

DSpace & Preservation

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About Me

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- Background in VLEs and Institutional Repositories
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DSpace is ...

- An open source digital asset management system
- A technology platform for Institutional Repositories
- A federation of digital repositories across multiple academic research institutions
- A production service of the Institutional Libraries to its local research community





Digital Preservation

- Repositories don't "do" preservation alone
- Preservation operations are defined by
 - Digital collections in hand
 - Content? (Software, Text, Images, Audio, Video)
 - Cost/benefit tradeoffs
 - Organizational Budget
 - Local policy
 - Current information strategy what has the Organisation
- Repositories "can" enable preservation policy





DSpace & Digital Preservation

- DSpace features to aid preservation
 - Format Registry
 - Bit Integrity Checker
 - Item History (Audit Trail)
 - Logs
 - Handles
 - DSpace Foundation
 - The Future





Format Registry

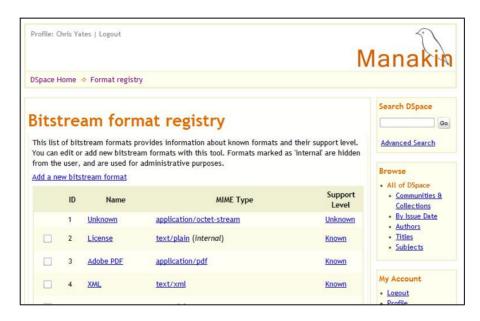
- Preservation of digital objects has specific demands of formats
 - Validation
 - Obsolete Format Detection
 - Migration





Format Registry

Specification of supported formats in IR



- Identification of unsupported formats in the IR
- Formats can also be validated through external services (e.g. PRENOM / JHOVE)





Bit Integrity Checker

Bit Rot - The decay of physical storage media
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Time

- State of original file can change with time
 - Manual editing
 - Corruption
 - Virus



Solution -> The utilization of a checksum





Bit Integrity Checker

- Checksum -> fixed datum computed from a block of digital data
- Checksum script can be scheduled to verify and report the integrity of each item in DSpace

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	Item Submission	Checksum Check I	Checksum Check II
Current MD5	CF6DE5	CF6DE5	E6DFF8
Expected MD5	CF6DE5	CF6DE5	CF6DE5





Handles – Preserving Access to Content

- Handles allow the resource to be uniquely identified in a way that will not change if the resource is renamed or relocated
- Resource address is identified by a unique handle assigned by a common registration service

http://hdl.handle.net/2160/568

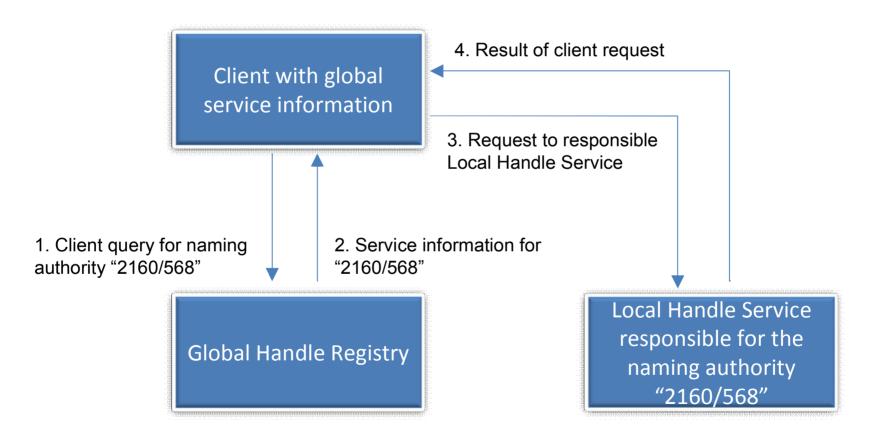
Registration Service	Handle Prefix	Local Identifier
http://hdl.handle.net	2160	568





The Dspace Handle

Handle resolution: http://hdl.handle.net/2160/568



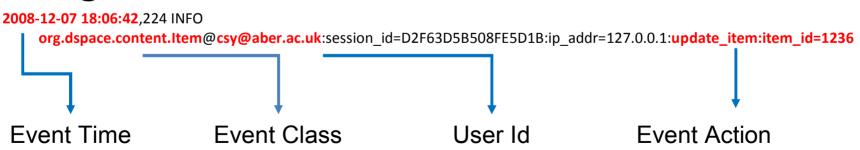


Logs

Logs provide a record of events within DSpace



Log Extract:







Item History System (Prototype)

- Provides provenance information for items
- Captures a time-based record of significant changes in DSpace
- RDF Data model suitable for later 'refactoring'



More Information:

http://wiki.dspace.org/index.php/HistorySystemPrototype





DSpace Foundation

- Why the DSpace foundation?
 - Providing leadership and support
 - Drive & co-ordinate development
 - Provide stability and longevity
 - Promote wider distribution and use

 Ensuring the future and continued development of the DSpace software





Looking to the Future . . .

- DSpace 2.0
 - JHOVE2 (Format Recognition)
 - Remodelling of storage architecture
 - DuraSpace (Fedora/DSpace collaboration)
 Distributed Storage Layer
 - External Identifiers
 - Flexible Metadata

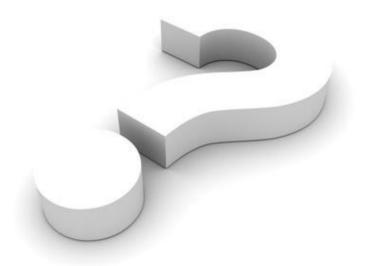






Questions

Thank you for listening!







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