

## Digital Media at the University

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## Digital Media at the University

- Recent Trends
- Why do digital media pose long-term problems?
- What do we need to do to answer those problems?
- Reformatting--why have we done it, and what can we learn from the audiovisual field? (and some lessons about audiovisual conservation)
- Pushing metadata gathering upstream
- Difference btwn libraries, museums, archives
- © impediments

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## Recent trends in University Media Management

- Centralized digital repository for most of the Campus' organized collections and faculty pre-prints
  - Usually managed by Computer Center, but sometimes by Library or other units
  - Often only a storage repository (w/o preservation)
  - Sometimes has no centralized access (access is through each individual collection)
  - Many handle only well-understood static formats (PDF, TIFF)
- Administrative merging of units that previously were independent
  - University Presses going to Libraries
  - Museums and Libraries into same reporting structure
  - Film Archives under libraries

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## Strategies for Re-Use

- content: quotations, citations, photos, clips, ...
- For Re-Use with
  - Papers
  - Articles
  - Course slides
  - Social media
  - YouTube
  - Re-contextualizations

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## The Short Life of Digital Info: Digital Longevity Problems-

- ✿ Disappearing Information
- ✿ The Viewing Problem
- ✿ The Scrambling Problem
- ✿ The Inter-relation Problem
- ✿ The Custodial Problem
- ✿ The Translation Problem

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## The Viewing Problem

- ✿ Digital Info requires a whole infrastructure to view it
- ✿ Each piece of that infrastructure is changing at an incredibly rapid rate
- ✿ How can we ever hope to deal with all the permutations and combinations

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## The Scrambling Problem

Dangers from:

- ✿ Compression to ease storage & delivery
- ✿ Container Architecture to enhance digital commerce

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## The Inter-relation Problem

- ✿ Info is increasingly inter-related to other info
- ✿ How do we make our own Info persist when it points to and integrates with Info owned by others?
- ✿ What is the boundary of a set of information (or even of a digital object)?

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## The Custodial Problem

- ✿ In the past, much of survival was due to redundancy
- ✿ How do we decide what to save?
- ✿ Who should save it?
  - ✿ Mellon-funded E-Journal Archives
- ✿ How should they save it?-

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## Migration

- Wordstar to Word 1 to Word 3, ...
- -Tables and complex features often get corrupted
- -Need to repeat every 4-5 years (maybe forever)
- +We know how to do this ourselves
- +If there's a problem, we can catch it soon

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## Emulation

- Keep the Wordstar file format, but write emulators to make it work in newer environments
- +A better chance of carrying over complexity
- +Many more features can survive
- -Problems may not be caught until it's too late
- -Specialists and a whole infrastructure of emulators required
- -Serious © problems (reverse engineering?)

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## The Custodial Problem:

How to save information?

- ✿ Methods for later access
  - ✿ Refreshing
  - ✿ Migration
  - ✿ Emulation
- ✿ Issues of authenticity and evidence

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## The Translation Problem

- ✿ Content translated into new delivery devices changes meaning
  - -A photo vs. a painting
  - -If Info is produced originally in digital form in one encoded format, will it be the same when translated into another format?
  - Behaviors

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The Translation Problem

## Thinking of the Future <sup>(1/2)</sup>

- Screens will be different resolutions and different aspect ratios
- CRTs won't exist
- A decade or 2 from now, today's user interfaces will look like arrow-key navigation looks like today

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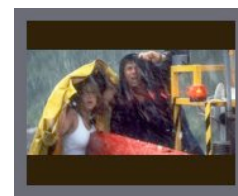
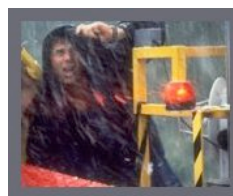
## Thinking of the Future <sup>(2/2)</sup>

- Today's streaming media are small windows, slow speeds
- As bandwidth increases, viewers will expect higher quality streams
- Creators may need to consider how they'll be able to deliver higher-bandwidth streams
  - Delivery Derivatives vs. Masters encoded w/standards
  - May also want to re-edit the piece to take advantage of changes in technology, viewer expectations, society-

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## Screen Formats



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## Responding to serious Longevity Problems

- ✿ Previous formats required little ongoing intervention (remote storage facilities, Iron Mtn); digital formats require intense ongoing management
- ✿ Key requirement is **Ongoing Management**:
  - ✿ Preservation Repositories
  - ✿ Preservation Metadata

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## Even newspapers in Alabama know about ongoing management

**The Auburn Plainsman**  
A spirit that is not afraid

**Saving information in the digital universe**  
By David Smith / CAPSULES EDITOR  
Published 12/1/2010 11:01 AM

With an increase in records being produced digitally, the possibility that a mass of information can be wiped out by a natural disaster or other catastrophe is a prominent threat.

