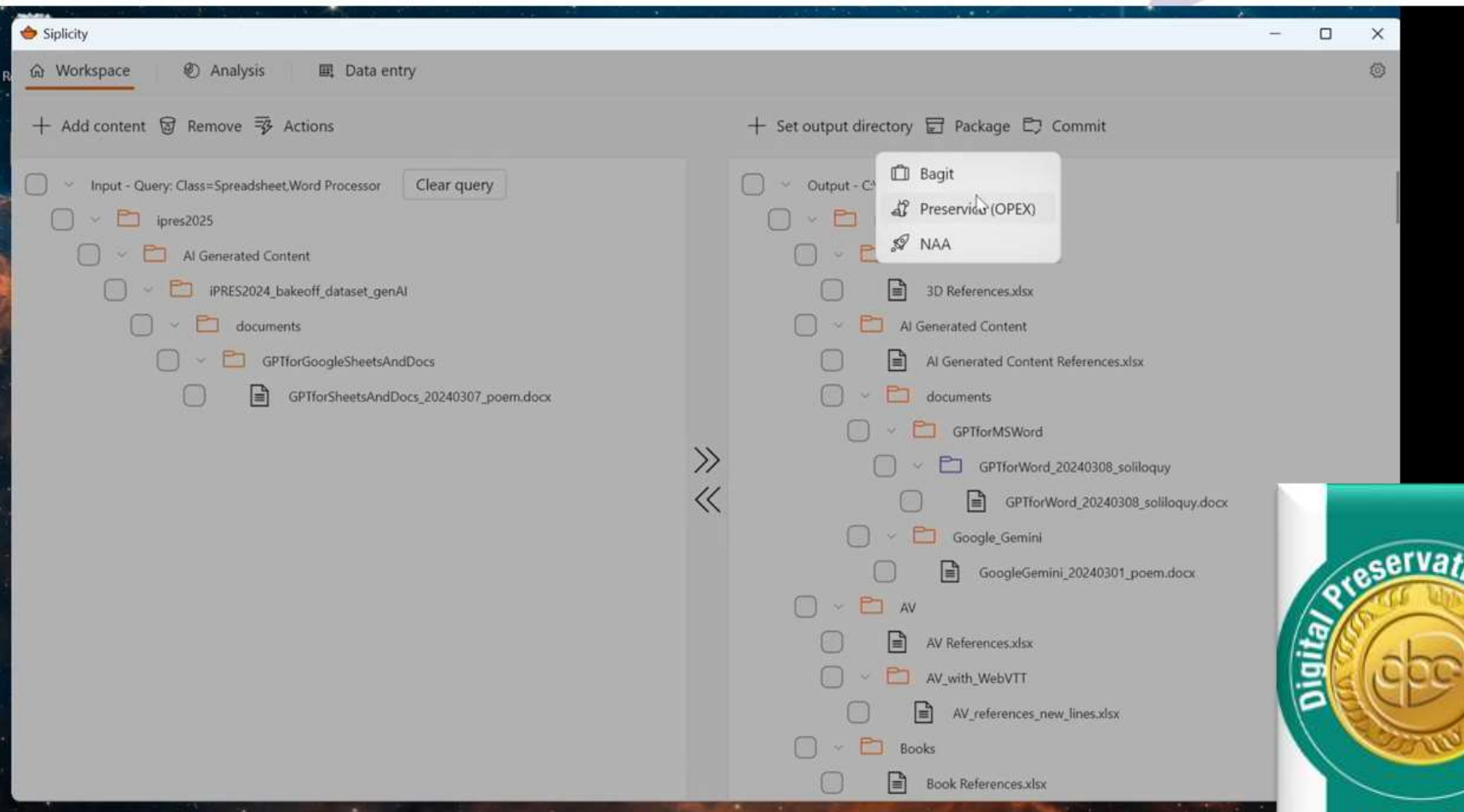
Format	Count
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txt	113
jpg	104
rtf	67
pdf	66
mp4	64
zip	58
xlsx	44
svg	32
tif	30
mp3	29
png	29
dpx	27
bin	25
other	531

MIME type (PRONOM)

MIME Type	Count
fmt/817	138
x-fmt/111	137
UNKNOWN	103
fmt/43	86
fmt/50	64
fmt/199	64
x-fmt/263	62
fmt/353	51
fmt/214	44
fmt/134	25
fmt/1762	24
fmt/968	24
fmt/1454	23
fmt/13	21
other	491



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Unlocking Web Histories: Leveraging LLMs and RAG to Transform Discovery in Web Archives

Davis, Corey¹

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This paper explores how Large Language Models (LLMs) and Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) can be applied to improve access to web archives. These collections are often difficult to navigate due to their complexity and the limitations of traditional search tools. The author examines how RAG can help address concerns around trust and transparency in AI by grounding LLM outputs in external, curated sources. At the University of Victoria Libraries, a custom RAG pipeline was developed to build on tools like WARC-GPT. This pipeline enables natural language querying with source attribution and incorporates optimizations in data preprocessing, chunking strategies, and hardware acceleration. When tested on real-world web archives of cultural significance, it demonstrated improved retrieval accuracy and computational efficiency. The discussion also considers the broader implications for digital preservation in an age of uncertainty, emphasizing the importance of trust, ethics, sustainability, and continued human oversight in AI-powered discovery. The findings suggest that RAG offers a promising way to unlock the value of underused digital heritage collections while upholding the foundational values of research libraries, including long-term preservation, equitable access, and responsible stewardship of historic materials.

Series information

Full Paper

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UNLOCKING WEB HISTORIES: LEVERAGING LLMs AND RAG TO TRANSFORM DISCOVERY IN WEB ARCHIVES

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A screenshot of a web browser displaying the WARC-GPT interface. The browser address bar shows 'localhost:5000'. The interface has a dark green sidebar on the left with the WARC-GPT logo and several configuration options: Model (ollama/mistral:7b-instruct-v0.2-fp16), Temperature (0.0), Max tokens (Default), Disable RAG (No), and Disable History (No). The main area on the right shows a chatbot response to the prompt 'List a timeline of 6 significant milestones in the Chandrayaan-3 mission.' The response is a numbered list of six milestones. At the bottom of the chat area, there is a text box with the message 'This chatbot can answer questions about web archive files it ingested.' and a blue button labeled 'Ask WARC-GPT'. The Harvard Law School Library Innovation Lab logo is visible in the bottom left corner of the interface.

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Atelier : Intégration d'un Grand Modèle de Langage Web dans les systèmes de recherche
Integrating LLM Web Functionality in Search Systems : Minimized Coding to Create a Smart Search Web Interface
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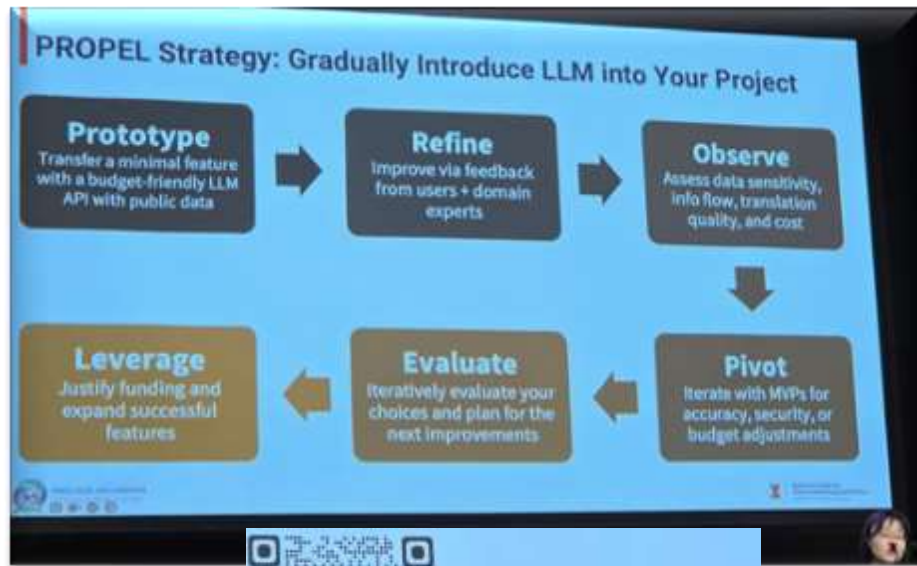
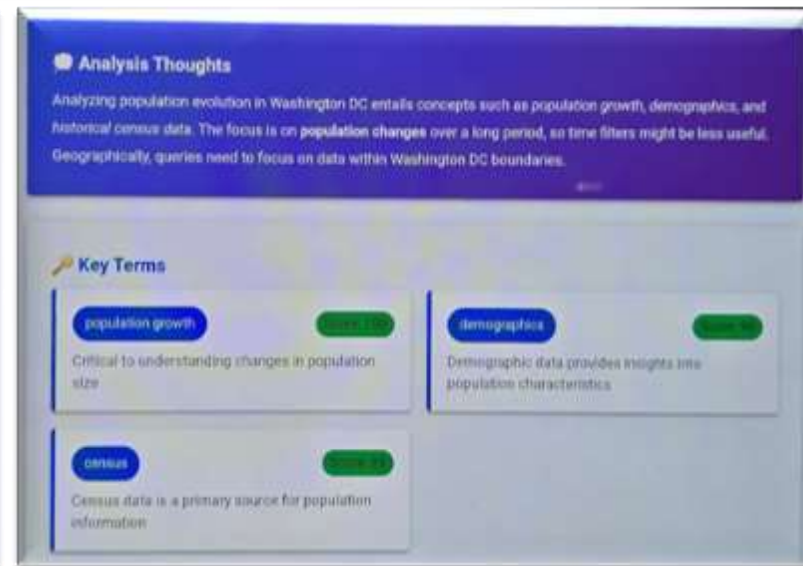
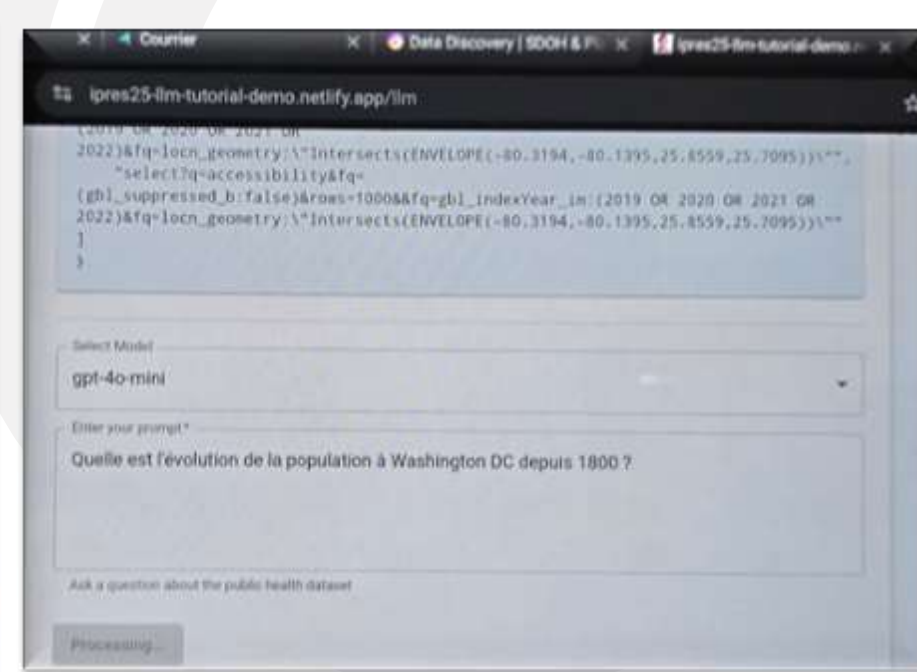
Description : [Build Smart Search Interfaces: Use Prompts to Turn Questions into Solr Queries with Minimal Coding](#)

