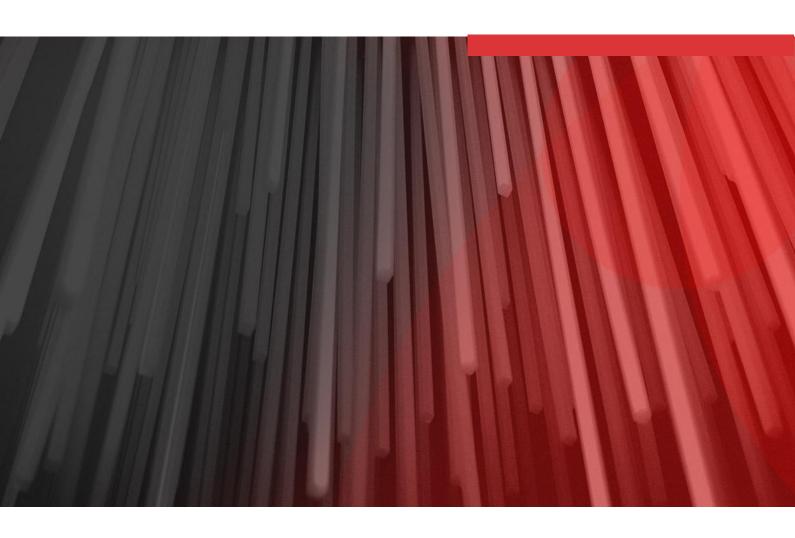


OPERATIONS MANUAL



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SUMMARY

Individual archive institutions do not have sufficient knowledge, people and resources to tackle the long-term preservation of private law archives, which is why a number of them decided to join forces in the AIDA network. AIDA (Automatic Ingest Digital Archives) is an agenda shared by nine institutions. This network of partners is aiming to take concrete steps, in the 2019-2023 policy period, to eliminate the most critical shortcomings for the sustainable long-term preservation of digital collections of private law archives.

In February 2021, resources were allocated to set up a pilot preservation system in the first phase of SCALA which will test the AIDA partners' shared preservation policy in practice. RODA (Repository of Authentic Digital Records) is a long-term digital repository solution that delivers functionality for all the main functional units of the OAIS reference model. RODA is capable of ingesting, managing and providing access to various types of digital content produced by large corporations and public bodies.

This document describes the administrative operations developed for RODA in the context of the SCALA project for the AIDA network requirements.

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¹ https://www.projectcest.be/wiki/Projecten:AIDA



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1 INTRODUCTION

AIDA (Automated Ingest Digital Archives) is a partnership of seven cultural heritage organizations and two advising partners, who have set up a roadmap for supporting and improving preservation of born-digital archives they take in. It concerns small to medium sized non-profit organizations, with limited resources and (in-house) IT support.

They all primarily manage private archives, involving increasingly also unordered born-digital archives, often stored on obsolete carriers, which cannot be processed immediately and urgently need to be stored in a secure environment. For these materials, the partnership developed a shared preservation strategy.

As part of their common roadmap, AIDA initiated the SCALA 1 - project which will develop a prototype for a shared preservation system that manages the ingest, storage and preservation procedures for these digital-born archives. AIDA obtained a grant from the Flemish Government to realize phase 1 of the project between May 2021 and April 2022.

2 ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

This section describes and documents the administrative operations developed for the digital preservation solution designed for the AIDA network requirements in the context of the SCALA project.

2.1 INSTITUTION REGISTRATION

To add an institution, the following items of information are required:

- Organization's name;
- OR identifier;
- At least one email to receive notifications;
- The path of the SFTP share drop folder engine, provided by the server manager.

For each new institution it is necessary to create a group, a user for the ingestion and a new "fonds" intellectual entity in RODA.