The need to protect and store digital information is pressing, and Auburn has emerged as a leader in the new field of Digitized Digital Preservation, which finds ways to preserve this information.

"Digital preservation is a combination of tools and practices and policies that are aimed at making sure the digital content we are producing today will be around in its original form years from now," said Aaron Trethub, assistant dean for technology and technical services.

Preserving digital information is a complex process, and while there are different strategies, the most common involves multiple copies of files stored in different places.

"Preservation of digital objects is not just a matter of backing things up," said Katherine Sommer, executive director of the Eduscape Institute, an organization dedicated to furthering digital preservation efforts.

"You really have to think about the life of the object, what the format it's held in and what kind of repository system it's held in, the type of computer and operating system it was built on—all sorts of qualities of the file have to be taken into consideration before you can save it."

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## Managed Environment

- More than temperature & humidity control
- Periodic monitoring of the works
- Periodic monitoring of the technical environment for viewing the works (software, systems, hardware)
- Trusted repositories

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## Standards, Metadata, & Best Practices to follow-

- Risk Management
- Best Practices for Reformatting
- Preservation Repositories & Metadata
- Other Metadata & Standards

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## Risk Management

- We can't say definitively that we can make every digital work persist
- What we CAN say is that the more a digital work conforms to standards and best practices, the greater the likelihood that we can assure persistence
- Our preservation repositories can even accept deposits of non-conforming works, but the less they conform, the less likely that they'll be salvageable
- Persistence is most likely for works that share standards, metadata, and best practices

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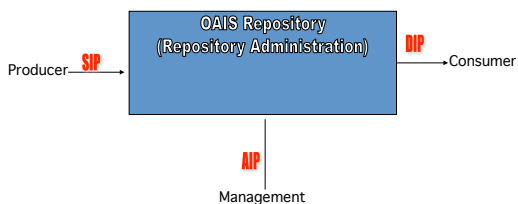
## Reformatting Best Practices (still images)

- Think about users (and potential users), uses, and type of material/collection
- Scan at the highest quality that does not exceed the likely potential users/uses /material
- Do not let today's delivery limitations influence your scanning file sizes; understand the difference between digital masters and derivative files used for delivery
- Many documents which appear to be bitonal actually are better represented with greyscale scans
- Include color bar and ruler in the scan
- Use objective measurements to determine scanner settings (do NOT attempt to make the image good on your particular monitor or use image processing to color correct)
- Don't use lossy compression
- Store in a common (standardized) file format
- Capture as much metadata as is reasonably possible (including metadata about the scanning process itself)

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## Preservation Repositories: Open Archival Info System Model



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## Preservation Repositories: Open Archival Info System Model

- ✳ High-level reference model describing submission, organization and management, and continuing access
- ✳ Conceptual framework for different organizations to share discussions with a common language
- ✳ Producers, consumers, management, actual repository
- ✳ SIP, DIP, AIP
- ✳ AIP consists of data objects plus representation info (Content, Preservation Description, Packaging, Descriptive)
- ✳ Originally developed for Space Science community

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## OCLC/RLG Digital Repository Attributes

- Administrative responsibility
- Organizational viability
- Financial sustainability
- Technological suitability
- System security
- Procedural accountability
- Certification-

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## Trustworthy Repositories Audit & Certification (TRAC): Criteria and Checklist

- Organizational Infrastructure
- Digital Object Management
- Technologies, Technical Infrastructure, & Security
- Who can benefit?
- The document benefits those who work in or are responsible for digital repositories and who want to be certified against its requirements, as well as for those who execute the audit and certification process. However, the guidelines are also designed for a much broader audience—for organizations planning repositories and for producers of digital materials.
- When does it come in handy?
- —For staff working within repositories: The checklist is useful in helping them to determine the criteria they need to plan for and to meet for safely storing and migrating digital materials.
- —For producers of digital materials: It also serves producers of digital materials by helping them know what to expect from the repositories they work with and how to streamline interactions with the repositories.
- —For those considering outsourcing their digital materials storage: The checklist will help organizations considering an external agency to serve their digital preservation needs to ensure that contracted organizations are executing the task adequately.

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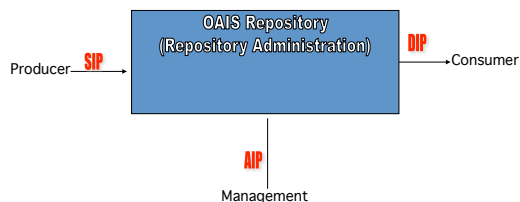
## Trustworthy Repositories Audit & Certification: Criteria and Checklist (TRAC)

- The repository commits to continuing maintenance of digital objects for identified community/communities.
- Demonstrates organizational fitness (including financial, staffing structure, and processes) to fulfill its commitment.
- Acquires and maintains requisite contractual and legal rights and fulfills responsibilities.
- Has an effective and efficient policy framework.
- Acquires and ingests digital objects based upon stated criteria that correspond to its commitments and capabilities.
- Maintains/ensures the integrity, authenticity and usability of digital objects it holds over time.
- Creates and maintains requisite metadata about actions taken on digital objects during preservation as well as about the relevant production, access support, and usage process contexts before preservation.
- Fulfills requisite dissemination requirements.
- Has a strategic program for preservation planning and action.
- Has technical infrastructure adequate to continuing maintenance and security of its digital objects.

