# It Takes a System to Curate a Bit: Preservation Planning at the Princeton University Archives

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# **Princeton University Archives**

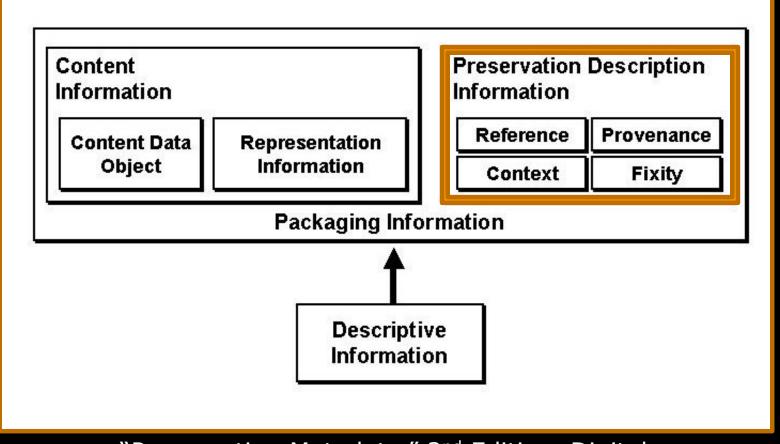
 Digital Curation Program est. in April of 2014 ~100GB of 30,000 files in 20 collections

#### User Defined Text 4

2013-12-09: Virus scan performed on Disk001; no malware detected.

2013-12-11: Image of Disk001 created successfully. Directory printing of Disk001 created.

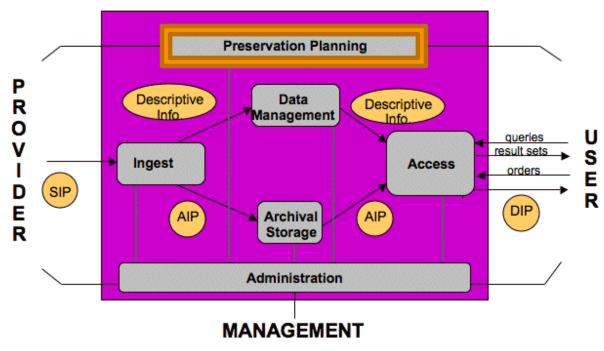
2013-12-12: Bag created on Lib-fileshare. Bag validated on Lib-fileshare.



"Preservation Metadata," 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Digital Preservation Coalition

http://dx.doi.org/10.7207/twr13-03

#### **Archival Functional Entities**

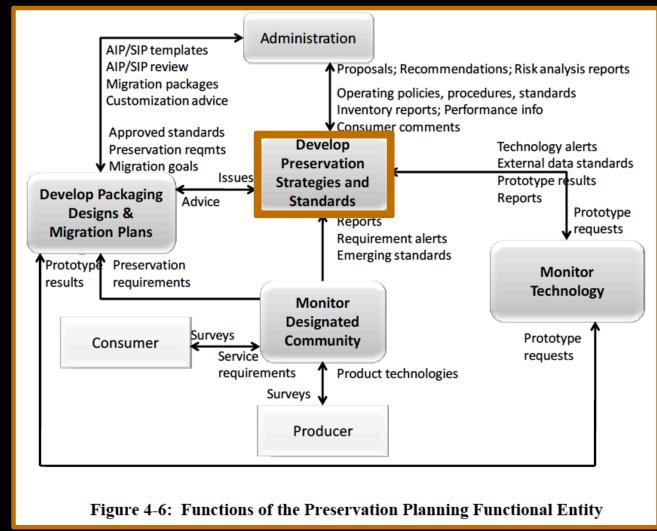


SIP = Submission Information Package

AIP = Archival Information Package

DIP = Dissemination Information Package

http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/nost/conf/archive21st/framework.html



http://public.ccsds.org/publications/archive/650x0m2.pdf

## **Example: North Carolina PMDO**

	Element name	Obligation	Suggested Value Control
1	Bit Depth	Strongly recommended	Controlled vocabulary
2	<u>Checksum</u>	Strongly recommended	None (free text)
3	Collection Source	Required	Controlled vocabulary
4	Color Space	Optional	Controlled vocabulary
5	Compression Degree	Recommended, if applicable	None (free text)
6	Compression Type	Strongly recommended, if applicable	Controlled vocabulary
7	Creation Hardware	Strongly recommended (digitized); Optional (born-digital)	Controlled vocabulary
8	Creation Software	Recommended (digitized); Strongly recommended (born-digital)	Controlled vocabulary