Step 1: Create the group:

- 1. On RODA go to Administration menu and click on "Users and Groups"
- 2. On "Users and Groups" page, find the kebab menu next to the search button and then click "Add group"
- 3. Add a group with the organization name and add the permissions that are in RODA user types

Step 2: Create the ingest user:

1. On RODA go to Administration menu and click on "Users and Groups";

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- 2. On "Users and Groups" page, find the kebab menu next to the search button and then click "Add user";
- 3. Add a user with the following parameters:
 - a. User name: ingest-<OR_ID>
 - b. Full name: INGEST_<Organization_name>
 - c. Email: ingest_<Organization_name>@scala.meemoo.be
 - d. Groups: ingest

Step 3: Create a new "fonds" intellectual entity

- 1. On RODA go to Catalogue page;
- 2. Find the kebab menu next to the search button and then click "Create intellectual entity";
- 3. Add a new intellectual entity with the following parameters:
 - a. Type: Dublin Core
 - b. Metadata, Title: <Organization_name>
 - c. Metadata, Type: Fonds

Step 4: After creating the "fonds" intellectual entity, it is necessary to associate the group and the ingestion user to that fonds:

- 1. On RODA go to Catalogue page and find the new "fonds" intellectual entity;
- 2. Select the entity, find the kebab menu next to the search button and then click "Permissions":
- 3. Click on "ADD PERMISSION" action;
- 4. Search for the group created for this institution and click on "SELECT" button;
- 5. Do the same step above for the ingest user;
- 6. For assigned groups permission select only the "READ" option;
- 7. For assigned users permission select only the "Create" option for ingest user;
- 8. Click on the "APPLY TO HIERARCHY" action.

It is highly recommended that the following actions be done by a specialist in implementations with containers in a linux environment

Step 5: For the configuration of the dropfolder mechanism, a file on the server must be modified and the service must be restarted for the actions to take effect.

1. Find the docker-compose.yml file on:

/roda/data/git/roda-aida/01-code/deploys/production

2. Increment the env RODA_DROP_FOLDERS_QTY and add the following environment vars to roda service:

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Where N is the number following the last configured institution

3. Restart the service so the new configuration take effect

docker-compose up -d

2.2 MANUAL INGEST

Content is usually ingested via an automatic drop folder mechanism, where new files are detected in the shared folder and ingested, but in cases where the default ingest parameters are not adequate or in case an ingest must be redone, a manual ingest procedure can be started.

To perform the manual ingestion in RODA through the interface, the first step is to click on the navigation bar on the ingestion menu, with the following options:

- Pré-ingest
- Transfer
- Process
- Assessment

To make an ingest you need to select or upload one or more SIP's in the system, so you need to click on the Transfer button in the menu described in above and shown in the <u>Figure 1</u>.

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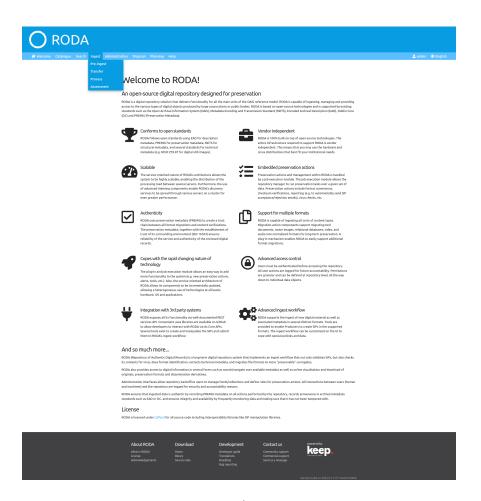


Figure 1. - Ingest Menu.

This button sends you to the transfer page, as can be seen in Figure 2.

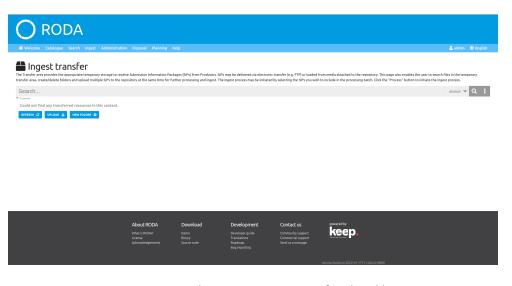


Figure 2. - Ingest transfer view (1).

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In this page click on the upload button, to upload one or more SIP's, when the SIP's upload is done the page will be the same as shown in <u>Figure 3</u>.