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## Management: Preservation Repositories: OAIS & agreements



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## OAIS-steps in the process

- Agreement
- Ingest
- Store and manage/maintain
  - Refresh
  - Emulate/Migrate/others
- Disseminate

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## Metadata

- Containers/Packaging for SIP (METS)
- AIP
- Preservation (PREMIS)

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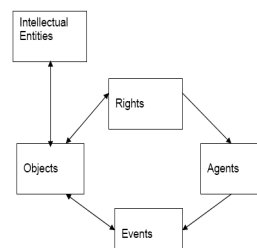
## AIP Metadata

- Preservation Description Info
  - reference info
  - context info
  - provenance info
  - fixity info
- Packaging Info
- Descriptive Info
- Content Info

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## PREMIS Data Model



- **Item Pres. Metadata**
  - About the creation of the Item
  - Technical details about the item
- **Relationship Pres. Metadata**
  - Persistent Identifier
  - Objects relation to parts of the intellectual entity
- **Migration Metadata**
  - Items relation to its previous manifestation.

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## OCLC/RLG Efforts PREMIS Data Dictionary Example

Semantic unit	fixity		
Semantic components	messageDigestAlgorithm, messageDigest, messageDigestOriginator		
Definition	Information used to verify whether an object has been altered in an undocumented or unauthorized way.		
Data constraint	Container		
Object category	Representation	File	Bitstream
Applicability	Not applicable (see usage note)	Applicable	Applicable (see usage note)
Repeatability		Repeatable	Repeatable
Obligation		Optional	Optional
Creation/Maintenance notes	Automatically calculated and recorded by repository.		
Usage notes	<p>To perform a fixity check, a message digest calculated at some earlier time is compared with a message digest calculated at a later time. If the digests are the same, the object was not altered in the interim. Recommended practice is to use two or more message digests calculated by different algorithms.</p> <p>The act of performing a fixity check and the date it occurred would be recorded as an Event. The result of the check would be recorded as the eventOutcome. Therefore, only the messageDigestAlgorithm and messageDigest need to be recorded as objectCharacteristics for future comparison.</p>		

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## Digital Preservation Players

- Collection staff (need to reach agreement on SIP/DIP and acceptable AIP transformations)
  - preservation/conservation staff
  - metadata staff
  - access staff
- Repository staff
- Agreement negotiators

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## Structural & Administrative Metadata (METS)

- For complex, multi-part works (collections of images, groups of maps, albums of photographs, etc.)
- Structural--preserving relationships (books/chapters/sections/pages, photo albums on a page, master images with thumbnails and different sizes, etc.)
- Administrative--keeping information about managing the works over time (keeping track of all of the pieces in a group, what software is needed to decompress/view an image, etc.)
- Metadata Encoding & Transmission Standards (METS)--wrap the image(s) in XML encoding

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## Website Management More issues with referencing IDs

- References for mirror sites
- References for back-up sites when main site is down or bottle-necked
- References for off-site copies and archival copies

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Migration is a form of Re-formatting.  
Re-formatting is not a new idea.

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## What is Reformatting?

- A form of copying
- Usually copied onto a medium having different physical characteristics than the original physical strata
- Examples
  - Document on acidic paper onto non-acidic paper
  - Newspaper microfilming

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## Why do we Reformat?-

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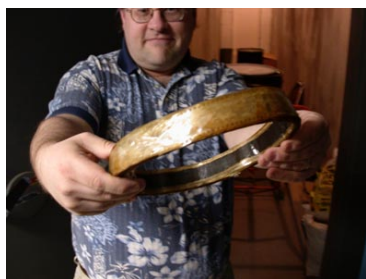
## Brittle Newspapers (Australia Battye Library)



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## Film Decay (J.C. Dayton)



