

# Why is it so hard to discuss preserving 3d data?



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# An Unusual Event

No shortage of speakers

No shortage of fine words

No shortage of projects

No shortage of dynamism

A coincidence?

A shortage of preservation know how?

A shortage of convincing use cases?

# A Confusion

What is digital preservation?

it is definitively **not** scanning

(Scanning = preservation by record)

(it requires digital preservation)

Is it about data?

No also about tools, authenticity etc

Is it about everything?

Definitively not!

An uncertain purpose for 3d?

Sales?

Conservation?

## A Complication

A diverse and competitive field  
but less diverse and less  
competitive than social media  
aggregation

A complicated, fast moving topic with  
large quantities of data

VeraPDF

LOTAR

AV

A business interest?

## A Prize

It may seem that I am doubtful of 3d?  
No: it's because I care

Data creation trivial  
Price crash in consumer 3d devices  
Price crash in 3d printing

Disruptive and potent

## A Problem

The value is in the captured outputs and data not the capture devices.

You can no less control or anticipate the directions of the IT industry than we can.

An economy built on sand  
This community faces – it already has - a significant and endemic crisis of obsolescence

# A Proposal

## **PROVE ME WRONG**

Or stop everything else until this issue is properly resolved

Let's develop a real vision for the sector:  
in ten years what would we like to see?

The work out the critical steps:

- Role for DPC?
- Trade Body for 3d tech?

## **Message One**

**From: The digital preservation community (okay it's me)**

**To: The 3d Data Generation Community**

**It's challenging enough to deal with existing collections that are well known and in scope. Don't expect records managers and archivists to sort out a data mess which is exotic in form and liminal to our function.**





## Message Two

From: **The digital preservation community: okay it's me**

To: **The 3d Data Generation Community**

**If you don't take your data seriously or the tools you deploy to generate it, then don't expect anyone else to take them seriously either.**



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