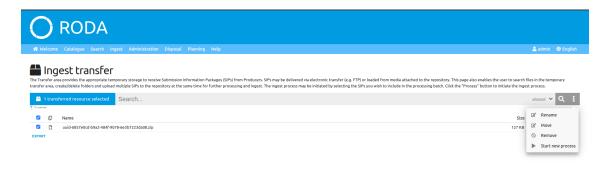




Figure 3. - Ingest Transfer view (2).

To start the ingest process in this page you need to select all the SIP's that you want to ingest and click on the three dots menu on the right side. This click open a menu with the following options:

- Rename
- Move
- Remove
- Start new process

To continue the ingest process after selecting all the SIP's for the process, go to **"Start new process"** in the menu described above. After clicking **"Start new process"**, the RODA will show a new page, as shown in <u>Figure 4</u>.

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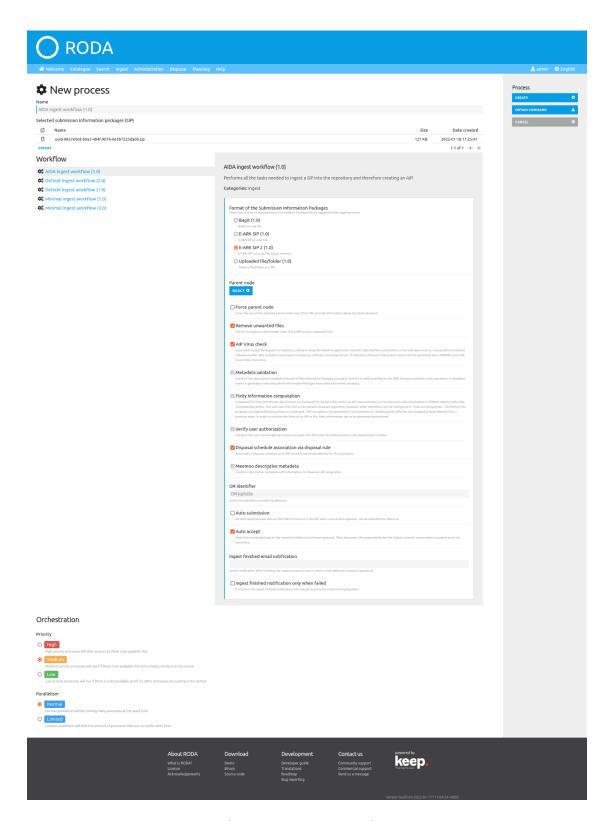


Figure 4. - New process view.

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In this page will appear five options on the left side, being them:

- AIDA ingest workflow (1.0)
- Default ingest workflow (2.0)
- Default ingest workflow (1.0)
- Minimal ingest workflow (1.0)
- Minimal ingest workflow (2.0)

By default the "AIDA ingest workflow (1.0)" is selected, this is the option with all necessary steps to ingest the AIP with AIDA specific requirements. On the right side of the screen you find a panel with options selected by default and fields to fill in like the "Ingest finished email notification" this is the email address that RODA will send the notification of the ingest process. After concluding the configuration of ingest workflow, click on the "create" button on the right side of the panel and the process starts.

This click sends you to the page with all job's. In this page you can check the state of your job and see the job report by clicking on the row of your job.

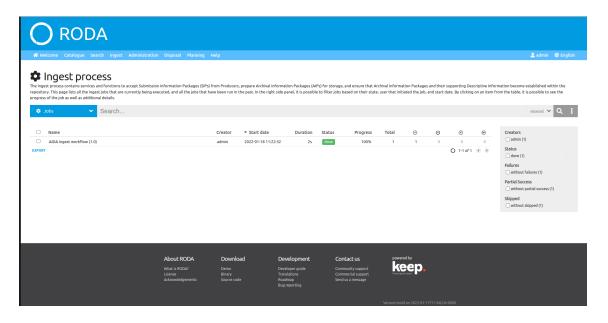


Figure 5. - Ingest process view.

If the ingest process finished with success you can see the AIP or AIP's created in the catalogue page by clicking the **"Catalogue"** button in the navigation bar.

2.3 MEEMO SYNC

Operations relative to submitting or updating records into meemoo storage on E-ARK AIP 2.0.4 format, or to restore all records from AIPs archived in meemoo.