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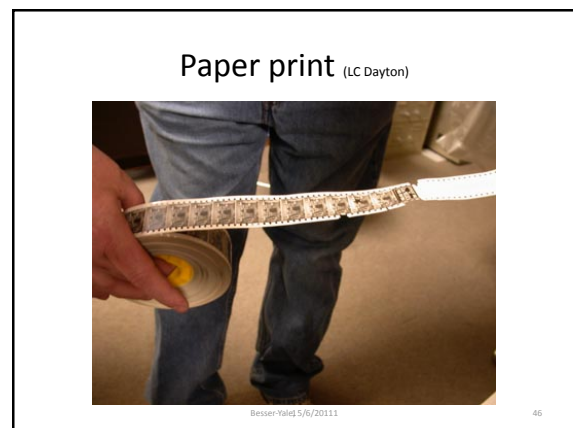
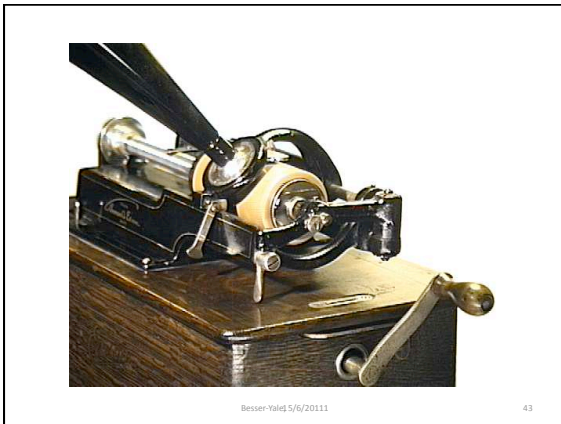
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## Why do we Reformat?

- Because we cannot sustain the original object (its physical characteristics are deteriorating too fast)
- Because continued access and handling of the original object will rapidly decay its physical characteristics (so we create a surrogate for users and store the original in very good conditions, away from users)
- Because viewing the work requires some kind of technology, and we can't keep that technology working very far into the future
- A/V community has been forced into reformatting for a long time because of obsolescence issues-

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## Old Video Formats (www.vidipax.com)

1956 2" Quad  
1962 2" Helical Ampex VR-1500  
1962 2" Sony Helical SV-201  
1962 MacIntosh MFC-10  
1963 1" FI-3V  
1964 1" IV-200  
1965 1" EL-3400  
1965 1" SMPTE Type A  
1965 1/2" - CV  
1965 VR150  
1967 1" IVC-700/800/900  
1967 VR1600  
1969 1/2" EIAJ Type I  
1969 1/4" Akai  
1970 1/2" VHS  
1971 3/4" U-Matic  
1971 EIAJ Cartridge  
1972 Cartrivision  
1972 V-Cord, V-Cord II  
1972 2" Helical IVC-9000  
1975 1" SMPTE Type B  
1975 Betamax/Super-8  
1976 1" Helical DVH-1000  
1976 VHS  
1976 VHS  
1978 1" SMPTE Type C  
1979 1/2" V2000  
1981 1/2" Hawkeye/Recam/M  
1982 Betacam  
1984 8mm  
1984 CVC

1984 HDV1000  
1985 M-II  
1986 3/4" U-Matic SP  
1986 Betacam SP  
1988 D1  
1987 S-VHS  
1988 D2  
1988 ED-Beta  
1988 HD1000  
1989 H8  
1990 D3  
1990 U-matic  
1992 DCL  
1993 Digital Betacam  
1994 D5  
1994 D6  
1995 DV  
1995 DVCAM  
1995 DVCPRO-D7  
1995 W-VHS  
1996 BETACAM SX  
1996 HD D5  
1997 HD-CAM  
1998 DVCPRO 50  
1998 DVCPRO 50iP  
1999 Digital-8  
2000 D9 HD  
2000 DVC PRO HD  
2000 MPEG IMX



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## TVTechnology

CHANNELS AUDIO ENG OPERATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE PRODUCTION INDUSTRY NEWS

Storage NAB Show IBC

### Supply of Sony Videotape is Running Low

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**MULTIPLE CITIES:** The supply of Sony's professional videotape started getting tight within days of the earthquake that rocked northern Japan. Users are reporting a shortage of HDCAM SR tape particularly, because there are no ready substitutes. However, the supply of all types of magnetic professional videotape is tight, according to Mark Schulze, engine in charge at New York's Metropolitan Opera.

"We're running into the problem here at the Met," he said.

Both direct and indirect supply lines from Sony have been disrupted. Sony makes HDCAM SR and several other professional video products are manufactured at the company's facility in Sendai, roughly 60 miles from the epicenter of last Friday's 9.0 magnitude earthquake. Sony announced on Monday that the facility had ceased operations. The Tokyo Times said yesterday the facility was still closed, "and Sony officials do not foresee the factory becoming operational in the short term."

Mike Cullen and Bob Daly of Media Distribution, a supplier serving the U.S. market, wrote a note to customers warning of ongoing shortages.

"The earthquake resulted in severe damage at one of Sony's key production facilities very near the epicenter in Sendai, Japan. Almost all Sony Professional Media products are solely produced there. In addition, several other Sony facilities in Japan remain closed due to power outages in the region. There has not been any word on when these facilities are to go back on line, or details on the condition of the damaged facility in Sendai."