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Open v.s. Closed Source LLM

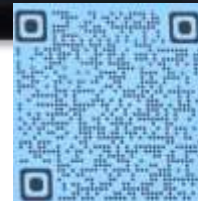
Features	Max Context Window	Price	Latency & Scale	Customization	Data & Compliance	Pros	Cons
State-of-the-art pre-trained models, chat + instruction tuning, safety tooling, managed monitoring 	GPT-4 class ~128K; Claude ~200K-500K (enterprise tiers)	Pay-per-use tokens + storage/feature add-ons; good for low-to-moderate traffic	Global infra, provider-managed scaling	Fine-tuning via API + prompt engineering	Vendor governance + enterprise guarantees	Fast, consistent, minimal infra overhead	Vendor lock-in, recurring cost, limited transparency
Model weights & checkpoints, community forks, customization/fine-tuning frameworks 	Llama ~128K (some experimental longer); DeepSeek ~32K-128K depending on model	Infra cost (GPU/CPU/hosting); potential lower cost at scale	Tunable but requires ops and optimization	Full fine-tuning, Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback, model editing	Full control if self-hosted; must manage compliance	Full control, offline possible, auditability, cost efficiency at scale	Heavy ops burden, fragmented ecosystem, not always SOTA out-of-box



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**Atelier ARK :
identifiants persistants**

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& California Digital Library

Archival Resource Key (ARK) persistent identifiers: affordable long-term citation and access in the age of GenAI



ARK Alliance
arks.org

John Kunze, Donny Winston
ARK Alliance, 2025



What are ARKs used for?

- genealogical records (12 billion FamilySearch)
- publisher content (157 million Portico)
- scientific datasets and records (22 million INIST)
- scanned books and texts (50 million Internet Archive)
- bibliographic records (27 million BnF main catalog)
- museum specimens (15 million Smithsonian Institution)
- public health documents (20 million UCSF IDL)
- historical documents (36 million CDL, 6 million BnF Gallica)
- historical authors and scholars (4 million SNAC)
- fine art museum collections (490,000 Louvre)
- vocabulary terms (30,000 Periodo, YAMZ)





Why care about ARK identifiers?

404 

- Because robust web links are rare – the average URL lifetime is 100 days
- ARKs can be "persistent identifiers" (PIDs), which serve as permalinks
- "Ten persistent myths about persistent identifiers"
<https://n2t.net/ark:13030/c7gb1xh09>

The ARK (Archival Resource Key) identifier scheme was introduced in 2001.

French National Library ARKs: 12148


<https://gallica.bnf.fr/iiif/ark:12148/btv1b8449691v/f29/2131,4016,1467,948/full/0/default.jpg>



Labels for the URL components:
 - page: 2131
 - region coordinates: 4016, 1467, 948
 - full quality: full
 - file format: 0/default.jpg




Tools



Documentation and Software:
arks.org/resources

- Minters and resolvers: Noid, arknoid, arklet, and arklet-Frick
- Other minters: counters, UUID, ULID, ...
- Journal minter/resolver: OJS Plugin
- In-house library ARK system: **ARKs Service UTScarborough**
- Consider Suffix Passthrough in the style of arklet-Frick and EZID



[Test création ark : https://ezid.cdlib.org/](https://ezid.cdlib.org/)

Dictionnaire communautaire avec identifiants persistants :
<https://yamz.net/>

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An Approach to Estimating the IT-Hardware Carbon Footprint

- Hardware (servers, other storage devices) consist of components that have an in-body carbon footprint reported by vendors
- PAIA (Product Attribute Impact Algorithm) is a source for all hardware carbon footprint reports
- A consortium of hardware vendors develops and reports carbon footprint statistics (e.g. Cisco, IBM, Hewlett Packard Enterprises, Dell and Lenovo)
- These values can be turned into a generic server components in-body carbon footprint calculation for components with missing vendor figures



The Basis For Calculating a Generic Carbon Footprint Model

- More & more hardware component vendors report their carbon footprint statistics for their hardware components, e.g. Seagate
- A generic estimate for all server or tape library hardware components can developed by taking median value from existing reported values
- In-Body = Hardware manufacturing, logistics and disposal
 - Enclosure 15 kg CO₂ekv
 - Fan 3 kg CO₂ekv
 - Power supply unit 19 kg CO₂ekv
 - Mainboard (2x CPU + 192GB RAM) 488 kg CO₂ekv
 - Solid state drive (<500GB) 19 kg CO₂ekv
 - Hard drive 37 kg CO₂ekv
 - Daughter-board 170 kg CO₂ekv
 - LTO9 tape drive 217 kg CO₂ekv
 - LTO9 tape media 7,5 kg CO₂ekv
 - IBM TS4300 21U tape library 6035 kg CO₂ekv

The Carbon Footprint Calculation Formula

7.5 PiB platform, 3+1 copies

$$CFP_{tot} = \Sigma (Q + E \cdot PUE \cdot C)$$

- CFP_{tot} - Total annual carbon footprint
- Q - Carbon footprint of hardware manufacturing, disposal and logistics (per year)
- E - Electricity used to run the DPS platform
- PUE – Data centre power usage efficiency
- C - Electricity production carbon footprint



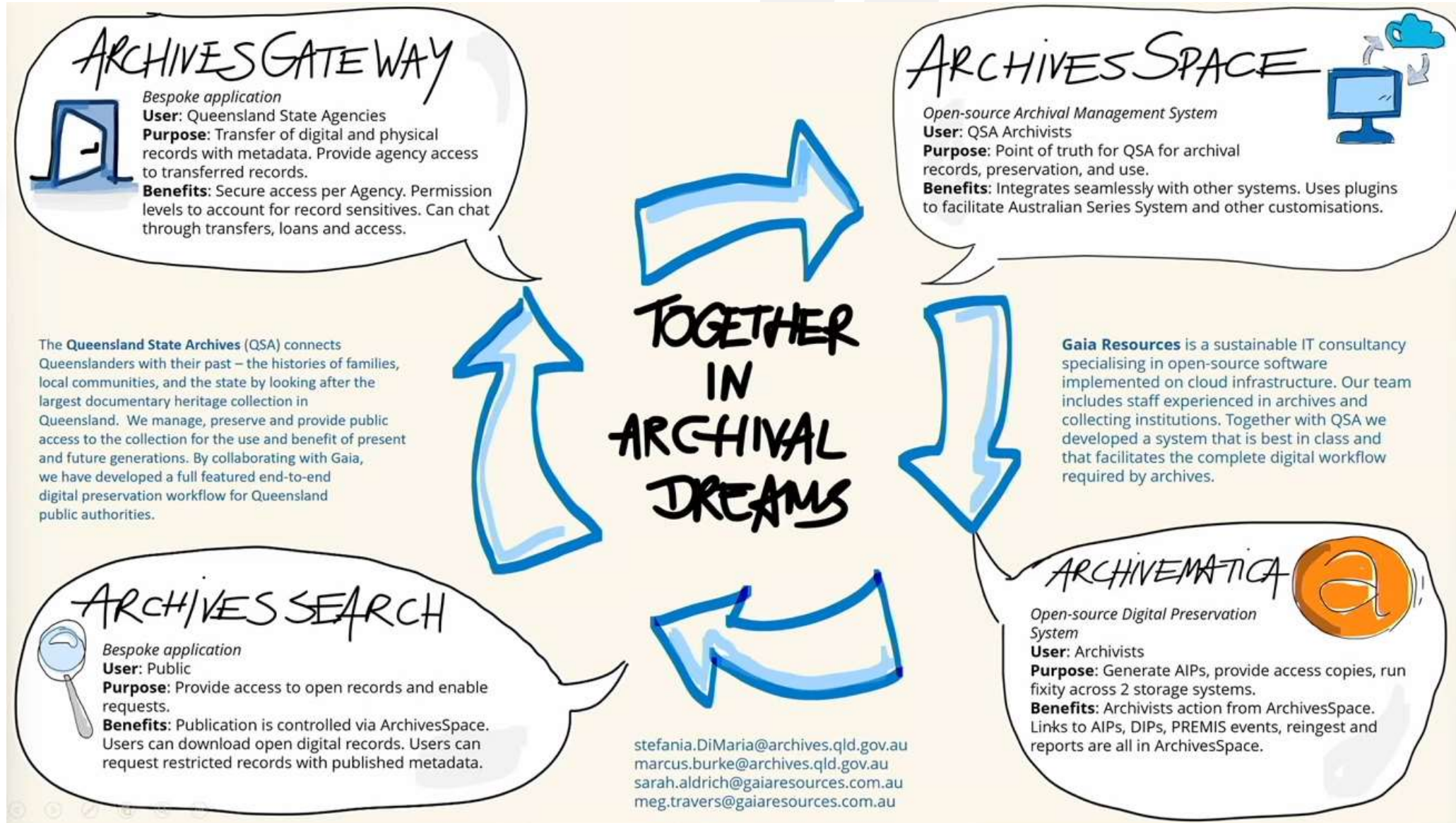
- Feedback from the exercises
 - What figures are missing?
 - Other environments/setup that should be considered?
 - Other aspects to consider?
- What next?
 - Work on CFP calculation continues within the carbon footprint task force led by the Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC): <https://www.dpconline.org/>
 - The DPS in Finland has been a member of DPC since 2021
- Please contact us if you wish to discuss carbon footprint calculation!

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BUILDING A SINGAPORE DIGITAL PRESERVATION COMMUNITY OF INTEREST TO FURTHER ADVOCACY AND ENGAGEMENT



First a Practitioner, Then a Leader

The National Library Singapore's digital preservation policy sets out our commitment to digitisation and digital preservation of Singapore's documentary heritage and long-term strategic goal of being a leader in the field of digital preservation.

In that vein, the National Library provides staff with opportunities to further develop their skills with courses, seminars, conferences and self-directed learning, ensuring all relevant staff are appropriately skilled to carry out digital preservation activities.



DPC's Robin Wright speaking on 15 May 2024

NLB joined the Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC) in 2021 to actively engage with the wider community and learn from other professional bodies, and has been advocating digital preservation practices by engaging practitioners and the general public.

Between 2021 and 2024, the National Library has organised in-house talks as well as actively collaborated with DPC experts to hold a workshop and talks, sharing knowledge on digital preservation topics and amassing a total of over 1,000 participants over the 4 years.

