

What I wish I Knew Before I Started

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About me

- Moved to the UK from Sweden in 2009
- Bachelor in Social Science
- 2014-2015 – MSc Information Management and Preservation,
University of Glasgow

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- FlashBack project. Pilot: 2015-2016.
- Objectives:
 - Establish a forensic lab and digitisation workflows for handheld media
 - Trial migration and emulation methods for making content available at scale in reading rooms

FlashBack Project – Legacy computer lab



FlashBack Project – Forensic workflows



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FlashBack Project – Emulation testing

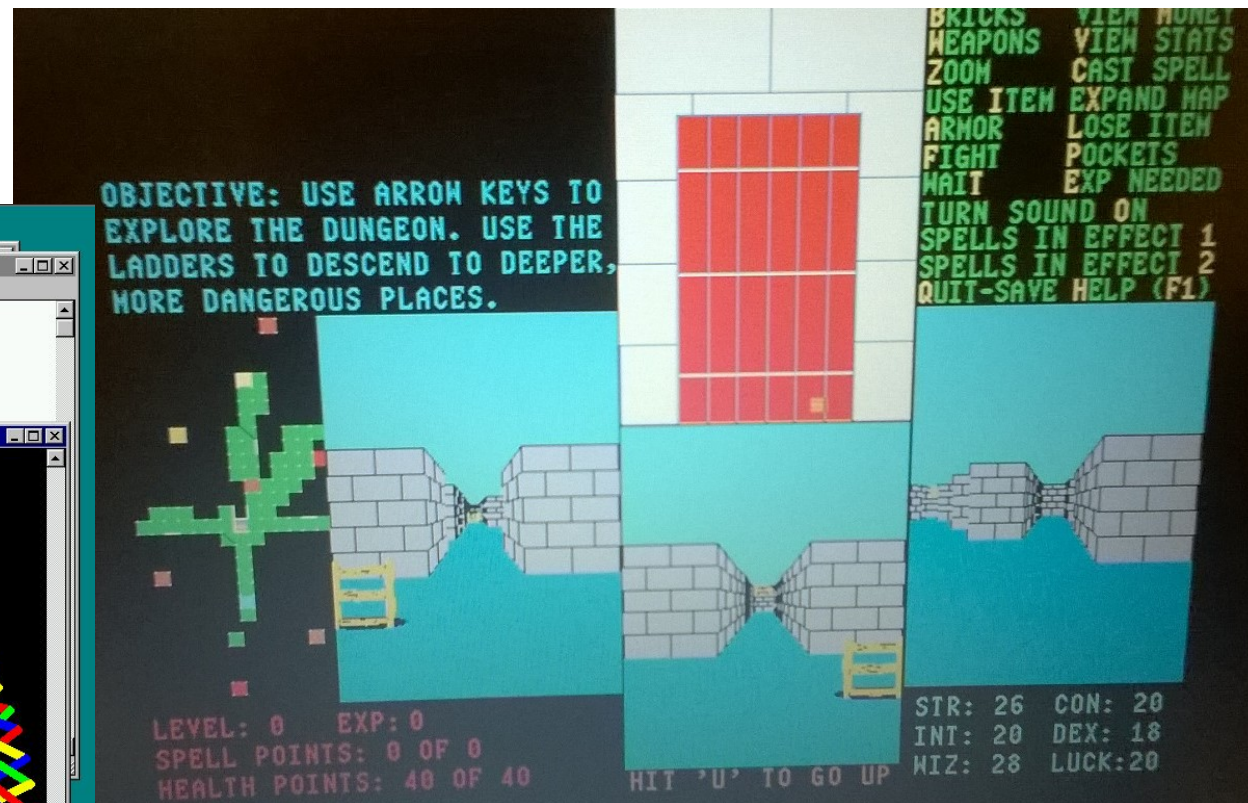
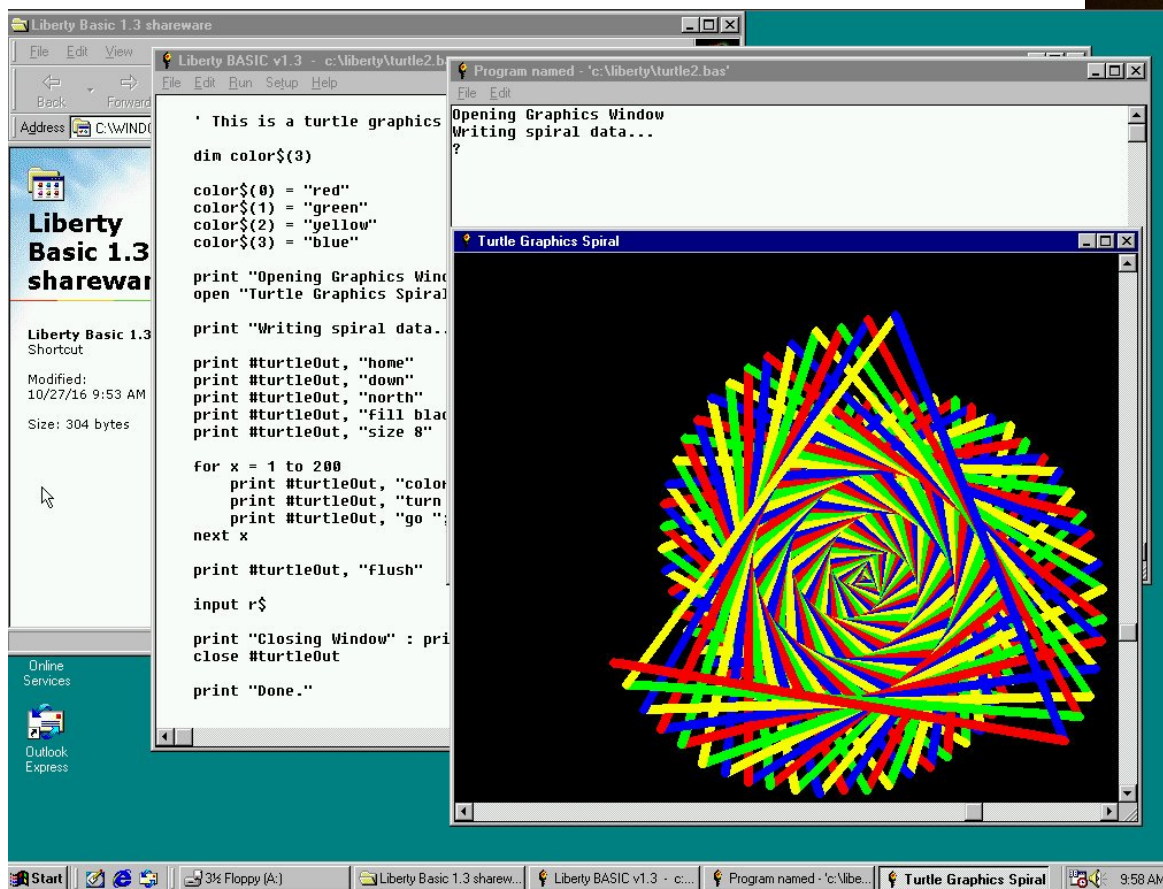


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Digital Preservation at Oxford and Cambridge Project (DPOC) 2016-2018

- Collaboration between Bodleian Libraries (University of Oxford) and Cambridge University Library
- Six Fellows and three specialism:
 - Outreach and training
 - Technology
 - *Policy and planning*



Policy and planning - role responsibilities

- Work with staff across the Libraries and Museum
- Develop policies, standards and guidelines for digital preservation and digitisation
- Training, outreach and advocacy
- Support Help Desk
- Funding and business cases



Why work in digital preservation?

- Varied tasks
- Collaboration
- Great supportive community of practice
- Life-long learning

What is the most important thing I've learnt about digital preservation?

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Having a shared language is important

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Advocacy is about playing the long game

Thank you!

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