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## List of old Audio Formats

Format	Description	Years in Use
Wax Cylinder Records	2- or 4-minute formats, wax or wax compound	1888–1929
Recordable Disc Records (Direct or Acetate Discs)	7", 12", or 16", recorded at 33 or 78 revolutions per minute (rpm). Generally vinyl on a paper, glass or metal base	1929–1960s
Recording Wire	Spoiled wire, usually in 15- to 30-minute lengths, one direction only	c. 1945–1955
Open reel recording tape	1/4"–2", 3"–10 1/2" reels, 1 7/8–30 inches per second (IPS) speeds	c. 1945–Present
Compact Cassette	1/8" tape in hard case, 1 7/8 IPS format	1965–Present
Microcassette/Minicassette	Very small 2-4 cm cassette tapes	1977–Present
Digital disk, MP3, and other digital recorders	Audio recorded directly in digital files to optical disks or internal hard drives	2000–Present

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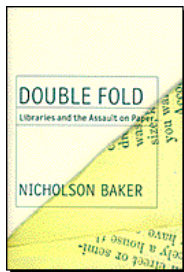
## Limitations of Reformatting

- Authenticity issues
- User behaviors (newspaper, book, video game, ...)
- Users mistaking the reformatted work for the original

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## Critiques of Reformatting



### Mainly User Behaviors

- Can't view outside the library
- Only sequential access
- Viewing and studying is awkward
- ...

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### But if we don't Reformat, we totally lose some kinds of works (particularly audiovisual works like film)

- 50% of all titles produced before 1950 have vanished (approximate number as of late 1970s)
- This reflects full-length features; survival rates are much lower for other types (studio newsreels, shorts, docs, independent, ...), and these "orphans" are particularly in peril
- Fewer than 20% of features from 1920s survive in complete form; survival rates of 1910s is <10% (& none of these are negatives)

-Film Preservation 1993: A Study of the Current State of American Film Preservation, Vol 1: Report, June 1993, Report of the Librarian of Congress (<http://www.loc.gov/film/study.html>)

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And sometimes we have to reformat because of technology changes

- We don't have video players to play tapes made 25 years ago
- We don't have 8-inch floppy disk drives, syquest drives, zip drives
- We don't have Windows 3 operating systems
- But this is something that conservators have always dealt with...

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## Reformatting needs to be part of a Managed Environment

- More than temperature & humidity control
- Periodic monitoring of the works
- Periodic monitoring of the technical environment for viewing the works (software, systems, hardware)
- Trusted repositories

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## Storage Media

- Removable media (like CDs) is not a long-term answer
- The long-term answer requires ongoing management, and involves regular migration or emulation. This solution is only viable with storage on spinning disks-

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Storing on CDs becomes a big problem over time



Consumers replace their CDs with a hard disk (& so should you)



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## Preventative Conservation-

- Facilities and infrastructure
- Monitoring micro and macro environments
- Collection Assessment tools
- Treatments (chemistry, physics, reformatting)
- Disaster recovery

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## Hampton Collection (atmosphere cntrl)



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## Academy-Atmosphere

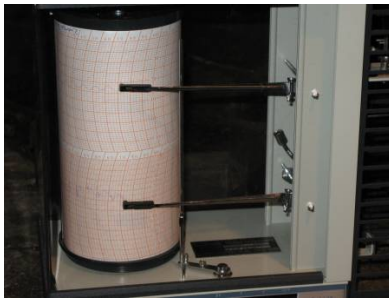


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## Thermohygrograph



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## IPI Storage Guide



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## IPI Media Storage Reference Guide



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## IPI Preservation Index

temperature/humidity, Years until noticeable deterioration

% RH			Tempera ture C°				
	2°	7°	13°	18°	24°	29°	35°
20	1250	600	250	125	60	30	16
30	900	400	200	90	45	25	12
40	700	300	150 150	70	35	18	10
50	500	250	100	50	25	14	7
60	350	175	80	40	20	11	6
70	250	125	60	30	16	9	5
80	200	100	50	25	13	7	4

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## Temperature & Humidity for Tape Storage

- Variance of less than 2°C and 5% RH per 24 hours
- Ideally 8°C and 25% RH
- Other options
  - 20°C (68°F) and 20-30% RH
  - 15°C (59°F) and 20-40% RH
  - 10°C (50°F) and 20-50% RH
- Never store below 8°C

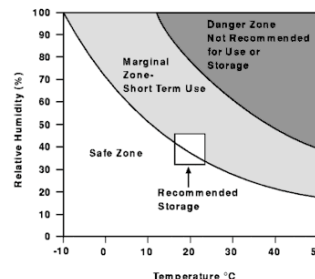
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## Ideal Temperature/Humidity

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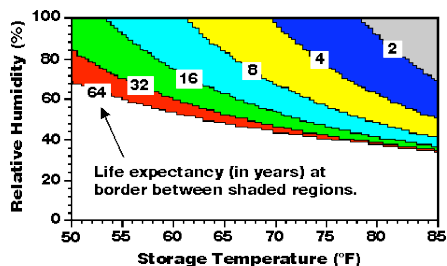