Deepening Collaboration with the New Singapore Community of Interest



From left: Speakers from NUS Libraries, Heritage Conservation Centre and National Library Board moderated by National Library Singapore

To bring engagement to the next level, the National Library Singapore spearheaded a new digital preservation community of interest amongst local tertiary libraries and heritage institutions with the objectives to:

- Build a thriving local community that:**
 - Supports, encourages, and engages all members.
 - Inspires active participation in digital preservation efforts.
 - Encourages members to reinvest their time in advancing preservation within their own organisations.
- Facilitate sharing between practitioners from different disciplines, enabling members to:**
 - Deepen collaboration through networking.
 - Gain access to shared experiences, resources, and tools.

The inaugural session hosted a panel of speakers from National University of Singapore Libraries, Heritage Conservation Centre and the National Library Board Singapore who presented "The Digitisation Journey & Experience of NUS Libraries", "Preserving Time-Based Media Art in the National Collection", and "Digitisation and Digital Preservation Workflow" in the respective order.

- It was followed by a moderated Q&A session that:
- Fostered multilateral engagement between members of the audience and the panel.
 - Provided a multidisciplinary exchange of insights and perspectives.

Inaugural Session: Reception and Feedback

69 participants from a mix of government, heritage, and tertiary institutions participated in the session.

What did you find useful in this session?

"Hearing about how digital preservation is done for different fields, especially for time-based media and research data."

"Frank took at the difficulties of digital preservation and how considerations can cut across the different presenters."

"A stimulating discussion on the merits and limitations of cloud storage in the digital preservation space, as well as deeper insights into the specificities of time-based media preservation."

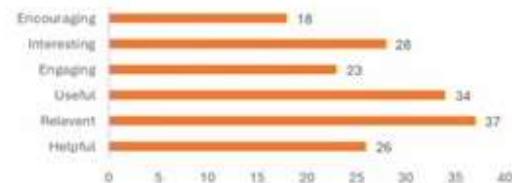
"The sharing by personnels from different organisations broaden my perspective on practices adopted by different organisations."

This session encouraged me to further develop my understanding and practice of digital preservation.

The session provided clarity and deepened my understanding of digital preservation.



I found this session:



The response was positive with clear interest indicated for other topics, showing potential for future sessions.

The success of the session can be attributed to the open communication between the speakers and audience through the moderated Q&A, encouraging candid sharing of information outside of the panel's presentations and opportunities to get immediate answers from experts present.

Impact survey

A follow-up survey was conducted in September to investigate the networking and learning impact of the session.

Respondents were encouraged to build connections with speakers and other participants, 30% shared they were able to network with others during or after the event, and 50% responded they intend to form connections in future sessions.

Average scores out of 5



Results show a healthy interest in topics such as digital preservation workflows, formats, metadata and systems.

80% like sessions with moderated Q&A, and 27% have indicated interest in being a speaker for upcoming sessions.

With these results, the foreseeable longer-term impact of the community of interest include:

- More collaboration** by engaging with peers from other institutions.
- Improved trust** with increased transparency in practices, fostering a culture of openness where institutions feel safer to share methods, challenges, and ideas.
- Lowered barriers to learning** with access to valuable expertise and insights, raising the overall skill level and maturity of digital preservation efforts in Singapore.

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Discover your Guinness Story Repurposing a digital preservation system into a historical database

The Guinness Archive partnered with Ancestry in 2023 to digitise and transcribe 1,315 personnel and trade ledgers. The project resulted in 250,000 digital images (7TB), and over 1.6 million individual data entries. The Archive embarked on a project to create a user-friendly database within a digital preservation environment. Digital preservation systems represent a significant investment for any memory institution and this provided the Archive with an opportunity to use it to meet additional business needs.

Considerations

Preservica only system at Archive's disposal that could comfortably store and process 7TB.

Internal stakeholders request that access was via the Guinness Storehouse website. Maximum load time of website needed to be maintained.

Create user-friendly genealogical database, returning transcribed information and digitised images.



Approach

Ingest

Package digital objects and metadata using Preservica's Open Preservation Exchange (OPEX) format and Preservation Asset eXchange (PAX) protocol for ingest. Link to Axiell Collections catalogue.

Create metadata fragments

Create a metadata fragment for each line of data and package it with its associated digital object (or ledger image). The nature of the ledgers as day-to-day records meant that a single image could be associated with tens of individual fragments.

Develop API

Fragments made the images searchable within Preservica using the personal names, addresses and dates. An API call was developed using Preservica's developer tools to run searches entered by the user in the GSH website interface.

Stumbling blocks

Initial results from this approach were mixed. The API was successful in being able to retrieve metadata fragments but, in cases where a fragment field was empty, data would be 'bumped up' from the next fragment, creating mismatches.

A different approach - Data as record

Re-ingest each line of csv data as an individual 'record' within Preservica and link to digital image via UUID. We mapped the API search to the fields we wanted to be publicly searchable, and testing proved that this solution had been successful.

Image retrieval

Initial attempts to display images using third-party image viewers were unsuccessful. The web tech team were eventually able to use the API to generate a thumbnail representation of the image hosted in Preservica.

Test & Launch

Search went live in March 2025 following several rounds of internal testing.

Results

Significant success in terms of harnessing available resources to create a user-friendly historical database for our users.

Increased accessibility of collections.

Bolsters the business case for continued investment in digital preservation system. Diversifies functionality.

Average monthly visitors: 1,112, avg. 1m and 14s
Peak monthly visitors: 15,017, avg. 1m and 52s

Learnings

Delivery of data

Define preferred delivery method of project outputs from the outset.

Third-party communication

Ensure that any developers remain in constant communication with the vendor. Digital preservation software is bespoke and specific functionalities or quirks may not be immediately apparent to IT professionals. A lot of trial and error was avoidable.

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INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY OF AUDIOVISUAL CONTENT USING WHISPER

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From the Capitol in Washington,
D.C., this is a dialogue with
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Washington policymakers designed
3
00:00:35,160 --> 00:00:38,640
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of major issues of national
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secretary of the Departments of
Defense and Energy. Now your
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<https://openai.com/fr-FR/index/whisper/>



Nina Rao and Simon O'Riordan - Emory University

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“BY JHOVE! EXPLAIN YOURSELF!”

JHOVE is one of the most widely used tools in digital preservation, but anyone who uses it will be familiar with the various difficulties that follow. Causes of these problems vary, ranging from not understanding the impact of validation errors to outdated training materials to a graphical user interface (GUI) considered not user-friendly. “By JHOVE! Explain Yourself!” is a Special Interest Group (SIG) hosted by the Open Preservation Foundation (OPF) that brings together members of the OPF as well as interested parties within the digital preservation community who are interested in evolving JHOVE and discussing their issues with peers.

THE THREE PILLARS

Documentation

The JHOVE documentation was outdated and challenging for new users. This pillar focuses on revising existing content and developing new guidance materials.

The team began by converting the documentation from Java to Markdown to improve integration and collaboration. Since then, internal guides and live GitHub tutorials tailored to JHOVE have been created.

Documentation updated:

- An Introduction to JHOVE
- Getting Started with JHOVE
- PDF-HUL module
- JPEG-HUL module

Errors and Warnings (E&W)

Users found JHOVE's error & warning messages, especially for complex formats like PDF, overwhelming and unclear. This pillar addresses specific issues. The team have worked on analysis, walk-throughs, and updated the JHOVE GitHub Wiki with their findings.

Some of the updated E&W:

- TIFF-HUL-3: Unknown data type
- TIFF-HUL-6: Tag count mismatch
- TIFF-HU-26: StripOffsets not defined
- PDF-HUL-45: Malformed filter
- PDF-HUL-85: No document catalogue dictionary

User-friendliness

Using JHOVE requires patience and support; the web application, desktop application, and command line are all slightly different, and the results are rarely cohesive. Recognising this, members of the group have developed a new GUI prototype, which we hope to implement in the next year.



GUI Prototype

FIRST YEAR RESULTS

12
Monthly virtual meetings

4
Quarterly presentations

43
People on the mailinglist

14.0%
Documentation

9.3%
User-friendliness

76.7%
E&W:

