

The Open Digital Archaeology Textbook Environment

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Chapter 1

Forward

Digital archaeology as a field rests upon the creative use of primarily open-source and/or open-access materials to archive, reuse, visualize, analyze and communicate archaeological data. This reliance on open-source and open-access is a political stance that emerges in opposition to archaeology's past complicity in colonial enterprises and scholarship; digital archaeology resists the digital neo-colonialism of Google, Facebook, and similar tech giants that typically promote disciplinary silos and closed data repositories. Specifically, digital archaeology encourages innovative, reflective, and critical use of open access data and the development of digital tools that facilitate linkages and analysis across varied digital sources.

To that end, this document you are reading is integrated with a cloud-based digital exploratory laboratory of multiple cloud-computing tools with teaching materials that instructors will be able to use 'out-of-the-box' with a single click, or to remix as circumstances dictate. Part of our inspiration comes from the 'DHBox' project from CUNY (City University of New York, [link](#)), a project that is creating a 'digital humanities laboratory' in the cloud. While the tools of the digital humanities are congruent with those of digital archaeology, they are typically configured to work with texts rather than material culture in which archaeologists specialise. The second inspiration is the open-access guide 'The Programming Historian', which is a series of how-tos and tutorials ([link](#)) pitched at historians confronting digital sources for the first time. A key challenge scholars face in carrying out novel digital analysis is how to install or configure software; each 'Programming Historian' tutorial therefore explains in length and in detail how to configure software. The present e-textbook merges the best of both approaches to create a singular experience for instructors and students: a one-click digital laboratory approach, where installation of materials is not an issue, and with carefully designed tutorials and lessons on theory and practice in digital archaeology.

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Introduction

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Chapter 3

Introduction: Why Digital Archaeology?

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Chapter 4

Part One: Going Digital

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Project management basics

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5.2 Failing Productively

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5.3 Open Notebook Research & Scholarly Communication

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Chapter 6

The Ethics of Big Data in Archaeology

Ethics! Lots of Ethics!

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Introduction to Digital Libraries, Archives & Repositories

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Part Two: Making Data Useful

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Designing Data Collection

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Cleaning Data with Open Refine

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Chapter 11

Linked Open Data and Data Publishing

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