The NDIIPP MetaArchive Project and the MetaArchive Services Group

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National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP)

- Government funding to:
  - Build and support a national network of partners working together to preserve digital content.
  - Identify and preserve at-risk digital content.
  - Support development and use of tools, models, and methods for digital preservation.
  - Develop a national digital collection and preservation strategy.

- Overall effort involves more than 130 partners
Seeds of MetaArchive Cooperative

- LOCKSS (Stanford)
- MetaScholar Initiative (Emory)
- “Exposing Hidden Collections” conference (ARL)
Establishing the MetaArchive Cooperative

- Distributed digital preservation network for critical and at-risk content relating to the history and culture of the American South.
- Develop a prioritized conspectus to ensure preservation of the digital materials most vulnerable to loss and in formats considered most at risk.
- Use LOCKSS to harvest digital content from each other.
- Create cooperative agreement for sustainable collaboration
MetaArchive Founding Partners

- Emory University (Atlanta, Georgia)
- Georgia Tech (Atlanta, Georgia)
- University of Louisville (Louisville, Kentucky)
- Virginia Tech (Blacksburg, Virginia)
- Florida State University (Tallahassee, Florida)
- Auburn University (Auburn, Alabama)
- [Library of Congress (Washington, DC)]
Sustainability and governance

● Flexible organizational model
  ● Charter broadly defines mission, goals, and activities of the Cooperative
  ● Membership Agreement details responsibilities of members of Cooperative
  ● Establishment of nonprofit organization, MetaArchive Services Group, to administer Cooperative
    ● Minimal overhead.
Committees and communication

- Committees:
  - Steering
  - Content
  - Preservation
  - Technical

- Communications:
  - Conference calls (1/week)
  - Steering Committee meetings (2/year)
  - Listserv(s)
  - Wiki for document development
  - Participation in NDIIPP meetings
Expansion and outreach

- Improving and expanding existing collaboration
  - Evolving standards and guidelines to offer as a model for new networks and collaborations
  - Enhancing technology, tools, and services
  - Wide applicability to a range of institutions and digital content

- Spreading the word
  - Outreach to libraries, archives, and museums
  - Participation in Section 108 Study Group

- Adding new networks
  - Electronic Theses and Dissertations Network
  - Transatlantic Slave Trade Network

- Ongoing exploration of projects to investigate and advance digital preservation.
Membership types and fees

- All membership types presuppose membership in the LOCKSS Alliance (rates based on Carnegie classification) and a 3-year commitment
- Sustaining Members
  - Leadership role
  - Operate a node
  - Contribute more of content/year to be harvested
  - Cost: $5K/year or $12K/3 years
- Preservation Members
  - Operate a node
  - Contribute some content/year to be harvested
  - Cost: $1K/year
- Contributing Members
  - Contribute 1 collection/plugin to be harvested (can buy more)
  - Cost: $300/year
For more information…

- MetaArchive - http://www.metaarchive.org/
- NDIIPP - http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/

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