Entries on Task Spreadsheet

18
Average number of regular attendees

28
Number of institutions on the mailinglist

86
Total entries spreadsheet

WHAT'S NEXT



Catering to other timezones



Providing better documentation



Visualise the progress



Further develop GUI



Make a roadmap



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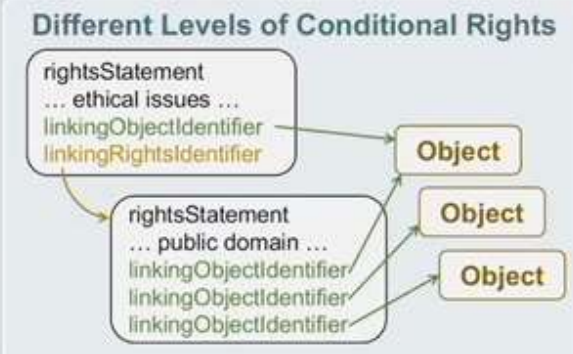
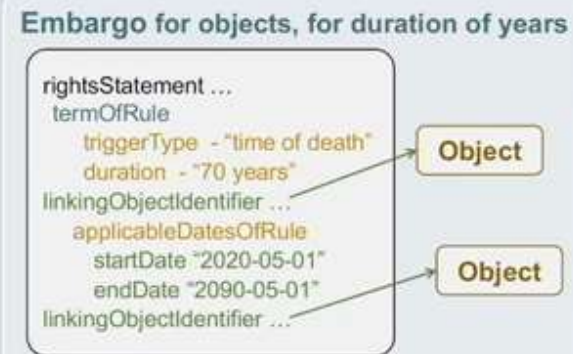
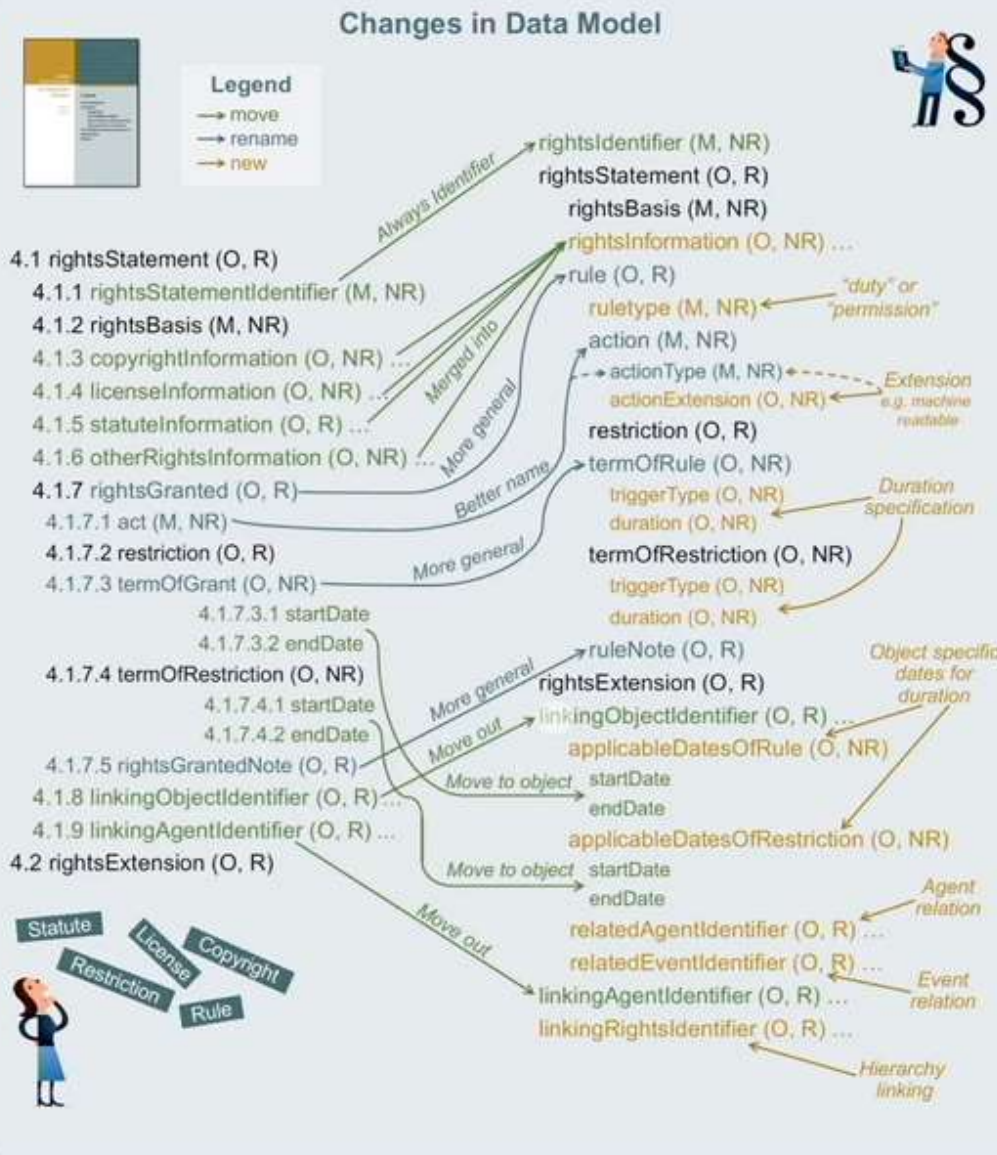
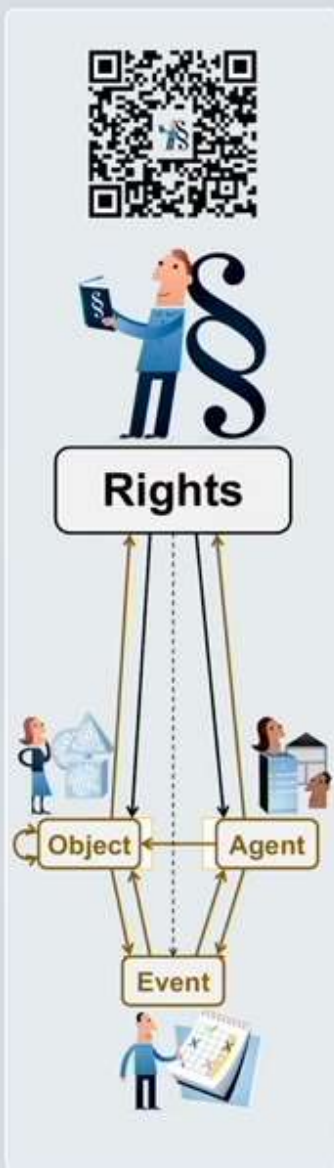


PREMIS PREservation Metadata Implementation Strategies

New RIGHTS in PREMIS Enhanced options to manage RIGHTS metadata

More about PREMIS:

<https://www.loc.gov/standards/premis/>



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Using Claude 3.7 Sonnet + Project to Build A University Archives Metadata Management System

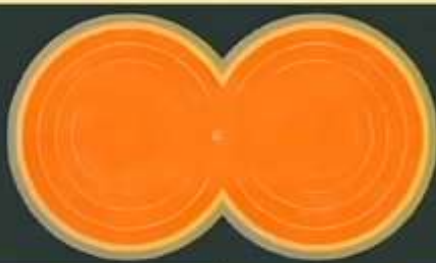
Request. Implement. Troubleshoot. Repeat.

Eamon Smallwood
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Inspiration

This project was inspired by the work of Hudhayfa Nazoordeen, a 20-year-old student at the University of Waterloo who built a proof-of-concept nuclear fusor in his bedroom. Nazoordeen's post describing the project stated that he had "zero hardware experience," his secret of success was "Claude Sonnet 3.5 + Project." Our project challenge, an order of magnitude less ambitious, is to build a proof-of-concept, functional, and integrated University Archives Metadata Management System (UAMMS). As AI tools increase in capability, it is valuable to investigate how far a traditional archivist with limited development experience can go in building a comprehensive metadata management service. Additionally, it has been a valuable learning experience in the strengths and weaknesses of the current generation of AI tools.



AI-Assisted Development Strategy

- Claude + Project
 - Key feature - project documentation repository - 200,000-word capacity
- Preconditioning
 - Novice-level explanations
 - Powershell syntax
 - Proof of concept project - LIMIT FUNCTIONALITY

Project Requirements

- Support the Dublin Core (DC) metadata schema
- Support the creation of new metadata records
- Support updating existing metadata records
- Support import and export using Excel and XML



Implementation

The UAMMS sandbox achieved remarkable development speed, progressing from initial concept to a working database with a web interface in under 5 hours of active development on the first day. Key insights from the development and implementation process:

- Rapid initial development
- Metadata normalization challenges
- Steep API integration learning curve
- Enhanced deployment speed
- Persistent realignment of AI code is required

Technical Architecture

- Front-end: HTML, CSS, JavaScript with Bootstrap for responsive design
- Backend: Python Flask web application
- Database: SQLite with SQL Alchemy ORM
- API: RESTful API for integrations

We focused on a simple approach and a standard set of prerequisites to support scaling up the UAMMS once the proof of concept build was stable. Claude generated the code base directory as the hub for all application and user interface functionality. The code is publicly available on GitHub. (<https://github.com/eamonsmallwood/UAMMS>).

Prompt Samples

Results and Next Steps

- Positive:**
- Rapid code development and deployment
 - Quick remediation of simple code errors
 - Code development crash course
- Negative:**
- AI code frequently beyond scope of the request
 - Low continuity of AI code
 - AI code is challenging to maintain and update
- Next Steps:**
- Stable deployment of UAMMS
 - Continued integration and fine-tuning

Conclusion

Claude 3.7 Sonnet + Project proved to be an effective method for supporting the development of a metadata management tool with minimal programming experience required. This project demonstrates that the current state of AI-assisted code development is more beneficial for those with limited programming experience. Experienced programmers may find the code generated by current LLMs overly elaborate and requiring many revisions. Claude tended to be unnecessarily verbose when developing product documentation and code. Claude required a persistent stream of limiting prompts to refine the outputs to fit the project scope and requirements. Even as LLMs and other AI tools continue to advance, a human actor must be involved in specifying requirements and evaluating whether the AI outputs meet those requirements.

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Digital Preservation Storage Criteria Update

Informing a New Usage Guide for the Community

History



2015: iPRES 2015 Working group formed

2016: Workshops, feedback, presentations



2017: pasig LIBRARY IPRES 2017 2nd version of criteria published



2018: pasig LIBRARY IPRES 2018 3rd version of criteria + usage guide published

2019: PASIG 2019 iPRES 2019



Digital Preservation Storage Criteria

Criteria	Category	Description	Related Standards
Integrity checking	Content integrity	Performs verifiable and/or auditable checks to detect changes or loss in or across copies (e.g. checksum recalculation, fixity checking, identifying missing files)	ISO 15801 ISO 16363
Cost-efficient	Cost considerations	Costs relatively less overall than other comparable solutions, by being designed with cost efficiencies, for example, has resource pooling and sharing, multi-tenancy (multiple users share the same applications)	ISO 16363 ISO 17797
...



Standards mapping

Standard	Description
ISO 14721	Reference model for an archival information system (OAIS)
ISO 16363	Audit and certification of trustworthy digital repositories
...	...



Play the Game

Learn about the Digital Preservation Storage Criteria using the game.



Learn more

Read more about the Digital Preservation Storage Criteria, and participate in the development



Usage guide

Motivation: Using the Digital Preservation Storage Criteria requires context that is grounded in digital preservation principles

Existing topics:



Risk management

Mitigate loss of data through risk management



Elements in establishing bit safety

Number of copies, Independence between copies and Integrity checks



Independence between copies

Mitigates risk that an event, an agent or technology can harm several copies of data



Costs

The more effectively risks are mitigated, the more preservation storage may cost



Potential New topics



Documentation and Logging

This section includes the following topics:

- Change management processes
- Documentation of infrastructure components and inter-relationships
- Audit trail documentation
- Logging data documentation
- Business continuity and disaster recovery documentation



Preservation Strategy and Technology Review

This section covers the following topics:

- Technology migration
- Format migration
- Media obsolescence
- Energy usage management and planning
- Technology Watch/Environmental Scans



Organizational Operations

This section includes the following topics:

- Organizational planning processes
- Service level agreements (SLAs) and Contracting processes
- Organizational policies for management of data
- Organizational policies for management of infrastructure
- Organizational roles and responsibilities
- Organizational resilience planning processes



System Security and Auditing

This section covers the following topics:

- Preservation storage security management
- Integration of security for preservation storage with other relevant systems
- Auditing and audit trail requirements



Storage Media Management

This section covers the following topics:

- Media traceability and supply chain documentation
- Physical media selection and management
- Media storage conditions



Vocabulary/Glossary

Commonly used terms and their sources

Give your vote and comment!

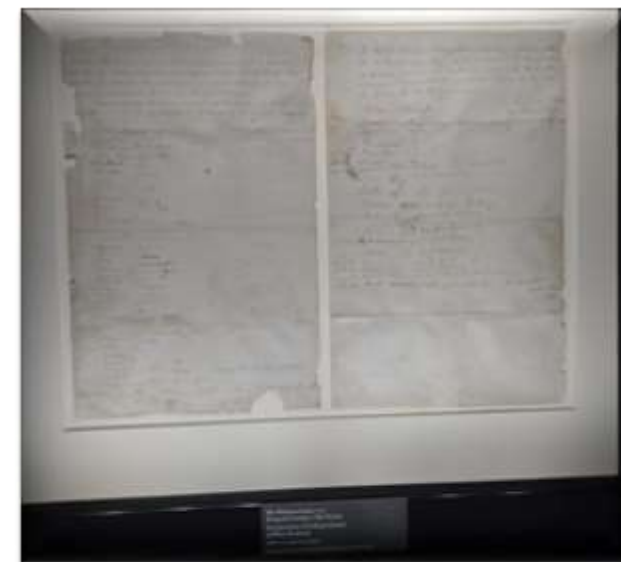


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Building the Data-driven Archive

Scaling-up and automation with ETL and asynchronous event-driven messaging architecture

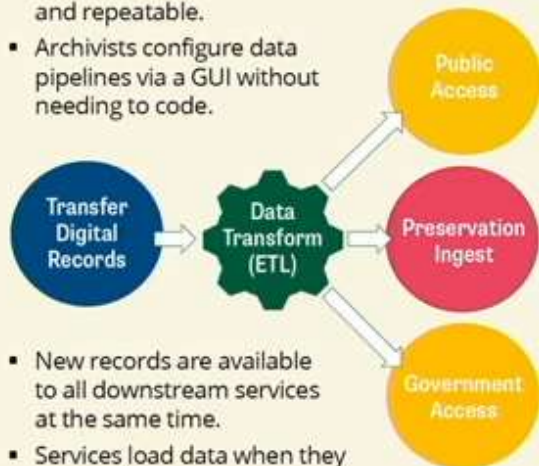
Problem: Linear process, every service transforms data

Proposal: Centralised, automated, data infrastructure



First: Non-linear data flow

- Data transformations are centralised, audited, and repeatable.
- Archivists configure data pipelines via a GUI without needing to code.