http://digitalpreservation.ncdcr.gov/PMDO.html

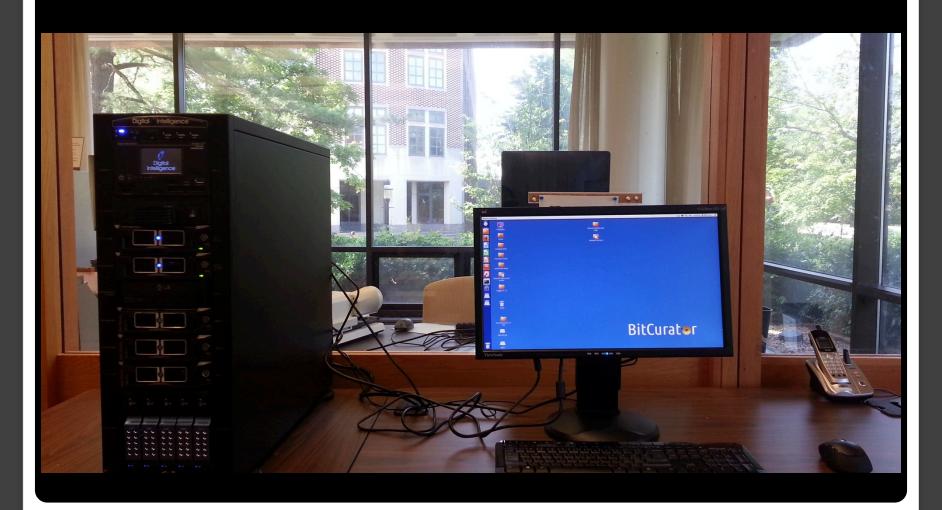
### **Current Practice**

# Guidance for Depositing Digital Records to the Princeton University Archives

Activities	Tier 1 (Format)	Tier 2 (Bit)
Conduct virus scan of media and maintain		
bitstream of uncorrupted files	·	·
Provide secure storage and backup in two separate	•	
locations		
Produce, store, and validate checksums to assure	•	
file integrity and fixity		
Generate preservation metadata to facilitate long-		
term management and access		
Normalize file and perform active monitoring of		
trusted preservable formats		
Execute migration to successive formats at the		
point of format obsolescence		

http://www.princeton.edu/mudd/news/transf\_donations/guidance.pdf

# **Future Practice**



## **Native BitCurator Applications**

#### fiwalk product of DFXML

```
<hashdigest type='md5'>cc93076a1c96ffd7083901473aec59c4</hashdigest>
  <hashdigest type='sha1'>3f8e16330b6aa614a87c2bc0956cfb96080d681e</hashdigest>
```

```
<object>
  <objectIdentifier>
    <objectIdentifierType>4ad51b3a-cc15-11e3-8d33-080027f8dfea</objectIdentifierType>
    <objectIdentifierValue>/home/bcadmin/Desktop/sample.E01</objectIdentifierValue>
    </objectIdentifier>
  </object>
```

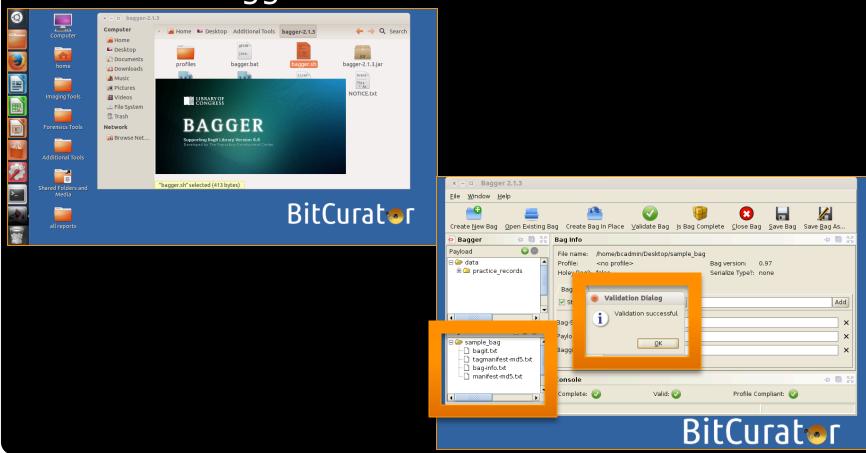
#### Hex editor view of a .vcf file

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```

BEGIN: VCARD.. VERSION: 3
.0..FN: 2012phiparticip
ants@umich.edu..N:; 201
2phiparticipants@umich
.edu;;;..EMAIL; TYPE=IN
TERNET: 2012phiparticip
ants@umich.edu..END: VC

## **Compatible Applications**

Bagger validation of hash values



## **Opportunities**

- Streamlined tools for processing nonmedia based digital accessions
- It takes a system to curate a bit, and it takes a community to curate a system!