

File Formats 101: Tools & Resources

Sustainability of Digital Formats Planning for Library of Congress Collections

- Includes information about digital content formats, including background information, sustainability factors, content categories, and format descriptions.
<http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/formats/>

PRONOM

- PRONOM is an online registry of technical information, including file formats, software products and other technical components required to support long-term access to electronic records and other digital objects of cultural, historical or business value.
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/pronom/>
- **Digital Record Object Identification (DROID)**
PRONOM also includes tools like DROID, which is a software tool developed for performing automated batch identification of file formats. It is the first in a planned series of tools under the umbrella of PRONOM.
<http://droid.sourceforge.net>

Global Digital Format Registry (GDFR)

- The Global Digital Format Registry (GDFR) will provide sustainable distributed services to store, discover, and deliver representation information about digital formats. To be released at the end of January 2008.
<http://hul.harvard.edu/gdfr/>

JSTOR Harvard Object Validation Environment (JHOVE)

- JHOVE provides functions to perform format-specific identification, validation, and characterization of digital objects.
<http://hul.harvard.edu/jhove/>

Digital Curation Center (DCC)

- DCC offers many resources, including information on file formats and a digital curation manual for working with formats and the broader scope issues of digital archiving.
<http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resource/curation-manual/>

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

- This is the revised edition of the Audit Checklist for the Certification of Trusted Digital Repositories, originally developed by RLG-NARA Digital Repository Certification Task Force.
<http://www.crl.edu/content.asp?l1=13&l2=58&l3=162&l4=91>

Digital Repository Audit Method Based on Risk Assessment (DRAMBORA)

- The DRAMBORA toolkit facilitates internal audits by providing to assess a repository's capabilities, weaknesses, and strengths. <http://www.repositoryaudit.eu>

Florida Digital Archive (FDA)

- Includes file format information, background reports for deciding on action plans for all file formats, and current action plans. <http://www.fcla.edu/digitalArchive/formatInfo.htm>
- **Dark Archive in the Sunshine State (DAITSS)**
DAITSS is a software tool for digital preservation repositories, providing repository functions of ingest, data management and dissemination, and the preservation functions of format normalization, mass format migration, and migration on request.
<http://daitss.fcla.edu/wiki/AboutPage>