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## Life Exptency at various Temperature/Humidity

Van Bogart <http://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub54>



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## Improving storage outside the Can

Jean-Louis Bigourdan, AMIA 1998

- lowering temperature and/or relative humidity can help reduce the rate of acidification in degrading film
- trying to remove acid within the can does not outweigh the benefits of low temperature and humidity
- the greatest improvements in chemical stability can be achieved with cold temperatures

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## Monitoring Micro & Macro Environments

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## Improving storage inside the Can

Jean-Louis Bigourdan, AMIA 1998

- zeolites, silica gel, and low relative humidity preconditioning help mostly by reducing moisture content
- acid adsorbents retard further decay
- acid adsorbents do not reduce the acid content of degraded film
- the use of cardboard disks is not recommended

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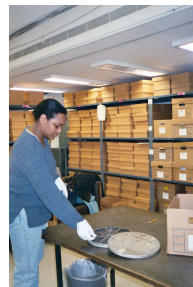
## IPI A-D Strips



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## Acid Detection Strips at NYU Library (internship)



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## NYU University Archives Internship Collection Assessment Acid Detection results/autocatalytic point readings

University Archives Collections	Total # of items	0 – 1.0	% of 0 – 1.0	1.5 – 3.0	% of 1.5 – 3.0
University Archives (in total)	400	325	81%	75	19%
Audio Visual	107	82	77%	25	23%
Brademas Papers	75	75	100%	0	0%
Classics Dept. Tapes	101	100	99%	1	1%
Dept. of Athletics	14	4	29%	10	71%
External Affairs	2	2	100%	0	0%
Abby Weed Grey	37	37	100%	0	0%
Alice V. Keliher	10	10	100%	0	0%
Miscellaneous Films	45	6	13%	39	87%
Annette Weiner	9	9	100%	0	0%

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## Collection Assessment Tools

- New York University Visual and Playback Inspection Ratings System (ViPIRS): Tool for Evaluating Audiovisual Magnetic Media

<http://library.nyu.edu/preservation/movingimage/vipirshome.html>

- Columbia University Libraries: Audio/Moving Image Survey Database

<https://www1.columbia.edu/sec/cu/libraries/bts/preservation/projects.html>

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## Collection Assessment class projects

- Laurie Anderson
- Sonic Youth Video
- The Kitchen
- John F Kennedy (Gartenberg Media)
- Hemispheric Institute
- Cabinet Magazine Digital Content Archive
- AMNH Video Collection
- Robert Haller Collection (Anthology)
- New Museum of Contemporary Art
- Filmmakers Coop
- 16mm Films at Brooklyn Public Library
- John Watts Papers (Fales Library)
- Flaherty Film Seminar
- Richard Foreman Papers (Fales Library)
- Hadassah Collection
- Eyebeam
- Frank Kuenstler Films (Anthology)
- Art21 Archive
- World Music Institute Audio/Video Archive
- Teo Masero Collection (NYPL-Rodgers/Hammerstein)
- Third World Newsreel

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## Setting Collection Priorities

- You collection will always need more time than you can give
- Triage--setting priorities

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## Physical Properties of the medium-

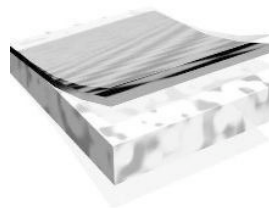
- chemistry, physics, electromagnetism, ...

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## Film Layers

ScreenSound Film Preservation Handbook



- Topcoat
- Emulsion (content)
- Subbing Layer (adhere)
- Base (cellulose triacetate, cellulose diacetate, cellulose nitrate, or polyester)
- Backing Layer

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## Surface Physical Damage

ScreenSound Film Preservation Handbook

- Perforation
- Scratches
- Water droplet damage to emulsion



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## Mold Damage

ScreenSound Film Preservation Handbook

- Usually in gelatin part of emulsion layer
- Interesting patterns

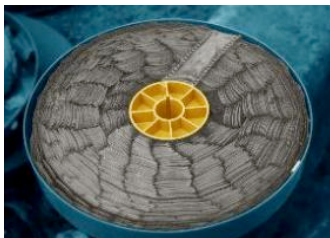


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## Shrinkage

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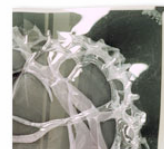


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## Vinegar Syndrome Deterioration

Image Permanance Institute



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## Signs of Vinegar Syndrome

- sour smell
- Shrinkage
- buckling of the emulsion
- the appearance of crystals that obscure the image

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## Film--Acetate Decomposition

cupping--Home Film Preservation Guide--filmforever.org



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## Film--Acetate Decomposition