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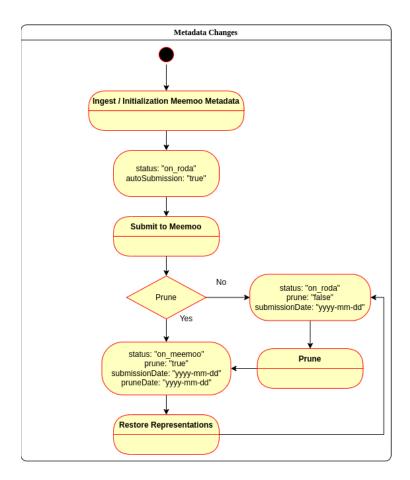


Figure 6 - Metadata Changes.

<u>Figure 6</u> depicts all metadata changes during the tasks after the AIP ingest process. During the ingest process the meemoo descriptive metadata file is created. This file has the Synchronization AIP status with the value **"on_roda"**, during the submission to meemoo, if prune representations are activated, the meemoo metadata changes the Synchronization AIP status to **"on_meemoo"**, and add the submission date and prune date to the metadata file.

If prune representations are deactivated, the file only adds the submission date to the metadata file. When the status of the AIP is "on_meemoo" the Restore operation, as it can be seen above, changes the status again to "on_roda" and adds a restore date to the metadata file, and the prune flag is set to false, because the representations of the AIP are again available in RODA.

If the submission date of the AIP is after the last update date and the AIP has representations, we can prune the representations from RODA, which changes the metadata of the AIP to "on_meemoo".

Preservation action should only be executed when the AIP is "on_roda", as this is when the information is available. A preservation action might change the AIP, which should then be re-submitted to RODA.

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2.3.1 SUBMIT TO MEEMOO

The first check when submitting the AIP to Meemoo is to check if the AIP has representations. If the AIP has representations the next step is check if it is possible to submit the AIP to meemoo, in this check it is verified if the AIP has already been submitted and if the AIP is still being processed by meemoo.

After checking that the AIP can be submitted, it is checked if it is possible to create the sidecar, for it to be possible it is necessary if the AIP metadata has the mandatory fields, being them:

- ead/archdesc/did/repository/corpname
- ead/archdesc/did/unittitle
- ead/archdesc/did/unitid@label='localId'
- ead/archdesc/did/origination@label='creator'
- ead/archdesc/did/origination@label='producer'

The code above shows the meemoo sidecar and the rules to create the sidecar, as well as the mandatory fields described above.

After these verifications the "Create METS" plugin is run, this plugin will create or update the METS file in AIP making it according to the E-ARK AIP 2.0.4 specification. If the creation was successful the submission will continue, if the creation fails the submission also fails.

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Like was explained above, initially the state is "on_roda" when AIP is submitted with the pruning option enabled the state is changed to "on_meemoo" because the AIP representations are removed from RODA. If the prune option is disabled, RODA keeps the AIP representations and for this reason the state remains "on_roda". This plugin creates after submission a preservation event of the type "Transfer" at the repository level.

2.3.2 PRUNE

The Pruning Representations only can execute if the aip is already on meemoo and the last update date is lower than the submission date of the AIP. If passes this two conditions this plugin will check if the AIP has representations, if it has representations it removes these representations from the AIP and changes the meemoo metadata with the new state of the AIP which is pruned.

Before the process of Prune, the tag **<prune>** on meemoo.xml file has the value false, the AIP synchronization status is **"on_roda"** and doesn't exist as a prune date tag as can be seen in code above. After that the value of the tag **<prune>** will be true, the synchronization AIP status changes to "on_meemoo" and is added to the meemoo.xml file the prune date of the AIP as can be seen in code below.

This plugin creates a preservation event of the type "Destruction" at the repository level.

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2.3.3 RESTORE FROM MEEMOO

The Restore Pruned Representations plugin checks if the AIP is saved on Meemoo, if the AIP has been found it looks for the last version of it and starts the process of restoring the representations of the AIP. This process replaces the old AIP with the AIP with representations.