- New records are available to all downstream services at the same time.
- Services load data when they are ready.

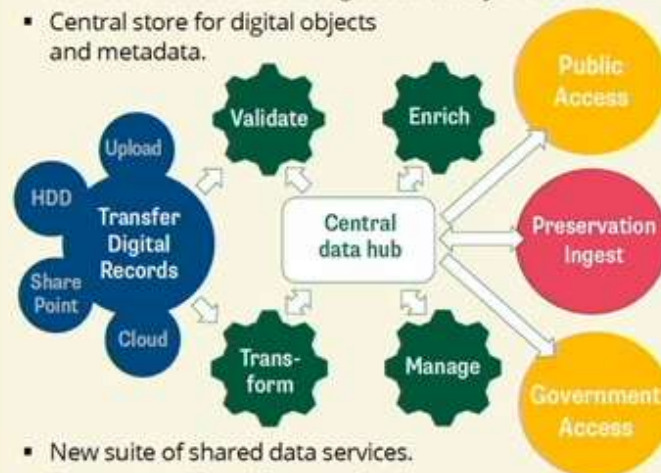
Now: Event-driven orchestration

- Message flows initiate work and signal task completion.
- Activities are discrete and asynchronous.
- Message database enables reporting.



Next: Central data, new data services

- Add workflows to handle a greater variety of records.
- Central store for digital objects and metadata.



- New suite of shared data services.
- Deprecate old workflows gradually.

Further iteration: Data catalogue for machine-readable insight into content & flows

Future direction: Data governance for re-usable business rules & logic

Risk Register Revival: Preservation Planning in a Time of Change

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The management of a digital archive requires the ability to audit and interrogate digital formats for a variety of archival functions. Some examples where format analysis work can be useful are Transfers advice, digitisation format selection and format migration for preservation or access purposes. The National Archives of Australia uses the 'performance model' as a guideline for digital archiving decisions that means the archive strikes to preserve the meaningful content of archival records rather than only focusing on preserving the original format. In 2022 The National Archives developed a File format register and risk matrix for digital file formats as part of a broader strategy to wholistically manage the digital collection. This register was created to centralise management of a dispersed and varied collection that is held across multiple systems. The risk matrix has been evaluated and updated by a newly formed team and the file format register and reporting process is undergoing current uplift made possible by system and data connectivity improvements.

Background: A Risk Framework for Digital Formats

The National Archives accepts and seeks to actively and openly manage risk in all its activities.

In 2022 the Preservation section developed A Risk Framework for Digital records to support both organisational capability and preservation planning. The Framework was designed to work with the National Archives Risk Management Guide to ensure alignment with risk approaches at an organisational level. It also incorporated aspects of the ABC method of Risk Assessment developed by the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), and the risk management cycle described by ISO 31000:2009 Standard for Risk Management. The approach sought to incorporating high level collection risk assessment using tools the Digital Preservation Coalition RAM (Rapid Assessment Model) as well as developing an in-house risk assessment matrix to engage with assessing formats in the collection to inform preservation planning.

Review: Identified areas for improvement Format Register

The original format register was created to manage and prioritise preservation for a digital collection that is described and held across multiple systems and locations. It has a section to include both internal and external format risk assessments and identification methods including the PRONOM register and NARA's format evaluations and planning. The triage section was taking too much staff time and required streamlining and areas of the register used for reporting were now able to be improved in light of a large scale Archives-wide project improving and unifying collection data.

Risk Framework

The National Archives Risk framework initially included a two tiered approach to managing format risk. For all formats in the collection, the format register includes a quick internal triage risk assessment using a series of questions focusing on internal requirements as well as space to include external risk assessments for formats by peer organisations. The second tier was a more complex for detailed technical assessments to support preservation requirements that may include preferred formats for migration for preservation.

Achievements so far

- The file format risk triage tool in the register has been streamlined and the new layout tested for more consistent results
- The pathway to more detailed technical research and preservation planning has been clarified and is being incorporated into ongoing digital archiving workflow uplift
- The data management and reporting aspects of the format register have been separated for improvement in collaboration with ICT systems teams.
- The team has started to link this work with preservation planning for specific electronic record types such as datasets or emails.

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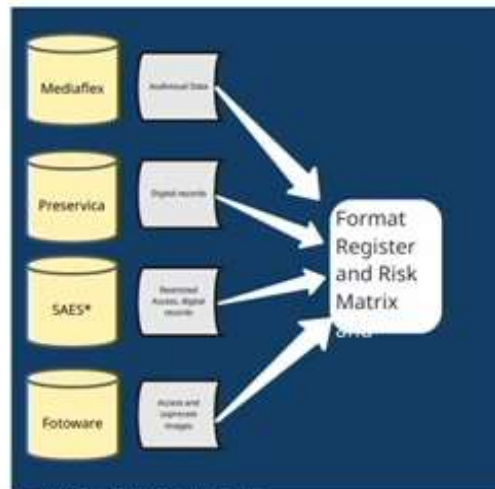
Future Plans

The review of the current format register has highlighted the importance of system and data connectivity to informed management

- Develop data plan to automate and push format reporting and visibility into archive systems and out of excel
- Build workflows to link and adapt format evaluations to different archiving contexts
- Build internal consistency with file format decision making
- Implement the more detailed risk assessment matrix for identified formats to support preservation planning

This work has highlighted the need to build on the functional model with more detail needed on essential characteristics for common record types

The team want to expand on the use of the matrix to include evaluating potential new formats for migration, digitisation or transfers advice



File Format Matrix: The Format Matrix was designed for more in-depth evaluation of formats that will support digital archiving decision making. This may include, advice to government agencies, digitisation and preferred formats as well as preservation planning or potential migration for preservation. The matrix currently includes four different sections for assessment: Technical, Documentation, Render Pathway and Essential Characteristics.

A.1 - Key for Risk Assessment

Level	Lowest	Medium	Highest
Low	Green	Yellow	Orange
Medium	Yellow	Orange	Red
High	Orange	Red	Dark Red

Key for the digital format risk assessment matrix

File Format Register: this excel document collates data from multiple collection across the archives to assist preservation staff to monitor format prevalence and type as well as assess for areas of high risk that may require action. It contains data about formats including PRONOM PUID and submissions to PRONOM, prevalence in different systems and digital record type to assist preservation planning. Some of this functionality is designed to make up for current system gaps that are being iteratively improved.

Sections of the file format register including category impact and overall risk rating

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Collaborative Digital Preservation Policy Revision at Archives Library New Zealand

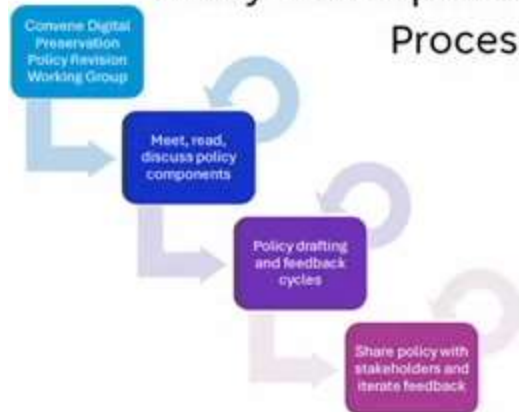


Background

National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa and Archives New Zealand Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga have a long history of collaboration in digital preservation. This includes shared digital preservation infrastructure, and a joint Digital Preservation Strategy published in 2011.

In 2024, members of both organisations were invited to convene a working group whose goal was to develop a new policy to replace the outdated strategy document, and serve as a foundation for ongoing digital preservation work.

Policy Development Process



Policy Principles



We protect and preserve the digital information in our care.



We have a lifecycle approach to digital preservation.



We champion digital preservation in Aotearoa New Zealand, and support champions of digital preservation across Australasia and the Pacific.



We operate a sustainable digital preservation programme through careful financial stewardship, organisational planning, and close consideration of the environmental impact of our work.



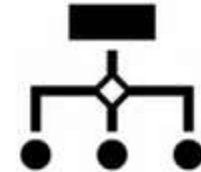
Our digital preservation work supports and is informed by our responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.



We recognise that preserving digital information is intrinsically linked with enabling appropriate access, in alignment with current legislation, access restrictions, and treaty obligations.

Next Steps

The National Library and Archives NZ now work under a shared organisational structure with joint leadership. We continue to share and iterate upon the policy based on the feedback we receive from new and existing stakeholders.



The Digital Preservation policy will provide timely guidance to the Digital Preservation Team, who will own policy revisions and any operational impacts.

Conclusions

To remain useful and relevant, policies must be aligned with operational processes and guide future activities. The example of the collaborative policy revision approach taken by the National Library and Archives New Zealand provides a case study for organisations wrestling with their own digital preservation policies.