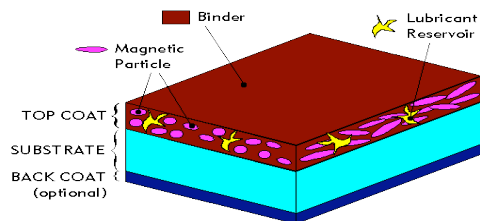
emulsion cracks--Home Film Preservation Guide--filmforever.org



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## Structure of Tape

Van Bogart <http://www.cllr.org/pubs/reports/pub54>

- Binder--Functions as a carrier for the recording material & Bonds it to the substrate
- Substrate--Base material on which the recording material is coated (eg. an aluminum platter or a thin ribbon of polyester film)

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## Tape Substrate

- Early tape used cellulose acetate
  - Moisture/hydrolysis
  - Vinegar syndrome
- More recent tapes are polyester terephthalate (PET) or polyethylene naphthalate (PEN)
  - Chemically stable
  - Resist hydrolysis and oxidation

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## Magnetic Particles

- **Store recorded information**
- **Change in magnetic properties can result in loss**
  - ♦ **Magnetic remanence** - ability to retain a magnetic field
  - ♦ **Coercivity** - ability to resist demagnetization
  - ♦ **Magnetic deterioration of the metal particulate and chromium dioxide materials**

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## Binder Layer

- Holds the magnetic particles to the base
- Where the problems are likely to occur
  - ♦ binder-base adhesion
  - ♦ oxide shedding
  - ♦ dropoff
  - ♦ hydrolysis
    - sticky shed
    - magnetic head clog
- Tape baking as one solution

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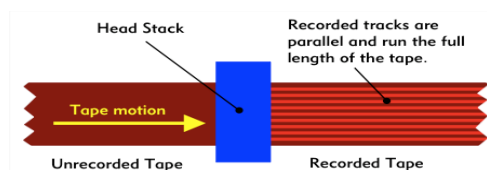
## Video Cleaning Machine



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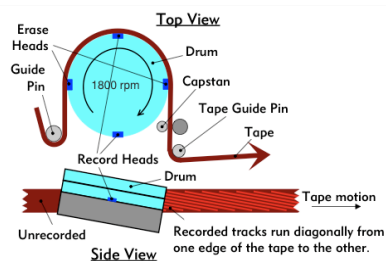
## Longitudinal Recording

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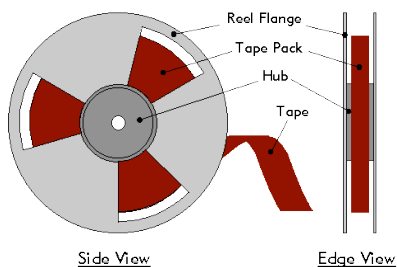
## Helical Scan Recording

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## Tape Pack Problems

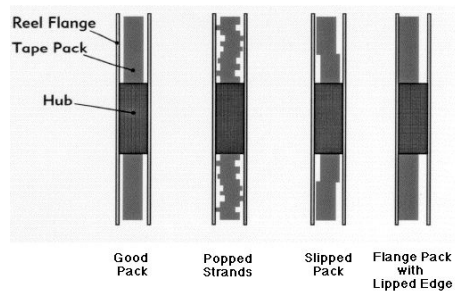
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Side View

Edge View

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## Tape Pack Problems



Good Pack

Popped Strands

Slipped Pack

Flange Pack with Lipped Edge

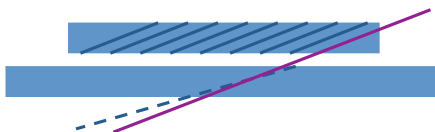
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## Packing problems can lead to playback problems

- Tracks for helical scan can be skewed



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## Storing Tapes

- Tapes should be stored fully wound in one direction or the other
- Store tapes upright (like a book)
- Do not store near potential magnetic fields
- Storage cases should be opaque and kept away from source of light and humidity
- Do not store tapes in plastic bags
- Exercise the tape every few years

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## Temperature & Humidity for Tape Storage

- Variance of less than 2°C and 5% RH per 24 hours
- Ideally 8°C and 25% RH
- Other options
  - 20°C (68°F) and 20-30% RH
  - 15°C (59°F) and 20-40% RH
  - 10°C (50°F) and 20-50% RH
- Never store below 8°C

amianet.org 2003, &amp; ISO 18923

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## NDIIPP's Preserving Digital Public Television project



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## Pushing Metadata Gathering Upstream: The Problem

### TRADITIONALLY...

- Very little metadata required for preservation accompanies an object to a repository.
- Archives, libraries and other repositories must create (or re-create) most of the necessary metadata.
- This requires many manual hours, and significant resources - both time and money.



### IN THE DIGITAL WORLD...

- This doesn't scale up. Repositories will be unable to continue in this manner, as more metadata than ever is required.