The initial state as explained above is **"on_meemoo"**, after the process of restoring the state is changed to **"on_roda"** and is added a restore date to the metadata file and the prune tag changes to false. This change occurs because the RODA has the AIP representations stored again in the system, and for this reason the state is **"on_roda"**.

After this process of restore is complete the plugin executes three additional plugins being them:

- Fixity Check plugin
- File Format Identification Plugin
- Virus check Plugin

This plugin like the submission plugin creates a preservention event of the type "Transfer" at the repository level.

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3 PROJECT-SPECIFIC CONFIGURATIONS

3.1 INGEST WORKFLOW

3.1.1 REMOVE UNWANTED FILES

This plugin checks through predetermined rules, if the AIP has any unwanted files. The rules configuration is under config named ingest.ignore, and contains the following default ones:

- !NAVQUIC.0
- Desktop
- Desktop.ini
- DesktopPrintersDB
- .DS_Store
- .DS store
- .FBCIndex
- FileId.dat
- FINDER.DAT
- OpenFolderListDF
- Picasa.ini
- .picasa.ini
- Thumbs.db
- ._.DS_store
- .FBCLockFolder
- Resource.frk
- TheFindByContentFolder
- TheVolumeSettingsFolder
- .Trash
- .trash
- .Trashes
- NAV Quickscan*
- ._*

3.1.2 MEEMOO DESCRIPTIVE METADATA

This plugin creates a descriptive metadata with information for **Meemoo** API integration. After the execution of this plugin the AIP has a new descriptive metadata file named meemoo.xml.

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This plugin will create a descriptive metadata file with the information represented above, such as the auto submission flag, if the AIP is pruned or not, the initial synchronization AIP status "on_roda" and the notification email.

3.2 ACCESS FEATURES

The advanced search and facets² have been customized for this project, adding search for the following additional attributes:

- Meemoo AIP version
- Meemoo Identifier
- Meemoo Archive Status
- Producer

In terms of facets, the attributes added are the following:

- Meemoo prune
- Meemoo archive status

3.3 PRESERVATION ACTIONS

The following additional plugins with preservation actions were added to the digital preservation repository solution for AIDA.

3.3.1 CREATE E-ARK AIP 2.0 MANIFEST FILES (METS.XML)

Plugin that generates E-ARK AIP 2.0 manifest files ("METS.xml") from existing AIP information in the storage layer. This plugin only works with filesystem as the storage service.

3.3.2 IMAGE CONVERSION (IMAGEMAGICK)

ImageMagick is a tool that can read and write images in a variety of formats (over 200) including PNG, JPEG, JPEG-2000, GIF, TIFF, DPX, EXR, WebP, Postscript, PDF, and SVG. ImageMagick can also be used to resize, flip, mirror, rotate, distort, shear and transform images, adjust image colours, apply various special effects, or draw text, lines, polygons, ellipses and Bézier curves (e.g. set Command arguments to "-resample 90" to resize the image to 90 dpi). The results of conversion will be placed on a new representation under the same Archival Information Package (AIP) where the files were originally found. A PREMIS event is also recorded after the task is run. For a full list of supported formats, please visit http://www.imagemagick.org/script/formats.php

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 $^{^{2}}$ A facet is a filter list with a counter that appears on a sidebar on search to aid filtering through the results.



3.3.3 OFFICE DOCUMENTS CONVERSION (UNOCONV)

Converts office files using the "unoconv" (Universal Office Converter), which uses LibreOffice³ to convert Office files. The results of conversion will be placed on a new representation under the same Archival Information Package (AIP) where the files were originally found. A PREMIS event is also recorded after the task is run. "unoconv" is a tool that converts between any document format that OpenOffice understands. It uses OpenOffice's UNO bindings for non-interactive conversion of documents. Supported document formats include Open Document Format (odt), MS Word (doc), MS Office Open/MS OOXML (ooxml), Portable Document Format (pdf), HTML (html), XHTML (xhtml), RTF (rtf), Docbook (docbook), and more. The outcome of this task is the creation of a new OpenOffice (and thus unoconv) that supports various import and export formats. Not all formats that can be imported can be exported and vice versa. For a full list of supported formats, please visit - http://dag.wiee.rs/home-made/unoconv/

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³ https://www.libreoffice.org