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Born digital transfers

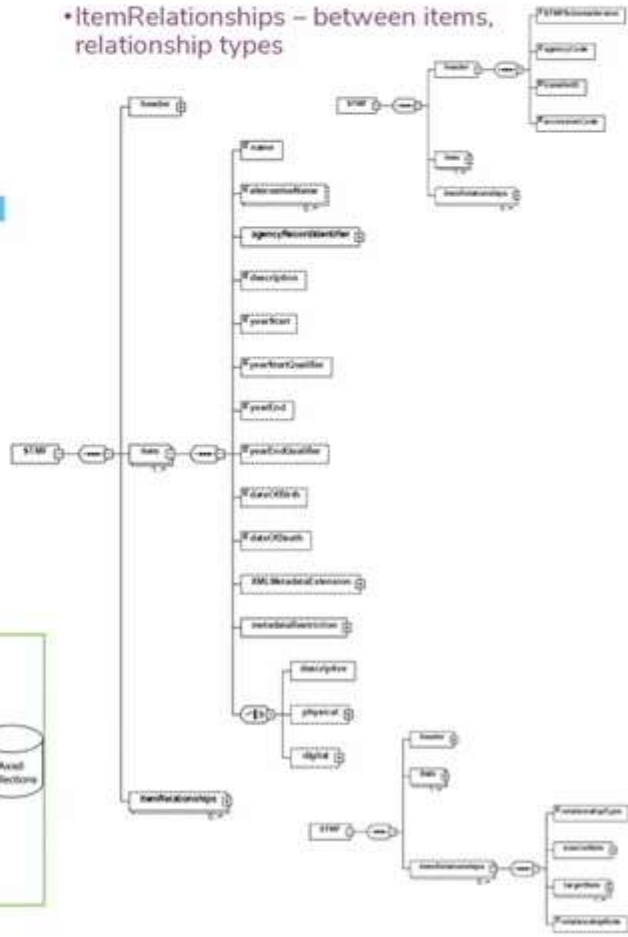
- Public Records Act 2005 – government agencies to transfer records in ANY form
- Urgent digital transfers accepted from 2006 - no means of processing or actively preserving them, just secure storage
- 2010-2013 Government Digital Archive Programme (GDAP), aimed to deliver:
 - new digital preservation system ✓
 - ability to process digital transfers ✗

Every transfer is a project

- Lack of metadata standard is an issue
 - field naming inconsistencies
 - content issues
 - format and encoding quirks
- For each transfer we need to:
 - analyse the metadata fields
 - map them to fields used in our archival description system

STMF structure

- Header – details about the transfer
- Item – item/records descriptive and technical metadata
- ItemRelationships – between items, relationship types



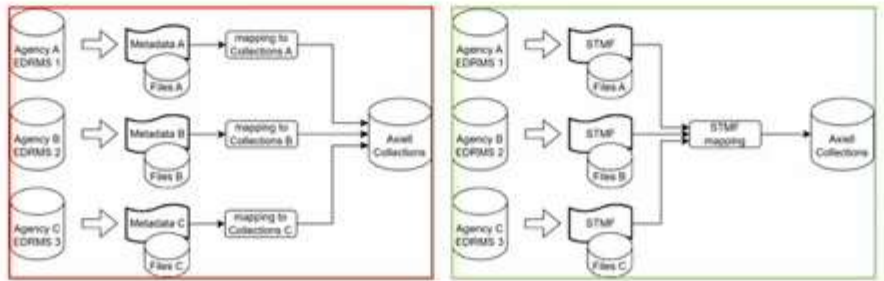
Transfer requirements

- GDAP closed early but the need for transfer process ability did not disappear
- Built minimal requirement workflow and process (python scripts, guidelines, etc.) > first "official" transfer in 2015 and all subsequent transfers
- Requirements for agencies were simple (we thought), had to change to bare minimum over time
 - transfer files "as they are" in any format; do not migrate formats before transfer
 - metadata in machine-readable form (ideally CSV), all the metadata fields

STMF

Standard Transfer Metadata File

- Prescribing how the metadata for born-digital transfers must look
- XSD and spreadsheet template + detailed guidelines
- Agencies will use those to export metadata from their systems (vendor cooperation will be needed)
- Export templates already exist in some EDRMS, e.g. NAA (National Archives of Australia), VEO (Victoria, Australia), etc.
- We plan to provide supplementary tools like an STMF validator



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Utaina

Connecting Aotearoa Through Digitised Sounds and Stories

Utaina

A collaborative project of Archives New Zealand (ArchivesNZ), the National Library of New Zealand (NLNZ) and Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision (NTSV) to digitally preserve more than 400,000 items of Aotearoa New Zealand's Crown-owned at-risk audiovisual magnetic media.



Balancing Complexities and Scale



Scale

ArchivesNZ and NLNZ - Digitised over **70,000** items (73,000 playback hours) across 13 formats within 5 years.



Preservation Format & Digital Storage

FFV1/MKV lossless compression as preservation video format to counter digital storage cost pressure. Storage size savings up to **50%**.



Collection Discovery & Description

Fresh collections & holdings rediscovery uncovered over **20,000** previously undescribed and inaccessible items.



Logistics

Movement and tracking of over **1,000** items weekly at every stage from packing to digitisation and back on shelves.



Quality Control

Strategic and scalable QC—automated validation and statistical sampling—enabled us to meet preservation standards within strict workflow deadlines.

Impact



Digitised audiovisual items now accessible virtually and internationally.

Some items previously found with mould now cleaned and digitised.



Culturally significant audiovisual items are rediscovered and made accessible.

Ruru Karaitiana (RKR), the composer of Blue Stripes, and Gary Hutton (GH), photographed in 1989 by Alan Bell. 000204408:0:Reel-to-reel format stereo Blue Stripes X17 (reel-to-reel) with the inscription "I am greatly honoured Ruru Karaitiana" (archive ID: 000214167 AMPD 02296). Archives New Zealand

Reconnecting researchers to collections made by their family, or on labels that are defunct and previously not available anywhere.



Preserving the nation's memory and record of our Government - snapshots of how the state once imagined its relationship with people and the land.



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Toksave: Culture Talks is a podcast that is a series of interviews with people who have personal and cultural connections with the PARADISEC archive.
 It was launched in 2019 as part of the UN International Year of Indigenous Languages.
 "Toksave" is a Melanesian (Pacific) pidgin word which means information such as a public notice, advertising or explaining something to your target audience.
 Music and Language are central to cultural identity and heritage for indigenous people and communities. The podcast contributes to cultural continuity through sharing indigenous knowledge, opening up the archives and promoting community outreach.



- **Empowering Indigenous Voices**
Valuing indigenous people as experts and recognising them as custodians of their own cultural knowledge.
- **Connection and Reconnection**
Making archival materials accessible to enable the sharing of knowledge and lived experiences of cultural practices.
- **Building Relationships**
Prioritising respectful intercultural relationships to ensure cultural safety, accountability and value for long term impact.
- **Enlivening the Archive**
Bridging archives, communities and researchers inspires storytelling and song, cultural revitalisation and the transmission of intergenerational knowledge.

 Follow this link to access the Toksave Culture Talks podcast episodes

Empowering Indigenous Voices

Episode 14: PNG: Central Province Music and Dance
 Collections: MCI, ICI, PC2
A community initiative by the PNG Peroveta Singers of Canberra responding to archival collections with song and dance.



Peroveta (Prophet Songs) Sene Cultural Dance (Kitoro)

Connection and Reconnection

Episode 15: Ngali nuts: work songs and delicacies in Malaita, Solomon Islands
 Collections: IF01
Community elder engaging with a researcher on his 1970s audio recordings and sharing cultural practices and music of Ngali nuts harvesting.



Ngali nut cracking in Malaita, 1969 Jodie Keli, Ian Frazer, Mary Sattin, Steven Gagau

Building Relationships

Episode 2: Rabaul, PNG: The Researcher and the Total
 Collections: MW6, TCT1
A long term collaboration between a researcher and an archivist who is also a community member from the originating place of research, an insider-outsider perspective.



Michael Webb & Steven Gagau Rabaul

Enlivening the Archive

Episode 9: Paama, Vanuatu, Sharks and shark spirits
 Collections: SD1, TCT1
Much like weaving a basket, a community member weaves stories inspired by archival materials to bring them to life.



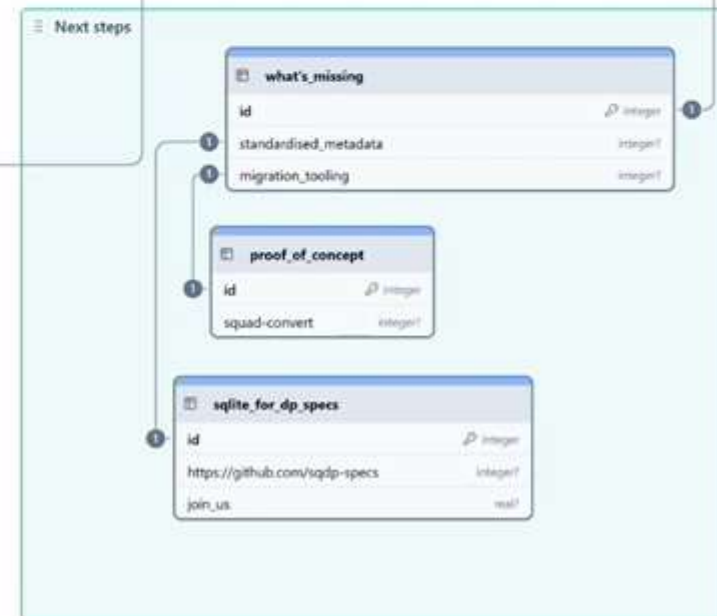
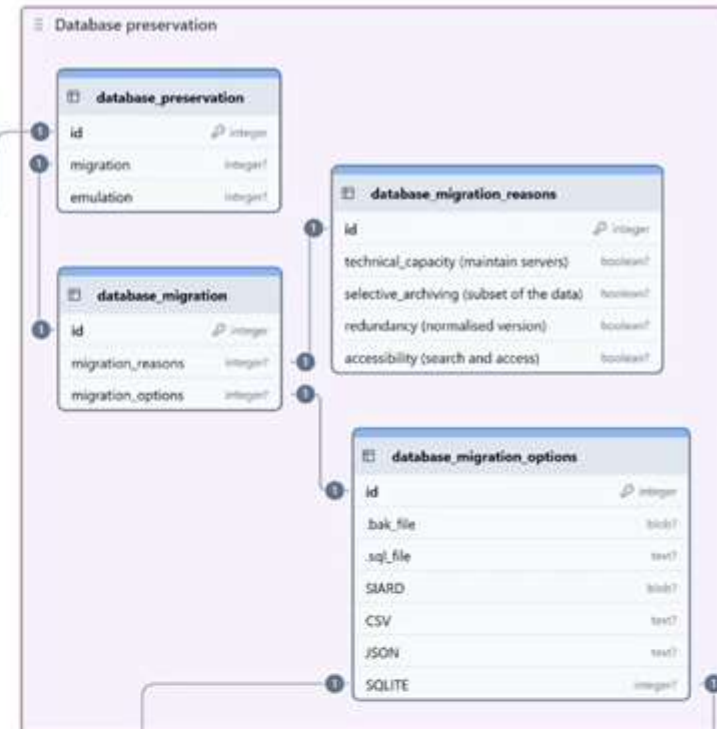
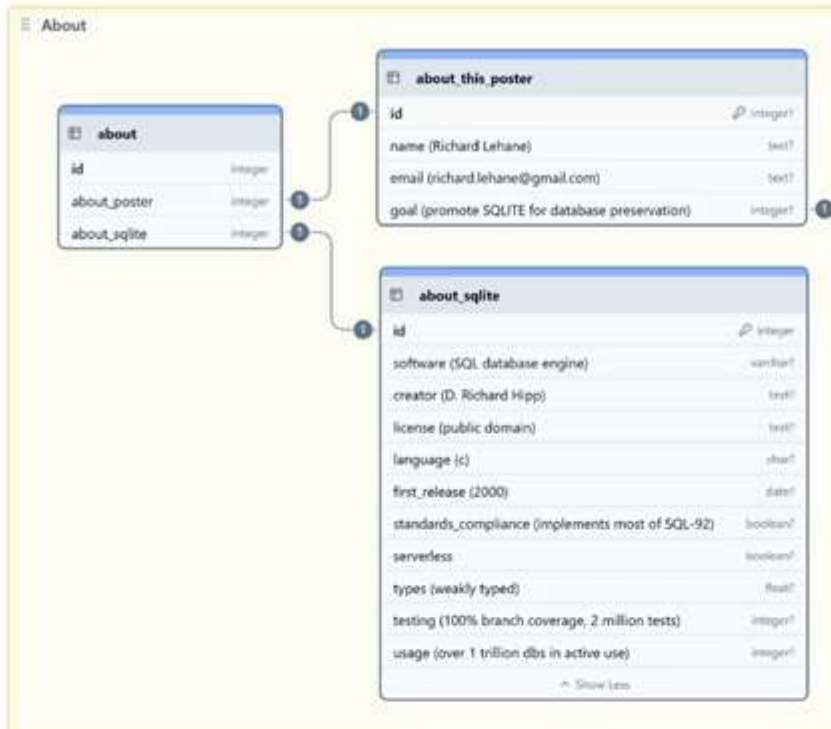
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SQLite for database preservation