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## But much of the necessary metadata has already been gathered during production

- For each element/clip, production team usually notes source, date, place, people, and other descriptive info
- But this is treated as internal information, and often various parts of the info are distributed among the personal notebooks of different production assistants
- There is seldom a central location for this info, and the info is seldom turned over to the archive (which later tries to recreate much of it)

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## Similar issues w/other content types--E-Journals

- “The necessary or additional metadata cannot be effectively and satisfactorily produced either as an afterthought post-production process on the publisher’s side or as a pre-ingest conversion activity at the archive’s end. Approaching e-archiving in this fashion leads to distribution delays and a more complex production and distribution scenario, with all the accompanying potential to introduce production delays and errors.”

- Yale University, YEA: The Yale University Archive, One Year of Progress, 2002

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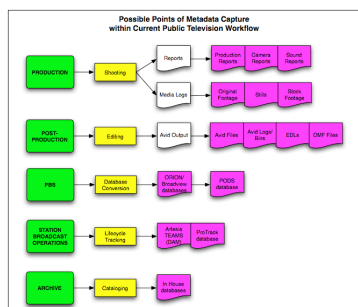
## We need to find ways to push metadata access upstream

- Digital requires even more metadata than Analog
  - As the workflow becomes file-based, the need for robust and accurate metadata will become critical. File relationships, video codecs, bit rates, and rights information must be explicit, accurate, and immediately accessible. This will require a much deeper level of metadata than is currently captured in tape-based archives.
- We can’t continue to supply this metadata at ingest; that won’t scale
  - Obtaining the necessary metadata at the end of production and broadcast life cycle is not feasible. Metadata will need to be systematically gathered during the production lifecycle and submitted with the programs to the preservation repository.

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## Examined Potential Points of Metadata Capture



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## Examined Potential Points for Metadata Capture

- Much of the necessary metadata for preservation is already generated by the production unit, but discarded after their internal use. This needs to be captured throughout the workflow.
- “Those in the production unit are the creators and have first hand knowledge of who, what, where, when, and why the content was created.” -- Mary Ide and Leah Weisse, WGBH Archivists.

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## Proposed Solutions...?

- Preservation becoming a shared responsibility between content creators, distributors, curators, and preservationists.
- Partnerships are needed to come to unified solutions.
- Preservationists seek reliable metadata back upstream in the production workflow...

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## Libraries/Museums/Archives-

- Original objects
- Interpretation
- Metadata
- Reformatting

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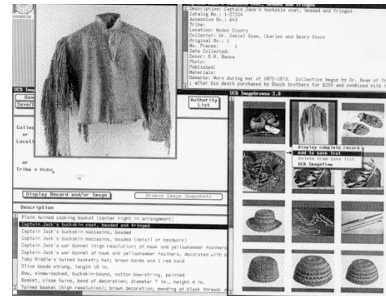
The VirtualMuseum: The Next Generation (2004)  
**Museums have traditionally been much more elite than libraries**

- Highly selective
- Highly interpreted (often favoring a single interpretation)
- Driven by curators
- Not particularly concerned by access issues

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## mid-1980s



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## mid-1990s



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 Collection: NGA  
 Credit: NGA 1989.24.1  
[Full Record](#)



Creator: Cole, Thomas  
 Title: The Voyage of Life: Childhood  
 Date: 1842-1842  
 Collection: NGA  
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## The Prints and Photographs Reading Room, Miriam & Ira D. Wallach Division of Art, Prints and Photographs, Center for the Humanities, Special Collections at the New York Public Library



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## Botanical Prints at Met Museum

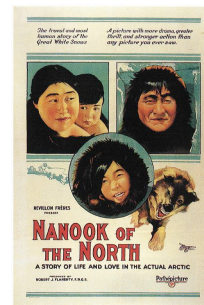
Lilium Penduliflorum (Canadian Lily, Wild Yellow), Amaryllis Josephinae (Josephine's March Lily), Hoemanthus Coccineus (April Fool),



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## Robert Flaherty, 1922



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### Violating Copyright



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### Paradigms Shifts needed

	<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>
<b>Physical preservation</b>	atmospheric cntrl	ongoing mgmt
<b>What to save?</b>	artifact	idea + ancillary material & documentation
<b>Cataloging</b>	Individual work in hand	FRBR
<b>Later access</b>	Artifact & documentation	Restaging, ancillary material & documentation

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### Digital Media at the University

Howard Besser, NYU Moving Image Archiving & Preservation Program

- <http://www.crl.edu/archiving-preservation/digital-archives/metrics-assessing-and-certifying-0>
- <http://www.nyu.edu/tisch/preservation>
- [www.ils.unc.edu/digccurr2007/papers/besserVanmalssen\\_paper\\_4-1.pdf](http://www.ils.unc.edu/digccurr2007/papers/besserVanmalssen_paper_4-1.pdf)
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