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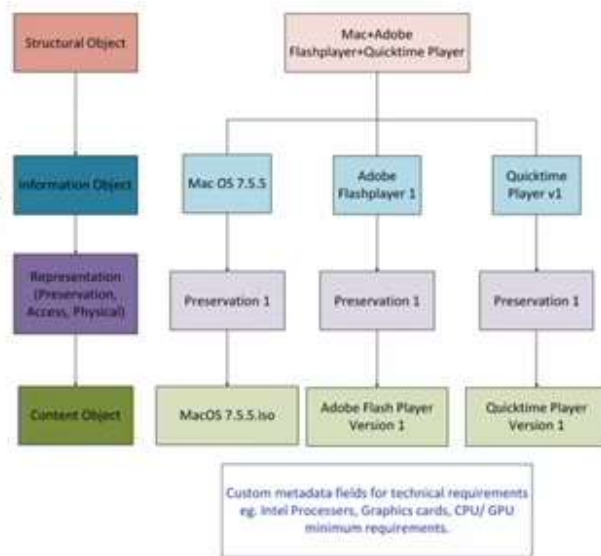
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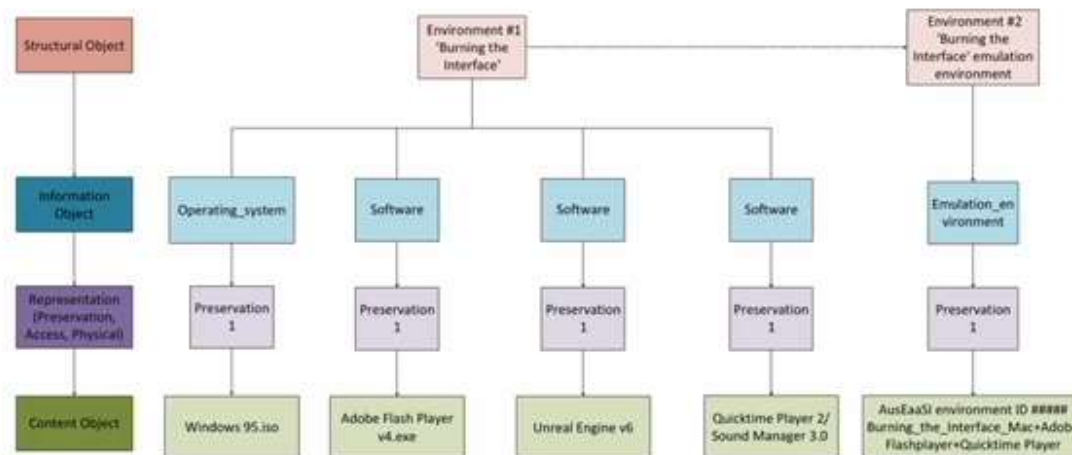
How the Art Gallery of New South Wales Represents software and hardware environments within its digital preservation system

Mapping PREMIS environmental entities to the AGNSW and Preservica data models

This IE is linked to artworks requiring this environment for access.

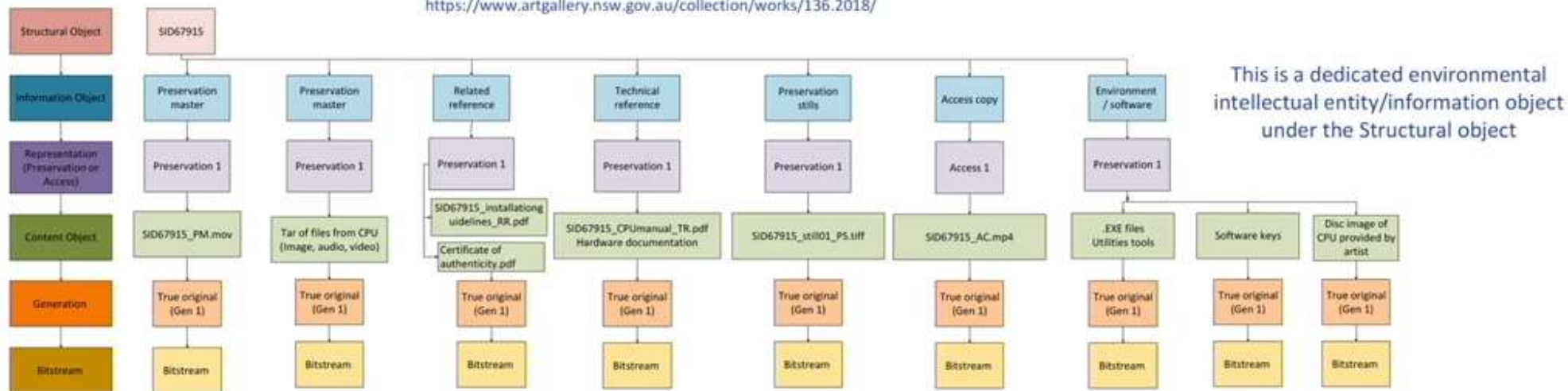


Emulation environments can also be added as a representation to the artwork



More complex example
- Algorithmic video work

<https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/collection/works/136.2018/>



This is a dedicated environmental intellectual entity/information object under the Structural object

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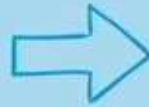
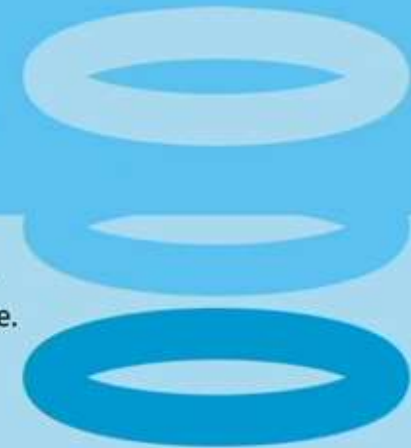


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Bridging Communities and Archives

Preserving digital Documents with the Citizen Archive Platform



The **Citizen Archive Platform** is a web-based tool that facilitates the structured transfer of born-digital data from individuals, communities and cultural initiatives to archives for long-term storage. The goal is to simplify and standardise the submission process.

Technical details

- CMS Word Press
- SQL Database
- Specialised Plugin for data processing

Data processing

- Upload-interface
- Automatic format validation and virus scan
- Technical metadata extraction



Submission Information Package
with files + all technical and content metadata

Metadata form

User:

Registration

Data upload

Metadata entry

Submission

Archivist:

Appraisal

Metadata entry

Download SIP

Ingest:
Digital Archive

Good to know

- Standards-compliant (OAIS, METS, EAD)
- Technical and content metadata are combined in one XML
- Legal issues (copyright, blocking time and contract) are clarified during the submission process
- Open source: Other archives can use the platform; Publication via GitHub at the end of 2025

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Human-in-the-Loop Generation of Preservation Metadata for Research Dataset Segments

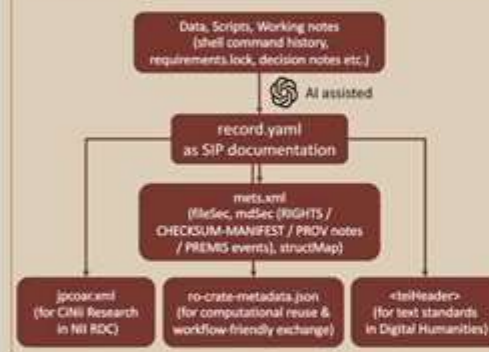
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Background

- Research datasets age fast: scripts, their environments, and even data specifications rot; bit-for-bit replay is brittle, whereas future migration requires context.
- Divide to conquer: Last year we argued that, even when related files overlap, it is effective to bundle the meaningful activities and artifacts that lead to a single primary outcome [1]—we call such a bundle a “research dataset segment.”
- Researchers hold the most accurate context about their own work, yet they are typically not specialists in long-term preservation or data dissemination.
- We adopt a human-in-the-loop YAML as SIP documentation that captures files, activities, rights, and related context. This helps collect the necessary context efficiently for each research dataset segment.

Core Idea



Take-Home Points

(1) One YAML → many standards, reproducibly.
From a single YAML, we emit METS 2.0, RO-Crate 1.1, and a TEI header via small, repeatable scripts—YAML as the single source of truth for rights/provenance and file references.
(Limitations: This YAML is a practical glue layer, not (yet) a preservation standard; we've validated on only few datasets, so the schemas/content remain immature. Also, data that cannot be uploaded to ChatGPT (license/privacy constraints) limits how much assistance we can automate.)

(2) LLM-assisted metadata enrichment—with guardrails.
The assistant helps resolve IDs (e.g. ORCID, ROR), normalize licenses/agents, and draft file summaries, then we curate and persist results back to YAML for deterministic re-runs.
(Limitations: occasional mistakes—e.g., missed escaping of quotes in titles—so curator review is required. When ChatGPT asks too many follow-ups, users get fatigued.)

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What is Research Dataset “Segment”?

A segment is a meaningful process-bundle and its primary outcome carved out from a larger workflow. It is the unit we aim to preserve, cite, and reuse as a whole.
The primary outcome typically is one file (e.g., data.csv), though uniform files (e.g., 001.png – 008.png) can be treated as multiple primaries.

Why YAML?

- Human-in-the-loop SIP documentation. Captures what repositories miss: commands, context, rights, and rationale at submission time.
- LLM-friendly. Predictable keys, incremental filling, and machine-detectable TODO: stubs make guided collection practical.

Empirical note:
When we asked the model to produce both Markdown and METS 2.0 XML in one shot, the XML frequently drifted from the spec—wrong/default namespaces, illegal element placement (e.g., stray mdSec, misused mdSec), and PREMIS wrapped in the wrong container.
We now collect everything in record.yaml and generate XML with deterministic scripts.

Example YAML (excerpt)

```

agents:
  - id: a.kameda
    agent_type: person
    name: "Akihiro Kameda"
    identifiers:
      - scheme: orcid
        value: "0009-0002-5429-6456"
    affiliations:
      - name: "National Institutes for ..."
        identifiers:
          - scheme: ror
            value: "http://ror.org/040-...

activities:
  - id: w-2025-04-20-classification
    activity_type: "classification"
    date_time: "2025-04-20T00:00:00Z"
    agent_id: ["a.kameda"]
    used: ["?_merged"]
    generated: ["?_classified"]
    register:
      args: ["python", "chatgpt_classify.py"]
      env_keys: ["OPENAI_API_KEY"]

dataset:
  title:
    - value: "Correspondence between ..."
      language: en
    creators_ref: ["a.kameda", "a.ishii"]
    rights_ref: ["?_cbr-40", "?_w-4"]

files:
  - id: f.primary
    path: "git/and_corresp.csv"
    mimetype: "text/csv"
    title: "Comment-revision correspondence"
    rights_id: ["?_cbr-40"]
    additional_attributions: ["?_ap-meta"]
    primary: true
  - id: f.classify_script
    path: "classification/chatgpt_classify.py"
    mimetype: "text/x-python"
    title: "LLM prompt & classification driver"
    rights_id: ["?_w-4"]
  
```



Discussion

- Scope: This work is about collecting & transforming metadata; we don't implement a full OAIS pipeline.
- METS 2.0 by design: Although 1.x is common, 2.0 matched our “small, auditable bundles” approach—mdSec-only, rights/fixity/prov-first, and simpler to generate from record.yaml.
- PROV vs PREMIS: Describe workflow with PROV-like activities; record preservation events with PREMIS (creation; migration optional).
- Why JPCOAR (DIP): Aligns with CII requirements; more practical than MODS for Japanese domestic distribution.
- Link each segment to the whole via stable project IDs. How should we describe and publish the linkage?

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HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AND DIGITAL PRESERVATION CHALLENGES

BACKGROUND



Grid Heritage collects historic equipment, film footage, photographs and documents relating to electricity transmission in New Zealand.

THE CHALLENGE

How will historical societies like Grid Heritage pivot from physical to digital preservation?



CONCLUSION

By proactively preparing to receive digital records, Grid Heritage can safeguard the rich history of New Zealand's electricity transmission for future generations.

KEY QUESTIONS



How can small historical societies prepare themselves for receiving digital content and preserving digital formats?

What resources are available for them?



How does an amateur historical society obtain the necessary expertise that is required to properly preserve its historical records?



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LESSONS LEARNED

AGNSW now produce detailed signal flow diagrams—using web-based diagramming tool draw.io—as part of its suite of Conservation documentation for complex works.

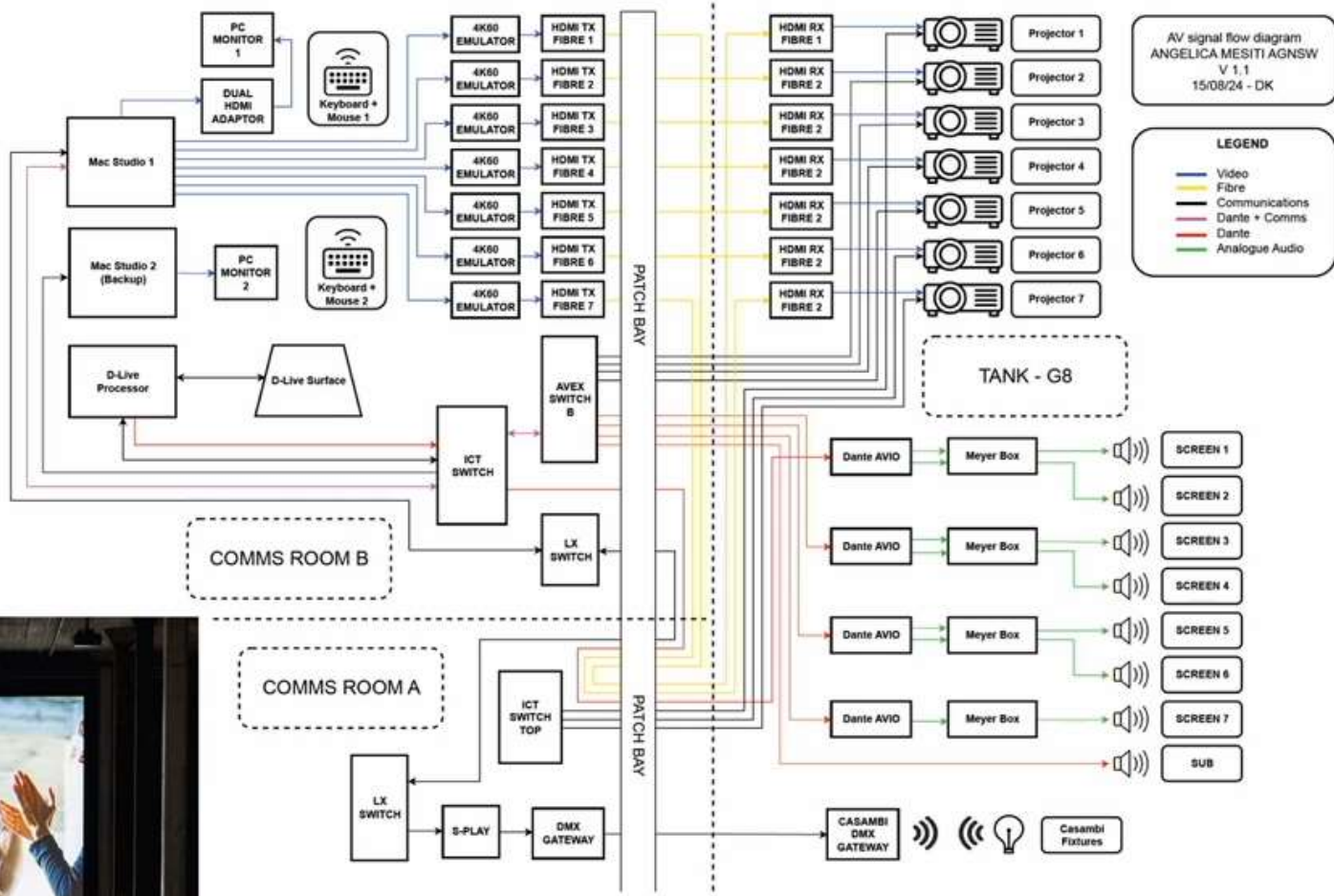
Pictured here is *The Rites of When* (2024) by artist Angelica Mesiti. A rich visual and sonic installation commissioned for the Nelson Packer Tank gallery, a former wartime oil bunker beneath the Naala Badu building. The work features seven monolithic vertical screens arranged in a circle within the 2,200-square-metre space.

The corresponding diagram illustrates how the artwork is streamed from two Apple Mac Studios networked together and running QLab. Synchronization is achieved via audio timecode, with Mac Studio 1 acting as the master timecode generator. The timecode signal is sent to the dLive mixer and then returned to both Mac Studios, ensuring precise, synchronized playback across both systems.

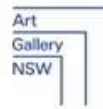
The dLive mixer also receives the audio from Mac Studio 1, routing Dante audio via the switch to Meyer speakers and subwoofer. Video outputs pass through 4K60 emulators to HDMI transmitters and receivers, driving seven projectors displaying visuals on microperforated screens. Audio travels over Dante to AVIO interfaces connected to Meyer box speakers embedded in the screens.

👉 The intricate systems behind *GROUNDLOOP* and *The Rites of When* demonstrate that preserving media artworks is as much about understanding infrastructure as it is about safeguarding the artist's Master files.

Customised documentation—like signal flow diagrams, network maps, and codec specifications—is vital for installation, troubleshooting, and upholding the artist's vision. By capturing these details with precision, we ensure that time-based artworks can be authentically re-experienced far into the future.



Above: 'The Rites of When' signal flow diagram by Daniel Kilo.
 Left: Installation view of Angelica Mesiti's 'The Rites of When', 2024. 7-channel digital video installation, colour, sound, approx 20 min, collection of the artist, commissioned by the Art Gallery of New South Wales for the Nelson Packer Tank, 2024 © Angelica Mesiti, photo © Art Gallery of New South Wales, Jenni Carter



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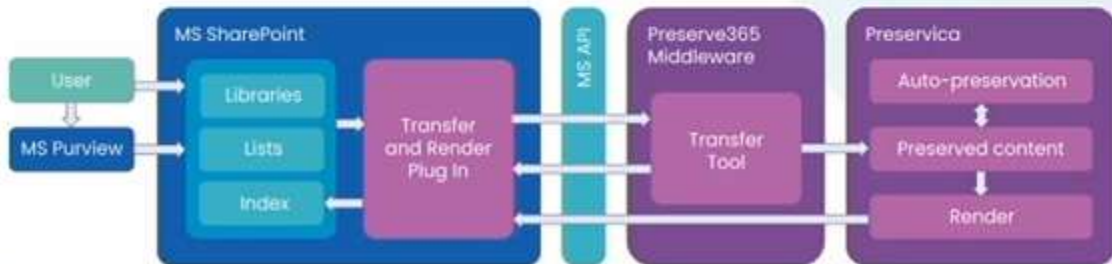
The integration of Digital Preservation into SharePoint Online

SharePoint information

- ✓ Library: File hierarchy, one file per record, user and system metadata
- ✓ Lists: Emphasis on tabular metadata, zero to many attachments, folder hierarchy
- ✗ Sites: Website based data presentation

Alternate Integration Models

- ✗ Web archiving: Easy to do for Sites but lossy for Libraries and Lists
- ✗ Extract, Transform and Load: End of life transfer using export tools but no SharePoint user control
- ✗ Browse and extract with API & external application: Can't be done inside SharePoint
- ✓ Tagged transfer using API: Use user metadata or retention or sensitivity labels to extract and transfer data
- ✓ Transfer plug-in: Users can configure and transfer data inside SharePoint
- ✓ Search and Render plug-in: User can search and render preserved content in SharePoint



Preserve365® Key Features

- Middleware application presents a GUI within Microsoft and transfers data to and from SharePoint and Preservica
- Transfer plug-in allows users to select data from Libraries or Lists and move or copy



- Background application searches for items tagged with specific retention labels, sensitivity labels or metadata fields which are moved or copied for Preservation
- Compatible with Copilot, Purview, PowerShell
- Preserved content is indexed in SharePoint to allow search from within the Microsoft world
- A render plug-in allows users to render Preserved content within SharePoint

Challenges

- Significant software development costs
- Microsoft API extensions and updates, but Microsoft were a great partner
- Large data volumes
- Applications need elevated permissions
- Some MS features require expensive licenses
- Transfer validation limited by changes to content on exit from SharePoint

Preserving SharePoint Records in Preservica

- Multi-part asset comprising the metadata in JSON, content files, complex metadata files (images, rich text)
- JSON contains all SharePoint user and system metadata for the record and is fully preserved
- SharePoint metadata also in XML for search
- Record hierarchy is maintained
- Middleware transfers complete packages which get the full DP ingest workflow
- Formats migrated according to Preservation Plan which can be changed post-ingest
- Preserved items are indexed within SharePoint index with original access control
- Specialist render of complete Library or List item within Preservica and SharePoint with all metadata (user defined and system)



What Next (all work in progress)

- Further integration with Copilot to drive transfer and enable content use
- Preserving multiple versions of records
- Preserve emails from Outlook
- Preserve chat, meetings & channels in Teams
- Preserve files from OneDrive